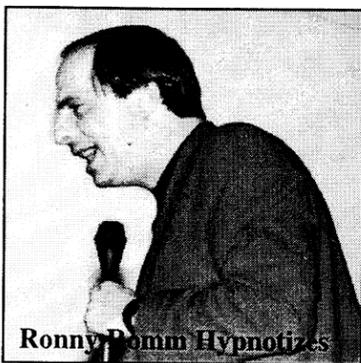
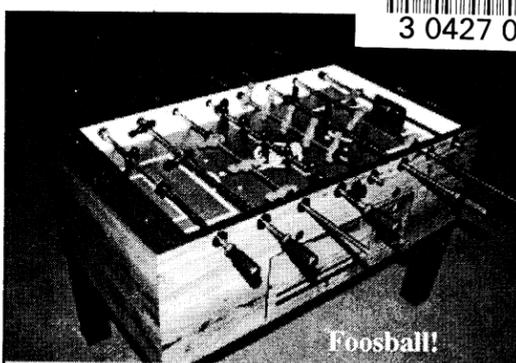




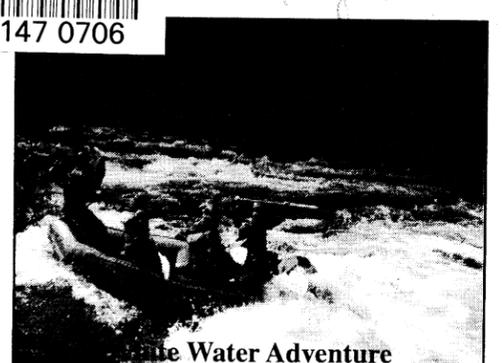
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Wellness Center Officially Opens – Finally!



One, Two, Three, Cut! The ribbon falls and the Recreation Center opens.

By KEVIN MARKS

It was all pomp and circumstance, but only briefly. With a shout from the Southern Polytechnic cheerleaders, the red ribbon was cut by Chancellor Stephen R. Portch, President Stephen Cheshier, and Southern Polytechnic State University Foundation president James C. Scott, Jr. The red ribbon in question was stretched across the opening of the new Wellness and Fitness Center on our eastern flank. Now, officially, the center is open for business, though it has been open for some time.

Prior to the pomp, Foundation folks lunched inside the new auditorium and listened to speeches. Then, in an unprecedented move, a basketball match broke out between the Chancellor Portch and President Cheshier. "Are we going to shoot from the foul line?" asked Portch. "How about a game of horse?" retorted Cheshier. In the end, they were both shooting baskets at will, with several actually

going in!

It seemed that there was a side bet as well. President Cheshier stated that if he won, Chancellor Portch would give him an unlimited budget for next year. If he lost, Portch would only give a 10% increase in budget. Sounds like a "win-win" situation. It was difficult to determine the victor, but it is probably a sure bet that we won't have a blank check for next year's budget.

After the ribbon fell away, the cheer went up and everybody went in for cookies and refreshments. The Southern Polytechnic Foundation gets a huge thanks for their hard work and contribution to getting the Wellness Center erected.

The center is open! There are two racquetball courts, a huge auditorium, workout rooms with free-weights and machines, and a very nice aerobics room with brand new equipment to keep you fit. Not enough? Try the heated lap pool. And, stay tuned for an upcoming pool party.

Athletic Fee Increase On Horizon?

By KEVIN MARKS

In the near future, students may be asked to pay higher fees to support campus athletics programs.

This potential fee increase was brought about by a recent state audit which revealed that coaching salaries were being paid by the state. This is in violation of state policy as schools are required to fund their own athletics programs. Southern Polytechnic has apparently been under the assumption that they were following procedures, but now discover they are not.

To maintain coaching salaries and, ultimately, an athletics program, additional funds must be raised. Where these funds will be found is the current focus of this debate.

The administration is proposing to charge the student body for these fees. Should this occur, the total student activity fee could rise from the current \$74 to \$111. The breakdown

	Indoor Rec Fee	Outdoor Rec Fee Mgt Fee	Athletic Facility Fee	Student Activity Act. Fee	Total Student Fee	Current Athletic Fees	Total Student Fees
Authorized	20	4	3	30	57	17	74
Spent	23	1	0	30	54	20	74
Sugg #1	23	2	3	30	58	44	102
Sugg #2	25	0	7	35	67	44	111

Current & Proposed Activity and Athletic Fees

of the student activity fee and the administration's suggestions are in the above chart.

SGA meetings have produced mixed results. Some felt that it would be unfair to burden the students with this increase. Others noted that there has not been an athletics fee increase in over ten years. Still others are in favor of letting the athletics program fade away completely, though the administration has made it clear that that is not an option. Other discussion included how the increase would be administered: a lump sum strategy or a gradual phase-in. Most agreed that if the students were to pay, a gradual increase would be better.

As a comparison, here is what other

schools pay for their activities and athletic fees:

	Act.	Ath.
Georgia Tech	41	33
Georgia State	42	35
Univ. of Georgia	25	25
Georgia Southern	56	62
Valdosta State	25	58
Kennesaw State	23	23
Georgia College	28	57

Obviously, it is difficult to make comparisons with other State institutions, and these figures are only being considered as a possible guideline for where our school should be.

Another avenue of consideration involves part-time students who do not pay any student activities fee, though have full use of all facilities on campus. One proposal has these students pay the full amount, or at least some pro-rata share based upon hours enrolled.

At this time, no action will be taken as the problem is still in the discussion phase. However, more money will have to be raised, as Southern Polytechnic is expected to self-fund its athletics program.

And we can expect that any fee increase will occur next year as the athletics money situation becomes more critical. The Athletic Advisory Board, chaired by Barry Flannery, will meet on Tuesday, December 3 to continue the discussion.

Bookstore Management Remains in Limbo

By CALEB ADAMS

Lo and behold the bookstore issue continues. For over a year now the dilemma of who will operate the S.P.S.U. bookstore has been brewing, and still there is no resolution. The bookstore is currently operated by S.P.S.U., however, according to Dan Youngblood (Controller and Director of Auxiliary Services for S.P.S.U.) a request for bids on managing the store has been sent out and bids will be accepted until the first of next year. Mr. Youngblood made it clear that this request was made in an attempt to "feel out" the market and that currently there are no immediate plans to pursue a new operator for the bookstore. This drive to privatize the campus services is not new, in fact there are already several such systems in place.

The idea behind privatization is simple, reduce cost. The Board of Regents is apparently providing some of the motivation to privatize. Many schools state wide have already experimented with such a system and have received encouraging results.

The goal behind privatization of some campus services is obvious, simply to reduce cost to the school, a reduction in cost that will hopefully trickle down to students. However, the goal for privatization of the bookstore seems to be a bit different. Currently S.P.S.U. is solely responsible for the operation of the store and thus has financial obligations related to the running of the store, these obligations are then surpassed by the gross intake of the store, approximately \$100,000, leaving an annual profit to the school in the area of \$25,000. If the bookstore were to be privatized the financial obligations of the school would be greatly reduced, however the profit would remain the same! Initially this sounds like a great deal for the school, however it leaves one to wonder what would happen to the funds that would now be freed.

This freeing of the funds could benefit the students in several ways. The most obvious of these ways would be a reduction in book store prices. However, this has been ruled out for some reason. Per-

haps then the funds will be put directly back into the university in the form of improved campus facilities. This approach would obviously benefit the students, but how many students would prefer a little extra change in their own pockets to a new paint job? Finally the savings could be passed on to the state, thereby reducing the states financial obligations, which theoretically would result in a lowering in state residents obligations to the state. Even if the latter did happen the savings would be split state wide, an approach that seems a little silly considering the State's policy on providing assistance to college students.

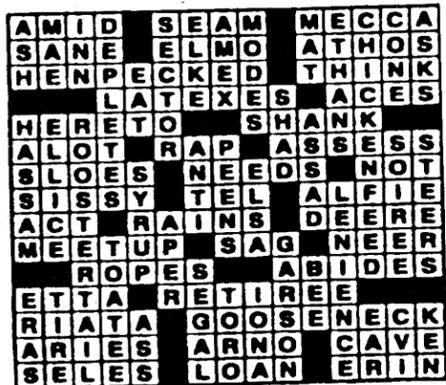
Perhaps there exists a deeper issue though. If any of the above actions were taken, save perhaps the first, they would only serve to make a mockery of the idea behind a profitable bookstore in the first place. Why create profits only to redistribute those profits to the consumer? Why not maintain a non-profit bookstore?

One must wonder why, after the multitude of fees students are already burdened with, we are forced to support a profitable bookstore on campus. Would it not make more sense to simplify the whole process by saving students money up front as opposed to what we seem to have now? Tuition has already been raised, along with dorm fee's, there is even a dark little rumor that student activity fees may be raised, where does it end? Of course the education offered here is valuable, but its is already too costly for too many.

Why continue to increase the cost? I am no fool and realize that financial questions are always difficult to answer, but perhaps this one is a little simpler. It is probably not in the domain of our school to straighten out the system, we all have bosses after all, but perhaps something can be done. Of course all of this teeters on the motivations of the school and education system in general. If the motivations are centered around providing a solid education for as many people as possible at as low a cost as possible, then at least the pathway is clear. However, if these are not indeed the motivations of our school and state, then perhaps we have to deal with a much bigger problem.

CORRECTION

The *Sting* incorrectly reported last issue that Marshall K. Bryant, an MET fall graduate, was employed as an engineer. Mr. Bryant is actually employed as a technician.



History of SPSU

Kennesaw State University: The SPSU Connection

By DR. RICHARD BENNETT

Before Southern Technical Institute (now Southern Polytechnic State University) moved to Cobb County in 1961, an Off-campus Center of the University of Georgia was offering post-secondary education for residents in the Marietta-Cobb region. Part of the complex package put together to support the bid for Southern Tech to move to Cobb County provided that during the evening, Off-campus Center classes could meet on the Southern Tech campus. At the time, evening technical institute classes were held on the campus of Georgia Tech, under its Engineering Extension Division. However, during the early 1960s, the Extension division underwent reorganization, so that after 1964, all technical institute classes were shifted to the Marietta campus, whether day or evening. This was an intentional step toward combining the two technical institute programs into a single, coordinated academic program at southern Tech.

Meanwhile, as Southern Tech was growing, so was the Off-campus Center. By late 1963, every classroom on the Southern Tech campus available to the Off-campus Center was in use - and some classes were meeting elsewhere as well.

In addition, an attitude had developed among some of the evening students that they did not need to keep the Southern Tech campus regulations (e.g., no hot-rodding, no smoking in buildings), and the Board of Regents had never issued a clearly definitive policy regarding this multiple use of facilities.

Hence, by the mid-1960s, it was apparent that the facility arrangement was headed for some sort of collision, and its life was limited. Both Southern Tech and the Off-campus Center were beginning to seriously limit the capacity of the other to grow.

At about this same time, the Junior College movement was sweeping U.S. higher education. Not to be left out, Marietta and Cobb officials sought to have a Junior College located within their county. After considerable politicking and negotiating, the Off-campus Center program was abandoned, and Kennesaw Junior college was created. A controversy arose regarding the location of the new school, since some favored using Southern Tech land, or property adjacent to it. In the end, it was decided to construct a new campus for the Junior College in the Kennesaw area. The Junior College began offering classes in the fall quarter, 1966, using faculty who had previously taught in the Off-campus Center. When classes began, the permanent campus was not yet complete, and for the first quarter, Kennesaw Junior College was located on the Southern Tech campus, and using its facilities. Only in January 1967, did Kennesaw Junior College move to its own campus.

The intervening years had witnessed both rivalry and cooperation, with both schools housed on separate campuses, and at times sharing faculty in order to enhance the scope of what both schools could offer their students. Fortunately, each school addresses a mostly separate area of educational disciplines, and therefore seeks students with different backgrounds, interests, and goals. In the late 1970s, Kennesaw's enrollment surged ahead of that of Southern Tech, whose admission requirements were among the highest in the state. Having two state universities located so close to each other, with unbalanced enrollments, can be awkward at times. But it wasn't always this way, and today, together, the schools offer a virtually full spectrum of higher educational opportunities to residents in the region - both in the technical specialties and the liberal arts areas, both at the undergraduate and the graduate level.

More next time...

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Around the Campus

S. G. A.

The Student Government held its last meeting of the quarter this past Tuesday. Several items were on the agenda including:

- ◆ The proposal to have students pay their own credit card fees was presented to President Cheshier and Vice-President Hosey. Their assessment of the proposal was favorable. This proposal will ultimately save Student Activities about \$4,000 annually, and the administration budget about \$60,000 yearly.
- ◆ The Student Advisory Committee met and will be making several proposals to the Board of Regents. These include a resolution to have adjusted GPAs added to transcripts. This means that if you retake a class, the new grade is figured into the adjusted number, rather than the average of the two grades. The adjusted GPA will not replace the other, but would be in addition to it. This would give perspective employers a better picture of overall performance.
- ◆ A resolution to allow deferred payment when semester conversion occurs. Since semesters are longer, tuition will be proportionally higher. To help students cope with higher costs, this proposal would allow some deferral of the balance.
- ◆ Another resolution address the problem with full access for those who are physically challenged. Currently, all universities do not have full access capabilities. This proposal will provide for a seven year program to bring all universities up to standards. The expected cost would be about \$55 million.

Toys, toys, and more toys! CKI (Circle K International) is raising toys for Toys for Tots this holiday season, and we need your help. This is the 5th year in a row that CKI has had a toy drive, but this year we are opening the toy drive up to all campus organizations. If you or your organization would like to help us out, stop by room 272 in the student center for details.

CKI has also been active in the Habitat for Humanity project at Roosevelt Circle in Marietta. Habitat is renovating the entire neighborhood, and we have put in over 150 hours of service at the project. We will also be working as food porters at United Way's Thanksgiving food give away again this year. The chapter is also continuing to volunteer at

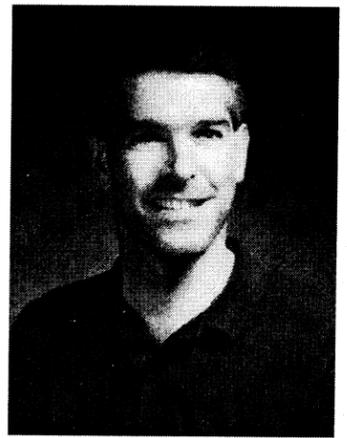
the Cobb Family Resource's Day Care Center.

On the social front: every Friday night is movie night with the Kennesaw, CKI chapter. We have seen the movies Ransom, Space Jam, and Star Trek: First Contact the last three weekends. Plus, 6 members attended the Fall Membership Rally for the Georgia District of CKI. The CKI fall rally, once again delivered fun workshops on the Kiwanis family and personal development.



Futhermore, lots of free time to meet people.

CKI meets every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Center room 272, or you can give the CKI office a call at 528-4297.



A new editor has been seen burning the midnight oil in the *Sting* office lately. Judging by the smile on his face, he does not seem to

mind the extra work. It must be fun. However, the gray hair may tell another story.

Kevin Marks steps in following the resignation of Tom Pendleton (TP) as *Sting* editor.

Kevin hopes to maintain the high quality press that Tom generated, though he warns that he may not have as much time to give toward that effort due to a heavy school load.

If you run into him as he wanders aimlessly through these great halls, let him know you appreciate him. Better yet, volunteer some of your time to help!

When asked about his elevation from ass't editor, Kevin said, "I'd much rather be riding my Harley, but editing the *Sting* is certainly a close second. Having some additional help would be nice, especially during the cold winter months." He also added that publishing a newspaper was challenging, and offered opportunities for individuals to express themselves.

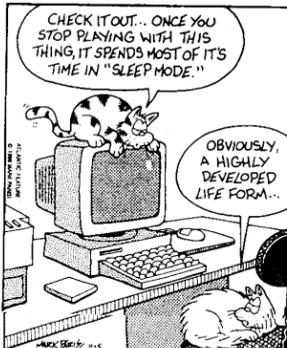
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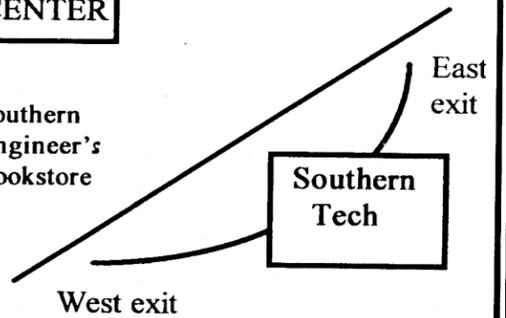
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Out With the Old, And...

By KEVIN MARKS

Welcome to the final Fall quarter issue of the *Sting*. As you may or may not know, the *Sting* is now under new management — yours truly. The old management was just fine, but folks move on. So, here I am in the editor's chair, rather than the assistant's chair.

You may have also noticed several pleas for staff help. Yes, the *Sting* is a place where you might consider hanging your hat for a few hours every week. Why? Being part of the solution is ALWAYS better than being part of the problem. As a rule, it is also a bit more difficult which, by its very nature, often keeps students away. Therein, however, lies the challenge. Many things are happening on campus and YOU can become part of their solution. Have you ever complained about something you didn't like? Come on down and write an investigative story about it. Perhaps you can make a change. I know that scholastic achievement is paramount to most students. When I first arrive last year I vowed to keep a "low profile", to stay uninvolved, and keep my nose in the books. I quickly discovered that being involved is a vital part of daily school life. There are too many things screwed up NOT to be involved.

Speaking of involved, we, the student body, may be faced with a fee increase. Check out the front page. The administration is looking to assess the students to pay for their "I didn't know we weren't allowed to...blah, blah, blah."

I can see the scenario now.

Governor Zell says, "Hey, Comptroller, we need to find more money in the budget. How about the universities? Any money there?" Comptroller says, "Lemme look... Oh yes, here is a good one. We have been paying for athletics programs around the state but technically, they are supposed to be self-funding. We could save millions and probably buy ourselves those new computers and golf clubs!" Governor Zell says, "Good job, Comptroller. Make it so, and make it so...FAST!"

Yes, our athletics program is in jeopardy because we must be self sufficient rather than having the State pay for these programs. What do you think? Do you want to see a huge increase in the athletics fee? You had better speak up now lest you get saddled with the burden of indecisiveness. That translates into higher taxes, folks. Now is the time to speak up.

Not enticing enough? Still don't care? How about the nice canvas signs that extol our new name. Wouldn't it be nice to have permanent marquees erected? What about all the sign changes that are supposed to occur on campus so we don't look like a second rate institution. Clinton is supposed to look presidential, and Southern Polytechnic is supposed to look university-like. We paid a quarter million dollars for the consulting firm to give us these ideas. Wouldn't you like to see some changes before you graduate or die?

Not ready to act yet? How do you like the parking situation around here. Do you enjoy parking in the West 40's whenever there is a weenie convention going on in the ball-

room? Maybe they could start showing movies on the old drive-in screen. I certainly spend enough time out there.

Still not moved to get involved? Okay, here is my last ditch attempt. Put on your armor because I am about to give you a blast. GET OFF YOUR LAZY BUTTS AND GET INVOLVED! There, I said it.

PS The *Sting* is looking for a few good men and women.

Dear Editor

Paper Guys:

I'm fairly new to this campus, but in a couple of quarters since I've been here a few questions have come to concerning SPSU (good 'ole spew?). Perhaps you could address a few of these.

What's the deal with the rock? What's so cool about painting it? I can see if it has been a traditional challenge to sneak up in the dark of night, dodging late night studiers and the campus cops to paint your tag and fade back to the darkness, but what's this crap?

What, have they got a schedule for the next lame paint job? Can I sign up and sell advertising space on it? Can I sign up and just paint it lime green? What if someone's paint job really sucks, can you just walk up with your own can and redo it? Does anyone ever have to strip the rock back to bare rock and start over?

Just how big is Tomm Pendleton's ego anyway? It occurs to me that there must be a measurable aspect to it, perhaps a ratio of how many times he mentions himself and

his grandiose philosophies in his rantings vs. when (if) he actually talks about something else. Even when he does talk about something else, it is only to bombard us with his theories of the subject's faults as compared to his ideal image of the world. I hate to be the one to pop his little bubble, but there are a few of us out here who have actually spent some time in the real world too. Lighten up, bud, don't take yourself so seriously.

Why is it so hard to buy a cup of coffee on this damn campus? The only place that sells them is the little cafeteria. Couldn't they have a couple of machines around somewhere? Or am I just missing them? How the hell can you do anything without caffeine?

What's up with the new pool hours? I work until 3:30 and come here for evening classes. The pool is conveniently open 11:00 to 3:00 while I'm working, and then from 5:00 to 9:00 while I am in class. After waiting forever for it to open, I still can't swim. What happened to 3:00 to 5:00? Is this a local ordinance or something?

What are those guys with the big drill back by the fields actually looking for? Ground water contamination? Toxic waste? Oil? Is it some sort of CE student project? If they are looking for contamination, what made them think there was some around? Does this have anything to do with pool hours?

You can see why I am perplexed. Maybe these aren't burning issues here, but they have been at the back of my mind. I'd certainly appreciate your journalistic prowess in clearing these things up.

Yours in confusion,
Greg Wilson, transfer guy in EET.

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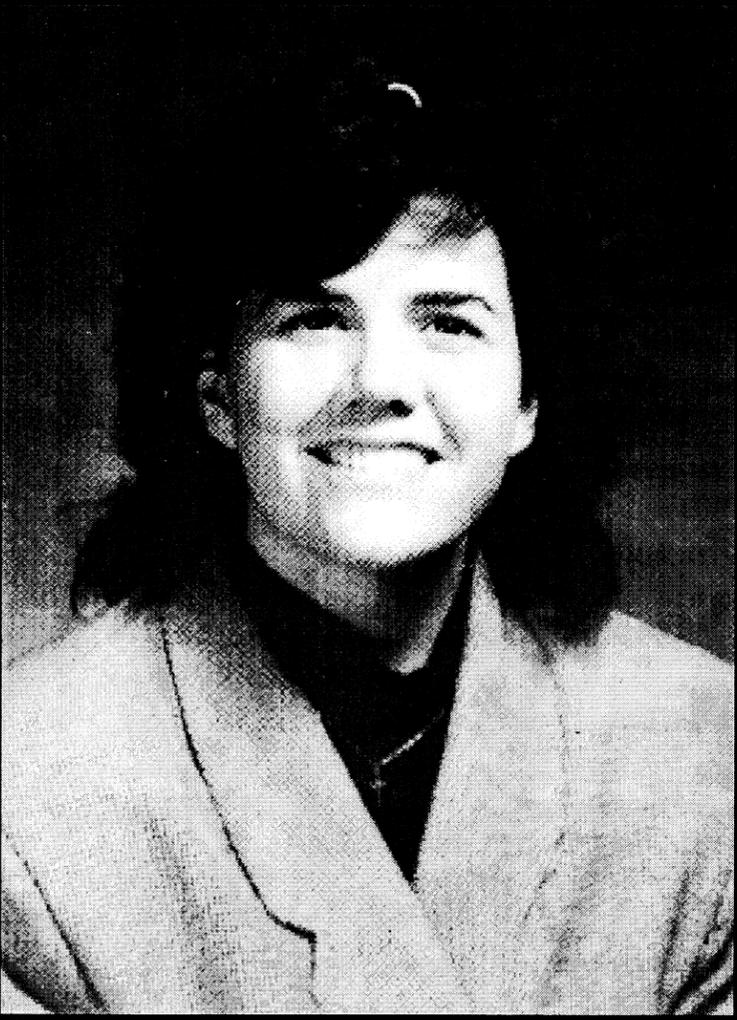
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P R O F I L E



Colleen Desmond has made a name for herself at Southern Polytechnic State University. She is beautiful, warm, optimistic, cheerful, passionate, and "loud". She was the editor of the *Sting* - our school newspaper - for several quarters, Student of the Year in 1996 of SPSU and treasurer of IEEE, a computer and electrical engineering technology professional organization.

She is also a shy girl when asked to talk about herself. I complained to her for not cooperating with me when I told her she was chosen to be profiled for this issue. She is modest all the time, telling me that she didn't do anything and there are more students out there that worthy to be profiled. I agreed with her. But... Anyway, she finally sat down with me and answered my interview questions.

Colleen was born the third of six children in 1967 in Wilmington, Delaware. She has a twin brother. Colleen had a very good education at a Catholic private high school in Delaware. In 1990, she graduated with a BA in Physics Education from University of Delaware. After graduation, she taught physics for four years at a high school in Fairfax, VA. Her likes of computer engineering motivated her to go to Georgia Tech for an engineering degree.

In the spring of 1994, Colleen came down to Georgia. She visited Georgia Tech and set up an interview with the school. Unfortunately, the interview with Georgia Tech didn't turn out well. Colleen didn't like their attitude. At a suggestion from her uncle, a GA Tech professor, Colleen visited SPSU. "It was Memorial day. I didn't expect to meet anybody because I thought the school closed. It surprised me when I was welcomed by John Andrew, an officer from the admission

office. After that I talked with Julian Wilson, Jr., the Chairman of the Computer and Electrical Engineering Technology Department. I was impressed. I decided to start my second degree at SPSU. That's how I came to SPSU," elaborated Colleen. "I'm very happy with my choice. It's a better school than Georgia Tech for undergraduates. Georgia Tech is a larger school and stronger in some academic fields than SPSU. But a smaller school has its own benefits," she added. Because of its smaller size, Colleen was able to contribute her talent

to the school by running the school newspaper - an experience that will be a benefit her whole life. Her previous alumni has around 18,000 students. "It's hard for you to do something to contribute at such a large school," said Colleen.

Colleen started school in September 1994 and will graduate Winter quarter with her second BS degree. Totalling 8 quarters at SPSU, Colleen has served in the editor position for two quarters. She quit her editor position so she could contribute to the robotics competition for the coming IEEE Southeast Conference. "I am very serious about my major, with IEEE. We are trying to build up IEEE. This year, we have a better organized team with eight talented team members. We will try our best to present SPSU as an academically strong entity," said Colleen. Only now did I find out her reason for quitting the *Sting*.

Colleen became editor of the *Sting* in September 1995. During these quarters, she put together at least 12 issues. There are about 20 staff writers that contributed in various degrees. The biggest problems working for the *Sting* is the time commitment. It requires about 40 hours/week layout time and at least 20 hours stories getting and organizing time. Colleen is a full-time student who usually takes 18-21 credit hours per quarter. As a student myself, I

SPSU is a wonderful place to be. Most faculty is excellent. I feel very comfortable here.

know what time means. So I asked her how she managed her time, and how she retained an almost A average, (up till now she has only two B's).

Colleen smiled and said: "I don't have any magic and no secrets. I stay at school and I learned to study smart. I won't study in front of a TV, or in the bedroom. What I do is try to be on campus most of the time. I consider school to be my work. Though I did not work in Fall or Winter quarter as most students do, I was carrying a full load and worked for the *Sting*. I felt I needed more time, and I won't allow my grades to slip." I urged her to tell me some of the ways she handles her time. She said, "I have a calendar book in which I plan everything ahead of time, the time split in hours, in chunks. There are little times you have to squeeze in studying."

Some of her professors told me Colleen is very active in class and asks a lot of questions. "That's true. I am very vocal in class. Asking questions is a good way to help you understand better. Sometimes I ask questions just to bring my self back into focus. Our attention does wander. Nobody can sit there listen for 50 minutes. So I try to be very involved in class, write things down, and keep myself on task," said Colleen. "Again, SPSU is a wonderful place to be. Most faculty is excellent. I felt very comfortable here. Though I am not a big office-hour visitor, I know our professors are open and willing to help," added Colleen. Time management is very important for students. I hope all students work out their efficient way of study.

When asked how she organized and ran the *Sting*, Colleen responded that "My philosophy is to balance the factual viewpoints, to report activities going on at the school with responsible opinions regarding major issues and also entertain students. I believed, when I was an editor, that the issues should be of local interest to the students. I don't believe in reporting on things like the OJ trial. It should be campus news because we can't handle anything else. So it was really a specialized paper. That's my philosophy. But it is hard to do. Responsible journalism is a difficult things which takes a lot of time. We

tried to do a good job and have fun at the same time," continued Colleen.

The *Sting* provides a valuable service to the students. For example, there were articles about the SGA fight to remove faculty salaries from student activity fees. Every student pays a \$57 activity fee each quarter. The *Sting* and SGA's fighting resulted that one of the faculty got paid by state funds instead of paid out of the student's activity fee.

There was a period of time that students were not satisfied with the Aramark food service - a large corporation that provides institutional food service throughout the country.

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Colleen wrote articles about people's discontent, which called their attention to the food quality and service. "It's hard to say exactly what we did, but it certainly got the meetings going on," said Colleen. "I tried to balance hard news with positive news. We are not SPSU's public relations paper though, and

we shouldn't be," she added.

Serving as editor of the *Sting* has obvious value to her. She must have learned a lot from it both technically and managerially. "I am well-known at the school partly because of the *Sting*: it's a high profile job. I am loud, too, and I am one of the few women in the Computer Engineering Department," said Colleen.

When I asked her how she became Student of the Year in 1996, Colleen said modestly, "I don't feel that I am any more outstanding than anyone else. I happened to be in a high profile position and made some contributions to the school which I should do. I was flattered." The Student of the Year is chosen by the Student Government. Colleen is not only an excellent student who is strong academically, but also helps the development of the school in various ways. So that's why she was chosen as Student of the Year - a great honor to a student. Colleen deserves the reputation she enjoys.

Students & Professors:
The *Sting* would like your input on individuals to profile for each issue. Please contact the *Sting* office with your thoughts and suggestions.

off the mark

by Mark Parisi



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Math Stinger

By DR. JOEL C. FOWLER
Associate Professor of Mathematics

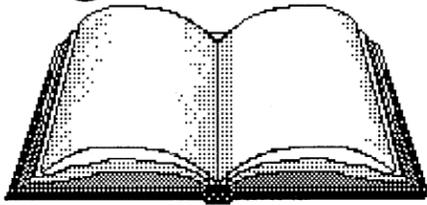
No answers have been received for last issue's puzzle. The reason is that one condition was inadvertently left off. I will restate the corrected version. Three cars are in a race that consists of some number of laps on a track. At the instant the winner crosses the finish line the other two cars cross the same point on the track as well. The car coming in second then completes the race in one more lap.

The car coming in third completes the race in one more lap after that. The winner's speed was 101 mph and the other two speeds

are integers. The puzzle is to determine the speeds of the other two cars and the number of laps in the race. Assume that the cars travel the exact same distance around the track and that their speeds are constant during the race.

MATH STINGER IS NOW ON THE WEB. The current Stinger as well as over 80 past Stingers can be found on the Mathematics Department page on the Southern Polytechnic State University page. Check it out!! Answers should be sent, via conventional methods or e-mail (jfowler@st6000.spsu.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.

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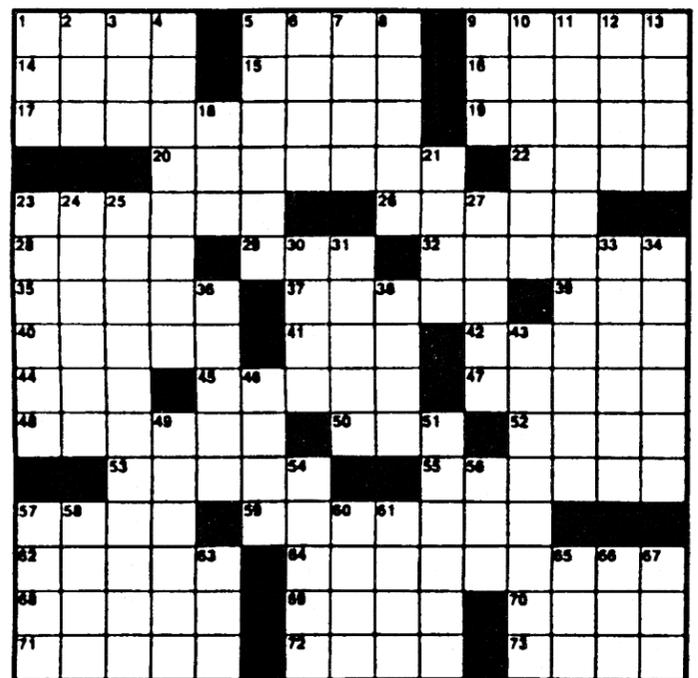
... and were impressed by the team of folks that represented Southern Polytechnic that morning. Special thanks need to go to the Academic and Administrative departments - and Student organizations - that contributed their time and energy to make the morning successful. As a team - working together to promote our University - we can accomplish much more than what we can do as individuals.

If you are an enrolled student, and you want to learn more about helping in the recruitment process, please contact John Andrew in the admissions office, (770) 528-4986. Ask about the Southern Polytechnic Student Ambassador organization (SPSA). Or, e-mail admissions@SPSU.edu. Thanks again!!!

Newsday Crossword

FARE IS FOWL by Bob Lubbers
Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS**
- 1 Within
 - 5 Stitched line
 - 9 Islamic center
 - 14 Lucid
 - 15 Sailors' saint
 - 16 A Musketeer
 - 17 Nagged
 - 19 Have an opinion
 - 20 Certain paints
 - 22 Top cards
 - 23 Legal adverb
 - 26 Leg part
 - 28 More than some
 - 29 Talk-sing
 - 32 Estimate
 - 35 Blackthorn fruits
 - 37 Requires
 - 39 "It's ___ for Me to Say"
 - 40 Wimp
 - 41 ___ Aviv
 - 42 Michael Caine role
 - 44 Play part
 - 45 Pours
 - 47 Plow maker
 - 48 ___ with (encounter)
 - 50 Droop
 - 52 ___-do-well
 - 53 Uses a lasso
 - 55 Awaits
 - 57 Singer ___ James
 - 59 Gold-watch recipient
 - 62 Lasso
 - 64 Lamp type
 - 68 Sign of the Ram
 - 69 Cartoonist Peter
 - 70 ___ in (collapse)
 - 71 Monica of tennis
 - 72 Mortgage, for example
 - 73 Ireland
 - 8 Fashions
 - 9 Gym pad
 - 10 Allen and Frome
 - 11 Paltry amount
 - 12 Ice-cream holder
 - 13 Inquires
 - 18 Consume
 - 21 Roe source
 - 23 Painter Childe ___
 - 24 ___ Islands (former name of Tuvalu)
 - 25 Speedboat's wake
 - 27 Syrian president
 - 30 Against
 - 31 Hammer parts
 - 33 Evening party
 - 34 Takes the wheel
 - 36 Waffle topper
 - 38 *Born Free* lioness
 - 43 Mercy
 - 46 Copycat
 - 49 Exactly
 - 51 She played Mrs. Miniver
 - 54 *Love Story* author
 - 56 Honey maker
 - 57 Time periods
 - 58 Whitewall, e.g.
 - 60 Matador's foe
 - 61 New York campus
 - 63 Wild equine
 - 65 Jug handle
 - 66 106, to Caesar
 - 67 Author Kesey



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Answers to this crossword are on page 2.

C. A. B. Presents Mentalist Ronny Romm

By KEVIN MARKS

Where do you go if you want to see a bodybuilder, a couple of drunks, a ballerina, a guy in an electric chair, a roadrunner, and a Martian with its interpreter? Too late now, but they were all present in Ballroom C of the Student Center on Tuesday night, November 19th. The occasion? None specific, but these participants were you fellow students - under hypnosis.

The mind-man, Ronny Romm, visited Southern Polytechnic and brought the house down with an uproarious show.

Ronny first demonstrated a bit of ESP expertise by having four individuals "dream up" a vacation, including the airline name, the place, the hotel, and the cost. These items he wrote down. After the info was recorded, he removed a piece of paper, written earlier, from a sealed envelope, and lo and behold, it had the exact same information on it. Very impressive.

Next, he gathered about 12 volunteers from the audience who were hypnotized in about ten minutes. After they were "under", he commenced having them demonstrate whatever he thought would be funny. It was, and they all made fools of themselves in a



ing their brows; fanning themselves, etc. He then reversed the temperature quickly, and several were on the floor holding themselves in an attempt to keep warm.

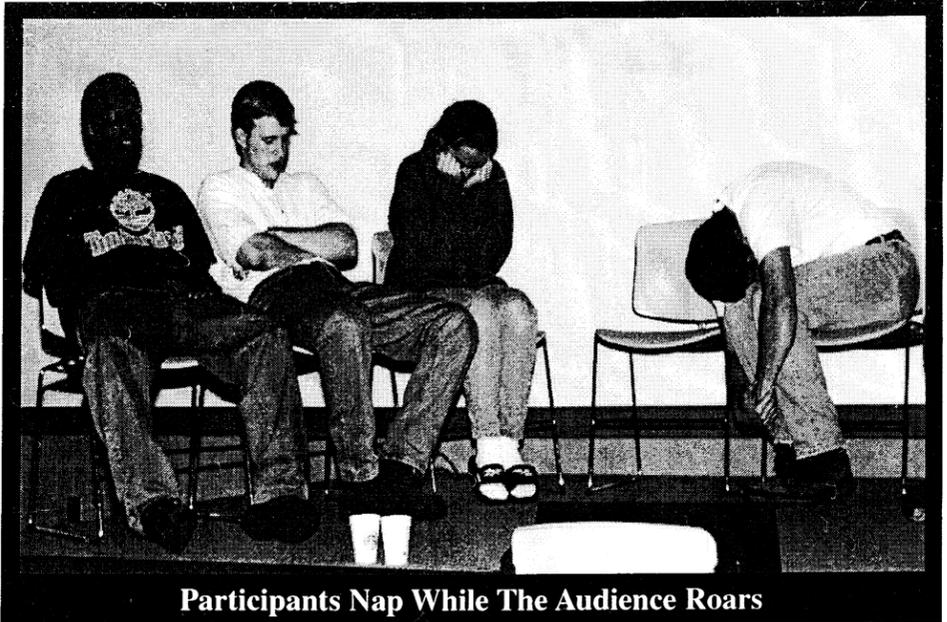
After they all thought they had scored \$800 in a horse race, he instructed them to put the marker in a place where it would be safe. After most of the men stuffed the paper down their pants, and the ladies in their bras, he suggested that the paper was now a melting ice cube. It is truly amazing how fast a person can remove an ice cube from a private place!

The role playing was particularly funny as one person was giving bodybuilding poses one second, and falling over, weak as a kitten, the next. One gal ran around the room "beeping" like a roadrunner. Two others were falling down drunk (on water), and could barely write their names. One was an alien from Mars, having invented a language that another could uniquely understand and translate. One gentleman was told that when Ronny's foot stomped on the floor, he would receive an electric jolt through his seat. He did, and what a jolt it was. This guy was up out of his chair, running around the room looking for the culprit.

When the show was over, Ronny was hoarse from all the suggestions and the audience was hoarse from all the laughing. Thanks to CAB for bringing this great entertainer to Southern Poly.



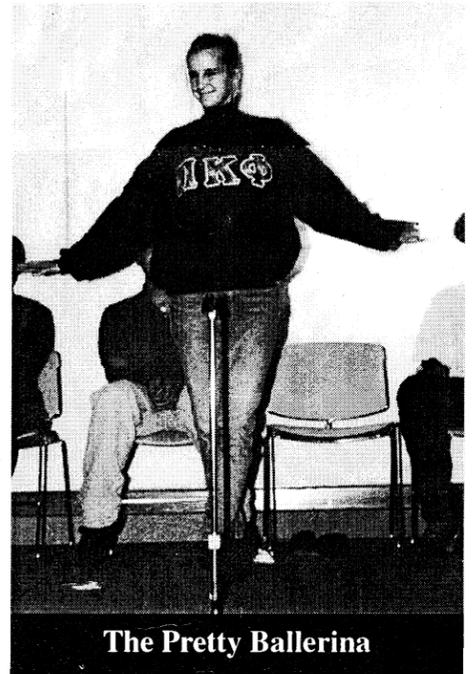
Hand Rolling Raised To An Art Form



Participants Nap While The Audience Roars



Wonderful Imaginary Ice Cream



The Pretty Ballerina

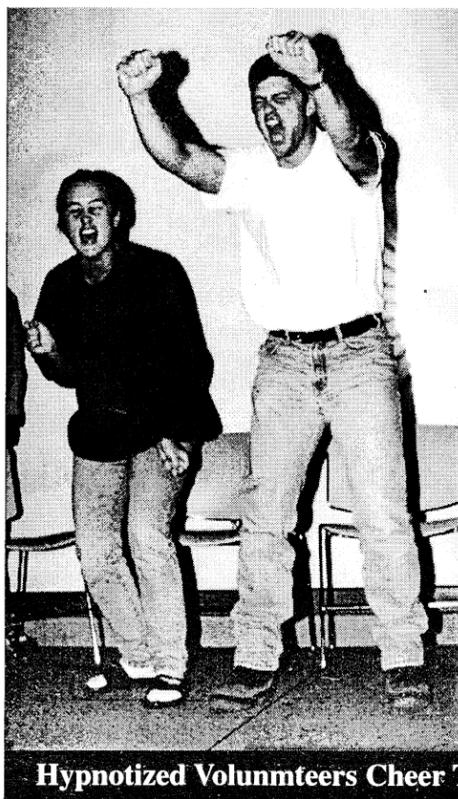


very light-hearted fashion; all for fun.

At one point, he had them all stretched out in lounge chairs on a desert island beach. He suggested that the temperature was getting hotter and hotter. The players all began to think they were sweating profusely, wip-



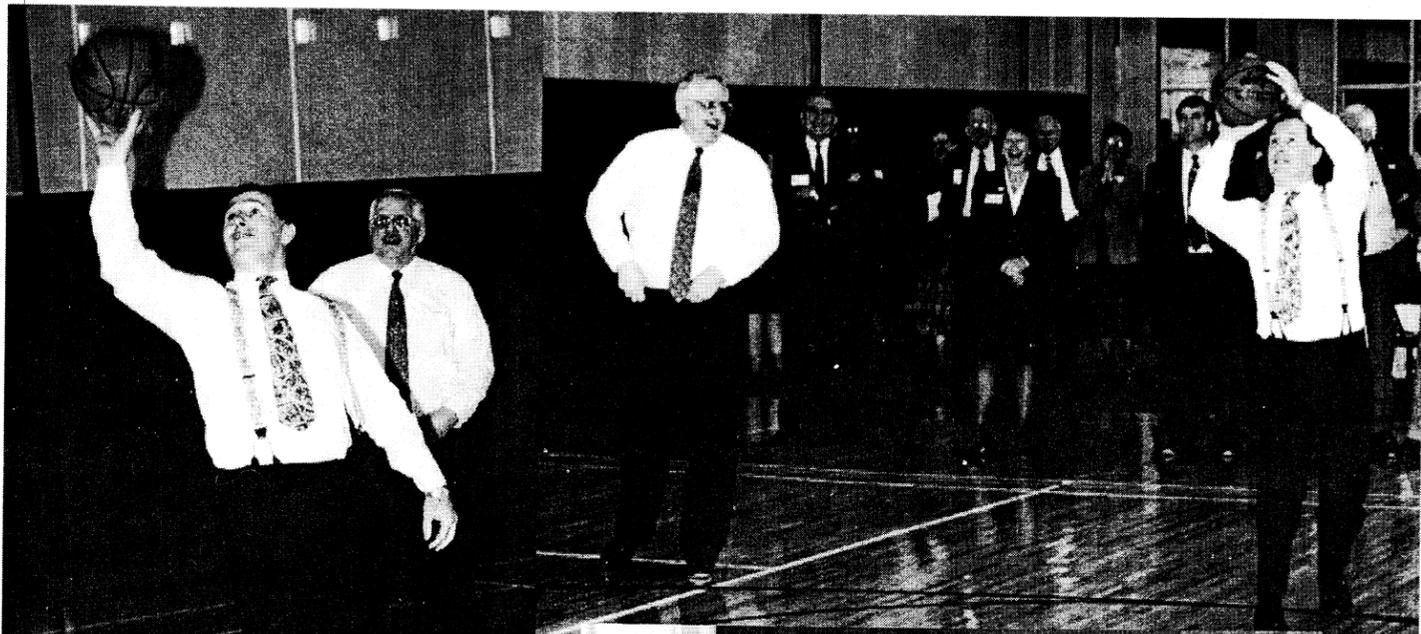
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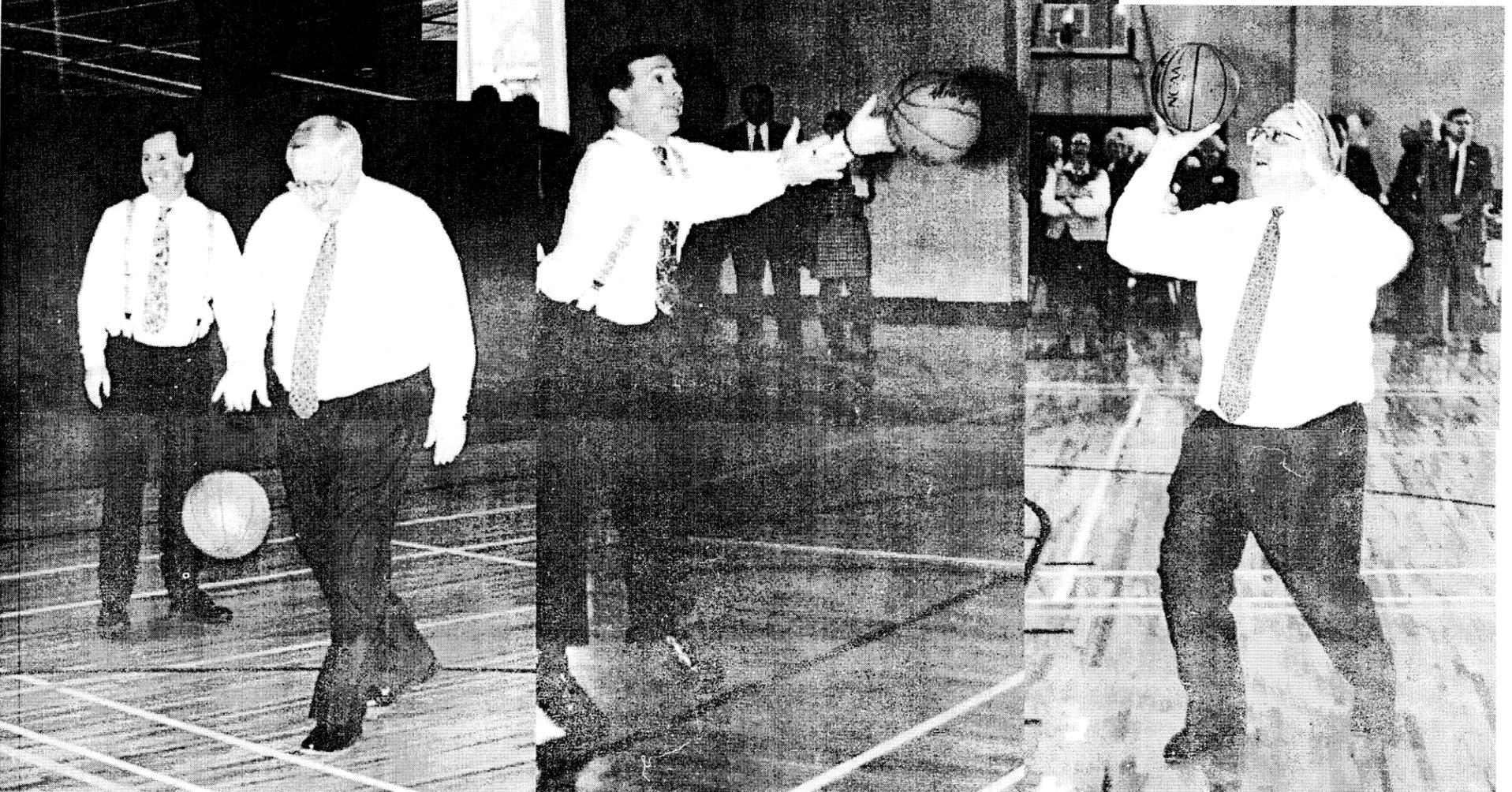
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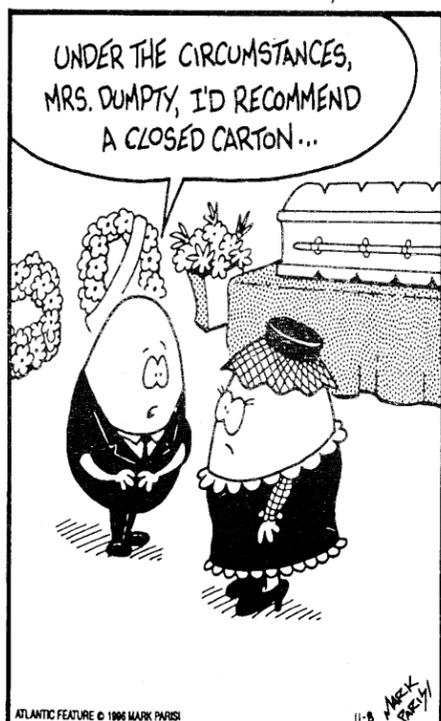


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 Room with two scoreboards can be divided into two courts with electronic curtain.
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 Weight room.
 Multi-purpose room with cardiovascular equipment including rowing machines, four step machines, and upright bikes.
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 Student staff of fifteen.
 Julie Scala is the nurse in the Health Clinic.
 Funds primarily provided by a capital gifts campaign; student-voted increased athletics fee, and a parent's fund contribution for equipment needs.

off the mark

by Mark Parisi



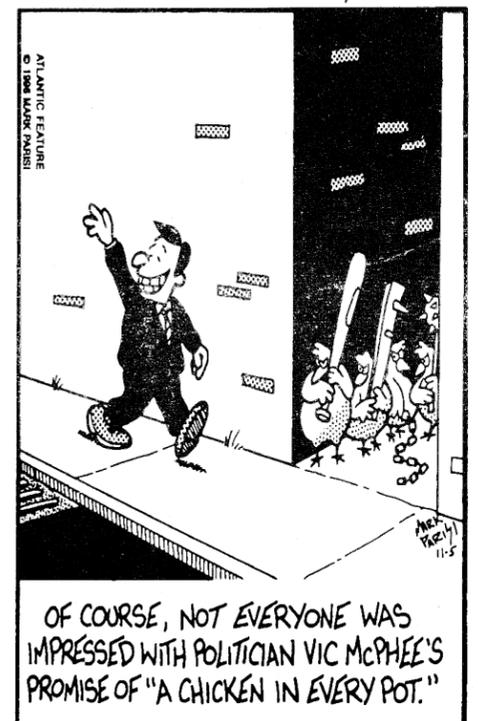
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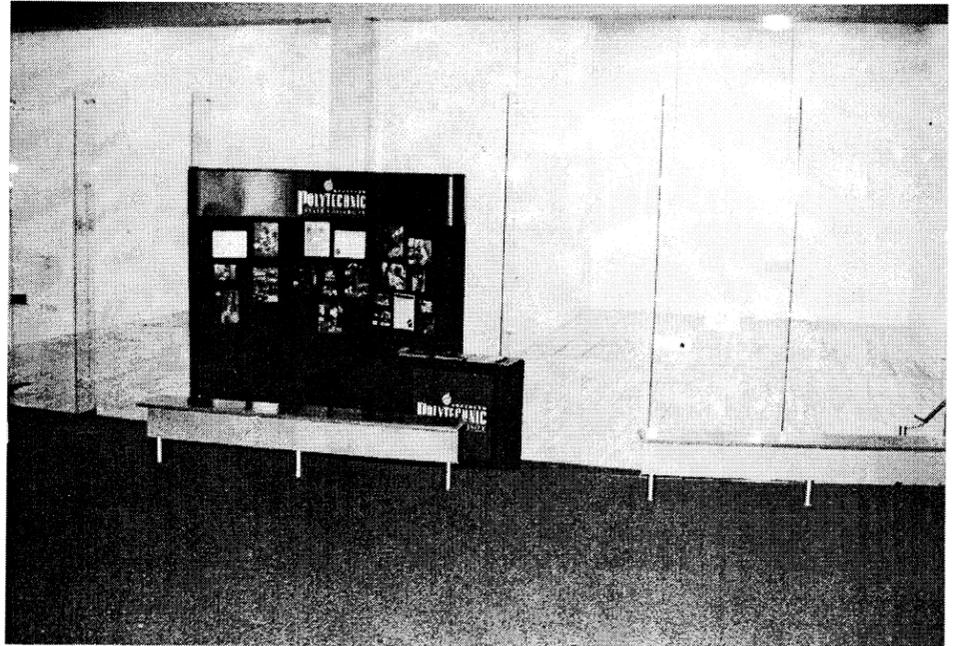
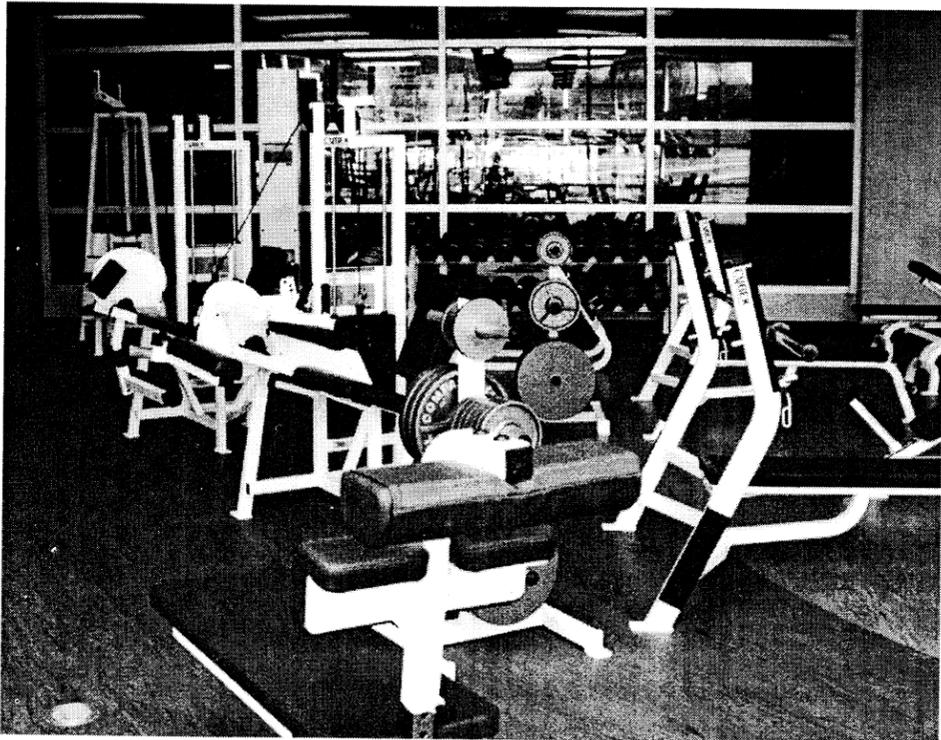
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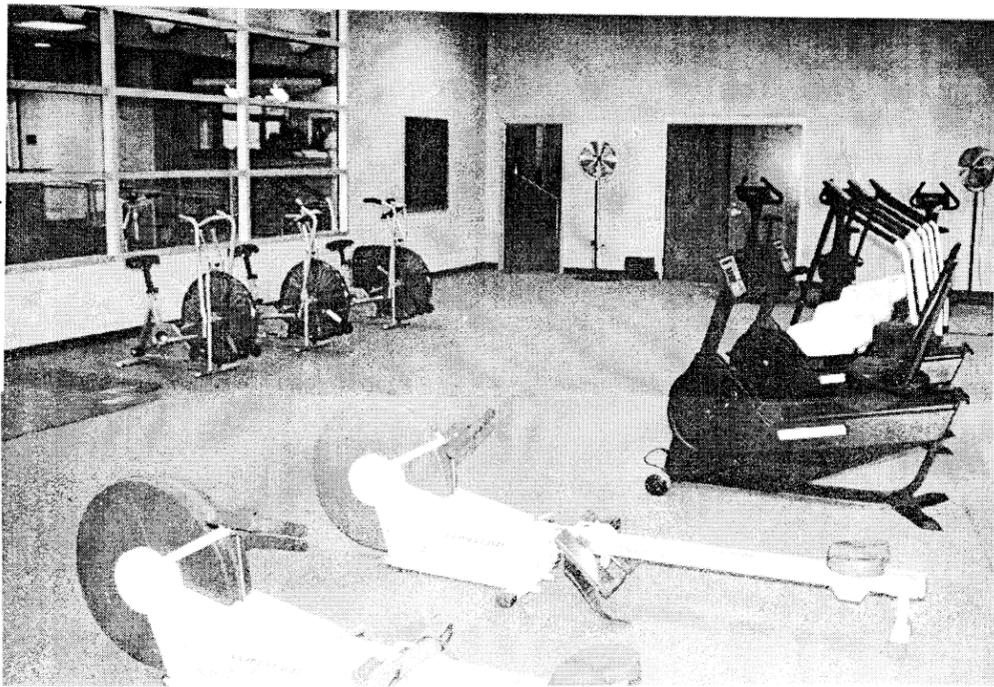
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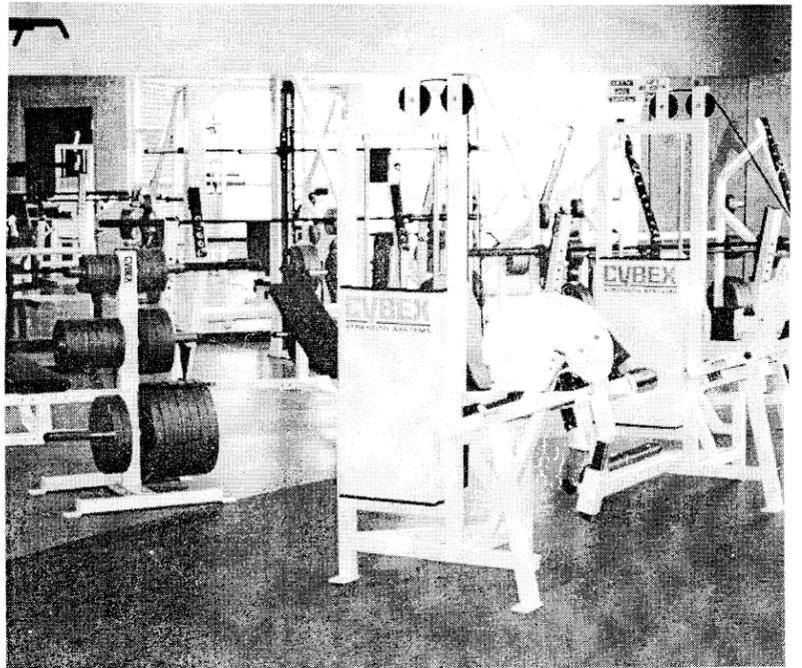
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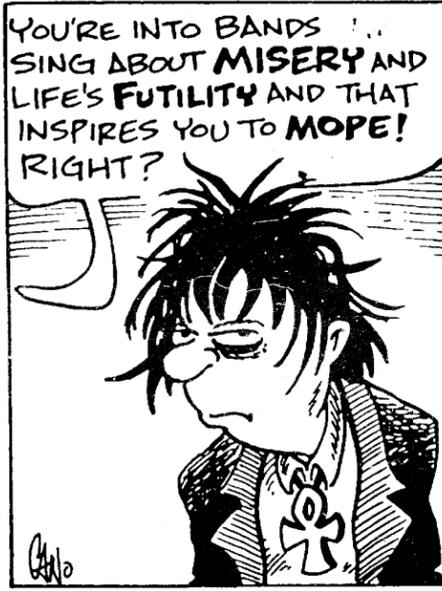
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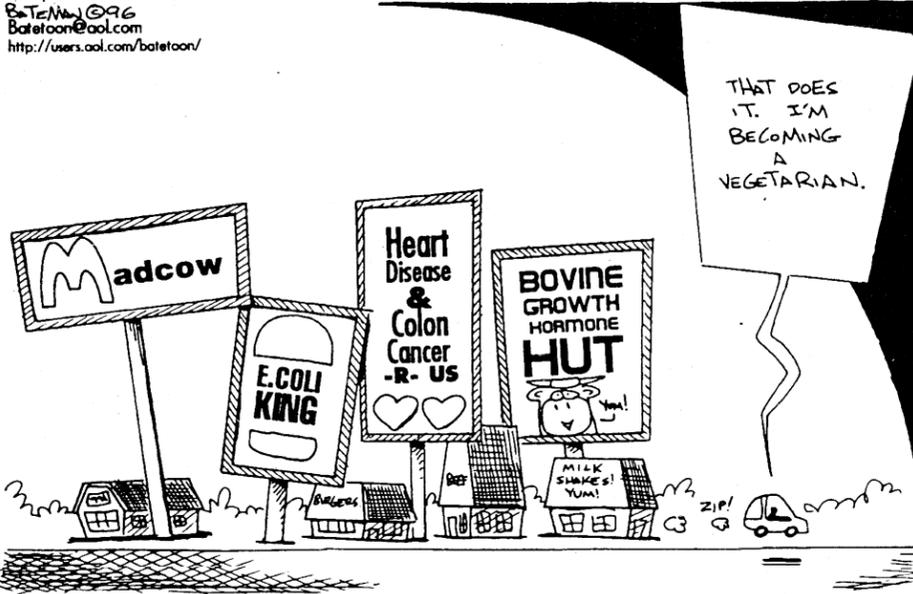
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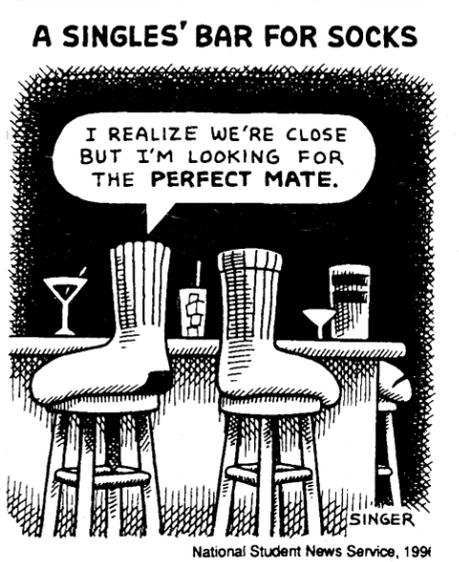
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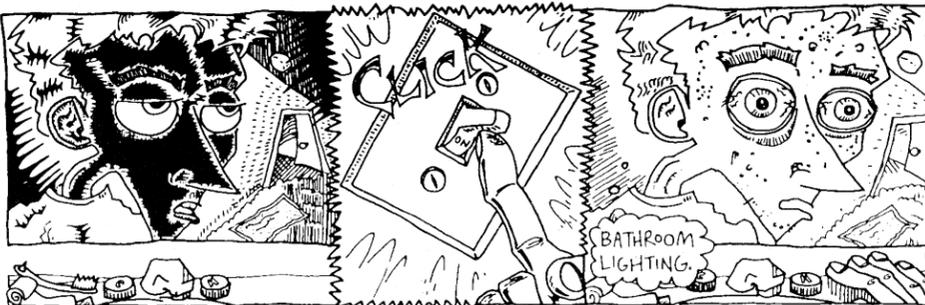
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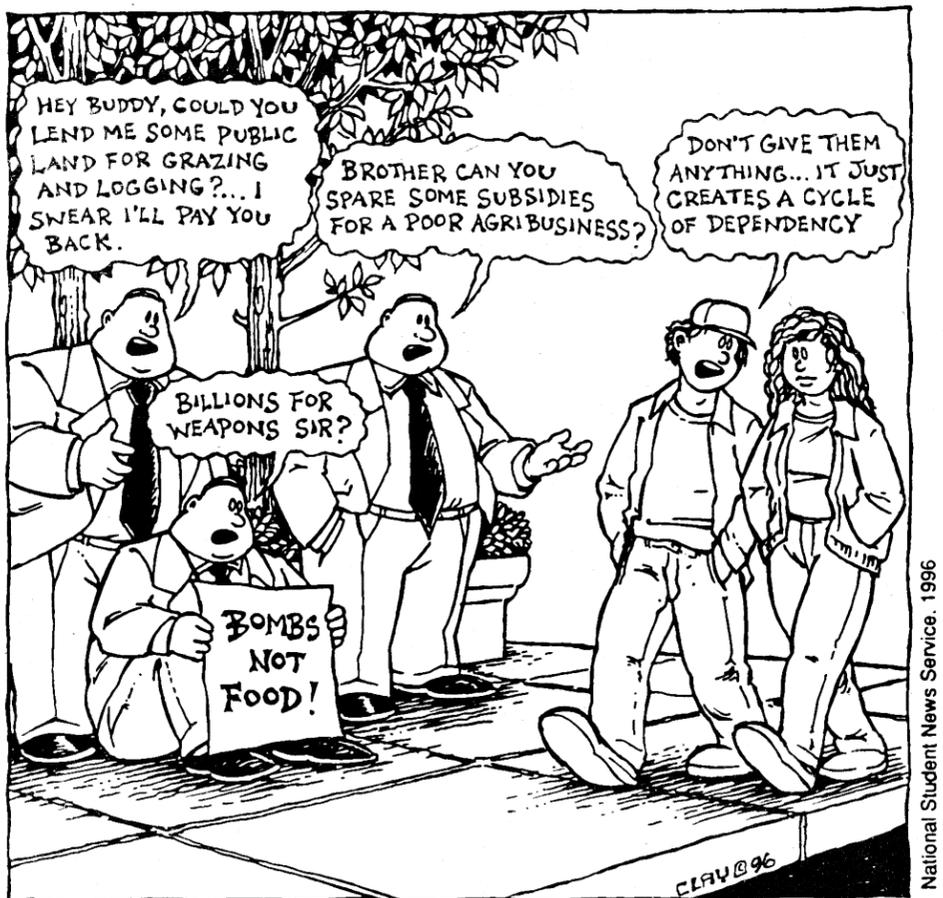
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	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat	sun
6a	rotation						
7a	rotation						
8a	rotation						
9a	rotation						
10a	retro remix	<i>PIPER</i>	retro remix	<i>PIPER</i>	retro remix		
11a	T.P.	the ZOO	T.P.	the ZOO	T.P.	Wheeler	
12n	☒ ↓ ☒	local band	☒ ↓ ☒	local band	☒ ↓ ☒	Football	
1p	<i>Brady</i>	Southern Poly-Rednecks	<i>Brady</i>	Southern Poly-Rednecks	<i>Brady</i>	Replay	
2p	Professor Guy	Recycle	Professor Guy	Recycle	Professor Guy		
3p	<i>The "R" Show</i>	dj k.c.	<i>The "R" Show</i>	dj k.c.	<i>The "R" Show</i>		
4p	<i>JAZZ & SAX</i>	Caribbean Corner	<i>JAZZ & SAX</i>	Caribbean Corner	REGGAE		Soft Rock ☒ ↓ ☒
5p	INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION	☒ ↑ ☒	One Little Girl and Boy	<i>supersonic</i> w dj beatnik	Wheeler		SLUDGE ☒ ↓ ☒
6p	PHUSE BOX	☒ ↓ ☒	<i>what?</i>	SHMOO!	Wildcat		Space, Rhy- thm, Clarity
7p	☒ ↓ ☒	Cure for Insomnia	☒ ↓ ☒	Cure for Insomnia	Football		<i>supersonic</i> w dj beatnik
8p							the House Vibes Show
9p							<i>various states</i>
10p							
11p							
12m							
1a	rotation						
2a	rotation						
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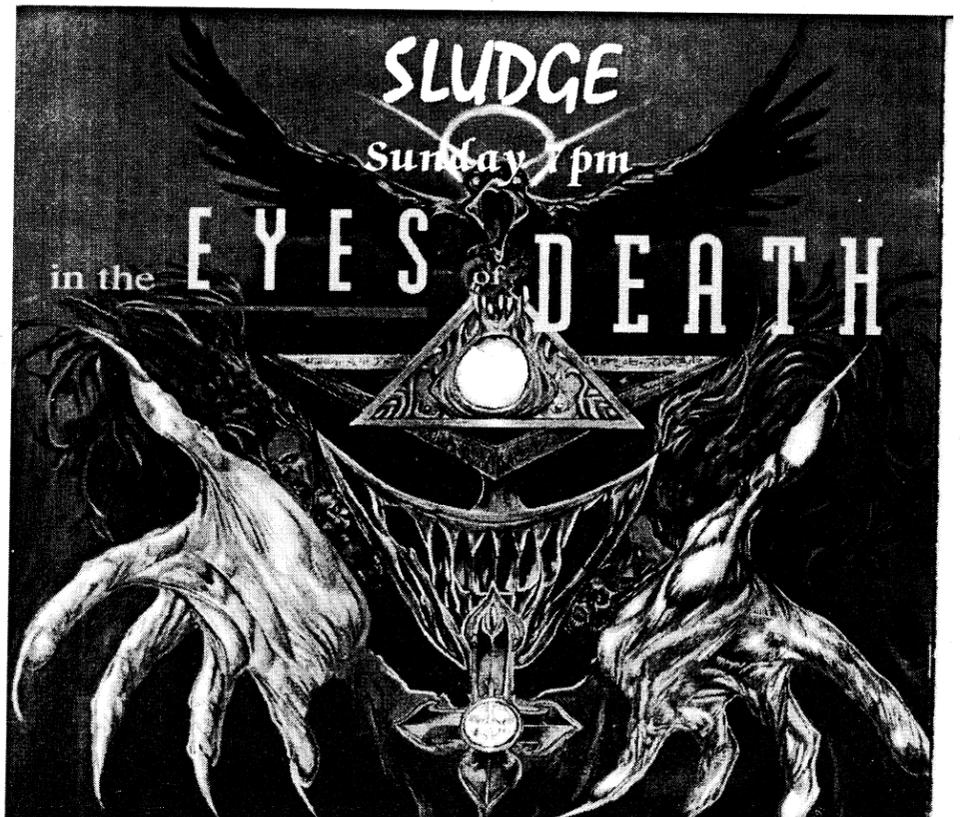
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Foosball Mania Arrives at Southern Poly

From *Table Soccer Digest, Vol 1 No 1, Fall 1986 Internet Article*

A real first-class professional sport. This is what one promoter calls Foosball, a corruption of the German word Fussball, which in some circles means a coin-operated game. Don't laugh. The national championships were played in Denver for \$113,000.

For a measure of the frustrations of a professional table soccer player, one had to search no farther than the sport section of *The Denver Post* on the Tuesday following Labor Day. A few miles from the newspaper office, in the purple-carpeted ballroom of the Denver Regency Inn, a couple of fellows named Dan Kaiser and Kaz Rivera had just won the table soccer open doubles national championship. After six days of intense competition their share of a \$113,000 pot was \$20,000.

If Kaiser and Rivera were searching for national recognition, they might as well have played in the back room of Major Goolsby's bar in Milwaukee, which is the sort of place most people expect to find the game. That is, if they have ever heard of it at all.

"Table soccer? Oh, yeah. I understand they're going to have a Hall of Foam."

"The pros put out a disabled list the other day and everybody on it had cirrhosis of the liver."

"I met one of those guys. His best shot was an ounce of rye with water on the side."

The table soccer people have learned to live with the bad jokes, if not the anonymity. There is, for instance, Billy Sumption, a chunky 27-year-old redhead out of Minneapolis, who, with Karin von Otterstedt, won this year's mixed-doubles championship. Sumption used to be a bank examiner, but he gave it up to become part owner of a table soccer distributorship, though he has found that he pours more profits into the promotion of the sport than he takes home.

"When you first look at the game you think it's some kind of a toy," Sumption says. "The first time I saw it I thought it was funny—little plastic men on a rod kicking a ball around. Then in college I met this German girl who had been playing the game since she was eight, and she killed me. It bent my mind. I took another look."

What Sumption saw was a table, 2' 1/2"; by 3' 10 1/4" with the markings of a soccer field and 11 five-inch plastic figures on each side. Each player (or doubles team, doubles being more popular) has a row of five men, fixed on a long rod, in the middle, plus a rod with a forward line of three men, one with a defensive line of two men and a goalie. The object is simple enough: to kick a solid plastic sphere the size of a Ping-Pong ball into the opposite goal. The first side to score five times wins. In professional tournaments, which are all double elimination, it takes three games out of five.

Simple? Yes, but first you had better learn the Louisiana shuffle defense, which really came from Texas and was designed to stop the Texas pull shot, wherein the middle man of the three forwards passes to himself and slams the ball at the goal only slightly slower than the speed of light. This last has driven more than one goalie to, well, drink, and there are also the push, the kick, the slice, and the pin shot. Not to mention a recently designed goalie bank shot, which has added yet another dimension to a sufficiently complicated sport.

"To me the game is as real as blood," says Sumption whose competitiveness made him a legend in South Dakota high school football circles. As a 148-pound linebacker he suffered three brain concussions. When

one doctor would fail him in a football physical. Sumption would find another. He became so infamous that when he was called up for the draft they made him 4-F without even giving him a physical. "Table soccer gives me the same excitement as knocking down those big runners," he says.

This is something the Germans have known for a long time. The game is said to have been developed in France 150 years ago, but it did not become popular in Europe until after World War I, when the Germans used it to rehabilitate wounded veterans. Nor was it immediately popular in the U.S. Eddie Zorinsky, now the mayor of Omaha, used to own a string of amusement arcades with his father Hymie, and 17 years ago they brought the game to this country.

"For some reason it never took off, except in Portland, Ore.," says Lee Peppard, now the major stockholder in Seattle-based Mountain West, Inc., the largest manufacturer-distributor of table soccer in the country. Peppard first saw the game in Missoula, Mont., where he was going to college, running a large tavern, supplying equipment to coin-machine operators and, as if that were not enough, serving as a smoke jumper for the Forest Service.

With a tavern and a coin-machine business. Peppard was in a position to recognize table soccer as a highly promotable product, and soon he was distributing *Deutscher Meister*, a German table, throughout Montana. The orders came in faster than the Germans could fill them, so he decided to have his own tables made in Taiwan.

There are now four types of table, which manages to further complicate the game. The German model has a smooth, fast-playing field with a 7 1/4" goal. Entirely different is the Texas table, with a slow crosscut glass field that gave birth to a crawling, controlled-ball game and a wide 8 1/2" to 9" goal mouth. Then there is a French model just slightly faster than the Texas version, and an Italian table, fastest of all.

For his table Peppard used the slick, smooth German playing field for speed, and added solid, instead of tubular, rods for power. Then in 1972, to promote the sport, he held the first national championships. The total prize money was \$1,500. The following year he raised the purse to \$5,000, and in 1974 jumped it to \$50,000. On his tables, of course. And that's how the fighting started.

In came the players from the Northwest, from the table-soccer strongholds of Oregon and Washington. They played a fast game, never stopping the ball. They wouldn't talk to the Minnesotans, who played a slower, ball-control version. The Texans, who played the slowest game of all and were tearing everyone up with their pull shot, wouldn't talk even to Peppard.

"At that time it was a nice simple game," says Peppard who at 33 claims he is the worst table-soccer player in the world. "We had about 10 rules. But it was chaos. Some of the Texans, with their ball control, stopped the ball before every shot and were taking three

hours to play one match. We began adding rules. And a one-hour time limit. And more rules. If this is going to be a first-class professional sport, then it has to be run like a first-class professional sport."

Now suddenly everyone is getting along. Shoot, the Texans are even talking to the people from Oregon. For one thing, the players know that to achieve respectability they must act like professionals. And despite the tavern image of the game, which is beginning to fade, most have rubbed elbows with higher education, if only as residents of college

towns, where the game flourishes.

"I would say that most of your better players," says Jimmy Gilbert, who is one of your better players, "They

have a high level of intelligence. I don't know if they always use it, they just have it."

After his \$50,000 national championships last year, Lee Peppard decided to go all out. He put together a \$250,000 tour, with 33 tournaments in 28 states over a nine-month period. In all, it cost \$492,000, with about \$160,000 of that coming back in entry fees and the quarters the players pour into the

tables push chutes by the carload. It is not philanthropy, Peppard admits. For instance, some 4,000 tables are sold each month by 16 U.S. companies. Before the \$50,000 tournament last year, Mountain West share of the market was 200 tables. Now it is 1,300 a month and climbing. "A player has a lot of problems if he tries to practice on one kind of table and then comes in to compete as a pro on ours. It's a big disadvantage," Peppard says happily.

To make the tour, and his table, even more attractive, Peppard is planning on upping the total purse to \$350,000, although he would like to spread it out over fewer, say only six, tournaments. And within four years he envisions a \$1 million tour. "Which won't be too hard to take," said Karin von Otterstedt, a 24-year-old Oregon State graduate with an animal science degree who now lives in Grapevine, Texas. A goalie, Karin was the national's only double winner: in both women's doubles, with 18-year-old Lori Schranz, and mixed doubles, with Sumption.

Eighteen-year-old Steven Simon won the singles championship, but in table soccer—or, God forbid, foosball, as it is sometimes called—the glamour event is the open doubles. Seventeen-year-old Brent Bednar and 18-year-old Mike Belz, who polished their games in a Minnesota high school league, finished behind Kaiser and Rivera in the open doubles. Granted, none of the four got his name in that next day's edition of *The Denver Post*, as did one Dale Glenn for winning a pro bowling tournament in Michigan. Glenn took home \$6,000 for his first in bowling. Bednar and Belz' second-place money in the table soccer contest came to \$11,000.



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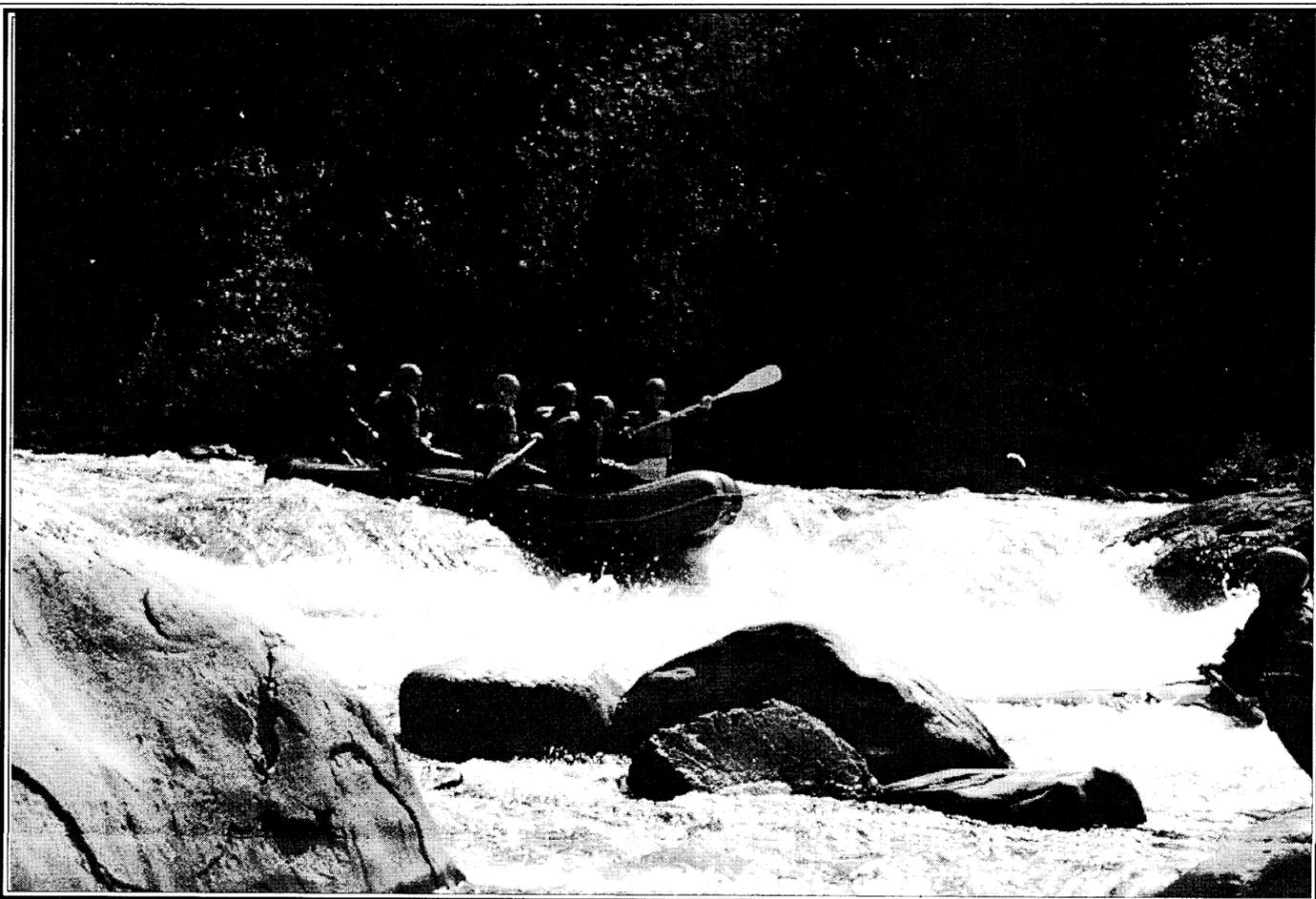
By CHRIS SEARS

Oh man was the water cold! I'm not sure of the actual temperature but, I was sure glad to have my wet suit. Rafting down the Ocoee River is a great way to spend a day outdoors and have some fun.

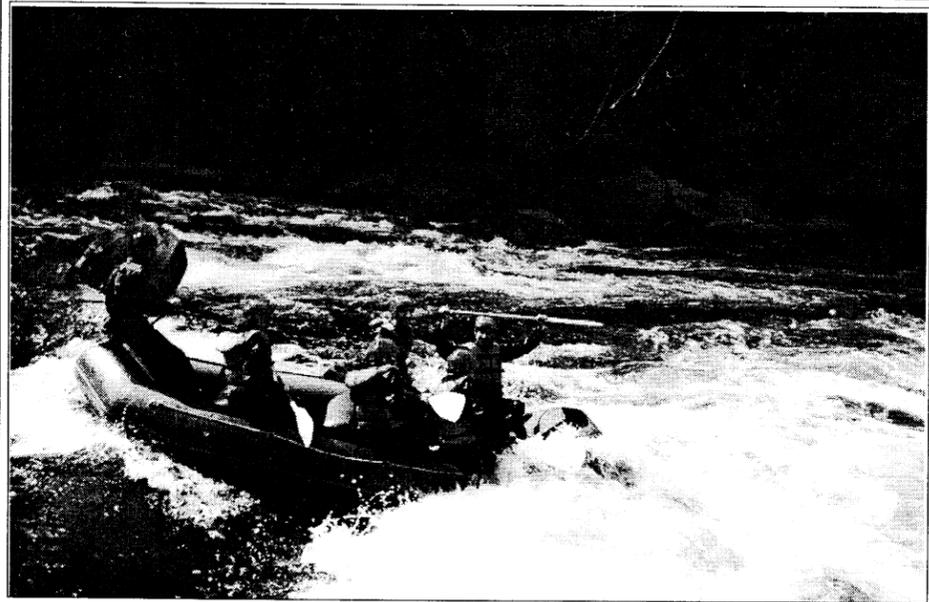
The Recreation Department at Southern Polytechnic organized a White Water Rafting trip down the Ocoee River near Cleveland Tennessee on October 20, 1996. The group of fifteen students left the school at 9:30 am for the two hour drive to the river. We arrived at the Nantahala Outdoor Outfitters at about noon for the mandatory safety meeting. Each person was outfitted with wet suits, river jackets, helmets, and life jackets. Once the equipment was checked by the guides for the proper fit the group boarded the bus for the half hour ride to the river and the put-in site for the trip.

The trip started just beneath a twenty foot high man made water fall that is part of the Tennessee Valley Authority water project. Here the group broke up into different boats with our guide and began the adventure down the river.

The Ocoee is a controlled river with class three and four rapids. There have been some



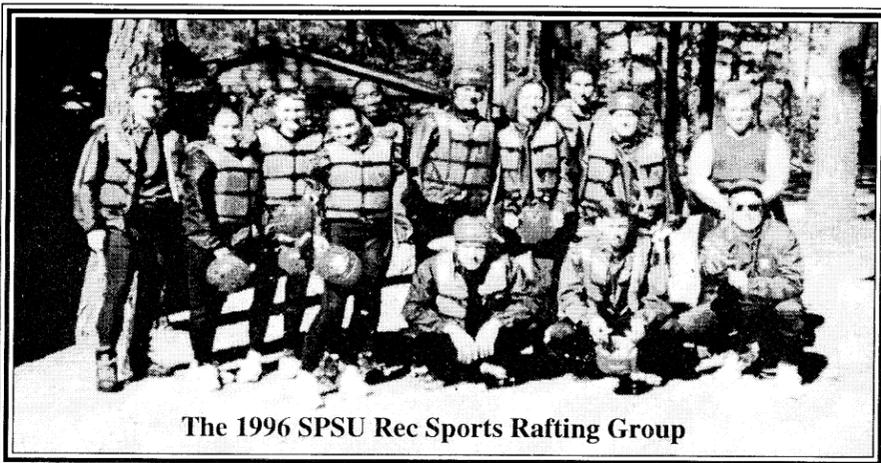
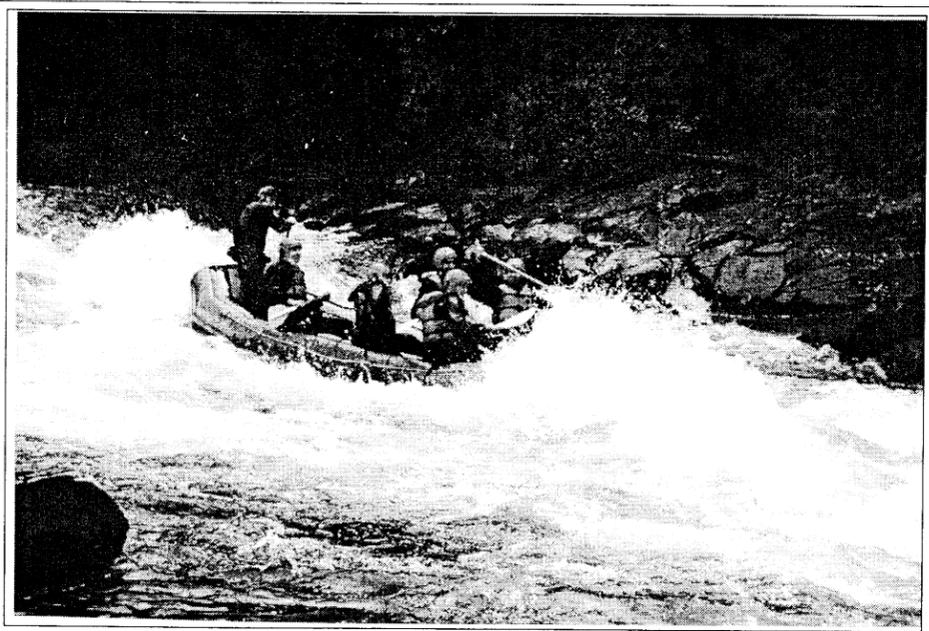
Above: Going over the edge. Left: Hang on to your helmets as the raft plunges into the rapid. Below Left: A group of SPSU rafters digs hard to pattel out of the wall of water.



deaths on the river because even smaller size rapids can be deadly if the rafter is in the wrong position entering the rapid. With the help of the guides the rapids are exciting but, not really dangerous. This is a big comfort after you sign the waiver that mentions death multiple times. There is a slight chance of danger in rafting and that is what adds to the excitement of the trip. There are names for the rapids as well like: Buzz Saw, Power House, Diamond Spilter and other menacingly named drops and spins. There were even opportunities to jump out of the raft and float along it down stream.

The trip took about two and a half hours. The people at the Nantahala Outfitters were really pleasant and were excellent guides down the river. They tried hard to make each rapid as exciting as possible by helping the raft to spin and surf the rapids. This trip has been organized by Karl Staber for at least the last twelve years and will probably continue as long as he remains at S.P.S.U.

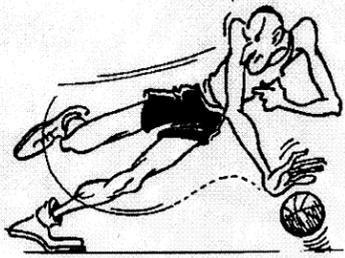
If you have the opportunity to go next year you should jump at the chance because spaces are limited each year and the trip is well worth your time.



The 1996 SPSU Rec Sports Rafting Group

Attention Soccer Players:

Anyone interested in playing soccer with the S.P.S.U. club soccer team should come out to the recreation feilds on Saturday's at 11:00 am or call Giovanni Astarita at 770-216-9956.



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1 ON 1

with Chris Sears

One on One

by CHRIS SEARS

He's back home where he wants to be. After one year at Emmanuel College Eric Blair has transferred here to Southern Polytechnic State University. Eric went to Emmanuel on a baseball scholarship after graduating from South Cobb High. During that year he tried out for and made the Emmanuel basketball team at his natural position of point guard. Eric decided to transfer back home to S.P.S.U. for two main reasons: It is closer to home and he liked the basketball program and it's system better.

Eric was born and raised in Marietta Georgia. He played four years of basketball at South Cobb High and started on the varsity for three of those years. Eric also played baseball while in high school and earned the aforementioned scholarship at Emmanuel College. Eric had a good high school career in which he held the state record for most consecutive free throws made at 49 in a row. He also had a career high of

35 points against Alexander High in the region playoffs. His career high for assist is 18, pretty good for someone trying to be a college point guard. Eric has played basketball all his life and loves the constant motion of the game. "Your always on the move" according to Eric. The one on one match ups are another part of the game that Eric enjoys. Eric has played on AAU teams and against players like Shareef- Adul Raheen of the Vancouver Grizzlies, formerly of Wheeler High. AS for his style of play, Eric likes to pass the ball and rack up assist. When he gets the chance Eric likes to drive the hole for lay-ups, something Coach Periedes wants to limit somewhat. He would like to pattern his game after John Stockton. Although Eric is only 5'9" tall and a 155 lbs. he does not let his size intimidate him. He will guard anybody he has to and give it his all. When asked about his role on the team Eric replied as follows; "Right now my job is to come off the bench and give the starters a rest while getting the ball to the shooters and not committing any turnovers on the court."

When he is not playing ball Eric likes to keep up with baseball and is an avid ESPN Sports Center viewer. Eric likes S.P.S.U. so far and is looking forward to a good season as well as a career with the Hornets.

Hornets Basketball

By CHRIS SEARS

The Southern Polytechnic Hornets are five games into their season and the results are promising, but their is still work to be done. The Hornets added ten new faces to the team and they are still trying to work out the kinks in the system. Some new players are struggling to learn and play effectively under coach Periedes selective half court system. The team is learning to trust one and other and listen to the advice of the four returning players from last year which includes starters Casey George and Troy Hill. The Hornets are 3-2 entering the TENNESSEE TEMPLE TOURNAMENT on November 22 and 23.

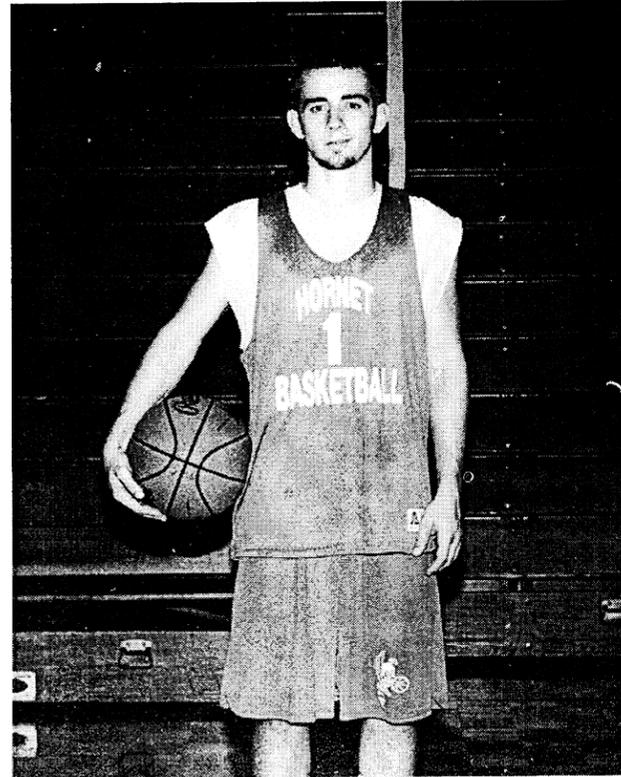
The season began on a really positive note with a 60 point drubbing of Johnson and Whales in which coach Perides was able to play all of his players and get a look at his team in game action. This was definitely a confidence builder for the upcoming season according to assistant coach Drew Meister. The out of conference season got allot harder right away with the second game against nationally ranked Life College. The Hornets played hard, building an 11 point lead early in the first half. The second half started bad for the Hornets with Life jumping out to a fourteen point lead. Southern Poly battled hard to get back into the game and had the lead cut to five entering the last minutes of the game. Life prevailed in the end with clutch free throw shooting and the Hornets lost by four.

Southern Poly then went on the road to face Cumberland College in Tenn. and back to Marietta to face Life College again, this time on their home floor. The Hornets defeated Cumberland using great defense to set the tone of the game, while being selective on offense. Coach Periedes did not want to get into a running game on the road. The rematch against Life College did not go as well as the first game. The Eagles pressed hard and got the Hornets into a running game which led to bad execution on the offensive end. Life has a 50+ game home court winning streak going and defeated the Hornets by fifteen points.

The Hornets improved to 3-2 with a win over Cumberland, this time at the Hornet's Nest. The game was dominated by Southern Polys defense, holding Cumberland to just 17 points in the first half.

The Hornets are working on their team chemistry and are trying to establish their identity and team style.

The surprise player of the early season is Joey Walker, according to assistant coach Meister. Joey plays with allot of heart and determination. More importantly he executes the offense well and uses his good hands to play effectively in the low post. One problem area so far is the "three" spot. The hornets are looking for more consistency from this position



and are waiting for someone to step up and take the position.

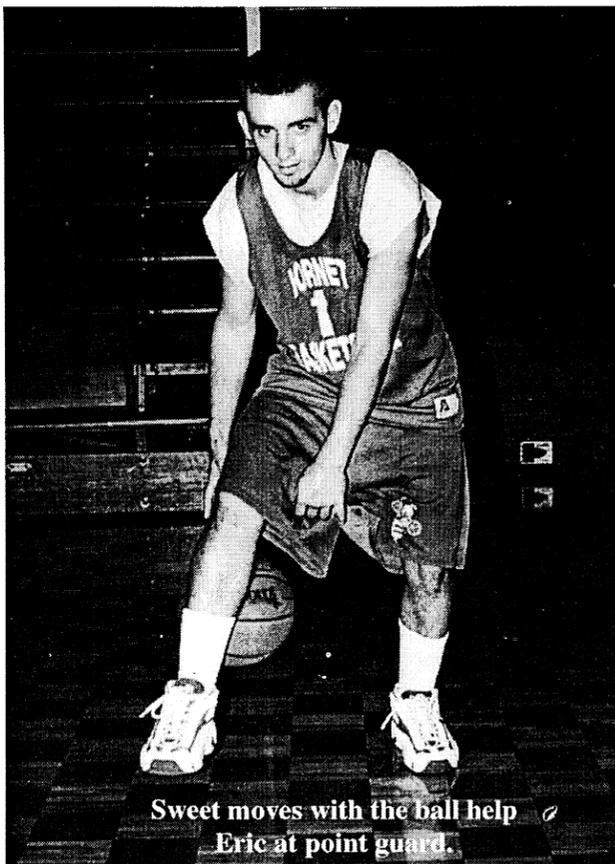
The out of conference seasons is used to get team ready for the tough and grinding conference schedule. Assistant Coach Meister is hoping the Hornets will step up to the challenge of playing in this system as well as bringing the daily intensity that is needed to compete in this league.

Tennessee Temple Tournament

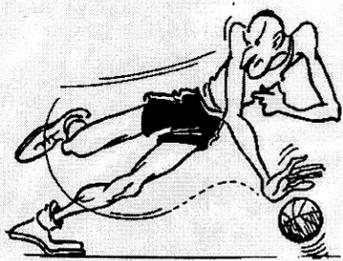
By CHRIS SEARS

The Hornets of Southern Polytechnic State University took their show on the road for the Tennessee Temple Basketball Tournament that was held on November 22&23. This was the Hornets first tournament of the year and it provided another good early season test for the SPSU team. In the first game of the tourney fort the hornets they were matched up against Barbar-Scotia. The hornets defeated them 60-42 with Alpha Gains leading the way. Alpha had **Twenty** points and seven rebounds in his most complete game of the year according to coach Perides. Helping Alpha out with the scoring were Carlos Bremudez with Fifteen points, Fred Frazier with seven points and five rebounds, and Cedric Jones with eight points. Casey George and Larry Walton continued to play excellent defense and showed leadership through out the game. An important part of the victory was the play of Fred Frazier, according to coach Perides "Fred does allot of the dirty work and plays great defense." These are thing that don't always show up in the stat sheet but are important to a team success.

The championship game pitted the host team, Tennessee Temple, against the Running Hornets of Southern Poly. The game proved to be close and extremely frustrating for the Hornets. Temple went to the free throw line **Seventeen** times as compared to the four time for Southern Poly. This definitely added to the home court advantage. Despite the adverse conditions the Hornets battled to stay close and had the game winning shot rim out in the closing seconds. The Hornets were then forced to foul Temple which proceeded to hit it's free throws and seal the game. Coach Perides was proud of the way his team held there composure when they were trailing and was pleased with the defensive effort.



Sweet moves with the ball help
Eric at point guard.



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Attention all Tennis players! The Southern Polytechnic State University Tennis Team is looking for students interested in playing tennis for the school. If you are interested, please contact Coach Lee Tucker at 528-7357 or drop by his office at E-201.

The Yankees Take It!!!

By CHRIS SEARS

There is a commercial on TV that says some days are better than others! This could not apply to any team more than the New York Yankees! This was a dream season for a team with perhaps the greatest history in baseball. The 1996 Yankees added the 23rd World Championship to the team record and the first since 1978. This year's team was a collection of hired guns, farm team products, and miracle comeback players.

The Yankees became the first team in World Series history to lose the first two games at home and then win the next four. Going into game three the Yankees were down 2-0, had been out-scored 16-1, and were dominated by the Braves pitching. Taking the mound in game three for the Yanks was David Cone the for Met who won it all in 1986.

This is the same David Cone five months earlier had been in Columbia Presbyterian having an aneurysm removed from his right shoulder. He was expected to be out for the season, but instead battled the high scoring Braves for six strong innings at the "Launching Pad" and defeating Tom Glavine for the must win Game 3.

After six innings the Yanks bullpen came in and shut the brave down. Game 4 proved to be a marathon game with the Yanks coming back from the second largest deficit in Series history to win an epic 10-8 ten inning game.

In Game 4 Joe Torre continued to make all the right moves with the Yanks lineup and out-managed Braves skipper Bobby Cox. Torre twice let his pitchers hit with men in scoring position so he wouldn't have to pinch hit for them. Torre used every pitcher in the bullpen and almost all of his bench players to secure the win.

With the series tied at two games apiece the Braves brought back their ace in John Smoltz to face the Yanks ace Andy Pettitte. The game proved to be a pitching duel with only one run being scored, and it being un-earned off a Grissom error. Pettitte matched Smoltz pitch for pitch and sent the series back to New York for game six with the Yanks hav-

ing swept the Braves in Atlanta and bringing a close forever to Atlanta Fulton County Stadium. The Yanks bullpen played a major role in this amazing comeback. The Braves batted .315 for the first six innings and .176 after that. John Wetteland was the series MVP for earning all four saves, and Rivera and his buddies in middle relief bailed out the Yankee starters when they needed help.

Back home in the Bronx, the Yanks closed out the team of the 90's and won the World Series in front of a raging crowd at famous Yankee Stadium. It was a classic end to a great World series that brought back the emotions of baseball and for awhile at least put the game in front of the politics and prob-



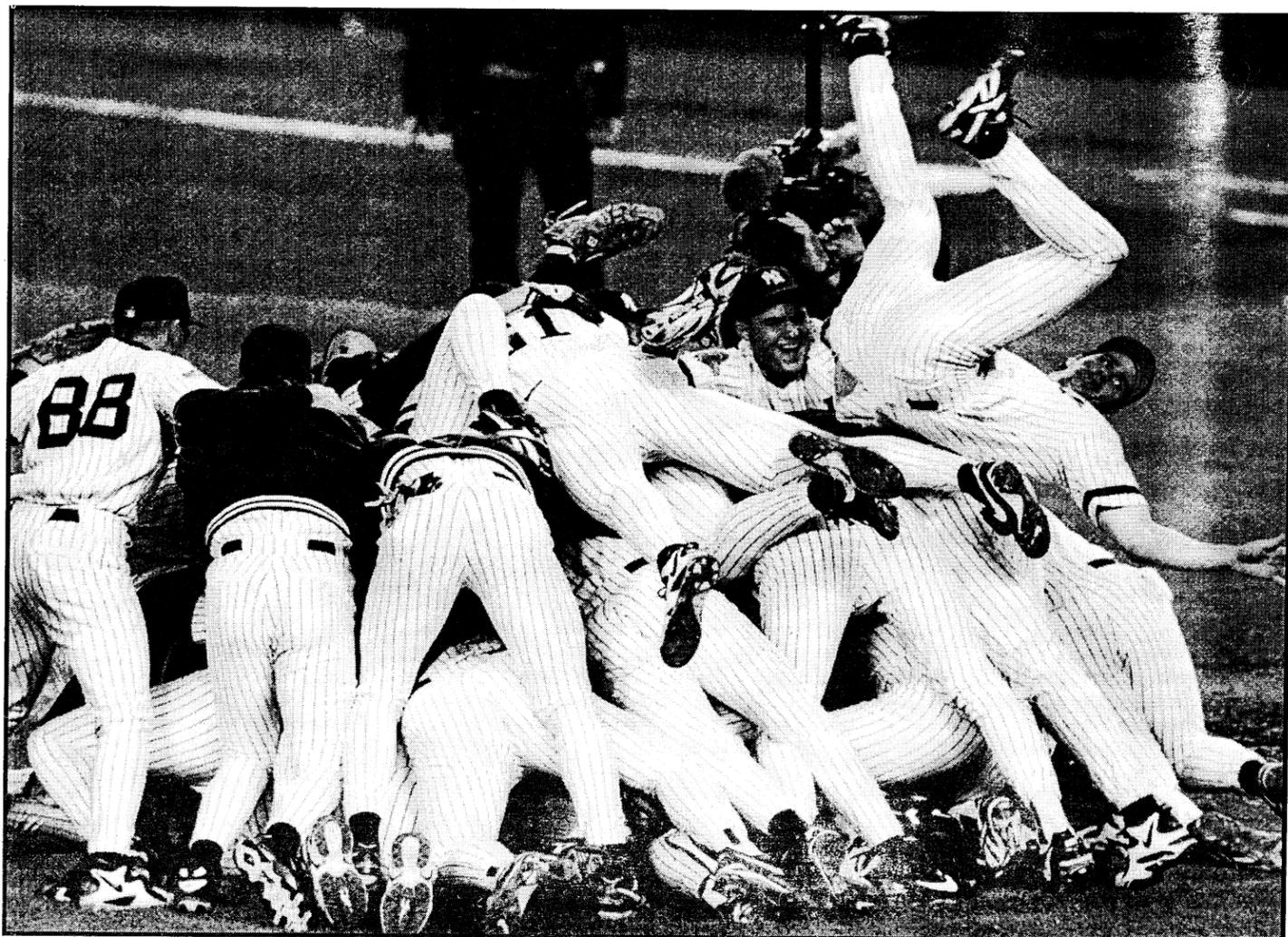
The 1996 - 1997 Southern Polytechnic State University Running Hornets! Head Coach George Perides Assitant Coach Andrew Meister (pictured)

lems that threaten to ruin it. The game of baseball shone bright and took its place as the Fall Classic once again and in one of the most hallowed places in baseball history.

There were many heroes for the Yanks this year: David Cone, Doc Gooden, Mariano Rivera, Jim Leyritz and others, but many will remember this as Joe Torre's triumph for all the family issues that surrounded him as well as his 2000 plus games in waiting to get to the World Series, many of those as Braves Manager. This truly was a Fall Classic to remember especially for the players and coaches of the New York Yankees.

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