New Security Chief Named

by Dee Shurling

You can not be on a college campus long without hearing the obligatory complaints about campus security. These range in tone from, "It scares me these guys have guns," and "How did they know I'm not the Dean of Health Professions?" to serious problems such as accessibility.

Often campus security is an unenviable job, with long hours and little appreciation. Why would Ed Lyons, Armstrong's new Chief of Security, leave a position as supervisor of the Metro Drug Squad for this job with a less glamorous image and higher boredom quotient?

Lyons laughed and shook his head, noting that everyone asks the same question. "This has administrative duties that I didn't have with the drug squad, and that's a real challenge for me," he said. "The most enjoyable aspect will be moving ahead with some ideas I have that everybody will benefit from, changes that everyone will be glad were made."

Lyons, who graduated from Armstrong with a degree in Criminal Justice at a time when Dr. Megathlin was the head of the department, shares the popular opinion that parking is an area in need of change. He is now taking up a proposal with Dr. Buck to create a parking study committee composed of students and faculty members. "It's a good idea to include the students because they're the ones who'll have to abide by it," he said.

Another proposal deals with improving the image of ASC's men and women in blue. "I want to make security more responsive to the needs of the community. If they need help they can call," Lyons said.

"I want to make security more responsive to the needs of the community here, I want people to think when they need help they can call," Lyons said. "When anybody on this campus needs something done, the first person they should think of is the security officer."

Students may immediately think of the security officer, but contacting that person may not be as easy. "There are only two officers on duty at a time, and they have responsibilities which take them from one end of the campus to the other," Lyons explained. To lessen this problem an answering machine has been placed on the security phone with a message instructing callers how to reach officers via pagers.

Lyons said this is one of many efforts to "improve the cooperation between security and students."

Other new projects Lyons plans to have his staff undertake include engraving serial numbers on equipment such as VCRs and TVs and implementing an anti-crime program. "We'll have offices go around and make people aware of the things they leave themselves open to," Lyons said. "In the long run we'd like to cover the entire scope of public safety."

Changes in ASC's security program are coming not only from the new Chief, but also from new circumstances. "The Administration was quick to realize we would have to improve security because of the surrounding businesses and development," Lyons said. Ideas to maintain ASC as a safe campus despite the urbanization of the area are now in the planning stages.

Anyone interested in helping plan for the future of security operations should apply for a position as a guard, unfilled as of press time. All qualified persons may apply, but the emphasis is on having a student in the position. "A student who's keeping an eye on what's going on and enforcing some of the rules and regulations on campus can better empathize with another student," Lyons said. This would also help close the generation gap that can lead to misunderstandings.

Although he has only been on the job since April 16, Lyons has a clear idea of how he would like to shape the ASC security of the '90s. "I want to make students and administration proud of their security personnel," he said. Making the troops more professional and accessible may change opinions about them, although it's unlikely the complaints will ever completely cease.

And by the way, Lyons assured this reporter that the only security guards who carry guns are certified police officers.
Armstrong Tags for All

Driving down the road anyone can see the moving billboards advertising colleges across the state of Georgia. All but one school — Armstrong. Now the SGA is trying to change all that.

If 500 tags can be purchased before a July deadline, Armstrong tags will hit the streets in January 1991. The new tags will cost $25.00 each but will be valid until time to change tags again later in the 90s.

Gary Fodor, an ASC Spanish instructor, leads the demand for the new tags. Fodor is sick and tired (as are many tag supports) of seeing the Georgia Southern Eagle, the Tech “GT,” and the UGA arches on tags. As Fodor points out, it will be sad if ASC cannot get 500 tags sold.

Plans for the tag will either have a pirate or the school’s initials on the left side of the tag. The rest of the tag will be the same as the new “peach” tags.

The Inkwell encourages everyone to get a tag to support ASC. If you want more information about the tags, call The Inkwell office at 927-5351 or Student Activities at 927-5300.

Night Students: the Forgotten Ones

Ever noticed that half of Armstrong’s students attend night classes? Despite this fact the campus shuts down around 5:00 p.m. Meanwhile at 6:00p.m. night students come to a campus doing its best to imitate a cemetery.

These students pay their student athletic fee, but they are not presented with activities. While they work in the middle of the day, a comedian will perform for the day students. While there’s a party at the beach, they work. Since they are offered next to nothing, activity-wise, why should they pay an activity fee?

The school just shuts down while they come to scratch out an education. But half of ASC’s students take night classes (or was that already pointed out?).

Administrators and other office are long gone by the time the night students reach campus. One wonders if the admin guys have an idea of how many night students there are? After all they never have coffee sessions at night.

Night students are taught largely by part time instructors, and class offerings are sparse.

Night students seem to be the bastard children of Armstrong. Someone needs to adopt them.

Letters to the Editor

‘Librarian’ Responds to Letter

Dear Editor,

I read with interest the letter concerning myself in the May 2nd edition of the Inkwell. To assist the students who wrote the following information is provided.

I am NOT a Librarian, I am just a circulation clerk. My direct supervisor is Mrs. Virginia Lomax, Librarian in charge of Reader Services. The Director of the Library is Mr. J. Everett Dennis, and both he and Mrs. Lomax can be reached at 927-5332.

I am here to assist students and I try very hard to do that. However, many questions could and should be addressed to the Reference Librarians. Their desk is located around the corner from the circulation counter. I may also add that the persons who work at the circulation desk in the evenings and on weekends are not Librarians. They are charged with being helpful, but have a limited knowledge. I and the students who work here try to be helpful. It is our job. If you are unhappy please say so and we will do everything to assist you.

In regard to my flirting, I attended classes here and graduated in June of 1987 and during that period I was single and did SERIOUS flirting. I am presently married to a wonderful woman and have a son who will be one year old this month. I have resigned from the flirting business.

John Simpson
Circulation Clerk

Rain Forests -- Reader Takes Small Role

To the Editor:

“I’d move to Brazil and try to save the rain forests,” was what he said.

Recently by husband was on a business trip in Florida. During one of our long distance conversations, he stated that the lottery fortune was up to $50 million. He, of course, bought a raffle ticket. Who could resist a chance at such a reward for only one dollar? Then, typically the topic of our conversation was “What would we do with that much money?” We came up with quite a few whimsicalities, but my husband solemnly ended with the beginning quote.

Back in our normal everyday lives, my husband and I do what we can to help preserve the environment. ‘We separate our trash and ask for paper bags at the grocers’, all of which consequently get recycled. We also bring trash bags with us when we go hiking in order to bring back our own trash and what others have carelessly left behind.

We plan a small role in the conversation of energy and natural resources. And although it would be nice to win that Florida lottery, we’re not waiting for it to happen before we contribute what we can to preserve our land.

Laura Imle

Letters policy:

The Inkwell welcomes letters to the editor provided they are signed. Published letters are subject to editorial approval and editing for length, style, and libelous material. Please include name, address, phone number, year, and major. Names will be withheld on request. Form letters or letters sent to other parties may not be printed. Address all letters to The Inkwell, 11935 Abercorn Extension, Savannah, GA 31419, or give them to Student Activities Office in MCC.
Faculty Speaks

Why Historiography?

by Dr. Osmon Lanier, Jr.

One purpose of an education is to have students realize the "conditioning" process that goes on daily in our lives. Every time we read the editorial page of the comic strip of a newspaper our minds are being conditioned. Every time we turn on the television someone is trying to sell us a product or convert us to their economic, political, social and intellectual viewpoints. Students need to be encouraged to expose themselves to as many viewpoints as they can on each subject before forming a conviction (hopefully never an absolute truth because that tends to stop research).

One way that I try to help the process of realization of conditioning is by emphasizing historiography in most of my classes. Non-history majors as well as history majors need to know that history is more than just an accumulation of facts. There is always the "why" of history, why did this or that take place? But in addition there are always the many different answers to the "why". This is historiography, a study of the different interpretations of history, some interpretations being so popular of controversial that they became schools of thought.

Students can better understand the need to read as many viewpoints or sources as they can when they see how each incident of history has so many different ways of viewing it. Before joining an organization, buying a product, or especially casting a vote this knowledge will help you make your decision intelligently.

'Unofficial' Letter to the Editor Raises Interesting Questions

Editor's Note: Although the letter was not signed, we decided to print it as a testimony to Dr. Lanier's Faculty Speaks. The letter is signed Marion Morris, which, we assume, was meant to be John Wayne's real name (Marion Morrison in reality). The letter is filled with numerous errors (the last I checked not too many Indians died at the Alamo, but a lot of Mexicans did). Ellipses indicate an omission in the text to cut the length of the letter.

This letter is in retaliation of "Oops", I mean response to Name withheld's letter on German Reunification in the April 4th issue of the Inkwell. I don't know where he found the information, but it was probably the state controlled and mandated public education system which does an excellent job of brainwashing our children and converting them into "sheeple". sheep and people= sheeple (GET IT?) which it true purpose. (Hint: Communist Manifesto #10) I would like to offer the following in retaliaion to "Oops".

1) How many blonde-haired, blue-eyed people lived in Babylon, Assyria, Egypt or the rest of the Middle East? Well there was Adam of Adam and Eve fame. Remember Eve's son (not Adam's) Cain went off to the land of Nod and found himself a wife. Where did this woman come from? You are obviously confusing Aryans and Assyrians. Look up the definitions of these words. (Hint: Assyrian, Babylonian, Chaldean fit the current "CITIZENS" of Palestine-"Oops" I mean Israeli.

2) In 1921 when the German mark value plummeted 709 billion over Pre-World War I value it was not government's fault or free currency/notes, but private owned Reich bank notes that caused the economic collapse of Germany. The Germans were not at a loss to figure out who took away their farms, homes, businesses and replaced them with what became worthless paper. Then up pops this little Austrian ex-artis
corporeal pointing his finger in the right direction. So the bankers, not the German kaisers. (Oops) I mean of Great Britain, and France, "Oops" I mean that's gov ernments and in 5 years Germany became the economically and militarily superior nation in Europe if not the world, while other nations were in the depression.

Some of the lenders were Rothschilds, Adlers/Rockefellers, and Schiff...

4) When Germany invaded Poland from the West and South, the USSR invaded from the East. Germany invaded to regain its territory-most of East Prussia and the sea port city of Danzig which the League of States were allied against the central powers and the Allies won the League's war with puny little Finland in 1940, which was a stalemate. The USSR only got better concessions. The USSR couldn't even defeat a bunch of 7th century goat herders in Afghanistan and the Soviets had Afghan assistance and used chemical weapons. Why did Germany and Austria/Hungary have to get rid of their monarchs while the Allies got to keep theirs, which by the way these monarchs were related to each other including the Central Power as well. Italy has won more wars than the USSR.

5) The USSR lost at least 2.3 million as many people as you stated Stalin and his NKVD was responsible for over 20 million of those deaths, not the Germans. Have you actually counted 6 million dead Jews at the hands of the Germans. I think not. Speaking of Jews, have you noticed that the Old Testament doesn't mention them until the Babylonian and Assyrian captivity. Jesus Christ stated, "I am not of you", "I am not that I am", and "So you say" when asked if he was one of the enslaved Israelites and released them as Jews. Read the King James version of the Bible and thank turkey to find their origin. (Hint: think of the kaisers...).

6) You made one almost accurate statement-"He who has the most gold makes the rules." The Babylonian system the Bible mentions is their monetary system of usury (interest), tablets (today it is paper money not backed by substance), and gold. Nebuchadnezzar started the gold standard which is a false medium. The price of gold is set twice daily in London by 5 people. They represent Mocatta & Goldsmith, Sharps, Pixley Ltd., Samuel Montague Ltd., Mase Westpace Ltd., and Rothschild & Sons. These men control 6% of the world's gold and they run the banks. One of their mottos is "I care not who runs a nation, just as long as I control the currency and that's where the power is." FDR (Commie) ordered that non-jew gold must be turned in 1935, which your parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents had to give up. I wonder what you will do when an order by the president to turn in your guns. This gold was given to the Federal Reserve (a private bank).

9) Regarding Germans and their heritage of being Barbarians, we, the USA, had something last century called Manifest Destiny. (If you don't know what that is, look it up: Hint: remember the Alamo and all of those dead Indians.) The Germans have a version of this probably called Oktoberfest Destiny. (Just Kidding)

by Marion Michael Morris

American Editor's Note (2): A professor in the History Department reviewed the letter for historical accuracies: "This is perhaps the best example of a farce that I have seen since Sammy Fae Baker claimed that she was spreading the faith of Christianity."

"Remember: a farce is a 'light dramatic composition in which great latitude is allowed as to probability of happenings and naturalness of character.'"

"It is amazing how he manages to squeeze in a few accurate remarks in the midst of a potpourri of myth and error."
ASC Quoteline...
What's your biggest pet peeve about Armstrong?

"Not enough parking."
J.D. Powell
Sophomore/ Undecided

"No one spends the day outside communing with nature."
Dan Arroyd
Sophomore/ Engineering

“All the flags on campus. Our school is turning into Little San Francisco.”
Andrea Kelly
Junior/ English

“It is boring here. No parties with the right type of music.”
Regina Hogan
Freshman/

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Regina Hogan
Freshman/

"The food."
Reggie Riley
Junior/ P.E.

ASC Steals Students’ Money

A conspiracy at Armstrong is afoot!!! It has come to the attention of this columnist that various departments on campus are in cohorts with the administration, principally the Business and Finance office. Their dastardly plan is to milk as much money from the students as possible.

The scam works this way: department heads schedule an upper level class for the fall quarter of 1990 and will not offer the class for at least another two years. This system of scheduling upper-level classes two years between offerings keeps students around until they can get the class they need in order to graduate.

Sure, the department heads say they offer other courses that can fill a requirement. What they don't say is that they offer the other courses at the same quarter at the same period. These department heads like to think they're slick, but the students have found them out.

The students are tired of the department heads' double talk and are now taking an avid interest in the planning schedules. This columnist saw Dr. Warlick, head of the History Department, running across campus with two junior history majors on his back demanding a planning schedule for the next year. Dr. Strozier, head of the English Department, has a line of “concerned” English majors stretched out well outside Gamble Hall. The students were heard chanting “Give us upper-level classes at a decent time and at decent intervals or give us death.” It has been reported that Strozier has recently purchased a 12 gauge shotgun. Dr. Murphy, head of the Government department, is being threatened with sit-down strikes and economic sanctions unless more upper level political science classes are offered next year.

The department heads are simply the puppets of the Business and Finance Office. These crafty devils are in business for the money and the longer a student is at ASC the more money the students pays. The department heads say that the core courses take up much of a professor's time usually leaving the professor one upper-level class to teach. The department heads say they need more professors. The Business Office says it doesn't have the funds to hire more professors. The Business Office puts the blame on the Board of Regents for not giving ASC a bigger budget for faculty.

Regardless of whose to blame for the lack of upper-level courses and the screwy way they are offered, the students have had enough. Recently an underground group calling itself Rainman's Revenge are plastering the campus with posters calling for more upper-level classes for all departments. Word from President Burnett's office says that the ASC’s ROTC is on alert for any subversive activity. Rumor has it that many of the ROTC people are sympathetic to the group for they also have felt the effects of upper-level class scheduling.

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Dear Students,

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I look forward to working with you to bring Armstrong the very best.

Sincerely,
R. Glenn Moscoso
Chairman
Visual & Performing Arts Committee

If this sounds interesting and you would like to be a part of this exciting enterprise, then contact the Student Activities Office at 927-5300.

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Chairman
Visual & Performing Arts Committee

If you don't want to be listed in the 90-91 Student Directory, contact Student Activities (927-5300) by May 25.
NOISES OFF is a sort of a deconstructed farce.
Spectators first see a silly comedy being rehearsed.
Then they watch it being performed from behind the
set - with much going wrong. Finally they watch it
performed again, from out front - this time with
everything going wrong. Michael Frayn is evidently
making a joke out of everything that is awkward and
painful in the theater. The play is a play about putting
on a play - a bunch of nincompoop players from an
incompetent British touring company are putting on a
cliche-routine play. It is a play in which the means of
making theater are turned into laughter, not
philosophy. The “director” of the play within the play
says it all: “That’s what it’s all about. Doors and
sardines. Getting on-getting off. Getting the sardines
- getting the sardines off. That’s farce. That’s the
theater. That’s life.”
CAST OF CHARACTERS

Dotty Otley ........................................ Barbara Maddox
Lloyd Dallas ....................................... Bill Gebhart
Garry Lejeune ...................................... J.D. Powell
Brooke Ashton ...................................... Melody Reeves
Poppy Norton-Taylor ............................. Beth Cohen
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Club News

Hispanic Society

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Scholarships

The Billy Bond Memorial Scholarship

Each year the officers and directors of the Billy Bond Memorial Scholarship Fund recognize one student who "exemplifies Billy's traits" by awarding a $600 scholarship.

A former summa cum laude graduate of Armstrong State College, Billy later graduated with honors from the University of Georgia Law School. He was active not only on the campus, but throughout the community as well. Following his tragic death at the age of 28, the scholarship fund was organized in his memory.

QUALIFICATIONS

The recipient should possess a high academic standing and be active in extracurricular activities.

APPLICATIONS

Applicants and information can be obtained in the Financial Aid Office.

DEADLINE

Applications must be returned to the Financial Aid Office by Tuesday, June 26, 1990.

For an up to date listing of available scholarships contact the Financial Aid Office.

Faculty Lecture Series:
Comaskey on Russian Icons

On May 24 at 12:30 pm, Professor Bernard J. Comaskey of the History Department will present his faculty lecture entitled "Russian Icons."

Here is a synopsis of his lecture:

The lecture will discuss the Russian icon focusing on the role of the icon in Orthodox worship, the iconography of the images presented, the preparation of the icon itself and the careers of some notable medieval Russian icon painters. Icons will be examined both as liturgical objects and as works of art. Icon painting was introduced into Russia soon after its conversion to Christianity by Byzantine missionaries.

in the tenth century although the earliest surviving examples date from the thirteenth century. In Russian Orthodox churches a high screen covered with icons, called iconostasis separates the congregation from the sanctuary. With the closing of numerous churches after the communist revolution in 1917 many of these icons were removed to museums in the Soviet Union. There are unfortunately few very extensive collections of Russian icons outside of the Soviet Union. The lecture will introduce the audience to an art form that has been little appreciated until recently.

Nursing: The career of the future

Nursing Information Day
Wednesday, May 23, 1990
2 p.m. -- 5 p.m.
ASC Student Center Lobby

For further information about this program or about nursing as a career please call 927-5302 or 927-5311
Tennis Team Overlooked

Armstrong State College must be the most overlooked college in America. For the second year in a row the men’s tennis team has been overlooked by the selection committee of the Division II National Championships. First the basketball team and now this.

The selection committee gave the ninth-ranked team, California-Riverside, the bid that rightly belonged to ASC. “I think it’s a pile of crap. I’m sick of it. I’ve seen it happening not only in tennis, but in other sports, too,” says Michael Lariscy, the men’s tennis coach.

Lariscy has a perfect right to be angry. ASC has two of the best players in the nation in Pradeep Ram and Jonas Larsson, and the rest of the guys on the team aren’t slouches. Mark Beyers and Juergen Schaefer are ranked tenth in the south in doubles and Jaco Burger, Kartik Raman and the rest of the team are all strong players. It is a travesty that the team will not be going. How does such a thing happen, you ask? Let me tell you.

The logic is simple. Even though ASC is ranked seventh in the nation and California-Riverside is ranked ninth, the Californians will be going to the championships. Here’s where the logic becomes almost simple-minded: Since ASC lost to Abilene Christian 5-1 and California-Riverside beat Abilene Christian 5-4, the Californians go to the championships. What wonderful logic this makes. With this logic I should be the top players on the college scene today.

You see, I have beaten Al Parker, the number one player for the University of Georgia and one of the top players in the nation. So with the logic of the selection committee, I should be in Athens and Al should be writing this article. How nice of the selection committee to point out the illogical way in which we live our lives.

The point I guess I am trying to make is that there is too much politics in college athletics. The selection committee is made up of only four people. Four people to govern over 50 schools. With only four people it would be a simple matter to keep a team you don’t like out of the championships. The chairman of the selection committee is from California (what a big surprise) and the others all voted against ASC’s participation in the championships.

What is all boils down to is that a system (and the logic) stinks. Because of an indirect loss system ASC will be staying home (although Pradeep and Jonas will be going to the individual championships) and a team that doesn’t deserve to go will.

Before I get Al Parker or anyone else breathing down my neck I would like to make this perfectly clear; I know I have exaggerated to make a point. Let’s hope that next year the team won’t get dumped on and out of the championships. By the way, I did beat Al Parker. It was in 1972. I was 12 and he was 9 and it was at a summer tennis camp.

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Ruth Mathis serves up hot-dogs and hamburgers at the first annual Baseball and Burger Cookout sponsored by the SGA.

Intramural Standings

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Three-on-Three Basketball

There are two teams tie for first place at the end of the first round. Teams 2 & 7 are in first with team 5 close behind.

Team 2: Nick Hale, Billy McGrath, Will Buckley
Team 7: Kevin Griffen, Hal Evans, Ron Carroll
Team 5: Alex Wynn, Dean Davis, Pat Cook

Team 2: Ken Littlefield
The official Inkwell
Top Ten List
From the home office in Walterboro, South Carolina

Top Ten things found in Lane Library:

1. Jimmy Hoffa
2. Couples involved in heavy petting during 1st full moon of quarter
3. Lost diaries of Homer Simpson
4. Mold, Mold, Mold
5. The complete musical works of Boxcar Willie
6. Free chewing gum (strategically placed under chairs)
7. Books
9. Entire collection of Batman comics
10. Librarians

To place a classified ad just call the Inkwell office (927-5351).
A third generation undertaker, he em-

bodied his own grandmother.

By that time, he had learned to distance

himself from the grief that accompanies

the loss of relatives and friends. And he had

learned a lot of other things and answered

some of the questions that had bothered

him since his childhood.

Robert M Spaulding, the man who is

president of the ASC Student Government

Association, didn’t take a straight road to

where he is now; it took him a while to

arrive, but arrive he did.

He was raised in Mc Rae, Georgia (pop.: about 10,000), right next to the family-

owned funeral home, founded by his grand-

father 100 years ago. What he remembers

most about his childhood is the feeling of

not fitting in. There were difficult years

ahead of him, years of self-doubt, attitude

problems and mistakes between his contro-

versial enrollment in the 5th grade of a

“white school” in 1968 (schools were not

legally integrated yet) and his auspicious

graduation from Atlanta’s Gupton-Jones

College of Funeral Service in 1982 as vale-

dictorian of his class.

When he was little, he couldn’t under-

stand why his white class mates resented

him and the black neighborhood kids didn’t

accept him after he crossed the railroad

tracks (they were really there) at the end of

a school day. His mother had only a stan-

dard answer to his puzzled questions:

“Some people are sicker than others.”

She told him the same thing when he had

to drink from “colored” water fountains or

wasn’t allowed to use the only “white bathe-

room” in a dentist’s office.

When he graduated from high school

1976, it was the era after the Vietnam war.

Sporting an Afro and big stack shoes, he did

“the hippy thing” for a while, then enrolled

in Middle Georgia College. But his attitude

was detrimental to learning; he parted

“totally” - his own words - and finally

dropped out. Another try at predominately

black Albany State didn’t work out either -

“I screwed up again,” he says - and so,

frustrated with himself, he started working

at a wire drawer factory. Shortly after that,

he committed what he calls “the big mis-
take.” He got married. She was fifteen, he

was all of nineteen. A year later, Robert M

Spaulding III, his son, arrived.

“I was too immature to deal with it,” he

says.

He took his family, moved back to his

town and started working in the family

business.

That was the beginning of solving some

of his problems and questions. His old

neighborhood, nicknamed “the bottom,”

bothered him; he saw the young people

hanging out at the bars and pool halls and

decided to do something about it.

For the first time, he entered politics.

Losing his first race for county coroner, he

wasn’t about to give up and won the next

one; he was now the first black councilman

of his city.

With the successful conclusion of Em-

balming School - he had enrolled his wife

too (“I thought, I owed her this”) - he had

finally begun the phase of his productive

years.

He liked the idea of “being first.” He was

also the first black life guard in his town’s

State Park swimming pool. Things started
to happen.

Immerging himself in his new-found

medium, he became in quick succession:

police commissioner, jury commissioner,

and a member of the Georgia Municipal

Association. In various meetings, he rubbed

shoulders with councilmen and mayors of

larger cities and got to know Andrew Young

and John Rossakis. Here he was, 28 years

old, talking major politics with important

people.

When his marriage fell apart he moved to

Savannah with the help of a good friend,

enrolled ASC and immediately felt at home.

That was two years ago.

He began to study seriously.

“I swallowed my pride and admitted to

myself that I knew absolutely nothing about

mathematics.”

He went painfully through the remedial

courses, used a tutor provided by the Mi-

nority Affairs Program, (he gives much

credit to its leader, Mr Owens) successfully

mastered Math 101 and Statistics and is

now most proud of being enrolled in a

calculus course.

It’s a challenge, just like all the other

goals he set for himself and worked to

achieve. He is a member of CHAOS, which
gave him a tremendous feeling of belong-

ing and support, and after replacing a sena-
tor of the Student Government who couldn’t

finish his term, he was appointed President

of the SGA (the first black in this position.)

He stresses issues like the Drug and Alco-

hol Awareness Program and the impor-
tance of all students getting involved in

campus affairs.

Spaulding is serving his second term as SGA president in 1990-91.

“I look at issues as issues concerning everybody, not just blacks, women or any

other kind of minorities. I know, there are differences, but I like to focus on our simi-

larities.”

His final goal?

Majoring in psychology, he plans on going
to graduate school and eventually becom-
ing certified in industrial or organizational psychology, using his “people skills.”

“Did you know,” he asks me, “that my middle name is Moses?”

Like Moses, he sees himself as a leader.

“I have one final question for him.

Tell me something about the slogan on your T shirt.’

It says: “Live your dreams.”

“I have learned the difference he ex-

plains, “between just dreaming and getting
to work on making them come true.”

Gathering his books and locking up his

office - he has to get to class - he advises everybody: “Start to work - you can live
your dreams!”
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