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## Campus apartments: What students need to know

**Jeff Combs**  
*News*

On Thursday, January 22, the groundbreaking ceremony for the first privately developed student housing in the University System of Georgia was held. Because of rain, the ceremony was held indoors in the Student Center, and the honorees received ceremonial jars of dirt instead of digging it themselves. However, it is the students who will be the real beneficiaries of the new apartments.

Leasing for the new apartments will begin in early February. A model showing both the interior and exterior of the apartments is currently on display in the Student Center. Shortly after this issue of The STING goes to press, the developer of the apartments, Capstone Development, will open a leasing office

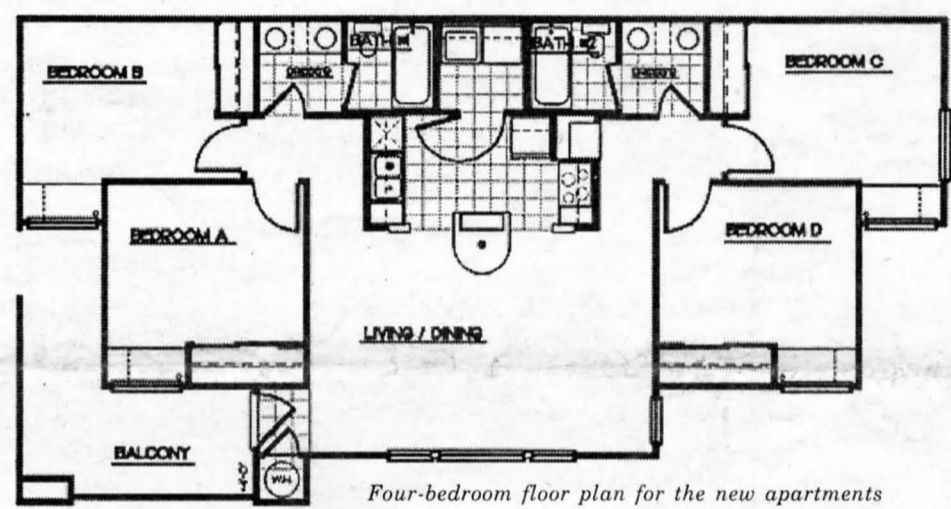
in a trailer near the theater parking lot. Leases will range from nine to twelve months. Capstone develops student housing exclusively—both on and off

campus—in Alabama, Florida and other states. For more information on Capstone, you can visit their web site at [www.capstone-dev.com](http://www.capstone-dev.com).

Six buildings with ninety-two apartments housing 288 students will be constructed. Two floor plans will be offered. Two-bedroom, two-bath apartments will rent at \$345 per bedroom, and four-bedroom, two-bath apartments will rent at \$295 per bedroom. Capstone employee Jimi Goodson said that the security deposit will probably be equal to the first month's rent. He said that a typical electric bill would be around sixty to eighty dollars per month for a four-bedroom unit. Cable television will be included at no additional charge. Pets will not be allowed.

Each apartment will be fully furnished and include a living room, kitchen and balcony. All apartments will be equipped with full-size washers and

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Four-bedroom floor plan for the new apartments

## Students evaluate Freshman Experience

**Mercedes Bankston**  
*News*

Freshman Experience has now entered its second year. Deborah Shaw, the Freshman Experience coordinator, wrote an article in The STING that stated the program is designed "to provide freshman students who are new to the rigors of campus life a supportive, academically nurturing environment to assist them in making a smoother transition as well as [in becoming] successful academically." She also stated in the same article the top five reasons for parents to have their children participate in Freshman Experience:

1. Free Tutoring
2. An opportunity to develop lifelong friendships
3. An opportunity to enhance chances for maintaining HOPE scholarship
4. An opportunity to interact with a diverse student population
5. An opportunity to attend educational and social programs.

After talking with students on the Freshman Experience halls in the Howell dorm, each student had at least one misconception about the program. It seems students are not taking advantage of it because the main reason they joined

was for the guaranteed dorm room. Other students did not know they were in the program until they arrived because their parents signed them up without their knowledge. Many students arrived at school to find out they had to meet certain obligations in order to keep their dorm room. These obligations force students to spend eight hours a week in the Freshman Experience labs, library, any of the campus labs or at the learning resource center. The students complain they do not have time, nor do they want to fill out time sheets, let alone have them signed by an individual. One student commented, "I think if you're capable of coming to college then you should be able to study by yourself; the only reason people are in it is to get a room." The majority of the students had misconceptions about the study hours; they thought they would be forced to study two hours a day. They perceived this idea from the information which comes in the mail about the program.

When students were asked about the top five reasons to join the program, they agreed it was for their parent's benefit and not theirs. A student by the name of Aundrea said, "my mom thought the whole purpose of Freshman Experience was to inform

parents about my class progress. I flunked the hell out of math, and my mom was never notified." Although all students thought the idea of free tutoring was a good idea, few of them participated for various reasons. One student complained that one of the tutors yelled at a few students; many students complained about another tutor who did not help with papers. Others found the times inconvenient because the tutoring sessions were during their classes and some students did not see the point of tutors when they went to the learning resource center.

"The opportunity to develop lifelong friendships?" The males of the Freshman Experience program seem to be bonding with one another; many said they were able to meet people because of Freshman Experience. The females on the other hand argue constantly. One female said her hall forms cliques; the cliques tend to bicker toward each other about menial things such as noise in halls and small things that offend them. She did not understand why Freshman Experience students were segregated from the rest of the hall and also felt many participants were immature. Of all the females interviewed, only one felt Freshman Experience did provide an

opportunity to meet other people, but later she changed her mind when realizing the dorms actually provide the chance to meet people of all types and ages. Not all the students in Freshman Experience think their chances for maintaining the HOPE scholarship are

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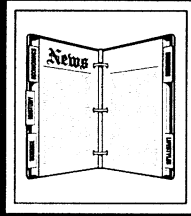
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**The Next Deadline.** Everything must be turned in by February 11, to be considered for the February 19 issue.



## **History of SPSU: Transitions**

**Dr. Richard Bennet**  
*Professor*

The last two years of President Cheshier's tenure involved considerable controversy. Though there had been controversy and contention at various times during his administration, this was perhaps the most severe period. Censures and no confidence motions, while not frequent, began appearing with a degree of regularity. Private discussions and formal confrontations were common between faculty and members of the administration. At one point, the president's resignation was requested by all of the deans and department heads. These actions led to attempts at mediation by a representative from the Chancellor's office. It would seem, however, that nothing was really resolved through these efforts.

Within the president's office, however, the matter of resignation was under consideration, and in early 1997, the announcement was made that effective July 1, 1997, President Cheshier would step down from his position. As a tenured faculty member at the university, he would remain on the faculty as a professor of physics. He would receive a one year leave of absence to prepare himself to teach the courses for which he would subsequently be responsible. This did not relieve the contention on campus, however. Some saw a "lame duck" situation developing, wherein members of the administration might use the remaining time to their advantage. Ultimately the focal point of these concerns came in the issue of salaries for the 1997-98 academic year.

Unlike previous years, the 1997 state legislature and subsequent Board of Regents action had changed the method by which faculty and staff salary increases were distributed. In prior years the total amount of increases had been specifically split, by directive, between the administrative and the academic functions. In 1997, however, no such split occurred, and when salary increases were figured, suspicions of inequity were raised. Amid accusations and innuendoes, especially involving the department heads and senior administration, five department chairs were dismissed in a single noontime meeting. Though appealed, this was not successful. At the same time, the Chancellor's office agreed to assist in helping fund the appointment of interim department chairs, and in the national searches which would be required to fill the five vacant positions (chairs of MET, EET, SIS, HTC, and CS; these searches are expected to be finished during the 1997-98 academic year). A month after the dismissals, the departure of President Cheshier brought an interim administration under Dr. Daniel Papp.

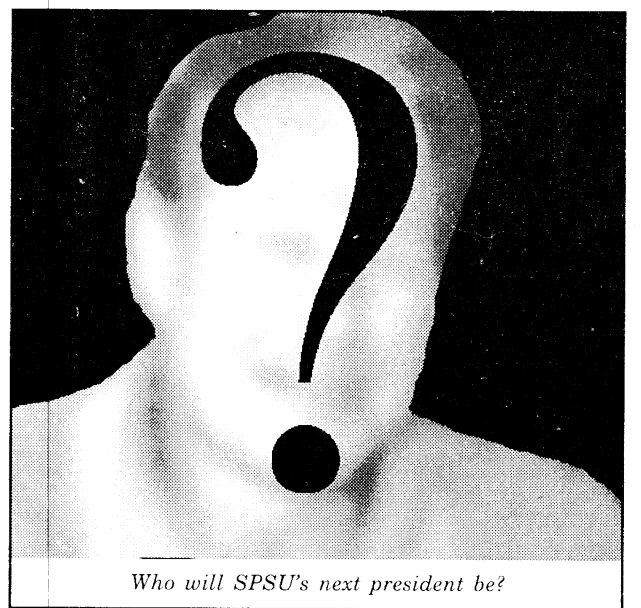
In retrospect, an interesting observation is possible regarding these events. One of the needs which Southern Tech had, from before President Cheshier's arrival, was healing of the relationships between various offices on campus. The elevation to four-year status in 1970, and the struggle for separation during the late 1970s, had taken a toll on such relationships. But during the early years of Cheshier's administration, there were so many things happening that this need seems to have been obscured. Never having been addressed, when the prosperous years changed to lean ones, the same suspicions and animosities which had existed in 1978 and 1979 re-emerged alongside new issues which had developed during the 1980s. Of particular relevance in this regard is the almost identical way in which the controversies of Cheshier's last years repeated those of the Carlson administration.

More next time...

## **Search for SPSU continues**

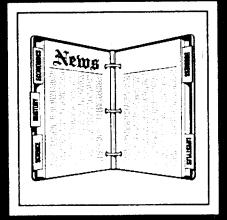
**Ellen White**  
*News*

Southern Polytechnic State University's search for a president is currently underway and should end in May 1998. Since former President Dr. Stephen R. Cheshier retired last summer, Dr. Daniel S. Papp has served as interim president for SPSU. The search is currently chaired by Dr. Sid Davis and is being conducted by the executive search firm Schuyler, Baker & Parker. The firm is considering people from across the nation and will present up to ten candidates to SPSU's Presidential Search and Advisory Committee. After the completion of the interviews, five final candidates will await the Chancellor's decision on who will become SPSU's next president. And yes, Dr. Papp is on the list of candidates.



*Who will SPSU's next president be?*

# Campus News



## SACS visits Southern Poly February 16-19

**Corey J. Stanford**  
News Reporter

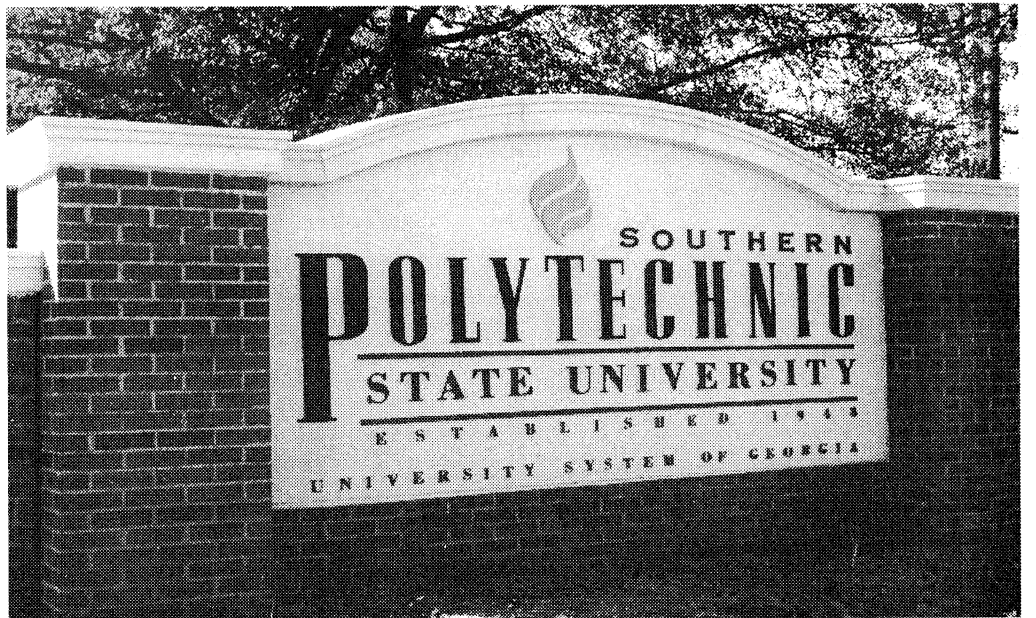
After months of detailed preparation, the time has arrived to renew the credibility of Southern Polytechnic State University. This institution has been accredited for several years. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools will evaluate the school to determine if specific standards have been met.

February 16-19 are very important dates that every person who is linked with Southern Polytechnic State University, should be aware of. On those dates, the SACS Reaffirmation Visiting Team will administer an on campus screening. This means that a committee of 16-17 people will be on campus observing, taking notes, and asking questions to selected persons. Dr. Thelma B. Thompson, Dean of School of Arts & Letters of Norfolk State University in Norfolk, Virginia, serves as the Chair of this committee. It is up to the affiliates of this university to represent what this school has stood for since the first day of enrollment.

The agenda has been setup to encompass all aspects of Southern

Polytechnic State University. The first time the committee will arrive on campus is on Tuesday, February 17, 1998 at 8:30a.m. At that time, they will engage in a meeting with Interim President Dr. Daniel S. Papp. The actual interview schedule will begin promptly at 9:30a.m. The designated time for lunch will be from 11:30a.m.-1:30p.m. It will be held in the Reserved Dining room of the Student Center for Faculty members and in the Faculty area of the student center for students. If you are a student who is wondering how might you get involved in this process, contact Dr. Rebecca Rutherford, Assistant to the President & Professor of Computer Science at (770) 528-7400. Student volunteers will be needed to go to lunch with a representative.

On the second day on campus, the Visiting Team will continue their evaluation. However, the highlighted moment will be on the last day, Thursday, February, 19, 1998. On this day, the reading of the Exit Report will take place. This is a really important meeting because it will focus on what needs to be improved at Southern



Polytechnic State University. Unfortunately, it is not open for questions, but it is open to the public to witness. It is scheduled for 10:00a.m in the Student Center Theater.

After this process, six weeks later, the school will receive a final report that will reiterate the must statements. All recommended corrections will have to be taken care of in a period of 5 months (August 1998).

Any additional information about the evaluation process may be obtained from the scheduled Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 1998. There will be two times to attend. The first will be at 12:00p.m. and the second will be at 7:00p.m. Both will be held in Ballroom A of the Student Center. Students are encouraged to attend!

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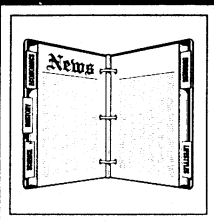
increased. One girl said she put in all her study hours and still can not pass her courses. All students agreed that if they were to truthfully fill out the time sheets, they might have the chance of maintaining HOPE. Most students commented that they were concerned with just filling out the time sheets in order to obtain eight hours a week/eighty hours a quarter in order to maintain their dorm room.

Of the students asked if they were able to interact with a diverse student population, the majority said yes. This is because many of the students are involved in activities outside of their dorm lives, which allows them an opportunity to meet people. The majority did not necessarily think Freshman Experience helped them integrate into a diverse population, but all agreed it gave an opportunity.

When asked, "Do you think Freshman Experience gives you the opportunity to attend educational and social programs?" many students replied "huh?" One student complained she believed Freshman Experience students were going to take part in activities as a whole. The majority of the students felt they were denied the

opportunity, while others said there have been none. Few students pointed out during orientation, Freshman Experience participants had the opportunity to interact with one another; then again, this was before school even started. Of those students, all pointed out that there was a Freshman Experience Bash that week which all thought was the first social event.

Students did not seem to complain about much more except for the required meal plan for Freshman Experience students. Others did not seem to mind because at university's nationwide, students are required to have a meal plan when living in dorms. For the female students who wished to continue with the program, they wanted changes such as weekly meetings and games in order to get along and know each other better. As for the males, they were quite content on the program and did not see any needed changes.



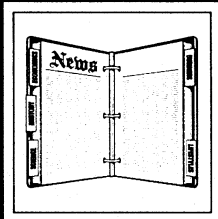
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## Apartments

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**Jeff Combs**

dryers, along with refrigerators, microwaves, dishwashers and disposals. Ethernet connections for accessing the Internet will be included. There will be cable and phone connections in each bedroom, as well as in each living room. Residents will be able to decide whether they want to have separate phone lines or share a phone line with their roommates. For security, each bedroom will feature a panic button residents can use to sound an alarm at campus safety.

A live-in resident manager will

oversee the apartments. Four community assistants, students whose job will be similar to the resident assistants (R.A.s) in Howell and Norton Halls, will patrol the property, handle student complaints and form resident associations. There will be a common building housing the manager's office, workspace for students and a multipurpose room where social activities will be held. Three-hundred-and-two parking spaces will be available.

First priority for the new apartments goes to Southern Poly students. If vacancies still exist, students from other University System institutions will have second priority, and third priority will go to students attending other post-



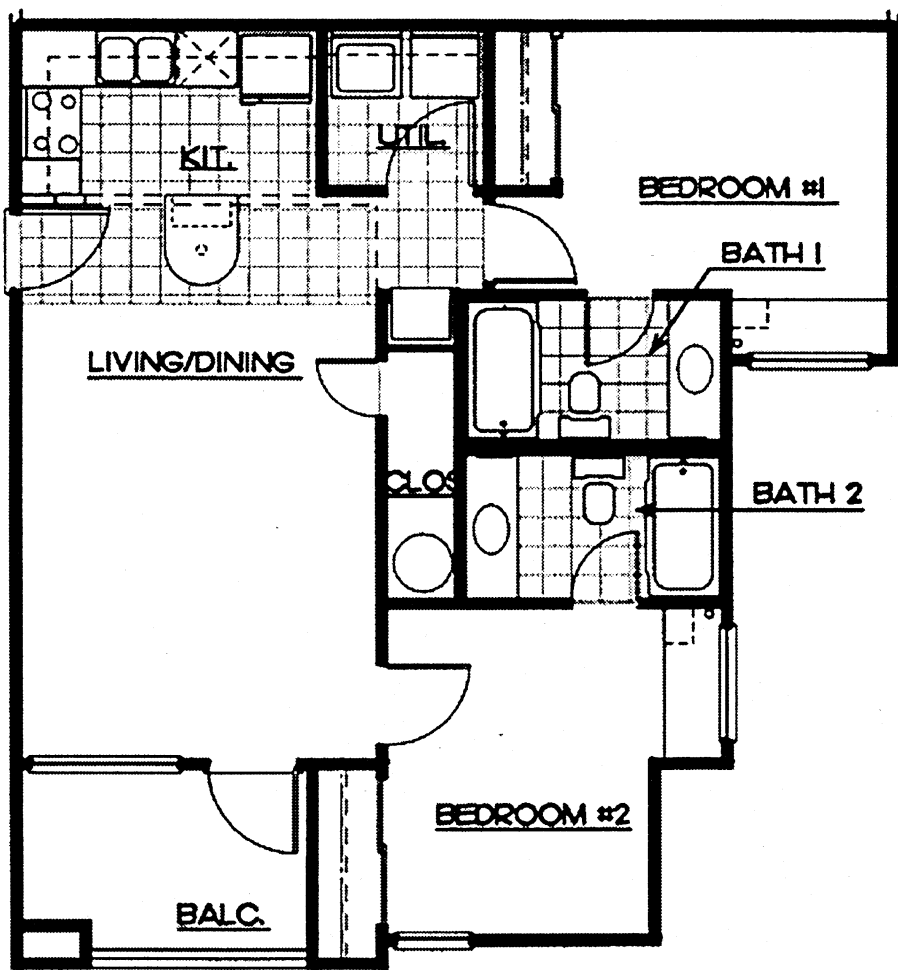
secondary institutions. All SPSU students will be eligible to lease the apartments.

The main reason a private company was hired to develop and manage the apartments was the cost factor. "They've done this kind of thing before, so at this point, their engineering, design and architectural fees are minimal. All they do is make some tweaking on buildings they've already built and they've got it.... So they're able to build volume like this very efficiently," said Charles Smith, vice president for academic affairs. However, despite the monetary savings, this project has been heavily scrutinized by the state government. Plans to hire a private company to build student housing at SPSU have been in the works for over ten years.

Capstone Development will have almost full control over management of the apartments. "They are hired to manage the apartments consistent with the rules and regulations of the University. They've adopted our rules

and regulations," said Smith. If the project at Southern Poly is successful then private apartments will likely be developed at many other campuses throughout Georgia. "I think the real issue in the University System now is that the University System wants to get out of the housing business, and that's consistent with privatization not only in Georgia but around the country," Smith added. He went on to say that apartments were built instead of traditional dorms because "traditional dorms aren't popular [with students]." In twenty-five years, Capstone's management lease on the apartments will expire, at which time SPSU can decide to manage the apartments itself, keep Capstone Development or hire a new company to manage the apartments.

The apartments are scheduled to be completed in August. If you decide to rent one, you won't get a ceremonial jar of dirt, but you will get your own personal panic button.



## Dean's List

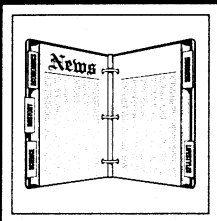
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Vastani, Hamidah	CSci	Wilkie, Kevin Robert	CSci
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Wagner, Matthew Scott	MET	Wilton, Darren James	CET
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Wang, Kathy Yu	CSci	Wood, Gregory	CSci
Wang, Song Chyuan	EET	Wyvill, Verena	CSci
Ware, Joshua Daniel	CSci	Yang, Benita	IET
Warlick, Glenn Thomas	CET	Yarborough, John Scott	IET
Weissman, Lee Aaron	MGT	Zapatka, Gilbert Andrew	CSci
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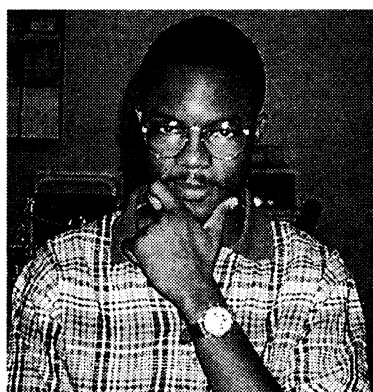
## Congratulations for making the Dean's List



# Special Features

**Corey J. Stanford**  
News Reporter

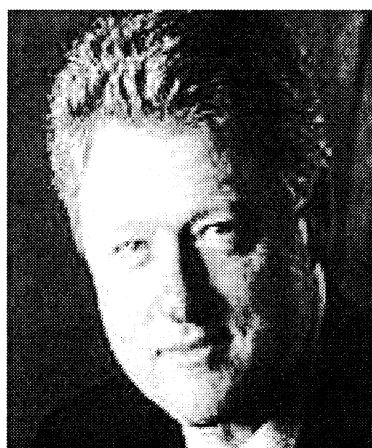
Welcome new readers, welcome back previous readers, to the place where students hang out, Deep Down in the Hive! This section has been designed to publish anything that deals with students of Southern Polytechnic State University. I say 'anything' to leave all avenues open for your reading pleasures for now! This includes questions/answers, concerns, photos, poems, you name it! It is split into five sections: Serious, Brain Tampering, Ridiculous, Winner's Block, The Prize Circle. Each section is open for your suggestions.



I would first like to introduce myself to you. My name is Corey J. Stanford, creator and author of this section, striving for perfection. However, this cannot be done without your help. So if you have any ideas, please let me know by e-mailing me at [cstanfor@spsu.edu](mailto:cstanfor@spsu.edu), leaving a message at The STING office: (770) 528-7310, or just stop me when you see me walking on campus.

## SERIOUS (For the scholarly-type)

### CLINTON VS. LEWINSKI



It is important for an individual to be aware of their current surroundings. For this reason, I have decided to report on a major current event that has been in the news for quite some time.

For those who do not know, the President of the United States has been accused of having an affair with former White House intern, Monica Lewinski, and lying about it under oath.

I asked a pool of thirty-five SPSU students to give a brief opinion on this issue. The following lists their various responses:

These are quoted opinions and do NOT necessarily reflect those of The STING

- 1.) I believe that the president is innocent. The media has made him look guilty and will continue to make him look guilty.
- 2.) I believe that the president is being setup by his enemies. Someone is simply trying to create a chaotic situation that will force him out of office.
- 3.) I believe that the president is guilty as #\*\*@! He did it and he should be removed!
- 4.) I believe that the president may be guilty, but we must question if it is interfering with his job! NO!!
- 5.) I think that the president is wrong for lying! We must think about the fact that he is the person who controls the world. If he is lying about this, he could very well be lying to the people he represents.
- 6.) I strongly believe that Hillary is cheating on the president which would in turn cause him to do the same. He is guilty!
- 7.) Clinton has worked his way through horrible situations and will work his way through this one. He may or may not be guilty! It really doesn't matter!
- 8.) The president is innocent. Just look at his facial expressions when he speaks. You can see the innocence in his eyes.
- 9.) Bill Clinton is my idol. I respect him for the way he is handling the country. It would be sad if he is guilty, but I will still respect him.
- 10.) THE CRAZIEST OF ALL!!!! Who is Bill Clinton? (He really did not know who the president was! He was an international transfer student.)

## BRAIN-TAMPERING

(For those who wish to workout the brain)

### MATH STINGER

by Dr. Joel C. Fowler

Associate Professor of Mathematics

The puzzle for last issue was to find the exact height of a tetrahedron having surface area exactly 1. The answer is one third of the fourth root of 12. The only correct answer was received from Tony Panzarella.

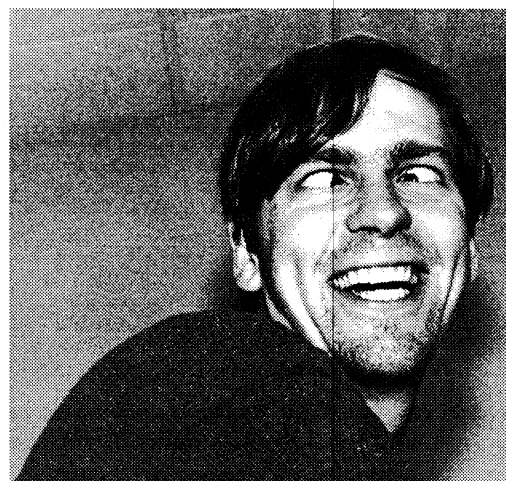
The puzzle for this issue relates to an old problem involving two crossed ladders of unequal length leaning against the vertical walls of an alley. Suppose that the base of each ladder is on the ground against opposite walls, with their tops against the other wall, some distance up. Thus the two ladders cross some distance above the ground to form a lopsided X. The classic puzzle is to find the width of the alley given the lengths of the ladders and height of the crossing point. Instead, the puzzle for this issue is to find the smallest set of integers for the ladder lengths and alley width that make all distances involved in the problem integers. That is, the ladder lengths, alley width, crossing point height, distance each ladder reaches up the walls, lengths along each ladder from each end to the crossing point, and horizontal distance along the ground from each wall to the point on the ground directly below the crossing point must all be integers. Note that the ladders must be of unequal length.

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](mailto: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.



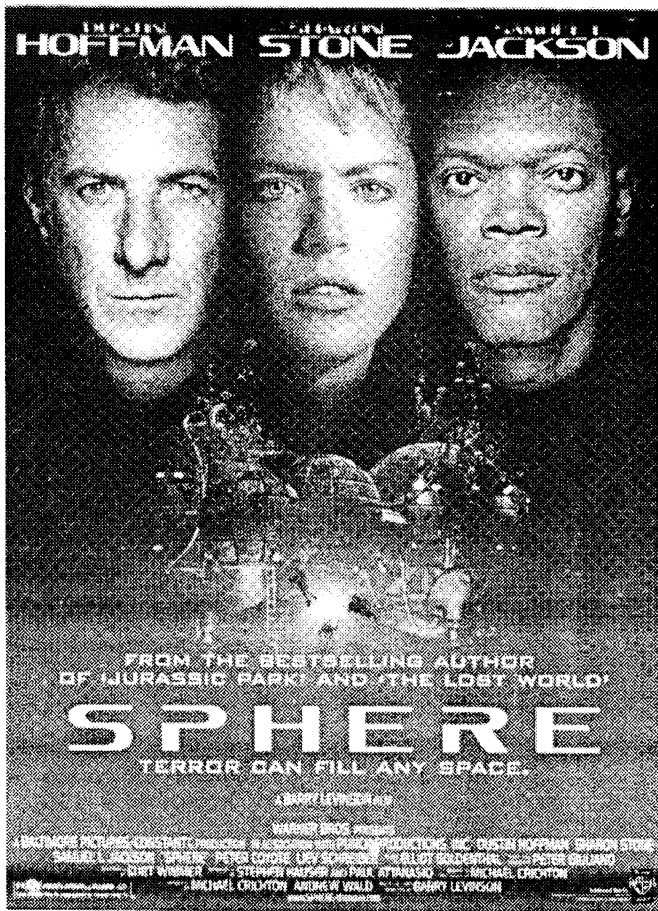
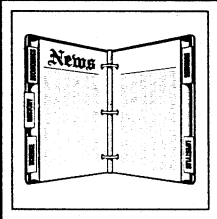
## RIDICULOUS (For those who do crazy things)



Weird faces can be very funny at times. In this issue, you are to stop by The STING office and make a weird face that is crazier than the guy to the left. Someone will take a snapshot of you. The STING staff will vote on the best face and will publish it in the next issue. I will also give you an official SPSU tee-shirt! The last day to stop by will be Wednesday! Winners will be contacted by Friday!

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# Special Features



YOU COULD WIN A PAIR OF PASSES TO A SPECIAL PREVIEW SCREENING OF WARNER BROS. NEW THRILLER "SPHERE"

In order to receive the passes, you must unscramble the following movies in which Dustin Hoffman, Sharon Stone, and Samuel Jackson starred!

"DITHGMIN WCOYOB"  
"TLOTA CLRLE"  
"MCNOGI OT MAARCEI"

Stop by The STING office with the correct answers and you'll receive a pair of passes to the screening on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm, at Phipps Plaza! I will give them away until they run out!

OUR WINNERS FROM THE LAST ISSUE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Anita Bandela

Moushume Roy

Michael D. Hall

Angela Haynes

## THE PRIZE CIRCLE

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HOW DO YOU GET THE CERTIFICATES? Submit your name on a piece of paper as well as your opinion on the second issue of The STING. Entries should be dropped off in The STING office or in The STING box. Don't forget to write a way to be contacted!

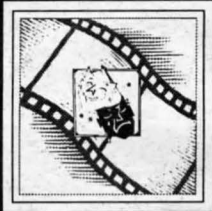


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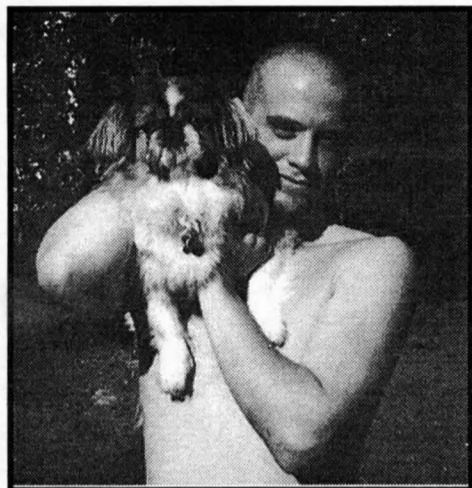
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## The Matt Column by Matt Thomas



Here is a question for ya. Do you know what royally sucks? Answer: when bands decide to not show up for their shows. **WITHSTAND**, a hardcore band from New York, was scheduled to play at the Somber Reptile last Tuesday but decided not to show up, leaving a young Atlanta band stranded by themselves. They decided to play anyway and put on a killer show. Though the disappointment of **WITHSTAND** not showing up loomed over my head, I was thoroughly impressed with the act that they decided to continue to play. The band, known as **YUPPIE SCUM** turned out to be a brutal rapcore band. The only way to describe them would be to say that if Karl from **EARTH CRISIS** could rap, they might sound a little like **YUPPIE SCUM**. I just wanted to start out by mentioning that story and sending a big thank you to Brad and the boys from **YUPPIE SCUM** for sticking it out by being the only band playing that night, they were worth the cover price alone. I also want to thank them for coming and hanging out on my show back on the 27th of January.

Now continuing on, I want to praise yet another local talent, **CLOCKED IN**. I recently had the opportunity to hang with the guys and go into the studio to watch them record their new album. From what I heard, this is going to be killer, even topping their debut EP. I just also want to take the time to say that Chip, Cliff, Davey, Mike, and Steve are five of the straight-up coolest guys I've ever met, and collectively as **CLOCKED IN**, they are one of

the best bands I have ever heard. I'm proud to have these guys representing the Atlanta scene. If you like hardcore in the least bit, do yourself a favor and check out the live show as well as the upcoming album. If you want more info on how to get some **CLOCKED IN** material and info, you can contact me and I will hook you up.

And now, I shall attempt to review one of the most anticipated releases of the new year, **PRO-PAIN**. They are now on Mayhem/Fierce Records and are as furious as ever. The new self-titled release from these guys is nothing less than brutally inspiring. The lyrics are typical **PRO-PAIN**, positivity from an angered perspective. Their songs are about real life and pushing for a better day. Their songs pose the threats in society and the harsh reality of the world. Musically its fast at some points, slow at others but it never loses that trademark stop and go sound. If you know and like **PRO-PAIN'S** music, this album ranks right up there with "The Truth Hurts", "Foul Taste Of Freedom", and "Contents Under Pressure." By just hearing the first track on the new album, you know these guys are serious about what they do. They also put on one of the best live shows as well so hopefully, they will be touring and will be back in Atlanta soon.



### UNSANE

Another anticipated album coming out in the first month of this year is the new album from New York's own **UNSANE**. They are now signed to Relapse Records and they continue to mature musically. Relapse has got to be the most fitting label for these guys considering their reputation for letting their artists be as creative as they want. The new album, entitled "Occupational Hazards", showcases this opportunity of musical freedom. The noisy sounds of **UNSANE** have never sounded better than what their new release presents, lots of distorted vocals with crazed time changes and guitars that cut worse than a chainsaw. One of my friends once told me that **UNSANE** is probably even too crazy for him, in my book that's a complement. The first sentence of the press release pretty much sums it up, "New York City's much famed noise rock trio approach their ten year anniversary by delivering their heaviest and most punishing record to date." **UNSANE** has just set out on a nationwide tour with label mates **TODAY IS THE DAY**. The Atlanta date will be Feb. 18th at the Point, go check 'em out.

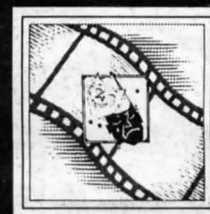
Alright, here is some other quick info that I will throw at you. According to Nuclear Blast America, **MESHUGGAH** is pres-

ently in the studio recording for their new album due out sometime around late April or early May. If the new single that came out on the "True Human Design" EP was any indication of what the new album will sound like, hold on. Also, Victory Records has a new compilation out entitled **AREA 51**. This has an unbelievable line-up including 54 bands on two discs with such names as **EARTH CRISIS**, **SNAPCASE**, **STRIFE**, **VISION OF DISORDER**, **WARZONE**, **25 TA LIFE**, **IGNITE**, **WILL HAVEN**, **FAHRENHEIT 451**, **59 TIMES THE PAIN**, **RIASED FIST**, among others. Victory has also put out the new **IN COLD BLOOD** album which features members of **INTEGRITY** as well as a live **EARTH CRISIS** album coming up soon. Revelation Records has recently signed the Southern Florida band **MORNING AGAIN**. This band is simply amazing and they will have a full length out later this year, but before that, Revelation will release new records from **BATTERY** and a new band called **SPEAK** which features members of **IGNITE** and **NO FOR AN ANSWER**. The street date for the much anticipated **STUCK MOJO** on Century Media Records is March 3rd. Speaking of Century Media, the incredible hardcore act **TURMOIL** is currently writing and rehearsing material for a new album that should be out before the end of the year. **SLAYER** and **CLUTCH** have new albums coming out on Columbia Records as well. And finally, one of the most incredible bands on the planet, **VISION OF DISORDER**, will have a new album out around fall.

Well, that's it for this issue but be sure to listen up because March 7th will be **WGHR's** metal/hardcore benefit at the Somber Reptile. The line-up is still in the works but right now, **CLOCKED IN** and **YUPPIE SCUM** will be playing with other bands to be announced. Also, the first person to email me at [mattwghr@mindspring.com](mailto:mattwghr@mindspring.com) will win the brand new "Signs Of Chaos: Testament's Greatest Hits" CD on Mayhem/Fierce. Well, that's about for now, check out my show on Tuesday nights at 8:00. 'Til next time, c-ya.....

### WGHR 102.5FM





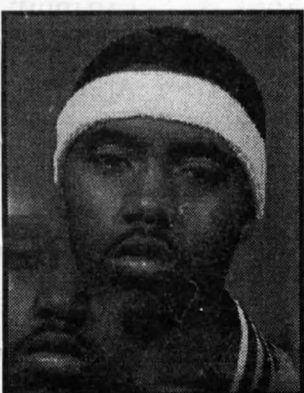
# The Essence of Hip-Hop The Emcee.

- By Kacey Mathews #7.

What makes a true Emcee? Is it a way with words? Is it the ability to paint a clear and vivid picture in as few words as possible? Or does it take a natural-born talent? To me it takes all of these factors plus numerous of others to even think about calling you a true Emcee. To help one in becoming an Emcee, I have made a Top Ten Illest Emcees List. This list was created with the knowledge of what a real lyrical giant is; each ranking is based on the Emcee's flow, content, and persona. Each person listed is whom I believe one should not bite from, but learn. These selected ten are your teachers. They will give you lessons in the battle royal of Emceeing, which in turn should cause for you to sign your name on the dotted line of any record label. Every article from this day forth, until I am no longer writing for the Sting, there shall be a top ten on everything in the world of Hip-hop. The top ten listings shall accompany my articles. This shall be the only one I shall go into dept on. These current five are the first five of the Top Ten Illest Emcees. The remaining five shall come in the following issue of the Sting. Now I bring to you, for your reading pleasure the...

## Top Ten Illest Emcees

Starting at number ten we have Nas Escobar. This Queensbridge native was once considered the future of hip-hop, but since his pop claim to fame, "If I Ruled the World (Imagine That)", he has fallen tremendously to the realms where everyone else goes that is no longer



"keeping it real." (SEE DR. DRE) But as an Emcee, Nas still has some skills. From his debut album, *Illmatic* to his current *The Firm*, Nas' skills has shined tremendously. Check out these dope lines from "Life's A Bitch" off the LP *Illmatic*:

"I woke up early on my born day. I'm twenty, it's a blessin' / The essence of adolescence / Leaves my body now I'm fresh'n... Now it's all about cash in abundance / Niggas I used to run with / is rich or doin' years in the hundreds / I switch my motto / Stead of sayin' fu#k tomorrow / That buck that bought a bottle / Could've struck the Lotto... Time is Illmatic / Keep static like wool fabric / Pack a four-matic / to crack your whole cabbage..." Also check out Nas' verse on "Verbal Intercourse" off of Raekwon's LP *Only Built 4 Cuban Links*.



Next up to bat is number nine, the Dirtiest Mouth in the South, that nigga Mystikal. With one album under his belt and another one currently in stores, Mystikal has shown that his skills not only pays his bills, but with his numerous guest spots on other artist's albums, also others in the process. From E-40 to Master P to Mia X this Emcee's style is all his own and very recognizable. To get a full dose of true Mystikal at his finest check out his new single, "The Man Right Chea."

Pulling in at number eight is the Fastest Tongue in the game, Twista. This dude's rhymes is so fast that he puts all of Bone Thugs-N-Harmony in a twist. His rhymes are so fast that I have to hear them ten to twenty times before I catch some of the stuff that he says. Nonetheless, this Chi-Town native has the skills to

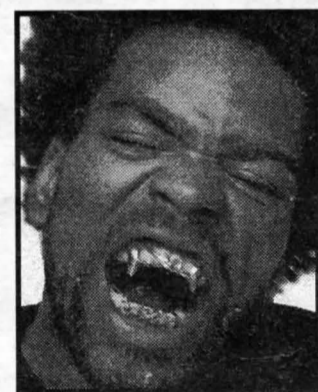
call himself an Emcee, just check out his rhymes off his solo LP *Adrenaline Rush* and also some verses he did on Do or Die's joint *Picture This*.



Now at number seven is where I had the most difficulties. These two men of the iron Mic have done many ill verses alone and also as a duet. Method Man and Redman are these two Emcees.

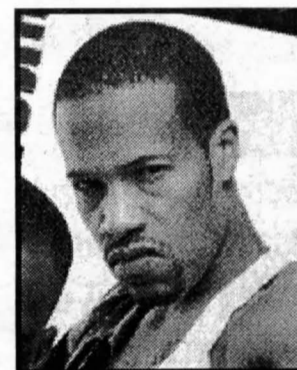
From Meth's Grammy-award winning verse on "All I Need" to Red's verse off their duet "How High," these men represent an aspect a true Emcee needs, versatility. To hear an example of their versatility, check out every album from the Wu-Tang Clan, everyone of Redman's albums, *The Show* soundtrack and a tremendous amount of guest spots. Everyone from LL Cool J to the Notorious B.I.G. to any member of their clans, Def Squad and Wu-Tang Clan, these two true Emcees have done it all.

At the six spot comes someone who delivers energy into every rhyme they recite and can do something that is hard for Emcees to



do... Put on a bomb-ass concert. After leaving one of his concerts, you will feel as if you got your dollars worth. This Ill Emcee is Busta Rhymes. From his days as a member of Leaders of the New School, to his two solo albums to more guest spots than you can shake a stick at from *Mase* to *A Tribe Called Quest* to *Rampage*, Busta is constantly giving off energy. Check

out his rhyme off his first solo LP *The Coming* from the track "Do My Thing":

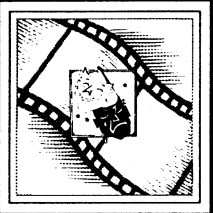


"When I step in the place you should keep your mouth closed / Take your fat finger out your nose. You should pay

attention and watch how I wild on records / make you say the Lord is my shepherd... I said I'll never leave you mislead / While you bullshit I'd rather get the loochy instead / Ha hoo ha hi ha! / Flip until you fall / Wildin' in your whip till you crash into a brick wall... I be the number one chosen just to keep ya' open / Chill with your thoughts I got your brains frozen / Paid the prices / Made the needed sacrifices / To present the grand opening of Flipmode Enterprises!" Indeed...

This concludes the bottom five of my top ten listing. The remaining five, without a question, comes with skills and I shall have proof to go with it. Until next time... Peace!





# Arts & Entertainment

## Warner Bros. "Fallen" takes your heart for a ride

**Corey J. Stanford**  
News

Evil is known to be present in all forms.

Despite the way it's present, it is out to accomplish one thing: to demolish all forms of good.

Homicide detective John Hobbes, who is played by Denzel Washington, teams up with partner Jonsey, who is played by John Goodman, to apprehend a demonic serial killer. They are not only present at his trial, but witness his horrifying execution.

Not long after the execution, the two detectives are confronted with a brand new series of slayings committed in the same style of the late killer's. The detectives' superior Lieutenant Stanton, played by Donald Sutherland, is confused about the murders. What puzzles him is that he is unsure whether they are the work of a copycat or a rogue cop. While pursuing the investigation, circumstantial evidence is uncovered that leads back to Hobbes in the killings. Baffled about such accusations, the detective is forced to



Denzel Washington and John Goodman partner up in Warner Bros. demonic murder mystery.

meet up with a theology professor played by Embeth Davidtz. The professor possesses knowledge of the supernatural and is questioned deeply.

"The detective is brought face to face with overwhelming truth," according to a Warner Bros. Reporter.

The film is one that should be seen

by "murder mystery lovers." There are a lot of high and intense moments that will leave your heart throbbing!

## Deep Rising succeeds where others have failed

**Jeff Combs**  
News

A few months ago, I saw *The Lost World* and couldn't

help wondering if this kind of monster-eats-people movie was worth making anymore. *The Lost World* was a bad

*Deep Rising* starts out unspectacularly, but its opening scenes prepare the way for better things to come. On a small junky boat, Finnegan (Treat Williams) is transporting mercenaries to a destination he thinks is the middle of nowhere. The mercenaries have a rendezvous with a cruise ship owned by a man who says his dream is to build the most expensive, most glamorous cruise ship ever built.

Unlike many other action/adventure movies, *Deep Rising* doesn't have any true "bad guys" or "good guys." Rather the

characters are shades of grey; some are flawed yet will do the right thing when it counts, while others care only for themselves. Finnegan, a smuggler, is the main character, and the leading lady, Trillian (Famke Janssen), is a jewel thief. The real evil isn't the ruthless mercenaries, who will kill anyone who gets in their way, or the terrifying creatures that kill the characters one by one by drinking them (instead of eating them) in a slow,

agonizing process: the ship's owner Canton (Anthony Williams), whose greed has no end, is the real monster.

One minor character, mechanic Pantucci (Kevin J. O'Connor), is vital to *Deep Rising's* plot. After snooping through the mercenaries' cargo, he questions Finnegan's philosophy of "if the cash is there, we don't ask." Pantucci is annoying and complains about everything yet manages to be very likeable and makes the right jokes at just the right time, keeping this movie from degenerating into another *Lost World*.

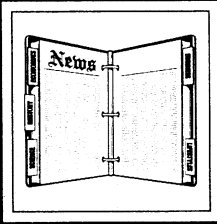
For just long enough, the identity of the creatures is withheld. In one scene, the characters come upon a room littered with blood-covered, eyeballs-intact skeletons. Although you won't actually see the creatures in this scene, a bending and twisting steel wall lets you know they're there. Of course, most of the characters get picked off one by one; this must happen—after all, there are just too many of them in the beginning.

When you finally do see the creatures, you won't be disappointed. More than 120 artists spent nearly a year creating them. Although they are fictional, their behavior and appearance are unique as well as believable.

*Deep Rising's* writer and director Stephen Sommers makes *Deep Rising* succeed where others have failed because the outstanding special effects add to the movie but aren't its only cards to play. Good timing heightens the suspense, humor keeps everything in balance and personality flaws add realism and depth to the main characters. Although it is excessively gruesome at times, this is a "fun" movie with an ending that makes the audience applaud.



movie because its main characters were flat and its attempts at humor pointless, but more importantly, there was no real plot. Big scary dinosaurs cannot make up for this. After seeing the previews for *Deep Rising* and noticing a familiar theme, this time with sea monsters instead of dinosaurs, I thought this movie would fail for lack of originality and braced myself for another *Lost World*.



# Campus Announcements

Welcome to the Campus Announcements Section of the newspaper. This section is devoted to announcements that all campus organizations have that they would like the student body to know about. If you would like to be included, please submit your entries by the next deadline on an IBM diskette. If you have a logo that you would like to have included please include it with the submission.

### **Tau Kappa Epsilon** **Greek Organization**

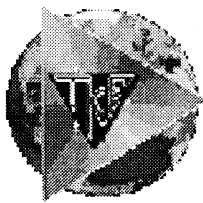
Hello and welcome again to

TEKE Planet. ?? is counting down the days to its big 25th birthday bash, Red Carnation Ball, on Feb. 28. TEKE's, don't forget to make your reservations by Feb. 10 to receive the \$49 rate.

In our last issue, a list of the new officers was included; however, in my absent-mindedness, the Candidate Educator, Joe Scott, was left off. Sorry, GrandPappy.

To catch everyone up on current events, the TEKE Ski Trip was a blast; and, keeping in good TEKE party tradition, it only lasted one night in Gatlinburg. Hey, the slopes were closed anyway! All I have to say is, "Ya know, that bear has blue balls." If you don't believe me, I have pictures. The TEKE Sharks are working their way through the Intramural Basketball league with a 1-1 record so far. Keep it up, guys! Schedules are posted on the TEKE table. Let's have a good turnout. Fri. Jan 30, the winter candidates receive their first lesson in TEKE education followed by an officer retreat on Sat. Finally, but definitely no least, be prepared for the return of ??'s Bad Apple Bash on Fri. Feb. 6 at the VFW in Smyrna. From I-75, take I-285W to the Atlanta Rd. exit, turn right. At the first stop light, turn left. The parking lot will be on your left and the VFW is across the street.

Upcoming: Feb. 6 - Bad Apple Bash, Alumni meeting; Feb. 8 - Composite pictures 4:30-6pm; Feb. 14 - Valentine's Party 8-11:30pm; Feb. 25 - ??'s birthday; Feb. 28 - RCB.



### **Gamma Phi Beta** **Greek Organization**

Welcome back! I hope everyone had

an excellent break. Now we all have to get back into the swing of things. I hope all the Gamma Phi Beta's are studying hard.

Well girls, we had kind of a slow rush, but we are looking for quality not quantity. Congratulations to Alex Garcia our lone new member. We hope to see you at all of our upcoming events.

Speaking of upcoming events, the gentlemen of Beta Sigma Chi have graciously invited us to a cook out with them on January 30th. I hope you guys are cooking because I have seen some of the girls cook, and I do not want to see it again. I almost died in the fire. If we survive your cooking then the boys of Sigma Nu have invited us over to play on February 20th. We are looking forward to an interesting time to say the least.

Speaking of the boys of Sigma Nu, did all of you recover from your beating from the Marietta Glory? I heard a few of you had some life threatening injuries. Taylor, you really aren't supposed to get in boxing matches in the middle of a basketball game. Jennifer, Kim, Christy, and I were very glad to have everyone's support who was at the game, but we would like to know how the Sigma Nu's went from 5 or 6 players to 10 or 11 for the game against the Marietta Glory. We would also like to thank the Marietta Glory for letting us play on their team. We are having a great time, and next time maybe we will finish the game the way we started it. Good game girls, we'll beat those boys next time.

Good luck to all of the Greeks this quarter. Let's see those GPA's rise.

### **Baptist Student Union** **Student Organization**

The Baptist Student Union is a Christian organization. It is a place of fellowship and fun. A place where you can experience GOD through Bible studies, different speakers, and opportunities to serve others. The BSU is not just for people of the Baptist denomination. EVERYONE is invited for our activities. We encourage each and every one of you to visit and see what the BSU can do for you. We are located near the D and E buildings across the street (You'll see the sign!!) We are open from 9am-5pm every weekday. So come down to visit, study, play pool, or just hang out!! We look forward to seeing YOU!!

#### Our Weekly Activities:

- |          |   |
|----------|---|
| Tuesday  | -Noon Free Lunch @ BSU -1:15pm<br>Help out at Storehouse Ministries (food ministry for the homeless) Meet @ BSU |
| Thursday | -6pm Bible Study on Book of Colossians @ BSU<br>-7:30pm Thursday Nights Together (TNT) @ BSU                    |
| Friday   | -6:45am Prayer Breakfast @ Chick-Fila on Hwy 41   |

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:25 NIV  
Contact 770-428-0986

## SACS-Semester Town Hall Meeting

A town hall meeting will be held to discuss the SACS visit (how it will affect the students) and Semester Conversion.

**Tuesday Feb. 10th**  
**Noon, and 7pm @**  
**Student Center**

#### FOOD SURVEY

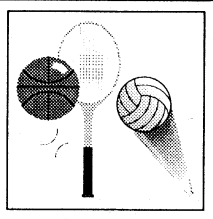
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| 1. Have you noticed the price increase at the cafeteria?             | YES | NO |
| 2. Do you think a price increase should include better tasting food? | YES | NO |
| 3. Have you had problems with the service?                           | YES | NO |
| 4. Have you tried the grilled veggie burger?                         | YES | NO |

Other Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please drop off your response to the STING.



## Intramural Basketball Tips Off

**Ken Lovic**  
*Intramural Director*

The Intramural Winter Quarter activities have started off with basketball fever. The Quarter began with the Schick National Three on Three Tournament. Thirteen teams entered the tournament, and the finals will be held the week of February 1 with Team Puppy Stompers versus Team Risn' Starz.

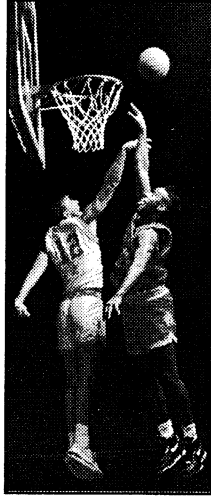
The regular five on five hoop league began on January 21. During the first night of play, the Sigma Pi fraternity team handled team fX 50-35. In the second game, Pi Kappa Phi won the battle of defense verse Sigma Nu, 21-15. On January 22, Team Mixed-up showed no

confusion in handing the IM Staff a 10 point defeat, 44-34. In the night's last game, the Advanced League opened up play with the Runnin' Rebels blowing past Team Showtime 71-29.

On Monday, January 26, the schedule was full with four games being played. In the night's opening tip, the BSU Team defeated the Bloodshot Eyes 61-48. In other action, Sigma Pi (2-0) got their second victory of the season 48-35, over the IM Staff (0-2). The night continued with two Advanced League games. The first game saw first time action for Team Vipers. The Vipers lost their opener though to Team

ShowTime (1-1), who was rebounding from an earlier defeat, 59-49. In the last game of the night, the veteran Team Bomb Squad opened with a victory over Straight Balla's 81-67.

The rest of the week will showcase some great matchups including a interim-staff team playing Thursday night with such members as: Interim President Dr. Daniel Papp, Interim Basketball Coach Mike Helfer and Interim Athletic Director Karl Staber. Also, the Marietta Glory will see action twice during the week. They are a team of female players who definitely have skill and will



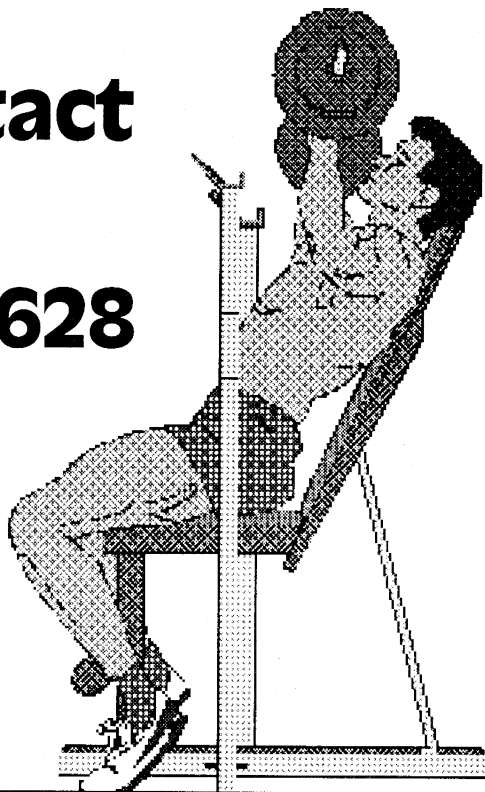
be feared in the battle for the Recreational Division title. Good Luck Glory!

Schedules are posted in the Rec Center every Thursday afternoon for the upcoming week, so be sure to check by to find out when your team plays next. Look forward to these upcoming events this quarter in the Intramural Program: Polar Bear Softball, Weight Lifting Contest, Wiffleball Tournament, Badminton Tournament, and NCAA Basketball Tournament Pool Play! Look for details in the Rec Center or call 528-6811.

**The STING needs a sports writer. If interested, stop by room 252 in the Student Center or call 528-7310**

**Are you a student that is interested in starting a Wrestling Athletic Club?**

**If so, contact Matt at 770-612-1628**



### Recreation & Wellness Center Hours of Operation

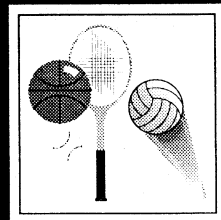
Monday – Thursday  
6:00 am – 10:00 pm

Friday  
6:00 am – 7:00 pm

Saturday  
12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Sunday  
4:00 pm – 10:00 pm

\*Don't forget, you need your SPSU Student ID to enter.



## SPSU Hornets

### Remaining Basketball Games

#### February

2	Mon	vs	*Emmanuel College	away	7:30 pm
5	Thur	vs	*Southern Wesleyan	HOME	7:30 pm
7	Sat	vs	*Piedmont College	away	7:30 pm
9	Mon	vs	Faulkner University	HOME	7:30 pm
12	Thur	vs	*Georgia Southwestern	HOME	7:30 pm
14	Sat	vs	*LaGrange	away	7:30 pm
19	Thur	vs	*Brewton Parker	HOME	7:30 pm
21	Sat	vs	*North Georgia	HOME	7:30 pm
28	Sat	vs	*Shorter College	HOME	7:30 pm

#### March

5, 7, 10 District Playoff TBA TBA

\*Conference Game

Don't forget that all home games are free!

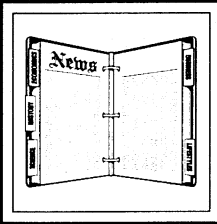
## 1998 Baseball Schedule

February				
15	Sun	Georgia State University (1)	HOME	1:00 pm
18	Wed	Tennessee Wesleyan (2)	HOME	1:00 pm
21	Sat	Anderson College (2)	HOME	1:00 pm
24	Tues	<b>Kennesaw State University (1)</b>	away	2:30 pm
26	Thurs	Faulkner University (2)	HOME	1:00 pm
28	Sat	Lincoln Memorial University (1)	HOME	2:00 pm
March				
1	Sun	Lincoln Memorial University (1)	Home	1:00 pm
4	Wed	<b>*Piedmont College (2)</b>	away	1:00 pm
5	Thurs	Tri-State university, IN (1)	HOME	3:00 pm
7	Sat	<b>Tennessee Wesleyan (2)</b>	away	1:00 pm
11	Wed	<b>*Brewton-Parker College (2)</b>	away	2:30 pm
14	Sat	*Georgia Southwestern (2)	HOME	1:00 pm
21	Sat	<b>*LaGrange College (2)</b>	away	1:00 pm
22	Sun	<b>Faulkner University (2)</b>	away	1:00 pm
25	Wed	*Shorter College (2)	HOME	1:00 pm
26	Thurs	U. of Minnesota-Duluth (2)	HOME	1:00 pm
28	Sat	<b>*Southern Wesleyan University (2)</b>	away	1:00 pm
30	Mon	Virginia Intermont College (2)	HOME	1:00 pm
April				
1	Wed	*LaGrange College (2)	HOME	1:00 pm
4	Sat	*Emmanuel College (2)	HOME	1:00 pm
5	Sun	<b>Anderson College (2)</b>	away	1:00 pm
8	Wed	*Southern Wesleyan University (2)	HOME	2:00 pm
11	Sat	<b>*Georgia Southwestern (2)</b>	away	1:00 pm
15	Wed	*Brewton-Parker College (2)	HOME	2:00 pm
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28	Tues	Kennesaw State University (1)	HOME	2:30 pm
May				
2-5		GAC Conference Tournament - Albany, GA	TBA	
9-12		NAIA Southeast Regional Tournament - Albany, GA	TBA	
18-23		NAIA World Series - Tulsa, OK	TBA	

\*Conference Games

# JOIN THE NEWSPAPER!!

The **STING** is looking for  
**investigative reporters,**  
**reporters, copy editors and a**  
**new Sports Writer. Stop by**  
**Room 252 in the Student Center**  
**to pick up an application!**



## Words From the Editor

**Bryan Garmon**  
Editor

The newspaper is dying. I would like to report about how wonderful things are going in The STING offices, but the reality is that the lifeblood of the newspaper is dying. Last quarter our staff consisted of fifteen people that produced the newspaper. While it still wasn't enough people, it was enough to cover the essentials. This quarter we are down to less than five. What does that mean for you as a student? Why should you care? The answer depends on you.

As a student, having a newspaper is a great thing. It is designed with the intent to inform you solely about the things that affect your life at a university. A good school newspaper covers the hard hitting issues such as student fee increases, problems in housing, and on some campuses even scandals can appear on the pages of the newspaper. Regardless of the issue, however, the newspaper is about you.

A newspaper should consist of the stories that interest you and that will effect you as a student. The paper should offer you commentary about the social system around not only the school but also the entire nation. The articles should focus on student concerns that are voiced by those that deal with them daily and not the issues that administration hands down from the hill. It should be the voice of the student body.

Editorials should strike a nerve in students to take action about the injustice of certain acts or just raise internal questions about the way things are run. Editorials give students the freedom to express what they don't like about a campus and give the reasons behind those opinions in order to bring about change. Letters should pour into our offices telling us of the little things that go on around campus and keep us up to date on the most important issues that students want to hear about.

The Sports and Entertainment sections of the newspaper should be filled with a plethora of local events both on and off campus that are focused toward college students. What's on TV tonight? Who's playing at the local clubs this week? What bands are coming to Lakewood or the Georgia Dome? What plays and musicals are playing at the Fox? Did the Hornets win their game last night? What happened to those athletes that got suspended for possession of drugs? Why do I pay for athletic fees if I never use the facilities? The list can go on forever, but the simple fact is that the section should pertain to a student's



daily lifestyle.

The STING tries to adhere to these ideas, but it's impossible to accomplish them without student involvement. The newspaper as it stands now is severely understaffed. I offer a plea to the student body of this campus to get involved in the student newspaper. We are currently seeking investigative reporters, reporters, copy editors, people to help with layout, and sports and editorial writers. We would like to expand our coverage of local events outside of this campus so we need some help with that as well. I offer a challenge to the student body of this campus: Help me make this paper the best newspaper in the state of Georgia. We have the drive to do it; we have the equipment to do it (in fact our digital production process beats even Georgia Tech's newspaper), but we lack the student involvement to do it.

It is important to understand that the newspaper here works around the idea that we are here for the students. We are operated completely free from administrative restrictions on what we publish in order to preserve the importance of being the voice of the students. Being the voice of the students requires a lot of work on our part, and we can't give you what you want if we don't have your help to provide it. Let me give you an example of what I'm

talking about.

Let's say you pick up the paper and read about unnecessary spending practices on the part of the administration. You think to yourself, "That isn't right. I shouldn't have to pay for those guys to waste my money." Then later that night your friends bring up the cost of tuition, and you start complaining to them about how it's unfair that you have to pay for things that are unnecessary to your education. Now I ask you this: does your complaining get anywhere? It probably does not.

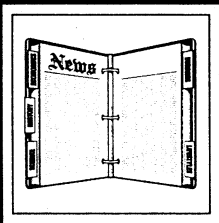
Now take that same situation and instead of complaining to your friend who can't do anything about it, why not write an editorial or just a short letter expressing your opinion and have it published in the newspaper? Now you've gotten your feelings off your chest, and you've put them in a medium that can actually yield results.

As you know, the media is very powerful. It allows you to tell your story to massive amounts of people, and some of those people are going to be able to help you in your cause. A newspaper is a more creditable source to express these thoughts because newspapers have things like editors or editorial boards that decide if it's appropriate to put into their newspaper.

The editors know that whatever you say reflects their newspaper, so most of them are careful not to print slanderous material. The advantage of this system is that you can be assured that it's "fit to print" if it appears in a newspaper. The STING works the same way. Send us your thoughts, suggestions, ideas, complaints, concerns and we'll print them. After all, our sole purpose for existing is to give you, the student, a unanimous voice that cries out when injustice is done.

SPSU is a campus of about 4000 students. When only five or six are participating in something that's supposed to represent all of us, something is wrong. The solution: Get involved. The newspaper is dying because the students are not getting involved. I'm not calling for 4000 people to join the staff, but what I would like to see is at least a couple dozen expressing their opinions to us. We are currently working on ideas that will get students more involved in the newspaper. Our Special Features section is doing a wonderful job so far because it offers students an opportunity to win prizes just for expressing their opinions. We are working on putting together a Dear Abbey type column where you can write in to our columnist using fictitious names in order to get questions answered that you normally wouldn't ask in public. So we are trying to expand the paper to cover more of what's important to you. Realistically, why should you care if a new academic building is going to be built if you will have graduated by the time it's scheduled to open? On the same token, the local bands playing downtown this week might actually provide useful information to you. We recognize that there are weaknesses in our paper and we are trying to address those issues. How about giving us a helping hand?

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# Editorials

## The Rambler is back for another round

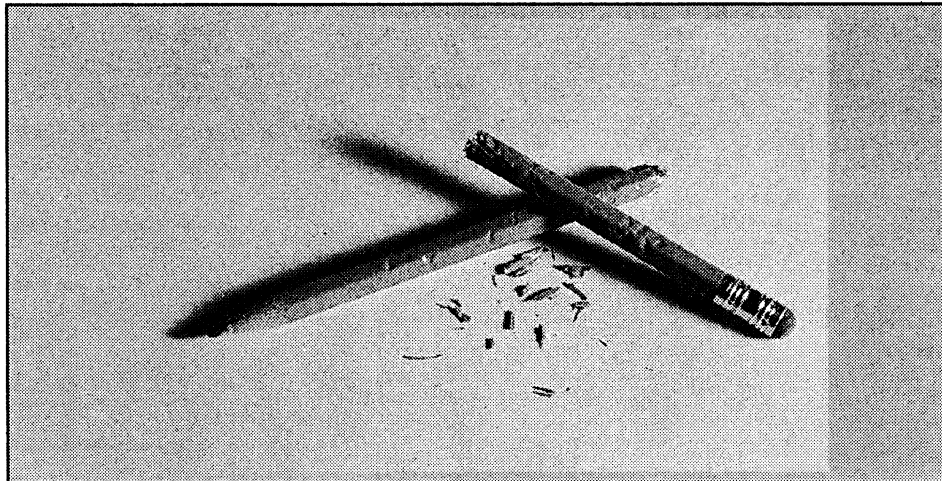
**Shaidu Kiven**  
*Contributing Writer*

"Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember

what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even the dull and ignorant; they too have their story. Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit."

It is my great pleasure to welcome everyone back to the community. Though this is the second issue of The STING, it was not of the Rambler's desire to miss the crucial first issue of the quarter. It is the understanding of the Rambler that the absence of this important section aroused mixed reactions from the generality of the members of the SPSU. On the one hand, there was joy and happiness for the disappearance of this thought-provoking page while a good section of the student body displayed their frustrations.

There are lots of exciting happenings



on the campus during these early days of this quarter. Conspicuous among all these is the intensive construction on campus. So much was done on the last issue with regards to the new student housing and as such, do not warrant the comments of the Rambler. All that can be said at this point is that such developments have been long overdue. Another very important development is the acquisition of the new copy machines in the library. It is important to take into consideration our concerns that were

raised in reference to the copier machines through the Rambler last quarter, and so we extend our thanks to the Director of the Library for listening to us.

Though with signs of progress on and around the campus, the Rambler is seriously concerned that some very crucial matters are not given any attention. Notably among these is the UNIX Lab with less than ten computer terminals. This lab is used by hundreds, nay thousands, of students for projects for various classes. It is equally used by

most students to access e-mails as well as the Internet. The Rambler has been calling aloud for someone in charge of this lab to respond – but, it looks like no one is in charge. We, the students of this institution of technology, need something better than lining up for a number of minutes to use a terminal.

Let's not forget another crisis as it unfolds. Last quarter, the Rambler called to the attention of Campus Safety the existing traffic problems. It looks like things are getting worse instead of better. In the CET Dept., students were asked to suggest ways to remedy the difficulties and one student proposed the elimination of the Staff/Faculty Parking! Though the Rambler does not buy into that, it demonstrates the frustration that the students are going through when it comes to parking. The Rambler suggests that a special parking lot be developed for all those who come to the campus for conferences.

And with this note, you are all assured of a microscopic scrutiny of things as they unfold. The Rambler strongly suggests that everyone reads The STING and send in any comments.

### Winter '98 Graduates Reception



**Winter '98 Petitioned Graduates** are invited to a reception honoring your great accomplishment!

Faculty, administrators, staff and other alumni will be present to congratulate you.

Thursday  
February 5, 1998  
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
or  
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Student Center Lobby  
(Refreshments will be served)

For more information call the Alumni Office at 770-528-7351

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**Go to the Student Activities Office and complete an  
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**(I'm Bout It!! Are you?)**

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# Comedy Corner

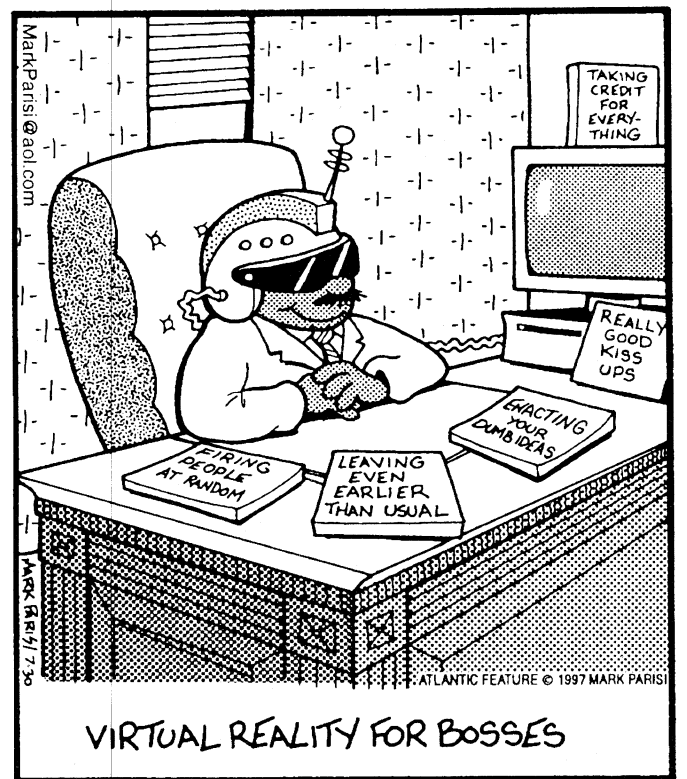
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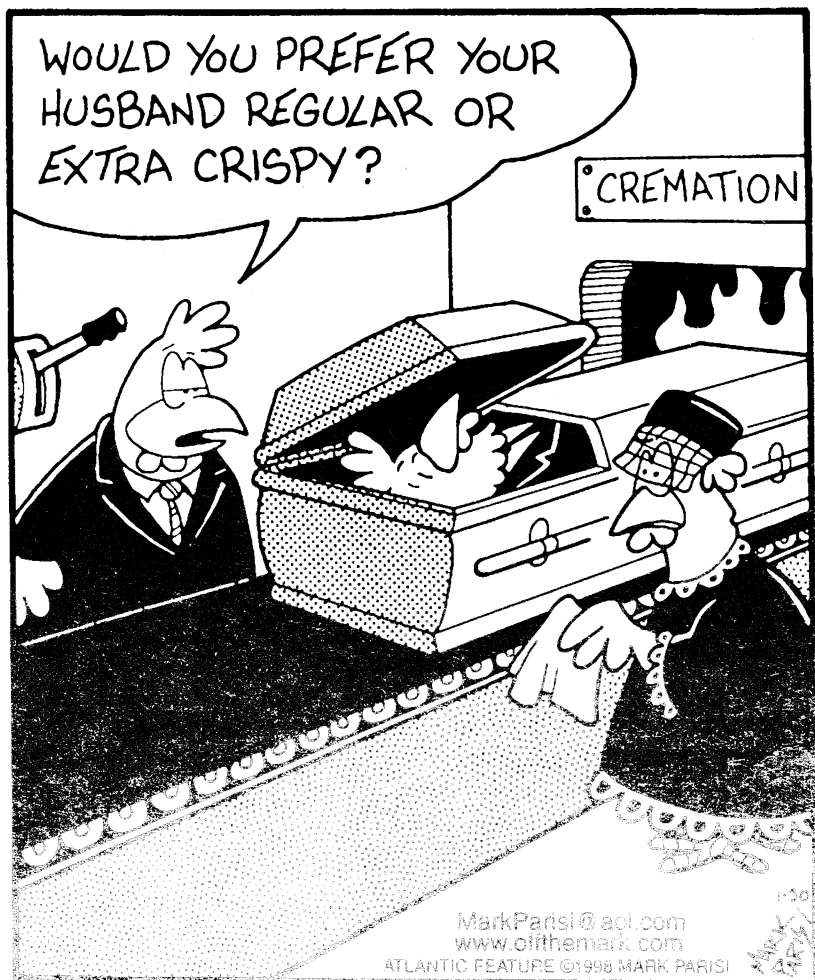
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