

THE B & D STRIKES BACK

In August of 1948, Emory Brooks and Carl Dixon, owners of the Brass Rail, decided to get out of the pub business. Since there were no food services at Georgia State, they started a grill and cafeteria on the ground floor of Kell Hall. The name of the business was the Hurt Park Grill, and it was located in the spot where Ed Media is today. There were windows facing the street and all in all, it was a pleasant location. Students and businessmen from the area stopped there for lunch and the business served the school and community well.

Sparks Hall was built in 1955, and the business moved to the ground floor of Sparks Hall where Financial Aid, Public Information, Student Accounts, and other offices are located today. The name was changed to the B & D, remembering the two men who had started it. Although Dixon had moved on to a career in real estate, the Brooks family kept the business and expanded it.

In December of 1964, the cafeteria was moved to the Student Center and its present location. With more room and Baby Boomers, business picked up and now the B & D serves close to 10,000 meals a day. The B & D still serves students and members of the nearby business community.

The cafeteria opens at 7:00 am, when most students are beginning the daily trek through traffic snarls and the trauma of parking. The cafeteria may open for business at 7:00 am, but Murray Brooks and his staff arrive considerably sooner. An operation like this has to get started much earlier. It takes time to do simple things like set up breakfast and coffee. By the time the first student or faculty member enters for that first cup of coffee, Murray and his crew are beginning lunch. It takes hours to prepare a roast beef, stew, or soup. If they begin at 10:00 break, the food won't be ready until the middle of the afternoon, certainly not in time for the lunch crowd ... and the line for lunch opens at 10:45 am.

Menus are based on certain basics such as providing a choice between poultry, fish and beef dish every day. The rest of the menu is offered, for the most part, according to what sells well. Occasionally, Murray lets the staff create something special; regulars at the cafeteria will remember Mary Lou's broccoli casserole. The selection is varied according to demand, and although the B & D is an easy target for criticism, the number of serious complaints is few, and students, for the most part, are polite and easy to get along with. Wayne Brooks is conscientious about checking out complaints about his help and again, there aren't many complaints.

The B & D also has a catering service that covers most of the receptions and dinners given on campus. In fact, the only buildings that don't see much of this catering service are 10 Pryor (the Title Building) and Alumni Hall. It's a matter of logistics; it would be rough to cater a hot meal two blocks up the street in a building with no kitchen facilities. The B & D

loses the customers who want to preceed their banquet with cocktails, but business is brisk anyway. Where else can you get steak, choice of two vegetables, salad, bread, and dessert at a seated dinner with one waiter per twenty guests for \$10.95 a plate?

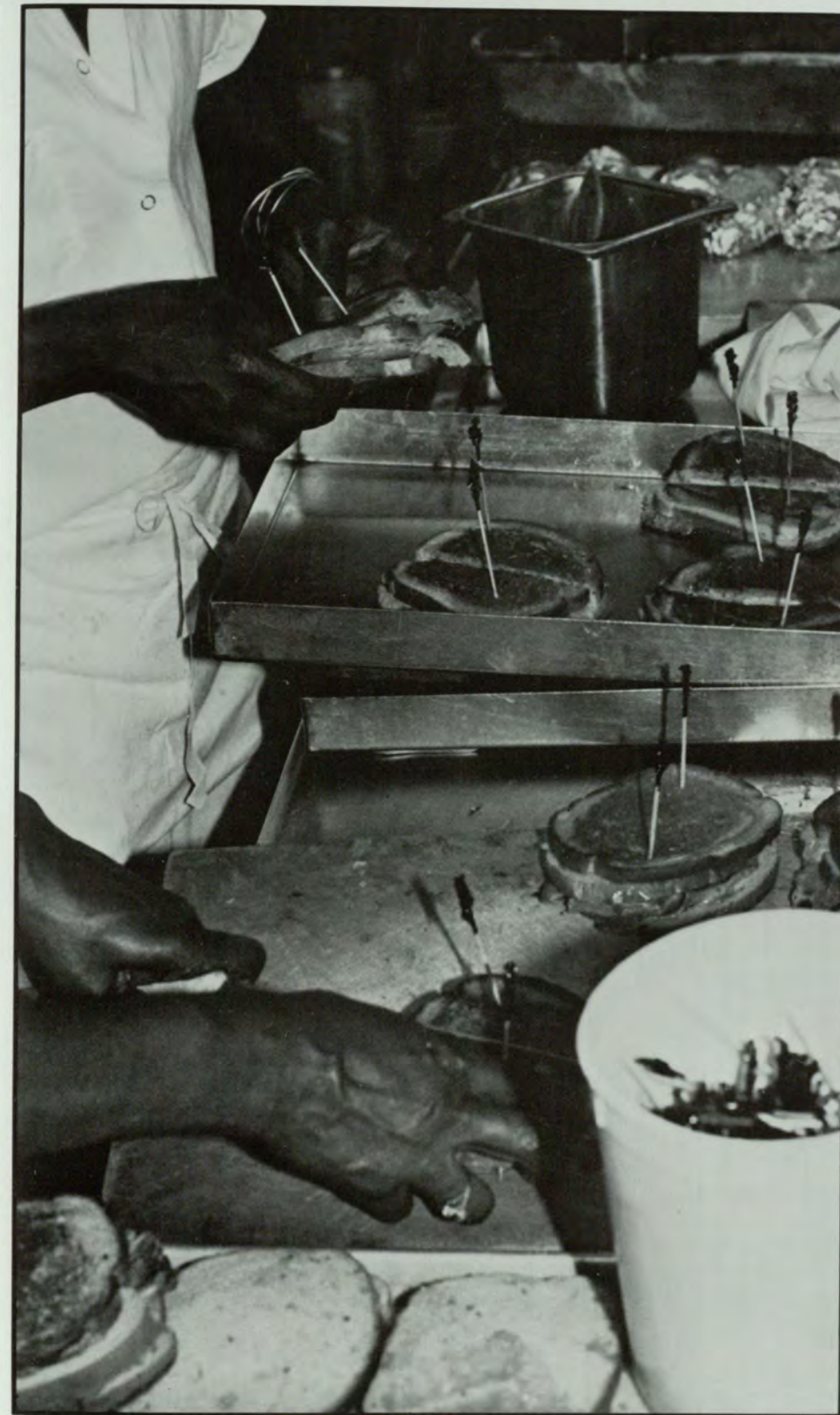
The renovation of the B & D has increased business despite the fact that the new seating arrangement has meant fewer chairs and tables. The cooling system is better, the room is cheerier and it is, generally, a more comfortable place to go for lunch or dinner. The signs in the faculty-staff dining room that say, "No studying between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm" have been the source of some comment and certainly some strange looks, but the atmosphere in that dining room is different from the atmosphere in the main dining room which hums with comraderie. Students who study in there can expect to be joined at their table by other students intent on conversation and food. The fact that the faculty-staff dining room is carpeted and quieter, draws those who want to study and eat at the same time. However, with the space limited as it is, tables with only one person sitting at them defeat the purpose of an auxillary dining area, especially at peak hours.

Perhaps twenty per cent of the B & D trade is carry-out. The snack bar is the scene of most of this. Students grab sandwiches and hamburgers "to go" and run to the plaza, Hurt park or perhaps a classroom to eat and study. Many members of the staff will get lunch to go and take it back to their offices.

The most astounding statistics concern coffee, the student staple, especially near or during exams. The B & D serves approximately 18,000 cups of coffee a week. That's a lot of java; that's twelve cases a week. Each case holds 24-10 ounce bags, and each bag makes 2½ gallons or 60 cups of coffee. Although these figures include the three facilities, the B & D, the snack bar and the Urban Life Cafeteria, it is an amazing statistic.

The B & D is one of the first places that becomes familiar to incoming students, and graduates are likely to have breakfast in the Urban Life Cafeteria on Commencement Day. During the four plus years that students spend at GSU, the B & D will probably be the one facility most used by each of them whether it is to get a quick cup of coffee, meet a friend or catch up on some last minute cramming. Dr. Suttles says that he has been acquainted with B & D for a long time and that he has never heard of any instance in which the Brooks family has not assisted students, "They have gone out of their way to help students plan parties and meals."

The Brooks family has provided the GSU family with meals and catering for a long time and will for a long time to come. They have been fair with their prices and their service and although they are the best target on campus, they have taken the potshots about drawerburgers with grace and a smile. We are lucky to have them.



"Ain't Nobody Died Here Yet"



Night Owls

How many students really notice that there is someone in the hall to pick up the wad of paper that someone else has thrown at the trash can and missed? Cigarette butts mashed on the floor. Coke or coffee sloshed out of a cup filled to the brim. There is an army of people, quiet and efficient, who come behind students, like their mothers, and pick up what someone has dropped or spilled. These same people turn in wallets, books and other items left behind in the restrooms, or on the steps. Most of the time, they aren't noticed unless they are trying to get their equipment from floor to floor in the elevators. No one notices that the floors get mopped and waxed, windows get cleaned and that each morning, the University is ready for another day. Members of the cleaning crew empty the ashtrays and patiently clean the halls behind students who are too busy or inconsiderate to clean up after themselves.

Occasionally take a minute to look around and realize that someone you never see is making sure that there are paper towels to dry your hands on and clean classrooms to use for study.

It probably wouldn't hurt to say, "Thank You."



The Fifties



The Sixties



Above: These women are not dressed for success.

Left: Man watching

The Seventies



Above: You've come a long way baby.

The Eighties



Above: This is the way GSU looks today.

The SGA Administration of Danny King began with controversy when on June 21, King sent a letter to University President Noah Langdale requesting a list of the companies that do "business with Georgia State University and have South African ties." This letter was sent in response to a student referendum. Although the referendum asked only for the list and King felt that he had done his part by requesting the list, Ronaldo Karunungan, a member of the GSU Apartheid Education Committee, an independent student organization, said in the SIGNAL that the SGA would not fulfill the "mandate of the students until it issues a clear message to the university administrators that the students want divestment." Karunungan followed that with "I expect Danny (King), as SGA president to respect the wishes of the students. Either resign from the office or do the job." Eric Carter, another member of the GSU Committee on Apartheid Education, said that the SGA had only "paid lip service" to the effort.

The battle raged on in the SIGNAL and on the bulletin board throughout the campus until Andee Goldstein, also of the GSU Committee on Apartheid Education, went to the Board of Regents despite Regents Chairman Sidney O. Smith's statement that "there's not enough interest at this point." The group presented a letter to the board, but it was not made an official part of the meeting and none of the protesters was allowed to speak. Eventually, it was found that the University, itself, could make no decisions about divesting since all financial decisions were made by the Board of Regents.

The Regent's Policy on Alcohol became a hot topic. The policy was made more strict in reaction to the increase of DUIs and automobile accidents caused by intoxicated drivers. The policy contains sections eliminating alcohol use at university sponsored activities and common source containers such as kegs and spiked punch. One of the rules provides for ID checking at parties and outlines the disciplinary action that

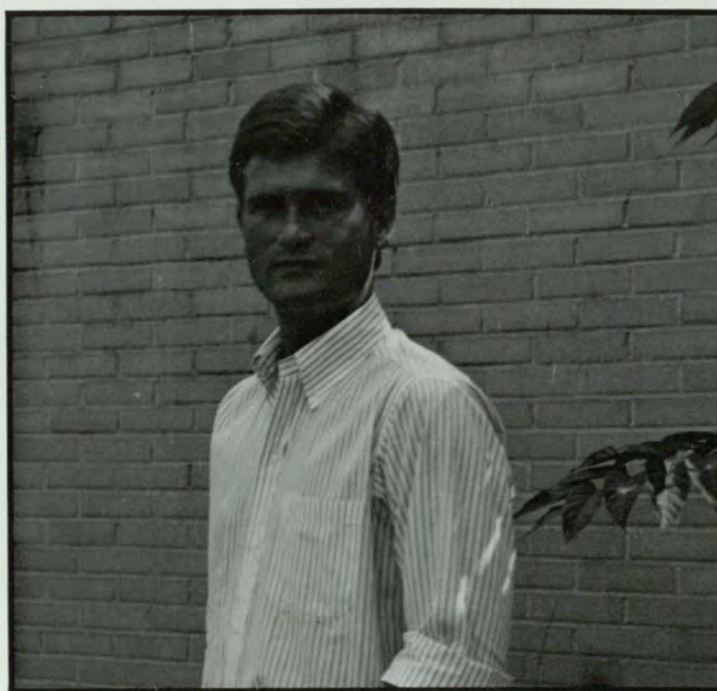
could be taken against violators. The penalties range from probation and dismissal to restitution for property damage.

In September, the Pullen Library instituted an on-line card catalog system, OLLI. OLLI which stands for On Line Library Information, contains over 300,000 entries from both the Pullen Library and the GSU Law Library. Since the system carries information obtained by the library from 1975 to present, students are still encouraged to use the card catalog. The earlier entries are being gradually incorporated and eventually the entire library will be functioning under the new system.

Touchtone registration became a common reality by winter and with proper authorization, students could have their tuition fees taken directly from their bank accounts. The system gave students one more option for the tedious process of registration and there were few complaints about the ease of having a cup of coffee at home and dialing in schedules rather than having to stand in line.

AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) replaced Herpes and other forms of social disease as the health topic of most concern. Although the instance of AIDS occurs most frequently among homosexual males, the disease can strike anyone and there is, as yet, no cure. AIDS attacks the body's defenses against viruses and spreads through sexual contact and blood transfusions. Throughout the year, there were nationwide stories of hemophiliac children who were stricken with the disease through affected blood transfusions. The killer is not the disease, itself; the killers are the diseases that attack when the body's defenses are down. Most AIDS victims die from certain forms of pneumonia, cancer and hepatitis. There were several programs on campus featuring experts who could answer questions about the disease. One was sponsored by the Gay Student Alliance and one by GSU Health Clinic Director, Bess Gaddy. Since more than a few wild rumors were floating around campus concerning the disease and how someone could get it, it was necessary to allay fears and give out

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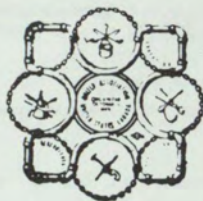


Left: Wendy Ward — 1986-87 Above: Danny King, President of SGA 1985-86



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