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# Semesters: Here we come!

By **BRYAN GARMON**

Change is good thing. But with the semester conversion that is about to take place, the Administration of Southern Polytechnic has been faced with the task of overhauling the way current fee payments and other administrative issues are handled. The idea is to make the conversion as painless as possible for both the faculty and students that attend the college but, as with all change, there are more than just a few adjustments that need to be made.

The biggest change that the conversion is going to bring deals with the way the year is divided up. Our current system is divided into four, ten week quarters. When the school makes the jump to semesters, the year is divided into a Fall and a Spring quarter that last fifteen weeks. An eleven week summer session is tacked on to fill the remaining time in-between the quarters. To give you an example of what the new semesters will look like, the Fall semester of 1998 will begin on August 24th, ending in mid December with finals the week of December 14th through the 17th. So the semester will start earlier for students.

Another big change involves the current structure of fee payments. Currently fees such as tuition, room rent, meal plans, and other mandatory fees are paid three times a year. The change to semesters will require fees be paid twice a year. This is an important issue for anyone that isn't going to school on a scholarship. What this means is that you will be paying the same amount to attend college, but you will pay it in bigger amounts. For example, if you attended three quarters at the rate of \$617 per quarter your fees would total \$1851. Currently, this could be paid in three equal payments of \$617. When semesters arrive, you will still pay \$1851 in fees (assuming fees won't change) but you will pay for them with two payments of \$925.50. The immediate effect of this would be that students saving for college might have to wait an additional quarter before they can enroll, so enrollment is liable to decrease. But this decrease will level off once those students who were forced to wait a semester jump back in.

One of the biggest issues for administrative faculty has always been the hassle that goes along with each new quarter. Issues such as scheduling classes, dealing with students dropping and adding classes, and a host of other issues take up most of the time the fac-

ulty have in the first couple of weeks for each new quarter. These hassles, in the long run, will be minimized once the semester system is in place. This is due to the fact that students will now schedule their school year twice instead of the four times that quarters demanded. Semesters also require only two primary grading, registration, fee collection and financial aid distribution periods, all of which will provide substantial timesaving to the university and staff. The pressures of getting everything done in 10 weeks will be lifted lowering the stress levels of administrative positions and in turn, making life easier for all of us. The other benefit for students is that more time is available each semester for correction and audit of student records, grade changes, and other record adjustments.

The bookstore is going to be faced with a new challenge of building up their library of books for the beginning of each semester. The system currently in place is that books were well stocked for the beginning of fall quarter and then were adjusted with the student enrollment for each quarter. For example, the summer quarter would find the library with fewer books because many students take the summer quarter off. With the semester system, a new structure is going to have to be worked out so that at the beginning of the Fall semester, the library is going to have to be packed with books to accommodate all of the students that will be buying books. This stockpiling of books leads to issues such as storage space but more important to student lives, book values will come into question. Students pay about \$35-\$100 for a textbook that they use for a quarter and then sell the book back and get a small payment for the book at the end of the quarter. Semesters change this because students will end up keeping books for a longer period of time. This gives the books more value to students. But when the semester ends, the library is going to be hit with a huge amount of books that are going to be sold back and how they are going to handle these books has not yet been determined. Since the bookstore is being run by Barnes and Noble now, it would be safe to assume that they have worked with other schools that use a semester system so it should not be a problem.

Other administrative issues that are being affected deal with graduation requirements and credit hours. To make the adjustment from quarters to semesters, the administration will look at your current credit hours, multiply that number by 2/3 and that will give

you your semester hours. For example, if you have earned 180 credit hours when the semester change takes place, you will now have 120 credit hours. To accommodate this change, graduation requirements will also be adjusted. For example, majors in the School of Technology will be required to attain 128 credit hours and Architecture will require 150 hours. There are a few exceptions but this will effect most of the degree requirements. The full time status of students will stay at 12 credit hours for undergraduate students. The requirements for graduate students will change to 9 hours for full time status. As the quarter approaches, more information will be made available to students concerning changes in requirements and classes, so keep your eyes open as it will effect anyone who has not graduated.

As the school semesters are now longer, teachers have been given the task of restructuring their current material to fit these longer semesters. This also means that teachers now have more time to devote to class development for reading, writing, and more thorough evaluation of students. A good example of the kind of restructuring going on would be to look at a class such as Physics. Currently the class is structured to span three quarters, so students have Physics I, II, and III. Semesters require that Physics be combined into two classes. This means that the material covered in Physics II would be divided in half, the first half falling in Physics I and the second half falling into the old Physics III class.

This introduces the need for sequential classes. The overlapping of classes is an is-

sue that is still being worked out, but in the Physics example, an issue comes to light if a student fails Physics II or III under the quarter system and has to repeat the class under the semester system. This would mean that the student would be forced to sit through some of the old material they learned in Physics I or II. So, it is important to get these classes taken care of before the semester change takes place. The details are still being put together and the best way to prepare for the changes would be to make sure your advisor is advising you. It is also important to note that once these initial changes are made, faculty related issues that plague the beginning and ending of each quarter such as advisement, grading and registration will be greatly reduced allowing more free time for instruction and other related matters. This gives the potential for students to receive a better education.

Students will also benefit from these changes because they will have more time outside of class to do the homework and digest the material that is covered.

Initially it might be a pain to get everything straightened out once the semester begins but the administration is doing everything in its power to make sure the transition is as smooth as possible for everyone that is involved. Due to the upcoming conversion, next year's summer quarter is scheduled for about seven weeks. The details are still being worked out so no information is available as to what classes will be offered.

I would like to thank Charles Smith for his help in putting this article together

**Student Government Elections  
will be held on May 27th - 29th.**

**You may cast your vote from  
8-10AM, 12-2PM, and 5-7PM  
in the Student Center.**

**Those interested in running --  
fill out the petition at the Info.  
Desk between May 13th-23rd.**

## New Dept. Head in C.E.T.

By DR. ANTHONY TILLMANS, *Dean of the College of Technology*

I am pleased to announce that Timothy W. Zeigler has accepted our offer to become Dep't Head, Civil Engineering Technology Department. He will assume this responsibility August 11, 1997.

Professor Zeigler brings a wealth of experience in Civil Engineering Technology. He comes to us from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale where he has been an associate professor in Civil Engineering since August of 1993. Prior to joining the Civil Engineering Department he served as a faculty member in Civil Engineering Technology for 12 years. He is very familiar with the field of Civil Engineering Technology, TAC/ABET requirements, serving as the CET visitor for our most recent visit in November of 1996. He has had three years of administration experience as assistant chair and acting chair of the Technology Department. He has conducted both technical and academic related research.

Professor Zeigler received both his Master of Science degree and Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Illinois, Urbana.

I am pleased that Timothy Zeigler is joining the College of Technology as department head for Civil Engineering Technology.

## History of SPSU Union or divorce

By DR. RICHARD BENNETT

After the structural reorganization of 1976 had been in place for approximately 12 months, different interested parties at Southern Tech began to assess the effectiveness. Among the faculty, it seemed little had changed in so far as their problems with Georgia Tech were concerned. Students were less united in their desire for separation, though the leadership of the student body had become convinced that separation was necessary. In addition, a turf battle between the alumni and the administration in late 1977 estranged many of the active alumni from the Southern Tech administration.

In a surprise move, in November 1977, Dean Carlson reorganized the Placement, Public Relations, and related offices into a single department. A personality clash resulted which brought the alumni into the issue because one of the former department heads was also treasurer of the Alumni Association and directly involved in the fledgling Southern Tech Foundation (the Southern Tech Foundation had been established as a response to allegations of contribution mis-handling by Georgia Tech). When this clash led to the departure of the treasurer of the Alumni Association from Southern Tech, it also strained relations between the Alumni Association and the administration.

In December of 1977 the situation at Southern Tech began to unravel. At a joint meeting of the Georgia Student Advisory Council the Board of Regents, and the Chancellor, a serious exchange erupted between Southern Tech's Student Government Association president, Tom Sanford, and the Chancellor. When the Council asked the Regents to consider the Georgia Tech-Southern Tech relationship, the Chancellor asserted this had been done and changes made accordingly. However, in subsequent comments, the Vice-Chancellor revealed that it was unclear (to

the Chancellor's office) where Engineering Technology fit in the state educational system. To Southern Tech, this exchange indicated that any movement for separation would need to win the support of the Chancellor's office, however there were also indications that at the moment some Regents appeared sympathetic to Southern Tech's interests.

During Winter Quarter 1978, multiple petitions and resolutions were forwarded to the Chancellor's office and the Regents from Southern Tech faculty and students, asking that a study committee be created to investigate the relationship between the two schools. In April, when the Regents pressed the Chancellor, he indicated that segregation issues were taking precedence in his office but when pressed further, he admitted the southern Tech issue had already been "under study" for ten years. Though no immediate action ensued, perhaps because southern Tech's enrollment was up 7% while system wide enrollment had declined 0.1%, the framework for action was being developed.

In May 1978 a formal committee was established to consider the Southern Tech issue. After further prodding of the Chancellor, the committee met several times during the fall, considering the issues and preparing cost impact data should separation occur. Eventually three options emerged: separation; complete union in which Southern Tech would cease to exist and the facility in Marietta would become a branch campus of Georgia Tech mostly for Technology studies; or leaving the relationship basically unchanged. It was clear to most that the last option was unacceptable. During the ensuing months, as Georgia Tech's President and the Southern Tech administration moved toward the union option, most of Southern Tech's students, faculty, and alumni were moving strongly in the opposite direction.

## The Philippines

By DUX RAYMOND SY

What's the first thing that comes to mind when you come across the word Philippines? You're right, it's a country located in Asia, what else? Well, if you're stuck with just one answer, here's some information I'd like to share about my country.

The Philippines were claimed in the name of Spain in 1521 by Ferdinand Magellan, a Portuguese explorer sailing for Spain, who named the islands after King Philip II of Spain. They were then called Las Filipinas. The Americans took control of the Philippines upon defeating Spain in the Spanish-American War of 1898. During World War II, the islands were occupied by the Japanese. Toward the end of the war, the Americans returned, and following the war, the Philippines were granted independence. The American occupation was responsible for teaching the Filipino people the English language. The Philippines is currently the third-largest English speaking country in the world.

The country known today as the Republic of the Philippines lies right in the heart of Southeast Asia, between the Pacific Ocean and the South China Sea. The Philippines has 7,107 islands. The islands are divided into three main areas: Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. Luzon is the major northern island; it is there that you will find the capital, Manila. The Visayas, is the middle cluster of is-

lands featuring tropical beaches scattered throughout warm seas. Mindanao is the southernmost group of islands and has a diverse topography. A visit to the Philippines is a travel bargain. Your expenses are relatively low, and the offerings are varied with good facilities. Take your pick from the hectic city life of Manila or the unspoiled natural beauty of the countryside. The bonus is that, unlike many other destinations in Asia, the country is not overrun by tourism.

The country is marked by a true blend of cultures; truly in the Philippines, East meets West. The background of the people is Indonesian and Malay. There are Chinese and Spanish elements as well. The history of American rule and contact with merchants and traders culminate in a unique blend of east and west, both in the appearance and culture of the people of the Filipinos, or people of the Philippines.

Hospitality, a trait displayed by every Filipino, makes these people legendary in Southeast Asia. Seldom can you find such hospitable people who enjoy the company of their Western visitors. Perhaps due to their long association with Spain, Filipinos are emotional and passionate about life in a way that seems more Latin than Asian.

The next time someone asks you anything about the Philippines, I bet you'll have a lot more to say than the fact that it's a country found in Asia.

## International Students

By SAHIDU KIVEN

The community of the International students and their friends are reminded of the International Students Association meetings every Tuesday at 12 noon in the Student Center. Also look out for free lunches once in a while. The following upcoming events are of great interest to every member of the SPSU community and crucial to the international students:

### 1. FEE WAIVER:

Needless to say how much burden it is for an international student to pay \$2,000.00 for fee and tuition every quarter. However, there is a possibility to have your fee waived to in-state in which case you will pay a third of what you usually pay. In this light, all the international students are called upon to turn en-mass to learn what it takes to get a fee waiver. This opportunity will take place at the ISA meeting on Tuesday May 13., 1997 at the Student Center. The Vice President for Academics Affairs, Dr. Nadella, is delegating Annette Lewis, who is well-known to the students during all those fun testings, to address your concerns. And secondly, LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT THIS CRUCIAL MEETING!

### 2. Counseling Center at Your Service:

Maritza Licameli, a student on internship at the Services Office, will drill the students at the ISA Meeting on May 20, 1997. The topics of interest are Study Skills, Learning Styles and Time Management. You are promised a very captivating journey through this unique experience with Maritza!

### 3. CURRENT EVENTS IN THE WORLD:

Dr. Richard Bennett of the International Studies will, once more, thrill you at the meeting of May 27, 1997 with news of the events in the planet earth. This is a wonderful occasion for those who care about the future of mankind. Dr. Bennett will tell you what happened anywhere in the world, what is happening at this time and amazingly, what will be the trends of events in the near future! Can anyone who cares afford to miss such an opportunity!

## The Rambler

As of today, I am ordaining myself as a "Rambler" and my rambling will be in and around the campus. While rambling the other day, it dawned on me that the students of this institution for the most part are very passive about their education. The fees are being raised, the quality of education is being tampered with, and lots of other things are on a downward trend. On the other hand, the Rambler discovered that each student's concern is how to make an "A" even if the subject is not understood! It is time the faculty, the administration and the staff be held accountable for what passes as education. The time is long-overdue for the students to take an active role in shaping the events of things on campus. I ask each of you: Shall we make it a great center of learning or shall we mar it?

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# Activities & Organizations

## G. S. P. E.

Students from our school are often discriminated against in industry because SPSU offers degrees in Engineering Technology and not "true" engineering science degrees. Some employers feel that the engineering technology degree is not the equivalent to that of an engineering science degree and that engineering technology graduates are not qualified to hold an engineering position in their firm. Some states even question our capability of being a competent engineer. By joining the student chapter of the GSPE you can help change the practice of discrimination against us in industry. You will also stay informed on the many changes that are happening in state and nationally in the engineering profession.

A way to avoid discrimination is to take and pass the Fundamentals of Engineering Exam (F.E.) here in Georgia and start the process of becoming a licensed Professional Engineer.

Becoming licensed usually means taking two eight hour engineering examinations by our state. The first as I have mentioned above is the FE exam. This exam, which is objectively scored using a multiple choice format covers all of the technical, mathematical, and engineering subjects normally covered in an undergraduate degree program. When you pass this examination you will be certified as an Engineer Intern or Engineer in Training. The second eight hour exam, the Principles and Practice Engineering (PE) consists of problems to be solved in your particular branch of engineering. Bet you didn't know that some states won't even let engineering technologists take these examinations, fortunately our's does.

By taking and passing the F.E. exam no one will question

your qualifications and you will have put yourself on the same level with those who have obtained a "true" engineering science degree. To pass the Fundamental exam it takes hours of preparation studying the topics that are in your major and outside your major. Navigating through the information can be overwhelming without good references. As a member of the GSPE student chapter you will have the chance to join study groups preparing for the FE exam which happens to be a valuable network for preparation.

The student chapter of GSPE is constantly seeking to obtain new members from any major, mechanical, civil, electrical, construction management, architecture, physics, industrial, computer science. The more diverse the better. The GSPE student chapter offers many benefits to its members. Once a month you receive "THE ENGINEERING TIMES", a nationally distributed paper with information on congressional and legislative matters concerning our students and graduates. You can also attend the senior chapter meetings and meet practicing engineers and possibly gain the inside track on the job market. The dues to join the student GSPE chapter are only \$15, ten dollars goes to the national chapter and five dollars goes to our school chapter. The school chapter dues do not have to be renewed annually but the national chapter dues have to be renewed each year. I would like to invite all of you out to our next meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 15 at noon in building K (MET building), room K160. We will be electing officers for the upcoming school year. So if you want to get involved with GSPE don't hesitate to come by and/or run for an office in our organization.

## Pi Kappa Phi

By EK186 EK241

Hey all you Pi Kapps! Well, it's been confirmed, everyone had a good time at big bro/little bro camp out. Chad "Priestly" Campbell, Michael "Speed Racer" Moore, Michael "Lasagna" Didocha, and Michael "Cuddles" Caudle, welcome to your new identities in Pi Kappa Phi. We hope your pledge quarter is going well for you. Keep up the good work and hang in there, it will be over before you know it. A big congrats goes out to Ray Freeman as he has emerged as the undisputed champ of the Pi Kappa Phi Wrestling Federation at the camp out. Attention Brother Josh Banta, please control yourself the next time we go camping.

We hope everyone had a good time at Prater's Mill. We would like to thank everyone that came out. We'd like to take this time to especially thank all the ladies that came out. You have been an invaluable asset to us, and Pi Kappa Phi sincerely thanks you.

Well, men of Pi Kappa Phi, the most important social event of the year of this fraternity will take place in less than two weeks, do you know where your room reservation is? If the answer is no, you better act fast, because the rooms are being snatched up as fast as Rick Pitino is leaving Kentucky.

Everyone needs to please remember to participate in the PUSH toll road on May 31. We need \$495 to meet our goal for the year.

We will have no problem at all with meeting this goal in this one toll road if everyone shows up.

On that same night, we will have a Social with the lovely ladies of Gamma Phi Beta. Everyone is excited and looking forward to it since this is the first social we've had with the Gamma Phis in a long time. We always had fun in the company of the Gamma Phi's. As the saying goes, "time flies when you're having fun". We predict that time will be going at warp speed that night. So don't you dare show up late, as you may miss the fun all together.

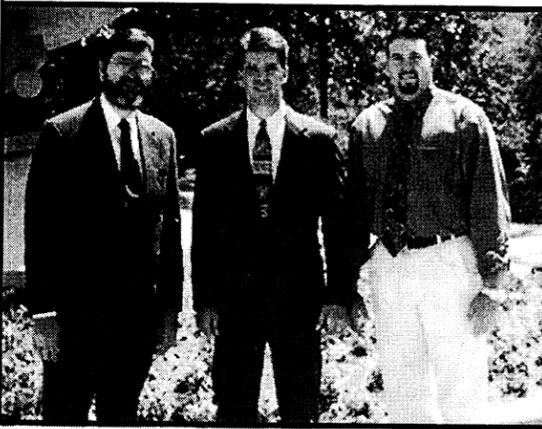
Swamp Bowl, Swamp Bowl, Swamp Bowl, need I say more?

The Public Relations Committee is looking for any and all pictures to be submitted for our pages in the upcoming yearbook. Please get these pictures to Henry Huang as soon as possible. The deadline is May 31.

Hey guys, Brother Schuler and Brother Shelton will be leaving Atlanta to begin their hard earned Journey of Hope bike ride on June 4. We think a Going Away/Congrats party is in order to show how proud and how much we appreciate what they're doing. We'll give you more information on a later date.

Until next time, study a lot, study a lot, then study a lot.

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The newest professional organization on campus introduces its executive board. From left: Dr. Thomas Currin (Faculty Advisor); Keary Lord (President); Brent Franklin (Secretary/Treasurer). Not pictured: Brad Edwards (Vice-President).

If you are a civil engineering technology student, you are invited to attend our luncheon meeting for free. Please contact any of the ITE offices for a reservation.

### ITE Presents:

**Mr. John D. Edwards, Senior Vice-President of the RBA GROUP as our first luncheon speaker. Join us on May 29, 1997 at noon in the Student Center Ballroom.**

## Lambda Chi Alpha

Hello Techies! Lambda Chi Update!

Congratulations to David Bailey (Marty II) and Jon Palmer (Mr. Body or Tommy), these two men have currently become Associate Members and we are looking forward to their leadership and contributions to our chapter.

A big thanks to Gary Bennett (the Kickin Chicken) for his effort in the process of our chapter getting a house. We hope to successfully move into a house before Fall Quarter.

Our President, Jason McRae, will be going alumni when this quarter comes to

an end. We wish to say good luck to him in the future and hope that he is successful in all his endeavors.

We are currently 4-0 in softball and looking to do well in the playoffs. Keep your eyes peeled because we are full of surprises and other unmentionable values!?

Good luck to all the Greek organizations during Greek Week. We are looking forward to a week full of sportsmanlike effort as well as bloopers.

And Jon, keep up the body image. I'm sure that everyone will respect all the effort that you put into it!

## Gamma Phi Beta

Hi Girls, this past month has been very exciting and eventful, with weddings, birthdays, and our Spring formal, Pink Carnation. We would like to congratulate Michelle and Eric Bryant on their recent marriage and also Jeanna and Chris Terry for their recent wedding. We wish you all good luck and happiness in the years to come. Happy belated birthday to Amy and Lorie. We hope that you had a great birthday. We had a lot of fun at your birthday party. Happy birthday to our May sisters: Quintina, Jennifer Hackney, and Keli, we hope you have a great day. Along with birthdays, girls don't forget mothers day, May 11th.

Pink Carnation was a memorable experience. We had great food, a great dance floor, and most of all, the Cass High School Prom next door. Thanks to all the girls that helped out with all the arrangements, your help was greatly appreciated. Also, a special thanks to our alumni and our dates,

we couldn't have done it without you. Jason Whiltshire, we hope that you had fun over at Cass's Prom. Congratulations to the following sisters who won awards:

Pledge of the year = Amber

Highest GPA = Lorie

Pearl = Amy

Sister of the year = Lorie

Goo Fu Boo = Liz

Gammie Bug = Dion

Delta = Quintina

Pledge Class award = Amy

Omicron = Dixie

Highest GPA for Big and Little = Lorie and Missy

Alumna of the year = Jennifer Taaffe

One quick reminder, don't forget about our social May 31st with the K's. We're looking forward to it. Hope that your classes are going well, keep up your grades and have fun.

# Campus News

## Atlanta Community Orchestra

A SPSU Cultural Series Spring 1997 Event

May 19, 1997 @ 7:30 p.m. in the Student Center Theater

The Atlanta Community Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of John Morrison, will present two free concerts in May with a guest artist, Bruno Eicher, Assistant Concertmaster from the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. The same concert literature will be played at both concerts. Monday, May 19th the concert will be in the Student Center theater at Southern Polytechnic State University at 7:30 p.m.

Free Admission (donations accepted)

Performing:

Tchaikovsky: Violin Concerto in D Mr. Bruno Eicher, violinist

Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 2 "Little Russian"

Brahms: Academic Overture

The Atlanta Community Orchestra showcases their talents during a performance of Tchaikovsky and Brahms. Founded in the 1960s under the auspices of the Atlanta Music Club, the Atlanta Community Orchestra was the first community orchestra in the Atlanta area and is the last still giving free community concerts.

This program is supported in part by the Atlanta Music Club, the city of Atlanta-Bureau of Cultural Affairs in the Office of the Mayor, and the Georgia Council for the Arts through Appropriations of the Georgia General Assembly. This concert is also being sponsored by the Southern Polytechnic State University's Cultural Series Program.

## Telephone Service

By DR. JOYCE MILLS

In case you were taken aback when you went inside the library to use the pay phone and found it gone, here's the scoop!

The library staff realized several months ago that there were many students leaving the classroom buildings - especially late in the evenings, heading to their vehicles, and needing to touch base with someone before departing campus. In addition, we found that the pay phone, located in the library's reference area, was getting used constantly, but was of no help to those who were unaware there was a pay phone in the library and had no time to come inside to make a call or needed access to a phone after the library was closed.

Another problem was that, due to the phone's location and inaccessibility, it was poorly serviced by the phone company. Sometimes it would not accept money and be out of service for weeks at a time.

For these reasons, the library staff determined that relocating the pay telephone to an outdoor, sheltered location would better serve the needs of the students. The change order request was made several months before the Olympics came to Georgia. Several months after the Olympics, the switch has been made! Become familiar with the phone's new location just under the eaves of the library's main entrance. You don't want to miss finding it now - because it's sure to come in handy!!

**The Library:  
A Fun Place  
To Hang Out!**

## Penguin Giveaways

By DR. JOYCE MILLS

When Librarians hear about any book giveaways, it peaks their interest. The North Georgia Association of Libraries (NGAL) sent it's meeting notice and agenda for the April meeting, and a note was appended that a truckload of Penguin paperbacks would be available for the PICKIN'S. Assistant Director, Barbe Moore, set the ball in motion and Director Joyce Mills approved. Carole Tymchyshyn would drive to Young Harris College in Young Harris, Georgia (near the North Carolina state line) and select some gift books for our collection.

In preparation for the trip, Carole completed the appropriate paperwork for travel several weeks in advance. She put everything in readiness, including her husband's GM pick-up truck, which is equipped with a canvas cover to protect the cargo.

Two weeks before the anticipated trek, Carole was forced to schedule foot surgery for a painful, recurring problem. She was confident that four days would be enough time for recuperation. Carole was warned by Gayle Olive, secretary at the library, that four days was NOT enough time and Young Harris was "VERY HILLY" for walking. Determined to get a share of the FREE BOOKS, Carole left alone on her 250 mile round trip - foot swollen and bandaged, with a set of crutches - to the birthplace of Governor Zell Miller.

Using her knowledge of authors and titles, Carole hobbled for hours among the thousands of books to select titles which would be of interest in our casual reading section. She returned to campus with no fewer than six boxes containing 275 books! Already 104 titles have been barcoded and placed in the paperback book racks. The remaining books will be checked for possible cataloging, binding, and inclusion in the general collection.

Carole learned that that campus of Young Harris, although beautiful, is not "crutch-friendly".

## Counseling Center Info

The Counseling Center at Southern Polytechnic is committed to helping students attain their personal and professional goals. With this in mind, we are offering a series of workshops and seminars during each quarter. The remaining workshops for Spring '97 are:

Stress Management	May 21, 1997 4:00pm-6:00pm	Student Center 204
Learning Styles	May 23, 1997 12:00pm-1:00pm	Student Center 213

Students must sign up at the Counseling Center prior to workshop  
For more information, call Maritza at 528-7226

## From the desk of Vickie Langston

### ORGANIZATIONS' SPACE RESERVATIONS

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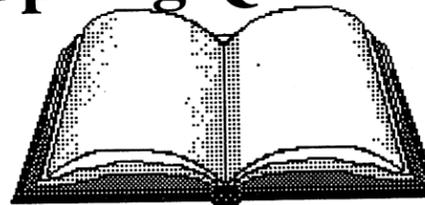
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# EDITORIALS

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

### Engineer, shmengineer

By KEVIN MARKS

Besides converting to semesters, our esteemed administration is planning a turnover to "straight" engineering degrees vs. our current technology degrees. Their timetable is three to five years.

Ever since arriving at Southern Polytechnic, I keep hearing about bias in our field of study; engineering technology just doesn't stand up to regular engineering. Somehow, the goon squad from Georgia Tech has managed to propagate this untruth and it permeates throughout the area. That there is a difference between the two disciplines is moot, but there is strength in that difference, and there should be no room for prejudice.

Why do you suppose engineering technology was first created? Do you think that Georgia Tech needed a whipping post location for their engineering students who couldn't cut it and created their school of technology to house them? Emphatically no. Engineering technology came into being because there was a need to bridge the widening gap between pure, theoretical engineering, and the end user. Today's technology is changing so rapidly that a specialist in application of engineering principles and design was needed. Enter the engineering technologist.

Having experienced the two disciplines in my previous work environment, I have a clear view of the necessity of both fields. Engineering technology is not going away and if we don't provide the training here, others will step up and fill the gap.

The problem lies in the prevarication that we are somehow inferior to Tech (or other engineering school) grads. I hear this tripe all the time and those who espouse such material obviously suffer from a weak self-esteem. There is a nationwide market for engineering technologists, and no one should say different. "Can't get your PE if you're a technologist in some states," I hear. True enough, but why do you want a PE in the first place? If that is your goal, you belong in a pure engineering environment where design reigns and hands-on application is a foreign language.

In the meantime, I keep hearing that we are the premier engineering technology school in the nation. Apparently this presumed honor is too heavy to bear as the wheels turn toward changing our curriculum. We have a niche, and apparently are second to none in its accomplishment. Why change? If the administration buys into this change, it is verifying the lie that we are somehow inferior. This sends the wrong message to our students and alumni. Do they think that students enroll here because Tech is too hard? Do they think we can't cut it as an engineer so we have to settle for matriculating as an engineering technologist? Change our pro-

gram and authenticate the lie.

The real reason for a potential change is the almighty dollar. Yes folks, you are once again being sold down the river so others may line their pockets. Engineering technology does not raise big bucks like regular engineering can.



There is plenty of money to be earned in industry as an engineering technologist, but none to be made as an institution teaching it. It may be argued that we have to evolve to stay afloat, or that we have to be like the others to keep enrollment up. The real key to success is the long-term approach which is usually forsaken for faster results. Perfecting what we already do

best is the answer. Companies realizing that they have a unique product are far ahead of the game than those who offer what others also offer. Where is our competition? We have none, but if we start down the road to engineering degrees, we will become lost in Tech's shadow. Continuing to market who and what makes us different from surrounding schools guarantees our success.

We, the students of Southern Polytechnic, are not engineering drop-outs who cannot cut it in the "real" engineering world (whatever the heck that means). We are professionals who have opted for a hands-on, application based approach to engineering. We do not desire to sit in little cubicles, divorced from reality, designing widgets. We are the people who like to get our hands dirty, get in the field and put the little pieces together to form the big picture.

Supposedly, this new curriculum will still cater to the lab intensive hands-on approach, but will be modified so that you, Southern Poly Student, may own a degree in engineering. Assuming the change is somewhat transparent, it will not last long. Give 'em an inch... you know the rest.

America is rife with companies that have spent millions retooling to look like the other guy. Most of them fail because they do not recognize the strength they own in their own niche. Japanese motorcycle manufacturers have spent millions so their machines can look like Harley-Davidsons. They don't, and they are not that popular. Why not refine the cafe racers and Goldwings until nobody else can compete? They have a loyal following that they are deserting to imitate the other guy. A waste of money. Companies over-diversify so they can get their labels and hooks in every corner imaginable. To what end? They make money in the short term, but the consumer often loses in the long haul.

Southern Poly students are consumers of education—engineering technology education. It would be nice to keep that arena for our own and polish it up to shine brighter than any other in America. Any chance our administration will be loyal to us?

## Computer Talk

BY BRYAN GARMON

Notebook computers. Everybody's seen them and a few of us have them. But do they really offer an advantage over desktops that cost half the price? And more importantly -- are they of any use to us as students?

From what I've heard around campus, it is a requirement of all Architecture students to have laptop or notebook computers at some point in their program of study -- so I hope this will help those of you having to make your decision to purchase one.

First let's start with the difference between laptops and notebooks. Both names refer to computers small enough for people to carry with them wherever they go. The most wide-spread use of these computers are businessmen who travel and need to have access to a word processor or spreadsheet or whatever. The difference in the two comes from the features that are included. Most laptop computers are designed with the purpose that they are going to be used "in people's laps," so the actual case that the computer is housed in are very thin and very lightweight -- usually between 7 - 10 pounds. Because of their small size, they house only 3.5 disk drives and usually their processors stay between 66 and 100Mhz, although that is quickly changing. In terms of memory, it depends on the manufacturer but you can upgrade most of them to at least 40MB RAM. The other factor that comes into play when comparing notebooks and laptops are the screen size. Most laptops come with displays about 10.1 inches and smaller. The keyboards, naturally, are smaller than your average keyboard and mice come in a variety of forms, ranging from a point stick that looks like an eraser to a roller ball that is for all practical purposes, a mouse turned upside down.

On the other hand, notebook computers are built with the idea that while you will be taking them with you, they will probably be used in hotel rooms or in place of a full size computer. With this in mind, the cases are larger with more room for added components. Nowadays standard components in notebooks are fast CD-ROM drives in addition to bays, or slots, for batteries and 3.5 drives. Inside of them, they come loaded with processors ranging from 150Mhz to 200Mhz with RAM ranging from standard 16Meg of RAM up to 80Meg of RAM. Another big difference are screen sizes, which start at 10.1 inches and move up to the current limit of 13.3 inches. Because they are larger than laptops, most of them come with touchpads that are placed below the keyboard (most laptops have mice that flip out from the side or just the point stick) and give users a more comfortable area to work with.

As notebooks and laptops continue to evolve, the lines are beginning to blur so the question of buying either a laptop or notebook is a mute one. The deciding factor really boils down to what you are going to be using it for as well as how much money you want to spend. But that's for another discussion.

I recently purchased a notebook computer for my personal needs and I'd like to share with you a few quirks that you should be aware of before you spend the \$2000 or more on yours. First things first -- battery life. Walking around school, there are NOT many places you can find an AC jack to plug your laptop into. In fact, to date I have only found 3 possible AC plugs, 2 in the student center and 1 in the library. The champion of battery life comes from Dell which they claim lasts 4 1/2 hours (actually it's closer to 3 1/2). Mine lasts 3 hours but only b/c it's a powerhorse that's loaded with features that drain the battery quickly such as an 8X CD-ROM drive. Another important thing to consider is that batteries can only be charged about 500 times before they need to be replaced costing \$250 each. That's once a day for about a year and a half but it's still a lot of money.

The other thing to consider is price. If you want the best, be prepared to pay for it. As a comparison, a desktop 266Mhz Pentium II with 48Meg of RAM and a 3 Gig hard drive will run you about \$3500 -- \$4500 when they become available. Notebooks and laptops start at \$2500 for a 133Mhz with 16Meg of RAM and an 850 Meg hard drive. So you pay twice the price for not even half the computing power. In fact the high end notebooks can run as high as \$7000. For most students here, a good laptop or notebook can be found for somewhere between \$2500 - \$3500.

The advantage of having a notebook is that you can take your computer everywhere and set it up in a very limited amount of space. Currently the disadvantages, such as modem jacks for surfing the Internet not being available and finding a printer you can attach to, are small hassles that every notebook user will face. But for those of us who need a computer with us wherever we go -- the notebook is the only way to go.

The biggest problem that I've run into, both here and around Atlanta, is that unless you are in an office or at your home, this city does not cater to notebooks. With the exception of the Red Light Cafe, Atlanta doesn't have any Cyber-Cafes (Cyber-Cafes allow friends or businessmen to grab a bite to eat and then hook up to the Internet through either their computers or your own). Even here at Southern Poly, unless you are in your dorm or in one of the computer labs you don't have any connectivity at all. But networking is for next time....

## Letter to the Editor

### Thanks for nothing!

I was recently at the Student Center information desk listening to a woman describe her dilemma about a flat tire. She is a student of Southern Poly, on her way off campus when she got a flat. She called our oh, so helpful campus safety to ask if they would help her change the tire. Campus Safety informed the woman that changing tires is not in their job description--they only have to unlock cars and jump start them. The woman, needless to say, felt helpless. I am just concerned about the cops literally just being too lazy to help this woman. People everyday do tasks that aren't in their job descriptions, I don't know why so called public servants can't do the same. I know and like most of the cops on campus, so I was quite disappointed to hear this story of pure disregard for the real purpose of their jobs--to help people. I just thought that I should let the students know, because if you have a flat tire on campus, don't waste your quarter--campus safety won't help you.

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# ENTERTAINMENT



## Volcano: It's hot!

By CHARLES BANTON

Entertainment, isn't that what you want from a movie? Volcano starring Tommy Lee Jones was very entertaining. Realistic - No, but very entertaining. I guess a realistic movie about a volcano in the middle of Los Angeles would be a very short movie, the volcano would erupt and the city would be immedi-



ately blown to bits in true Mount St. Helens' fashion and then what would you do with all that extra time. The movie doesn't take a long time to get going if action is what you want.

The movie centers around Mike Roark (Tommy Lee Jones) who plays the director of the Office of Emergency Management who is a rugged, typical hero type that believes in

the impossible and doesn't give up. He rallies the people of Los Angeles around him to try and stop the "unstoppable". The supporting cast included Don Cheadle, who plays Emmitt Reese, the ambitious second in command who always knows the right thing to say but isn't annoying.

The director Mick Jackson tried adding a bit of meaning to the story by showing the goodness in humanity through daring rescue attempts and unity among the races. We can always use more stories that promote unity among the races. Another theme shown repeatedly in this movie is that disaster overtakes us all. If you have had a crazy day then this is a great way to forget about your day and watch other people have a really bad day.

If any of you have seen Dante's Peak then lava isn't anything new for you but this movie brings you a little bit closer to the action and you don't have to wait for hours for the plot to develop.

The lava becomes "the bad guy" as stated by the visual effects supervisor, Mat Beck. Have you ever wondered what it would be like to walk through lava? One of the best effects in the movie comes at the expense of one of the coolest characters, but sometimes the bad guy does win.

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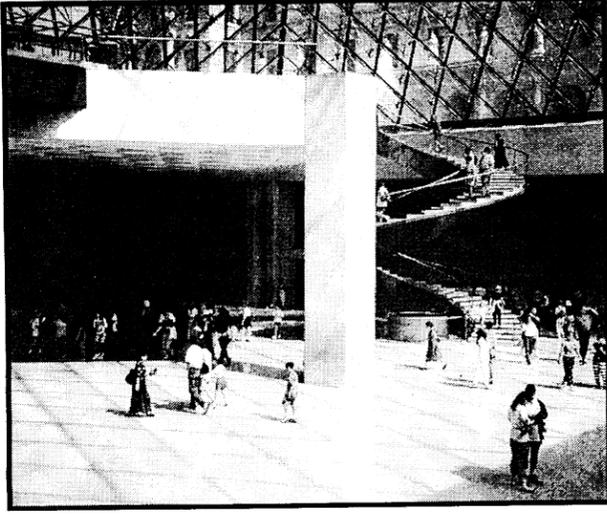
# The Travel Log

## Paris and the Louvre

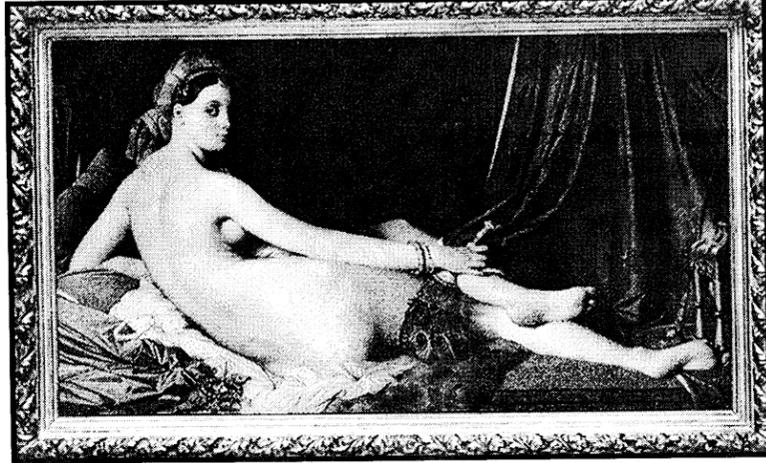
By HELEN SPIVAK

On the train from Florence, I was joined in the sleeping car by an Italian couple who were students and a psychiatrist from Lille who spoke no English. I tried my 25 year old French with the help of my phrase book, and managed to carry on a little conversation and cause some laughter. The next morning I explained to him that the secretary in my office wants to marry a doctor, and so I would like to take his picture. He actually grinned when I took it.

After I got to Paris, I found out that the hotel that was rec-



ommended to me was full, and so I took a room in an alternate hotel suggested by the travel bureau. The hotel I stayed at was the Hotel Washington Opera. Apparently the Hotel Washington is a chain, because there are about 5 of them around Paris. The one I stayed at was very clean, and for about \$100 per night I got a private bath and private room with a queen-sized bed. The room had a fireplace and an armoire that looked like it was from the turn of the century. Outside the room was a central sitting room with a skylight. My bath had a skylight that opened to the central area, and so it was

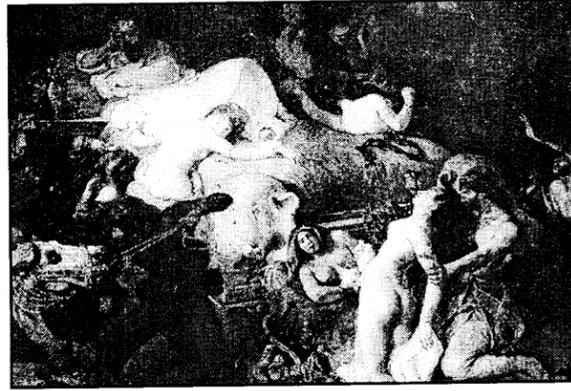
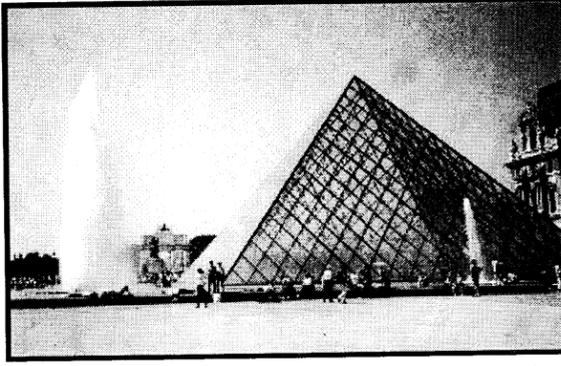


filled with natural light. It was a luxurious feeling that was damped just a little by the strangeness of the plumbing. I could imagine Colette (one of my favorite writers) staying in this same hotel.

At the travel bureau, I had bought a 3-day museum pass that included the Louvre, the Orangerie, the D'Orsay, and other museums. I walked from my hotel to the Louvre first. I had heard many times that it would take many weeks to see everything in the Lou-

vre, and I knew I didn't have that much time, so I chose those exhibits that were the most interesting to me and kept up a good pace. One of the first pictures that I took was of the courtyard under the glass pyramid. I can understand why there was so much contro-

versy when it was first erected, but it didn't feel uncomfortable to me. There are unusual sculptures built into the walls, and a stone menhir seemed to be guarding the entrance to one of the exhibits. As I began my journey through the older parts of the castle, the ornamentation on the walls and ceilings seemed to distract me from the items in the cases, but after awhile it seemed to make them more cohesive. I took a picture of "Winged Victory" and then a series of different representations of Cupid and Psyche. I photographed David's "Portrait of Mme. Recamier" and Ingres' "The Grand Odalesque". I had seen these in reproductions so many times that it was unbelievable to be so close to the real thing. I worked my way to the "Mona Lisa" and took a picture between the crowd. It was rather dark and hazy due to not being able to use a flash and the layers of glass in between, but it was moving, none the less. I was surprised by the size - it was smaller than I had imagined.



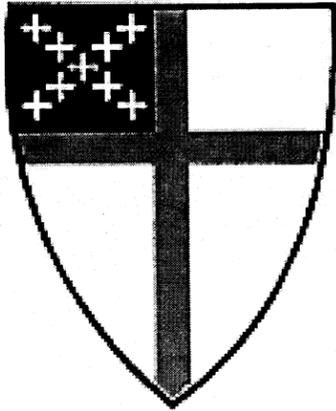
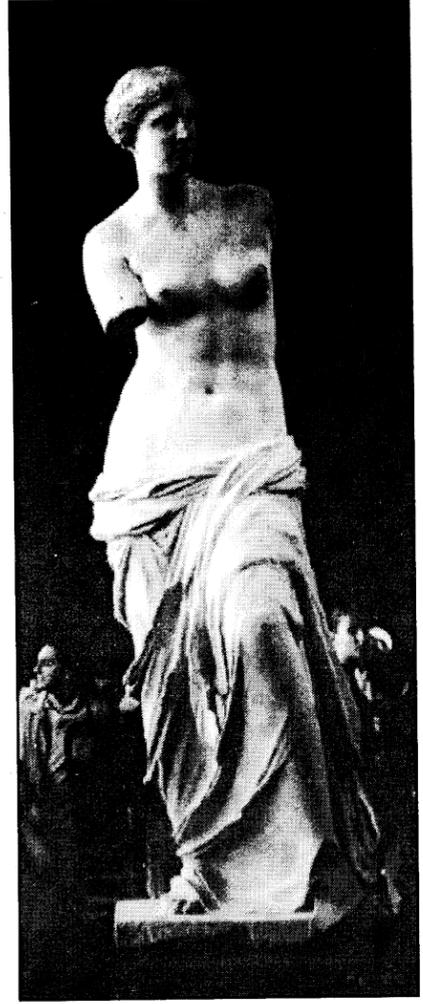
After that, I took many pictures of religious art from early icons to El Greco, a Constable, a Gainsborough, and a Delacroix with Japanese tourists attached to the front (I got tired of waiting for them to move). I moved on to the Greek statuary, including the Venus de Milo. It is bigger than I

imagined. I took a picture of a Japanese tourist taking a picture of another Japanese tourist (his wife, I presume). It was fascinating to me to walk down the corridors and hear Spanish, Italian, French, English, and other languages being spoken in such a small area. Outside, I took pictures of the pyramid, the arch, and the Tulleries. The Tulleries is a sort of sculpture garden

with fountains and benches. It was fascinating to me to see how many things

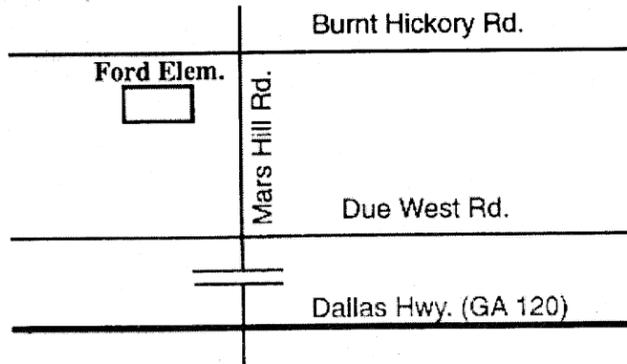
are lined up exactly with the Louvre, such as the church across the street, the obelisk, and the Arch de Triomphe. It seems almost sacrilegious, but at the end of the day I found myself being thankful I didn't have to dust all that stuff. I suppose I'm just not acquisitive enough to fully appreciate amassing all those works in one place. At the end of the day, I enjoyed the wonderful

most meal of my life - salmon in hollandaise sauce accompanied by a red table wine. When I sat down, I was alone, but by the time I was ready for desert, every seat was full. I can't help but wonder if the look of bliss on my face attracted those who didn't know the restaurant already. I walked back to my hotel and prepared for my next day at the D'Orsay.



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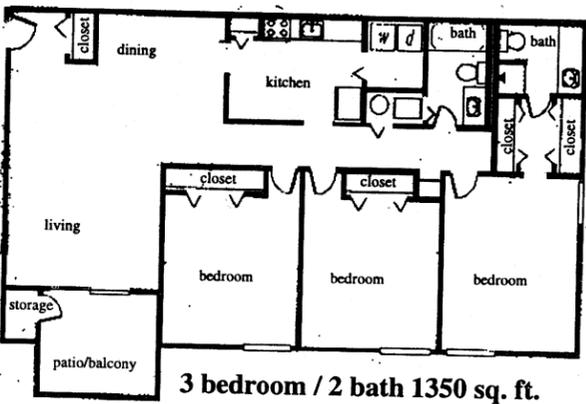
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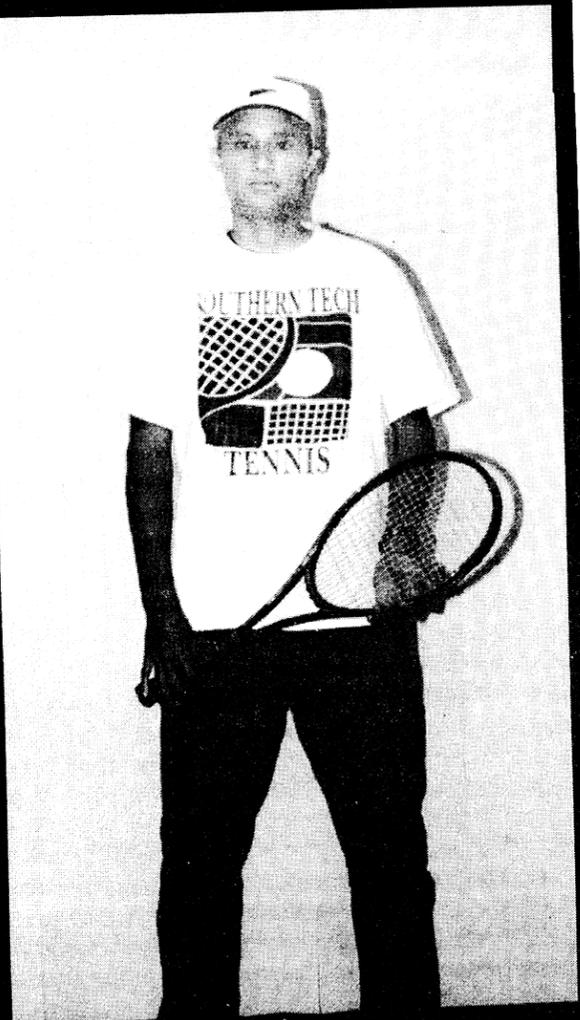


Sports Editor

# Southern Polytech SPORTS

## 1 ON 1

with Chris Sears



**Danny Chang**  
Southern Polytechnic  
Tennis

### One on One with Danny Chang

By CHRIS SEARS

The number one doubles team from Southern Polytechnic State University qualified for the National Tournament in Tulsa Oklahoma. One half of this doubles team is Danny Chang. Danny is a junior at SPSU and has played tennis here for three years. He is the number two seed in singles for SPSU and he teams up with Brennen Hicks for the number one doubles team.

Danny is twenty-one years old and was born in Salins, Ecuador. He started playing tennis when he was nine years old. From nine until seventeen, Danny played in Junior Tournaments in Quayaquil and Quito Ecuador. He won about thirty of these junior tennis tournaments before leaving Ecuador to come to the United States and live with his brother who was attending the University of Florida. Danny went to Gainseville High for his senior year and played tennis for the Gainesville High team. He played the number one singles and doubles for his school and went undefeated in region play. His team finished fifth in the state tournament. At his high school in Ecuador Danny played soccer. He played the mid-field position and his team was number one in it's local conference. During his one year of American high school Danny learned to speak English so that he could attend college in the US.

After graduating from high school, Danny took a trip home to play in some tennis tournaments and relax. In the Winter of 1994 he started school at SPSU. His freshman year he played number one singles and doubles. He was 13-2 in singles for his freshman season. As a sophomore, Danny once again played the top seed for SPSU in singles and doubles. He made it all the way to the District 25 Tournament finals before losing to Berry College.

After two years at Southern Poly, Danny transferred to Georgia Tech. He played for their tennis team in some fall practice matches. He did not get to play for the Yellow Jackets in the regular season because he started his co-op rotation that quarter. After taking classes in the summer of 1996 and then working two quarters in a row, Danny came back to Southern Poly for his junior season to play Tennis and get his degree in Electrical Engineering Technology. This year he went 9-3 in singles competition playing the second seed behind doubles partner Brennen, as well as qualifying for the National Tournament in doubles.

When he is not playing tennis or studying his electrical classes, he likes to play soccer or see movies. In Ecuador, you learn to play soccer as soon as you learn to walk and you don't stop playing until you die, according to Danny. As far as tennis goes, he is still working on toughing up his "mental game" and he considers his forehand to be his best weapon. Danny is really excited about playing in the National Tournament and plans to come back to Southern Polytechnic to play tennis next year.

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### Southern Poly Tennis Goes National!

By CHRIS SEARS

The Southern Poly tennis team wrapped up it's regular season last week. The Hornets closed out the year with wins over Emmanuel College and Brewton Parker. The Hornets swept all six singles matches from Emmanuel and two of the three doubles matches. Southern Poly was lead by Brennen Hicks who remained undefeated for the year in singles matches.

The last match of the season saw the Hornets play Brewton Parker. This was a close match with the Hornets winning 4-3. Brennen Hicks, Danny Chang, and Enrique Carrion won the top three singles matches while Brewton Parker took the fourth through sixth seeded matches. The doubles teams of Hicks and Chang, and Carrion and Penrow, pulled out their matches to win the match for Southern Poly. The hornets finished the season with an overall 8-4 team record and a 4-3 conference record.

The district tournament was held in Morrow, Georgia on May 2nd and 3rd. Brennen Hicks took his undefeated record into the tournament as the number one seed. After a bye, Brennen defeated Brewton Parker in the semi finals and then lost a close match 6-4, 6-3 to Shorter College's Paul Yowachit in the finals. It was a great singles season for Brennen. Danny Chang made it to the semi-finals as the number two seed for SPSU. At the number three seed, Enrique Carrion made it to the finals before losing to Shorter College. Michael Penrow reached the semis as the fourth seed for SPSU as well as Jacob Bush in the fifth seed.

In the number one doubles tournament, Southern Poly reached the final by beating North Georgia and Georgia Southwestern. In the finals, Brennen Hicks and Danny Chang beat the Shorter College team of Lionel Cremons and Pablo Viteri to win the District 25 Tournament. This qualifies Brennen and Danny to go to the National Tournament in Tulsa, Oklahoma on May 19, 1997. They are the first tennis players ever to go to the National NAIA Tournament from Southern Polytechnic State University. The STING would like to congratulate Brennen and Danny and wish them the best of luck at the National Tournament.

The Hornets finished third in the District 25 Tournament as a team. This was their highest finish ever. The Southern Poly tennis team had a great year and the school should be proud of it's players and coaches.

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# Southern Polytech REC-SPORTS

## Intramural Softball

By CHRIS SEARS

The Intramural softball seasons has hit full stride. The Lambda Chi Alpha's and ELB's are leading the way in League A while the Fumunda Cheese team is out in front in League B. After all the rain stopped the games were able to get going again on the 23rd of April. The BSU defeated the Sigma Pi/Gamma Phi team 16-5 in League B action. On the 24th the ELB's beat Sigma Nu in a close game, 7-6. The Slaw Dogs got their first win of the season by beating the Plant Operations team 15-3. The Architecture team also picked up it's first win of the season by beating the Vipers 17-4. Wrapping up the League A games were the Lambda Chi Alpha and the Screwballs. Lambda Chi pulled out the win 16-12.

The games continued on the 29th with both leagues in action. Fumunda Cheese won a forfeit game over the Midnight Bombers. Blood, Sweat, & Tears defeated the Pi Kappa Phi 16-3 and Fumunda Cheese beat the TKE Sharks 14-3. Finishing up the League B

games for the day the TKE Sharks beat the BSU 11-8. The only League A game saw the Slaw Dogs lose to Lambda Chi Alpha 9-7.

The last day of April saw the ELB's hammer Plant Operations 22-6 and the Screwballs beat the Vipers 13-5 in League A games. On May 1st, the Midnight Bombers were bombed by Blood, Sweat, & Tears 13-6. There were five games on the schedule for May 5th. The ELB's beat the Architecture team 11-6 while the TKE Sharks won a forfeit game over Sigma Pi/Gamma Phi. The Midnight Bombers forfeited another game to the Pi Kappa Phi's. Plant operations dropped their

third game in a row with a 23-5 beating by Sigma Nu. Wrapping up the days scores, Fumunda Cheese kept it's record perfect with

a 19-3 win over the BSU.

Keep reading the STING for all the Intramural scores and don't forget to turn in your name if you hit one over the fence in a game. Standings as of May the 6th 1997:

### Softball Standings

League A	
Lambda Chi Alpha	4-0
ELB's	4-1
Sigma Nu	3-1
Screwballs	2-2
Plant Operations	2-3
Architecture	1-3
Slaw Dogs	1-3
Vipers	0-4
League B	
Fumunda Cheese	4-0
B,S,&T	2-1
TKE Sharks	2-1
Pi Kappa Phi	1-1
BSU	1-2
Midnight Bomber	1-3
Sigma Pi/Gamma Phi	1-3
Vipers	0-4



Softball Players take their hacks!



## Hornet Baseball

By CHRIS SEARS

The Hornets of Southern Polytechnic State University finished up their regular season last week by taking two from Shorter College and dropping two games to Brewton Parker. Randy Black got the win against Shorter in game one as the Hornets prevailed 4-2. In game two Ken Wiggins picked up the win and got some help from his teammates as the Hornets scored 10 runs to win 10-6. To finish their season the Hornets traveled to Brewton Parker for a two game series that would determine the conference title. Brewton Parker is ranked number one in the nation in NAIA schools and they played like it in game one. SPSU's Randy Black got the loss as the Hornets were out scored 7-2. The second game was much closer as Southern Poly tested the top ranked team but came up short with a final score of 3-1.

Southern Poly finished the regular season with a 31-11 record. They finished second in their conference with a 16-6 record. They were 16-5 when playing here at SPSU. The team is now headed for the district tour-

namment in Albany Georgia.

Randy Black had a good regular season going 8-3 for the Hornets. He had five complete games, pitched 74 innings, had 86 strikeouts and an ERA of 3.04. Helping out in the pitching department was Jon Arnold. Arnold came on late in the season to finish at 5-2 for SPSU. He had four complete games, threw 56 2/3 innings with 27 strikeouts and an ERA of 3.65. The relief was brought in by Jason Cheatham. Jason went 6-1 for the Hornets in relief with two saves. He had 35 K's and an ERA of 3.30. The pitching staff finished with a team ERA of 3.81.

The Hornets pitchers definitely got some help from their hitters this year. Southern Poly batted .345 as a team this season and hit 45 home runs. Leading the way was the lead off hitter, David Carroll. David batted .424 for the season with 19 steals in 24 attempts. The power in the SPSU line up came from four hitters; Matt Griffin, Trey Hall, Todd Hewett, and Tom Paciorek. Matt batted .368 with 10 homers, Trey hit .354 with 9 homers, Todd batted .341 with 8 home runs and Tom hit .384 with 7 home runs.

The Hornets also showed that they can play defense with a .948 fielding percentage. Nine players had a fielding percentage over .900 for the season.

This was a good regular season for SPSU and the Hornets are looking to advance further into the playoffs starting with LaGrange College in the district tournament.



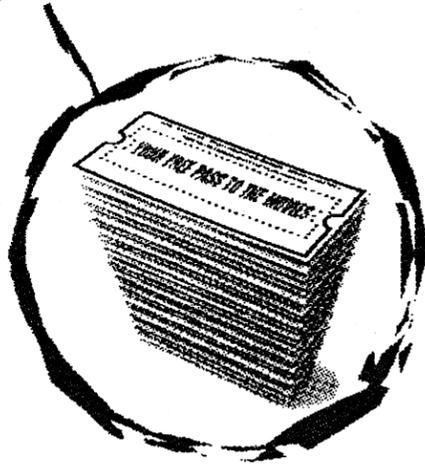
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# Final Exam Question #2

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# Math Stinger

By Dr. Joel C. Fowler  
Associate Professor of Mathematics

The puzzle for last issue concerned finding all right triangles with integer length sides in which the sides increase by a fixed amount. The answer is that the only right triangles of this type have sides that are a multiple of a 3-4-5 right triangle. That is, the sides have lengths  $3n-4n-5n$  for some positive integer  $n$ . Correct answers were received from Sheng-Chien Lee, Daniel Gaither, Alan Gabrielli, and Justin Card.

The puzzle for this issue is also about right triangles with integer length sides. Find all such right triangles that have their perimeter equal to their area. As usual, your solution should include some justification as to how you know that you have them all.

MATH STINGER IS NOW ON THE WEB. The current Stinger as well as many past Stingers are on the Mathematics Department page on the Southern Polytechnic State University page. Check it out!!

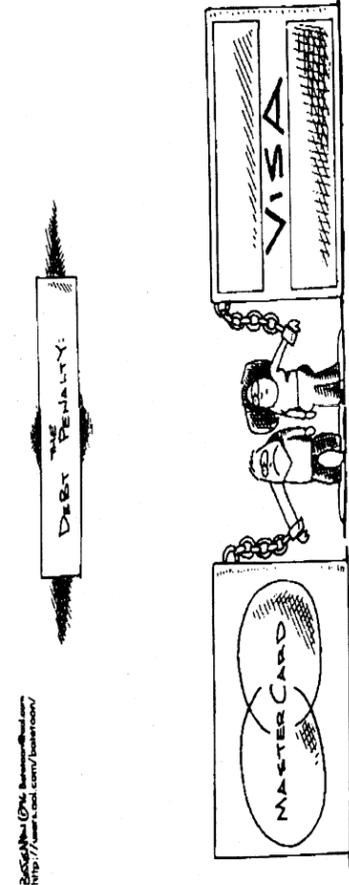
Answers should be sent, via conventional methods or e-mail (jfowler@spsu.edu), to Joel Fowler in the Mathematics Department. Correct answers and the names of the first to find them will be printed in the next issue of the Sting.

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