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The Rock: In Memorium

By Abe Abu-Madi

Around campus, students are dealing with the tragedies of September 11th in a variety of ways. In memory of those who perished, the brothers of the fraternity Sigma Nu took the time to dedicate the Rock.

The Rock, usually known just as symbol to the fraternities is now a memorial to the nation. An American flag was painted on the front surface, while the background was painted a somber black. The brothers of Sigma Nu who painted the rock have offered their thoughts to share.

"I think that what happened yesterday was one of the most stupid and horrible things that anyone could have done. I just don't see how anyone could do something like that," said Warren Holmes.

Bobby Richardson added, "It is a terrible tragedy that has plagued our nation. I just hope it's something that will bring people of different backgrounds together as one."

"I helped to paint this



Sigma Nu brothers decorated the Rock on Wednesday, September 12th, in memory of those who perished on Tuesday the eleventh. **Photo by Kea Vongchanh.**

to express my feelings for those who died in yesterday's tragedy," said Paul Gable on Wednesday, September 12th.

"We have come together as a nation and will survive through this great time of blasphemy," added Aakash

Shah. "This is a great tragedy that has happened," said Rob Joiner. "Now is a time for mourning but is also a time for action. If we do not take action and bring these terrorists to justice thousands

of people will have died in vain." "America will not tolerate such brutal acts on her citizens. Her people will stand up, unite and reign justice on those responsible," stated Brett Manley.

"As I was painting the rock in dedication to those who perished, I heard one of my fraternity brothers, Bobby Richardson, say that on the news, he heard that there was looting in the Midwest," said Daniel Pintos.

Pintos continued, "Also on the news they were saying gas prices were increasing because of the fear that we may lack resources. I personally think that those acts are pathetic. This isn't a dream - this is *reality!* People should not be thinking on an individual basis."

"The nation needs to come together!! As the three musketeers came together and stated 'One for all, and all for one.' They fought together and were as one. That is what this great nation needs to do," concluded Pintos.

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SPSU and The Aftermath

In the aftermath of the worst terrorist act on American soil, businesses and universities throughout the Atlanta metropolitan area closed. On Tuesday, September 11th, Emory University, Georgia State University, Georgia Tech, Kennesaw State University and even the University of Georgia in Athens cancelled classes. Southern Polytechnic State University remained open throughout the day and into the evening. With few exceptions, most universities and businesses re-opened on Wednesday, September 12th.

While some students chose not to attend classes, and a number of professors cancelled classes, Southern Polytechnic maintained a "business as usual" schedule. The university is adjacent to Air Force Plant Number Six, the Lockheed Martin plant producing the F-22 Stealth fighter. The plant is located on the grounds of Dobbins Air Reserve Base in Marietta, Georgia.

Unknown hijackers commandeered four U.S. airliners, using them to destroy three World Trade Center buildings in New York City,

and damage the Department of Defense Pentagon headquarters in Washington, D.C. Thousands are feared dead in the attacks.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Georgia Emergency Management Agency stated in news reports on Wednesday, September 12th, that there were no credible threats to any location in the metropolitan Atlanta area.

An e-mail to university presidents was sent by Dr. Stephen R. Portch's office on the morning of Tuesday, September 11th. Portch is the

Chancellor of the University System of Georgia, of which Southern Polytechnic State University is a part.

"The chancellor sent something out to all the presidents saying that the safety and security of the people on campus is the highest priority," said SPSU President Dr. Lisa A. Rossbacher. "He wrote that each president should use discretion about campus operations."

Rossbacher continued, "I evaluated the situation, including communicating with university police who are in

contact with local and regional emergency services."

"My considered opinion is that the university community is not currently at risk," stated Rossbacher, "And therefore we should operate with business as usual."

Captain George Scott of the University Police was consulted twice by Dr. Rossbacher. The first time, he said, "It was around eleven-

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ish, but I don't really know. She basically just wanted to know if I thought we were at any threat level."

Scott's previous experience includes service in the security arm of the U.S. Air Force. "I was active duty Air Force and retired from Dobbins," Scott stated. "I was at Dobbins from November of '83 to July of '88 – about five years. I came to work at Southern Polytechnic in August of '88."

"She [Rossbacher] was very concerned about the overall safety of our campus and the community," Scott stated. "She kind of wanted things to stay as calm as possible. Those were her big concerns."

"There was no general

threat to this area based upon my prior experiences. Dobbins would be a low level threat. It's a reserve base," Scott said.

Scott added, "Basically, what it appeared to me from watching was that the terrorists were going for mass numbers and high profile."

"Each military installation basically knows what their threat level is," said Scott.

"I've gone through other times when there were terrorist threat levels worldwide. You assess the threat. It [Dobbins] is a non-active military installation."

"They would go after a mass number of aircraft, or a mass number of personnel, that they can destroy," Scott said of the alleged terrorists.

"Dobbins has neither."

"Our distance from downtown – say they wanted to do the Federal Building – gives us a safe zone," Scott added.

Scott emphasized that Rossbacher was actively interested in the impact on the university. "She physically, personally came [to the police department] at about 1:15, 1:30 PM, somewhere in the general time frame," he said.

"She was trying to reassure the campus that everything was ok," Scott said. "She spoke to me during that time frame."

The administration was cognizant of the fact that the attack on America affected students. Shortly before noon, several members of the

Student Government Association visited the President's office, inquiring about rumors that the campus would be closed.

"I certainly realize that some members of the university community will decide not to attend classes for a variety of reasons. Some may have friends or family that have been directly affected by today's events. Others may simply choose to be with their families today," added Rossbacher that Tuesday.

"We have lowered all the flags to half-staff, and I know we all send our thoughts and prayers to everyone affected by today's tragedy," she said.

Asked about the possibility of closing the

campus, Scott said, "When Dr. Rossbacher and I talked about it, basically what we wanted to do was maintain a sense of calm and normalcy."

"Terrorists win in situations where normal services are disrupted," Scott added. "What you basically want to do is maintain as much normalcy as possible."

Asked what the students and faculty of SPSU can do, Rossbacher said, "I hope that there will be strong participation in the upcoming blood drives on campus, on September 18th and the 25th. I understand that Red Cross offices around the state have received a huge outpouring of concern and contributions."

"I hope Southern Polytechnic plays our role in helping," Rossbacher added.

SPSU Students Concerned

By Abe Abu-Madi and Mark Campbell

Students in the dormitories at Southern Polytechnic were deeply affected by the events of September 11th, 2001. On that Tuesday, four hijacked commercial airliners were used by terrorists as flying missiles in attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C. Although Atlanta was not under any apparent threat, students were concerned that events may escalate into a much deeper national tragedy.

American Airlines Flight 11 and United Airlines Flight 175, both from Boston, were piloted into both towers of the World Trade Center at approximately 9 AM. American Airlines Flight 77, departing Washington's Dulles airport, was guided into the west wing of the Pentagon. A fourth jet, United Flight 93, crashed between Lamberstville and Shanksville in Pennsylvania. It was believed to have been enroute to the Washington, D.C. area.

Adam Grady, an SPSU student, said, "I have family in the military. My uncle was in the Pentagon, and we still have not heard from him. My brother called my mother this morning," Grady added. "He's a part of the Ranger Regiment, and [he] said that they were packed and ready

to go."

"Then ten minutes later he called and said 'I love you. Bye.' And that was it - he was shipped out," said Grady. "This could be the last time I hear from my brother. God help us all."

Phillip Ferguson said, "I'm horribly saddened by the events today. I have friends in key locations that were hit by the terrorist acts."

"I was just recently discharged honorably from three years of U.S. Army service," Ferguson said. "And I understand the threat we are now involved in."

Chris Anderson, another student, added, "I feel that this is one of the biggest tragedies of modern times. I have close friends in the military and both of them have been sent out because of this."

"It hits home when I have friends involved," said Anderson. Speaking of retaliation against the perpetrators, he said, "This is one of the ways that our President can show exactly what this country is made of."

"This is a tragedy on all levels," stated Kemar Morris. "This is a tragedy to people involved and not involved. The economy will suffer even long after the

attention dies down."

"There is a great possibility of war," Morris added, "And as history has taught us relentlessly, a war no one wins."

Another student suggested his method of rendering justice. "This is a terrible day," said Alex Hilliard. "Whoever is responsible should be brought to New York City, on the property of the World Trade Centers, and be executed on the spot by the military on national TV."

International Students Reassured

By Jane Lurie

At SPSU's International Students Association meeting following the devastating national attack on Tuesday, September 11th, international students had the chance to gain a better understanding of the incident, as well as voiced their opinions and concerns. Many students had always regarded the World Trade Center as a landmark and symbol for America, and it came as a significant shock to hear of the buildings' demise. "It's such a weird feeling," remarked one student. "That building is gone." The ISA met for its weekly Tuesday meeting at noon in student center room A-215. In light of the recent occurrence of the tragedy, there was still a

unanimous feeling of disbelief and shock.

However, ISA advisor Charlotte Janis was able to provide support for the students and advise them on what to do if they experienced any acts of prejudice as a result of their ethnic background. Every kind of educational institution across the country must face the possibility of international students being ostracized by bigots trying to make sense of the national tragedy. Janis assured the students that anyone who would choose to make such comments is ignorant and uninformed. Janis further encouraged students to brush off any remarks of that type.

"Prejudiced means to 'pre



ELS Students are amongst the international students on the SPSU campus concerned about the terrorist attacks on the United States.

Photo by Patrick Warden.

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International Students Reassured *Continued*

By Jane Lurie

judge' somebody, and this judgment usually comes from misinformation, not from accurate information," added Nancy Freud, a volunteer from Friends of International Students. FIA is an organization that works very closely with the ISA.

Despite the encouragement of the students to not take any acts of prejudice personally, the importance of reporting any such instance was made very clear. The ISA office is located in the ATTIC (Assessment, Testing, Tutoring, & International Student Center) on the second floor of the J building.

Southern Polytechnic State University police can always be contacted as well. The telephone number for the campus police is (770) 528-5555.

Although Charlotte Janis guided the students through the most difficult day America has faced in decades, Janis does not necessarily feel the chance that international students will be ostracized is probable.

"It is not a likelihood," she says, "but it is a possibility."

It is important to prepare students to react properly [to ignorant ridicule]."

An international student interviewed agrees. "I do not think [people will target us] because most people are educated enough and are not too quick to draw conclusions and form stereotypes."

Despite the somber mood of students, advisors, and volunteers alike, the ISA meeting provided a source of comfort and reflection for all who attended.

One student concluded her thoughts with, "You just have to think of all the people and of all the families affected.

Things like this affect everyone's life, no matter where you are from."

Faculty Opine On Terrorism

By Kamie Harkins and Charity Langley

The 11th of September 2001 will be an unforgettable date that will forever be remembered by those who watched in terror the suicide missions that claimed the lives of so many. The faculty of SPSU were very cooperative when asked about the attacks. As a matter of fact, they were more than eager to share their thoughts:

"It is time to take the gloves off on dealing with the people who caused this." Mark Vickerey--Associate History Professor

"It's a crime and a national disaster where innocent victims were murdered. I think the international students are just as saddened by this because they look at this country as a place of safety." Charlotte Janis--International Student Service Coordinator

"It is not tolerable and we shouldn't tolerate things like this." Frank Tsui--Associate CS/SE professor

"I was at home and I realized that it was just like a disaster movie. There was no question

in my mind as to if this was planned or not after the 2nd plane hit. Fear and anger and so many emotions came up when trying to figure out why or how this could happen. I think everyone is trying to make sure people they care about are safe." Fred Hartfield--CS professor

"I believe, as a country we should not overreact to the terrorism. This was the action of a small group of people--their views are not typical of the majority and we should not become divided because of this crime rather we should stand unified." Albert Churella-- Social & International Studies

"This type of war will not divide people instead will pull them together, but on the same note airline travel will never be the same" Richard A. Hahn--Speech

"This act was despicable and unbelievable. It is still unimaginable how, even with all the security measures, a plane can be hijacked." Kenneth Rainey-- Technical Communications/ American Literature

"Upon watching this event, I was shocked immediately. Nothing is completely safe and cannot be; people are never secure but have a false sense of security. I hope this action will not diversify students and people on campus. I hope this will unify the campus and not divide it." Herb Smith--Technical Communications

A quote by an anonymous person was supplied to us by Kenneth Rainey: "This is Life imitating Art" which is a strong statement. Many have been de-sensitized by these events because Hollywood has portrayed similar actions in movies. The actions televised by so many stations and news groups are difficult for most to grasp as truth. Most have yet to realize the extent of this massive terrorist attack, but here at SPSU the views may vary slightly while the main ideas of faculty still fall along the same line: nothing is 100% except death; what will occur in the next days is unknown but no matter what, we should help in keeping America unified and strong.

Karaoke Show Postponed

By Mark Campbell

An interactive video show for Southern Polytechnic students on Tuesday, September 11th, was cancelled.

Students would have been able to get a video tape of themselves singing karaoke. The event had been scheduled by the Campus Activities Board, but was cancelled in recognition of the terrorist act that occurred.

Andy Schmitz and Vikki Brandt of Legacy Entertainment were seen repacking their equipment in preparation for a trip to South Carolina. They intended to meet engagements at Central Carolina Tech and the University of South Carolina campus, both located in Sumter.

Neither knew when they might return to SPSU.

Schmitz was aware of

the terrorist attack before arriving on campus. "We saw it in our hotel this morning," Schmitz said. "We were watching it live when it [the second jetliner] ran into the Trade Center."

Still, Schmitz and Brandt arrived on campus to meet their obligations to SPSU students. "We were setting up," Brandt said, "when they told us to reschedule."

The event will be rescheduled, provided a mutually acceptable date can be found for both the Campus Activities Board and Legacy Entertainment.

Recruitment Unchanged

By Kea Vongchanh

After the horrifying acts of terrorism against the United States on September 11th, one would assume that the military would take action to catch the terrorists. This brings up the question of whether the military will have the manpower to stop the chaos that terrorists create? If not, will they start to increase their recruitment?

Representatives of the United States Marines, the Army, and the Army Reserve said that they would not change their recruiting strategies due to the terrorist attack. Local Navy and the Air Force recruiting offices were closed, and representatives unavailable to comment.

Staff Sergeant Robert Sawyer of the United States Marines Corps said, "We are

just going to continue our recruitment as if nothing happened. The Marines will accept applicants who wish to enlist; however we do not encourage it unless they are serious about joining." Those interested in enlisting may contact Staff Sergeant Sawyer of the United States Marine Corps at (770) 423-9567.

Staff Sergeant Roy Marshall of the Army Reserve said, "We welcome anyone who wish to enlist to do so." He also pointed out the benefits that students have when they enlist in either the Army or Army Reserve.

According to Marshall, the Army Reserve provides job training, an income, and tuition assistance. The Selected Reserve Montgomery G.I. bill provides tuition funding from \$9500 to

\$21,000, depending on the college. Jobs skills involving medicine, computers, accounting, engineering and maintenance are available. And an income of no less than \$980 per month is guaranteed during Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training. Staff Sergeant Marshall invites anyone who is interested in enlisting to contact him at (770) 427-8411.

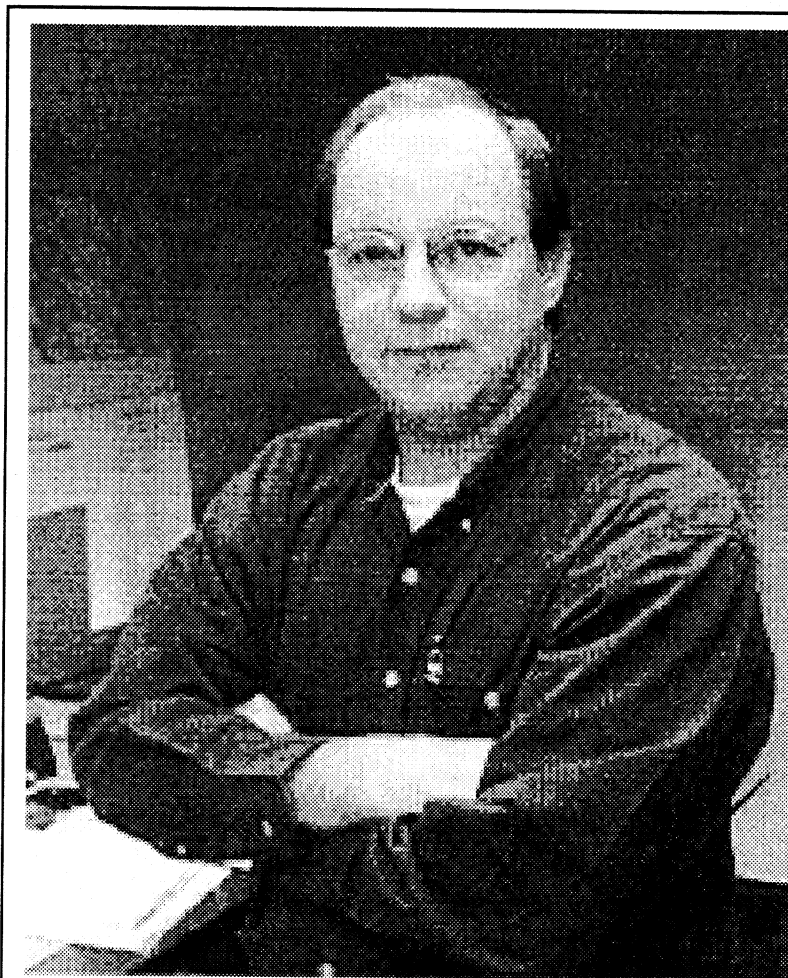
Davis Leaves Southern Tech

By Mark Campbell

Professor Millard Davis of the Mechanical Engineering Technology program, resigned on Friday, August 17th, 2001. Davis started employment on Monday, August 20th, as a Tooling Engineer at Auto Vent Shade, a company located in Lawrenceville, Georgia. During a five year period, Davis taught Manufacturing Processes I and II as well as Tool Design at SPSU.

According to MET Professor Donald Horton, "We lost Davis because he was made to feel insecure because of the emphasis on scholarly activity and credentials. We needed his expertise in the Mechanical Engineering Technology department. He basically did not see a future at Southern Polytechnic."

Davis spoke about his resignation. "Well, that was a really tough decision, however, the direction that the university is headed – i.e. sponsored programs and research – and my lack of suitable credentials, left my future as an instructor uncertain."



Professor Millard Davis, formerly of the Mechanical Engineering Technology Department. Photo courtesy of MET Program.

"When I started teaching at SPSU, the focus was on teaching the student," Davis said. "And with this trend towards sponsored research and development, this leaves less time for the instructor to teach."

"I enjoy the one-on-one interaction with the students of SPSU. With the current trend, that interaction will be de-emphasized. We have a great program – this MET program – everyone is dedicated to a quality educa-

tion for our students."

Other Professors Concerned About Futures

Other non-tenured professors are also concerned about the increased emphasis on scholarship and research and their personal futures at Southern Polytechnic. Some have expressed concerns about their continued employment. Dr. Britt Pearce, Head of the MET Program, said, "They feel that way – I'm not sure that's the case. An administrator that's in a position to do something needs to give them a better feel for where they stand."

According to the minutes of the Deans' Council held on Wednesday, August 29th, a new Lectureship category is being considered for non-tenure track, full-time instructors. The minutes state that such a position can be held for six years, and then beyond if certain conditions are met, in accordance with Board of Regents policy. The category is to be researched further by Dr. Sandy Pfeiffer,

SPSU's Vice President of Academic Affairs. Pfeiffer will also be checking on the use of titles for adjunct, or part-time, positions.

Pearce spoke about the Lectureship category, "Well, according to this, it sounds like there are no longer any permanent non-tenure track positions all of a sudden. This topic hasn't really been discussed with the faculty, and it needs to be."

"For your information, there aren't that many non-tenure track faculty. In the future, it appears that there are going to be more," Pearce added.

"What I have heard is that permanent full-time faculty positions will become fewer in number." Addressing how this might impact students, Pearce said, "I'm worried that that'll be detrimental to their education."

Expertise Lost

Speaking about Davis's departure, Pearce commented, "It hurts us, because his experience in the manufacturing area – he's got

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ACM, GEAR Start Joint Project

By Joshua Shannon

On Friday, August 31, the Association of Computing Machinery (ACM) and the General Engineering of Autonomous Robots (GEAR) organizations held the first meeting for new project called the "Robotics and Research Development Lab." At the meeting, students were trying to figure out, using C++, how to make a robot, made from LEGO MindStorm parts, go around a black track.

The students broke into several groups made up of four to five people. The groups were competing for a chance to win a free membership into both ACM and GEAR by writing the shortest code for the robot.

Several faculty members from the Computer Science, Mechanical Engineering Technology, and Electrical and Computer Engineering Technology

programs were available to help the students in their efforts.

ACM president Jasjit Kahlon and GEAR president Randall Ware formed the project in order to let students have some experience in their majors, especially CS, MET and ECET students. Ware said that he hopes that this project, with its hand-on experiences, will help students gain idea of what their careers will be like and to better prepare them for their careers. Using this project as a starting point, both Mr. Ware and Mr. Kahlon said they hope that they will be able to form a class for children during the summer semester.

ELS Connects With Students

By Zachary Jones

The week of August 20th, ELS international students began implementation of a new arrangement called 'The Language Partner Program' which will pair international ELS students with Southern Polytechnic State University students in order to exchange knowledge of language and culture.

ELS Language Centers have contracted for space and services from Southern Polytechnic State University. The Center provides English language instruction to international students. ELS Language Centers is a division of Berlitz International, Inc.

Created and implemented by international students, and guided by Jennifer Tasso, ELS instructor, the program proposes to offer SPSU students opportunities to meet people from other

parts of the world. SPSU students can learn about different cultures, while at the same time enriching the experiences of the international students.

"The Language Partner Program will get our international students in contact with Americans residents, giving them a fuller appreciation of America and its culture," explained Greg Simkiss, International Student Advisor. "They will receive a greater experience of America, rather than just a language course."

Though about 45 international students have already signed up for the program, more SPSU students are still needed as pairs. "We want SPSU students to know that the pair-up can last as short as 2 weeks to a few months, depending on whether the international student

continues into the next semester," said Tasso. "Too, it's a great opportunity to meet lots of people from different cultures."

Separate from 'The Language Partner Program,' yet sharing many of the same goals and organized by ELS, a weekly 'Conversation Hour' provides an informal setting in which international students can socialize with SPSU students. ELS holds the 'Conversation Hour' every Friday from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM in room D168. Beverages and refreshments are also provided.

Davis Leaves Southern Tech *Continued*

By Mark Campbell

experience that nobody else has. Until we replace him, we'll be struggling."

"The skills that he had were related to the manufacturing area in particular," Pearce added. "He had experience in the plastics industry and tool design – a broad range of manufacturing operations. He was a real resource to other faculty as well as students in those areas."

"This [Davis's departure] is an example of what happens when we don't look at their professional experience as well as their academic training," Horton said. "The only way to change it is for people in the administration to appreciate real engineering experience. Moves to the PhD mentality have created low morale amongst the faculty that do not have PhDs."

Pearce added, "He [Davis] received an Outstanding Faculty of the Year award one year. In general, he was a very dedicated faculty member and went beyond the normal duties, participating in activities like manufacturing the mace, and advising members of the student competition teams like the super-mileage vehicle, the Formula SAE car, and the Aerial Robotics Team."

Why Davis Left

Professor Davis explained the circumstances that lead to his resignation. "When I was first hired to teach in the MET department, we discussed my lack of a master's degree. I was reassured that the uniqueness of the program with the emphasis on industrial experience would satisfy the requirements set by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) to allow me to teach until retirement. Dr. Pearce encouraged me to pursue a master's degree, but that it would not be a requirement."

"After the SACS accreditation – I believe it was 1997," Davis added, "The administration mandated that everybody satisfy the eighteen hour requirement. SACS has an eighteen hour related field requirement." Professors in a discipline must have earned at least eighteen hours of graduate level instruction in that discipline.

Davis, an SPSU alumnus, continued, "However, I could not pursue a Masters in Mechanical Engineering because the MET degree I earned from SPSU is not recognized as Mechanical Engineering at the engineering

school on North Avenue." Georgia Tech is located on North Avenue in Atlanta.

"Since Professor Allen [of the MET department] had a master's degree in computer science from Southern Tech, I researched the possibility of pursuing a master's degree in computer science from SPSU," Davis said. "In academic year 1999-2000, Professor Allen was denied tenure." Tenure is the privilege of holding a permanent position as a professor at a college or university.

"When he was denied tenure, I speculated that there was a problem with his computer science master's credentials satisfying the eighteen hour requirement set by SACS. I decided that I did not want to waste my time pursuing a master's in computer science."

Filling the Vacancy Now

Davis's departure led to a cancellation of Manufacturing Processes II and Tool Design for the Fall semester. MET graduating seniors who were taking Tool Design were offered the option of taking Advanced Engineering Materials or Air Conditioning as replacements. According to Pearce, this is a one-time only exception available only to

graduating seniors.

"We do have some part-timers that can help fill some of his responsibilities," Pearce said. "Both of them graduated from SPSU in the early eighties and have worked with Lockheed since then. They both work in manufacturing operations." Both will be working with students in Manufacturing Processes I, a basic metal joining and machining lab course.

Pearce continued, "One is Edward Johnson. He's teaching metal cutting and joining. His work with Lockheed is along that line. The other instructor is Dwayne Whittle."

Looking to the Future

"We have great students here," Davis said, "And SPSU has a wonderful reputation with industry because our students *can apply* the engineering principles taught in the curriculum."

"The owner of Auto Vent Shade said if you want a lab engineer, you go to Georgia Tech," said Davis. "But if you want an engineer that can apply the theory to solve problems, then you go to Southern Tech." According to Davis, Auto Vent Shade

employs six industrial engineers and six mechanical engineers who graduated from SPSU.

Davis added, "I think students are attracted to this university because of industry's high regard for the programs and the accessibility to the faculty. You hear this all the time from students that transfer from Georgia Tech, 'If I see my professor, he is too busy to talk to me.' And currently, that is not what students say about the faculty at SPSU."

"I would hope that in the future that students would continue to say that faculty are still accessible to the students," Davis concluded.



SPSU's graduation ceremony mace was designed and manufactured on campus by Professor Millard Davis of the MET department. Other universities purchase their maces. Photo by Ji Han, Sting Staff.

WGHR Changes Frequency

By Mark Campbell

Playing Chumbawumba's "Tubthumping," Southern Polytechnic's radio station WGHR began broadcasting again on 100.7 FM. The frequency change was the second in a year for the Federal Communications Commission Class D station. The station had been broadcasting since February on 102.5 FM, after a cease and desist letter had been received by Susquehanna Corporation instructing WGHR to vacate 100.7 FM.

WGHR has a legal permit for the 100.7 FM radio frequency. The return to 100.7

FM was accomplished at 2:00 PM on Friday, August 31st. WAMJ, a new radio station in Mableton began broadcasting on 102.5 FM on September 1st.

"I get knocked down, but I get up again," blared the loudspeakers in WGHR's student listening room as the transition was completed. The previous change in February had been accompanied by R.E.M.'s "What's the Frequency, Kenneth?"

Pending approval from the FCC, the radio station is planning a final move to 101.1 FM.

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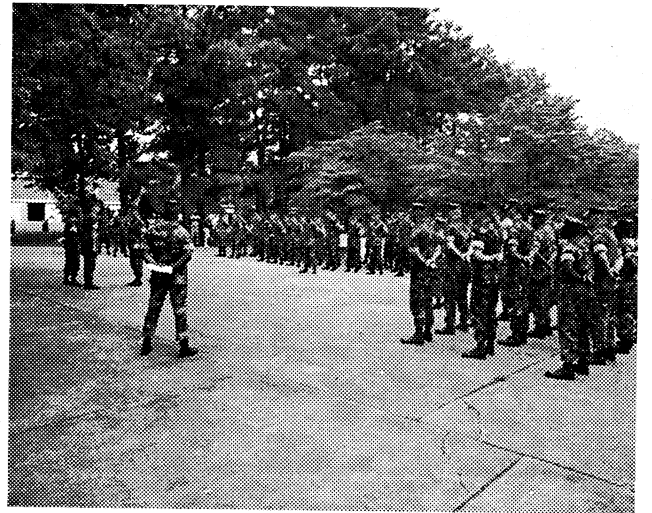
September 8 -- It was a partly cloudy Saturday afternoon, and Southern Poly was invaded by the Marines. And their wives. And their kids. Think 1900 camo clothed Marines and their families. Yes, SPSU was a virtual military base for a few hours.

the first and probably only automatic rifle raffle on campus could be seen clearly.

Col. Jerry Yingling, the commanding officer of Marine Aircraft Group 42 (MAG42 for short) organizes this yearly event to prepare his Marines in the case that they might get called to war and be separated from their families.

Two helicopters, a Cobra and a Huey, landed in a cleared portion of the main student parking lot, and anyone who wanted to climb in and check out the controls. An anti-aircraft vehicle also was parked, called the Avenger Weapon System, and kids used the controls to rotate it's turret. The event ended with the two helicopters taking off, and one of them, the Huey, encircled campus two times before heading back to their base.

Military trucks and vehicles brought their commissary food, and the Marines themselves brought some rope for tug-of-war! Possibly



Con Ed Offers Classes

By Abe Abu-Madi

The Office of Continuing Education (OCE), directed by Marilyn McCreary, is a program offered at SPSU to people who wish to further their education. Many of the people

in the classes already have college degrees, with an average age of thirty-five. The OCE is a way for workers to gain the skills they need at the job place; while others wish to expand the knowledge they already have.

The Fundamentals of Unix course is a new 70-hour course developed by Cisco and Sun Microsystems. In the Fundamentals of Unix course, students will learn fundamental command-line features of the

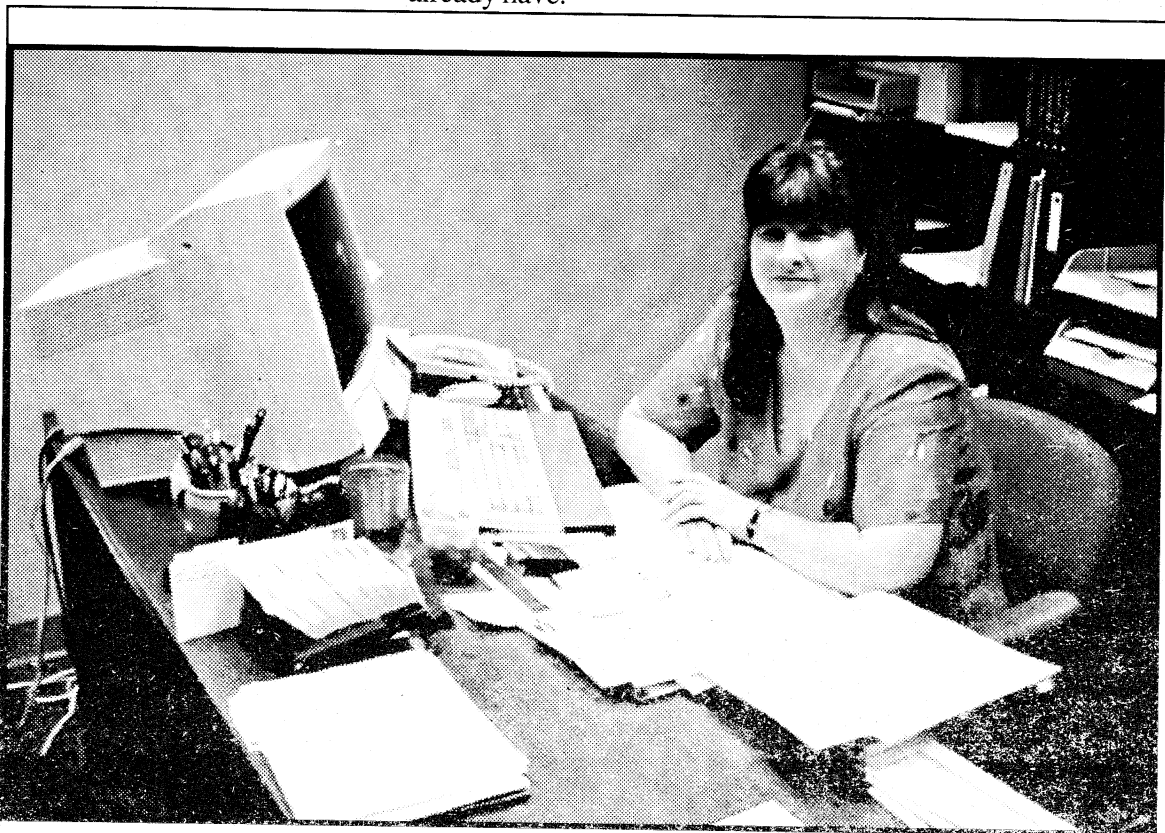
Solaris environment including file system navigation, file permissions, the 'vi' text editor, command shells and basic network use. During the hands-on exercises, students learn basic Sun Microsystems Solaris operating environment commands. The course is intended for new Unix users.

Systems portion of the exam. The class is presented at a fast pace - it concentrates on what students need to know and study to pass the exam. The course is for IT professionals that need or want a certification that is recognized worldwide.

Microsoft Office XP is a course to develop skills in using Office XP. The topics in the course range from using and customizing Smart tags to finding files and formatting with Task Panes. Microsoft Office XP will also go through connecting and coordinating with others through SharePoint. The course is for anyone who would like to learn more about Microsoft Office XP.

With the job market in flux, many employers want someone who can do a little of everything. As a result, employers are paying for employees to learn new skills. In some cases employees may be beginning a new job and need new skills, or simply wish cross certification. No matter the reason, the OCE is willing to meet their needs.

The A+ Cram Course is a two-part program. The course has 20 hours of review for the Hardware portion of the A+ certification exam. The course also has 20 hours of review for the Operating



Marilyn McCreary heads the Office of Continuing Education. Photo by Patrick Warden.

Construction of Hartsfield's Fifth Runway Discussed

Alumni, industry professionals, and Southern Polytechnic State University students attended a lecture in the Student Center Ballroom on Thursday, August 30th, 2001. The lecture discussed the replacement of Hartsfield International Airport's fifth runway. Professionals from various fields in engineering and construction discussed the previous runway replacement job back in 1999. Also discussed was engineer Allen Scott's proposal of a tentative schedule for the current runway replacement project. Buddy Jump provided details of the proposal.

The main purpose of the lecture was to provide potential employment opportunities to students who are pursuing a career in construction-related engineering fields. Much of the lecture discussed

the timetable of the project, as well as how dirt is going to be cleared and the site prepared for concrete and asphalt.

The contractors, which proposed the bid for this project, are C. W. Matthews Contracting, Thresher Trucking, and APAC of Georgia. The three companies joined together to form the 5R company.

Allen Scott, an engineer for C. W. Matthews Contracting Company, talked about the details regarding the contract made by the 5R company. Scott discussed the processes involving getting building permits, specifying material for the project, and preparing the job.

According to Scott, the project seems to be functioning fairly well, with a few hitches. Scott said that is to be expected with most

construction projects of this scale.

Students in Civil Engineering Technology, or any sort of construction related field, and who are interested in working, were asked to contact C. W. Matthews Construction Company at (770) 422-7555, extension 265.

Career & Counseling Services

Located in the Southern Polytechnic State University Student Center, the Career and Counseling Center is here to serve you and all currently registered students. Several individuals are available in the office to assist students.

Rosemary Brannen can be found at the front door of the center and is there to greet all students. She directs students to the appropriate personnel. She helps promote, distribute and coordinate some of the job announcement information. Job announcements are available online at www.spsu.edu/careerservices.

Susan Denman is a Counselor in the office. Her primary role is career counseling but she also assists with personal counseling issues. Denman counsels those unsure

of their major or career path. She provides information about job search documents such as resumes and cover letters. Career assessments tests, used to guide students towards suitable careers, are also available. Denman also counsels students at SPSU who have personal concerns, including anxiety or relationship concerns.

Regenia Doyle is the Director of the Career & Counseling Center. Doyle coordinates the very popular Fall and Spring job fairs. She oversees the staff and assists in building relationships with companies that will employ SPSU students. Doyle also prepares the Career Guide, salary survey and reports, and performs various other administrative functions on the SPSU campus.

Brittany Glazier is the Coordinator of the Cooperative Education and Internship Program. Brittany assists in creating liaisons with companies that work with the Cooperative education and internship students. She presents orientations for these students and develops and maintains all data for the Cooperative Education and Internship programs. She assists students in finding cooperative or internship opportunities.

Sandy Jones works with the Co-operative Education and Internship program in documenting, updating, and forwarding all company and student information. She ensures that students receive all of the appropriate documentation required for participation in the Coop and Internship programs.

Glenda Shipp is the Placement and Scheduling Coordinator. Shipp coordinates all aspects of campus interviews with companies & students. She also coordinates the Lockheed part-time program. Shipp manages the office and updates the web site content. The Career and Counseling Center encourages students to visit. Students may register on-line for services at www.spsu.edu/careerservices.

Library Services Students

By: Abe Abu-Madi

Not many know what it takes to run a university library. However, Dr. Joyce Mills, the Director of the Lawrence V. Johnson Library on the SPSU campus, does. According to Mills, her job has to do with budgets, promotions, general management, and personnel. As head of budget she decides how the funds for the library are used. This also includes the funds for student assistants, for which there are fewer funds this year than last. With fewer dollars to go toward student assistants, fewer resources can be drawn from the student assistants.

What this means in practical terms is that the library may need to rely less on student assistants. Student assistants are important in keeping the library open during the weekend. A librarian will open and a student or two may come in and work with the librarian. This helps keep the library open to students seven days a week.

Promotions involve getting the word out on events dealing with library. One major event is the book fair where the library sells donated books to raise money. Much

of the funds raised at the book fair go toward the artwork displayed in the library.

Personnel deals with hiring, training and releasing people who work in the library. General management deals with the entire library has a whole. The objective is to keep the entire library all working together. The library works together to more effectively allow students to utilize its tools, such as Galileo.

Galileo stands for Georgia Library Learning Online. Galileo is a database service offered by the SPSU library. Galileo is a database within a master database. Two of the more impressive features of Galileo are the ability to find full text articles and availability to students off-campus through the library's website.

To access Galileo from home use the quick links at the SPSU home page to travel library. Once at the library page go to GIL under the research services. Then click the basic search; after which click your account. For this part you will need a barcode you can get from the library circulation desk. Once logged in you will be given this

semester's password for Galileo, which can be access from the link beside request. Once at Galileo web page, merely use the password when prompted and you can fully access Galileo from home.

Galileo is just one feature offered by the library, yet features like this one and others were not always offered. Just last year the library added the Compendex database. The new database provides a broad scope of references to articles in engineering and sciences. Compendex was made available to SPSU students through the Technology Fee, in a joint proposal by the Student Government Association and the College of Engineering Technology. As of this semester the Library Director is no longer considered at the same level as the deans. "This steps the library down a notch in terms of having the ear of academics," said Mills.

In the past the Library Director would meet with the Deans as an equal. Now the Library Director is on a Board of Directors with two others. As of the September 9th, Mills had yet to meet the other

two directors Jeff Orr and Dr. Bennett.

Mr. Jeff Orr is the Director of the Assessment, Testing, Tutoring and International Students Center (ATTIC), located on the second floor of the J-building. Dr. Richard Bennett is the Director of International Programs. Mills said she feels positive about the change and hopes to see good things come of it.

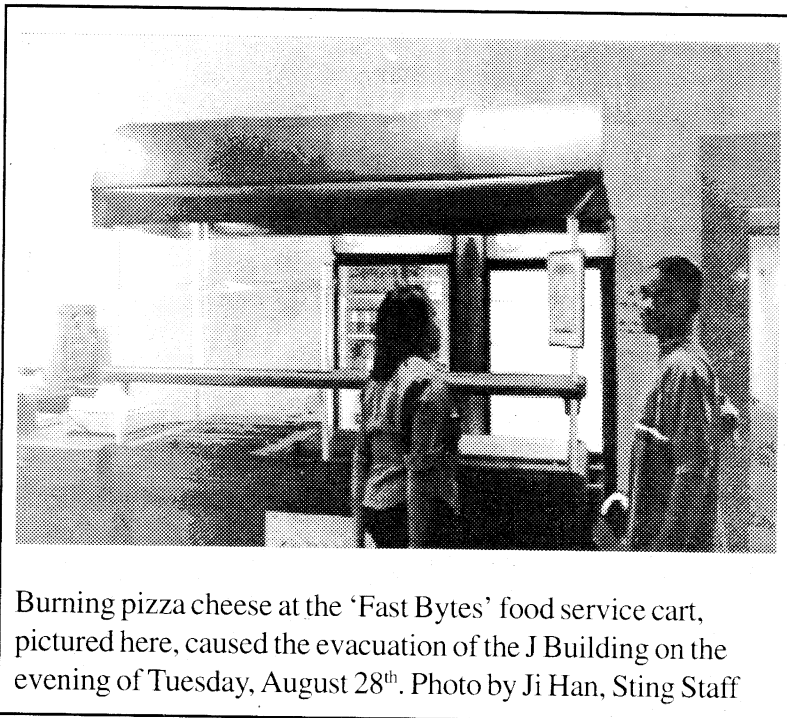
As a whole Dr. Millssaid she is pleased with the library and its interaction with the students. According to Mills, the library is respected and looked upon favorably. She added that the library is taken care of in a manner similar to that of a museum. Dr. Mills hopes to see the library used more often in aiding students with research and any questions are always welcomed. "Remember Banned Books Week (September 22-29). Support the books on the list because the next banned book might be your favorite read!" Mills reminded students. To read more about Banned Books Week, students may go to <http://ala.org> and select the ala news menu. Then click on the 'banned books press kit' link.

Burning Cheese Evacuates Classrooms

By Mark Campbell

Burning cheese in an oven caused the evacuation of hundreds of students from Southern Polytechnic State University's J Building on Tuesday, August 28th. Fast Bytes, operated by ABL Management, was in the second day of operation with hot food service in the main classroom building at SPSU. The cheese had fallen off a pizza and started to smoke. Campus police and the Marietta Fire Department responded to the automated smoke alarms that were set off in the building.

Students and professors from a variety of classes left the building after the alarm sounded at 6:04 P. M. The J building is SPSU's latest and largest classroom facility. The building houses the School of Computer Science and Software Engineering, and the Industrial Engineering Technology, Management, and Technical Communications programs. The College of Arts



Burning pizza cheese at the 'Fast Bytes' food service cart, pictured here, caused the evacuation of the J Building on the evening of Tuesday, August 28th. Photo by Ji Han, Sting Staff

and Sciences offers instruction, including most of the Core Curriculum, in the building, with the exception of Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics. The three-story building also houses the office of the School of Engineering Technology and Management as well as the Assessment, Testing, Tutoring, International and Counseling (ATTIC) Center.

Keith Smith, the ABL Management employee who was serving students that evening, said, "Some cheese got stuck in the oven, and smoke set off the alarms."

"I didn't even notice, it smells like that all the time," Smith said. "A guy said, 'Look, you got some smoke.' I looked over and that's about the time the alarm went off."

Paul Tardie, ABL's

food service manager at SPSU, said, "What happened was, and this is what I was told, some cheese had fallen off of one of the pizzas. The cheese sat in the oven and started to smoke."

"It didn't catch fire," Tardie added. "It started to smoke, and set off the alarms."

Over the summer, a high utility power line was added in the vicinity of Fast Bytes to permit the addition of a pizza oven, frying machine and microwaves. The equipment was added to permit students and faculty convenient access to hot food.

"Now we're selling hot stuff, causing all this commotion and stuff," Smith said.

Not everyone evacuated the building. Lt. Shon Russell said she found some students and staff scattered inside the building when she inspected it. Both Officer Russell and Smith reported

that a faculty member failed to evacuate the class being held in room J-102.

A newspaper request for the police incident report on Friday, August 31, was denied. The reason cited was that Chief Chasteen, who was due to return the next week, had not yet read it and approved it for release.

A check of the campus course bulletin for Fall Semester revealed that the class scheduled at that time for J-102 was Accounting I, taught by Professor Jennie Conn.

Lt. Russell arrived on the scene at 6:07 P.M. The Marietta Fire Department sent a pumper and a ladder truck. Fire fighters searched the building and found no evidence of fire. No injuries were reported, and classes resumed at approximately 6:30 P.M.

Mrs. Winner's Lost to Fire

By Mark Campbell

On Thursday, August 30th, the Mrs. Winner's fast-food chicken franchise next to Southern Polytechnic State University was destroyed by fire. Black smoke billowed high above the campus while news helicopters hovered overhead. At the height of fire-fighting efforts, all southbound lanes on Cobb Parkway were closed.

The fire started at 2 o'clock, when an employee in the restaurant smelled smoke. A supervisor went outside and checked the periphery of the building, when he noticed flames coming from a stack on the roof. He went back inside and evacuated the employees and customers. No injuries were reported.

The fire took approximately forty minutes to extinguish. Five pumpers, two rescue trucks, and a ladder truck were dispatched by the Marietta Fire Department to battle the blaze. Also present were three fire chiefs' cars and two pickup trucks carrying fire department personnel.

"I was on the inside and I smelled smoke," said

Maria Ellison, a Mrs. Winner's employee. "We called Bill [Hayden, a supervisor], and Bill went outside. He didn't see anything, so he went next door to get a ladder."

"When he came back, he saw fire," Ellison stated. "He went inside and told us to get out."

"Actually, I didn't go get a ladder," Hayden said. "I walked around the building, saw the smoke, and went inside to tell everyone to get out."

Four managers and an employee were in the building when the fire broke out. "We had three or four customers," Ellison stated. "I was waiting on one at the time."

Although a cause had not been determined as of press time, speculation by employees and bystanders put the cause as a grease fire in the ventilation system.

The fire burned through roof, causing part of it to collapse into the building. Fire fighters put out the fire from the outside. A nozzle at the end of the ladder truck was operated remotely to

extinguish the fire from above.

At times, as water hit the inferno, whitish-gray smoke drifted across U.S. Highway 41. The smoke obscured long lines of northbound traffic, as Cobb County and Marietta police directed southbound traffic on to South Cobb Parkway and Interstate 75. Traffic on U.S. 41 and South Cobb Parkway came to a virtual standstill.

Ward Morton, the manager of the franchise, said, "I was gone to the bank when I parked and saw the smoke. So I ran over here."

According to some SPSU

students, the restaurant had suffered a smaller fire last Fall semester. "Last time, with a small blaze, it was five weeks," stated Morton, reflecting on the time it took to reopen. Asked how long it might take to reopen, she said "Maybe six to eight weeks - maybe."

Zanetta Wingo, the morning manager at the

restaurant, stood by as the building burned. "I was leaving at 9:30 and I had told them that I smelled something," she said. "They told me it was a car."

Wingo did add that she felt that what she smelled had nothing to do with the blaze that broke out, pointing out that several hours had elapsed since then.



Pumpers from the Marietta Fire Department block southbound Cobb Parkway near SPSU as fire-fighters battle the Mrs. Winner's blaze. Photo by Patrick Warden, Sting Staff.

SGA Update

Written By Kamie Harkins

The Student Government Association of SPSU has its work cut out for them this semester. Over the summer, SGA held many organizational meetings to ready themselves for the year ahead. Of course, SGA handles many issues, but, as always, the students are their primary issue. Ensuring that the students of SPSU are capable of exercising their lawful rights concerning their education, safety, and allocation of student-generated funds is their primary goal and first priority.

At their August 28th meeting, SGA announced that there would be a Town Hall Meeting on October 30, 2001 at noon in the Student Center Ballroom. The Town Hall meeting is an opportunity for SPSU students to voice their concerns to the entire SGA and key administrators at SPSU. All students are encouraged to attend and voice their opinions, questions, and concerns. In addition to the announcement of the Town

Hall meeting, SGA has announced that there is a vacant council position. Students who are interested in this position should contact Kenwin Hayes at Khayes@spsu.edu for more information. Along with interest in the vacant council member position, students who are interested in helping advise SGA by serving on the Athletic Advisory Committee, Student-Faculty Evaluation Committee, Food Service Committee, or the Technology Review Expenditure Team also need to contact Kenwin Hayes at Khayes@spsu.edu for more information.

During the August 28th meeting, many issues were discussed. For example SGA has made a goal to have "more student input into vendor services." Council member Shawn Hall has asked for an investigation into the new vending machine contracts. According to Hall, "there has been a 25% price increase that has made the prices in SPSU machines

higher than most vending machines in Atlanta." Hall also asked about the selection criterion for SPSU scholarships and instate tuition vouchers. Other members brought up issues such as how to go about having all campus organizations having their own SPSU email addresses, possibly getting a volleyball court set up between the dorms, and how to go about trying to get lights for the amphitheatre for concerts at night. Above all, SGA believes that students are their number one priority and encourage all students to attend their meetings.

SGA meetings are held the following dates at 12:00pm in the Library Rotunda:

11 September
25 September
9 October
23 October
6 November
20 November
4 December (tentative)

SPSU Cultural Series Committee

By Christy Fleming

The cultural series committee has started the year off with a full calendar. With eleven planned events, students will be able to learn more about many different cultures. This year's planned events include:

JAPANFEST- Held at Stone Mountain Park. The date has been changed due to the Attack on America earlier this week. JapanFest is a two day outdoor festival of Japanese business and culture. Student tickets are \$2.00.

"The Butterfly"- A movie set in the 1930's about a friendship between young boy and his compassionate teacher. Their lives unexpectedly change when the Spanish Civil War breaks out. The movie will be playing in the Student Center September 26, 2001.

Christianity and the Jewish Experience- Rabbi Albert Slomovitz will speak and musicians will perform Israeli folk music. This will take place in the Student Center on Wednesday October 3, 2001

at 12:00 and at 5:20 pm. Reservations will be necessary for the 5:20 dinner show.

Murder.com Dinner Theatre- In the Student Center Ballroom Wednesday October 17 at 6:00 pm. A murder mystery dinner theater program for students and faculty. Tickets will be on sale 10/2 for \$2. Elegant dress is required.

Amy's View- Thursday October 25, 2001 at 8:00pm at Marietta's Theatre on the Square. This deftly crafted satire, originally performed on Broadway, focuses on the generational struggle between a strong mother and loving daughter. Student Tickets on sale 10/10 for \$3.

More events are planned for November and December but make sure to get your tickets early for the September and October events. The Cultural Series Committee would love comments, questions, and suggestions. Please call the student activities office at 770 528-7374.

BSU Holds "Welcome Back" Cook-Out

Written By Mark Campbell

The Baptist Student Union held a "Welcome Back" Cook-Out for returning students on Thursday, August 23d. The meal was followed by a sing-along in praise of Christ. Afterwards, Southern Polytechnic State University junior John Hedberg gave a motivational speech.

The Baptist Student Union is located off the west edge of campus across from the Physics, Chemistry and Biology building. The BSU serves students from SPSU, Life University, and Chattahoochee Technical Institute, all in Marietta; Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw; and Floyd College and North Metro Technical Institute in Rome.

Heather Southern, a freshman studying Nursing at Kennesaw state University, spoke about the intermingling of college

students. "Well, with both schools [SPSU and KSU] being commuter students, a joint BSU enables us to reach both campuses while helping each other."

"The gender thing doesn't bring anyone in," Southern added, "But it keeps a good mix of people. If you're a girl, you're from Kennesaw. If you're a guy, you're from Southern Tech, with the exception of a few."

Stephen Holloway, a Mechanical Engineering Technology junior, said, "The BSU offers a good, friendly atmosphere. It's a good place to meet friends that you last a lifetime."

"Also, we have a good time," Holloway continued. "We have fun through Jesus Christ. The friends you make here you can have fun with on

Friday and Saturday nights."

Hedberg added, "This is a big concern of ours, to provide activities to have a good time. One example would be, obviously, cookouts. We have trips to Stone Mountain and Six Flags planned."

According to Holloway, "We also have 'The Mix.' It's kind of our program every Thursday at 7:30 PM. We have a coffee house, which is kind of an improvisational night. We have cook-outs, Praise & Worship, or we'll watch a movie."

"Our doors are open five days a week, from eight to five," said Hedberg. "You can study or play games like pool and ping-pong. Anybody can come here. The BSU is sponsored by Baptists, but you don't have to be a Baptist to come."

"We also have community service opportunities. I know we're doing Habitat for Humanity," Hedberg added. "We also visit nursing homes."

"Before I was involved in BSU, I didn't really feel connected to Southern Tech at all. Now, the organization has provided an opportunity to serve God, on campus. Through that, I have a passion for my school now," said Hedberg.

"I was a Christian before I came," Hedberg continued. "I was going to other campus ministries, but I felt God really wanted me here."

"The BSU can provide a place to be nurtured in God, and at the same time build a close relationship with other classmates," Hedberg said. For new students, he pointed

out, "I would be honest with them and let them know it's a transition time. I would let them know that the decisions in their life right now can have a huge impact on their future."

Holloway added, "If you're a Christian, or a non-Christian, God can offer you a lot of guidance in school and your life. There's Campus Crusade [for Christ] - we try to work with them and offer a place where students can come find a guidance."

The BSU plans to offer a variety of events. A Whitewater rafting trip down the Nantahala River in North Carolina is planned for September 14th-15th in Andrews, NC. The cost is \$40.00 and includes lodging, rafting, training and a Saturday breakfast. Interested students

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BSU Holds "Welcome Back" Cook-Out *Continued*

should call Dave Stewart, the BSU director, at (770) 428-0986.

daves@student.org.

CROSSROADS 2001, a Christian retreat with students from Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina and Tennessee will be held in Dalton, Georgia. The event is scheduled for October 12-14th.

The BSU also provides services for international students. "There is an International community church that meets here [at the BSU] at 4:00 PM on Sundays," said Holloway. "Come to one service and give it a chance. You're always welcome to come."

A camping trip is also planned for the North Georgia mountains on October 26-27th. Wrapping up off-campus Fall semester events, the BSU will also host 'Crossover Rehobeth,' a day of ministry to the people of Warner Robins. The event is scheduled for Saturday, November 10th.

Dave Stewart of the BSU can also be contacted at

Hornnet Baseball

By Anthony Golsby

Its that time again. SPSU fall baseball is almost underway. With a cast of new faces and boatloads of new talent, Southern Poly is ready to reek havoc.

Players and coaches alike hate going through the rigors of fall training because the emphasis in training is to get your body back in shape, and you have to do that before you get on the field. So, for the first two weeks of fall training the players are not on the field playing baseball.

This fall there are 10 returning players, as well as 15 new recruits (four freshman and eleven transfer students). This years fall conditioning has been a major concern due to injuries that were sustained last season.

"I do not want to have to go through this just as much as the players do, but it has to be done to better the team as well as each individual" stated Coach Knight.

"The more we stretch and work out, the better our bodies will be in order to perform to the best of our abilities, due to the wear and tear during the season" commented second baseman, Jeremiah Phillips.

The Hornets upcoming season should be filled with excitement and intensity... but it starts here during fall conditioning.

In order to be ready for the spring season, a lot of conditioning is required in the fall. "It was hot and tiring, but has been well worth it," said Joey Jenn, a freshman pitcher.

**SPSU's first fall game is September 15, 2001.

Track and Field @ SPSU

By Kenwin Hayes

Over the past few years, more students have shown interest in sports here at SPSU, but it is very expensive to start any program for males or females. Sports at SPSU are limited to basketball, baseball and tennis; however, lately there has been a push for other intercollegiate programs here such as womens sports, soccer and track& field/ Cross Country.

I want to inform the student body of an organization that is not known to many, the track and field club. The club is composed of students that like to participate in track and field events on a very competitive level. Since SPSU is in the NAIA division and our athletic funds are limited, an actual team was not feasible. The only alternative was to start an athletic-student organization that would compete against other colleges and universities in the area. The past year, we participated in 6 meets in the Metro-Atlanta area. Students pay for a certain percentage of uniforms and other equipment and other funds are provided from the university.

Since we are a student organization, we coach ourselves and workout according to individual schedules. Competition is very keen. IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING, PLEASE CONTACT KENWIN HAYES (KHAYES@SPSU.EDU) FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

All the brothers worked extremely hard and all are incredibly pleased that their perseverance and determination paid off. With the addition of so many new members, the men of Beta Sigma Chi are quickly making progress towards getting their charter. After initiation of this pledge class, most things should be in order for them to become a chapter of Sigma Chi.

SPSU Starts a New Golf Team Club

By Ann Bartone

Richard Brown, a SPSU student, will be starting a Golf Club Team this fall. It will be an intramural sport, not an intercollegiate team, and welcomes both males and females.

can have competitions between the members of our Golf Club Team. Southern Polytechnic State University athletic director, Carl Stabler, is also helping Richard and found they can receive a discount for their practices. The team will be expected to practice a certain number of days a month. They would be able to practice as a group or on their own. Richard is currently looking for a golf pro who is willing to give some of his time to lessons for the club.

Richard Brown states, "Of course I like golf, and it seems like a good sport for the school to have. Also, many business majors are made to take golf because many business deals are made on the golf course."

Currently the only school in Georgia that has a Golf Club Team is Georgia Tech. Their president of the club, Scroggs, is willing to work closely with Richard to get the club started and running successfully.

There will be a meeting for anyone interested in joining the Golf Club Team on September 26, from 12:30pm to 2 in the Student Center. "I do not know which room we will be in, yet," says Richard, "but I will put flyers up when I know." To get in contact with Richard, his e-mail is rbrown2@spsu.edu

They compete against a college in North Carolina and Duke,

"Our goal is to compete with them," says Richard, "and we

Gamma Phi Beta Update

By Christy Fleming DO 196

The semester is well underway for the ladies of Gamma Phi. New members meetings have started with five new women in attendance. Stephanie, Melanie, Nicole, Kathy and Margie have taken the first steps into the illustrious circle of Gamma Phi. These ladies will learn out the history of the world's greatest sorority.

With a chapter retreat planned for the weekend of September 15 and 16, the ladies hope to get a lot done for the semester. With a little bit of luck and a lot of hard work, the Gamma Phi's of Southern Tech will have another great semester.

A Great Fall RUSH for Beta Sigma Chi

By Nick Hanratty

After two weeks of hard work, the brothers of Beta Sigma Chi are proud to announce their pledge class of Fall 2001. Jason Bochenek, Brandon Bond, Jason Bryant, Jon Gulley, Gregg Hynes, Scott Lee, Adam Lindsay, Will Loeffler III, Shane Martin, Tommy McCullers, Brett McWilliams, Michael O'Grady, Dennis Owens, Will Prevost, Russell Stockard, and Andy Whitaker were the selected few that were found to be of the high quality character to be invited to join the ranks of Beta Sigma Chi.

Fall 2001 RUSH has been the best ever for Beta Sigma Chi.

Phi Beta Sigma Has Soul!!

By Trae D. Johnson

Walking around campus or looking at different organizational fairs, an individual may be very interested in participating in a fraternity, sorority, or particular club. Let me introduce you to the brothers of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, whose motto is "Culture for Service and Service for Humanity."

Phi Beta Sigma was founded by 3 determined men who value scholarship, brotherhood, and service to all. If interested in joining this prestigious fraternity that contains over 1 million members to date, a young man must have at least a 2.5 GPA and have at least 12 hours or more at the school. Phi Beta Sigma trains men to become leaders and role models in the community.

"The Fraternity of Choice", Phi Beta Sigma CANNOT be stereotyped because of our

philosophy of INCLUSION rather than exclusion. Because of this policy, men CHOOSE to be Sigmas. Once a man proves he is worthy of membership, our fraternity accepts him no matter what type of image he may have. Our members are encouraged to be themselves and not fit a stereotype. Sigma is the diverse fraternity. The members make Sigma. Sigma does not make us. Sigma is the "Fraternity of Choice." Members of the "Almighty" Alpha Beta Theta Chapter at SPSU are Bro. Trae D. Johnson, Bro. Perry Mattis, Bro. Tony Harris, Bro. Xenophon Cater, Bro. Brandon McGirt, and Bro. Al Franklin. If you know any of these men, you realize that they fit no mold. They are their own men with one thing in common; they chose to be in one of the greatest Fraternities ever.

Alpha Beta Theta Chapter has participated in The March of Dimes, feeding the homeless, Travelers Aid, and Political Forum. Upcoming events for the Fall 2001 includes a party on Friday, August 24, 9pm- until, Fashion Show, Nubian Expression Poetry, Aids Walk, and many more events to come. If interested, our national website is www.pbs1914.org and our chapter website is http://www.geocities.com/twisted_30032/Alpha_Beta_Theta.html.

If interested, call Xenophon Cater at 678-797-9646 or page him at 404-866-6739 for any questions or comments.

TKE's RUSH Fall 200

Submitted By TKE Super-man XC 453

Well Gentlemen, It looks like we made it through another RUSH (Hey, at least we are alive)! However, it looks like our esteemed Rush Coordinator, Frater Ed 'Fat Man' Weaver, has found a couple more gray hairs. Sorry man it happens to the best of us sooner or later.

All joking aside, the brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon would like to introduce to the world, three special guys and lucky bastards. Cody Caudelle, Alex Hilliard, and Derrick Seabolt have taken the GREATEST step of their college careers and beyond. Welcome gentlemen to a land that we like to call Tekedom!

These pledges as well as the brothers of TKE will be busier then ever this semester, as they have a calendar that is busting at the seams with events. Don't forget to add

these dates to your calendar: Thursday, Sept. 13th, is Teke Night at Turner Field and join us the following Thursday, Sept. 20th, as TKE takes over the Delkwood Grille. The fun doesn't just stop there, so keep your eyes open for us around campus.

And may we never forget that...

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Optimus Prime Transforms Musicscape at Freshman SPSU

By Blake Jackson

It was around 8:00, and the sun was beginning to set on a weary campus as students rushed to class with the optimism that is present on the openings of a potentially prosperous semester. No one was paying attention to the band that was yelling and slandering one another, stage left, through a briar patch of chords and cigarette butts.

As the 6'-6" monolith on guitar Adam Stidham warmed up, the eyes of a few people crept onto the grassy knoll. Then, came the pounding on the drums provided by Erik Hurt, which summoned students to the venue to see what was going on. The bass man, Brian Riber, booted up and soon the voice of Lafrandon Menchew echoed over the crowd.

The band was a mixture of Alice In Chains and Dave Mathew's Band. Their set list was impressive- a survey almost anyone could dance to and enjoy. Anyhow, such contemporary hits as Fuel's "Hemorrhage", Staind's "It's

Been a While", and the radio-friendly Train's "Drops of Jupiter" were brilliant in their interpretation. Such classics were not left out such as the Doors "Riders on the Storm", a dramatically expressive "All Along The Watchtower", Pink Floyd's "Wish You Were Here", and an extremely enjoyable "Another Brick in the Wall" (Part Deux), in which lead singer Menchew gave a surprisingly jovial Old-English falsetto.

The only disappointment came when the audience was told no "Freebird" and no "Thong Song", but the night was still utterly successful. All were impressed with the musicianship and interpretations of the songs we all know and love.

The band has only been together for a few months, but there were two glimpses into what we can expect from them in the future. A song entitled "Friday Morning" was thrown into the set. It had an all-around feel good, sunshine with beers in fist song with the great blues riffs that could get

even a Puritan to tap a foot sinfully. Another song entitled "Sweet" was another melodically fun song, but with the very in-depth utilization of dynamics, attitude, and composition of a sophisticated veteran rock band.

After the show, many fans went to talk with a few of the band members who weren't too overcome with the litter of female undergarments blocking their path (Both girls claimed to really enjoy the show). They were all extremely enthusiastic to meet fans.

Menchew, upon being asked what the band had in store for the future proclaimed, "We do this because it is what we love to do. Our aim is to keep writing new material and playing whenever and wherever." The rest of the band members had no comment after being asked about certain claims to be the Dalai Llama, but who knows for sure? Also, they claimed SPSU to be a great venue for up and coming artists saying,

"The crowd really embraced us, we could feel their need to hear as strong as ours to project." The concert ended in a mosh-pit/double encore feature in which the band gave it their all for 15 more minutes to a small crowd.

So, are they more than meets the eye? Could SPSU have a new favorite band? At least no one will deny a new great find in Optimus Prime.

Survival List II

By Joseph Gelblat

By popular demand, I'm writing even more advice to help incoming freshman hopefully survive their first year at SPSU, and make dorm life as less traumatic as I can possibly make it.

-A dorm room is going to smell! You have two people crammed in a 100 sq. ft. room complete with dirty laundry, stale food, and BO. Live with it! The best you can do is try and minimize the smell but it still lingers on...

-A toilet flushes for a reason! If you're going to do one thing that's worthwhile in the dorm, please flush the john when you're done with it.

-A shower is not a toilet. It is for cleaning yourself off, you know lather, rinse, and repeat, and not for anything else (well almost, but that's another issue entirely).

-Do not underestimate the hypnotic power of a good computer game. Remember, your main goal in college is to get a slip of paper saying you're not a moron. It's hard to do that when your unloading your AK-47 on the guy across the hall until sunlight burns your nocturnal eyes.

-For most of you, HOPE pays for your tuition. The government paid for your classes for a good reason and if you decide that you don't have a good reason to attend class... Remember this tuition averages over 1K/semester, and I can think of a lot of things I rather do with 1K than pay for school.

-Beer tastes good going down, but if you drink too much you will soon discover it sure as hell don't taste nearly as good going up. Should you have to learn this the hard way, then remember my second piece of advice.


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Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone: A book Review

By Ann Bartone

One of the most controversial books last year, Harry Potter, now has children and adults anxiously awaiting its new movie that debuts November 16. Why is it so controversial? What has caught the attention of so many people of all ages?

The Dursley family prides themselves on being normal. They ignore their relatives, the Potters, who are very eccentric. When Mr. and Mrs. Potter pass away after a tragic incident, their infant magically appears on the Dursley's front porch.

Harry is denied many things while living with the Dursleys. He lives in a cupboard and many times is not fed regular meals. Harry watches the Dursleys spoil their son Dudley, while he gets nothing. All this is about to change for him when he starts receiving mysterious letters. Mr. Dursley goes out of his way to keep Harry from reading them, but eventually Harry gets a hold on one. The letter is his acceptance to Hogwarts, a magic school.

Harry finds acceptance from the kids at Hogwarts. To them he is a celebrity. Everything seems to be acting in his favor until he finds out a terrible secret about Hogwarts. Now it is up to Harry and his friends, Ron and Hermione, to help save Hogwarts.

This story, although a kid's book, is a wonderful story filled with magic, adventure, and a mystery. It is a very light and quick read. It is definitely worth checking out before the movie.



Atlas Shrugged: a Review

By Joshua Shannon

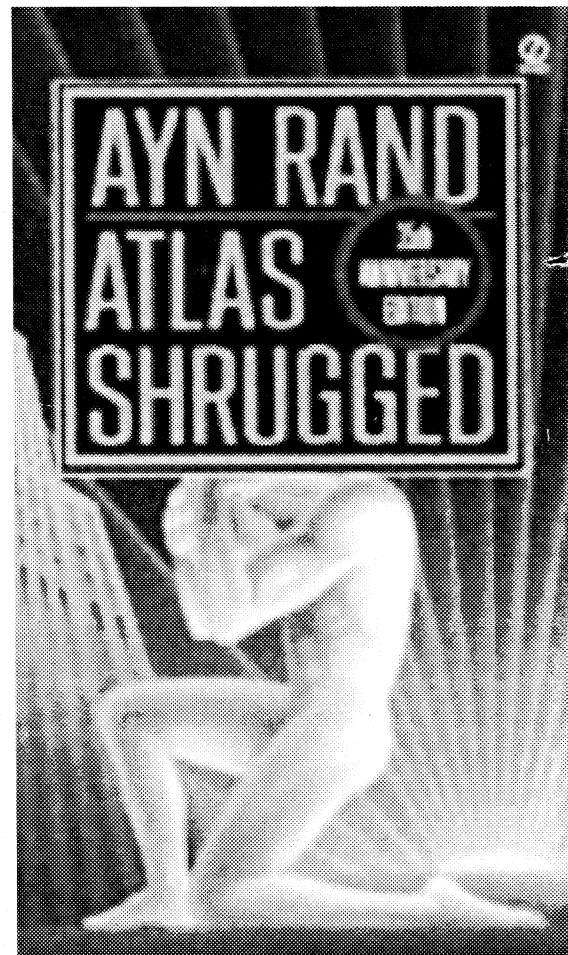
Atlas Shrugged is the fictionalized culmination of Ayn Rand's philosophy called "Objectivism." Objectivism basically states that man should rely on his mind and not on feelings or faith, and that government's primary responsibility is to protect the rights of life, liberty, and property, and that a pure capitalistic market is the best market possible.

Atlas Shrugged takes its name from the mythical Greek Titan Atlas, who held the world up on his shoulders. The title is a metaphor for what should happen under a socialistic government and economic systems. In other words, the high achievers, both business and mental, should simply withdraw from society until the government and the economy inevitably collapse. When society learns its lesson, those who have shrugged should then come back to help establish a republican type of government and a pure capitalistic market.

Atlas Shrugged is a fascinating look at what might happen if the great minds of an increasingly socialistic America. In the book, Dagny Taggart, the heroine, is trying to save her

railroad, Taggart Transcontinental, under increasingly socialistic laws. In the process, business leaders who could help her keep disappearing. She eventually theorizes that there is a destroyer who is out to withdraw the great minds of America and sets out to stop him. Eventually, she meets the destroyer. John Galt, falls in love with him, yet continues trying to save her railroad because she cannot break away from it and because she can reform the system from within. The book is a great one to read, but only for one who loves to read because it can be very grueling at times, yet some of the most important ideas are in the most grueling chapters. If a person loves to read, he should

read it; if a person does not love to read, he should by the Cliffs Notes because he will never finish the whole book. This book is one of the most important books available because of the challenging ideas the book presents; even if a person does not agree with all of the ideas, as I do not, he will be forced to think hard about his ideas.



Theater Or Video Store?

By Willis Smith

For those unable to watch the upcoming movies at theaters, there are similar movies available at video stores.

"Don't Say A Word" debuting September 28 is a thriller about an adolescent psychiatrist (Michael Douglas) whose daughter has just been kidnapped. In order to get

his daughter back, the doctor must retrieve some vital information the kidnapers demand from his latest patient, a catatonic, violent young woman.

Harrison Ford in "Frantic" (1989) finds his wife has disappeared in Paris soon after receiving the wrong

luggage from the airline. To get his wife back, the heart surgeon must depend on a young native French woman who took his luggage.

"Joy Ride" opening on October 5 is a thriller about a stalker on wheels. Two brothers on a cross-country road trip play a practical joke on a lonely trucker. Now the unseen trucker, known only by his nickname 'Rusty Nail', becomes a terrifying force wanting revenge and the last laugh.

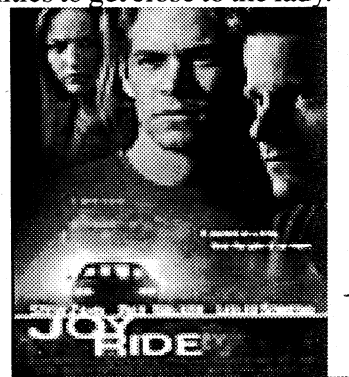
Dennis Weaver plays a businessman in "Duel" (1971), the television movie that launched Steven Spielberg's directing career. Weaver notices himself being followed

by a large truck. Slowly the salesman realized the driver wants to murder him for passing by his vehicle. Now Weaver must find a way to escape from the driver only seen by his hands and boots.

"From Hell" debuting on October 19 is a period mystery thriller film. Johnny Depp stars as the London detective in charge of investigating the 1888 infamous murders. As he searches to stop Jack the Ripper from killing again, the officer discovers an alleged conspiracy involving the highest powers of England and the secret of the first modern serial killer.

Johnny Depp plays a father of

a daughter kidnapped moments ago in "Nick of Time" (1995). To get his daughter back alive, the kidnapper instructs the accountant he has ninety minutes to assassinate a visiting governor. As the father seeks help to save his daughter without murder, he finds a conspiracy with the kidnapers working to carry out the assassination by providing numerous opportunities to get close to the lady.





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Netherworld Haunted House is Back - Officially STING-Sponsored

Written By Kamie Harkins

Netherworld is back for its 5th anniversary and more horrific than ever! Lurking in the depths of the Georgia Antique Center, Netherworld Haunted House features two haunts this year, Netherworld: Buried Alive and Planet X in 3D.

Netherworld: Buried Alive is a chilling journey through an ancient graveyard to the haunted halls of the accursed Harkness house. Guests must avoid ravenous flesh eating zombies and night stalking inhuman monsters to discover the dark secrets of what lurks in the medieval catacombs beneath the house! Will they uncover the truth behind this plague of Zombies, join the undead army, or be Buried Alive? Netherworld also continues its 3-D excursion using Chromadepthä technol-

ogy to bring you Planet X in 3D - a mind blowing retro Sci-Fi 3-D haunted attraction. In the far distant future, earth has discovered the home world of the alien "visitors" who have plagued us for centuries. Guests will explore this bizarre planet full of incredible 3D environments, deadly Xenomorphs, animated space monsters, and featuring Atlanta's first 3D Spinning Tunnel!

Netherworld Haunted House will launch on September 14th, 2001, open Friday and Saturday nights only. Beginning October 1st, Netherworld will be open every night till October 31st! A Halloween favorite and an Atlanta tradition after four short years, Netherworld has become known as one of the scariest and most innovative

haunts in the nation.

Hours of operation: September 14th thru September 30th - 7:00 PM till 11:00 PM. October 1st thru October 31st - 7:00 PM till 11:00 PM (Sun. - Thurs.) and 7:00 PM till Midnight (Fri. & Sat.)

Netherworld Haunted House is a member of NFPA, IAPPA and is a founding member of the International Association of Haunted Attractions. Visit www.fearworld.com or call the Netherworld Hotline at 404-608-2484 for further information. Discount coupons are available at all Atlanta area Subway locations and in Creative Loafing.

The STING is proud sponsor of Netherworld in its 5th anniversary.

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What is the funniest thing that happened to you on Halloween? How old were you? Who was with you? Did you meet any strange people in the back of a pickup truck that will not leave you alone one Halloween? Does everyone look at you strangely as a result of your Halloween experiences? Well, The STING wants to know about your experiences! All SPSU students are invited to submit their funniest, true Halloween story. We will give out 3 pairs of tickets to the 3 funniest stories. For all you non-math majors, there are 6 tickets we are giving away. The deadline for submitting your stories is October 8, 2001. We will announce the winners in the next print edition. You can drop your stories off at the box in front of The STING office or you can email your stories at sting@spsu.edu with the subject title "Netherworld Contest." Please remember

to put your name and means of contacting you in your story.



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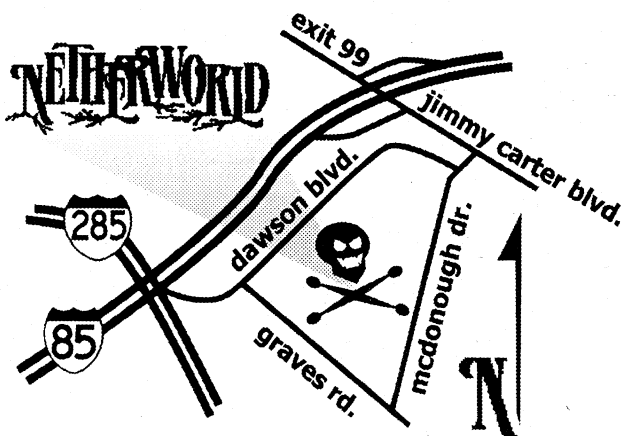
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Dragoncon rocks Atlanta

By Rich Merritt

Klingon. The force. 3d6. Tribes. If you don't understand any of these terms, then you probably don't know about this yearly conference, and I am here to educate you.

Dragoncon is a sci-fi, horror, and fantasy convention. Anime is well represented, as well as gaming in computer, pen and paper, and collectible formats. Artwork itself has its own auction, and the range in the prices was from 13 to 300 dollars. There was a computer gaming arena that had several tournaments that were very fun. (Yours truly got 2nd place at UT.) The various panels were very informative, with more than one attended by Don Bluth, a veteran animator with Secret of NIMH, All Dogs Go to Heaven, Land Before Time, An American Tail, and many others under his belt.

Dragoncon also is in a way a "time-out" of normal life for some of the attendees. They prepare for this event by spending fortunes on elaborate costumes. These people are not shy; rather they love to be photographed. It's slightly weird to enter a parallel universe where half the people you run across are dressed like the characters of television and movies. But what I found shocking is when it was over; I had to see normal people again.

I will miss Dragoncon, and really wish it wasn't over. I can't wait to go again, and I only have to wait some 300-330 days. I think I can handle that long a wait, if I try. Hope to see you there next year as well.

Jay and Silent Bob

Written By Rich Merritt

This whole story is about the slacker duo trying to prevent getting a movie about them made because they didn't get a cut of the profits. They have a variety of encounters along the way, and eventually make it to the city where films are made: Hollywood. That's the plot without any additives.

Ok, if you are reading this then I would hope you have watched some of the rest of the series (Clerks, Mallrats, Chasing Amy, Dogma, The Clerks cartoon series), hopefully all, for then you will understand the humor presented to you. But, if you have not seen any of the previous films, GO AND RENT THEM. You will find this movie funny (as well as this entire series) if you at any point in your youth you were rebellious and lazy at the same time (The term "slacker" seems oddly appropriate). If you hated/hate this kind of humor, I don't recommend you go see it. However, if you like to think of your self as a slacker or a reformed slacker, you will enjoy this movie.

Upcoming Concerts

By STING Staff

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Bela Fleck and the Flecktones - Concert Showcase

By Angelo Lakra

With a variety of jazzy rhythms, catchy riffs, world beats, and sweet sax, Béla Fleck and the Flecktones drew an eager crowd at the Chastain Amphitheatre Thursday evening on August the 15th. Keb' Mo', a seasoned blues guitar player, opened the occasion for Fleck's band welcoming the audience to lift their wine glasses as he began to serenade.

Chastain, a place known for its grace and style as well as variety, has drawn many musicians such as the B-52s, Ray Charles, Edwin McCain, The Temptations, and Michael W. Smith, as well as many others. With stadium seating that doesn't make one feel like he's a mile away and dining tables that create a cozier and more intimate atmosphere than most open-air venues, the music played seemed to be greatly complemented and refined.

Fleck, banjo virtuoso, has shocked the world with his astonishing and unique style of bluegrass and jazz. Victor Wooten, bassist extraordinaire, dazzled the crowd with his lightning fast hands that appeared to teleport from one fret to another. Futureman (aka. Royel), a man of invention and percussion has developed his own instrument that he has dubbed the "drumitar." Of

course, Jeff Coffin cannot be forgotten. This saxophonist can express such emotion while playing one or even two saxophones while tapping his feet to the music. Complementing each other with their own personalities, the Flecktones shine through as a balanced compilation of charisma and cool.

Until that day I had never heard the remarkable music of this talented group of individuals. Convinced by a friend that these guys were "awesome", I went to the event only to find that my friend's statement wasn't too far from the truth. Even though the lyrics were few, the music told unsung melodies boldly without words, but with a sincerity that was most utterly convincing. As I made my way to my seat, I couldn't help but notice that fans of all ages were about. Elderly couples drank to their health, college students drank to their youth, and children walked about fascinated with everything that their eyes and hands could interpret. Yet even with all these wondering thoughts and enlightening visions that these tunes drove into my little head, I was still taken aback when I smelled someone smoking "herb" halfway through the show. With this style of music, I was puzzled and continued to ask myself, "Why would you even need to with all this inspiration floating in and out of my ears?"



Summer Catch

By Ji Han

Freddie Prinze Jr. teams up with Matthew Lillard again to star and "Summer Catch" with his romantic love interest being played by Jessica Biel. It is a quaint story of a small town boy who tries to make it big at baseball camp. Freddie Prinze Jr. played the lead in such nondescript films like "Wing Commander" and that summer romantic comedy about an undercover FBI agent who falls for a girl living with four models. Neither which did all that well at the box office. This movie is obviously geared toward the high school teen audience with predictable plots and story lines and a screenplay that make Buffy the Vampire Slayer sound like Shakespeare. Summer catch is Mike Tollin's directorial debut, also starring Brittany Murphy ("Girl Interrupted") and Wilmer Valderrama ("That 70's Show").

Jessica Biel, a veteran star the WB, is following the course taken by a many of her contemporaries in

attempting to breach that perilous gap between television and the big screen, on the arms of Freddie Prinze Jr. Can anyone say "Jennifer Love Hewitt?" One can always bring up the example of David Caruso who tried and failed but the stars of the WB's have enjoyed some moderate unexplainable success. But then again whatever happened to Jennifer Love Hewitt?

"Down to You" was a decent movie that received very little box office respect; however, with it's trite story line and overly foreseeable ending "Summer Catch" can't even claim to be that. It is very doubtful that you will go "head over heels" for this flick. But, if you go, take my advice, go with a date, sit in the darkest corner and make out during the slow parts, just make sure she's not a Prinze fan. Otherwise its seven bucks you'll never see again.



Disasters in Macking.

By Kamie Harkins

All right, I am sick and tired of some of the pathetic attempts some guys have made to pick me up. And although I am not one of the most attractive girls, I have heard a lot of pick up lines from many guys. Most macking attempts have been decent. However, there have been some pretty lame and horrible attempts. These are the 10 lamest macking attempts and pick up lines I have ever heard. And sadly enough, I have had guys say all of these to me. They DO NOT work. Please, never use these pickup lines!

1.) "Hey Female! Want to go to a party?" _____ I have a name. "Hey you with the long black hair" would have been better than that.

2.) "You look so sweet and innocent...I like those qualities because they turn me on. What's your phone number?" _____ Dude! That line scares me. What is going through a guy's mind when he says that? Wait. I don't want to know, and I don't want to give that guy my phone number.

3.) "Are you attracted to me?" _____ This is stupid for two reasons. Either you are really conceited or think that I am attracted to you or you have no confidence in yourself. Asking this question is rude because it puts a girl on the spot. Do not do that. What if she is uncomfortable with answering this question and you embarrass her? If you ask this question you will either make her uncomfortable and have her avoid you, get slapped for being a jerk, or have a chick who will just tell you what is on her mind and you might not like the results.

4.) "Hey! You have a nice butt." _____ I am not going to explain that. If you are that stupid to not understand why this will not work, do the world a favor and NOT reproduce. And if you are a girl and are stupid enough to fall for this as a pick up line, grow a brain.
5.) "I am so sorry your sleazy ex-boyfriend treated you like crap and is a complete idiot. I can beat him up for you if you want. In the mean time, you need to date me and give me a chance."

_____ (Insert girl's name), I can prove to you that I am a better man than he could ever dream to be." _____ This attempt is slimy because you are just trying to get a girl when she is vulnerable. If you are truly interested in this girl and you want to have a chance with her, wait until about 2 weeks from when she is out of a relationship.

6.) "You look just like my mom. Want to go on a date?" _____ Ewwwwwwwwwwwwwwwwww! Ewwwwwwwwwwwwwwwwww! Ewwwwwwwwwwwwwwwwww! Ewwwwwwwwwwwwwwwwww!

7.) "You are the prettiest girl I have ever seen." _____ Yeah right. You know, lies are obvious.

8.) "I am sexually frustrated. Will you put my frustrations to rest?" _____ I do not know if this one is more disgusting than the one about the guy's mom. Either way, that question is just wrong in so many ways. Ewwwwwwwwwwwwwwwwww!

9.) "I can have you eating out of the palm of my hand." _____ Yeah right! And with an arrogant attitude like

that, I would play along and then bite your hand off. Do not be so arrogant with women.

10.) "I like a girl who wears a chain, they excite me." or "Wow! Nice chain. Will you chain me up later?" or "Can I chain you up with that chain?" _____ Sometimes it is a good idea not to say what is on your mind all the time. And no, girls do not want to know your twisted fantasies or that you are thinking about sex every couple of seconds.

With these attempts, I think I have a right to become a nun and never date again. But I am not going to do that. All guys please learn from the mistakes of these guys. All you really have to do is be yourself and have some confidence. Girls are more than just dolls. We have as much, if not more, intelligence as guys do.

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I want to thank all the students at this University for your dedication and resolve in the face of our national tragedy. I know that many SPSU students have been personally touched by the recent events, and we will continue to share our deep concern as the details of this catastrophe unfold. The commitment of our community to focus on our fundamental educational mission is deeply appreciated.

Southern Polytechnic State University is responding to the current events in several ways:

1) The Student Government Association is planning an open event to commemorate/memorialize the victims of yesterday's disaster. This session is scheduled on Monday, September 17, at 12 noon in the Theater in the Student Center. A few people will make prepared remarks, and there will be an opportunity for all attendees to express their thoughts, reactions, prayers, and perspective.

2) Everyone who can give blood is strongly encouraged to do so. Most healthy people who are over 17 and weigh over 110 pounds can give blood. Donors are eligible to give blood ever 56 days. According to the Red Cross, more than 15% of all blood donations come from high school and college students. Congratulations on the role you play in this important endeavor. Opportunities to do this include:

At the American Red Cross Blood Donor Center, in the East Lake Shopping Center (2143-A Roswell Road), which is open the following hours:

Thursday 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
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If you plan to go to the Donor Center, the Red Cross recommends calling and making an appointment. The Marietta location number is

770.578.1977; other metro Atlanta locations can be reached at 404.870.4391, 404.870.4393, or 1-800-GIVE-LIFE

Each of you also has several other options for ways you can help as individuals.

1) You can consider making a contribution to the United Way's September 11th Fund:

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The September 11th Fund was established Tuesday morning with an initial \$1 million gift from the Williams Company to fund agencies and emergency care operations in New York and Washington D.C., as well as other locations where terrorism has left its mark. One hundred percent of contributions to this fund will be distributed to the

American Red Cross and other human relief agencies, such as the Salvation Army.

2) You can contribute goods and materials to the USO (United Service Organizations). United Way in Cobb County, at 50 Olive Street, Marietta, is a USO drop off site for dry staple goods, paper plates, napkins, cutlery, baby food, diapers, and juice boxes. These items will be used to support the USO's work to meet the needs of military personnel and families.

Anyone who needs help (such as counseling) or wants to offer help through the United Way should call 211. Additional resources available to any students who would like to have some further support in processing the events of the last few days include SPSU's Counseling Services (in the Student Center), the Baptist Student Union (adjacent to campus near Building E), and local churches and religious communities.

As President Bush stated Monday night, "These acts shatter steel, but they cannot dent the steel of American resolve." I admire the resolution of the students, faculty, and staff who make up this community, and I value the opportunity to work together as we become a university.

With very best wishes to you all,
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Time to Live

By Rich Merritt

The pain we are subject to and subject others to is all part of life. The purpose of pain is to put pleasure into perspective, so we have a deeper love and appreciation of good times, in the past, present, and future.

There is no time to hate. There is no time to fear. There is no time to regret. There is a little time to live. There may be a moment to make a difference in someone's life. May we learn the lesson in both positive and negative ways to love, cherish, and remember each person we interact with in our time-limited experience as human beings. Breathe, and enjoy the air entering and exiting your lungs.

I charge you, fellow students,

faculty, and other readers, to think about this tragedy and do something. Pray, chant, donate blood, cry, run, play golf, become an Elvis impersonator, or whatever you think will make a better and stronger you. As we have seen in New York, no one is guaranteed tomorrow. It is important to try, even if you think you will fail. If you don't help yourself you can't help other people. If you never try to make a difference you never will. Everyday is Thanksgiving. Carpe Diem. Seize the day. Do what you can do to make this world a better place, so when you are gone, you will have brought something positive to this world, unlike the negativity created by those who would kill civilians to make their voices heard.

The American Family Takes a Hit...But Will Hit Back

by Shawn Hall

September 11, 2001 is a date that will burn into the memory of the American People. On that day, some cowardly, limp-wristed, bitches of inhuman-being disposition acted in a terroristic manner against the populous of the American People. As of the day of writing this article, it is not known who did this or how many people are involved. Whether these criminals come from outside of our borders, or from inside our country, or both, let it be known that these actions will not be tolerated. Americans may fight among themselves, but we for damn sure don't put up with somebody messing with one of our "family".

Americans are a tough bunch. It will take more than hijacked planes, deliberate plane crashes, and building destructions to get us down. It will take more than senseless killings of innocent civilians to defeat us. We are resilient.

We will not be defeated by any enemy, domestic or foreign. We may fall, we may reel, we may wobble. But we will pick ourselves back up and show to the world that we are the brightest beacon of strength, freedom, and opportunity. We as a country will not stand for anyone coming into our house and hurting some of our brothers, sisters, fathers, mothers, husbands, wives, sons, and daughters.

Americans sometimes are a very combative and angry group in relation to how we treat each other, sort of like a large dysfunctional family, ala Jerry Springer. But just like brothers who fight amongst themselves, we may fight our brother, but if someone else fights our brother, we get mad.

Yesterday, someone hit our brother. We as Americans may fight each other over politics, gender, ageism, racism, and class, but we will not let an outsider fight our

brothers and sisters. We as the American Family will fight back against those who hurt our brothers and sisters.

So I appeal to you all. Whether you are Christian, Muslim, Hindu, Atheist, Jew, or Pagan, come together as one to help your American Family. It doesn't matter whether you are from European, African, Asian, or American ancestry. It doesn't matter your sexual orientation, the color of your skin, your age, or your gender. We must put our differences aside and come together as one. We must help the victims of these terrible acts, mourn our lost loved ones, and offer help to one another as never before. Then we must prepare to defend ourselves, and determine who has harmed our family.

Someone has hit your brother. Are you going to let that happen again??

SGA: Recycling in Dorms?

by Michael Rickman

On September 11, 2001, the Student Government Association held their bi-weekly meeting in the Library Rotunda. Monies were allotted, editorials were addressed (Mr. Hall), and resolutions were discussed. But the topic that caught my attention was that given by the only white female on the SGA board. She spoke to everyone about Recycling.

She was concerned that Southern Polytechnic State University wasn't doing its part in contributing to save Mother Earth from the evils of garbage. She has noticed that there is a lot of trash that is compiled each day and that something should be done about it. Some SGA members agreed that something should be done, even Barry expressed some ideas.

As I sat and listened to her introduce to the rest of the board that Recycling is a thing that should be introduced to this campus, I had sympathy for the poor girl. She seemed pretty smart, her motives were good. She was only concerned for the well being of the planet and this campus. As am I. But the truth behind the whole matter is that recycling is garbage. It is a ritual that is designed to make everyone feel good about themselves while at the same time accom-

plishing nothing. The fact is that recycling actually costs more and hurts us in the long run than just throwing something away and making something new.

Here is a section of an article entitled "Recycling Is Garbage" by John Tierney that I feel applies to this situation:

"As they put on plastic gloves for their first litter hunt, the third graders knew what to expect. They knew their garbage. It was part of their science curriculum at Bridges Elementary, a public school on West 17th Street in Manhattan. They had learned the Three R's — Reduce, Reuse, Recycle — and discussed how to stop their parents from using paper plates. For Earth Day they had read a Scholastic science publication, "Inside the World of Trash." For homework, they had kept garbage diaries and drawn color-coded charts of their families' trash. So they were primed for the field experiment on this May afternoon. "We have to help the earth." Natasha Newman explained as she and her classmates dashed around the school collecting specimens. Their science teacher, Linnette Aponte, mediated disputes — "I saw that gum wrapper

first!" — and supervised the subsequent analysis of data back in the classroom. The students gathered around to watch her dump out their bags on the floor.

"Do you see any pattern as I'm emptying it?" Miss Aponte asked.

"Yeah, it stinks,"

"Everybody's chewing Winterfresh."

"A lot of paper napkins."

"It's disgusting."

"They're throwing away a folder. That's a perfectly good folder!"

"It's only half a folder."

"Well, they could find the other half and attach them together."

Miss Aponte finished emptying the last bag.

"We've been learning about the need to reduce, reuse and recycle," she said, and pointed at the pile.

"How does all this make you feel?"

"Baaaad," the students

moaned.

Miss Aponte separated out two bottles, the only items in the pile that could be recycled. She asked what lesson the students had learned. The class sentiment was summarized by Lily Finn, the student who had been so determined to save the half folder: "People shouldn't throw away paper or anything. They should recycle it. And they shouldn't eat candy in school."

Lily's judgment about candy sounded reasonable, but the conclusion about recycling seemed to be contradicted by the data on the floor. The pile of garbage included the equipment used by the children in the litter hunt: a dozen plastic bags and two dozen pairs of plastic gloves. The cost of this recycling equipment obviously exceeded the value of the recyclable items recovered. The equipment also seemed to be a greater burden on the environment, because the bags and gloves would occupy more space in a landfill than the two bottles.

Their intentions were good and their conclusions seemed plausible. Recycling does sometimes make sense — for some materials in some places at some times. But the simplest and cheapest option is

usually to bury garbage in an environmentally safe landfill. And since there's no shortage of landfill space (the crisis of 1987 was a false alarm), there's no reason to make recycling a legal or moral imperative.

Mandatory recycling programs aren't good for posterity. They offer mainly short-term benefits to a few groups — politicians, public relations consultants, environmental organizations, waste-handling corporations — while diverting money from genuine social and environmental problems. Recycling may be the most wasteful activity in modern America: a waste of time and money, a waste of human and natural resources." <end article quote>

This is one example of many that destroy the argument that we must recycle to save the planet. The planet is on no danger whatsoever. We petty humans could in no way destroy this wonderful creation that God made. So when you here environmentalist whackos express their concern to save Mother Earth, just think to yourselves of the ignorant, illogical thoughts that are probably going through their heads.

-Why is the J-J-J-J-J Building so cold?

by Michael Rickman

Does anyone know why in the crap that the J (Atrium) Building keeps its temperature at freezing?

Sure, when you walk in after traveling through the scorching heat of summer it feels good, but after an hour of lectures in a classroom my extremities begin to freeze. I ventured into the Arctic Building some time last week in an effort to determine what was the cause of these extreme temperatures. To my surprise, I discovered that the Marietta Morgue has rented out the basement of the J Building. We keep the temperatures so low in order to house these corpses. No, I

am just kidding. But its so cold in there that they probably could.

The only logical explanation that I can think of is that they turn up the temperature in order to compensate for the heat produced by the many computers in the building. But I can hardly believe that they would produce that much heat. When I asked a couple of people what they thought about the temperature in the building one said, "It's freezing in here, I always bring my sweater whenever I have a class in the building." Another said, "Its pretty cold."

I personally have a class in room J151. This classroom, compared to the others, is probably the coldest. It wouldn't be so bad if my class only lasted an hour, but this class lasts from 2:00 pm - 5:50 pm. Luckily, my teacher has recognized the frigid temperatures and allowed us to take breaks and un-thaw in the sun every hour. Just last week my friend Pedro was frozen to his chair. It took us 4 and a half hours to get him free with 2 hair dryers.

Ok, I am kidding again. Why so much kidding? It's my way of demonstrating absurdity by being absurd.

So if the appropriate people are reading this...you know what to do.

A Note to the Frats - Drop the Stereotype and Grow Up

Submitted by Dustin Grau

Yes, I said frats, because I know most of you like to be referred to as being a member of a fraternity-but that's not going to happen. Why? Because there isn't a single "frat" on this campus that doesn't have at least one member that displays one popular stereotype associated with fraternities-drinking. I feel that some of you are giving your fellow brothers a bad name by openly demonstrating this behavior to extremes. Some of you may recognize yourself in this article, and if you do, then I hope you think about what I say. I'm not just pulling claims out of thin air; these are actually from incidents that I have seen or conversations that I have overheard.

First off, it's not cool to talk

about how much you or anyone else can drink in an evening. It's just plain stupid if you think downing a 6-pack in an hour is something to brag about-have you not heard about the binge-drinking deaths associated with some fraternities doing just that?

Next, I NEVER want to hear about how many beer cans you can hide in your car just in case the cops pull you over. If you ever get into an accident with me, and I recognize you as a frat member, I'll insist that the cops search your vehicle thoroughly, and if they find anything, I'll punch you myself. You should know better anyway.

Finally, showing up drunk to half your events or when doing things on campus while

wearing your fraternity's letters is not a good reflection on you or your fellow brothers.

Now that I've addressed the issues related to the individual members, I urge the leaders of each fraternity to look at their "brothers" and see how much they fit this stereotype. You may need to ask a few of them to shape up, or risk keeping your entire organization locked in the same mindset that everyone already has of fraternities. And no, I don't think all drinking should be banned, but when it becomes the focal point of what makes someone cool, then you have to realize that something is wrong.

Tired American

submitted by Brian Kent

To the Editor

For the students, whose minds have historically been open, and whose voices we've historically listened to.

I am a tired American today. Tired of hearing 'inescapable conclusions' and that we must 'exact retribution.' Tired of hearing how we can 'emerge triumphant' by striking back in further acts of terrible violence. Tired of the anger in which we wallow, where clearheadedness might buoy us up. Tired of our unwillingness to understand the 'why' behind such tragedies as yesterday's events. How far are we willing to go in the misguided path of revenge? How many more times must we submit to hate, and thereby perpetuate violence that does not grow worse by mere coincidence?

The only inescapable conclusion after yesterday's historic tragedy is that many people will have died in vain if we respond to this injustice

with violence. We cannot and must not. To do so would be to continue playing a game that we can never and will never win. To demonstrate that we are no better than the perpetrators of this horrific event, except that we are capable of far greater, more calculated swathes of destruction. We cannot guarantee our safety until we finally understand why others would lash out in this way, and help provide them an alternative to doing so in the future.

If we must punish, then we must not do so with violence or without understanding. I am a tired American today, yet I will be damned before I spend my remaining energy standing 'united' in the solidarity of further violence. I love this country, but I do not love it enough that I am willing to hate for it.

Brian Kent
Cornell '95

The following letters, addressed to President Rossbacher, were submitted for publishing regarding SPSU's decision to remain open.

Submitted by Michel Waller

President Rossbacher,

I am deeply disappointed by your decision not to suspend classes in light of the terrorist attacks on our nation. I believe you made the wrong decision.

According to my professors, you felt that suspending classes would contribute to a "panic." There was no panic. The general sentiment among students was not one of fear—instead I, and other students I spoke with, felt angry and personally wounded by the terrorist attacks. I wanted to be able to watch the news for updates and to be with my family for mutual support and reassurance. I am confident many other students and faculty members felt the same way.

At very least, we needed to be able to watch or listen to the media coverage of the events. Today was a historic moment on par with the bombing of Pearl Harbor or the sinking of the Lusitania. It

is unreasonable for this university—an institution of learning—to prevent students from witnessing events that will profoundly affect our world for decades to come.

All the universities around us closed: UGA, Georgia State, Georgia Tech, Oglethorpe, Emory, Kennesaw, etc. They closed out of deference to a national tragedy. They closed to allow students access to news coverage. They closed to allow students and faculty to be with their friends and family for the support and reassurance necessary after an attack like this. They closed to let parents be available to comfort and protect their children when they arrived home from school.

SPSU did not close. At very least we appear callous. More accurately, we seem indifferent.

I went to my classes today. Neither of them had enough students in attendance to make the lectures productive. Indeed, little lecturing was done because we were all too

shaken and preoccupied by the events of this morning.

By continuing classes, you did a great disservice to us, your students, faculty and staff.

Sincerely,
Michel Waller, SPSU student

Submitted by Tamica
Jamerson

The most recent decision by President Rossbacher to not close the school with the threat of terrorist attacks over our head has proven why the administration is becoming more and more disliked by SPSU students. With past disregard to student opinions and concerns about issues concerning the school, and now disregard to human life, this un-reaction is simply unacceptable. I feel that the power of our campus safety was highly overestimated and the decision to rely on that power was naive and without extensive thought.

The fact remains that almost, if

not all, of the colleges closed their campuses, government buildings closed, and even malls closed. The city closed down not only from fear and shock, but out of respect for the many people that lost their lives. I know that we have a small and manageable school population, however, that does not make us immune or invisible to a bomb, missile or even nuclear attacks in this area.

Another fact shows that we are neighbors with an Air Force base, as well as a manufacturer of military planes. In many eyes, that makes our neighbors' targets, and us innocent bystanders. The question remains, what possible reason would there be for keeping this campus open during a time of grieving, mourning, terror, and threat? It is understandable that we want to "continue business as usual," but could we have gotten over the initial shock first?

With the events that have occurred, it would be most likely for students to become

distracted and unfocused on schoolwork, exams or projects. How can one focus on anything but the events that have shaken our nation? I feel that not closing the school was disrespect to our nation and the thousands of people that lost their lives. While government officials gathered to rebuild confidence in our nation, we were having classes. While many places of religion held services and prayer, we were having classes. While many of the people in this diversely populated city were waiting to hear of the fate of relatives and close friends, we were having classes.

With this action and the past actions of administration, I feel that the students should take a more active role in the decisions that affect this campus. Until the administration realizes that it is the students that pay them and the students that supply them with jobs to feed their family, they will continue to disregard and disrespect the students of SPSU.

“Moments of Silence and Heroes”

by Willis Smith

Let us all give a moment of silence for both the loss of innocent lives and the grief the survivors and those personally affected by the tragedy will go through.

Let us also give a moment to thank in our hearts to everybody working overtime to restore order to chaos in the two national cities. These heroes, from police officers to emergency personnel saving lives to firefighters to military servicemen and more, are all working to prevent losing further lives. Let us give thanks to those brave people risking their lives doing their jobs in the middle of destruction.



Let us praise those who are giving up time to help during this dark week in our lifetimes. These are the unknown heroes, those people standing in lines to donate blood and those volunteering to help search for any survivor in the ruins. Anonymous are those searching to find the identities of people behind the attacks. Others are devoting their energy to keep maintaining a security level to ensure the safety of our citizens and devising new security measures preventing similar tragedies.

Let us give a moment of silence and thanks to these heroes in our hearts and prayers.