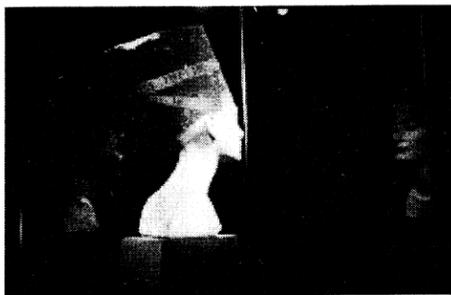
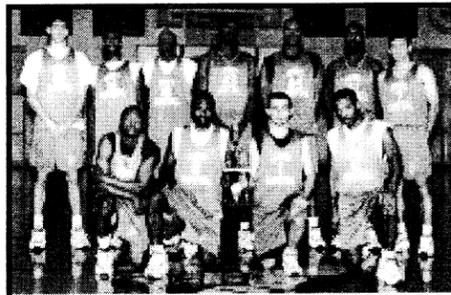




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1997: New Signs? New Fees? New Buildings?

By KEVIN MARKS

1997 is shaping up to be a banner year at Southern Polytechnic. Many projects are in the works or on the horizon, according to President Stephen Cheshier. Several topics were discussed with him during a recent one hour interview including changing all campus signs to reflect our new name, possible athletic fee increases, new buildings for academics and residence, and the athletics program in general.

Last year, image consultants decided on how to best market our university; logo changes can be seen around campus, but permanent signs have yet to be erected. According to President Cheshier, the sign review is still underway. The expected design for most campus signs (except the big entrance signs) will be a sleeved-type that can be easily interchanged as departments move about. "Our goal is to have signs installed by the end of Spring quarter," President Cheshier said. "However, cost considerations may push that date back. We won't know until the graphics work and cost estimates are completed."

The main campus signs are another matter as they must go through an architectural review. These signs are expected to include landscaping and a design that will provide a true "entrance". Once the design is approved, the costs will be considered. President Cheshier did not indicate when this would

occur, but he was hopeful that 1997 would see a completion of all sign changes.

Last quarter, *The Sting* reported on the possibility of athletic fee increases due to enforcement of a State policy requiring coaching salaries being paid by fees, rather than State money. President Cheshier admitted that it was perhaps ill-considered to allow our athletic fee program to continue without a fee increase for ten years. "That, coupled with the State 'suddenly' insisting that coaching salaries be self-funded caught us off guard," Cheshier said. "Consequently, adjustments will have to be made in order to maintain our current program, and in the future, we will consider incremental increases to offset inflation, etc.," he added. The current proposal will add about \$20 to full-time student fees, and about \$97 to part-time students who currently pay no student activity or athletic fee. President Cheshier agreed that some part-time students may find

this unacceptable but added that this would bring us in line with nearly all other institutions in the state.

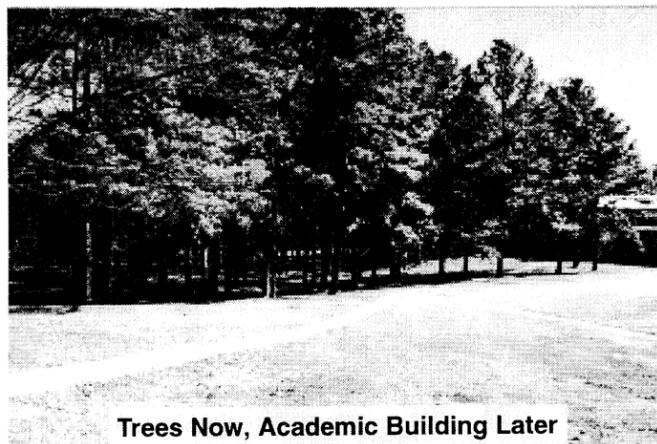
When questioned about the athletic program in general, President Cheshier stated that we would be faced with a decision to either maintain our current program or delete it entirely. "Making any incremental changes to our current program would not be feasible," he said. "We can either spend huge amounts of money to move from

N.A.I.A. to N.C.A.A. like many colleges have done, or do away with the program completely. We are currently at the lowest level of athletics that is conducive to our engineering environment." With this in mind, it is reasonable to assume that our athletics program is here to stay, at its current level. This means we will continue to field basketball, baseball, and tennis teams. President Cheshier also stated that the students brought into the athletics program nets the school thousands of State dol-

ars: Each and every student, athlete or non-athlete bring in three State dollars for every dollar of tuition paid. And, this fund matching occurs regardless of whether or not the student is on a scholarship, which applies to many of our athletes.

As far as school expansion is concerned, ground-breaking for the new Academic building is expected in late Spring. This new building will be located between Building H and the Textile & Apparel Building. The \$14 million building will house classrooms and department offices exclusively. "State money is set aside, and as soon as the bidding process ends, construction should begin," Cheshier said. The only hitch in the current plan lies with the site surveyors. There is apparently some discrepancy as to who owns the land. Since other buildings have been erected on the same land without ownership questions, this problem should be resolved soon," said Cheshier.

A new residence hall is also planned. Unlike any other in the system, this project will be privatized. This means that a private developer will build the facility to meet Regent standards. Using their own design, this builder will manage and maintain the building, collecting rents to pay for it, much as any commercial building off-campus would. After 20-25 years of debt service, the developer donates the facility to the college. Construction will hopefully begin later this year.



Trees Now, Academic Building Later

"Freshman Experience" Program In Full Swing at Southern Polytechnic

By KEVIN MARKS

The Freshman Experience is off and running at Southern Poly. Designed to provide assistance and training for students to be academically successful, it is headed by Deborah Shaw, and assisted by Cathy Dull.

Freshman-type programs are not new; many colleges nationwide have similar programs in place in an effort to help new students overcome the obstacles of college life. Our program was tailored by Ed Klein, Director of Housing and Residence Life, and Jeff Orr, Director of the Learning Resource Center. "We have a difficult curriculum and students may fall through the cracks. We wanted an intrusive program based upon cooperation," says Ed Klein.

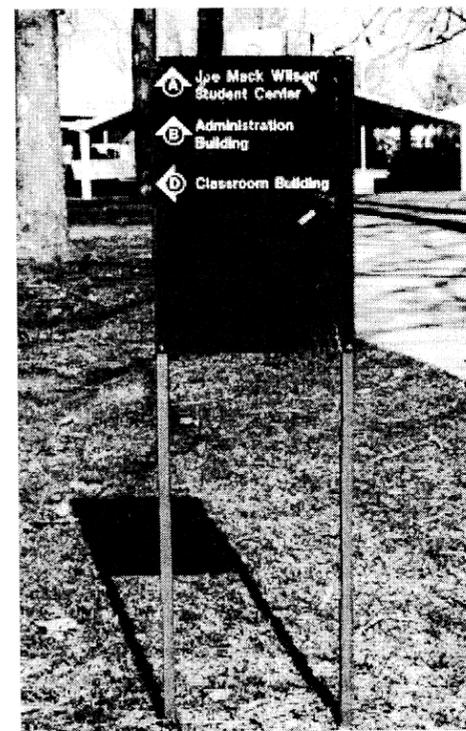
The Freshman Experience program -

in its second quarter - offers students mandatory tutoring, educational and social programs, individualized monitoring of academic progress, partnership with parents, special dorm accommodations and meal plan programs.

Tutoring is provided in the basic Math, English and Physics courses. Two hours per day of study are required (four days per week) for program participation. Additionally, students who participate in labs are required to sign in. Educational and social programs include Time Management, Alcohol and Drug Awareness, Home to College Transition, Dating, and several others. Parents are kept advised of a students' progress as required and a newsletter is also mailed. All participating students are housed in Howell Residence Hall and are on a meal program.

To enter the program, prospective students are required to sign a contract agreeing to the terms. Acceptance is on a first come, first serve basis. Currently, 80 slots are available with 62 students participating. In return, students have a dedicated staff of professionals to help them negotiate any obstacles that might arise. Enrollees are also encouraged to feedback their ideas, questions, and concerns to the program staff. To facilitate this, survey forms are prepared and administered to the students.

Future expansion is also being planned. This will include programs to help students become better acquainted with faculty, expanding joint programs with the Counseling Center and expanded tutoring. For more information, contact the Housing Office or Deborah Shaw.



Old Signs Now, New Signs Later

TEKES

Welcome to 1997, a new year at S.P.S.U., the year of the TEKES. Wait a minute, every year is the year of the TEKES.

First we would like say congratulations to the new officers of the XC chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon for 1997-1998 are as follows:



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| Historian: | Charles Bryan |
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Congratulations and good luck!

Second, we would like to wish a happy late birthday to Joe W. and a happy birthday to Joe H. and to Cory.

Some important dates to note are: Love The Loop on Jan. 25, and Candidate Ritual on Jan. 26.

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History of SPSU

New Programs, New Organization, New Problems

By DR. RICHARD BENNETT

When Southern Tech became a four-year school in 1970, it was the culmination of several years of preparation. For as many as five years, school officials had urged Regent consideration of changes taking place in the field of technological studies. In 1964, a policy requiring all new faculty to have completed at least their master's degree was implemented at the school, thereby making Southern Tech qualitatively similar to four-year schools. In a two-plus-two format, agreements were, for a time, made with a number of four year schools, whereby Southern Tech graduates could transfer with up to two years credit from Southern Tech, and finish their baccalaureate degree at one of these schools. Nevertheless, this was not a true Engineering Technology degree - which was the standard toward which industry and technological education were rapidly moving.

The new four-year program introduced at Southern Tech in 1970, leading to a true Engineering Technology degree, was a major step forward for the school, and somewhat traumatic in the changes and adjustments which needed to be addressed. For several years, prospective curriculum changes had existed on paper to accommodate the four-year degree, when and if approved. Now these had to be implemented. Due to transfer credit possessed by some students, it was projected that the first Engineering Technology degrees would be awarded by the end of the first full year of operation as a four-year school (i.e., 1971). In fact, in June 1971, the first baccalaureate degrees were awarded by Southern Tech.

New courses also had to be developed to enable students to complete their degrees. As a four-year school, it was necessary to accommodate the entire University System "core curriculum." In some ways, it was the new classes, mostly in the Arts and Sciences

spectrum, that in fact distinguished the Engineering Technology graduate from the technician. All of this, of course, meant new faculty, more difficulty scheduling classes, and bigger registration headaches for everyone. And the new areas of study also brought administrative reorganization.

Previously a branch of the Engineering Extension Division of Georgia Tech, the College of Engineering now assumed responsibility for Southern Tech. L.V. Johnson, former Director of Southern Tech and head of the Engineering Extension Division, was made Associate Dean of Engineering for Technology within the College of Engineering. At the same time the Engineering Extension Division was dismantled. Its continuing education activities became a separate division of Georgia Tech; its Industrial Education department, including the Fire Training Institute, were relocated to Southern Tech.

At Southern Tech, Hoyt McClure, Director since 1959, was made Associate Dean of the school, while the former acting-Dean of Georgia Tech's College of Engineering, Walter O. Carlson, was made Dean of Southern Tech. The result was an awkward and artificial situation prone to organizational difficulties from the start, and functioned only with some difficulty. One dean reported to another, and increased layers of bureaucracy were created between Southern Tech and the office of Georgia Tech's president. For a short time, everyone was busy making the transitions, but when Dr. Pettit became president of Georgia Tech in 1972, the situation began to become more problematic. A Georgia Tech man, Dr. Pettit seemed to perceive of Southern Tech as both secondary in quality, and as a rival to Georgia Tech's program. In the next several years, his use of the new bureaucracy would help fuel a drive for separation of the two schools.

More next time...

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Campus Activities

Counseling Center Info

Counseling Programs

We are happy to announce the following programs that are going to be offered winter quarter. The groups are available to any students, faculty, and staff interested in any one of the following topics. All of the discussions, except the one on January 30th, will be held in rm. 220 which is located on the second floor of the student center. Jan. 30 session will be held in the Counseling Center. SEE YOU THERE!

- Time Management: 1-15 & 1-16 12-1 pm
- Social Skills : 1-29 & 1-30 12-1 pm
- Relationships: 2-12 12-1 pm; 2-13 11-noon
- Dating Violence: 2-27 12-1 pm
- Stress Management: 3-13 12-1 pm
- Study Skills : 1-22 12-1 pm; 1-23 11-noon
- Stress Mgmt: 2-4 11am-noon; 2-5 12-1 pm
- Assertiveness: 2-19 & 2-20 12-1 pm
- Date Rape: 3-5 12-1 pm
- QUESTIONS??? CALL 528-7226

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Students can also use our services to gain knowledge about their preferred learning styles and their personality style. Sometimes students just want someone to listen, and we can do that, too.

In addition, we offer resources for students with learning disorders, ADD, and psychological disorders. We have a small lending library of self-help and career-search resources. And we present programs on a variety of topics (see our ad in this paper).

All counseling services are free and confidential.

We are located in the *Joe Mack Wilson* Student Center, upper level. Please feel free to stop by and get acquainted or call for an appointment at 528-7226.

SHYNESS

By: Kate Hartman

Has anyone ever asked, "Why don't you talk more?" Or has someone ever said "you're so quiet." For some people these words would not mean much because their silence means they've had a bad day or just don't feel like talking, but for a shy person, these words are a constant reminder of what they see as a flaw.

The important thing to remember is that we need characteristics of shy people because they are usually great listeners and if we didn't have listeners who would be there for all the talkers in the world? Shyness doesn't have to be permanent. There are many ways to work on one's communication skills and one of the best ways is to join a support group for shyness in which one may practice new skills in a nonthreatening environment.

The Counseling Center is going to offer a support group for shy people. The group will meet on Mondays, starting January 13th, from 12-1 in the Counseling Center. If you are interested or have any questions, please call Kate Hartman in the Counseling Center at 528-7226. Everyone is welcomed!

SHYNESS GROUP

- Who:** Anyone having trouble meeting people
- What:** A support group
- When:** Every Monday from noon to 1 pm
- Where:** In the Counseling Center located on the 2nd floor in Student Center
- Why:** To improve communication skills

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Only on the following Saturdays:
11:00 am to 2:00 pm

January 11, January 25 February 8, February 22, March 8

(2nd and 4th Saturday each month excluding finals and interim between quarters)
Call to verify limited hours during student holidays and interim between quarters.

- ◆ Part time, miscellaneous, internships, temporary and summer jobs are posted for and student interested. Information available on Lockheed's part time program. You must be registered with Career Services for Graduate and/or Alumni Placement and the Co-op Program. Students may register by attending the Placement or Co-op orientation, or by viewing the orientation videos, and also preparing their resume on a Resume Expert diskette (available at the college bookstore for \$21.20).
- ◆ For more information, see the receptionist or call 528-7391. Career Services is located in the lower level of Lowell Hall, Building S, at the street entrance.

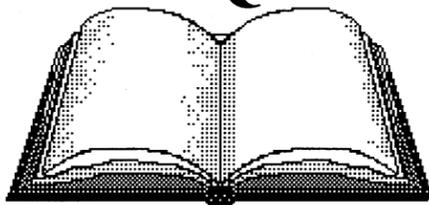
All students who have not been issued picture ID cards will be allowed to take photographs for the issuance of these ID's beginning Monday, January 27th through Friday, February 14, 1997. The schedule for taking ID photos is as follows: TIME: 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Last Name Begins With</u> |
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| Wednesday | 1/29 | C |
| Thursday | 1/30 | D |
| Friday | 1/31 | E & F |
| Monday | 2/03 | G |
| Tuesday | 2/04 | H |
| Wednesday | 2/05 | I, J, & K |
| Thursday | 2/06 | L |
| Friday | 2/07 | M |
| Monday | 2/10 | N & O |
| Tuesday | 2/11 | P, Q, & R |
| Wednesday | 2/12 | S |
| Thursday | 2/13 | T, U, & V |
| Friday | 2/14 | W, X, Y, & Z |

You must bring some form of ID with you to be issued an ID card. No ID = no card. Special arrangements must be made if all dates are missed.

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- Wednesdays 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**
- Thursdays 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**
- Fridays 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

Saturday Hours

11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday Hours

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Please clip this out and keep for future reference.

EDITORIALS

Societal Woes Spawn "Freshman Experience"

By KEVIN MARKS

The Freshman Experience is under way at Southern Polytechnic and not a quarter too soon. Considering the dilemmas, retention problems, and adjustments faced by freshmen, this program is long overdue.

Now, participating students will have a support group they may address for social and academic problems. This program is in place in universities nationwide and is now part of our experience.

That this program is a necessity speaks less than positive volumes about the current state of our society. Twenty years ago when I first attended a university, being a freshman did not include the possibility or necessity of a support group. This was mainly a function of my home life and the home life of the majority of freshmen: Stable, uncluttered, and an understanding of responsibility. Nowadays, life is woefully different as many freshmen come from "broken" or "alternative" family lifestyles.

Many will argue that the variance in lifestyle is a good thing. Others will not. Right or wrong, good or bad, it has given rise to the "new freshman": A less adjusted, frequently confused, and overwrought individual who is often unable to succeed without an extensive infusion of support. Enter "The Freshman Expe-

rience Program".

We have become a society of victims. No longer is responsibility the buzz word of the day; no longer is self-sustained thinking in vogue; no longer are we as a society capable of differentiating those who truly suffer from those who suffer from a deficiency of accountability and culpability. Enter "The Freshman Experience Program".

Please do not misunderstand me. I think the Freshman Experience is a GOOD thing. I only lament that its ubiquitous creation is a direct result of failing social mores, a crumbling of the foundation of youth self-esteem, and the irritating national sickness I call "blame-itis".

The good news is that these programs *do* come into being as a response to these less than noble characteristics. And as time marches on, I suspect we shall see a return to a more family-oriented, responsible society. Unfortunately, we must wait for the pendulum to swing the other direction toward better mental nurturing of our younger generation. As with all things, this too is cyclic; with many historical trends – when we do return to stronger values – it will occur at a level hitherto unseen in our society. This gives us hope. Certainly, the Freshman Experience is a positive step toward bridging the gap and hastening the pendulum's return path.

Roland's RAW Deal

Hello, Hornets I'm RAW and here's the deal with the world of sports. Anything that you need to know, I'm giving it to you RAW. First up, my Super Bowl prediction...There's not going to be any suspense in this matchup between the Green Bay Packers from the frozen tundra of Lambeau Field and the New England Patriots of the extra soft AFC East. Like Shannon Sharpe of the Broncos said, "President Clinton, please send the National Guard, the Army, and the Navy to New Orleans, the Patriots d-fense is getting slaughtered!!"... The real mystery here is who told Capt. Kirk to start the self-destruct sequence on the U.S.S. Jacksonville. The last 6 minutes of the Jax - New England game made the Jacksonville faithful feel like Falcon fans. The one bright spot in this game, despite the pics, was Mark Brunell. This guy is no question one of the top six QB's in the league. Why? The guy is one of the premier competitors in the game, Jax will always be competitive as long as he is at the controls. This team is a pass rusher away from being the best team in the AFC. On the other hand, my beloved Falcons are 45 players away from being a decent college team, because Valdosta State is the best football team in the state of Georgia... Nobody really thought Carolina had the proverbial snowball chance in ... well you know. The Panther offense was just way to conservative, they remind me of Saints of the late 80's. The Falcons didn't offer Bobby Ross half of Gwinnett and Hall county, so we won't be going to the Super Bowl in the next three years; unless...offer the counties to Steve Spurrier or Rick Neuheisel (Colorado);

trade down in the draft for two first round picks;

draft Dwayne Rudd (Alabama) and Danny Wuerffel; run the old Redskin power-I; hire Jim Mora to coach the defense; Please do not draft Peyton Manning, he cannot help.

Enough football! If the 1996-97 NBA Champs is the question, the Houston Rockets are the answer.

Ah Ah Ah, the Bulls are a great team, but that frontcourt can and will be exploited by a team with a superior mental approach; enter the Rockets. Charles Barkley is the greatest overachieving baller of all time. He has no moves, no quickness, no size, just consistency and a superior mental approach. The Lakers can't make free throws and Shaq has won one game in his career versus Hakeem Olajuwon. The Sonics will not recover from their bad start. Start placing your bets now, the Rod-man will be kicked of the Bulls before the year is out. The Hawks are for real, this team is a small forward away from being the best team in the East. Laugh now, but I know basketball this team will be at least Conference semi finalists. Dikembe Mutombo is the best Atlanta sports acquisition since Fred McGriff...Tubby Smith is the second best, the Dawgs are a poor man's Kentucky Wildcats this team is extremely difficult to prepare for. Watch out again in the tournament. Prediction... Wake Forest wil go undefeated and win it all. The rest of the ACC is a joke including Duke and Carolina.

I have one question, answer this 5 years from now, "Is Tiger Woods the best golfer the game will ever know?" Yes. If anyone has any questions, e-mail me a rwithers@sct.edu.

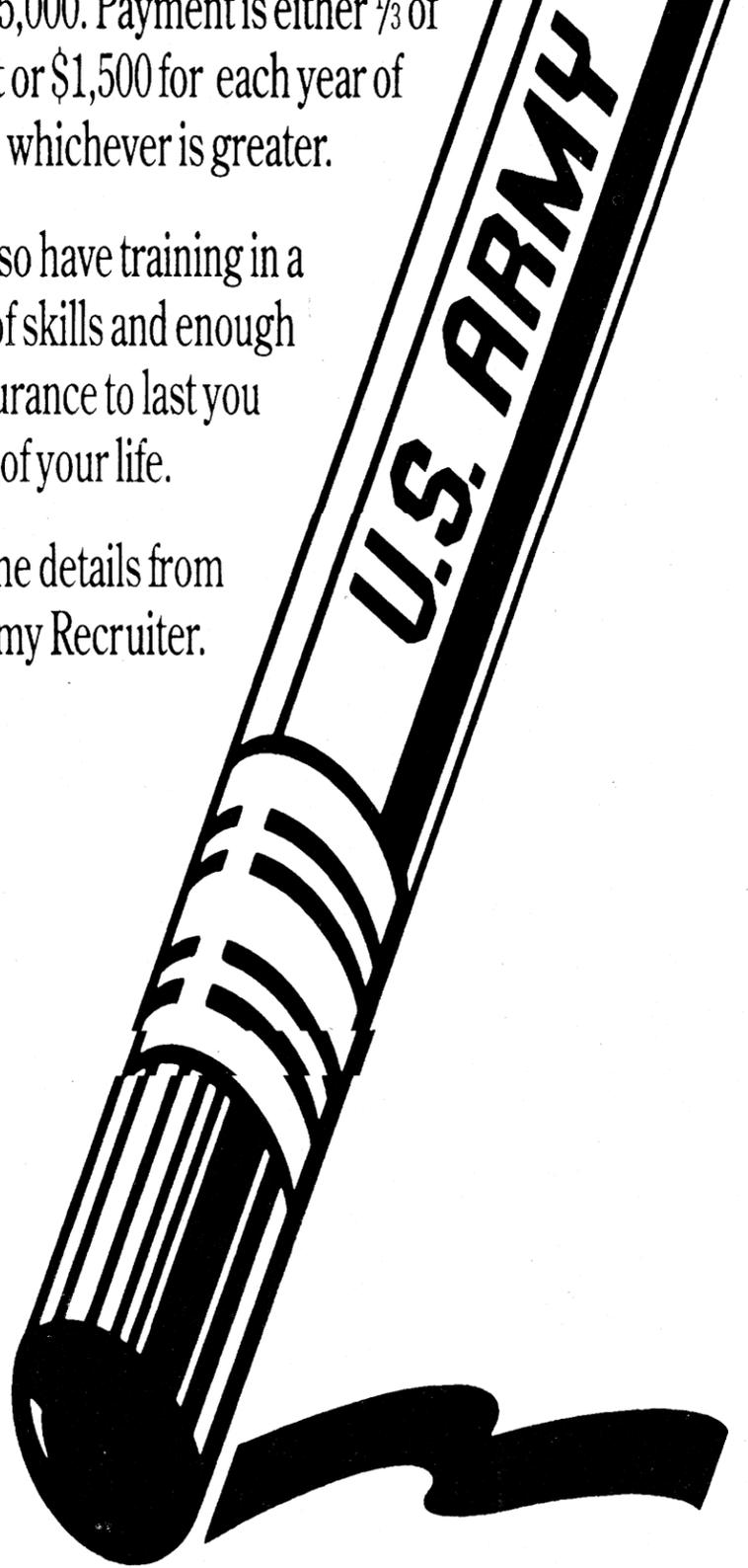
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Student PROFILE

By
**LINDA
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As a student at Southern Polytechnic State University, I have met many interesting students. One of the most interesting students on campus is Terry Ruper. Ms. Ruper is a student in the Computer Science Department. The dean of the department, Dr. Murphy, told me she would be an excellent candidate to be profiled.

Terry is a senior; more important, she is a returning student, absent more than 20 years. Among her many achievements are nominee of "Who's Who" for college students of America, an artist, an excellent student in the Computer field, a good wife, and a warm-hearted elder sister to her classmates affectionately known as "Mom". Currently she is working in the CS project lab, furthering the mission of helping her fellow students.

From our three hour conversation, I found out that Terry had an extraordinary quality to attract people. There is always a smile in her eyes, and her voice is choked with sincerity and modesty. "I was always known as a bubbly person, real nice, quite, but real nice," said Terry. "I think that is my personality. I am always up and happy. And I like people to feel warm and welcomed no matter who they are," continued Terry.

I believe Terry could be a qualified manager of a customer service department in companies since she likes to 'mingle with people'. Terry must have secret threads of communication with people. According to Terry, she has made a lot of friends in all walks of life. Terry has given away items to people in need, such as quilts, blankets, and furniture. Because she loves people, her ultimate goal is to help people. "I want to devote time to homeless people. I want to de-

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Terry arouses my curiosity. Why does she love people so much? Why did she decide to study computer science if her ultimate goal is to help people? How did she remain in the same marriage for more than 25 years? Why doesn't she have a child? How did she study and overcome the difficult courses like calculus, and how did she outgrow shyness as well? Terry satisfied my curiosity.

Terry was born in Evansville, Indiana, in 1951. She moved around the country with her family and met her husband in North Carolina at the age of 12. They have known each other since then, and remained married today. Terry started her college education in 1990. Terry

recalled an interesting story of her first day in computer class. She said it went as follows:

Teacher: "Students, please turn on the computer in front of you."

Terry: "How, where is the button?"

Young man next to Terry: "Here it is, turn on this button."

Terry: "What did I do, I lost my screen. I want it back." turning to the young man.

Young man: "Why do you want it back? Do it this way."

Terry: "What did I do wrong?" Terry asked sadly.

Young man: "Hey, you don't know anything, do you!"

This is how Terry started her computer course. Two years later, Terry got her associates degree in computer science at DeKalb College, graduated with the highest honors. "It's not at all easy for me after being out of school for twenty years. I do not remember how much time I have spent studying. Age is not a consideration, it is just a matter of learning."

In 1995, Terry transferred to SPSU. Her most difficult course was math, a challenge to most students. I asked Terry how she overcame the difficulties in math. "In math, if you solve a problem, you can get to the answer, and you understand the fundamental steps. But if you do not know how to start, and missed some of the steps you didn't know... these are the points we should focus on. In math, I need to see all of the little details from beginning to the end. I am not strong in math. I need to see all of them. Once I see them all, I can understand them. Most students missed little steps along the way, which delayed their understanding. Math is hard, but if you know exactly where you are, you can overcome the difficulties and have fun with it. If I can do it, anybody can do it," said Terry.

Terry's philosophy in study is to take your time. "You will naturally learn by repeating. Read your materials, books, and notes before and after class." Grade is not only the judge, it cannot determine the future of a person. To get a good grade is important, but to understand what you learn is much more important. Terry used to bring a tape recorder with her in some classes that she found difficult. "The more you hear something, the more it sinks in." She usually spends an hour before and after each class reading books and reviewing notes. "It takes discipline to do so. I lived far away from SPSU, about 51 miles one way drive. If I want to study, I come to school early and stay in the library the whole day."

When we talk about the school and the professors of SPSU, Terry kept telling me how excellent our professors were and how professors help and encourage her in her study. Since this is a well-known fact, I switched our topic to her marriage.

"My husband is a warm-hearted Vietnam veteran. He is not Mr. Popularity, but a good

man who believes in helping people, too. I don't have a husband who doesn't want to work. He works all the time. We care and love each other, and I don't demand anything from him. Somebody once asked me, if I had secrets to share with them for being married and staying married for 25 years." She feels that in order for a marriage to be successful, there should be mutual respect and not to make any unrealistic demands on each other. "We all have the freedom; we both can be what we want to be and do what we want to do. I never tell him what to do and what not to do. I just give my opinion and suggestions if I have to. When we married we couldn't even afford a TV

set, we connected by love."

Terry told me they are not targeting for fame and big money, but for helping people. Terry's essay, *Who is the Person You Admired Most?*, written for the Regents Test, was selected as a model essay. The essay was written about her husband and their relationship. "To keep a good relationship with a husband is not an easy thing to do. But a good relationship makes you feel happy, welcome, and cared about."

Terry will graduate in the summer of 1997. Terry's example of success in study and life not only inspires non-traditional students, but also traditional students to pinpoint their targets. In the words of a learned person, "Mental obstacles are the only barriers to success. Seek out what is new and different, turn the unproductive hours into time well spent and turn self-doubts into self-assurance. Only in this way can one reach her goal successfully." Maybe that sounds like a propaganda statement, but in reality all success is in the mind of the successor. It is my opinion that Terry is a true successor. She is able to succeed in a educational pursuits, marriage commitment and has an unstoppable personality.

"You will naturally learn by repeating. Read your materials, books, and notes before and after class."

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The Matt Column

By MATT THOMAS

Well it's a new year and by now, most people have probably already broke their new years resolutions. Congratulations if you haven't.....anyway, I am the Metal Music Director and a proud D.J. for WGHR 102.5 FM here on campus (maybe you remember my baby picture in a past issue of the Sting). I have previously done record reviews for the Sting, but this is a new column that I am starting. You might be wondering where I got the simple uncreative title for this column. Well, about eight months ago when I started as a D.J., I had a title for my show that was suggested to me by someone else. After awhile, the title got kinda cheesy so I dropped it. I never renamed my show, but all my friends affectionately called it "The Matt Show." The name stuck and it has been that way ever since. So I thought the title of my new column should be none other than the "The Matt Column."

You might also be wondering what this new column is going to be about. This column is going to be focusing on what's new in the area of Hardcore, Punk, and Metal music. My job as a music director entitles me to advance information from record labels and bands nationwide, in this column I can now pass it on to you. It is hard to find information on this type of underground music here in Georgia (believe me it is very hard). So hopefully this column will give you information that you can't find in your typical corporate rock magazine.

I guess since this is the first installment of my column, I will tell you a little bit about what has gone on with myself in the past year or so. I have been a D.J. for WGHR since May of 1996. I have been Metal Music Director since the middle of September. The last four months of the year were unbelievable. I was able to go to concerts left and right including such names as Korn, Brutal Truth, Pantera, Neurosis, Social Distortion, H2O, Godflesh, Acid Bath, Pro-Pain, Orange 9mm, Floodgate, The Urge, Biohazard, Manhole, Type O Negative, Crisis, Hate War Violence, Tool, Marilyn Manson, Local H.....blah,blah,blah.....etc. Anyway this past year has definitely been a blast, especially with everything I've done with the radio station.

I had a very valuable opportunity to do an over the phone interview with Rey from Downset. And most recently I had the rare (very rare) opportunity of doing an over the air interview on my show with the one and only Glenn Danzig. By the way my show is on Tuesday nights from 8-11P.M.

Maybe you have seen our flyers on campus bulletin boards created by WGHR's very own "Industrial Pollution" host Dave Stone (His

show is Monday nights at 8:00). Or maybe you haven't seen them, but anyway, Tuesday nights is when my show is. I have met people and made friends with people that were just simply listeners and called me on a weekly basis. In fact, I am making a road trip with some of them to Birmingham, Alabama for the Vision of Disorder/Earth Crisis show.

I guess now would be a good time to let you know what has and will be coming up in the future musically. Look for new releases January 14 from Cause For Alarm and Guilt, both on Victory Records. Also coming up sometime in February will be a new Sick Of It All album, the present release date for the S.O.I.A. is February 11th. Machine Head's new album is due for release in February as well. Some past releases that I highly recommend from 1996 are the self titled release from Vision of Disorder on Roadrunner, Focal Point's "Suffering of the Masses" on Tooth and Nail Records, Earth Crisis' "Gomorrah's Season Ends" on Victory, Faction Zero's "Liberation" and Maximum Penalty's "For Better, For Worse", both on IJT (idjit) Records, as well as the new Age 9 called "Gross Times" on Resurrection A.D. These are great new hard-core releases. In fact, I picked the Vision of Disorder record as the best release of 1996. Many of these releases are very hard to find but I have the record label information if you are interested in these other hard to find releases. Just feel free to stop by the radio station located in the student center and ask for me. I am usually around all the time, especially on Mondays and Wednesdays. I will be happy to help you out.

Also, if you have any contributions to the my column (information on new labels, bands, etc.) definitely stop by. And finally, for those people who don't know much about the music or are interested in the more underground, independent music but don't know where to hear it on the radio, definitely check out my show on Tuesday nights at 8:00 P.M.

Well this has been the first installment of "The Matt Column", I promise that future columns will be more about the music and less about me. Thanks for reading and happy listening. Upcoming concerts are listed below. Stay tuned for giveaways.

Thu. Jan 30-Rev. Horton Heat/N.Y. Loose
The Masquerade
Mon. Feb 3-Goldfinger/Reel Big Fish/Blue Meanies
The Masquerade
Fri. Feb. 14-Stuck Mojo/24-7 Spyz
The Masquerade
Sat. Feb. 15-Local H -The Masquerade
Sat. Feb. 22-Broken Hope/Vadar/Montrocity
The Masquerade

Radio Personalities

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| 6a | rotation | | | | | | |
| 7a | rotation | | | | | | |
| 8a | BRIAN | AND | THE | BAD | SEED | | |
| 9a | | | | | | | |
| 10a | retro remix | STRANGE... | retro remix | ...NOISES? | retro remix | Diva | bob |
| 11a | Brady | the ZOO | Brady | the ZOO | Brady | LaRee | apn college radio the big backyard |
| 12n | | | | | | | |
| 1p | CHELLE | NOISE! | CHELLE | NOISE! | CHELLE | | gibby |
| 2p | Professor | Southern | Professor | Southern | Professor | knooptime | |
| 3p | Guy | Poly-Rednecks | Guy | Poly-Rednecks | Guy | | Soft Rock |
| 4p | The "R" Show | Spec. Ring than Clarity | The "R" Show | Spec. Ring than Clarity | The "R" Show | | I LIKE MIKE |
| 5p | | | | | | | |
| 6p | SAX & JAZZ | pot luck dinner | SAX & JAZZ | pot luck dinner | pot luck dinner | | SLUDGE |
| 7p | | | | | | | |
| 8p | INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION | | One Little Girl and Boy | supersonic | supersonic | Hornets Basketball | various states |
| 9p | PHUSE BOX | SLUDGE | PIPER | PAUL'S BOUTIQUE | Cure for Insomnia | the House Vibes | the late late show |
| 10p | | | | | | | |
| 11p | groove | | liquid groove | | | | |
| 12m | blender | | d.j. of the week | | | | |
| 1a | rotation | | | | | | |
| 2a | rotation | | | | | | |
| 3a | rotation | | | | | | |
| 4a | rotation | | | | | | |
| 5a | rotation | | | | | | |

Metro: Eddie Cruises

By BRETT BENEDETTI

Are you looking for action and comedy? Metro has your number. The "hero" of the movie, Scot Roper (Eddie Murphy), is a San Francisco hostage negotiator. The plot of the movie starts when Scot and another investigator proceed to a suspects apartment. Scot stays in the car while the other goes up to the apartment to question the suspect. The suspect kills the detective and hauls butt, leaving Scot with a personal vendetta.

The movie is full of one-liners and funny cuts. Eddie Murphy uses his "comical charm" to entertain the audience and keep the movie

going. But we can't forget about the action, right? One chase scene takes place on the streets of San Francisco where Scot and his partner are chasing a street car out of control (crashing through traffic and piling through cars), just another Desire to ride a street car.

Metro is not a Beverly Hills Cop nor the same character rather a new dimension to the roles of Eddie Murphy. The plot was slightly thin and predictable and the "partner" barely supports Eddie's role, he is just a "back seat driver" that everybody ignores. Other than that, I enjoyed the movie. If you like Eddie Murphy, you will like Metro

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One Fine Day Soars



By BRETT BENEDETTI

One Fine Day was one fine movie. Staring Michelle Pfeiffer and George Clooney, the movie takes place during one day in New York City. The movie starts out when Jack Taylor's, (Clooney), ex-wife asks him to take care of his daughter while she goes on her honeymoon. She reminds Jack that his daughter is going on a field trip the next day. And, he needs to meet Melonie Parker, (Michelle Pfeiffer), and her son at her apartment so she can take the children to the field trip. Jack forgets about taking his daughter to Melonie's apartment. This, in turn, causes both children to miss the bus that was heading towards the docks. Rushing to the docks, Jack chooses the wrong boat and both children miss their field trip. In the confusion, Jack and Melonie have their cell phones switched—which makes the plot interesting.

A few scenes that stick out in my mind are

Mars Attacks!

By KEVIN BRYAN

The cast of celebrities seems endless. Jack Nicholson as the President! Glenn Close as his wife! Other appearances by Michael J. Fox, Danny DeVito, Martin Short, Pierce Brosnan, Paul Winfield, Rod Steiger, Christina Applegate, Jim Brown — even Tom Jones shows his face! This must be great, right?

Wrong.

What an incredible waste of talent. From start to finish, I laughed twice. Briefly. I'll laugh at close to anything, but there was simply nothing laughable about this wanna-be spoof of Independence Day.

The premise is that Martians come to Earth and start kicking out butt. I'll leave you to figure out the rest.

Surprisingly, the biggest standout is the Martians themselves. Whoever animated them did a superlative job of making them seem like they were really standing beside the actors.

A real surprise is Jim Brown's sons. If you are somehow fooled into seeing this movie, watch out for them. They are a refresh-

Melonie and Jack, arguing about Melonie's need for help in her life. She tells Jack that he blames others for his "Peter Pan Complex"; Jack comes back by saying she has a "Captain Hook Complex". Another scene takes place in a taxi, while they were rushing to the docks. Jack blatantly allows Melonie to see the article that he writes for a newspaper. She rudely tells him she already has an opinion about him. Setting him off, Jack pretends to call his "girl friend" and asks her what is she wearing: "Pink panties," He says. Melonie tries to ignore the comment, but you can see the aggravation in her eyes.

Melonie and Jack are so much alike and different at the same time like two sides of a coin. If one comes up with a witty retort or comment, the other matches it. Just like Bonnie and Clyde, Sonny and Cher, and Reagan and Bonzo, these two are a match made in heaven. The movie is filled with wit and humor and romance. It is not a Romeo and Juliet movie where the two people fall in love at first sight, but a more down to earth and up to date film. The chemistry between the two actors is superb; even mistakes, if any, were ingeniously covered up. This is a modern day love story that is well written, directed, and acted. Upon leaving the movie theater many people said the movie was "cute", "entertaining", and "fun". This is a great movie to see with your significant other or friends. It receives an eight out of ten.

ing breath of air and lend vitality to an otherwise dead movie.

Another standout is Rod Steiger as General Bunker (get name here). He shrugs and eye-rolls his way through his role admirably. His "Attack! Kill! Kill! Kill!" line is destined to be heard at the startup of Windows on computers across the nation.

Jack Nicholson has multiple roles, but all are wasted on his completely over-the-top acting. Come to think of it, Steiger probably acted the way he did to compete with Nicholson for the limelight.

The whole problem seems to be the lack of a point. The whole movie chugs along from start to finish as if they expect you to supply your own jokes and character interactions along the way. Most of the actors were sleep-walking through their roles (take note, Pierce), and the mildly dazzling special effects don't make up for this obvious lack.

This is one movie that begs for the dollar-and-a-half theater, and will probably do well as a rental. It'll fit right in with all those other B-movies it thought it was mocking.

And for the record, Jim Brown's sons got both laughs.

Help! Help! Madonna Is Slowly Dehydrating

By RAY SMITH

It's a cold Monday afternoon and like a fool I decide to see "EVITA", a new musical film starring Madonna. The theater was warm, comfortable and acoustically perfect. The film was long, tiring and acoustically inferior. My editor says that I never enjoy anything and that I hate the world. Its' not that I hate the world, dear editor; its' that I hate films that waste peoples' hard earned money. If I can save one student the price of admission to such travesties as "EVITA", my job is not in vain.

"EVITA" is the story of Eva Peron' the first lady of Argentina in the late forties. The film chronicles in song her rise from poverty to riches. "EVITA" was first a musical play written by Andrew Lloyd Weber and Tim Rice. It was a wonderful play and an abortion as a film.

You, the public, are saying, "but what was so bad about the film." Unfortunately, I'm only provided with enough space to critique its' overall appearance or I would take you back ten years to when Madonna started

campaigning for the role. Oh, what the hell, lets' go back ten years. It's 1985-86 and Madonna is famous. She is at the top of the charts and has even won critical acclaim for the film "Desperately seeking Susan" and like Evita (Eva Peron), she is twenty-six. However, that was ten years ago. Madonna is no longer twenty-six and a lot of water has gone under the bridge. It's a shame that some of that water didn't splash onto Madonna's face. She looked no more twenty-six than Eva Peron would if we dug her up from her grave. In fact, the film probably would have been much better with a real corpse in the lead than Madonnas' portrayal of the late, great Eva Peron.

Are there any highlights to this film? The answer is "yes". Antonio Banderas was very moving as Che. The role called for a masculine rebel which Mr. Banderas has played in practically every film he's ever made. He stole the picture. I did not say he was great, but compared to Madonna he was phenomenal. Wait for the video and make sure you have ten people watch it with you to get your moneys' worth from the rental.

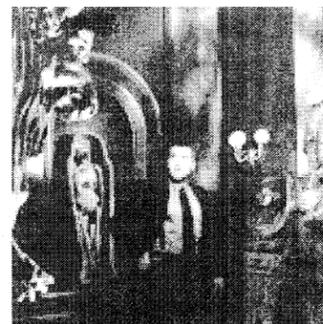
Name Says It for The Relic

By CHARLES BANTON

Do you want entertainment? Do you want to be scared, but not so bad that you think about it later that night? The type of scared that you might laugh about after the initial shock, because it was sooooo fake. *The Relic* will not strain your already overworked brain, but it is creative. Let me warn you now: Do not try to figure this thing out or try to explain it because there are to many things that just don't make sense in this movie. Like if you were lowering your buddies down with a rope into a dark cave and you heard the first one get eaten by a bear would you lower another one? I don't think so. Here's another one: You lock yourself in a room with a monster that you know is going to kill you, instead of going with the beautiful damsel in distress who is begging you to stay with her. I don't think anybody is that stupid. Even the damsel thought it was stupid. It's not an *Aliens* but it is scary enough to make you hold your breath twice.

Enough of the engineer's approach, now for the guts of the movie (pun was intended).

A scientist sends a package to the museum he works at and suddenly dead people



start showing up everywhere. Blood and guts, oh my! The most entertaining character is a Chicago cop played by Tom Sizemore. His biggest personal problem is losing a custody battle to his ex-wife over his dog; this plagues him throughout the entire movie. The main character played by Penelope Ann Miller is the snotty, but pretty scientist who eventually joins the cop in the battle against this, ah, thing. That's the only way to describe it. It isn't human and I don't think it would be considered animal either.

The bad "guy" keeps them guessing for awhile but in the end the good guys win, don't they? Maybe, maybe not, I can't tell you that. Go see it yourself. The budget conscious student won't be missing anything if they wait for the video and can hook it up to a sound system for the "real" movie experience at home.

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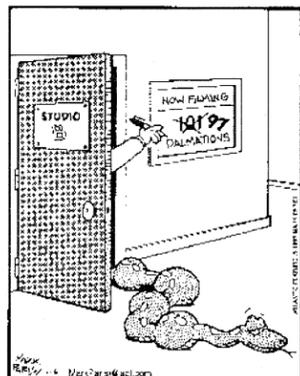
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Weather Information

Deciding which TV weather forecaster is actually right can be a hazardous winter-time activity. Deciding whether to head for campus or stay put at home is somewhat easier. Most of metropolitan Atlanta's broadcast stations give regular school and business updates when winter weather threatens safety and, sometimes, sanity on the highways.

Southern Polytechnic's Public Relations Department promptly notifies selected radio and television stations of changes in campus activities after decisions are made to delay or cancel classes and regular department hours. Although there are sometimes mistakes or delays in updating information on air, due to numerous calls coming in simultaneously to harried personnel at stations, information is generally timely and accurate. Participating stations maintain a confidential code communication system designed to prevent unauthorized sources from providing information.

The following stations are on such a no-

tification system and are contacted by Southern Polytechnic's Public Relations Department. In case of weather conditions that could affect campus activity, please tune in to these stations for updates on a regular basis. Special attention is given to having information available in the early morning, noon and late evening news hours.

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WPCH (94.9)

WGHR (102.5 FM) - campus radio station

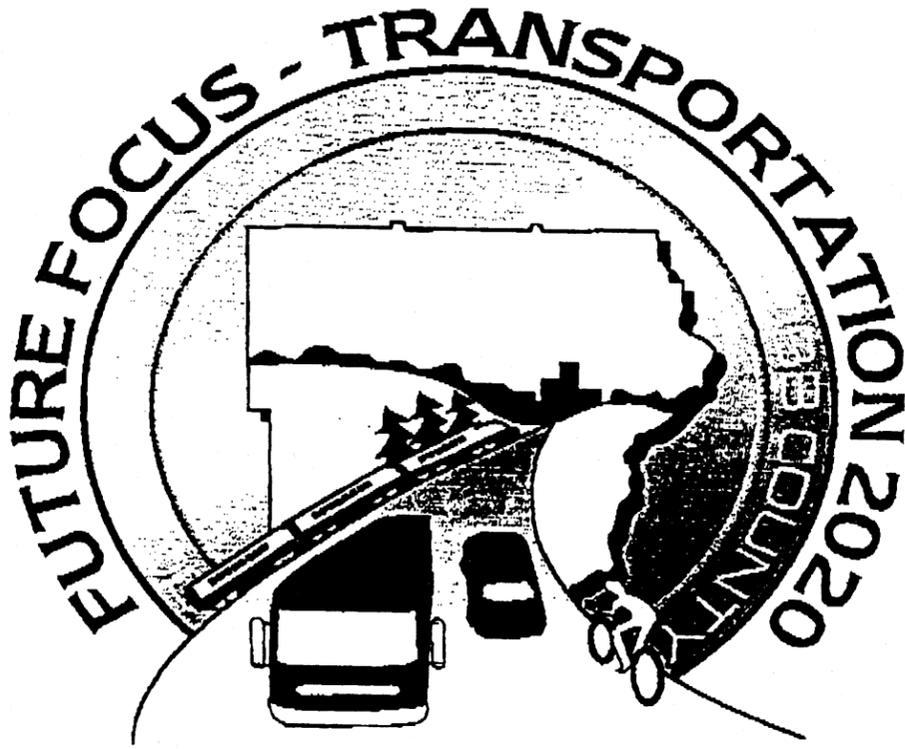
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◆ Cobb County Department of Transportation has recently started a two year effort to develop a Comprehensive Transportation plan for Cobb County.

◆ The Plan will help determine the type of transportation system needed to serve our county's future travel needs to year 2020.

◆ A first round of public meetings will be held throughout the county in January to provide information on the Plan and to obtain initial input on the issues.

◆ Please come out to any of the meetings

listed and tell us what you feel is important and what you'd like to see in Cobb's transportation future.

◆ Come to one of the meetings or call DOT's Planning Section at (770) 528-1679. Meetings will be held on Tuesday, January 21st at 7 P.M. at the East Cobb Government Service Center 440 Lower Roswell Rd., Marietta and on Thursday January 23rd at 7 P.M. at the Central Library 266 Roswell St., Marietta.

Did You Know?

The Regents' Testing Program web site has been designed to provide information of interest to students, faculty, essay raters, and the general public. The following features are included:

- ✓ a short practice version of the Regents' Reading Test that provides a scale score
- ✓ a full-length version of the Regents' Reading Test with instructional feedback
- ✓ the complete list of topics used on the essay test
- ✓ Regents' testing Program policies and manuals
- ✓ the complete set of instructions and materials for new essay raters

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<http://www.gsu.edu/rtp>

News Release

The 1997 edition of *WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES* will include the names of 42 students from Southern Polytechnic State University who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

They join an elite group of students from more than 1,900 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934.

Students named this year from Southern Polytechnic State University are:

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| 1. Mr. Rodney Ellis Abney | 11. Mr. Roderick Dominic Cloud |
| 2. Mr. Kristoffer K. Allegood | 12. Mr. Matthew Shane Duke |
| 3. Mr. Jason Matthew Bartram | 13. Ms. Pi-Fen Ellwood |
| 4. Mr. Adrian Kenoi Baskin | 14. Mr. John C. Goss |
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| 6. Mr. Michel J. Bittar | 16. Mr. Eugene E. Hracho |
| 7. Mr. Eric M. Bowden | 17. Ms. Roxanna Y. Jefferson |
| 8. Mr. Ashley Deon Carr | 18. Mr. Russell Lee Jones |
| 9. Ms. Susan C. Cate | 19. Mr. Yasuhiro Kimura |
| 10. Mr. Christopher M. Christian | 20. Mr. Clinton A. Lowe |
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| | 30. Ms. Terri A. Raper |
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| | 32. Ms. Mary Curry Reffitt |
| | 33. Ms. Amy E. Roberts |
| | 34. Ms. Ginger J. Sabine |
| | 35. Mr. Edward Conrad Schneider |
| | 36. Mr. John T. Schuler |
| | 37. Ms. Jody Lane Snow |
| | 38. Mr. Jonathan Keith Ussery |
| | 39. Mr. Sean D. Wells |
| | 40. Ms. Lera Andre' Whitener |
| | 41. Mr. Abraham Cleopas Wright |
| | 42. Mr. Joseph B. Wyatt |

Student Loan Info

There's a new line of private, supplemental loans available which will make borrowing for college nearly as simple as signing on the dotted line. Sallie Mae, the nation's first and last name in education financing, has affixed its autograph to the Signature Education Loan Program, which provides students and their families with a low-cost, convenient source of funds so that borrowers can meet all of their college financing needs at one time, in one place, and with one application package. It is the only nationally available alternative loan program of its kind.

Recognizing that federal loan programs have not kept pace with tuition, Sallie Mae has introduced the Signature Education Loan Program to help meet rising borrower needs. Available through a national network of private lenders, the program enables borrowers to package their Federal Stafford Loans with private loans, giving them access (sometimes without a cosigner) to the full amount they need for college, less any other financial aid they are eligible to receive.

One of the unique features of this alternative loan program is its portability. Signature Education Loan Program borrowers who transfer schools or go on to graduate school can continue to borrow through participating lenders and subsequently have all of their loans from the Signature Education Loan Program — federal and private supplemental — serviced as one account. That means borrowers not only have the ease of just one monthly payment, but because the loans are serviced by Sallie Mae, students are eligible for the full array of Sallie Mae borrower benefits, flexible repayment options and around the clock customer service.

The most popular loan within the Signature Education Loan Program family is the Signature Student Loan, which is available to students at all four-year colleges and universities. The Signature Education Loan Program application package conveniently includes both a Federal Stafford and a Signature Student Loan application. Even more convenient: at hundreds of approved schools, eligible up-

perclassmen and graduate students do not need a cosigner to apply.

At 200 selected graduate schools, students pursuing a variety of health careers are eligible for the Signature Health Loan. Credit-ready students pursuing graduate-level studies in allopathic medicine, dentistry, osteopathic medicine, podiatry, veterinary, medicine, optometry, and pharmacy can obtain private loans to supplement the \$18,500 that most graduate students can borrow in Stafford loans. Cosigners are not generally required.

In its first six months, the Signature Education Loan Program has provided more than \$15 million to students at close to 350 schools. Its portability, convenience, and borrower benefits have also made it a popular alternative loan for students attending schools participating in the Federal Direct Lending program. One such borrower benefit is the Signature Students' Rewards Program, which reduces a borrower's interest rate by a 1/2 percent for the remaining Signature loan term after the first 48 payments toward the private loan are made on time.

Similarly, Stafford borrowers participating in the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) through Sallie Mae lenders and who establish a good repayment record can qualify for Sallie Mae's Great Rewards and Great Returns Programs. With these programs, borrowers who make on-time payments can lower borrowing costs with reduced interest rates and rebated origination fees. And all borrowers are eligible for Sallie Mae's Direct Repays' Plan, which cuts 0.25% of the interest rate when monthly payments are made electronically from a borrower's bank account.

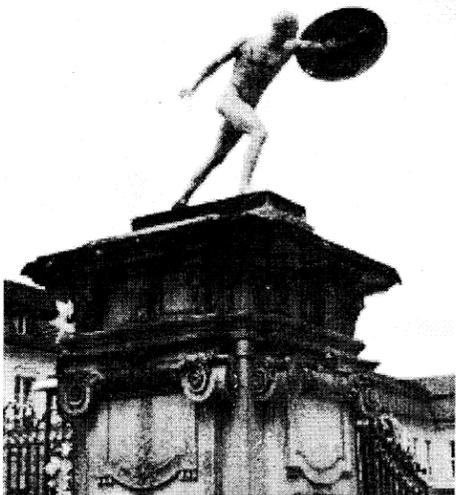
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The Travel Log

Student Tour of Berlin: Cultural Sights & Sounds

By HELEN SPIVAK

After the other students went to Berlin as a group, some of the students from the fachhochschule in Magdeburg offered to go to Berlin with me and see some of the sights. The German train system sells tickets for



group excursions on the weekends that are less expensive than the individual tickets, so it was a bargain both for the administration and the students who went with me. We rode the train for about an hour and a half to reach Berlin, and then took a bus to the castle at Charlottenburg. The weather was overcast,

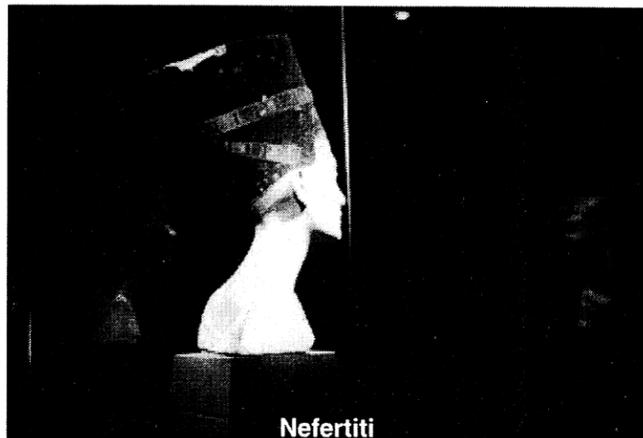
but not actively raining most of the time we were there. I asked the students to pose in front of the gate as though they owned the place, and told them that I would tell everyone here that it was the dorm for the good students. The gate is flanked by two Greek-style warriors on the top of the guard stations.

Across the street from the castle is the Egyptian Museum. Ever since my teens, I have been interested in Akenaten and his wife Nefertiti, who are the main attraction there. Once inside, we looked at the artifacts and portraits of different people from the Amarna period, around 3600 years ago. It took my breath away to see how lifelike some of these sculptures were, and to realize that these people lived near the time of Moses. After looking at some of the other items, we saw the bust of Nefertiti that I had seen in art and history books. I had always thought that Dr. McNair resembled Nefertiti, but it shocked me when I saw the actual bust, and that her bearing was so much the same. I had a feeling of being outside of time, both from realizing that this familiar woman had been dead long before the time of Christ, and that I was in a place I never dreamed of, seeing something I had longed for, but never expected to see.

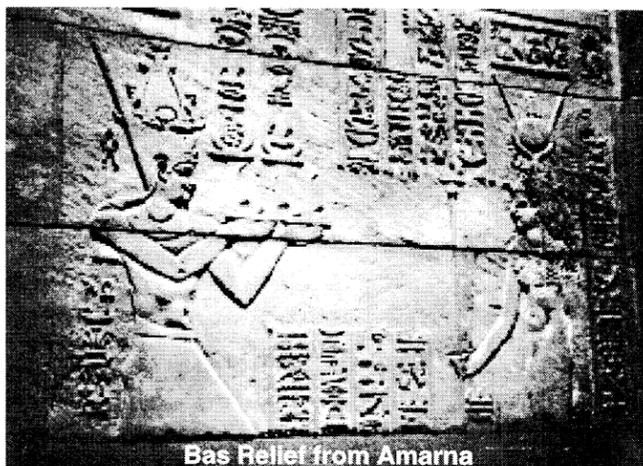
After taking many pictures of Nefertiti, we progressed through the exhibition to one of the gates from Amarna itself. Akenaten had built Amarna as his new city in order to make a break with the old system and old

gods, and had encouraged a new style of art that depicted people more realistically instead of as stylized figures. The gate was open to the air inside the museum, and I could have touched the walls if I had been willing to deal with the guards. It put me into an altered state again when I stood under the gate and felt those people from ancient times walking between the same uprights and seeing the same reliefs. It gave me a whole new perspective on time and our place in it, and the value of the things of beauty that we create.

After getting me out of the museum, the students I went with (Monika, Liane, and Stephan) took me across town to see the Brandenburg Gate, the Reichstag, and the Cathedral of Berlin (the Dom). I took pictures of the Dom when I returned to Berlin at the end of my travels around Europe, and will include them with that article. At that point I was unable to assimilate any more, and so we rode the bus to the train terminal and returned to Magdeburg and the mundane world.



Nefertiti



Bas Relief from Amarna

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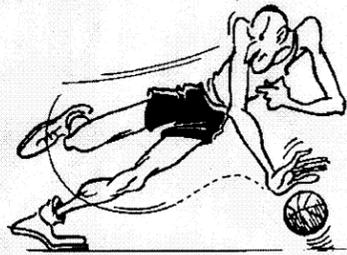
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Southern Polytech SPORTS

1 ON 1

with Chris Sears

One on One with Michael Roberson

By CHRIS SEARS

Michael Roberson loves to play baseball for all the right reasons: the competitiveness, sportsmanship, and the comradery of his team mates. Make no mistake though, he really wants to win! Michael is the starting right fielder for Southern Poly and his hoping this is the year that the Hornets will make a deep run into the playoffs. He has been playing baseball for nearly all his life starting in Cartersville Georgia where he was born in 1973. He played baseball for four years at Cartersville High where he played right field and pitched. As a sophomore he hit .466 and that's when he thought he had a chance to play college ball. As a senior he played baseball and football. He was a starting wide receiver for the 1991 AA State Champs. He led the team in receptions and had two game winning catches. That year in baseball he was selected to the Atlanta Dugout All-Star team.

Michael graduated from High School and enrolled at Berry College where he played for one year in right field and at pitcher. Then he decided that he wanted to be an engineer and come to Southern Tech. Because Berry and SPSU were in the same conference, Michael went to Snead State College in Alabama for the one year he had to wait before being allowed to play at SPSU. Before he could even play at Snead St. Michael was injured and was redshirted for the season.

He continued in school and graduated with honors from the Junior College with an Associate Degree. In his first two years at SPSU Michael continued to play right field and both years made the All Conference Academic Team. Last year he received the Most Improved Player Award from the coaching staff. One of his most memorable moments at SPSU is the game winning hit against Tennessee-Wesley after he had pitched the last two innings of the game. He plans to graduate in the fall of 1998 with a degree in Civil Engineering and hopes to go to work for Dangler Construction in his hometown of Cartersville as a Project Manager.

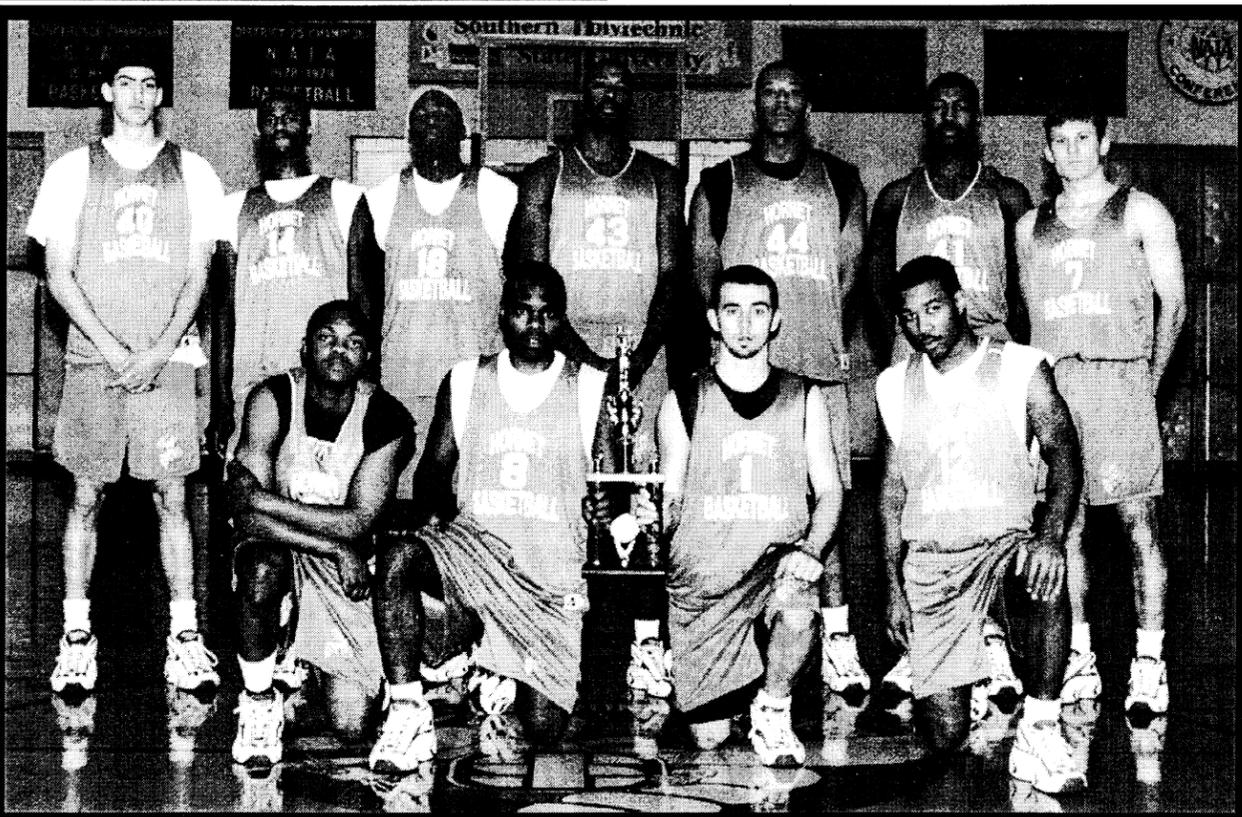
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Trevecca Tournament

By CHRIS SEARS

Coming off a disappointing loss, the Hornets traveled to Nashville Tennessee to play in the Trevecca Tournament and they were ready for the challenge. The Hornets first opponent was Lindsay-Wilson from Kentucky which had a 9-4 record. The game was no contest for the Hornets who played their best game of the season, holding Lindsay-Wilson to 36% shooting from the field. Carlos Bermudez had a great game leading the team with 21pts and a season high 9 rebounds. He was 8 of 11 from the floor and 5 of 7 from the line. Wilbur Jordan dropped in 20pts going 3 for 6 from downtown and 9 of 11 from the line. Not to be outdone were Cedric Jones with 15 pts, 5 rebounds and Alpha Gaines with 7 boards. Troy Hill completed the domination with 9 pts. The final score was 87-70 and the Hornets advanced to the Championship game against the host team Trevecca-Nazirine. This game proved to be much closer with the final score of 66-64. Troy Hill led the team with 17 pts while Carlos helped the team with 14 pts and 10 reb. Casey George added 13 pts and 4 rebounds. This proved to be a team win for the Hornets, who according to coach Meister "played hard and felt they could win". The team also showed its depth playing 10 layers to win the game. The depth was developed during the tough out of conference schedule which this tournament completed. Carlos pulled down the tournament MVP with Casey and Troy joining him on the all Tournament Team. This tournament could prove to be a springboard for success with the Hornets going into the Conference schedule.



1996-1997 SPSU BASKETBALL TEAM.

TREVECCA TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS!

Back Row: James Davis, Fred Frazier, Alpha Gaines, Carlos Bermudez, Phil Duncan, Cedric Jones, Casey George. **Front Row:** Wilbur Jordan, Larry Walton, Eric Blair, Troy Hill.

Southern Polytech REC-SPORTS

Hornet's Season Recap

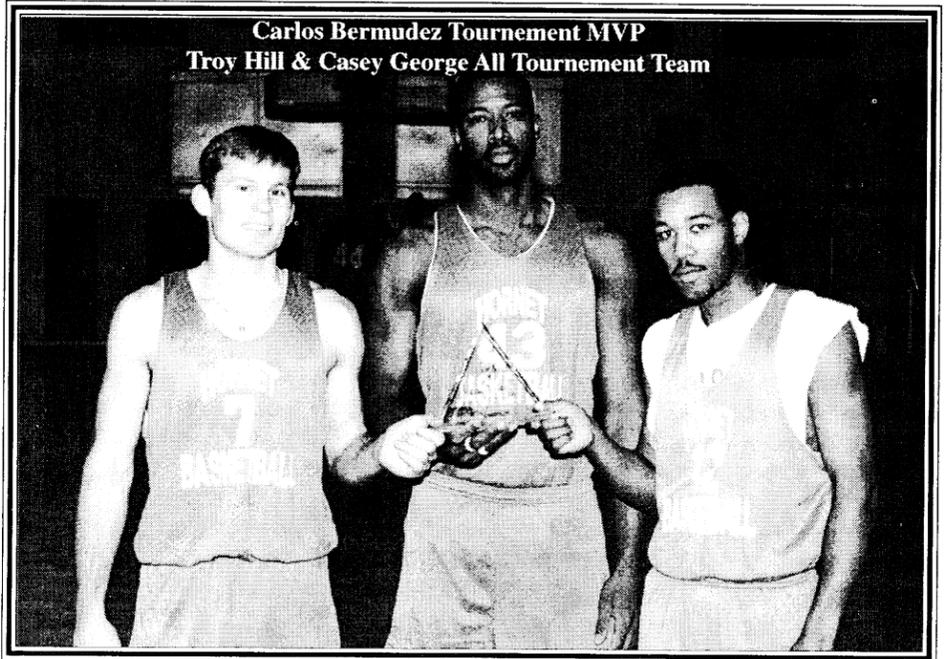
By CHRIS SEARS

The last edition of the Sting Came out in late December and since then the Southern Polytechnic Hornets have gone on a tear! The Hornets have one six out of their last seven and are currently riding a four game winning streak. The Team started this hot stretch with a win over Allen University on December 3. Coach Perides was in the stands serving a one game suspension so assistant coach Drew Meister lead the team to a 77-52 victory at the Hornets Nest. Coach Perides was back for the last home game of the fall quarter against Berry College on December 7. The Hornets came out a dominated the Vikings thoroughly, 77-58. Troy Hill lead the way with 15 points and Casey George contributed a solid 11 points, 9 rebound, 5 steals, and 2 assist game. Coming off the emotional home win against Berry in which the team played so well, the loss to Faulkner was extremely

disappointing. The Hornets were out rebounded 32-16 and came out flat in the last game before there winter break. There were some positive takes from the game like a season high 23 minutes and 11 points from Cedric Jones. Troy Hill also continued his hot play with 15 pt's. on 6-10 shooting while Carlos Bermudez raised his field goal percentage to a league leading 63%.

Following the winter break the hornets went to Nashville to play in the Trevecca Tournament on January 3 and 4. The Hornets came away with their first tournament victory of the year (see Trevecca).

With their tournament victory the Hornets closed their out of conference schedule with a 9-6 record. The team had played a rather difficult schedule early on in the season to get them ready for conference play and were ready for the Conference opener at home against Emmanuel College.



Carlos Bermudez Tournament MVP
Troy Hill & Casey George All Tournament Team

Hornets Conference Play

By CHRIS SEARS

The Hornets came rolling off their Tournament victory and rolled right through their first two conference foes. Southern Poly defeated Emmanuel College on January 8 by the score of 70-64. Carlos lead the way with a season high 31 points in only 27 minutes of action including 13 rebounds. Cedric Jones and Wilbur Jordan scored 13 and 12 respectively. The Hornets controlled the first half and went to the locker room with a nine point lead. The second half proved to be a different story as the Hornets had to hang on and play good defense to win.

The next opponent was Brewton-Parker on Jan. 11 at home as well. SPSU played a much more balanced game and won by a

score of 62-52. Carlos lead a balanced attack with 14 points while seven other players scored five or more. Troy had 8, Cedric 7, Larry 7, Wilbur 8, Alpha 5, Phil 6, and James Davis with 5. The Hornets shot 52% from the floor for the game while their defense held Brewton-Parker to 42%. SPSU traveled to North Georgia college on Wednesday, Jan. 15 and defeated them 73-68. This was the Hornets third conference win in a row. Alpha Gaines lead the team with 18 points, followed by T. Hill with 17 and W. Jordan with 11.

Heading into the second week of conference play the Hornets lead the conference in Scoring margin at 5.9 points a game. Field Goal Percentage at 49.5 % , and Scoring Defense. SPSU is holding its opponents to only 62 points a game.

Rec Center Intramural

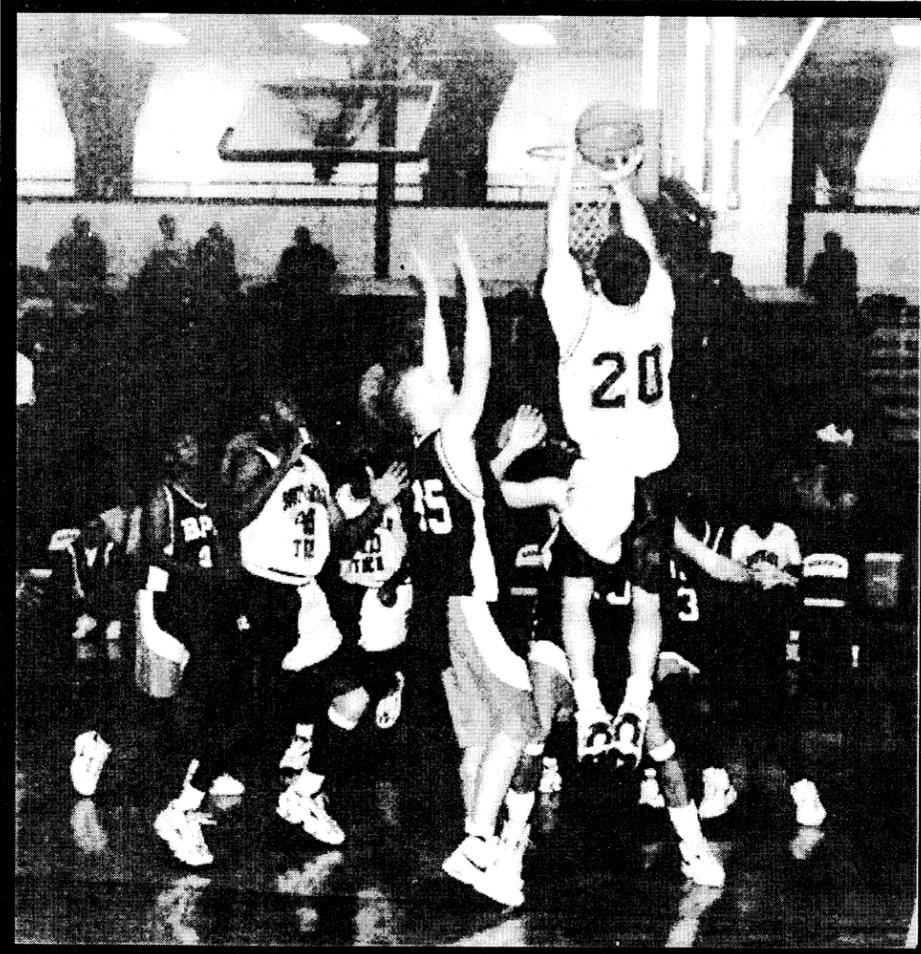
By CHRIS SEARS

With the opening of the new Recreation and Wellness Center last quarter the Southern Poly can now offer it's students even more in the way off health related activities. The School Nurse has planned many new program for the upcoming months. There will be a CPR class on February 8 and a Dietitian will be here on February 27 for anyone interested in improving their eating habits and health. March 6 will be the FUNK AEROBIC class and on the 17 there will be a Masseur for stress relief of finals. The Wellness Center also offers a Fitness Test which measures the following: body fat, flexibility, body dimensions, blood pressure, and muscular endurance. Students need to call 528-7366 to reserve a space because they are limited. The school nurse can be reached at 528-7366 and any question you have on the activities above she will be glad to answer. The new Rec Center is a great place to work out and have fun, so be sure and take advantage of it; YOU ARE PAYING FOR IT ANYWAY.

By CHRIS SEARS

I'm sorry! I forgot all about Intramurals during Fall quarter, this will not happen this quarter. The major events for fall were Flag Football and the 5K Poly Tour. Terry's Kids won the league championship in football. Kim Degraff won the women's division and Wesley Sikes took first in the men's division of the 5K Poly Tour.

Basketball heads the list for Winter Intramurals, followed by a Racquetball Tournament January 28. There is also an Eight Ball Pool Tournament scheduled for February 11. There will also be Softball and Badminton Tournaments this quarter. Anyone interested in more information about intramural should contact Karl Staber at 528-7349.



Casey Soars Over Brewton-Parker for a baseline JUMPER!

All Women's Basketball

The first time in Southern College of Technology/Southern Polytechnic State University's history has there been an all women's intramural basketball team.

The team is coached by Roxanna Jefferson and the team captain is Angelia Sanford. These Femme Fatales call themselves the MARIETTA GLORY! All of these women

can play ball. The roster includes Lisa Jackson, Michelle Mason, Theresa Turman, Rosalind Newton, Nicole Phillips, Mary Tomasello, Tawandrea Blend, Almez Kerr, Essence Millington, Monica Senior, and Shawna Myler. Come to the Recreation and Wellness Center and see them play ball with the Dig Dawgs.

AEROBIC EXERCISE CLASSES
Winter Quarter
Tues., Thur., & Fri.
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| Ali, Rahim Kassam | IET | Davis, James Louis | MET | Joyner, Casey Ryan | CET | Robertson, Ronald Gene | IET |
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