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The Yamacraw Mission

A series investigating articles about Georgia's cooperative, technological endeavor for the future of telecommunication.

By Derick Davis

The state of Georgia collaboratively with government, industry, and university leaders have joined together to devise a strategic business plan for the 21st Century-- the Yamacraw Mission.

Rumor about this once a secretive mission has rapidly spread across campus among students and even professors. Much of the rumor is unsubstantiated,

however, due to the lack of full understanding of the mission and how it may hopefully affect Southern Polytechnic. But first is important to understand what the mission actually is.

Basically, the Yamacraw Mission will attempt in the next five to seven years to attract venture capital to Georgia for high-technology companies, convince at least 10 companies to establish broadband (high-bandwidth) communication sites in Georgia, and to educate and place at least 2,000 new high-paying jobs

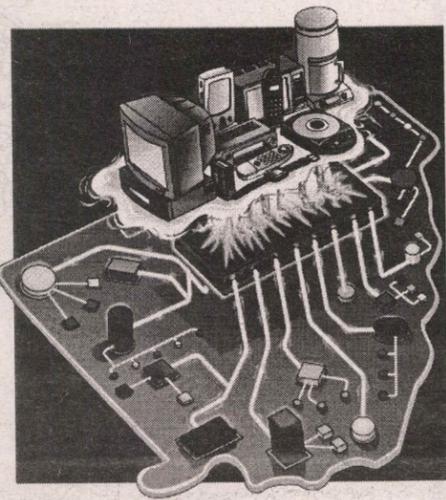
of engineers and computer scientist to further develop Georgia's economic economy in the field of telecommunications.

Essentially, Georgia wants to announce to the world that high-speed communications design and implementation can and will be done in Georgia. The goal seems to want to place Georgia on the map as the east coast anchor of advance research and design to complement the computer efforts of Silicon Valley in California and the digital signal processing of embed-

ded systems in Texas.

The Yamacraw Mission Steering Committee was a task force that met for approximately 17 weeks starting last summer in downtown Atlanta. Interestingly enough, no one in Georgia outside of the Governor and the committee members knew the committee was meeting. Ironically, some of the subcommittees didn't know of the efforts of the other various committees that comprised of task force.

Georgia leaders and prominent business persons
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BRONCOS BASH: A SMASHING SUCCESS

By Neal Morrison

There may be those of us who were shocked and in disbelief that the Atlanta Falcons could compete at the highest level of competition, but don't mention that to the 'dirty birds'. For the Falcons to achieve the success they achieved, two elements had to exist within them as a team. First, they had to have a positive attitude; they had to begin the season with the belief, however minute, that anything was possible, even the Superbowl! Secondly, and equally important they had to consistently give 100% effort in practice and in the games over the course of the season. Without equal measure of both elements it would have been impossible to soar to the lofty heights they reached.

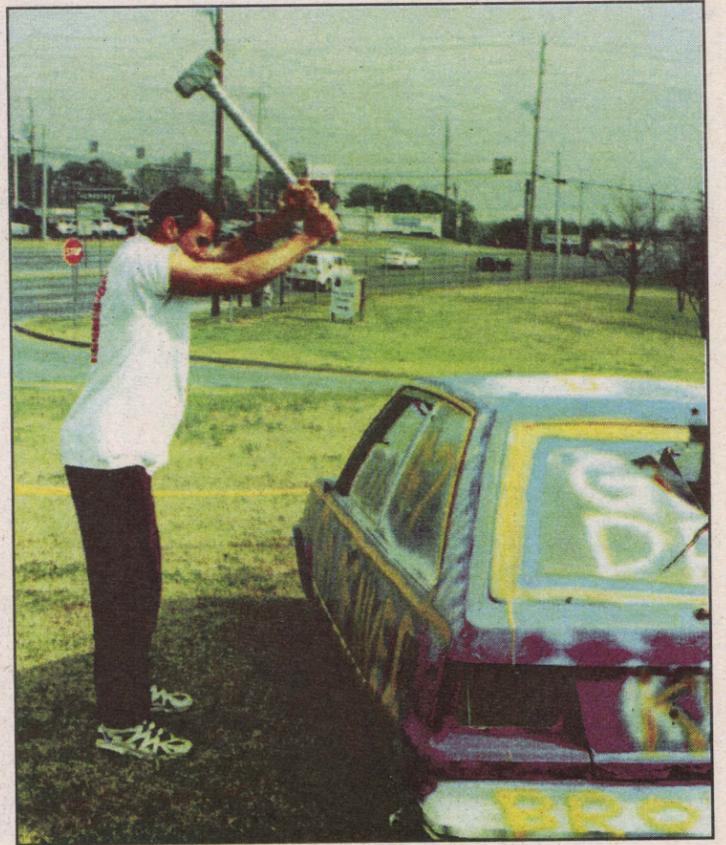
As a unit of leaders in

the residence halls at SPSU, the RAs and RLs began with a goal to take a ski trip to the lofty mountains of Boone, NC. Nevermind how we would do it, or where the money would come from, we simply believed it was possible. After this declaration we went to work on fundraising ideas to raise the \$2000 needed for this trip. We searched high and low, day and night through the cold of winter to raise the money. (O.K. maybe I am exaggerating a little, but we spent a good deal of time brainstorming and planning ideas). When the Falcons reached the Superbowl for the first time in 33 years neither the significance nor the opportunity were lost on us. With short notice and at top speed the RAs and RLs went to work on the Bronco Bash. One Resident Leader,

who will remain nameless, considered donating his own car in place of the used car we originally wanted to bring in and bash. In the end however, the good people at Marietta Auto Salvage donated an 'old junker' free of charge to support our cause. And like the committed men and women that they are these resident leaders and resident assistants along with their residents worked through the night to ensure that the Broncos Bash would be a success.

We did not raise \$2000 from this one event or even come close. But, due to the generosity of the people from Marietta Auto Salvage, the assistance of Ann Watson of Public Relations at SPSU, and the support of the SPSU community the Broncos Bash was a complete

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SPSU's CAB Hits the Marks!

By Nichelle Frye

Earlier last semester, three members of the SPSU's Campus Activities Board (CAB) and the CAB advisor, attended the National Association of Campus Activities (NACA) Southeast Regional Conference in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The theme of the conference was, "Hit the Mark!". The students attending were Amita Amin, CAB President; Nichelle Frye, CAB Vice-President; and William Exum, CAB member. Jackie Gilpin, Assistant Director of Student Activities, attended as the CAB Advisor.

Also attending the conference were representatives from other colleges and universities that have programming organizations similar to SPSU's CAB. SPSU's representatives had many opportunities to work and have fun. They attended the conference to see what types of acts and/or activities would be good to bring to SPSU's campus. Numerous music groups,

soloists, lecturers, and stand-up comedians gave shortened presentations at the conference. There were also agencies that have recreational activities such as obstacle courses and skydiving simulators.

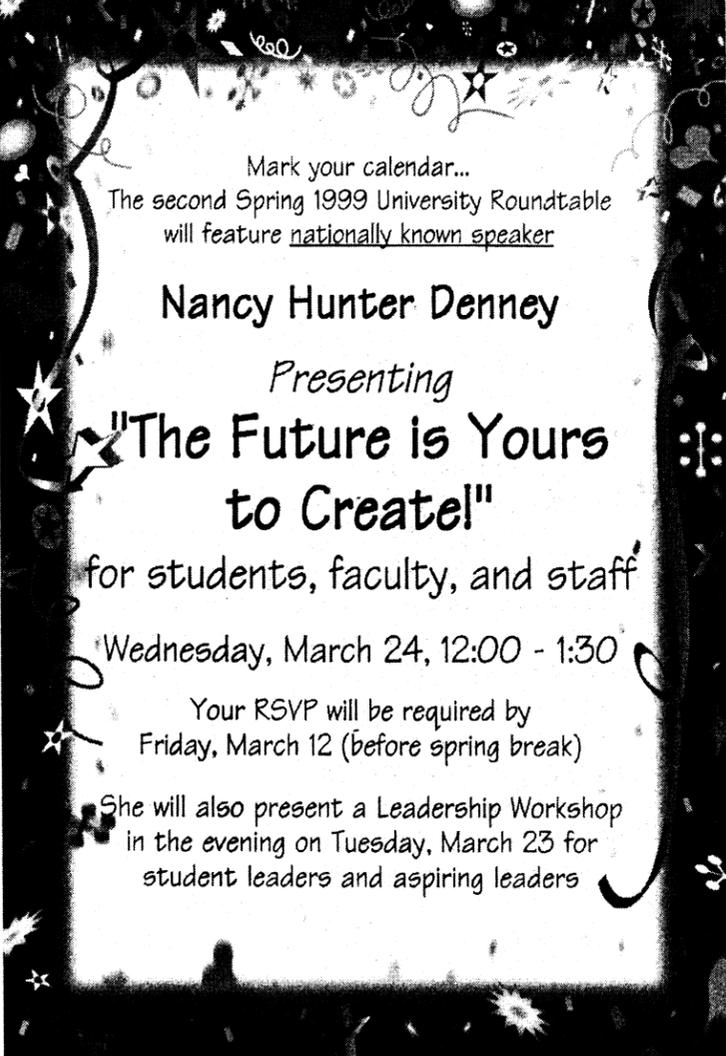
SPSU's CAB members took advantage of opportunities to get a taste of a variety of acts. They attended showcases of different acts, then decided which ones SPSU students would enjoy. They were also able to attend what was called "The Marketplace". Agents who represent the different acts were in the Marketplace to meet with students to inform them about scheduling and pricing details. They also gave the representatives of each school demo tapes to take back to campus.

Because other university and college programming board members were at the conference, SPSU's representatives were able to listen to ways that other schools advertise and put on events as

well as share their own experiences. They also attended Educational Sessions with themes such as leadership, promotional campaigning, motivation, and creativity. These sessions were very helpful and educational and not as boring as SPSU's representatives feared, they would be.

Upcoming CAB events include: **Casino Night** on February 23, 7-10pm in the Student Center Ballroom, **Swing Dance Lessons** on February 24, at 8pm in the Student Center Ballroom, and the second monthly **Game Night** on March 4, beginning at 8pm in the Student Center Lobby.

CAB members are using the information learned for the educational sessions and will bring some of the acts featured at the conference to SPSU for your enjoyment this spring! If you have any questions about CAB, or suggestions for future events, please contact a CAB member or Jackie Gilpin in the Student Activities Office.



Mark your calendar...
The second Spring 1999 University Roundtable
will feature nationally known speaker
Nancy Hunter Denney
Presenting
**"The Future is Yours
to Create!"**
for students, faculty, and staff
Wednesday, March 24, 12:00 - 1:30
Your RSVP will be required by
Friday, March 12 (before spring break)
She will also present a Leadership Workshop
in the evening on Tuesday, March 23 for
student leaders and aspiring leaders

Math Stinger

By Dr. Joel C. Fowler

The puzzle for the last issue was to find lines generated by a 3x3, 4x4, and 5x5 grid of points in a plane. The answers are 20, 62, and 140. The only correct answer was received from Garry Pritchett.

The puzzle for this issue involves covering a nxn checkerboard with identically shaped tiles. Suppose that each tile covers exactly 4 squares of the checkerboard in a T-pattern. That is, three squares in a line with one more attached to the center of the three (. : .). With a little experimentation it's not hard to see how a 4x4 board could be covered with tiles of this shape (oriented in different directions). On the other hand, a 5x5 board couldn't be covered since it has 25 squares, which isn't divisible by 4, the number of squares in the tile. The puzzle is to determine those values of n for which a nxn board can be covered with these T-tiles. A description of how to cover those boards that you believe can be covered, and an explanation as to why all others cannot be covered must accompany an answer.

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

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

SAC "Heats up the Weekend"

By LeVar Gilford

From January 29th to February 1, members of the Student Government Association (SGA) attended the quarterly meeting of the Student Advisory Council to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, otherwise known as SAC. The purpose of SAC is to allow SGA members from each of the 34 schools in the University System of Georgia, to address the concerns of the students at their institutions and report those concerns back to the Board of Regents. Gainesville College, a two-year college in Gainesville, GA, hosted this meeting.

As the students arrived on Friday afternoon, there was a SGA President's Meeting held in which a "revised" constitution was introduced. Little was it known that the discussion that ensued at the meeting was merely the calm before the storm. As the Saturday afternoon general session was called, the topic of attempting to introduce and vote on the constitution was brought up. At that point, all the members of the body became true politicians.

From back and forth use of points of information, inquiry, and order, to some pretty good filibustering by Theopolis Ramsey of Georgia Southwestern State University. The chief concern was that individuals from a couple of schools including Kennesaw State University and Georgia Institute of Technology, wrote the constitution and did not ask the assistance of the Internal Affairs Chair, Kelly Grady of Valdosta State University, nor individuals from other schools within the University System.

The argument continued for four hours when eventually a vote was taken to postpone the discussion until the next general session. As Sunday's general session arrived the whole argument started all over again. After two more hours of argument and discussion the body voted to send the constitution to the Internal Affairs Committee for review. The weekend was not one big argument however. The Academic Affairs Committee and the Legislative Affairs Committee, chaired by April Browning of Gainesville College and LeVar Gilford of Southern Polytechnic State University,

drafted a resolution to get rid of the sales tax on textbooks. That resolution has to go before the State Senate's Ways and Means Committee where they will vote on the issue.

Although the arguments over time may have seemed excessive at times, it was all for good reason. The SGA members across the state wanted to make sure that everything is done totally in the best interest of all students. It's not that the constitution was bad, it's just making sure that everything is correct with due time to review and revise. If you ever had a desire to learn Parliamentary Procedure and Robert's Rules of Order, this was the perfect weekend to get some studying in!

Just In Case You Don't Have Insurance: A Southern Polytechnic Disaster

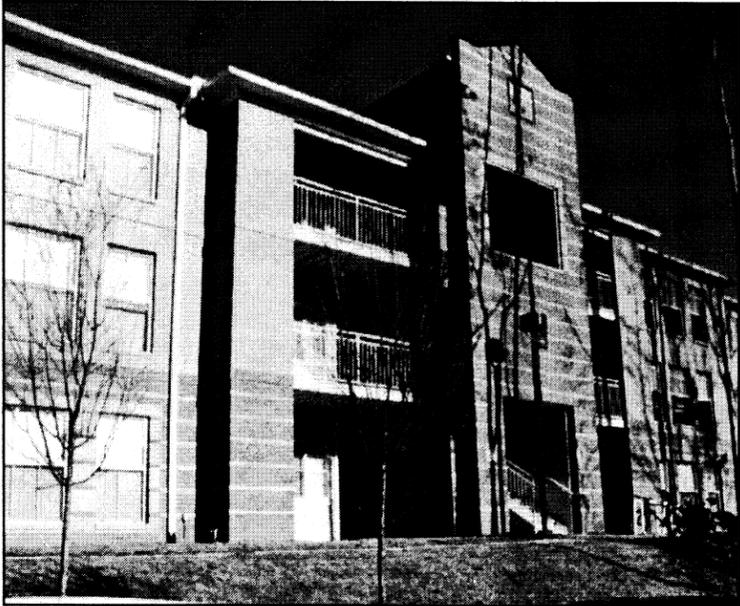
By Ebony McCants

February 3, 1999 is an obscure date to most residents of the University Commons Apartments, but for the residents living in building one (1), it was a day they will never forget. Between 12:30 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. three Cobb county fire trucks responded to what seemed like a fire; however,

when the units arrived they discovered that the sprinkler in apartment 112 had been set off by one of its tenants. The tenant disrupted the mercury core in the sprinkler when he attempted to hang his clothes on the sprinkler with a plastic hanger. The disruption of the core simulated what it thought was a fire.

The damage to the

apartment was substantial. The carpet in the living area, the hallway leading to one of the bathrooms and two bedrooms were damaged by the immense amount of water flowing through the apartment from the sprinkler. In addition to this apartment being damaged, apartments below it suffered water, paint, and electrical damage. The apartment has since then been vacuumed with a machine to absorb as much water as possible and assessed for damage. The carpet in the apartment has been replaced at the tenant's expense. All damage to apartments below 112 was minimal; however the residents were not happy to return to their disrupted domiciles. Let this be a lesson to all tenants: use other means of drying your clothes and think about investing in insurance. In order to avoid potential conflict, the tenant's name is not released in this article.



New Fee Proposal

By Derick Davis

On Tuesday, February 9, 1999 the Student Government Association met with the President and Vice-President of Information Technology to discuss proposed fee increases for the next academic year. Previously, SGA met with Vice President Smith as well.

The President has proposed fee increases across the board for next year to the Board of Regents in addition to a new fee, a Technology Fee. These fees have concerned the SGA upon learning of them.

To summarize, the proposed semester rate for FY 2000 is as follows with the increased amount: Student Activity Fee, \$92 (+3); Health Services Fee, \$24 (+1); Athletics Fee, \$58 (+10); Application Fee, \$20 (+20); Vehicle Parking, \$17 (+2); Post Office Box Rental, \$9 (+1); Howell Double, \$1,363 (+65); Norton Double, \$1,071 (+171) and a new

Technology Fee at \$50. Additionally, there is a proposed Distant Learning Fee of \$150 for those students enrolled in distant learning classes of GSAMS and other networks. Currently, this fee is in place, but only to a few specific sites. The proposed rates for the fees above will vary accordingly during Summer Semester.

The proposed increase in the athletic fee is to fund female athletics, most likely basketball. While the proposed increase in Norton Residence Hall is to pay for renovation to Howell Residence Hall standards with the addition of Internet connection lines to alleviate the ailing telephone system congested with Internet dial-up connections. Several of the proposed fee increases are to cover salaries that are funded from the fees that are due up for raises.

While rumor has it that

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Bronco Bash

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success. Thanks to WSB-TV Channel 2 all of Atlanta witnessed Kevin Todd, a RA in Howell Hall, express his feelings towards the Denver Broncos. And despite the score on the scoreboard, you can not convince those members of the Atlanta Falcons that they were not successful this season. They believed and worked towards their goal and achieved great success. For their excellent example we thank the Atlanta Falcons Team and wish them great success in the '99-2000 season.

A wise person once stated "the journey of a thousand miles begins with one step". As the next step towards our ultimate goal, we, the RAs and RLs, will hold a Pre-Valentine's Day Bake Sale for every one to enjoy and support on February 12th, 1999 in the Student Center.

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the Board of Regents nor the Governor's Office is interested in raising any fees or instituting new ones. The President, however, feels that they are extremely necessary and vital to the school's mission and goals.

Justifying, her proposed Technology Fee, Dr. Rossbacher states, "Technology is basically our middle name as an institution." The proposed fee is to provide a level of technology that students deserve.

In comparison to the few institutions in Georgia's system that currently have a Technology Fee in place, Kennesaw State University and Georgia Tech charge \$37.50 and \$50.00, respectively.

Vice-President Murphy added that the fee would allow infusing technology in the core

Fee Proposal

experience and keeping things current. Murphy states that Southern Polytechnic is not, "State of the art, but state of the practice."

In general, the Technology Fee would be used to upgrade student access labs which are desperately in need, upgrade the fiberoptic backbone of the campus, and server upgrades.

The SGA doesn't disagree that additional monies or the possibility of a technology fee is needed, the disagreement seems to be how the monies would be allocated. The SGA wants students to have more control over the allocation and a direct say so in the budgeting process of it.

Murphy suggested the possibility of dividing the fund and allowing students to have more control over part of it. He states that

often students do not have a long term approach on budgeting money with regards to technology and that the Information Technology Department does its best to ensure technology on campus for the future.

After the hour long discussion, Dr. Rossbacher stated that she will withdraw her request for the Health Services Fee and Vehicle Parking. The

university may look elsewhere for the Vehicle Parking monies. It is even looking at the possibility of requiring faculty to pay these fees which are used for repaving the roads. Some faculty, however, have responded, "Over my dead body!". It's now uncertain which will be easier to pass -- the Technology Fee or the proposed Vehicle Faculty Parking Fee?

Southern Polytechnic State University



*Inauguration of
President*

Lisa A. Rossbacher

April 30, 1999

... Save this date

SPSU has a Superbowl Blast

By Kristie Todd

We all have wondered if any events would take place on this campus during our academic career. Well, some of your fellow students were fed with everyone talking about the school and how it was boring. So, they took upon themselves to take advantage of the Super Bowl and have a school-wide party because not everyone will have a party to go to. There were colorful fliers posted all over the school, the lower level of the Student Center was creatively decorated with balloons, which were the colors of the Denver Broncos and the Atlanta Falcons. And everyone knows that you can't have a party without food, and the food was served in a buffet style setting such as buffalo wings, spaghetti w/ your choice of sauce, and vegetable trays. Some of your coordinators included LeRonda Reese, Kristie Todd, Michael Boney,

Tiffany Broughton, Toya Wilder, Jared Carswell, Antoinette Osborne, and many others whose efforts will not be forgotten.

The party had a great turnout of students from SPSU, Life University, and Kennesaw. Everyone cheered when the Falcons made a big play, but also used a wide variety of words when the ball was turned over. Some of the comments that were made were, "It was an intriguing, fun-filled event that everyone enjoyed," said freshman Micheal Boney. "The party was a good place to meet new people that you wouldn't ordinarily see from day to day," said Toya Wilder.

Overall, an event was finally held that would hopefully set the tone for other students to take a stand and do something for the school by having more events on campus, getting more people involved, and having more pride in the school that we all attend.

The Yamacraw Mission

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saw green as they envisioned the mission. Information reveals that by 2004 the electronics industry is expected to create \$1.5 trillion worldwide. The semiconductor portion of it has a share of \$300 billion dollars. Hence, Georgia wants a significant part of that.

Georgia seems to be in an excellent position, and possibly an advantage, to pull a stunt like this off. Most notably, Georgia Institute of Technology produces the second largest number of electrical engineers in the nation. Georgia already has a similar small scale model of this unique business, university, and industry collaboration in place -- Georgia Center for Advanced Telecommunications Technology

(GCATT).

Moreover, Georgia already has the corporate presence of BellSouth which laid the first fiberoptic network in the U.S. in Cobb County as early as the 1960s. Lucent Technologies, a well respected communications design company, is based in metro-Atlanta as well.

Georgia ranks second nationally in the total number of high-technology jobs created from 1990-1995 according to American Electronics Association. Georgia has numerous optical networks and high-speed devices already in place to jump start advance research.

Georgia Tech is in an excellent position to provide the research for such a high-tech industry in telecommunications while Southern Polytechnic State University serves

to produce graduates ready to implement such designs today. Most recently, the ECET department began offering a Telecommunications degree.

In future articles, information regarding further details about the Yamacraw Mission will be explained, Georgia's industry and university roles will be outlined, and how the mission directly affects students and Southern Polytechnic State University will be revealed.

Governor Barnes is behind the mission and fully supports it while Southern Polytechnic is ready to play ball to produce a Yamacraw Graduate.

Welcome to "the Rock"

By Monica Senior

One of the most familiar places on the campus of Southern Polytechnic State University is "the Rock," but there is a new rock in town. "the Rock" is a new web site designed to create an "online community." The purpose of the "the Rock" is to bring the SPSU family together after regular school hours. "the Rock" is not just for students only. It is for anyone who has anything to do with SPSU such as faculty, administrators, alumni, staff, and prospective students. It is very informal, and anything goes. There is a disclaimer on the site's page because SPSU has nothing to do with the site. Hopefully, this tool will bring more interaction among SPSU faculty, staff, and students as well as bring the SPSU family closer.

Some of the features include academic resources, campus activities, ch@t, cool links, food frenzy, news bytes, spot the rock, and 2 cents worth. One of the main

features of the site is the chatroom. Anyone can use the chatroom. This feature makes it possible for student organizations to conduct online meetings, professors to schedule virtual online office hours, students to collaborate and discuss homework assignments and projects online, and if possible, chat events to be hosted with featured guests answering questions online.

Weekly updates are scheduled, and additional updates can be made anytime the need arises. Everyone is encouraged to submit articles, announcements, and comments to be published, if appropriate.

Be sure to bookmark "the Rock" as your HOME on your web browser. Everyone visiting "the Rock" is encouraged to join the mailing list by entering their e-mail address found at the bottom of the main page.

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Bert is Evil!

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SGA UPDATE

By Melissa Cherry

This new semester presents many challenges to the Student Government Association as we try to represent the views of the students to Administrators of this University. In addition, we are also working on a variety of projects from The March of Dimes to Student Evaluations and the formation of an Inter-Organizational Council.

Community service is always a fun thing to get involved with especially when it involves helping children. The March of Dimes provides money for research into diseases that affect newborn children and infants. Money disbursed in the form of research grants from the March of Dimes helped in the formulation of the Polio Vaccine that most, if not all of us received at birth. We all know somebody who has been affected by the March of

dimes, and we all know someone who has given birth to a premature baby, or may even have ourselves. The goal of the March of Dimes is to have all babies born healthy. The March of Dimes Walk America in Cobb County will be held on April 24th, look out for and support all fundraising efforts.

The idea behind an inter-organizational at Southern Polytechnic State University is to garner interest in activities between organizations. We all see the posters, but how many of us actually read and take note of the worthwhile activities going on with in organizations. Membership to most of the 54 student organizations is open to all students, yet organization heads continuously complain about the lack of student support for their activities. I like to think that participation is low because we simply do not know about everything that is going on.

Thus, the inter-organizational council will provide a forum for the student leaders to lend their voice to decisions taken by the SGA on behalf of all students, as well as informing a larger body of the wonderful activities that pass us by everyday.

Students, especially those living in the residence halls will be happy to learn that Mandatory meal-plans will continue to be ONLY for students taking part in the Freshman Experience program. Last year there were some heated debates between students, administration and the food service provider regarding mandatory meal plans for all residents, and I am very happy to see the matter put to rest.

Two major searches are underway for a permanent VP for Academic Affairs since the retirement of Dr. Harris Travis last March, and for a Director of Human Resources, since

the resignation of Dr. Christopher Lee only two months after assuming the position. There is a student representative on both of these committees as a testimony of administrators to having student input on decisions that affect the University.

The Student Evaluations are complete and ready to be distributed. This survey invites the participation of all students in matters such as parking and lighting as well as athletics, food service and other matters close to the hearts of students. Please us this opportunity to have your voice heard. There will also be small incentives for filling out the survey.

One other exciting event is the Inauguration of Dr. Lisa Rossbacher as the President of Southern Polytechnic State University. This event will take place over three days from Thursday April 29, to Saturday, May 1st. The current activities include, in addition to

the actual event, a university-wide picnic, and a day of public service. Look out for further updates on this in future editions of the STING.

ORGANIZATIONS BEWARE!!

Budgets are due to the SGA by Monday March 1st by 5pm. If you have not received one in the mail, please pick up the package of requirements from the Information Desk in the Student Center. As the number of student organizations increases, we have to be more prudent in the allocation of funds.

Have a good semester, and remember Spring Break is right around the corner!!

ELECTIONS ARE COMING.....pick up applications at the Student Center information desk.

Southern Polytechnical State University Aerial Robotics Team calls for *working* team members!

This is an excellent opportunity to learn! No experience is necessary. Companies visiting the last competition were going from team to team looking for employees! We expect the freshmen members to learn about the project and be in a position to carry the project in future competitions. As with any research project we are all learning as we go. All of our experts are "green". As an example, many of our freshmen members are providing valuable input to the team software development solutions.

All applicants must have the time to spend three to five hours per week for the completion of their work. Applicants should work well with teams or be willing to improve their teamwork skills. Self starters and results oriented members are welcome. There is no compensation for membership on the team, except for the implied team work experience, which should be valuable to future potential employers. Some departments on campus will accept formal papers for class credits based on your participation and experience with the Aerial Robotics Team. All

positions may be filled with more than one member, and members may be assigned to more than one area, if agreeable to all parties.

If you have interest in any of these positions please contact us through e-mail: cpergantis@mindspring.com

The following is a listing of the jobs available on the Aerial Robotics Team:

Pilot / Mechanic responsibilities:

- include the training of staff for the manual control of the helicopter using the remote radio controller
- include the maintenance and tuning of the helicopter
- include travel with the team for the competition
- include standby, emergency control of the helicopter during the competition

Helicopter / Mechanical Designer responsibilities

- include the initial design of, the completion of prototypes, and the final implementation of associated helicopter parts and the integration of those parts
- include drawings, approvals and the building of helicopter associated parts and whole

Rover / Mechanical Designer responsibilities

- include the initial design of, the completion of prototypes, and the final implementation of associated rover parts and the integration of those parts
- include drawings, approvals and the building of rover associated parts and whole

Electrical / Electronics Designer responsibilities

- include the initial design of, the completion of prototypes, and the final implementation of associated electronics parts and the integration of those parts
- include drawings, approvals and the building of electronic associated parts and whole

- include participation on the rover and the helicopter, (parts and software should be modular)

Administrative responsibilities

- include maintenance of the budget
- interface to other school organizations
- create and incorporate a technical transition process

Web Page Designer /

Promotional responsibilities

- include the design and maintenance of the team web page
- include the timely posting of the ten page paper required for the competition
- include the design and production of the team T-shirt

Industrial Designer /

Promotional responsibilities

- include input to the overall design and image of the project

design including logos, body design of the rover and helicopter

- include the design and production of the team T-shirt

Embedded Systems

Designer / Development

- responsibilities
- include real-time application development - interface to gps ahrs sonar and other sensory subsystems
 - include com port and tcpip communications

Artificial Intelligence /

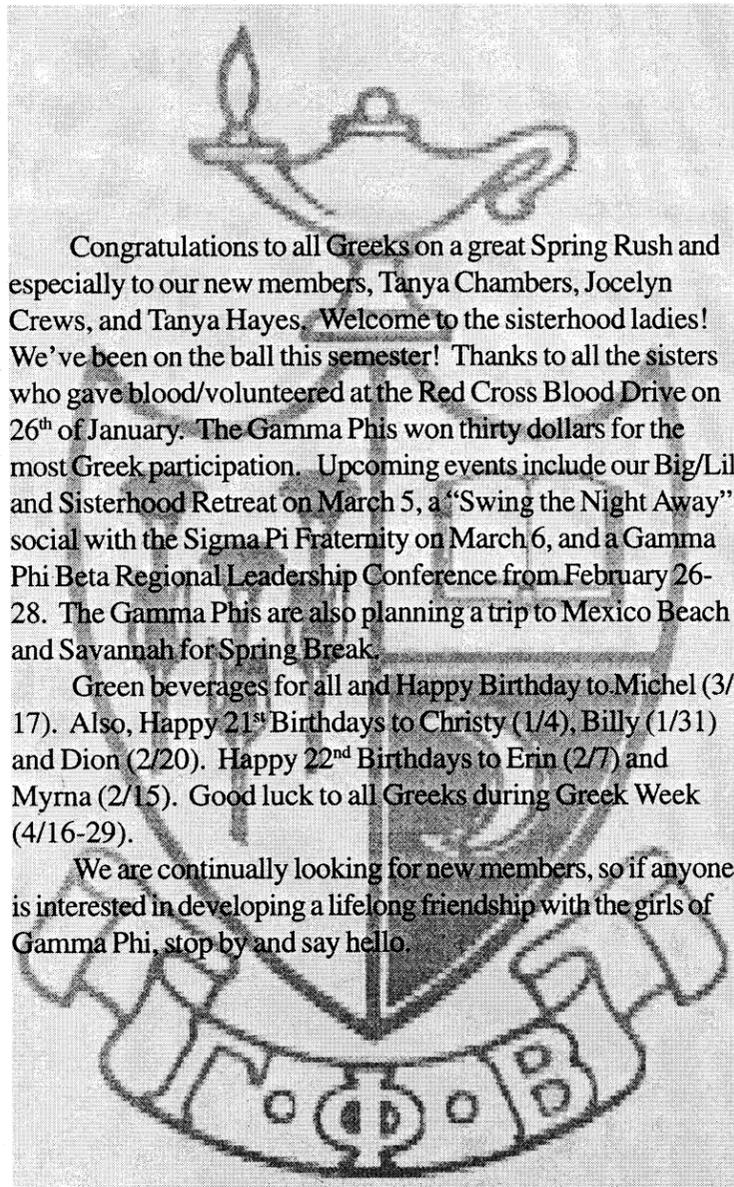
Vision Recognition /

Development responsibilities

- include visual recognition application development
- include com port and tcpip communications

If you have interest in any of these positions the Aerial Robotics Team meets every Saturday at 9:00 a.m. in room 265 in the Student Center.

Gamma Phi Beta Sorority



Congratulations to all Greeks on a great Spring Rush and especially to our new members, Tanya Chambers, Jocelyn Crews, and Tanya Hayes. Welcome to the sisterhood ladies! We've been on the ball this semester! Thanks to all the sisters who gave blood/volunteered at the Red Cross Blood Drive on 26th of January. The Gamma Phis won thirty dollars for the most Greek participation. Upcoming events include our Big/Lil and Sisterhood Retreat on March 5, a "Swing the Night Away" social with the Sigma Pi Fraternity on March 6, and a Gamma Phi Beta Regional Leadership Conference from February 26-28. The Gamma Phis are also planning a trip to Mexico Beach and Savannah for Spring Break.

Green beverages for all and Happy Birthday to Michel (3/17). Also, Happy 21st Birthdays to Christy (1/4), Billy (1/31) and Dion (2/20). Happy 22nd Birthdays to Erin (2/7) and Myrna (2/15). Good luck to all Greeks during Greek Week (4/16-29).

We are continually looking for new members, so if anyone is interested in developing a lifelong friendship with the girls of Gamma Phi, stop by and say hello.

Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity

The Brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon are having their annual Red Carnation Ball on February 20th at the Hyatt off of I-75 and Windy Hill. Also, this is to celebrate the 100th year anniversary of the Fraternity. Many old and new faces will all be there. This is a black tie affair with invitation only from the brothers. Anybody who is anybody will be there.

One of Tau Kappa Epsilon's biggest parties of the year took place on February 5th at the Teke House. It was a blast for all that attended Bad Apple Bash. There was music, lights, drinks, more drinks, chips, dip, chains, and wipes all at this party. Though strange things always seems to happen at the big ones. Be careful whom you get out on the dance floor with, you might just hear about it the next day. It amazes me, how groups of people seem to collect inside the bathroom. One last thing, Why were all those people wet? Teke's

raise hell and that is all there is about that.

During the Martin Luther King weekend, the brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon went on a ski weekend in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. While we were there the brothers discovered a few interesting things. While going down a mountain at night make sure you can see otherwise you might fall of the side. The water was hot, so was the lighting, LOOK OUT,

you could slip and fall. Also, the next best things to furniture are rocks. Although it may look tasty, don't eat yellow snow. And last but not least, toilet paper makes a good blanket. The weekend was a blast. Thanks to Dude Man for getting us such a phat place to stay at. This is only a little snap-shot of what might have went one. Later to all of ya'll from the lone one.



Muslim Student Association

As-Salaam Mu-Walakum (peace be unto you). The Muslim Student Association would like to introduce itself as an organization that represents unity, strength, determination, peace, and modesty. We have established ourselves on this campus to exemplify our belief in one GOD (ALLAH) and his prophets (peace and blessing be upon them). We intend to offer the campus of S.P.S.U. a better understanding of the religion of Al-Islam and to provide a communal experience with a variety of international cultures. We cordially invite all faiths and walks of life to our bi-weekly meetings.

Dr. Muhammad Obiedat – Director
Zakiya Grant-Mahdi – President
Fahad Huraish – Vice-President
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Adnan Qureshi – Treasurer

Meetings are Thursday, 12 noon in the Student Center room 214. For more information call Zakiya Grant-Mahdi at 678-355-9635 or e-mail zakiwi@hotmail.com

To give a better understanding of the Muslim observation of Ramadan, the following excerpt was written:
“When Jesus, peace be upon him,

fasted in the desert forty days and forty nights, he did it as a means of strengthening his faith in God and furthering his resolve against the temptations of Satan, the devil. By controlling his physical appetite and desires he gained mastery over his human self, the part of the whole person that was vulnerable to the deception and glitter of this world. “And when he fasted forty days and forty nights...the temper came to him...”(Mt. Ch. 4:2). It was not until after fasting that Jesus, peace be upon him was empowered to meet and say “Get the hence Satan”(Mt. Ch. 4:10). This important distinction highlights the benefits of fasting. Passover, Lent, and Ramadan, all represent fasting as a means of developing control over human passions and impulses. As Muslims we also place high regard on fasting as a way for every sincere believer to demonstrate devotion to the Creator. Upon receiving Divine Revelation, Prophet Muhammad, Peace and Blessings be upon him, demonstrated his devotion to God by fasting the month of Ramadan over the rest of his life. The Qur’an says, “O ye who believe! Fasting is prescribed for you as it was prescribed to those before

you, that you may (learn) self-restraint”(Surah 2:183). In addition, the principal of fasting or self-sacrifice is a pillar of all Ibrahimic faiths. Through fasting or ‘making due’ with less, as people of faith, we can immediately create within ourselves a greater space for charity towards our human brothers and sisters. Ramadan, the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar, is the month in which Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) received Divine Revelation from Angel Jibril. The spirit of reoccurring charity and giving that fasting gives rise to is the ‘reoccurring happiness’ or Eid Al Fitr. Clocked into the human heart is the capacity for sincerity or hardness, greed or giving, fighting or fleeing. When we engage in fasting with pure intentions in our hearts Divine Providence dictates that our well intentioned fasting reaches God first and then the members of our human community equally in need of our gift. As God fearing people we can access and utilize the ‘technology of heart’ at anytime. As sincere Muslims this technology is at the heart of Ramadan and the reoccurring happiness.

Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity

First of all we should congratulate our recent graduates. They are Mike Mitchell, John Schuler, and Jose Barros. You guys are the best. You brought many qualities to our chapter. Knowledge, character, and personality just to name a few. We wish you much success.

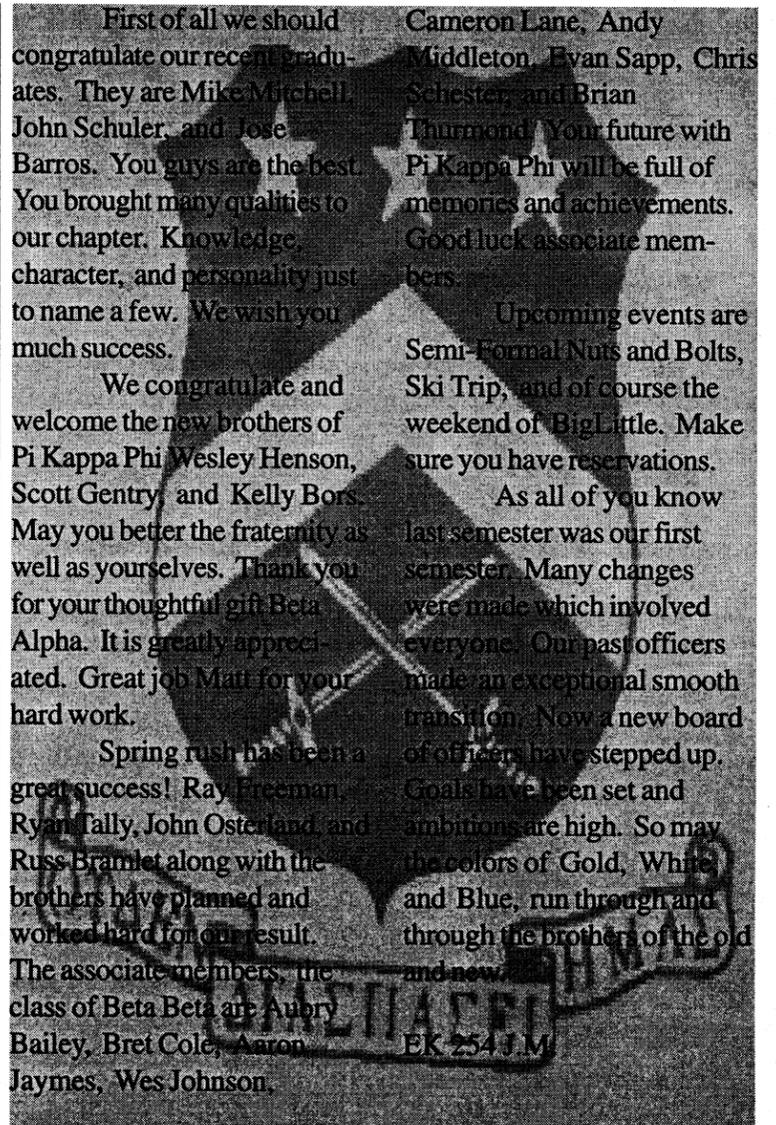
We congratulate and welcome the new brothers of Pi Kappa Phi Wesley Henson, Scott Gentry, and Kelly Bors. May you better the fraternity as well as yourselves. Thank you for your thoughtful gift Beta Alpha. It is greatly appreciated. Great job Matt for your hard work.

Spring rush has been a great success! Ray Freeman, Ryan Tally, John Osterland, and Russ Bramlet along with the brothers have planned and worked hard for our result. The associate members, the class of Beta Beta are Aubry Bailey, Bret Cole, Aaron Jaymes, Wes Johnson,

Cameron Lane, Andy Middleton, Evan Sapp, Chris Schester, and Brian Thurmond. Your future with Pi Kappa Phi will be full of memories and achievements. Good luck associate members.

Upcoming events are Semi-Formal Nuts and Bolts, Ski Trip, and of course the weekend of Big Little. Make sure you have reservations.

As all of you know last semester was our first semester. Many changes were made which involved everyone. Our past officers made an exceptional smooth transition. Now a new board of officers have stepped up. Goals have been set and ambitions are high. So may the colors of Gold, White and Blue, run through and through the brothers of the old and new.



C.A.B.

What’s going on the first Thursday of every month? C.A.B., your Campus Activities Board, presents a new approach called “Game Night”. Exactly what is it? It is a social activity for everyone to come to the Student Center Lobby to play games and eat free food. We have all types of games: from board games to twister to playing cards. You name the game, we probably have it. While you are having enjoyable, competitive fun you can eat, eat, eat - yes, we also have free food. It’s just basic snacks, nothing glamorous. While you are eating and playing you can listen to some trendy music. So Game Night is basically for you to relax and have fun. THE NEXT GAME NIGHT IS THURSDAY, MARCH 4th AT 8:00 P.M. IN THE STUDENT CENTER REC. ROOM.

If you would like to join C.A.B., meetings are at noon each Wednesday in room 214 of the Student Center.

Baha’i Club

At the end of September 1998 the Iranian Government launched a coordinated attack to shut down the Baha’i Institute of Higher Education – also known as the “Open University.” Government officials orchestrated the arrests of the University’s most prominent professors and staff and looted more than 500 homes where the Institute’s activities had been conducted.

Since 1980, as part of a Government-directed effort to destroy the 300,000-member Iranian Baha’i community, Baha’is have been banned from studying or teaching at colleges and universities in Iran. In response to the ban, the Baha’i community founded the Baha’i Institute for Higher Education (BIHE) in 1987. The Institute had, until September 1998, an enrollment of more than 900 students, a faculty of more than 150 first-rate academics and instructors, and an “infrastructure” composed of various classrooms, laboratories and libraries scattered throughout Iran in private homes and buildings. It offered Bachelor’s degrees in ten subject areas: applied chemistry, biology, dental science, pharmacological science, civil engineering, computer science, psychology, law, literature and accounting.

A secret Iranian Government memorandum, personally endorsed by Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei in 1991 and published by the United Nations in 1993, established a subtle government policy aimed essentially at grinding the community into non-existence. This is to be accomplished by forcing Baha’i children to have a strong Islamic education, pushing Baha’i adults into the economic periphery and forcing them from all positions of power or influence, and requiring that Baha’i youth “be expelled from universities, either in the admission process or in the course of their studies, once it

becomes known that they are Baha’is.”

The exclusion of Baha’is from universities in Iran constitutes a gross violation of internationally recognized human rights. These latest steps taken to shut down the Iranian Baha’i community’s creative and peaceful response only increases public outrage regarding the Iranian Government’s attempt to strangle the Baha’i community.

Please visit www.us.bahai.org/openuniv for more information about the Baha’i Institute of Higher Education. If you are moved by what you have heard, please consider writing a letter expressing your concern to the following addresses:

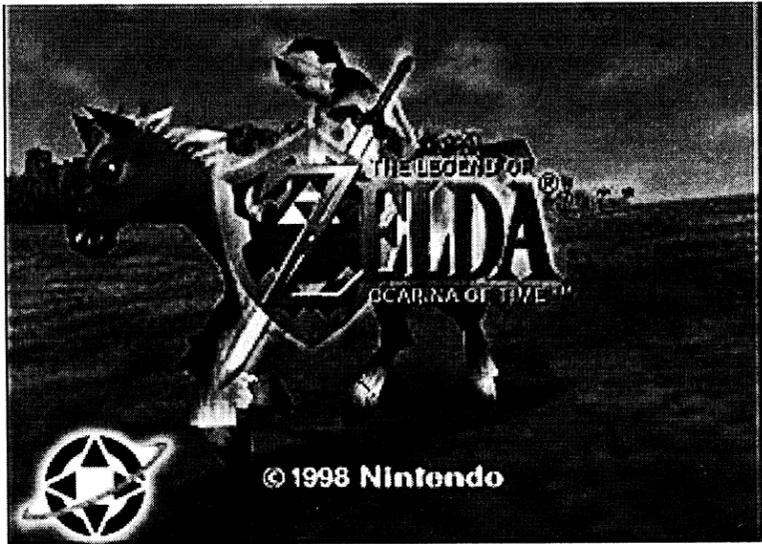
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Step forth brave hero and kick some virtual ass

By Frank Lopez

Do you like to play with swords? Sure, we all do. Now, for just \$39.95, you can enroll in the Hackenslash Correspondence School. Earn a degree as a Goblin Cleaver, a Dragon



Buster, or even a Grass Cutter. Other degrees include Ultima Weapon, Biggoron, Zenithian, and many more.

Of course, role-playing games (RPGs) are an enjoyable alternative. These little technological wonders give us worlds where only noble heroes and their legendary blades stand between the Dragonlord and domination of the known (and rather small) land. Warriors from beyond time use mystic crystals to engage raging forces of nature, and magic and technology collide in an unending battle.

Needless to say, I love RPG video games. I first fell in love when I played Dragon Warrior for Nintendo (Dragon Quest in Japan), the first RPG for a video game system. Computer RPGs and paper RPGs have their merits, but when you are as antisocial as I was growing up, there's more charm in something you can play by yourself. I also prefer Japanese console RPGs to their



American PC kin because of a minor characteristic that they developed which we call a story.

PC RPGs found here (nearly all American or European developed) focus on exploring a world and getting

strong. Console based RPGs (almost exclusively developed in Japan) use the medium to tell stories about mighty battles and enduring love. The hero isn't a soulless avatar for the player: he is a living character who fights sadistic demons to protect those he loves.

Computer based role-playing games have been known for years, but console RPGs only recently stepped into the spotlight with the release of Square's Final Fantasy 7 in 1997. Final Fantasy's success turned '98 into a great year for RPGs; one in which every major video game publisher rushed to find RPGs to release into an exploding market.

Thus, I decided to bring you review of several of the Role-Playing games released this year for the Sony Playstation and the Nintendo 64.

TALES OF DESTINY

Okay, so the story consisted of chasing down and killing friends who turned out to be mind-controlled by an evil sorcerer king, and the graphics were just slightly better than those of a Super Nintendo game, I still LIKED this game. A fun battle system, great characters,

and the best translation ever seen in a game combined for an experience that was surprisingly absorbing. I stayed up till five AM playing and woke at nine to continue.

Instead of the standard menu combat found in most similar games, *Tales* sets battles in a side view mode where you move your party leader around the enemies and attack, dodge, and cast with different buttons. Your party fights automatically according to strategies that you pick for them, but other players can also join in to control them.

Length: 40+ hours

Setting: Traditional medieval fantasy with modern conveniences

Style: Classic RPG with action interface

System: Sony Playstation

Notable feature: Stunning anime opening

Prize: Best in game sound test

Is it fun?: Yes!

THE LEGEND OF ZELDA:



OCARINA OF TIME

To some, it's an action RPG, to others it's an adventure game. I want to cover it here, so for the duration of the column, it's an action RPG.

Zelda has already set a new record as the most praised video game ever. The stunning graphics, precise 3D control, cunning puzzles, and magnificent soundtrack lead to an amazing experience, but the biggest advantage that the game has over its predecessors is its story. While the plot isn't terribly original and the dialogue is unimpressive (especially because the hero never speaks in the game), there is a bit more to



it than: beat dungeons-> find big sword->kill pig wizard->rescue princess. Link meets and interacts with more characters than just Princess Zelda and the evil Lord Ganon.

On the whole, Zelda is truly a masterpiece. The world is rich and colorful and, even if the greenery is a bit sparse when compared to most recent 2D games, the countryside is very lush and beautiful. Dungeons are especially breathtaking. Never have caves and forgotten temples looked so beautiful or so haunting. The game also features the best control of any 3D game.

Despite all the epic adventure, the most enjoyable part of the game is riding around the world on horseback.

Length: 30-45 hours

Setting: Light medieval fantasy kingdom

Style: 3D Action RPG, emphasis on puzzles and fighting

System: Nintendo 64

Notable feature: Detailed fishing subgame that could stand alone

Prize: Most vengeful chickens

Is it fun?: Oh, yeah!

XENOGARS

Late last year, after spending months up in the air, Xenogears made it to American

shores and stores. The game spent some time on Square's "no American release" list because of its religious overtones, but thankfully, Squaresoft relented.

Quite simply, Xenogears is the story of man and a woman. Giant robots, legendary wars, ancient weapons of mass destruction, and hideous mutants all manage to make their way into the game as well. Xenogears focuses very strongly on its story and its characters. Many players have said that the game is merely a Playstation novel, due to the heavy text and many scenes where the player simply watches the characters acting on their own. These gamers are, however, overlooking the great game system hidden behind the story.

The game is set in a highly detailed and beautiful 3D world. In addition, it features the finest soundtrack ever found in a video game (the end theme, "Small Two of Pieces, brings tears to my eyes). The characters possess a depth that I have never seen before in an RPG, and the story is the greatest epic ever to grace my TV.

Combat takes place both on foot and inside giant robots called "gears". Foot combat allows your characters to experiment with combinations of strong, medium, and fast attacks to develop new fighting techniques. Gear combat uses the techniques learned on foot and translates them into moves for sixty foot tall robots. The gears require

Getting to the Point

fuel to fight and must use weaker attack patterns to enable their big moves later in the fight.

Length: 60+ hours

Setting: Futuristic wartime fantasy world

Style: Classic RPG with emphasis on story

System: Sony Playstation

Notable Feature: Beautiful anime/computer generated cut scenes

Price: My favorite video game. Better than Final Fantasy 6

Is it fun?: Yes!!!

OTHER GAMES

BREATH OF FIRE III

Setting: Traditional fantasy with ancient machines

Style: Classic RPG

System: Sony Playstation

A good game overall, despite the many features stolen from older games. Not terribly original, but you do get to turn into a dragon and whup up on your enemies.

QUEST 64

Setting: Vague fantasy

Style: Minimalistic single character RPG

System: Nintendo 64

An attempt to redefine the genre gone horribly wrong. Most staples of RPGs are missing, and the game is amazingly dull.

KARTIA

Setting: Traditional wartime fantasy

Style: Strategy RPG

System: Sony Playstation

Bears a strong resemblance to Final Fantasy Tactics, but is much easier. Kartia has a really cool magic system and many other good points, but it plays like a combination of chess and paper-scissors-rock.

By Dave Eskridge

There is a certain grace to a sword. It has more soul than a gun and more style than a knife. It has a certain mystique that makes it the weapon of legend. It took one sword to bring King Arthur to power, and a second to take him from it. There is a romance to the sword and I feel like celebrating it. I'll do it with three movies.

SCARAMOUCHE

First let's look at *Scaramouche*. This 1952 classic is absolutely wonderful. The story follows the life of a French revolutionary, who hides in plain sight, playing a clown on stage. The hero (played by Stewart Granger) is a french noble who, while searching for the identity of his father, becomes the enemy of a master fencer (played by Mel Ferrer). To defeat his nefarious foe, our hero trains in the art of swordplay. He does so under the direction of an old swordmaster. That tutor is the best fencer in France. The film is filled almost completely with beautifully choreographed fencing duels. George Sidney did a stunning job directing one of the best action movies out there.

Tone: Light-hearted.

Genre: Adventure.



THE MASK OF ZORRO

Next let's move forward in time to the old west. In *The Mask of Zorro*, Antonio Banderas plays a young man trying to avenge the death of his brother. To defeat his nefarious foe, our hero trains in the art of swordplay. He does so under the direction of an old swordmaster. In this case, it is the retired Zorro (played by Anthony Hopkins). Alejandro Murietta, the hero, takes up both the sword and the mask of the old Zorro, and becomes a true hero as he

rescues enslaved workers and fair maidens. Though this film is not nearly so well choreographed as *Scaramouche*, it is gloriously flamboyant. It shamelessly uses over-

blown lines and poses. This film hasn't any subtlety at all. It uses a precise mix of comedy and action to keep even someone with my attention span spellbound. This is what an adventure film should be.

Tone: Upbeat and intense.

Genre: Action/Adventure.

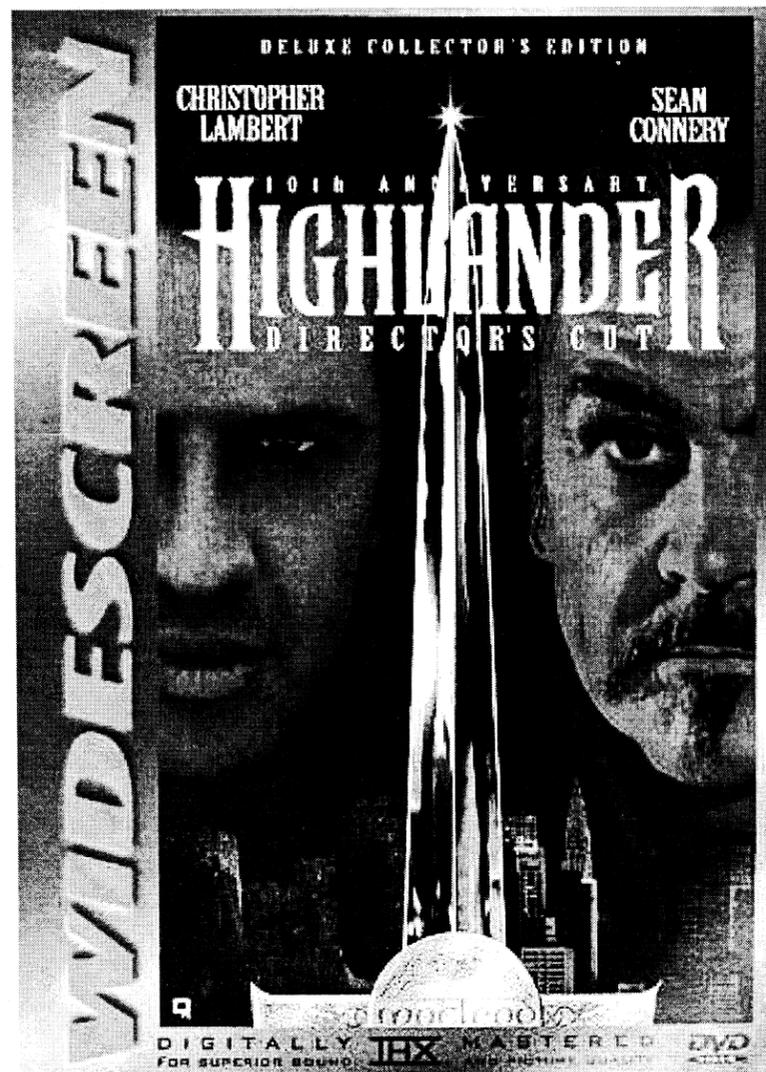
HIGHLANDER

Now let's go forward in time to the mid-eighties in New York. *Highlander* has to be one of the best known fantasies on film. The story of a group of immortals dueling each other to the death throughout

history is both original and enthralling. I was introduced to the story with the television show, and have only recently seen the film that started it. Christopher Lambert stars as Conner Macleod, a Scotsman who dies in 1536, killed at the hands of a dark knight who will become his nemesis throughout time. To defeat his nefarious foe, our hero trains in the art of swordplay. He does so under the direction of an old swordmaster (pattern? I don't see one). The master in this film is played very well by Sean Connery. He is the best part of the film. Overall, I thought it could be better. The fights were not very well done. The director relied too heavily on special effects and didn't focus on the swordplay enough. The fantasy elements are interesting and make up for the bad choreography.

Tone: Dark.

Genre: Action Fantasy.



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ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE (ADL)

Issues to be debated: (1) Were "gas chambers" used during WWII by Germans to kill millions of Jews as part of a program of "genocide?" (2) Did key "eyewitness" survivors give false testimony about "gas chambers?" (3) Is the *Diary of Anne Frank* an authentic personal diary or a "literary" concoction? (4) Is either the book or the movie *Schindler's List* true or an intentionally corrupt version of the facts? (5) Are Jewish organizations like the ADL and campus Hillel committed to the censorship of revisionist theory on the Jewish holocaust? (6) Should the ADL, campus Hillel and other mainline Jewish organizations respond with a "suspicious silence" when a sister organization encourages violence against revisionists? (7) Should a documentary film maker be made the target of violence by the **Jewish Defense League** (or any other "league"), as was David Cole, the Jewish writer and director of CODOH's video on Auschwitz, *David Cole Interviews Dr. Franciszek Piper* (called "The Video of the Century"), for exposing on film the fraud of the Auschwitz gas chamber?

Marcy Kaptur (D), U.S. Congresswoman, Ohio writes: "Mr. Cole has obviously invested a great deal in researching his subject and I admire his tenacious curiosity. Again, I thank you for sharing this documentary with myself and other Members of Congress." **Yehuda Bauer**, head of the **Hebrew University's Institute of Contemporary Jewry and Humanities (Jerusalem)**, writes: "A powerful, dangerous video...."

The **Jewish Defense League** writes (in a "Wanted" ad for Mr. Cole, on the Internet, which includes Cole's photograph): "An evil monster like this does not deserve to live.... We must get rid of this monster.... There needs to be ... the elimination of the Holocaust deniers. JDL wants to know the location of ... David Cole. Anyone giving us his correct address will receive a monetary reward."

The FBI has termed the JDL a "terrorist organization."

The **Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith** refuses to publicly condemn the **Jewish Defense League**, for this language of hate. The reason is clear. The ADL, by proxy, is "using" this threat of violence against a Jewish scholar in its own struggle to help censor open debate on the Holocaust controversy. This betrays our First Amendment and runs contrary to Article 19 of The Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Who benefits from such censorship? Americans?

Over the past decades there have been thousands--if not *tens of thousands*--of hours of one-sided Holocaust allegations broadcast to the American people. Is it not fair that those of us who are not anti-German bigots, who no longer believe the gas chamber stories but do believe in intellectual freedom, should be given 90 minutes--**only 90 minutes!**--to debate the Anti-Defamation League over the suppression and censorship of holocaust revisionism? (1.99)

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	14	Sun	Gardner-Webb University	Marietta, GA	1:00 p.m. DH
	16	Tue	Anderson College	Marietta, GA	1:00 p.m. DH
	19	Fri	Lee University	Marietta, GA	2:00 p.m.
	23	Tue	Talledega College	Marietta, GA	1:00 p.m. DH
	27	Sat	*Brewton-Parker College	Marietta, GA	1:00 p.m. DH
	28	Sun	*Brewton-Parker College	Marietta, GA	2:00 p.m.
Mar	5	Fri	*Southern Wesleyan University	Central, SC	2:00 p.m.
	6	Sat	*Southern Wesleyan University	Central, SC	1:00 p.m. DH
	7	Sun	Milligan College	Marietta, GA	2:00 p.m.
	9	Tue	Columbus State University	Marietta, GA	1:00 p.m. DH
	11	Thur	Kennesaw State University	Kennesaw, GA	3:00 p.m.
	13	Sat	*Faulkner University	Marietta, GA	1:00 p.m. DH
	14	Sun	*Faulkner University	Marietta, GA	2:00 p.m.
	17	Wed	Columbus State University	Columbus, GA	2:00 p.m. DH
	19	Fri	*Emmanuel College	Franklin Springs, GA	2:00 p.m.
	20	Sat	*Emmanuel College	Franklin Springs, GA	1:00 p.m. DH
	23	Tue	Lee University	Cleveland, TN	1:00 p.m. DH
	25	Thur	State University of West Georgia	Marietta, GA	2:30 p.m.
	27	Sat	*LaGrange College	Marietta, GA	1:00 p.m. DH
	28	Sun	*LaGrange College	Marietta, GA	2:00 p.m.
	30	Tue	Minnesota-Duluth	Marietta, GA	1:00 p.m. DH
Apr	2	Fri	*Georgia Southwestern St. Univ.	Americus, GA	3:00 p.m.
	3	Sat	*Georgia Southwestern St. Univ.	Americus, GA	1:00 p.m. DH
	7	Wed	Anderson College	Anderson, SC	1:00 p.m. DH
	10	Sat	*Shorter College	Marietta, GA	1:00 p.m. DH
	11	Sun	*Shorter College	Marietta, GA	2:00 p.m.
	14	Wed	Talledega College	Talledega, AL	2:00 p.m. DH
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3	Timothy, Jeff	JR	SS	L/R	5'9	170	Marietta, GA
4	Bailey, Warren	FR	OF	L/L	5'10	170	Flowery Branch, GA
5	Jackson, Ben	JR	2B	R/R	6'	185	LaGrange, GA
7	Hall, Zack	SO	P	R/R	5'11	155	Dalton, GA
8	Waters, Terry	FR	P	L/L	6'1	175	Ellenwood, GA
9	Sienkiewicz, Bradley	FR	IF/OF	R/R	5'11	165	Douglasville, GA
11	Sexton, Josh	SO	1B	R/R	6'1	195	Mableton, GA
13	Hildebrand, Mike	FR	C	R/R	5'8	160	Lithonia, GA
14	White, Kevin	JR	3B	R/R	5'11	175	Camilla, GA
15	Buchanan, Mike	SR	P	R/R	6'	185	Carrollton, GA
16	Cribbs, Bobby	SR	C	L/R	6'1	190	Flintstone, GA
17	Holleman, Matt	JR	P	R/R	6'	185	Snellville, GA
19	Owen, Justin	SO	P	R/L	6'1	180	Calhoun, GA
21	Maldonado, Miguel	SO	C	R/R	5'10	185	Kennesaw, GA
24	Rhodes, Byron	SR	OF	R/R	6'2	200	Stockbridge, GA
25	Barden, J.R.	FR	OF	R/R	6'2	195	Suwanee, GA
26	Johnson, Joey	JR	P	R/R	5'10	185	Conyers, GA
29	Harmon, Jacob	FR	3B	R/R	6'1	185	Calhoun, GA
30	Edwards, Darrell	SO	P	R/R	6'	210	Marietta, GA
31	White, Jared	JR	1B/P	R/R	6'2	195	Flintstone, GA
32	Garcia, Jorge	FR	3B	R/R	6'1	210	Lawrenceville, GA
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Intramural Action gets "off with a Bang!"

By Ken Lovic

The start to this semester's Intramural programming got off with a bang. The first sport was a new one to SPSU, Indoor Whiffleball. The winners of the tournament were Jeff Snipes and Randy Black who edged out a tough team of Brandon McLain and Jonathan Taylor.

Soon after the bats were put down, Intramural basketball got tipped off. The league saw an amazing 16 teams enter play this season. With so many games the competition has been fierce and there have been a number of close games this season. At the time of print, we still had two teams undefeated, Hoopers and Pressure. Joining the league as well were two staff teams comprised of individuals from such areas as the Plant, Student Activities and Registrars Office.

The Glory team of all girls is once again back in action and giving all the guys a

run for their money on the court. This year the women will play host to Atlanta Tech, which will travel here on February 18th with their girl's team to play the Glory at 7pm in the Rec Center. That same night, team Pressure will take on a men's team from Atlanta Tech at 8pm.

The tournament for Intramural Basketball will begin on February 25th. Also, the state tournament will be held this year at Georgia Tech and SPSU is looking to send two men's teams and one women's team. Good luck to those participants!

In basketball, like all other sports in the Intramural program, the officials are your very own peers. This year the officials program has grown tremendously and we currently have over 12 basketball officials. Only one of those officials has previous experience and we look forward to all of them staying with the Intramural program while

helping it grow and as well getting themselves more experience on the fields and courts. Thank you all for your hard efforts on and off the court.

Also coming this spring in Intramurals is an SPSU favorite; softball. Sign-ups begin February 25th and run till March 4th. There is a captain's meeting for softball on March 1st, at 5:00pm in the Rec Center. All teams wishing to play softball need to have representative at this meeting. A single players/free agent roster will be available in the Rec Center for those people looking to be on a team. Play will begin on March 8th.

After Spring Break Intramural Soccer kicks off with its 7on7 league. Sign-ups will be held March 4th through the 11th in the Rec Center. As well, a free agents roster will be available in the Rec Center for those people looking to be on a team. Play will begin on March 22nd.

On the scoring front, here are some of the leaders in SPSU Intramural Basketball points board:

Name	Team	Avg. Pts. Per Game
Swift Young	Plant Rebels	24.0
Troy Hill	Pressure	20.7
Melvin Hill	Plant Rebels	19.3
Nick Newkirk	Sigma Nu	18.3
Karsten Bailey	BSU	18.3
Bryan Frost	BSU	18.0
Mike Helfer	FOG	17.5
Jay Tooke	BSU	15.2
Jeff Stovall	H-Town	15.1
Tolley Campbell	Scrubs	15.0
Mark Asbell	FOG	14.7
Demetris	Pressure	14.5
Nick Hill	H-Town	13.5
Wes Morris	Pi Kappa Phi	13.3
Brandon McLain	Half Pi	12.3
John Hanby	Pi Kappa Phi	12.0
TJ	Pressure	12.0
Kevin Swain	Half Pi	11.7
Terrell Russell	Shadow Walkers	11.0

On the team level, here are some of the records as of Thursday, February 11:

Pressure	5-0	Half Pi	3-3
Hoopers	3-0	Pi Kappa Phi	3-3
Plant Rebels	2-1	Third Flo'	2-3
FOG	2-1	Sigma Nu	2-3
BSU	4-2	WGAD	2-3
Scrubs	2-1	Dragonball	0-4
H-Town	4-2	TKE	0-3
Shadow Walkers	4-2	Glory	0-3



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(Time sure flies by)

By Dux Raymond Sy

Five more days and school's over with. Time sure flies by ... don't you think? One month passed in a blink of an eye. Just when I'm used to living here ... in a couple of days it's time to go =(

I was in downtown Wernigerode yesterday. I took my time walking around and observing people, knowing that this will be my last weekend here in Wernigerode. I'll miss this place. A lot. I remember my first weekend here ... I was so stunned when I first laid eyes on the Rathaus. For a moment then I thought I was in Disneyland. And now, I'm used to the "sights" here. I'm used to seeing half-timbered houses on my walk to school every morning. Come to think of it, I'm used to walking! I haven't been in a driver's seat for a month now.

Funny how life works ...

you can take pictures, write journals and buy keepsakes for souvenirs but one can never, ever keep the feeling that one had experienced. I guess that's why every single moment in our life is special. We can never bring back nor exactly repeat the words we've said, joys we've shared, pain we've caused and blessings we've brought. Carpe Diem - seize the moment. This sojourn has been a very good reminder to view life as an adventure. One can never tell what tomorrow will bring ...

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The Rambler

By Shaidu Kiven

It is, once more, with great pleasure for the Rambler to extend a warm welcome to both new and returning students for the Spring Semester. Many months have passed since our last encounter via this media and the Rambler would like to thank those students who have sacrificially taken upon themselves to revive the dying Sting. And to those members of the Southern Polytechnic family who have been working so hard to keep things going, we of this column are happy to let you know that your efforts are highly appreciated. Among those to be nominated for quality service award (if there were any), are the wonderful people of the Plants Operation. You keep our campus very neat and attractive and your services are highly appreciated and recognized!

Some words of wisdom for those are new to this campus and, probably, for some of us who have been

around for a while: it was a common practice for lots of students to register for about four courses and end up dropping five. Well, do not ask me how they did it for it bewilders me also. It is very important that you plan before hands and register for classes you intend to take. It's no an unpardonable (that is you pardoning yourself) act to drop a class if things turn out unfairly to you. But it is very detrimental to you and other friends if you register for a class (others may not register if the class is full) with the intentions of trying to see how it goes. The second piece of advice is for the new students. There are signs all over the campus, though greatly reduced now, beckoning students to sell their books. These signs are meant for the end of the Semester if a student would like to sell a book already used. So, when you see a sign at the beginning of the Semester saying "Money for Your Books Today", please, pay no attention to it. For your information,

it is a sign of civility (to the Rambler) not to write on the walls. It is, therefore, disturbing to see that college students write on the walls in the restrooms. Please, desist from such a poor and childish practice so as to help our gentlepeople of the Plants Operation Department.

We have shared with the community of Southern Polytechnic over the years of our understanding of education. University, it is our imagination, is a setting where the study of the universe is carried out. Fortunately, we have a very diverse student body on our campus and this should give us the opportunity to understand and appreciate our diversity. Education does not merely consist of assimilating the material we are nurtured with, reproducing it when the occasion so demands and making an "A" grade or otherwise. When time would have gone by, one of the memorable pictures of a time at the university will consist, mainly, of our interaction one

with another. Each one of us should seize the opportunity of being a member of this community and make ample use of the situation. There are lots of student organizations, some are socially orientated while others are professionally based. And yet some of the organizations on this campus are yet to be defined (to the Rambler). The Rambler have observed that some organizations render lots of services to their members as well as to the community at large, while others could be classified as the "rock painting" organizations. You should feel free to join any of these organizations or start a new one if you so please. In fact, you could start a "tree painting" organization since we have those responsible for painting the rock!

A piece of good news for us all is that we are interrelated on the planet earth. This may sound like a taboo to lots of us who are ignorant of this fact. Piero Scanziani, one of the great thinkers of our time, observed that "Everyone has

two parents, four grandparents, eight great-grandparents, sixteen great-great grandparents. Our ancestors at the time of Richard the Lion Heart must have numbered 8,388,608." Furthermore, going back to the birth of Christ, "our ancestors alive at that time would have numbered 576,460,752,303,423,488, which is obviously impossible because this figure exceeds the world's population at any time on earth." It is therefore clear that we are all children of the same stock and the same people, no matter how different peoples and civilizations may seem today. We are all brothers and sisters, bound by the same blood, whether we like it or not. Sometimes people think that religions differentiate one people from the other but that is all illusions. Let me leave you with this food for thought: "Religions are many, but the reality of religion is one. The days are many, but the sun is one. The branches are many, but the tree is one. We are all the flowers of one garden..."

HOT TAMALE – SUMMER 1999 PROGRAM IN MEXICO

By Prof. Robert Fischer

Southern Polytechnic students will have an exciting new opportunity beginning this summer to participate in a summer program in Mexico to learn Spanish, earn course credit, and travel to exotic Mexican locales. In addition, the good news is that it is offered at an unusual low cost unduplicated in other study abroad programs!

After months of phone calls and email correspondence, I finally traveled south this past June to visit the Universidad Iberoamericana-Laguna located in Torreon in the state of Coahuila, one of the several northern states that border the United States. Set high in the Mexican desert, Torreon is a city of about 500,000 people with a metropolitan area of almost one million surrounded by *cerros* or small mountains. The climate is dry desert with temperatures similar to those in the American Southwest. Torreon and its environs represent a bustling area that

has benefited as a result of the NAFTA agreement with scores of manufacturing facilities and modern technology. Air traffic between Monterrey and the area offers direct flights from major U.S. cities, aboard the latest aircraft taken advantage of by the hustle of Americans, Europeans, and Asians representing major international corporations.

The Universidad Iberoamericana-Laguna is a private university of about 2000 students located in the northern suburbs of Torreon. It offers study in all the major fields of engineering, science and mathematics, social sciences, humanities, education and communication, graphic and industrial design and architecture.

The campus won a design award for its innovative architecture that embraces cantilevered walls, causeways, bridges and cozy tree studded walkways and plazas throughout. One entire side of the campus is protected by a large earthen work that along with the extensive planting of shrubs and trees

helps cool the community during the hot summer months.

Recently, this past October, I returned to Torreon and the Universidad Iberoamericana-Laguna accompanied by Professor Larry Haddock of the ATET Department for extended talks with university officials on behalf of a mutual exchange program. Under the terms of the agreement signed and approved by President Rosbacher, SPSU and Universidad Iberoamericana-Laguna have agreed to exchange students and faculty at a ratio of one to one, from each school. This spring semester we are hosting three Mexican students from the Universidad Iberoamericana-Laguna as part of the program.

Our present emphasis is to make available to SPSU students a summer program at the Universidad Iberoamericana-Laguna beginning this May 31. The program will run for five weeks and offer marvelous opportunities to learn Spanish,

investigate the realities of NAFTA and travel in Mexico. Specifically, SPSU students will be able to earn core curriculum credit for US History, Spanish, or Area E, Group #4; they may also meet course requirements for the SIS Department's minor in international studies.

Participation of Professor Haddock involves setting up internships for students in local manufacturing plants (called *maquiladoras*) and acting as a consultant for Universidad Iberoamericana-Laguna which is interested in setting up an SPSU connection for apparel education. This summer, for example, Professor Haddock has secured three internships for students with Liga Mayor, a Mexican company owned by Mickey Dunn, an SPSU alumnus. Students who participate in this summer's program will also have the opportunity to earn ATET course credit.

Costs for the Summer Program 1998 are unbelievably reasonable coming in at around \$1000 dollars, including round-trip air transportation, housing,

and meals six days per week! There will also be weekend excursions to historic old mining towns (Zacatecas & Guanajuato) and the pacific beach city, Mazatlan, a world class Mexican resort. Spending money, in general, and costs for the excursions will be extra but the expectation is that both should be very reasonable. One of the real advantages of the program is that the peso-dollar exchange rate is highly favorable for American students. Further, the close proximity of Torreon means relatively inexpensive roundtrip airfare.

To take advantage of this opportunity, please contact the Social & International Studies Department (528.7420, Room G156, Professor Fischer phone 528.7523/email: rfischer@spsu.edu or Professor Haddock, phone 528.3171/email: lhaddock@spsu.edu. Applications and additional information is now available and we look forward to talking with you.

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