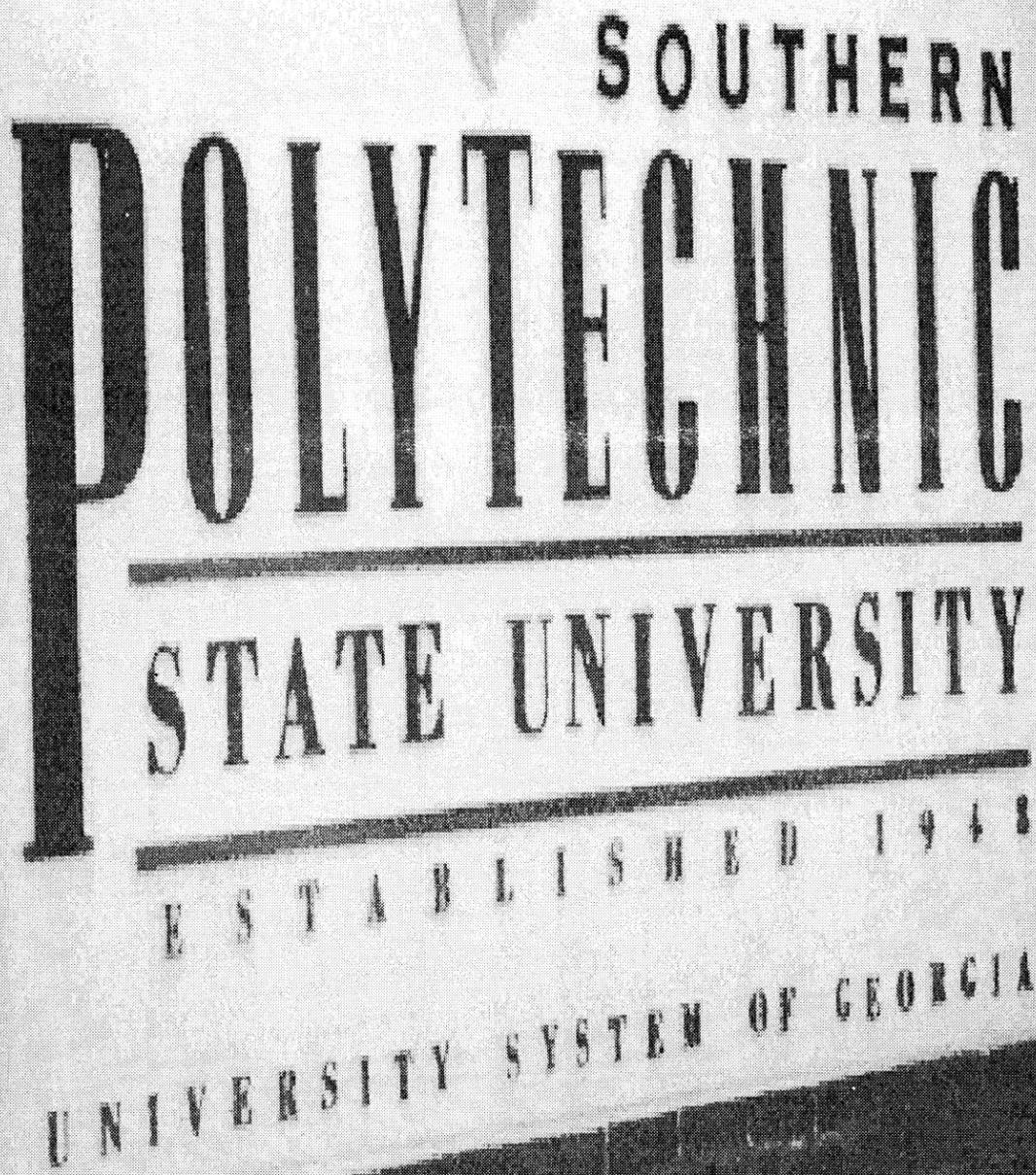


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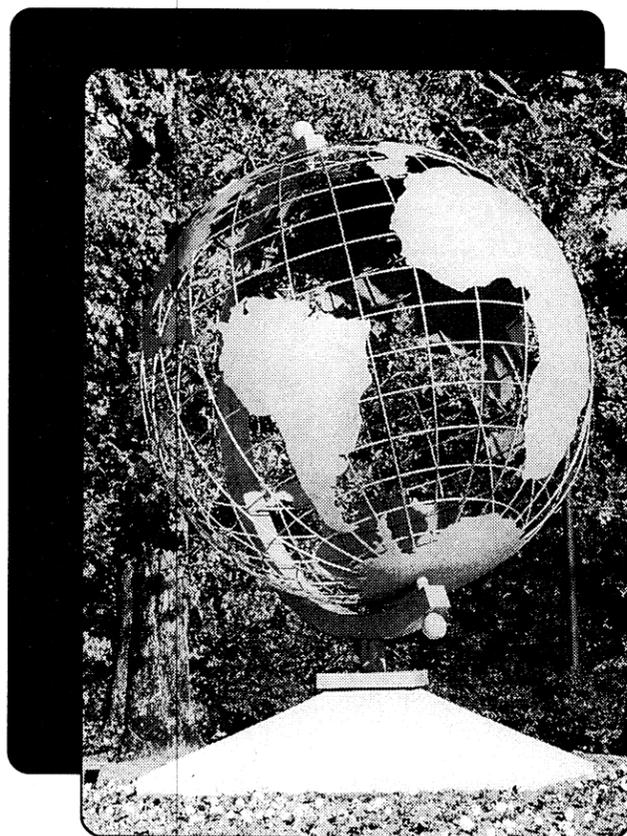


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# A letter from the president



Dr. Lisa A. Rossbacher.

I am very pleased to welcome students – new and returning — to campus for the fall 1998 semester at Southern Polytechnic State University. Although I've only been on campus for a few weeks, I've had the opportunity to meet and talk with many of the faculty and staff here, and I am impressed by their commitment to ensuring that you receive a quality education.

Southern Polytechnic is a place where students are educated for leadership roles in an increasingly technological world. You will be well prepared for your first job after graduation, with the technological, communication, and problem-solving skills that will make you successful. Your education here will equally prepare you for the last job in your career, enabling you to adapt, grow, continue to learn, and develop the leadership skills needed to implement the vision of a technological future.

As you plan your academic program – for this fall and beyond – I hope you remember to take the opportunity to explore parts of the curriculum and campus life that may not appear to be immediately connected to your area of focus. Your education will be enriched by courses in language, literature, and economics; by participation in intramural or intercollegiate sports; by field trips to Georgia's mountains or coast; by making friends in the residence halls, in the library, in the Fitness Center, and in the laboratory, studio, classroom, and parking lot.

I should also say welcome to the first semester at Southern Polytechnic; after several years of planning, this campus has made the transition to academic semesters, rather than offering courses on a quarter system. We'll all be working our way through the transition. I've been a faculty member teaching in both semester and quarter systems, and I know that the different pace of the semester system offers time for reflection, absorption, and study during a semester (and an associated decrease in the level of intensity.)

As the new president, I'm still learning about this University, too, and I look forward to meeting you this fall – and perhaps learning together. Please say hello and introduce yourself when your paths cross on campus – I'm interested in hearing how your semester is going.

Best wishes for a great year!

The STING is Southern Polytechnic State University's student newspaper. In one form or another the newspaper has been a part of the school's history from the beginning. In fact, the name of the newspaper originated from the original name of the school, Southern Technical Institute. Using the first letter of each name, the newspaper's original founders added the letters "N" and "G" to form The STING.

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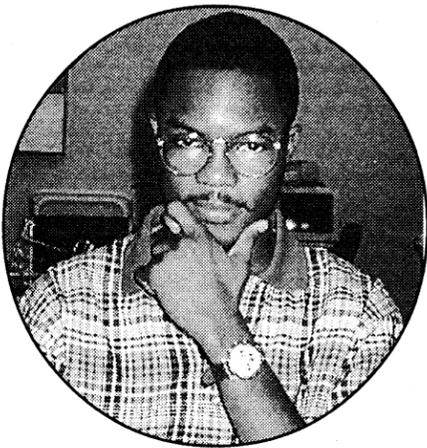
When the paper first began, it was published as a four page black and white pamphlet with hand drawn pictures and typewritten text. Over the years, the pamphlet was dropped in favor of a tabloid sized paper printed on regular paper and not newsprint. Eventually, the newspaper made the jump to newsprint and the STING began showing the signs of being a professional publication. Over time, the layout and size have changed with each passing editor to become the bi-weekly sixteen page newspaper that it is today.



Along with the size of the newspaper, the actual production has changed dramatically over the years. The newspaper was manually typed originally and then photocopied for distribution. From there the newspaper was actually cut and pasted together using photos and typed text. These layouts would then be sent to a printer who would photograph the layout and then print copies of the newspaper. As computers began to sweep the country, the newspaper found itself slowly advancing with the purchase of Macintosh computers for design. Doing partial layout on the computer cut the manual cut and paste operation in half and production speed increased. It is only in the past two years that the newspaper went completely digital. Using computers, the entire newspaper is assembled online and then sent on Zip disks to a printer for production. Southern Polytechnic is very proud to be one of the few schools in Georgia to publish its newspaper electronically.

## Meet the people behind the paper

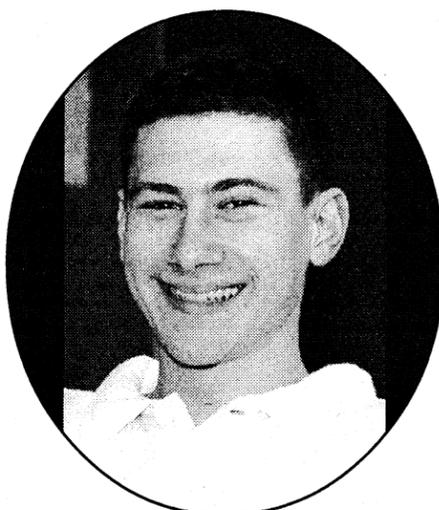
The staff of the newspaper is made up of students coming from a variety of majors and backgrounds. Joining the newspaper is as simple as stopping by the newspaper office at the back of the Student Center. One of the least known facts about the newspaper is that everyone on the staff gets paid. Newswriters are paid per story and time spent doing layout is also compensated at five dollars an hour. While the money earned will not cover the cost of tuition, the newspaper offers students the largest stipends of any student run organization on campus. Most of the staff spend around five to ten hours every two weeks working on the newspaper and the only schedule to meet is the deadlines. Stop by and be a part of the news!



Soon-to-be Editor-in-Chief Corey J. Stanford has been with the newspaper for almost a year. Starting out covering news around the campus, Corey gained recognition for his outstanding work on the Special Features section of the newspaper. The Special Features section quickly became the most popular section of the newspaper and is a place where students participate in contests and brain teasers to win free prizes.



Jeff Combs began writing movie reviews for the newspaper almost a year ago. Moving from movie reviews, he jumped at the opportunity to become one of The STING's top newswriters, covering a variety of student concerns. Majoring in Technical Communication, Jeff became an assistant editor during the Spring '98 quarter.



This issue marks the last for current Editor-in-Chief Bryan Garmon. A Computer Science major gone Technology Management, Bryan brought the newspaper into the digital age. The president of After Six Computers, a local computer consulting company, Bryan can always be found tinkering with the latest technology and will always be grateful for his time with the newspaper.



Matt Thomas has been with the paper since before any of us can remember. Each issue, he can be found writing music reviews for local metal, hardcore, and punk bands in The Matt Column. Matt is an Industrial Engineering Technology major and a DJ for WGHR. His show airs Tuesday nights from 8:00 to 11:00.

This fall's welcome back to school party is a

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Wednesday, August 26  
4:30 - 9:30 p.m.  
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☆ Music ☆

☆ Give-a-ways ☆

☆ Rock Climbing Wall ☆

☆ Giant Slide ☆

☆ Food ☆

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See you there to celebrate fall semester!

*Sponsored by CAB, your Campus Activities Board, & SGA*

# A word from the Student Government Assoc.

On behalf of the Student Government Association (SGA), we welcome you to Southern Polytechnic State University (SPSU). SPSU will present you with many challenges. Challenges that will produce character, perseverance, and integrity within your life. You have embarked upon a journey that will equip you with the tools needed for constructing a bright future for yourself as well as others.

I encourage you to become involved in as many campus activities as possible. Your participation in campus life is important for SPSU as a community. It

establishes who we are and what we will become. Your participation will bind the university together as a community that has been built upon a foundation of persistence and academic excellence.

The SGA of SPSU is designed to represent the student body as a whole; therefore, the SGA takes into careful consideration the academic, cultural, and social needs of the students. The students are the most important part of the university, for without the students the university would not exist. Hence, the SGA is committed to consistently meeting the students' needs. The SGA

also wishes to serve as a link between the students, faculty, and staff in attempts to build a more unified university. Finally, the SGA understands its primary purpose is to be a governing body that will aid SPSU in achieving excellence!

SGA looks forward to working with you throughout this academic year. If there are any questions, ideas, or comments please feel free to attend any of the meetings or e-mail: sga@spsu.edu. Have a great year!!

The 1998-1999 SGA members are Melissa Cherry, President; Derrick Davis, Vice President; Michel Mason, Secretary

/Treasurer; Marketta Bledsoe, Levar Gilford, Jarmon Gray, Kenwin M. Hayes, Michelle Mason, Erin Moore, Kristie Todd, Kelleen Williams, Monica Senior, and Ray Freeman.



## A final word from the editor

In sports, the phrase "blood, sweat and tears" brings to mind images of a football player fighting to break through the defensive line only to get slammed into the ground by a tight end. Watching on our big screen TVs from home, we can feel the crunch as he goes down. Apply the phrase to baseball and the images shifts to a bat cracking home runs or players sliding into bases barely missing a tag out or maybe even

a pitcher being called out after eight innings after giving up a two run homer that tied the score. Ever hear the phrase in the corporate world? Think expensive business suits with cutthroat corporate buyouts and I can guarantee you the phrase rings true. But whatever context you put it in, the phrase is a symbol of a

hard day's work. The phrase provokes images of pride and determination and of a willingness to finish, whatever the task. At the newspaper, the phrase is a pretty accurate description of how a newspaper is put together. And for Southern Polytechnic State University, I think the term accurately describes a college education.

The first component is blood. On a chemical level, the blood in our body delivers oxygen to different parts of our bodies to keep them working; without blood the body dies. When a football player walks off the field with blood stains on his mouthpiece or hands, it proves the player's dedication to the sport. The idea that he would give up something that his body needs to survive

for the game shows that he is committed to doing everything in his power to win. In the corporate world, blood is more symbolic. The life of a company is its bloodline and when a company chooses to downsize either a branch of the company or a division, some analysts refer to this as the company hemorrhaging. The idea is that while no company likes to lose an arm or a leg

sometimes it's necessary for the survival of the rest

of the body. At the newspaper, the editor's blood is usually boiling over looming deadlines or the blood is being drawn from small paper cuts that feel like a meat cleaver has just ripped a piece of your flesh off. So how

does it apply to Southern Polytechnic? The purpose of this institution is education. While buildings and books and computers and professors are all wonderful things to make a campus work, the campus is still empty without one final piece: the students. Pouring through the halls of classrooms and collecting in offices around campus, the students are the ones who define the brick and mortar around their heads each day and who continue to keep this campus alive.

Sweat is a symbol of determination and hard work. The human body sweats when it is being overworked and needs to cool itself off. When a baseball player decides that he can either run faster and make the catch or miss the ball and cost the team a run, he pushes his body to

perform that extra mile in order to make the catch. In the corporate world, if an executive is nervous about a deal going through or a stock rising or falling before closing that day they may break out into a cold sweat. Or the administrative assistant who has been running around the office all day trying to obtain signatures for a purchase order might break out in a light sweat. The key is that the body is pushed to work harder to perform better. In the newspaper, our fingers do the sweating over the keyboard. Each new story requires a huge amount of work and a determination by each of the writers to provide an accurate and telling news story. As for the university, think about that research paper that was finished at four in the morning and due at nine or the final exam that will make or break a final average. Each of us differ in our determination to make a certain grade or go to a particular party or maybe even to ask out a person you've had a crush on. Each person at the school, however, is determined to get a degree.

When one thinks of tears, they can be tears of joy or tears of sadness. In sports, the World Series winners often cry or Super Bowl champions who are overwhelmed by the joy they feel shed tears immediately following their win. In the corporate world, there are not too many times when a cry for joy can be found. The image of a lawyer with a bottle of Jack Daniels in his hands and a loosened tie around his neck crying after a judge has just disbarred him comes to mind. Or the information technology manager who is overwhelmed by technical problems buries her head in her hands at her desk and cries in frustration. In the STING, we cry when the final print turns out to be less than our expectations or when a typo is caught in the final print after knowing that the page was triple checked during layout. In the course of our college life, crying over homework overload is probably a common thing or crying over test grades, but the

thought that comes closer to home are the more personal experiences we go through. Meeting someone only to find out that they are dating someone else or breaking up with long time significant others, friends transferring to other schools or even discovering that a trusted person did not quite live up to that expectation are all good reasons to cry. Each of these things shows that a person cares about the people around them and the things that they get involved in.

This issue marks the last for myself as the editor of the newspaper. Looking back over the issues that I have put together in the past, I'm proud to say that my blood, my sweat, and my tears have found their way into each one that I've helped publish. I want to thank the staff of the newspaper for all of their hard work and dedication. I leave you in the hands of Corey J. Stanford.

### SPSU Ambassadors!

**WELCOME BACK!**  
Please see Jackie or Steven a.s.a.p., we need your new phone number. And, check your "mailbox", complete a schedule, and give it to Jackie this week.

**Fall Meeting #1**  
Wednesday, August 26  
12 noon, Student Center

Thanks!

# The Joe Mack Wilson Student Center

*“The Student Center houses many different things, including the college radio station WGHR, the bookstore, and the Grill Works, each aimed at providing students a comfortable atmosphere for studying or a relaxing break in-between classes. The following are some highlights from the student center.”*



Walking into the student center from campus, students will find the latest copy of Creative Loafing, Atlanta News, Southern Voice, and InSight magazines. Offering Arts and

the right students can see a hall leading to the two main ballrooms where dances and other activities are held throughout the semester. There is a staircase right past the ballrooms leading to the lower level. Past the stairs students will find the information desk on the left and a NationsBank full-service ATM.

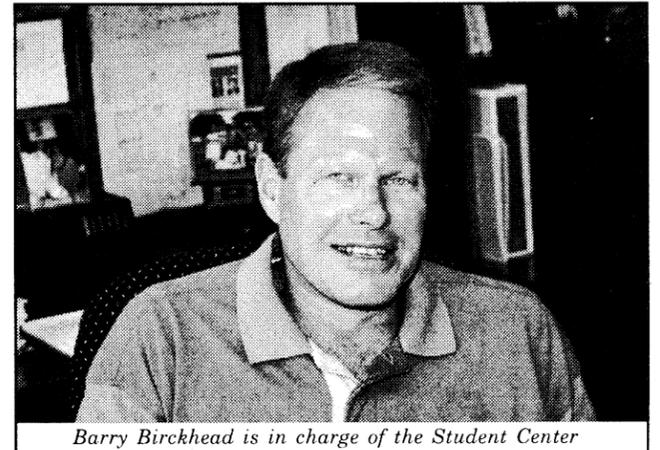
The students at the information desk can answer a variety of questions about the campus itself or about specific activities going on in the student center that day. Students can get discounts on tickets to White Water, Six Flags, the Imax theater, and AMC movie passes from the information desk. Throughout the semester, CAB sponsors concerts and special promotions for concerts around Atlanta. These tickets can all be purchased at the information desk. The information desk is also where students must leave their ID cards if they wish to play a game of pool in the gameroom just past the desk. Don't forget that a copy machine is right next to the ATM and needs a swipe card to operate.

The gameroom contains eleven pool tables and balls are two dollars for unlimited games. Students must turn over their student ID cards to play, so come prepared. If pool isn't your game, try your hand at one of four ping-pong tables. As the name would imply, the gameroom also has video games. The newest addition is a two player simulation game called T-Mex. A pinball game called Junkyard Pinball is great for pinball enthusiasts. Other video games include Marvel vs Capcom, a Neo-Geo system offering Metal Slug, Football Frenzy, Neo

Turf Masters, or Bust a Move. A flight combat game called Strikers 1945 is pretty popular, as well. In the far corner of the gameroom, students will find soda and snack machines. If you need change for a one or five dollar bill, there is a change machine between the snack machines. A coin machine for the video games is located to the left of the game systems.

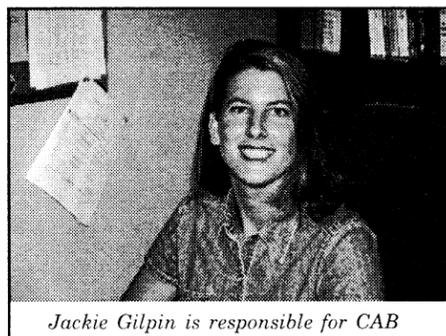
Moving past the game room toward the back of the student center, public telephones can be found on the left next to the Student Government Association (SGA) office. A narrow hallway located past the SGA office leads to some important offices. The first door at the end of the hallway is the Student Activities office. The Student

Student Activities, has an office in this section of the student center along with Leigh Ann Holton and Jackie Gilpin. Barry Birckhead has



Barry Birckhead is in charge of the Student Center

been the Director of Student Activities at Southern Poly since January 1985. Some of the responsibilities of the Director of Student Activities include overall leadership and responsibility for Student Center operations and Student Activities programs, supervising the expenditure of all Student Activity funds, and serving as academic advisor to the Student Government Association (SGA), The STING, WGHR, and the Intra-fraternity Council (IFC). Jackie Gilpin is in charge of CAB and Leigh Ann Holten is responsible for a variety of paperwork. Students with questions or complaints about the student center should feel free to stop by and talk to Barry Birckhead.



Jackie Gilpin is responsible for CAB

Activities Office complements the educational experience at Southern Tech by sponsoring events which serve to entertain, enlighten, and educate. These activities include concerts, dances, videos, comedians, and variety acts. The Campus Activities Board has a \$50,000 annual budget to support these entirely student-run programs. CAB welcomes students who would like to get involved in college entertainment programming. Barry Birckhead, who is the Director of

The second office is the Counseling Center, where students can go to discuss personal issues with a counselor. The Counseling Center sponsors workshops throughout the semester that help students with stress management, adjusting to college life, as well as many other topics. For more information, please contact the Counseling Center directly.

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Entertainment news and articles about Atlanta, one of these is sure to fit your lifestyle. Once inside the second set of double doors, the radio station is immediately to the right. The radio station is run by SPSU students and each dee-jay plays different styles of music. From pop to punk and everything in between, WGHR plays the music you want to hear. On the wall immediately to the right, job posts are available on the bulletin board along with a wall poster of the latest College Activity Board (CAB) sponsored movie that is playing downstairs. Continuing into the building, students notice



Video games help relieve stress between classes

a room full of lounge chairs that leads to the left and to the auditorium. Various campus shows and concerts are put on by the drama club in the auditorium. Walking further into the building, looking to

# The Joe Mack Wilson Student Center

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Past the hallway that leads to the Student Activities office and counseling center are the student lockers. They can be rented for five dollars a semester and are a great benefit for students that carry their lives on their backs each day. The remainder of the top floor are offices of various student organizations. Most of the Greek offices can be found at the back of the student center as well as the newspaper office.

The most popular parts of the Student Center are downstairs. Heading down the main staircase, students will find the student bookstore to the left. A small door to the right of the bookstore is where the Post Office is. The Post office is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 until 5:00. For UPS packages, students will need to visit central receiving which is on the opposite end of campus.

The bookstore is open various hours during the week during the hours of 8:00 until 7:00. Check with the bookstore for daily office hours. Students can purchase official SPSU merchandise including shirts, mugs license plates, key chains, folders, and many other accessories from the bookstore. Magazines and candy, along with computer software are some of the other items sold in addition to text books. For students wanting to get the best value for their books, consider visiting Southern Engineer's bookstore which is across the street from Southern Poly. They have been known to have books for a less expensive price than the bookstore downstairs.

The Grill Works is Southern Poly's food service. Located in a small area downstairs, students pile into this area to eat lunch. Pizza Hut pizzas are for sale along with daily food specialties or traditional favorites such as hamburgers and hotdogs. Sandwiches are made upon request and the Club sandwich comes highly recommended.

Students will enjoy the two 60" big screen televisions that are downstairs. The left viewing room is for CAB sponsored movies that repeat throughout the day. If you are the only one in the room and would like to have the movie rewind

please notify the information desk. The second television is a regular cable television that students usually watch

sports or soaps on.

The student center is evaluated twice a semester by students and faculty in an effort to ensure that students are satisfied with what the student center offers. Since Spring Quarter, the pool tables have had new felt put on them and new video games have been added. Another new improvement is going to be the opening of an online cafe of sorts. When completed, students will be able to surf the web from computers while sipping a cup of Joe. If you have any suggestions for the student center, please submit them to the information desk.



*The Grill Works serves food for students but the small area leads to heavy foot traffic around noon.*

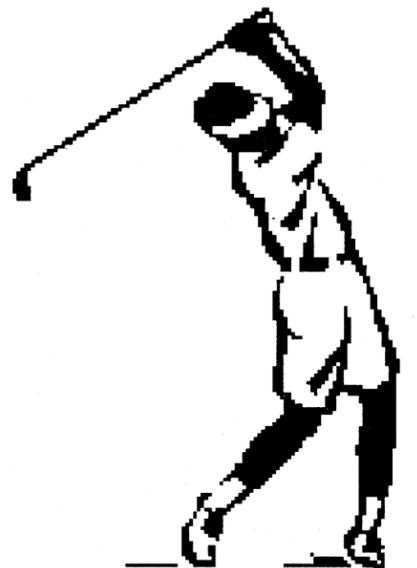


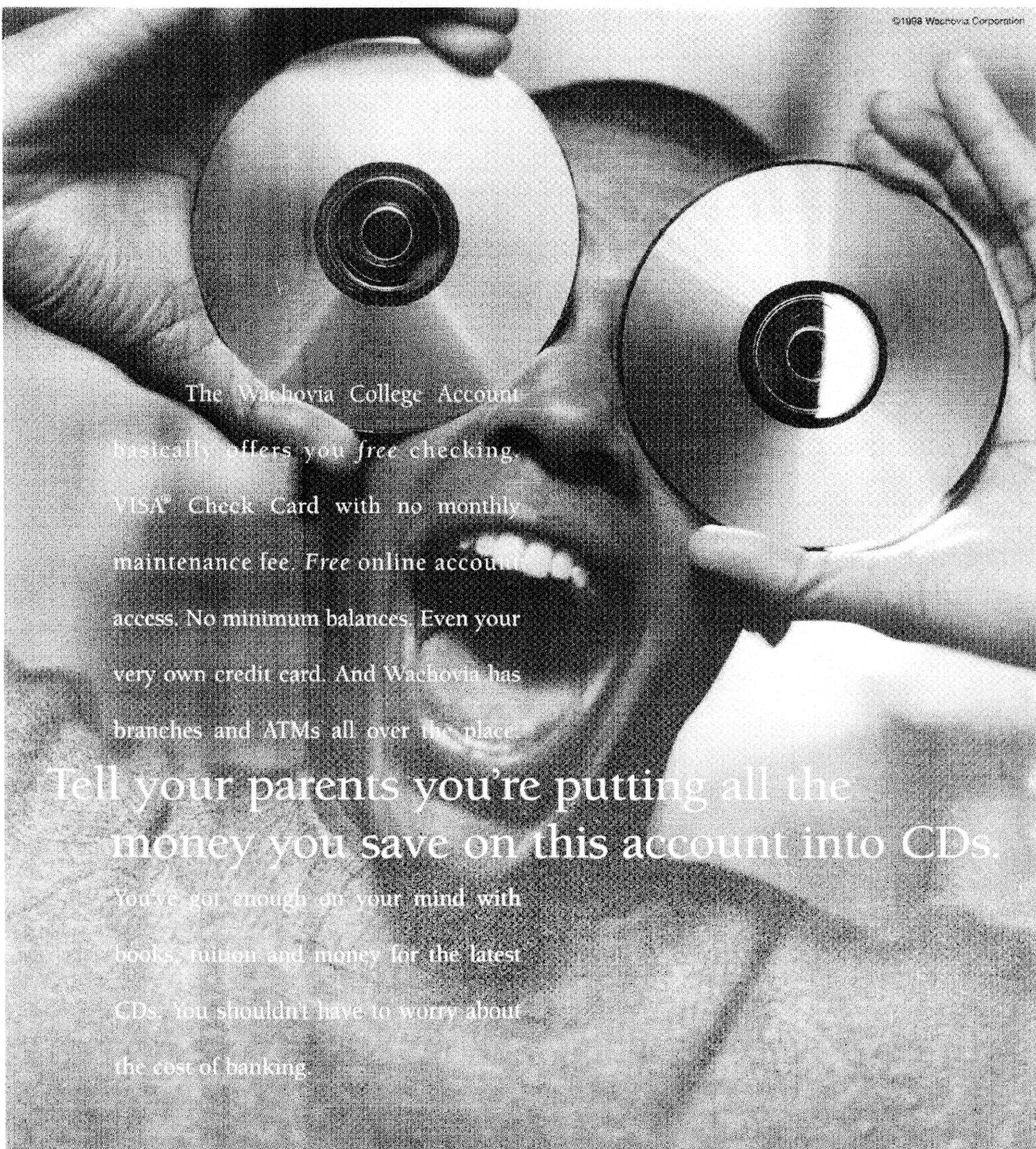
## Register for the Southern PolyLinks Golf Tournament to play for a 1999 Chrysler Sebring Convertable or \$25,000...

**... all you have to do is hit a hole in one**

Scheduled to take place on Monday, October 19th at the Brookstone Golf and Country Club in Acworth, fees are \$175 per person or \$700 per four-member team. Individuals or corporations may sponsor a hole, a putting green, a driving range, or a beverage cart for \$200 each. The deadline for

registration fees and forms is September 30th. For more information, contact Diana Gigantelli at 770-528-7351





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# The STINGS's Guide to Student Dining in Marietta

- Written by Ray Smith



The Ratings: Excellent.

Go for it, great food.

A nice place to try. Food palatable, but don't make it a habit.  
 If your stomach is cast iron, you may eat there.

## All American Foods

This means food like momma made. Not my mother; she was the only woman I ever met that could make Fruit Loops unpalatable. Hot dogs, hamburgers, meat loaf, fried chicken--those are just a few dishes my mother failed at preparing, but hopefully these restaurants will fair better than old mom. If they don't fair better, I'll warn you.

Cracker Barrel Old Country Store  
 2150 Delk Road SE Marietta  
770-951-2602

Variety of foods from Chicken and Dumplings to Pot Roast. Menu ranges from \$5-\$8 Lunch Specials.

Marietta Diner 306 Cobb Parkway Marietta 770-423-9390

Great food. Atmosphere is a little loud. Not a place to take someone for a quiet evening. Open 24 hours and serves breakfast anytime. Menu ranges from \$6-\$18.

Our Place 940 S. Marietta Parkway 770-422-3796

A great little hole in the wall if there ever was one. Not fancy but goood 'eatins.' Walk there from the dorms and be rolled home. Nothing on the menu over \$5.00.

Shillings on the Square 19 N. Park Square 770-428-9520

Downstairs, one finds a pub-like atmosphere with the best burger in town. Menu range is \$6-\$10. Upstairs, one is greeted by an elegant room with a terrific view of the Marietta Square. A wonderful place to take ones' parents or significant other. A bit pricey \$11.95-30.00.

The Cupboard 645 Whitlock Ave. 770-424-8994

Although this restaurant has loads of charm, its cooks are only good at two things: opening a can and

heating it up. The pies are your best bet. They are freshly made and excellent. It is my opinion that someone's grandmother makes them and sells them to the restaurant. Save your money. Open your own cans.

Some restaurants should be held and savored like a fine wine. The Ranch, as it is affectionately called, is not one of those restaurants. It is loud and the bathrooms have guacamole colored algae growing on the walls.

Italian Kitchen 994 Roswell St. 770-427-0220

Great value for the money. Lunch Buffet for \$4.95. All you can eat pizza and pasta. Go early because the secret is out.

1848 House 780 S. Cobb Dr. 770-428-1848

It is said that the Old South is dead, Tara never existed, and fine Southern cuisine is, like the war, over. This is a damn Northern lie. The 1848 House is a genuine Southern mansion and serves some of the best Southern dishes you've ever tasted. The Old South is alive and doing well. Prices range from \$15-\$25.

On Campus, we have the ARAMARK Grill and Cafeteria which serves fine food for the price. We also have available in the Game Room several machines offering a variety of processed food, if you must.

The restaurants listed above encompass a five mile radius around Southern Poly. I would like to list all of the restaurants available for the student body to try. Unfortunately, there just isn't enough room in this paper. At last count, Cobb County had 2500 restaurants. My advice to you is to take what I've given you and experiment on your own. Remember, it's your money. If the food isn't to your liking, send it back and walk to the next restaurant on your left or right.



*When dining anywhere, it is always a good idea to tip your waiter.*

Willamson Brother's Barbecue  
 1425 Roswell Rd. 770-971-3201

Owned by two brothers, Larry and Danny, this place can't be beat. The all you can eat platter is only \$6.95. So starve for a few days and gorge.

## International Foods

Christo's Pizza 1475 Terrell Mill Rd. 770-952-1965

This is one of my favorite places in the in the world to eat. The restaurant is run by a Greek family and they make every customer feel like they're part of the family. It's cheap too!

Danny O'Shea's Irish Sports Pub  
 677 Franklin Rd. 770-919-9999

This restaurant is a college favorite. The food is excellent, inexpensive, and what's more: Guinness on tap. I said Guinness on TAP!!!

El Rancho 562 Cobb Parkway 770-427-9737

If you're a drinker, the Margaritas are great. Liquor could make my mother's cooking taste... No, I won't even go there.

Los Reyes 1018 Roswell St. SE 770-426-1521

Imagine if you will a Mariachi Band greeting you at the door. Flamingo Dancers castaneting by your table. That is what you'll find at this incredible little place. Every Thursday night, they provide free entertainment and every night exceptional food.

Wency's Cafe 614 Cobb Parkway

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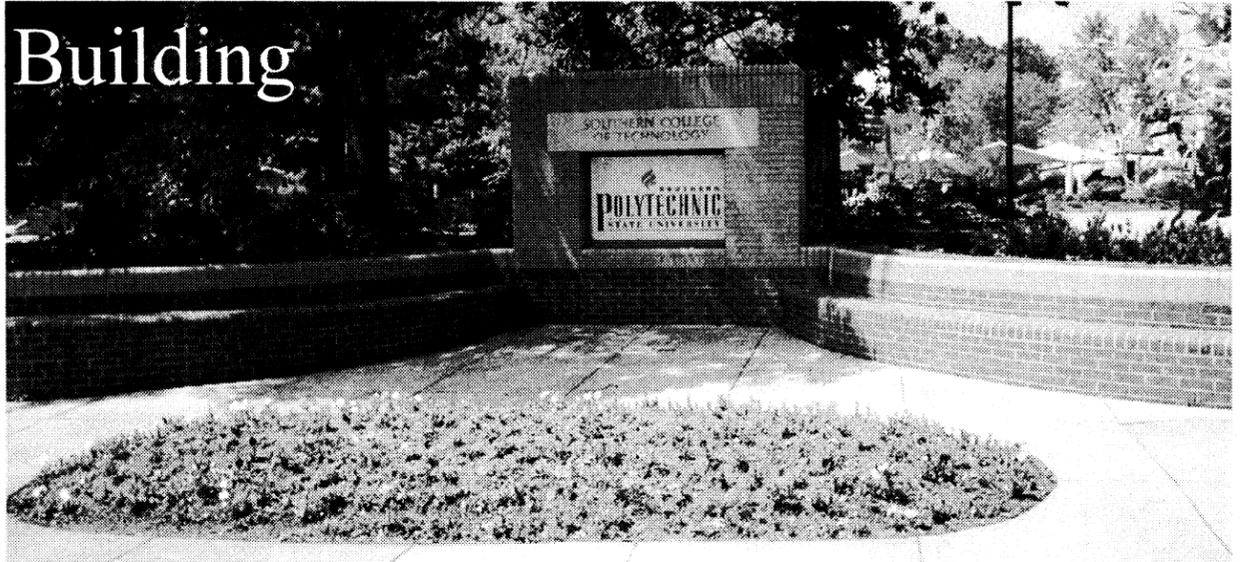
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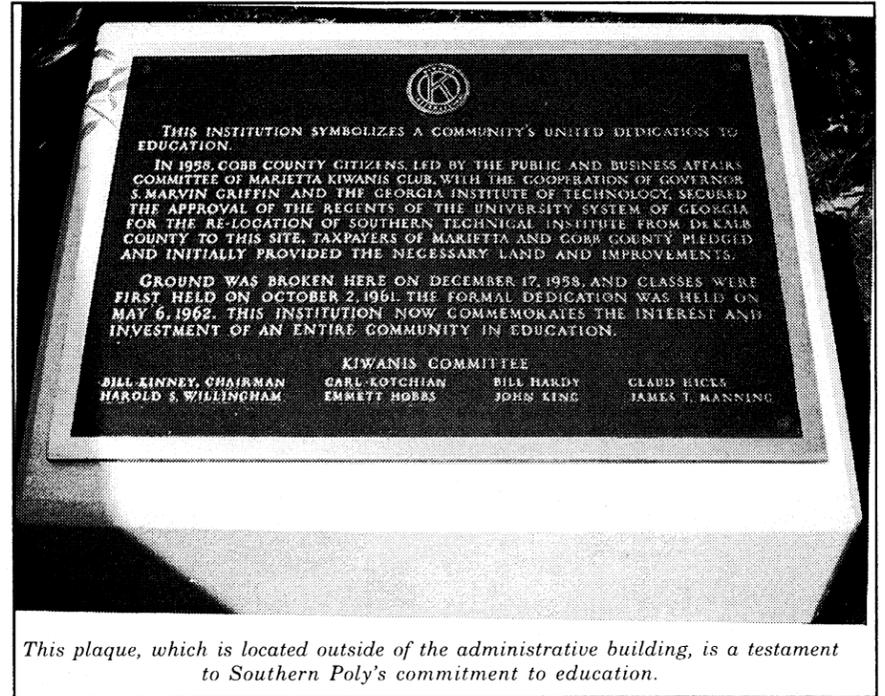
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# The Administration Building

*“The Administration building is where students can get almost any forms or applications that are needed for school. The president’s office can also be found in this building.”*

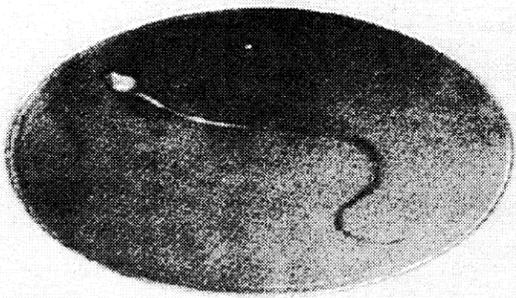


Across from the student center, students will find the Administration building. The first office inside of this building is where students can fill out forms and request various administrative tasks such as withdrawing from classes, changing majors, or requesting transcripts. Across from this office is the office of the President and the other top administrators of Southern Poly. Students can make an appointment to speak with the president whenever they need to, but should keep in mind that department heads should be the first place students go for questions. The last office on the top floor is Charles Smith’s office. Charles Smith is the Vice President for Student Affairs. His job is to consult with students and their parents, administer student disciplinary procedures, coordinate the selection of recipients of designated student awards, and even produce the student handbook. A resourceful outlet for the success of each student, Mr. Smith is a great resource for success at Southern Poly. The public relations office is located on the bottom floor of the administration building. Headed by Ann Watson, this office is responsible for all press-related materials of the university, excluding The STING.

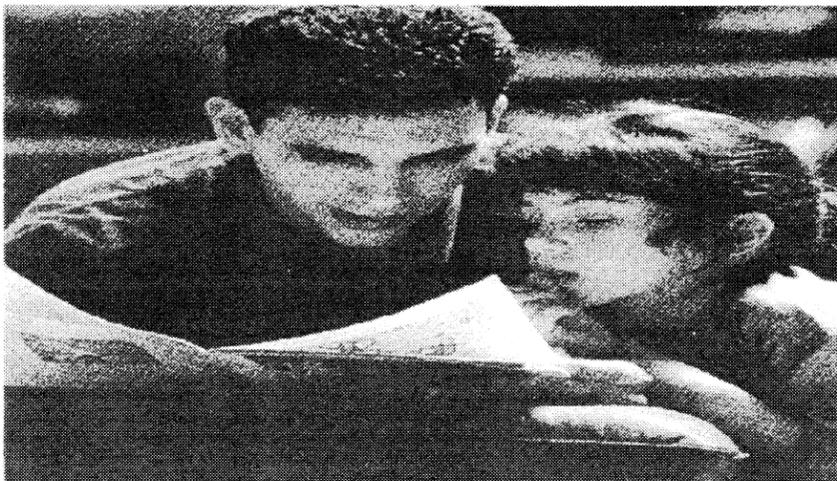


*This plaque, which is located outside of the administrative building, is a testament to Southern Poly’s commitment to education.*

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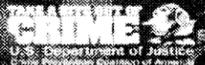


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# Around Campus



*"The newest addition to Southern Poly are the campus apartments built by Capstone Properties. Students can pick between two or four bedroom units."*

Capstone Development has built six buildings at Southern Poly with ninety-two apartments housing 288 students offering two-bedroom, two-bath apartments for \$345 per bedroom, or four-bedroom, two-bath apartments for \$295 per bedroom. A security deposit equal to the first month's rent is required and a typical electric bill runs around sixty to eighty dollars per month for a four-bedroom unit. The apartments give students a new option for on campus living. Cable television is included at no additional charge. It is important to note, however, that pets are not allowed. Leases range from nine to twelve months.

goes to Southern Poly students. If vacancies still exist, students from other University System institutions have second priority, and third priority goes to students attending

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

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 STING was not able to interview any of the new residents before press time. Look for more coverage of the apartments in future issues.



Each apartment is fully furnished and includes a living room, kitchen, and balcony. All apartments are equipped with full-size washers and dryers, along with refrigerators, microwaves, dishwashers, and disposals. Ethernet connections for accessing the Internet are included. There are cable and phone connections in each bedroom, as well as in each living room. Residents may decide whether they want to have separate phone lines or share a phone line with their roommates. For security, each bedroom features a panic button residents can use to sound an alarm at campus safety.

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

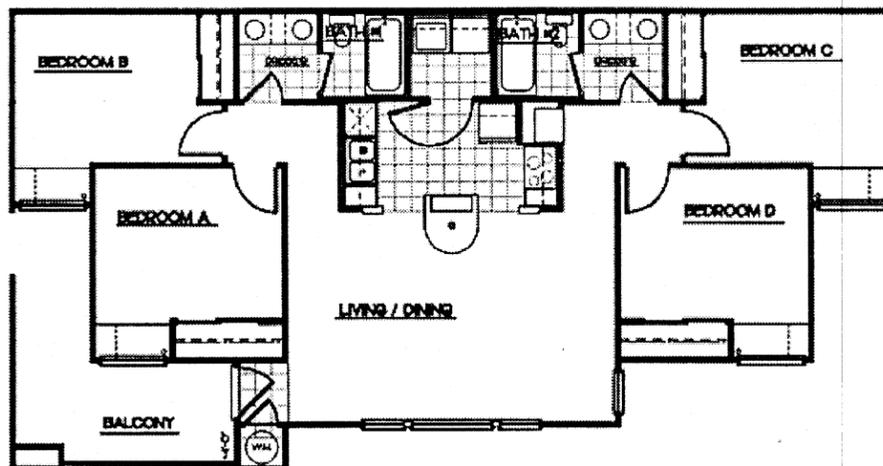
First priority for the new apartments

other post-secondary institutions. All SPSU students are 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

in the works for over ten years.

Capstone Development has 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, private apartments will likely be developed at many other campuses throughout Georgia. "I



they've got it.... So they're able to build volume like this very efficiently," said Charles Smith, vice president for academic affairs.

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

If you have transferred to Southern Polytechnic and are a Sigma Chi, please give us a call anytime!

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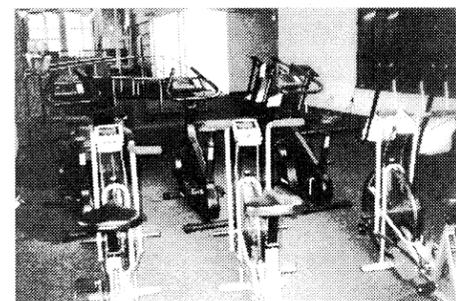
*"The Fitness and Wellness Center offers everything students need to stay fit and healthy while on campus."*



Southern Poly has been growing the campus to draw more students for a few years now. After the Student Center was built, plans were made to construct a new recreational

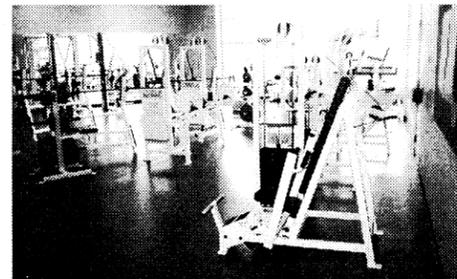
stay fit and healthy while on campus. Two basketball courts can be used by students looking for a friendly game of one-on-one or even five-on-five. They also offer an additional

equipment. A separate room for exercise bikes and treadmills separate the weight room from a cardiovascular room, where mats are provided for step aerobics and many other aerobic exercises.



After a hard workout, students can dive into the full-sized Olympic pool or they can head to the showers in the locker rooms. Those using the center on a regular basis will benefit from renting a locker for ten dollars a semester, but you do not have to have a rented locker to use the locker room. Students should also be aware that their student ID cards are required to gain access to some of the equipment and should be carried at all times.

Karl Staber runs the center. His job is also to plan and implement recreational sports programs, including intramural sports, outdoor adventures such as kayaking and camping, as well as club sports.



Interested parties should check the list of important phone numbers on the back page of the newspaper for more information.

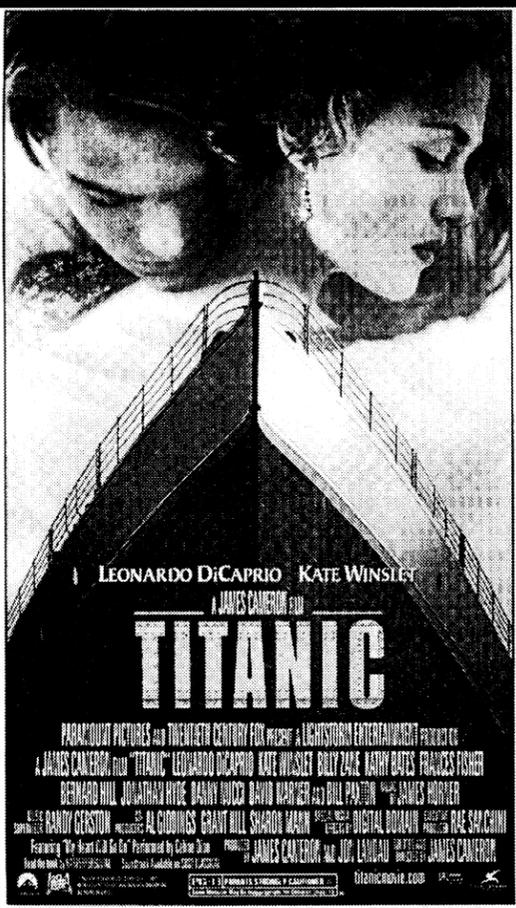


center for students. The campus found the answer in the Fitness and Wellness Center that, next to the apartments, is the newest building on campus.

practice area for the Hornets, the SPSU basketball team. For students not into basketball, the center offers two racketball courts. Court reservations can be made for same-day games. Still looking for more? The center also has a fully equipped weight room using Cybex training

The Fitness and Wellness Center offers everything students need to

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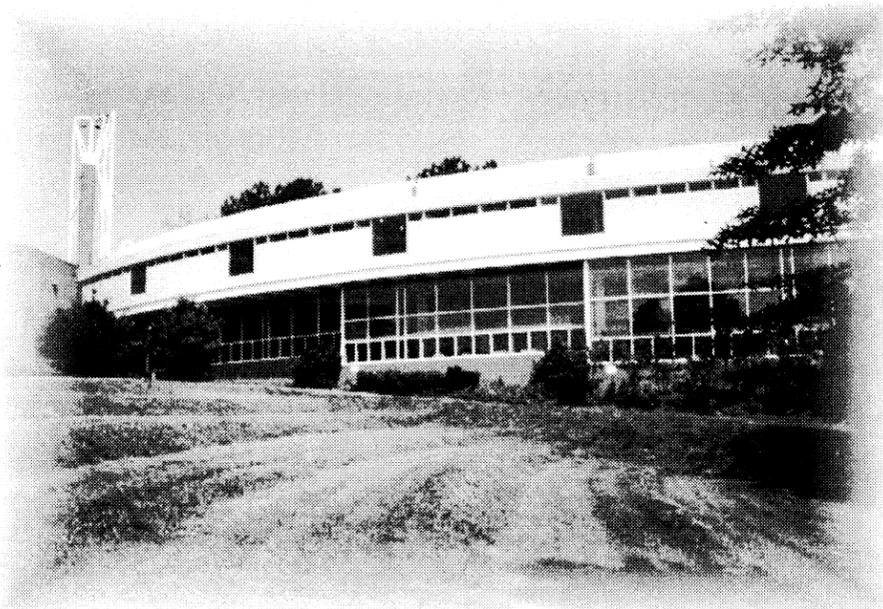
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# Around Campus



*"While on campus, students will pass numerous plaques and statues. The Globe, the Rock and the Bell Tower are the most recognized landmarks."*

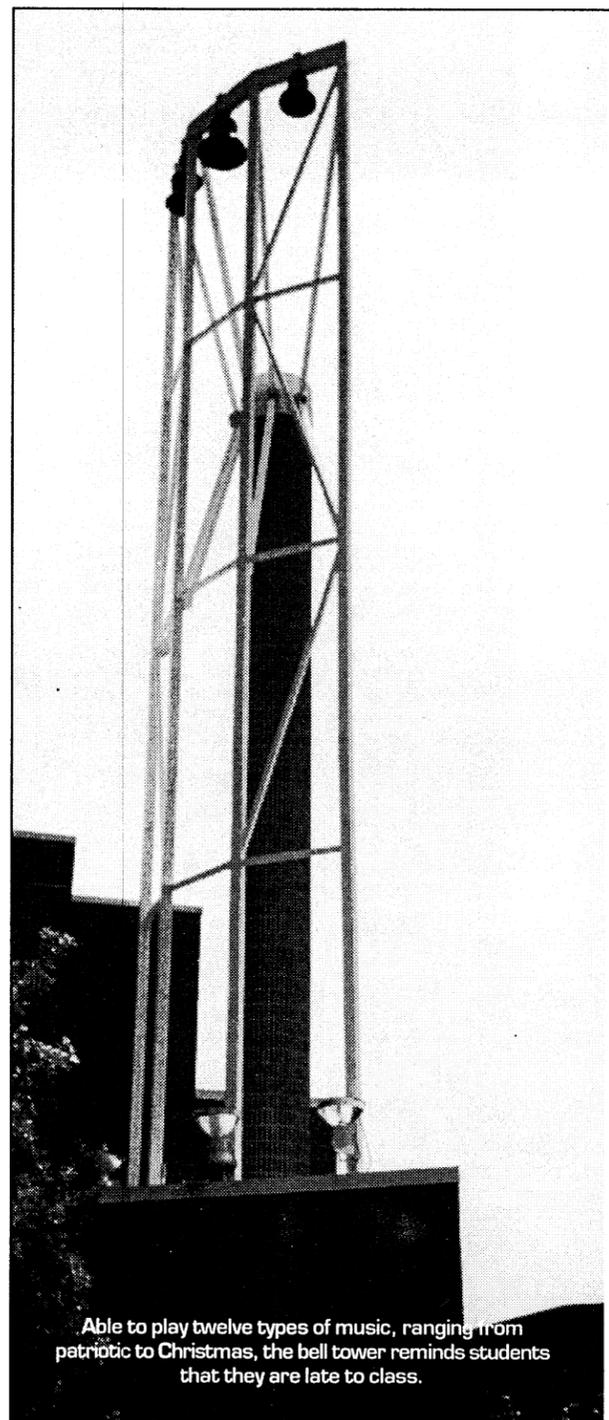


The Globe sits between the student center and the administration building and is a symbol for the coming together of students from all over the world to make up the student body of Southern Polytechnic State University.

The library is where students spend a great deal of their time during the semester. The three level building has computer terminals that are set up for library research and have access to the Internet. Students have access to copy machines located on the second level as well as news periodicals and microfiche. To check out books students, must have a student ID card with a special bar code that can be obtained from the library circulation desk. Professors put copies of past exams and tests on file in the library so students can have a better idea of how to prepare during the semester.



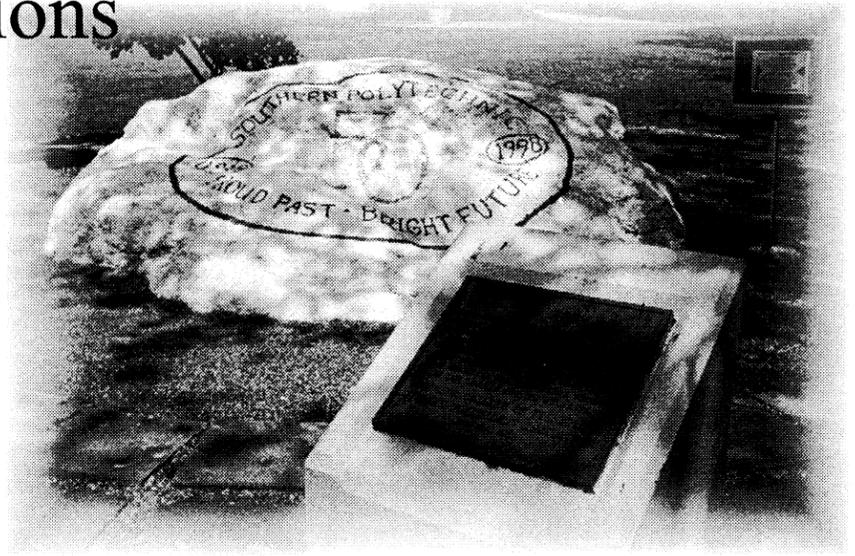
Back in the days before the October 21, 1986 paint riot, the tradition was to "capture" the rock. Students would camp out and guard the rock while other members of their cabal would paint it. After the assault that vanquished the Sigma Nus, and left many of the buildings covered with paint and eggs, this tradition was banned. Now, painting the rock is tolerated. No capturing the rock is necessary, and don't even think about painting anything that is not the rock. The unofficial rules are that as long as no one else is painting, you may. When you're done, someone else can paint. No saving your painting for posterity.



Able to play twelve types of music, ranging from patriotic to Christmas, the bell tower reminds students that they are late to class.

# Greek Organizations

*"During the first two weeks of school each term, the Greeks put on Rush week. Free lunches are offered, but the event is mainly for socializing with new students interested in joining a greek organization. Students are also invited to an array of fun events each night. The following is breakdown of the different organizations."*



Founded on November 11, 1874 at Syracuse University, Gamma Phi Beta has offered a sisterhood of love, labor, learning, and loyalty to ladies of all different backgrounds. Whether our time together consists of having a Girls' Night Out, screaming for our team at a basketball game, or just doing some late night studying for Physics, we always have fun because we are with friends. The friendships that a sister makes will last forever. [www.gammaphibeta.org](http://www.gammaphibeta.org)



Lambda Chi Alpha is the "Fraternity of Honest Friendship." Lambda Chi became the first fraternity to abolish the concept of the pledge. Associate members can vote and hold almost any office. Each member must have and maintain a 2.25 GPA. Lambda Chi Alpha was founded in 1909 at Boston University and has over 220,000 active members and alumni throughout the world. [www.lambdachi.org](http://www.lambdachi.org)



When brothers join Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, they are making friends for a lifetime -- brothers who they will stay in touch with long after graduation. Pi Kappa Phi is much more than a social fraternity; it is a leadership, service, and academic society focused on helping our members make the most of their collegiate experiences and their lives. Pi Kappa Phi is truly the experience of a lifetime. They can be found on the web at [www.pikapp.org](http://www.pikapp.org).



Founded at Virginia Military Institute in 1869, Sigma Nu is a fraternity based upon certain ideals embodied in the concept of a genuine Brotherhood of collegians with a common goal. Its creed, "to believe in the life of love, to walk in the way of honor, to serve in the light of truth," establishes its mission, influences its direction and justifies its existence. [www.sigmanu.org](http://www.sigmanu.org)



Sigma Pi Fraternity International was founded 101 years ago at Vincennes University in Vincennes, Indiana, and has existed at Southern Poly for 25 years. Sigma Pi is a brotherhood of young men who are dedicated to advancing truth and justice, promoting scholarship, encouraging chivalry, and developing character. The fundamental purpose of Sigma Pi is to establish brotherhood. [www.sigmapi.org](http://www.sigmapi.org)



The Choice to Belong, The Challenge to Become, TKE. Tau Kappa Epsilon is the largest international social fraternity in the world. Through membership, brothers receive opportunities to learn teamwork and leadership. TEKES live by the ideals of love, charity, and esteem. Tau Kapa Epsilon: Not for wealth, rank, or honor, but for personal worth and character. [www.tke.org](http://www.tke.org)

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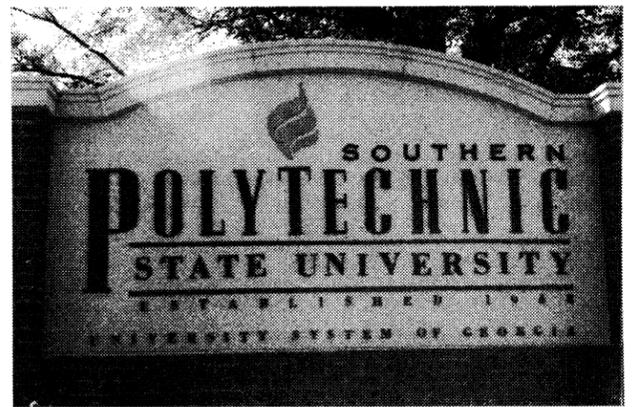
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See you there to celebrate fall semester!

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# Southern Poly Campus Organizations



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The **International Student Organization (ISA)** is open to all students. International students include both foreigners and American residents and citizens. Approximately 200 international students are here at Southern Poly only to study; another 250 are U.S. residents.

The organization plans social and educational activities and field trips. During Techfest, ISA sponsors an International student festival. Information about immigration and tax law is also provided through ISA. The ISA affiliates with other colleges and international groups in the community, in the Atlanta area, and throughout the United States.

ISA meets every Tuesday from 12 to 1, usually in room 215 or 216 in the Student Center. There are often luncheons during meetings. Guests come to speak about foreign affairs and other topics of interest. Charlotte Janis serves as advisor to ISA and assists in program development. The organization's current president, Ruby Amastha, is from Colombia. "The students get along really well even though they're all from different cultures," said Ms. Janis.

The **Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE)** offers students the chance to participate in designing and building a formula SAE racecar. Each year, Southern Polytechnic's chapter goes to Detroit to compete against eighty of the top colleges and Universities in North America. The competition is broken down into static and dynamic events. Static events include a cost report, presentation event, and a design competition. Dynamic components include a lateral acceleration test on a skid pad, a 100 yard acceleration

test, an autocross event, and an endurance event.

Last year, SPSU's chapter of SAE placed 14th overall. Georgia Tech finished 30th. Jason Summerour, a graduate student in the Computer Science department, serves as team leader and Professor Orren Williams is the organization's faculty advisor. The team will use a new concept in memory management for its next racecar which professor Williams believes will significantly improve performance. "We're going to have a dynamite car this next year," he said.

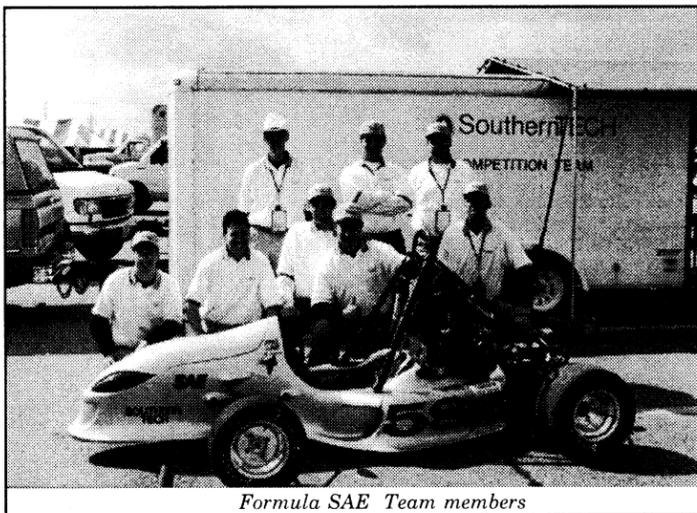
It takes effort and talent to be a member of SAE. "They are well and truly into it. If you want to be a member of this team, you have to be dedicated. You have to be a good student," said professor Williams. Students wishing to join the team should also keep the following words from professor Williams in mind: "We don't need any more drivers. People don't come into this team as drivers. We don't have any drivers. We have team members."

Members include freshmen through graduate students. "If you're a freshmen and you've been through the basic graphics classes, there's not a piece of that car we don't have don't have CAD drawings on," said professor Williams. All of SAE's current members are from the MET department, but they would like to have members from the ECET department.

A great deal of creativity is involved in SAE. "If a person can prove he has talent with the race car team, then he's probably going to be looked at very favorably by the automotive industry," said professor Williams. SPSU's chapter of SAE is funded through the Student

Government Association and the Alumni Association.

The **National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA)** fosters communication and fellowship among minority architecture students, acts for the common good of minority students on social political and economic matters, and promotes excellence in



Formula SAE Team members

design. The organization also encourages minority high school students to go into the fields of architecture and construction. In Georgia, there are two NOMA chapters; at Southern Polytechnic and at Georgia Tech. SPSU's chapter was founded in 1990.

This year, NOMA will create an exhibit for Techfest. A Christmas party is held yearly, giving NOMA student members the opportunity to meet local professionals. NOMA sponsored the exhibit of a local Marietta artist at a museum in Decatur. Professor Curtis Sartor is NOMA's faculty advisor, and Franz Repole is the organization's current president. NOMA is open to all students and has a mentoring program that pairs freshmen with upperclassmen.

The national chapter of NOMA has design competitions including a competition sponsored by Disney that usually awards two or three scholarships yearly. Another competition was held to design an Atlanta park for the Olympics. NOMA also helps its members prepare for the Architecture licensing exam.

The **Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME)** offers students a chance to meet manufacturing engineers in industry, tour manufacturing plants, and practice leadership skills. SME is run by students, so its members have the opportunity to take one of several leadership positions in the organization. Professor John Sweigart is SME's faculty advisor.

In addition to leadership roles, there are many other activities members can participate in. Each year during Techfest, SME has a robotics display. They also run a high school event known as the Science Olympiad. Although all of SME's current members are in the MET department, students from all departments are welcome, especially students from the ECET and IET departments.

Many of the SME student chapter's activities are combined with the Senior Chapter of SME whose members are manufacturing engineers in industry. "Some of the most beneficial things that we do in the student chapter are things that we do with the senior chapter so they get to know some people that are in manufacturing engineering," said Professor Sweigart. Dwane Nasworthy is SME's current president. SME members usually tour two or three manufacturing facilities a year.

The **Student Government Association (SGA)** consists of the Judiciary Council and the Student Council. SGA has thirteen student representatives. These reps are elected by the student body in the spring and serve one-year terms. The Student Council meets every other Tuesday at noon in the Student Center. Students are encouraged to come to these meetings. The Judiciary Council consists of six student representatives and is primarily responsible for hearing student parking appeals. Judiciary Council members serve consecutive terms until they can no longer fulfill the duties.

# Southern Polytechnic Sports

*"Be it baseball, basketball, or flag football, if you have an interest in sports, Southern Poly has the team for you."*

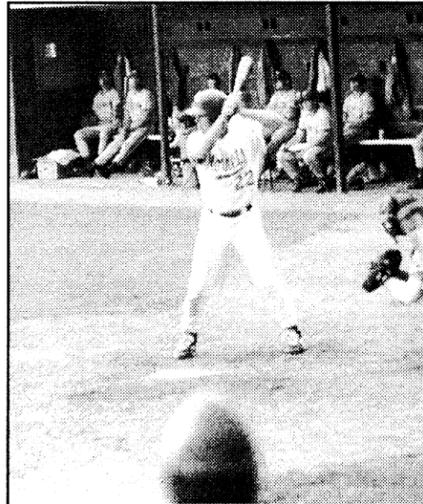
Almost everyone can find a sport that they enjoy at Southern Poly. Fall Quarter offers team, individual, competitive, and noncompetitive sports so you can get involved. Baseball Coach Charlie Lumsden and Assistant Coach Eric Alexander are ready for the first practice, which will be held September 18 at 2:15 PM. Coach Lumsden says most players are recruited, but the coaches "encourage walk-ons." They prefer those with previous playing experience carried over from high school.

For five weeks in the Fall, players practice and scrimmage, but then they head to the gym for weightlifting in the winter. Practice resumes after Christmas. Games begin during Winter Quarter, and Coach Lumsden says they "try to play a 50-game schedule." The first game of the season will be at home against Division I team, Georgia State University on Saturday, February 15.

Last year, the Hustlin' Hornets placed second in the conference behind Brewton-Parker, who won the National Championship.

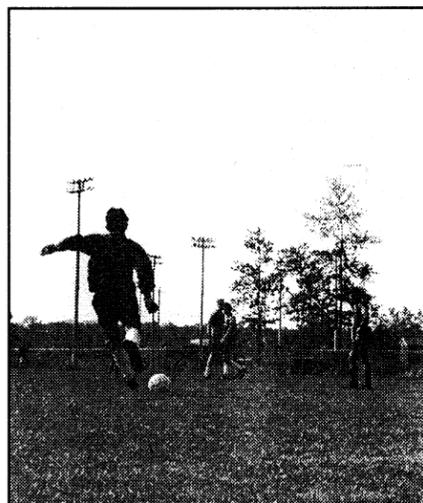
Fall Quarter also sees the start of practice for the tennis team. They also had an excellent season last year by advancing their way to the Nationals. Tennis Coach Lee Tucker believes that being involved in sports is an "enrichment program for people going through college" and encourages people to come to the informal practices that begin when school starts. Try-outs are held in January, and the season begins during Spring Quarter. Most matches will be in April. The tennis team's matches are against Shorter, Georgia Southwestern, Brewton-Parker, LaGrange, North Georgia College, and a few other Georgia schools.

Basketball season starts soon, so the Athletic Department can answer any questions about the team and its approaching season. If you strive for intramural rather than intercollegiate sports, Fall Quarter



*SPSU player demonstrates the proper form for hitting a baseball. Future players, take notes.*

offers flag football, volleyball, golf, racquetball, table tennis, softball, and road races. These are available for all fee-paying students, faculty, and staff who are interested. No fees are charged except to golf participants who will use an off-campus golf course. A singles meeting will be held September 25 for those interested in playing on intramural team sports but do not have a team. A mandatory captain's meeting will then be held on September 29. "Everything is co-recreational," reports Ken Lovic, Coordinator of Intramural Sports. And if you want to get involved right away, softball begins the first week



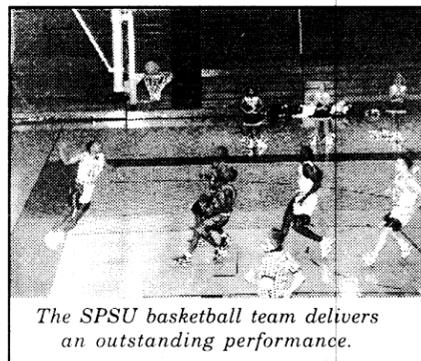
*Actively participating in sports is an excellent outlet, whether it is organized or informal.*

of school. Lovic is very interested in getting everyone involved. He wants feedback on how to accommodate people's needs since

time can be hard to juggle with school, jobs, and family.

Lovic admits that "everyone needs a break from school" so what better way than to start a team and play some sports? Spectators are also needed. Student tickets are free, and schedules will be posted as the respective seasons draw nearer.

If you want to take advantage of the Wellness Center, you have several options. The facility has two basketball courts, two racquetball courts, an indoor pool, aerobics and cardio areas, and a weight room. Fitness classes are also offered. Beginning September 18, the hours of the Wellness Center are 6 AM to 10 PM, Monday-Friday; 6 AM to 7 PM, Friday; noon to 4 PM, Saturday;



*The SPSU basketball team delivers an outstanding performance.*

4 PM to 10 PM, Sunday. For more information about intercollegiate basketball, baseball, or tennis, call the Athletic Department at 528-7350. To get more details on intramurals, call 528-7349.

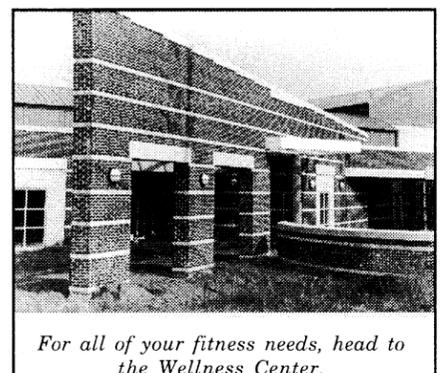
Recreational Sports offers numerous employment opportunities for currently enrolled Southern Polytechnic students, Freshmen-Seniors.

If you are an avid lover of sports, you may want to acquire a position as an intramural sports official. A sports official facilitates the daily running of IM activities. This job allows students to release some tension from the quarter while learning valuable life skills and making some extra money. The intramural program provides all the necessary training for the sports of

interest. This is also another way to expand your social life with people on campus. To become a sports official, contact the Intramural Office at 528-6811 or attend the Quarterly Training Sessions.

If you are the type that loves to be the "ref" of the game, become an intramural supervisor. The supervisors are responsible for supervising the intramural activities, facilitating play areas, and troubleshooting problems. The supervisors also work closely with the Intramural Coordinator in the coordination and carrying-out of the programs as well as special events. To become a supervisor, it is imperative to have officiating experience.

Other positions available include building supervisors, lifeguards, and weight room supervisors. Information describing these positions is available in the Recreational Sports Office. The contact number for the Recreational Sports Office is 528-7349.

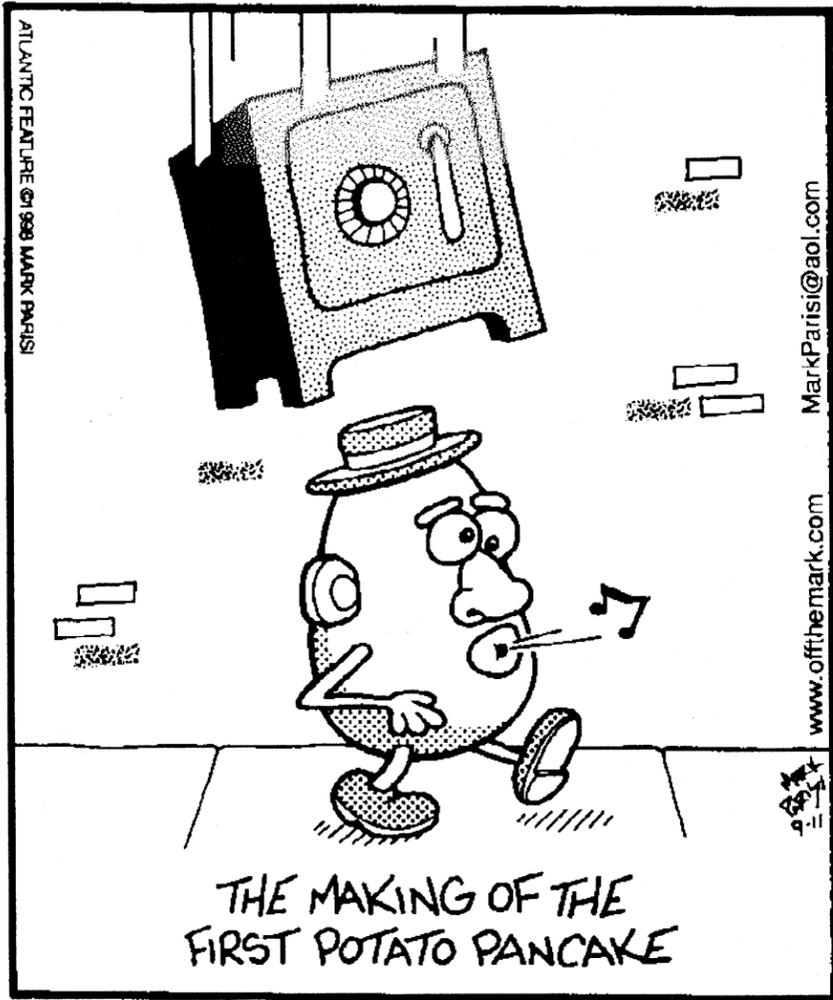


*For all of your fitness needs, head to the Wellness Center.*

Join "A1" for all the SPSU sports news during the school year!

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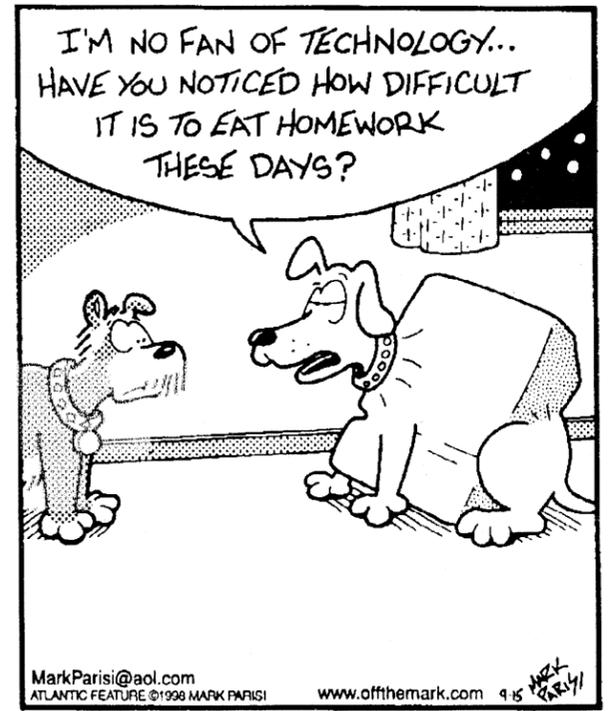
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LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER	770-528-7361
LIBRARY	770-528-7276
MINORITY AFFAIRS	770-528-7404
POST OFFICE	770-528-7353
PRESIDENT	770-528-7230
RADIO STATION, WGHR	770-528-7354
REGISTRAR'S OFFICE	770-528-7267
STUDENT ACTIVITIES	770-528-7374
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