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# New Buildings, Renovations Approved

MARK CAMPBELL



Southern Polytechnic's squirrels are infamous throughout the University System of Georgia for wreaking havoc on PeachNet, the system's portion of the internet. We told this squirrel that this was a dry campus, but he seemed not to care. We also told him that electricity and beer don't mix. God rest his soul.

The Board of Regents gave a vote of approval for Southern Polytechnic State University's first competition team building on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Also recommended by the Board for Southern Polytechnic are exterior renovations to the Physics, Chemistry and Biology building to preserve the newly remodeled labs inside. Ensuring reliable electrical service and realigning the campus entrances to reduce auto accidents were included in the proposed \$5 million state expenditure.

Funding for the projects has yet to be approved by Governor Roy Barnes and the Georgia

General Assembly. The projects must first be included in the state budget from the Governor's office. Then the projects must survive the appropriations mark-ups under the gold dome at the state capitol.

An additional \$2.02 million is to be raised from external sources. In a letter dated January 20, 1998, Lockheed-Martin President William B. Bullock donated advanced composites laboratory equipment worth \$500,000 from the company to Southern Polytechnic. The SPSU Foundation has offered to help

raise \$1.5 million, and the John J. Murphy Memorial Fund has pledged \$20,000.

Actual construction costs for the four projects was estimated at little more than \$5.5 million. An additional \$926,000 would cover professional fees and contingencies, while \$576,000 would cover equipment for the competition team labs, mainly from the Lockheed-Martin donation.

Southern Polytechnic competition teams have fared well against actual engineering universities. SPSU's Steel Bridge team has placed in the top five nationally over a decade. Aerial Robotics placed third internationally over the summer in Alberta, Canada, and will be featured in a Discovery Channel documentary on the autonomous unmanned aerial reconnaissance mission. And the Society of Automotive Engineers Supermileage Vehicle team finished sixth overall last year, achieving 742 miles per gallon.

Students at the university are eligible to join the teams, which serve as an equivalent to capstone projects. Such projects require the design and build of an engineering project, utilizing academic theory and skills learned in the classroom. In actual engineering programs, such as at Georgia Tech, capstone projects are required in the curriculum for engineering majors.

Southern Polytechnic offers degrees in science, architecture,

management and engineering technology at its Marietta campus. The university, with 3500 students, is not authorized by the Regents to offer actual engineering degrees, with the exception of Software Engineering.

According to the proposal submitted to the Regents, the most expensive project would be the \$2.6 million Portal Project, of which \$1.5 million would be raised through the SPSU Foundation. Pending Georgia Department of Transportation approval, the east entrance on South Cobb Parkway would be realigned with Martin Court. The traffic light at the west entrance would be moved to the new intersection, in the hopes of reducing incidents like the 28 accidents and six injuries that occurred on this stretch of the parkway in the year 2000.

Two and a half million dollars in the Portal Project would be set aside for landscape improvements, including walls, a portal, and signage. An additional hundred thousand dollars would be set aside for an electronic marquee sign visible from the road.

Another \$1,378,000 from the state would be used to bury electrical utilities on campus. Sharing the underground utility concrete casements would be

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# SPSU Students Sweep Scholarships!

BEN LEE

Ms. Sara Atkinson and Ms. Jamilie Geerman, both SPSU Civil Engineering Technology students, were awarded the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Georgia Section's "2002 Milan Degyansky Scholarship for Civil Engineering Technology" scholarships. They received their scholarships at the ASCE Georgia Section's Awards Banquet and 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on September 6, 2002, at the Atlanta Marriott Century Center.

Annually, two scholarships are awarded to students attending Civil Engineering schools in Georgia and its purposes are "to recognize and reward outstanding students of Civil Engineering or Civil Engineering Technology." An SPSU student has won this scholarship annually since 1999.

According to Mr. Tony Fagan, the president of the ASCE Georgia Section, both Ms. Atkinson and Ms. Geerman qualified for the scholarships. The evaluation criteria for the scholarship include the

applicant's grades, their participation in extra-curricular activities and faculty recommendations.

Ms. Geerman is the President of the ASCE's Southern Polytechnic Student Club. Ms. Atkinson is the secretary of the ASCE's Southern Polytechnic Student Club as well as of the Institute of Transport Engineers. Ms. Atkinson is also the 2002 winner of the National Association of Women in Construction scholarship.

In what is generally perceived to be a profession that is dominated by men, Ms. Atkinson and Ms. Geerman are by no means "token" winners. Their win supports Mr. Fagan's observation that "while (it) is true that the majority of Civil Engineers in practice are male, women are taking leadership roles in an increasing number of firms... In the long run, this points to a more diverse workplace for Civil Engineers." Ms. Geerman feels that "...women are not discriminated

in this field (Civil Engineering) and we all have equal opportunities". Ms. Atkinson believes that her competitive edge over the other applicants is not because she is a female applicant but it is her Grade Point Average (GPA) and active participation in school clubs.

Ms. Atkinson and Ms. Geerman thank the ASCE Georgia Section for

honoring them with the scholarships. Ms. Atkinson thanks the CET department faculty with special mention of Ms. Ann Lay, the CET department secretary. Ms. Geerman thanks Prof Timothy W. Zeigler, for writing a compelling recommendation of her.



Ms. Jamilie Geerman (left) and Ms. Sara Atkinson (right) with their awards.

# Southern Polytechnic Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

SPSU PUBLIC RELATIONS

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, Southern Polytechnic State University is hosting a Hispanic Festival on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.

Activities include a Venezuelan artist display by Manuela Valenti Studio, a Mexican buffet at 12 p.m., Latin dance lessons from 1-3 p.m., a Mariachi Band from 1:30-2:30 p.m., educational displays by the school's students and faculty and appetizers served throughout the festival. Also, a Cuban artist

display will be open to the public September 25-October 15 in the Lawrence V. Johnson Library Gallery and is sponsored by the Atlanta Cuban Club. All activities are free and open to the public.

Hispanic Heritage Month is recognized in the U.S. from September 15-October 15 and was initiated by former President Gerald R. Ford. Southern Polytechnic's current enrollment has 3,800 students. Of our student population, 17% are international students representing 92 countries.

# Power Pops Off

MARK CAMPBELL

Following heavy rains and high winds the previous night, a tree limb at the University Commons apartments caused intermittent power outages on campus on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Marietta Power removed the limb and regular service was restored by 4 PM.

The outages had started at approximately 3:20 PM. The limb caused arcing, or a short circuit

between adjacent wires, leading the campus power grid to recycle and reset several times.

The outages were noticed by students and faculty in computer labs, classes, and during examinations. Screams of bloody murder echoed in the darkness around campus as various people shrieked, "My CD burn f&%ked up!"

# Architecture Department Contributes to Historic Reynoldstown Project

SPSU PUBLIC RELATIONS

Students and faculty from Southern Polytechnic State University's Architecture Department will join the Reynoldstown Revitalization Corporation for a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Reynoldstown Gateway Project on Friday, September 20 at 12:00 p.m. A representative from the City of Atlanta Mayor's Office will attend the ceremony in Reynoldstown Gateway Community Park at 171 Brantley Street NE.

SPSU's Architecture students from the Design & Build Studio assisted with the design and construction of the \$620,000 gateway entry portal with advisor Professor William Carpenter. Other sponsors include Beers Skanska Inc.; Stein Steel; MARTA; the City of Atlanta Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs; Tindall Precast; Georgia/Carolinas PCI and AIA Georgia.

SPSU Architecture students have been working with the Reynoldstown Revitalization Corporation on various projects

over the past several years including this design of the community's gateway.

Previously, students designed a collapsible theater which allowed youth in the area to use a transportable stage for theater and music productions. SPSU students and faculty have also designed a memorial garden in honor of a Reynoldstown citizen who was instrumental in developing the area.

The Reynoldstown community was of particular interest to the students and faculty of SPSU because of its rich history and the dedication of their leaders and residents. Reynoldstown is thought to be one of the oldest African neighborhoods established by former slaves after the Civil War. It dates back to 1870.

The Reynoldstown Revitalization Corporation notes that it faces the usual challenges of the inner city but through partnerships and collaborations is experiencing successful revitalization.

# SGA Heads To Conferences

MARK CAMPBELL

During October, fourteen student government members and one student will attend leadership development conferences. Twelve will attend workshops in Atlanta, while two SGA officers will pay a visit to a three-day conference in San Diego. Costs to attend are estimated at \$5,148, according to official SPSU travel vouchers.

A copy of the 2002-2003 SGA Budget indicates that the student government will likely spend \$469 attending the meetings of the Student Advisory Council to the Board of Regents (SAC) in late November and in April.

Student Government President Randall Ware and Vice-President Adefolarin Adeleye will attend the National Conference on Student Services, held October 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. The conference will be held at the Catamaran Resort on San Diego Bay. Both have also signed up for the Certified Student Government Leader program held concurrently.

SGA Secretary-Treasurer Kamisha Hammonds and nine Council Members will attend the Certified Government Student Leader program workshop in Atlanta. The workshops are being held October 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. SGA Judiciary members Rockell 'Rocky' Myers and Margaret Mbugua will accompany other SGA members to the Atlanta workshops.

Aakash Shah, a Southern Polytechnic student, will also be attending the CGSL workshop in Atlanta. Shah could not be reached for comment.

The conferences and workshops are hosted by Magna Publications of Madison, Wisconsin. The firm produces subscription newsletters for higher education, with topics ranging from legal affairs to distance education to event planning. The conference bookstore also sells guides to parliamentary procedure and a documentary on racism and diversity training.

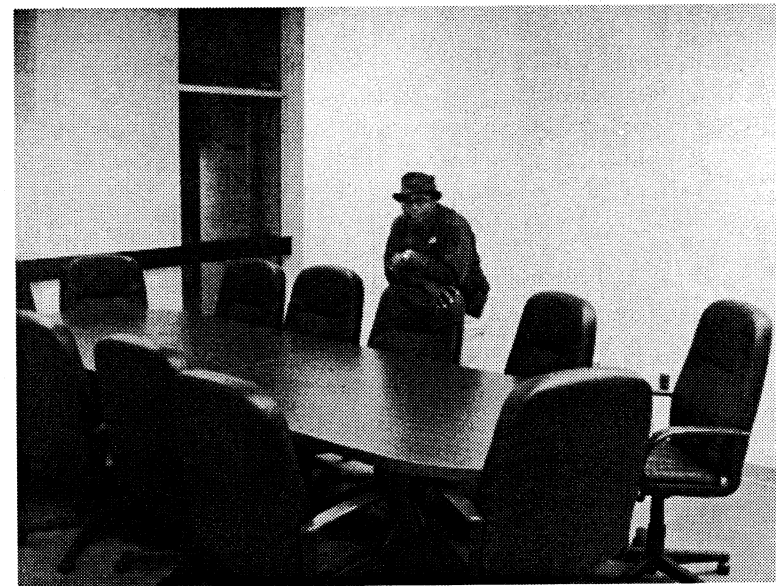
Similar leadership conferences by Magna Publications are to be held in Orlando on November 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, and at the Westin Peachtree Plaza in downtown Atlanta on April 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2003. Registration fees for the Orlando conference were slightly less expensive.

The San Diego conference features a variety of motivational speakers and workshops. Workshop sessions range from how to build interest amongst students for projects and events, to personal soul-searching. Keynote speakers will address topics such as building teams in two hours, to diversity and sensitivity, to everything one always wanted to know about the opposite sex.

The CGSL workshops programs cover topics from fundraising to ethics to conflict resolution and diversity. Participants are also expected to learn about meeting skills, parliamentary procedure, time

members of the state General Assembly, emphasized teamwork. Oliver, who attends the State University of West Georgia, had run for the Chair position, as had SPSU's Randall Ware; both lost.

"I feel that I have abilities that can serve SAC; I have experience in SAC and still serve



SGA President Randall Ware, seen here grinning immensely next to the new leather chairs filled with \$MONEY\$, will be attending a leadership conference next month at the Catamaran Resort in San Diego, with nearly all expenses paid (your student activity fee money hard at work).

management and effective communication.

A statewide gathering of student government leaders was held at the Simpsonwood Conference Center in Norcross on September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. The Planning Retreat workshop had the dual role of providing vision on the role of SAC with the Board of Regents, as well as develop leadership skills. SGA Presidents were asked to attend.

Citing a lack of effectiveness within SAC at SPSU's September 10<sup>th</sup> student government meeting, Ware announced that the SGA would attend the NCSS leadership conferences instead. Southern Polytechnic did not send a delegation to the statewide student government meeting.

Student Advisory Council Chair Robert DeVries, of Columbus State University, said, "We're going to make sure that we represent effectively the 220,000 students [in the University System of Georgia] to the Board of Regents. If you want something, or some organization, to be effective, you have to make it effective. Which means you have to attend."

"When we are effective, the advisors who meet will be able to spread through the advisors of the schools that don't attend that we are effective," explained DeVries, "And that they [the other schools] should send students."

Craig Oliver, SAC's External Affairs Liaison who interacts with

SAC in other positions. I'm not a sore loser," added Oliver.

"He [Ware] applied for External Affairs chair," explained DeVries, "And the executive committee shoes a different, more qualified candidate for the position. He was offered an alternative position, and he refused it."

Costs for the thirteen student leaders attending the Atlanta CSGL workshop are \$2,782. The junket for Ware and Adeleye is expected to cost \$2,366. Funds for the conferences are expected to come from student government accounts, which were allocated by the student government from student activity fees.

According to Dean of Students Barry Birkhead, an electronic mail vote was held amongst SGA members to approve the expenditures. Birkhead stated that Council Member William Norris was the only member to vote against the expenditure.

Registration costs for the three-day Atlanta workshops are \$199 per student. In addition, each attendee was allocated a \$15 total for the three days for breakfast and lunch expenses.

Expenses for Ware and Adeleye to attend the San Diego conference include \$676 for round-trip airfare, \$474 for lodging, and \$1,016 in registration fees. Travel also includes up to \$200 for rental of a car. No allocation was made for meals.

## New Buildings

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fiber optics, cable, and telephone lines. Electrical power, water and sewage would also be extended to the Civil Engineering Technology Program's Steel Laboratory.

"Believe it or not, at the Office of Facilities [of the Board of Regents], we're still known as the 'squirrel' campus," explained SPSU Vice-President of Fiscal Affairs, Patrick McCord, who oversees campus facilities. "There was one time that a squirrel got 'fried' and blacked out PeachNet for everyone below us." PeachNet is the University System of Georgia's portion of the internet.

McCord added, "It was before my time, because when I was at the Regents on our first presentation for this [proposal], our program manager leaned over to the Vice-Chancellor for Facilities and said, 'They're the squirrel campus.' And he knew very well what that meant." Program managers are assigned by the Regents to oversee proposed building projects.

What it meant, said McCord, was "That we have above-ground lines. The squirrel had made a connection between both of them and just blacked out I don't know how much. But apparently it made a pretty big splash."

But squirrels are only part of the problem, according to McCord. Tree limbs and rough weather can also wreak havoc with clean, regulated electrical power supplies. Minor fluctuations, not noticeable by humans, can cause problems not only for SPSU's computer labs, but also for scientific equipment, robots and automated prototype assembly lines, and computer-numerical control machine tools.

The competition team building would cost approximately \$1.11 million, with an additional half-million commitment from Lockheed-Martin in advanced composite equipment already promised. The 7000 square foot facility, which includes a classroom, would serve students working on capstone projects for the competition teams in the civil, computer, electrical and mechanical engineering disciplines. At a hands-on institution like Southern Polytechnic, the advanced composites lab would expose students to materials beyond metal alloys and concrete.

Six of the campus's seven engineering teams are to be allocated space in the new building. They include the Concrete Canoe and Steel Bridge teams under the auspices of the American Society of Civil Engineers. The Aerial Robotics Team, affiliated with the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International, would also receive lab space. Both the Formula SAE race car team and the Supermileage vehicle team, part of the Society of Automotive Engineers, would

be housed nearest the new advanced composites workshops. And lab space also would be allocated for the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers' robotics team.

The General Engineering of Autonomous Robots club, which participated in a fire-fighting robotics competition and has assisted the Aerial Robotics team, was omitted from the building plans. GEAR, founded at SPSU, is not a student chapter of any national engineering organization.

In June, Southern Polytechnic's proposal for a new \$25 million Mathematics and Engineering building did not make the Regents' short list for recommended funding. An additional science wing, estimated at \$21 million, would have been

relocated to the bottom of the H-building.

McCord explained why the university wanted to renovate a building they also want to demolish. "Yes, we intend to build this new science building. Yes, we intend to tear that one down. Even if they [the Regents] approved it next year, it would be way on down the road - that building's got to suffice for us for another ten to twelve years," McCord said.

"So we had to bring it up so it's somewhat near par," McCord explained. "But it's still not really built for that. All the entrances open to the exterior; it's not conducive to modern technology."

Engineering Technology department.

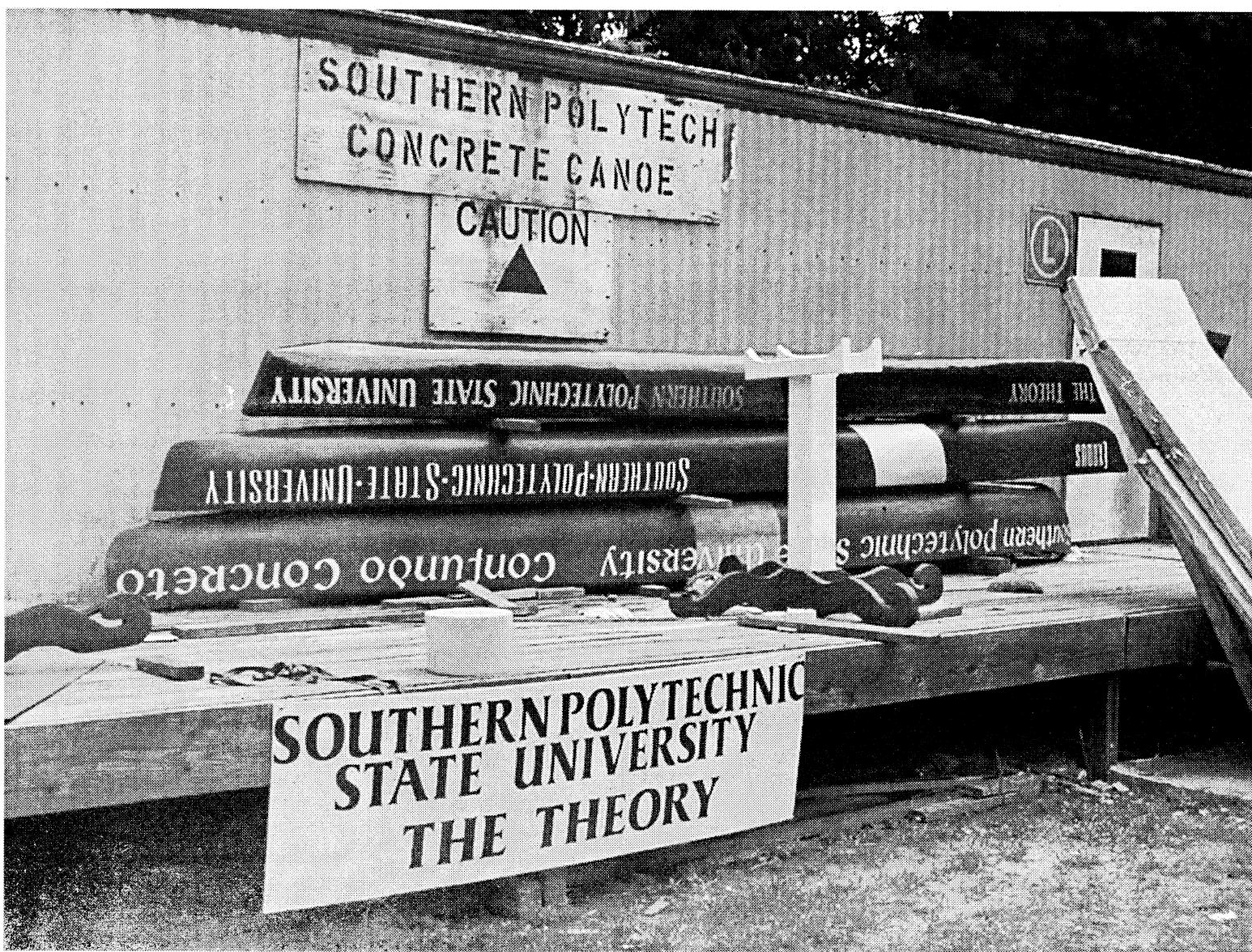
Five of the six teams that will use the new competition team building did not receive funds from the 2001-2002 Student Government Association. The Formula SAE race car team received a \$1,010 increase in their budget, for a total of \$5,000 in student activity fee funds. In the previous year, the six teams had received a combined \$36,620.

According to the SGA, 25 student organizations, including the competition teams, that did not receive funds had not submitted a budget proposal by the February 19<sup>th</sup> deadline. Members from a number of teams said they were unaware of the budget deadline.

replace Council Member, serves as GEAR's treasurer. Council members Diana Gill and Christopher Kelly are also listed as members of GEAR. No other competition teams have members serving on the student government.

Campus administration had asked the 2000-2001 Student Government Association for approval to use the Dean's Fund for purchase of an electronic sign for the university's gateway, or portal, project. The Dean's Fund, now known as the Student Activity Fee Fund Balance, is an accumulation of unused student activity fees.

The author was a SGA council member in 2000-2001 and strongly opposed using the funds for the gateway project sign.



The new competition team building, if approved by Governor Barnes and state legislators, would be built on this site occupied by SPSU's award-winning Concrete Canoe and Steel Bridge teams.

suggested as an add-on project in following years.

The new building would have stood where the Electrical and Computer Engineering Technology building now stands. It would have served the mathematics, physics, biology, chemistry, and the electrical, computer and telecommunications engineering technology programs.

In the future, the current mathematics building, and the physics, chemistry and biology building, would have been demolished. Labs in the physics, chemistry and biology building had been remodeled Spring semester, after the Information Technology support department

McCord said that there were no similar plans to renovate the current ECET building.

Currently, competition teams are housed in a variety of lab spaces and corners on campus. The Concrete Canoe and Steel Bridge teams share an office and use two trailers for storage behind the Civil Engineering Technology department. Both the Formula SAE race car and Supermileage teams share the same space with the Mechanical Engineering Technology's Fluid Dynamics lab, while the Aerial Robotics team is located across a service drive in a neighboring building. The IEEE and GEAR have each been allocated spare rooms in the Electrical and Computer

At the September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, the student government approved allocating \$3,000 from the SGA-controlled student development fund to the IEEE and its robotic team. The money came from \$3,222.20 set aside to match SAE race team sponsors dollar-for-dollar. As of press, the student government had not informed the SAE team of the re-allocation.

GEAR, which was omitted from plans for the new building, received \$12,801, a 101.5% increase from the previous year. Student Government President Randall Ware is also the president and founder of GEAR. SGA Budget and Finance Chairman Jae Ho Chang, appointed by Ware to

While most SGA members agreed that a gateway project and marquee would be beneficial to the university, concerns were raised about whether it was appropriate to use student activity fees, even if from previous years, for such a project. The proposal to use the Dean's Fund was subsequently shelved.

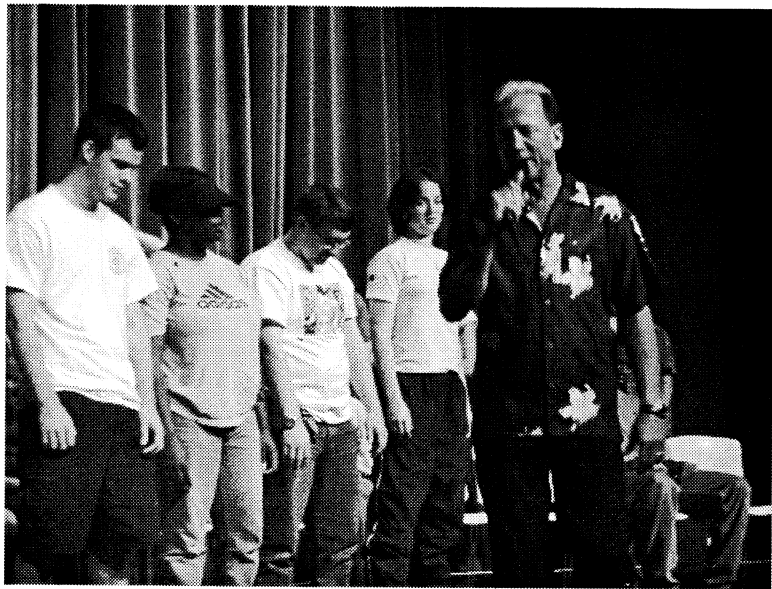
In 2001-2002, the SGA reached an agreement with the administration, setting aside part of the Student Activity Fee Fund Balance as a reserve. Allocation from the fund now rests with the student government.



*This on-campus squirrel is really excited about the new Biology Major at SPSU.*

# Hypnotism at SPSU Book Review: *Slander: Liberal Lies About the American Right*

SETH BOGO



Various students are seen here signing their souls over to Satan.

Jim Wand, a Doctor of Psychology, came to Southern Polytechnic State University (SPSU) on Wednesday September 18, 2002 at around 9:00pm in the Student Center Theater to hypnotize SPSU students who wanted to be out of their minds. Dr. Wand has hypnotized famous celebrities, including but not limited to, Jay Leno, Sylvester Stallone, and Michael Jordan. He has also been featured on the Wow Fox Special, and is a graduate of the University of California. Dr. Wand also held a clinic outside of Chicago for twenty years.

Do you want to be hypnotized? Make sure you meet the requirements. They are, however, rather simple. Anybody can be hypnotized as long as: 1) they want to, and 2) have an IQ of at least 85 (because you need to be able to concentrate).

It did appear that the student body enjoyed themselves. No one was hurt in the process. Most in the audience were laughing, in sharp contrast with those on stage, perplexed as to why the Crocodile Hunter was on stage, or how electrical volts kept shooting through their chairs. But at least those chairs were not talking bad about their mothers. There were a few reports of floating microphones and diamonds on the ground, so keep your eyes open.

Curious to know more about hypnotism? Dr. Wand recommended a webpage, [www.hypnotism.com](http://www.hypnotism.com), where you can get a free 1-week program. It is free, so what can it hurt? The worst thing that can happen is you'll walk around thinking you are Pink, Shakira, Ja Rule, J-Lo, or that some balloon man is Michael Jordan.

## Math Stinger # 119

STEVE EDWARDS  
Associate Professor of Mathematics

Larry Logarithm hosts a party, and many of the people who show up (invited or crashing) shake hands with each other. At any given moment, everyone has shaken either an even or an odd number of hands. Show that, if no one has left the party, the number of people who at any point in time have shaken an odd number of hands is an even number.

Send your solution to [sedwards@spsu.edu](mailto:sedwards@spsu.edu), or by snail mail to Steve Edwards in the Math Program. The names of the first solvers will be posted here.

The Math Stinger is also online at <http://www2.spsu.edu/math/stinger/sting.html>. EVERY Math Stinger ever written is there for your puzzling pleasure!

## Quotes from a Movie You Need to See

JULES WINFIELD  
(Samuel L. Jackson)

"Say 'What?' again. Say 'What?' again. I dare you. I doubledare you, motha-f---r. Say 'What?' one more godd--n time."

MARCELLUS WALLACE  
(Ving Rhames)

"Night of the fight you may feel a slight sting. That's pride f---n' wit you. F--k pride! Pride only hurts, it never helps. You gotta fight through that s--t."

# Book Review: *Slander: Liberal Lies About the American Right*

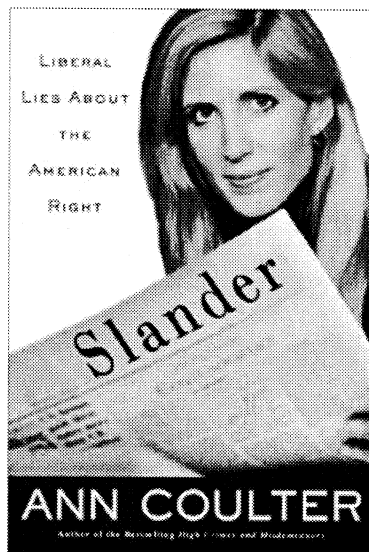
JOSHUA SHANNON

*Slander: Liberal Lies About the American Right* is columnist Ann Coulter's best seller dealing with how liberals in America distort or ignore facts and arguments made by conservatives. She discusses the 2000 election disaster, liberal bias in the media, liberals using name-calling in arguments, among other issues. While the book is obviously biased, Coulter does a very good job in backing up her accusations, having slightly less than forty pages of endnotes.

Coulter obviously does not like liberals; however, if this book were only how she does not like liberals, it would be a very long read for such a very short book, having a little over two hundred pages in which she makes her arguments. Thankfully, she does back up her arguments in a well-done manner. While I don't always agree with her arguments, such as the allegation that the media frequently intentionally make biased reports, she does have strong points that cannot be dismissed out of hand.

I probably like her use of biting sarcasm in this book best. One of the funniest moments in the book comes while discussing the intelligence of Jim Jeffords, an

Independent Senator from Vermont. Having provided the nearly incomprehensible



statement Jeffords made, when he was a liberal Republican, after he voted to acquit President Clinton during the impeachment trial, she goes on to remark, "That is a direct, verbatim transcription of a United States senator's remarks on national TV about the most important Senate vote of his life. If Jeffords were not accorded the respect due all politicians who

adopt ADA-approved positions, late-night comedians might have finally discovered a dumb liberal." While the sarcasm can be overdone at times, it does provide some laughs most of the time it is used.

My biggest complaint about the book is that it's hard to tell at times when she is being serious, and when she is exaggerating. Several times I had to read a passage in order to make a final judgment. Hopefully, the next time Coulter writes a book she will make it a little easier to tell the seriousness from the exaggerations.

Overall, the book is very well written, with appropriate documentation to back up her claims. Had she provided little proof for her arguments, she would just have come off as a blowhard, easily dismissed without worrying about what she says. While I do have a few criticisms, they didn't hamper my enjoyment too much. I recommend the book, but only if you are a conservative or are able to read with an open mind; if you aren't and if you can't, you probably will not enjoy the book.

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# Marriage Proposal Movies!

BEN LEE

*Last weekend, Teddy, my perpetually depressed friend declared that he wanted to marry TULSA because Teddy, being the sensitive new-age guy felt that he should take responsibility for his actions, despite the fact that TULSA was not pregnant and did not feel fulfilled by Teddy's actions. When he made the declaration, he sounded even more depressed than usual. He could not be blamed because to be married in his early 20s is bad enough and to marry a girl with a name like TULSA spells trouble big time! Furthermore, after having met TULSA, I became suspicious and skeptical of the woman she is.*

*Anyway, Teddy's problem was that he did not know how to propose to TULSA. Therefore, being his "advisor", confidante and a movie lover (a tragic combination), I pointed to the suspiciously brain-dead Teddy, to one of my favorite movies...*



## While You Were Sleeping (1995)

(Romantic Comedy starring Sandra Bullock and Bill Pullman)

Lucy (Bullock), a token collector in a train station, dreams of marrying a man, Peter (Gallagher), whom she only sees when he passes her booth everyday. She also longed for an immigration stamp of Florence, Italy on her passport. Unexpectedly, on a Christmas day, she jumped onto the train tracks in time to save the comatose Peter from being run over by the train. At the hospital, she was mistakenly announced as his fiancé. While Peter was in coma, his family fell in love with Lucy. However, the suspicious brother, Jack

(Pullman), in the process of trying to break her cover, fell in love with her. Eventually, it was Jack who rescued Lucy's lonely heart and then gave her the stamp on her passport!

The movie was packed with high points, both comedic and emotional. It was Sandra Bullock's ease in switching between comedic and heart wrenching lines that made the movie both enjoyable and emotionally elevating. However, it seemed that Bill Pullman acted his part while he was sleeping. Albeit contrived, the movie is heart warming and at times, heart wrenching.

*After watching the movie, Teddy complained that it was inconceivable for him to get TULSA into a coma and then propose to her while she was sleeping! Actually, I was silently hoping that my poor friend be the one sleeping! Tired of him whining, I then suggested "Never Been Kissed" as it had both the big scale and creative way of proposing, which he might consider...*



## Never Been Kissed (1999)

(Romantic Comedy starring Drew Barrymore, David Arquette, Michael Vartan)

Josie the "ex-Grossie" (Barrymore) disguised her age and returned to high school for an undercover assignment. She was to find a story for her first feature in the newspaper for which she worked. Other than finding that story, Josie was given a second shot to confront the ghosts of her "geeky" past, but without much success. With her brother's (Arquette) help, Josie became cool! However, the bonus was finding love, but he was "disguised Josie's" English teacher, Mr. Coulson

(Vartan). To make matters worse, he was to be the undercover story! When the truth was revealed, hurt ensued and Josie devised an unconventional way to woo him back.

This is another feel good but plausible movie. Drew Barrymore was brilliant in carrying both roles as Josie Grossie in her high school flashbacks and as the "cool-babe wannabe". Although the misadventures and high school's "social structure" themes were hackneyed, there were refreshing and poignant moments. One of which was when Jossie-Grosie, all decked up in her prom night best, which did not help change her "grossness", waiting for her date who was the most popular guy in school. The limousine drove by and her beaming smile was greeted by water bombs splashing onto her, destroying every remaining shred of her self-esteem. That scene was unbelievably cruel and powerful that one can just weep for the character. The other poignant moment was Josie, the journalist, standing at the pitcher's mound, waiting for the man she loves (Mr. Coulson) to come give her her first kiss. However, there were some preachy parts that the movie could have done without.

*Teddy, decided to go with the pitcher mound approach. He contacted newspapers, baseball and football venues but they all refused to accommodate his request and on top of that called him a laggard, amongst other things. They had stopped doing that because the last time it happened during the St. Olaf Lions and Bullston Barbarians, the girl asked for extra time. The first few occasions were novel but after it happened at every match, the players, officials and fans just wanted to get the game going! When they released the Lions and Barbarians onto the field, the poor girl was messed up!*

*"Poor girl, what a way to die!" I sighed.*

*"Oh no, she didn't die. They just couldn't determine who the father of her triplets was! Anymore ideas?"*

*"Yes," I retorted, feeling exhausted with spoon feeding him, "give TULSA \$1 million dollar to marry you. If she won't, my dog will!"*



## Indecent Proposal (1993)

(Drama starring Robert Redford, Demi Moore and Woody Harrelson)

Diana (Moore) and David (Harrelson) believed that they had an invincible love. A failed investment forced them to Las Vegas to get them out of debt. However, when lady luck was not co-operative, their love was challenged with money. John (Redford) offered the couple \$1 million for Diana to spend a night with him. He wanted to dispute their claim that money cannot buy everything, especially love. Unfortunately, John was proved right in that money can buy love, but only in the short term. When 2 hearts are meant to be together, they will find their way back. The proposal seemed implausible but the story challenged the moral position that we hold true. Indecent Proposal is a rare love story that addresses moral concerns. Adrian Lynn, whose works include "Fatal Attraction" and "9½ Weeks," was focused. He chose to make the message the focal point and as such, Demi Moore and Woody Harrelson's performances were considerably subtle. It is a movie highly recommended for discussing moral principles, except for a few

hot steamy scenes that thankfully excluded the wrinkled Robert Redford.

*Before Teddy could whine about not having \$1 million, I suggested 2 more movies – "Moonstruck" and "That Old Feeling".*

*Following the examples from both stories, Teddy made some arrangements to help him carry out his proposal to TULSA in one of the city's best Italian restaurant.*

*The plan was after dinner Teddy was to propose to TULSA and on his cue, the waiter was to serve the Tiramisu (a kind of Italian creamy cake) just in time for TULSA to see the ring and then squeal "YES", in acceptance!*



## Moonstruck (1987)

(Romantic comedy starring Cher, Olympia Dukakis and Nicholas Cage)

It was the night when the moon hung low in the sky, which made it look like a big pizza pie, "It's Amore!". It was said that it had the power to draw two persons together. Loretta (Cher) a 40 something accountant had bad luck with her first marriage. She believed that she could never love again but it did not stop her from agreeing to marry Johnny (Danny Aiello) when he proposed to her "properly" so that the "bad luck" was broken. While Johnny was to go to attend to his mother at her deathbed, he asked Loretta to invite his brother Ronny (Cage) to the wedding, hoping that that would settle the "bad blood" between them. When Loretta met Ronny and broke the news to him, Ronny's anger turned into

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sparks of attraction for Loretta and their mutual attraction burst into a frenzied passion, which then blossomed into true love between them – she and her soon to be brother-in-law.

Moonstruck is a simple story about how mismatched couples eventually find the right ones and how love can forgive indiscretions and more. It is simply a movie about “Amore!” Moonstruck is light and easy to appreciate. Its sole purpose was to entertain, hence the director Norman Jewison rightfully chose not to over dramatize and peel open more layers. Cher won the Best Actress Oscar for this role. The touches of grey into poorly kempt hair coupled with her often disheveled appearance successfully masked her pop diva image!

paparazzi, (Danny Nucci) who had the acumen of tracking down Lilly was hired to track down the couple. Molly followed hoping to talk sense into their parents. Instead, they fell in love!

Midler and Farina was an excellently compatible couple as they could ease in and out of passionate and bellicose situations effortlessly. As such, watching them fight and then love was delightful! The lines are witty and brilliantly delivered by the 2 leads. Histrionics is Bette Midler’s forte and fortunately this movie did not have her doing that in every scene as it could tire even an ardent fan. The insults were incisive and it can do wonders to beef up your repertoire of insults. If you do not have one, this is probably the best place to start. However, be prepared to run for your life after you hurl one of these gems at your enemy!

*At the restaurant, Teddy got onto his knees, which was filled to capacity that night, and he asked TULSA to marry him. The waiter promptly brought the cake on cue but the moment TULSA saw the Tiramisu, she “cooed” in delight, scooped a big chunk and ate it! To Teddy’s horror, TULSA swallowed the ring!*

*When Teddy told her, she was surprised because she did not choke on the ring. That meant that the ring was probably nothing special. As such, she reasoned that she would need to sit and think about his proposal. She cruelly mentioned that if she had choked on the ring, she would have married him immediately!*

*Teddy did not hear from TULSA until three days later, when the ring surfaced.*



**That Old Feeling (1997)**  
(Comedy starring Bette Midler, Dennis Farina)

Lilly Leonard (Midler), a well known actress and estranged husband Dan (Farina) were to meet again for the first time in 14 years for their daughter Molly’s (Paula Marshall) wedding reception. The problem was that both Lilly and Dan cannot be under the same room without wanting to kill each other. However, their presence was important because it would boost the image of their son-in-law who was an aspiring politician. In between hurling insults and threats to kill each other, the unexpected happened. The old couple got that old feeling and eloped, much to their daughter’s dismay! A

# Poetry Corner

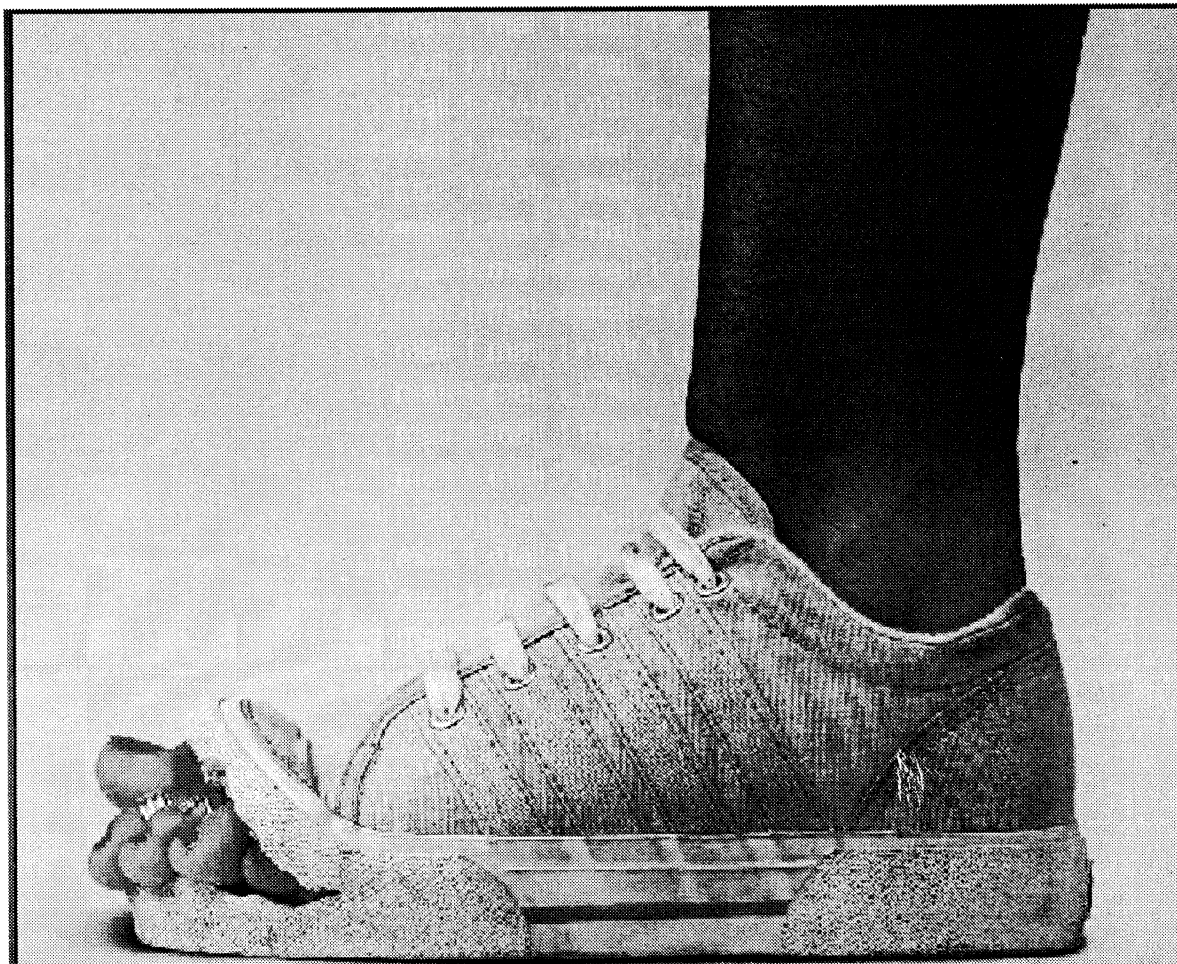
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Is my match out there or is she just in my mind?  
many claim the mellon and i am left with the rind.  
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## Death to Automated Phone Systems

NICOLE BERETZCKI

You know those curiously wonderful computerized voices that talk to you whenever you place a call to any choice business, school (try calling SPSU: 770.528.7200 during business hours) or federal organization? They are part of one of the most vile and heinous operations known to the average American citizen and/or illegal Hispanic alien (Don't think you dont push 1 for English or *Dos Para Espanol* when you call anything related to FAFSA, Wachovia, NAACP, KKK, synagogues, etc.). These seemingly harmless and creepily soothing voices of unknown or fictional persons are a part of none other than the loathsome automated system network, known to insiders as special operation 'disable and scramble' or 'd. and s.' It is often cleverly disguised as a 'helpful directive to boost productivity' and 'a sign that a small business has really made it into the big-time'. I'm calling the bluff right here. Tool wrote a song that was 17 minutes long that had none of their own lyrics, just music and a dreaded 'd. and s.' that hung up on the caller that got to talk to no one because the caller messed up one number in a sequence of requested numbers nearest the end of the 17 minutes.

Do not be fooled. Automated systems are nothing more than a marketing ploy gone rampant. A source of rising blood pressure for innocent taxpayers (yes the hometown favorite, the IRS, uses automated systems as well). A further case modeled after the over-prescription of Ritalin throughout the '80's and '90's. Not to mention yet another added stress for students, or any other half-sane person.

I'm not here to bitch. I am here to give a **SOLUTION** to the madness. A method that is simple and it works, too. What a concept. I didn't quite believe that there was such a savior as **the zero button** on my telephone handset. I noticed during the long break between summer and fall

semester that it was single-handedly capable of saving me money...mostly due to the fact that when I am less stressed out, I tend to drink less Dewar's; coincidence? I think not! There it was the whole time. Down at the bottom, just below the eight. Yes, I have dialed phone numbers containing multiple zeroes, but now the zero has an explicit purpose for you, too. We will bring death to the automated system network and employ would-be 900-number babes! You can quickly become your own personal hero double-fast...here's how:

1. Pick your favorite automated system. (I have used Delta's and Sprint's thus far, Zack has tried it on the IRS's)
2. Dial the number and wait for the evil little voice to ask you to indicate your language preference.
3. Select your language preference.
4. No matter what the voice says after this, start pressing zero over and over and over and over again. (*The system is not made to handle the flood of a repeated option not offered in the instructions.*)
5. Listen while in between all the zero pressing for a voice to tell you that your call will be directed to the next available representative, or something similar. (*keep on with your zero pressing even if that satanic bastard on the other end is asking for your Delta Sky Miles Club Membership number that you may or may not have...keep on with your zero-pushing...just trust me*)
6. Wait for your call to be answered.
7. When the desired party finally answers, speak to them in the most calm, intelligent voice you can muster the whole call. They will then know they are being fucked with.
8. Objective has been completed! *\*If this has failed to help you in your endeavors, use 'one' instead of 'zero'; repeat.*

## Censorship on Campus?

ONKAR GHATE

The college professors who are wailing about post-Sept. 11 threats to their First Amendment rights are actually ardent opponents of free speech.

The terrorist attacks of September 11, according to many college professors, have claimed another victim: free speech on campus. They contend that a chilling climate has arisen, in which they hesitate to voice ideas critical of America for fear of reprimand by university officials.

At the University of Texas, for instance, when the administration criticized a professor for accusing America of terrorism, his colleague described the faculty's reaction: "There was a very clear message that if you stick your neck out, [the administration] will disown you." Blaming a nationwide climate, the general secretary of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) said a "distrust of intellectuals has always lurked beneath the surface of American popular opinion. Now it has begun to leak out again." AAUP's director of public policy claims there "are some things here that harken back to McCarthyism."

We must, the professors insist, return to the day when a professor could express any view, no matter how unpopular.

But in reality the professors are concerned not with defending free speech—but with retaining control over the universities.

Freedom of speech is an individual's right to express ideas without coercive interference from the government. Free speech does protect an individual who voices unpopular ideas, but it does not require that others support him. If an individual wants others to finance the expression of his

ideas, he must seek their voluntary agreement. To force another person to support ideas he opposes violates his freedom of speech.

A journalist, for instance, has the freedom to write what he pleases but has no right to demand that Time magazine publish it. That decision belongs to the head of Time. Similarly, a professor has the freedom to teach any view he wishes but has no right to demand that Harvard employ him. That decision belongs to the head (or governing body) of Harvard. Freedom of speech is not the right of a Ph.D. to have others provide him with a university classroom.

Yet that is precisely what these professors are demanding.

They maintain that no matter how much the trustees of a university disagree with a professor's views, they should not be able to fire him. The owners of a university are to be stripped of their right to choose which ideas their wealth supports. Why? So that professors who consistently teach the evil of individualism, capitalism, the profit motive—and America—can espouse their views without the burden of having to seek the voluntary consent of those forced to sponsor them.

Under the guise of championing free speech, therefore, these leftist professors are actually demanding its destruction (which is consistent with their advocacy of speech codes and "sensitivity training" on campuses).

What makes them think they can get away with this?

Most universities today are public institutions. Critics of the academic left have been calling for the firing of professors who broadcast anti-American ideas,

since such views are odious to most taxpayers. But subjecting speech to majority rule, the left correctly argues, obliterates freedom of speech. Thus, it concludes, we must leave college professors alone.

This is a false conclusion. The truth is that public education as such is antithetical to free speech. Whether leftists are forced to pay taxes to fund universities from which their academic spokesmen are barred, or non-leftists are forced to pay taxes to fund professors who condemn America as a terrorist nation, someone loses the right to choose which ideas his money supports.

To protect free speech, therefore, universities would have to be privatized. The owners of a university could then hire the faculty they endorsed, while others could refuse to fund the university if they disagreed with its teachings. But since privatization would threaten the left's grip on the universities, it vehemently opposes this solution. In the name of free speech, the left denounces as "tyranny of the almighty dollar" the sole means of actually preserving free speech.

So we must not be fooled by the professors' cries about threats to their freedom of speech. Freedom is precisely what they don't want. Their grumblings are simply smokescreens to prevent us from seeing that we are right in objecting to being forced to finance their loathsome ideas.

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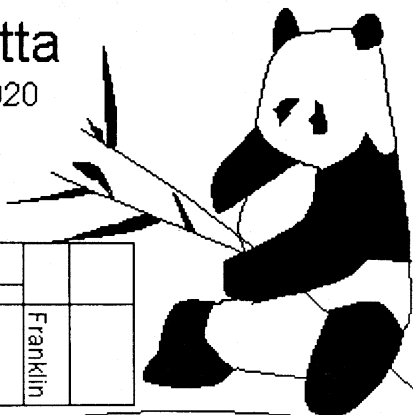
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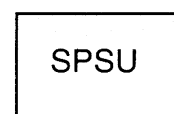
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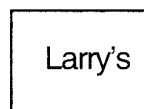
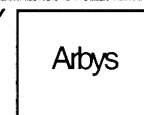
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-Jim Hilliard

## Corrections and Clarifications

We Done Screwed Up.

In the article "SGA Threatens To Revoke Newspaper Funds" in the August 21<sup>st</sup> issue of *The STING* (Vol. 56, No. 1), it was erroneously stated that SGA President Randall Ware was a member of the Association of Computing Machinery during the 2000-2001 academic year. Ware was and remains the President of GEAR, the General Engineering of Autonomous Robots club.

During 2000-2001, GEAR and ACM shared rooms and resources, but not a budget. Jasjit Kahlon, then a member of GEAR, and Ware worked with the ACM chapter to rejuvenate it. Kahlon became ACM President. Ware has been compensated by the ACM chapter for purchases he made on their behalf.

According to ACM President Bryce Tate, Randall Ware did not serve as the ACM e-mail contact point for the ACM conference on computer science education held in Covington, Kentucky last February. An ACM web document lists Ware as the contact person for ACM members who attended the conference. Ware also attended the conference.

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## Consensus Editorial

We, *The STING* staff, have heard not a few complaints about yet another "Pipeline" story, entitled "Energy Structure Still Vulnerable," in our last issue. Some feel that the story is of little importance. Senator Chambliss and Senator Cleland clearly disagree.

Moreover, the articles seemed appropriate in a Sept. 11 edition. However, some have further stated that we have sacrificed campus coverage in using our efforts on these stories, such as more coverage of student organizations. If that is the case, we apologize and will try harder in the future to cover campus organizations. If your organization would like more coverage, please do not hesitate to write us to let us know. As stated in the box to the right, organizations may also submit articles to us to assure that they receive coverage.

On a side note, *The STING* is a prophet! In our last consensus editorial, we predicted that the sickly bell-tower was in its moaning last days. If you have not noticed, the bell-tower no longer rings at all! We were generous in our estimates. We thought it would take two more semesters for it to die completely (one bell/semester). However, it read our article and decided to call it quits early.

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# Backpacking from London, England to Barcelona, Spain

**MERCEDES**

*Your Travel Goddess*

Last issue, we started our backpacking adventure in London, England. This time, we head to Barcelona, Spain.

The easiest way to get here is by plane. I recommend Easy-Jet (easyjet.com). It cost roughly 45 dollars one way, and within 2

hours you will be reach Barcelona.

Barcelona in the traveler's books is under Catalunya, which is a large area of Spain where the people speak Catalan and don't consider themselves Spanish. Barcelona is known as one of top

cities of the world due to its unique culture, rich architectural past and unbelievable nightlife.

The best places to stay are along **La Rambla** (a street). There are many inexpensive hostels and hotels in the area, not to mention you will be right next to the **Mercat de la Boqueria** (market). I suggest staying in this area, so in the morning you can walk by the market and grab some fresh fruit and sandwiches before making your tourist trips. If you follow La Rambla, you will reach the waterfront. Here you can walk along the footpath to see the old waterfront and **L'Aquarium** (which is one of Europe's finest aquariums).

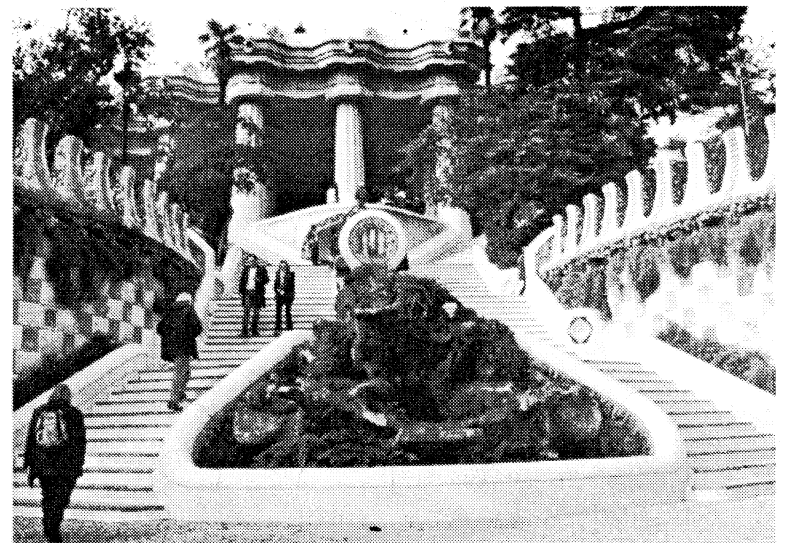
North of the Barcelona is **Parc Guell**. I have visited this park a thousand times and each time I find it breathtaking. This park is unlike any other that I have seen. It was built by an artist by the name of Gaudi, who spent all his money making this a beautiful place. Not only is it filled with mosaic art, but it is an architectural masterpiece. He used run-off water to fill large reservoirs, contained in numerous columns. On an interesting side note, all the mosaic pieces came from a china factory that had mounds of broken plates. Gaudi apparently went to and from the factory hauling broken plates. In Barcelona, there are many Gaudi pieces around the city, but the park is the best place to relax in a beautiful shady place and to see his most exquisite masterpiece of all.

I'm not one to remember cathedrals, mainly because every city has a few and they blend in after seeing twenty important cathedrals. **La Sagrada Familia** is perhaps the most unique cathedral of all time for it has been in construction since 1882. The church is not even half way built, yet still has services. It's not even enclosed and probably won't be in the near future. This monstrous cathedral today has eight towers, all 100 meters high. It still has 12 more towers to be

**In the Next Issue...**  
France and Monaco

If you enjoy art, you may want to see **Museu Picasso**. Here you can see 3000 pieces of Picasso's work starting with early childhood to his later years. I warn you, it may be a disappointment for his later pieces (the famous one's) are not in the museum unless a special exhibit is going on.

To see Barcelona, it takes 2-3 days to highlight the major points. If you have time, extra money and extra rail pass days, I suggest going to Madrid.



built. These towers have significant roots in Catholic culture (Spain is primarily catholic). The towers signify 12 Apostles, 4 Evangelist, 1 for the mother of God and 1 for her son. You can walk up the stairs to the towers and see the city or you can take the lift (it doesn't go all the way to the top). The cathedral also has Gaudi's influence.

Otherwise, I would continue the journey by taking the train to Nice, France. Next issue will cover Nice, France and Monaco (which is really a country of its own.) Until next time...

On the side: If you missed How to backpack Europe and Let's see London! (August 2002), check out our online archive at [www.thesting.org](http://www.thesting.org).



*It has been rumored that various SGA members will also be attending the Spelling Bee at the upcoming Leadership Development Conferences.*

# Cheap Buys: Furniture and Stocking Your Apartment

NICOLE BERETZCKI

Let's start with cheap furniture. There are various places around town you can get cheap things to park your @\$\$ in. You could start with Home Depot... but for the carpentry-declined student, there are discount places where satisfactory cushy implements may be found. Goodwill in any town is good to start with, followed by Last Chance, Salvation Army\*\*, various thrift stores usually in close proximity to a church or library. Garage sales are good to cruise earlier in the morning for larger items. Expect to spend at least 50-100 U.S. dollars for 2-6 pieces of furniture. There's also 'dumpster diving' which isn't supposed to cost anything if you don't get caught by either the police or competitively racing garbage collectors. When dealing with used furniture it is most sanitary to at least vacuum the upholstery or dust off the item before settling your new found inhabitant into your daily routine.

If you are not down with used goods, Sam's Club and

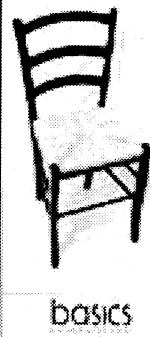
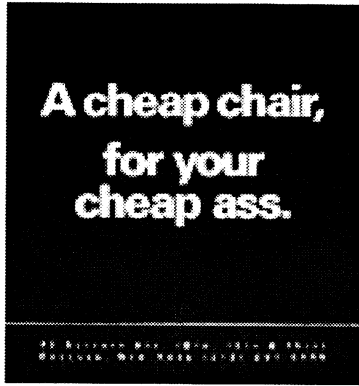
Big Lots usually have great deals on clearance-type items. The two previously mentioned often have furniture still in boxes for you to choose from. Your personal taste may vary from mine, but bean bags are a welcome alternative to chairs along with those trusty foam rubber conversion chairs that go from floor level lounge chair to sleeping mat quick and easy. Target has nice computer desks for around \$100.

As far as stocking your apartment goes, Big Lots has discount dry goods and other implements you might also find at a cheaper price in the Dollar General. Sam's is your friend. Make sure you get all the food groups. No, beer is not a food group...and neither is Jack Daniels or Dorito's & Little Debbie's. Sam's does, however, have a great frozen foods section as well as made to order take-home-and-bake fresh pizzas. They'll also cook it there if you ask & its cheaper than Papa John's. Food Depot is place for basic cheap groceries. Finally, for the vegetable lovers, Harry's has vegetables on a rack in the

produce section pre-bagged for about \$1-3, and fruit the same way in a discount fruit bin usually on the same day as the vegetables. I'm not sure which days Harry's does this, only that its at least a couple times a month, the day or so after the store receives new produce shipments.

### WHERE THE HELL ARE THESE PLACES?!?!

- Home Depot [down on Whitlock/Dallas Hwy. (off Marietta Square) a few mi on the RHS]
- Goodwill [in the back of old Cub Foods shopping center by Mars Music]
- Last Chance [right out of back



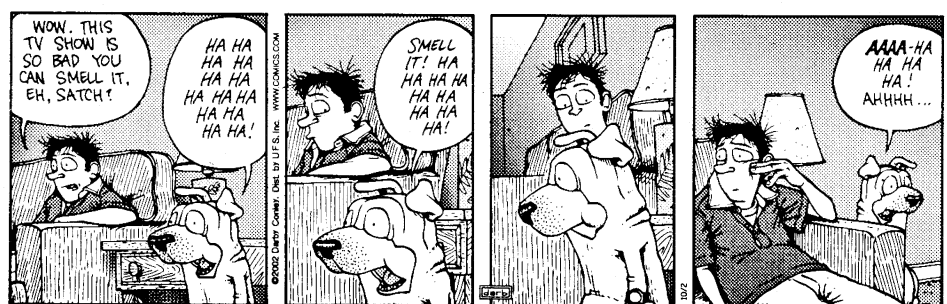
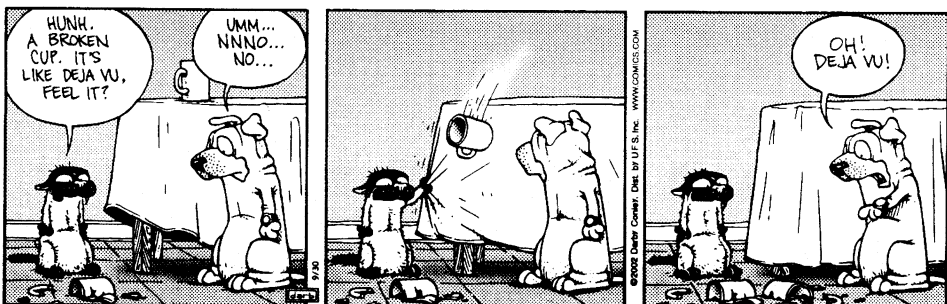
www.dogsname.com/ images/chair.jpg

- SPSU entrance on S.Cobb past the tag office on the LHS]
- Salvation Army [down on Roswell from the Big Chicken towards Marietta Square on the LHS before Fairground]
- Various thrift stores...library [down Roswell closer to M.Square on same road as entrance to a Cobb Co. Library Branch (across from cemetery); the store is small and on the RHS across from the library parking]
- Sam's Club [down on 41 from SPSU before the Big Chicken on the LHS]
- Big Lots [down on Roswell away from M.Square behind Anthony's 3.50 in the back right corner of shopping center

**In the Next Issue...**  
Good question, and it really deserves a good answer.

with Psycho Sisters (thrift and vintage clothing) — recognizable pink ugly vehicle with Psycho logo] Dollar General [same complex as Goodwill (see above) but closer to Mars and RadioShack] Target [down right off 41 past Windy Hill Rd in a shopping center next to CompUSA on the LHS] Food Depot [down on S.Marietta towards M.Square behind Arby's on the RHS] Harry's [down off of Roswell in the shopping center whose back faces the front of Anthony's 3.50]

**\*\*the top executive of the Salvation Army is a multi-millionaire in his spare time when he is not upholding his status of being one of the highest paid execs of a non-profit organization...so if you venture this establishment, proceed with extreme caution.**



# Student Question

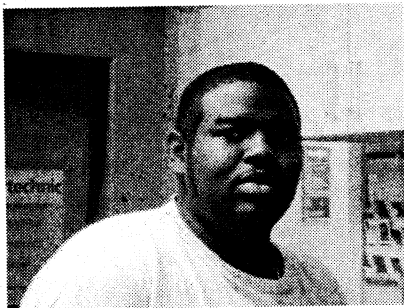
## Do you think the US should take military action against Iraq?



*"Yes, for general principle."*  
**David Kasilus,**  
 CpET Junior

*"No, I think the US should have learned by now to stay out of other people's business."*

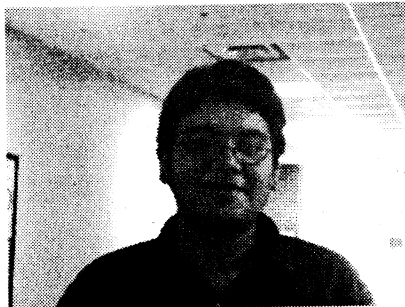
**Laura Payan,** Arch Junior



*"No, because it's going to lead to another war."*  
**Marvin Broaddus,**  
 Teleccom Soph

*"Why does a dog lick his balls? Because he can!"*

**Shehryar Khalid,** CS Junior



*"I don't have any idea."*  
**Sung Han,** Arch Soph

**Panel 1:** A SURVEY OF YOUR TV AD EFFECTIVENESS SHOWS THAT NO ONE HAS HEARD OF YOUR COMPANY.

**Panel 2:** YOUR AD ONLY SAYS YOUR NAME ONCE, AT THE END OF A BORING COMMERCIAL WHEN VIEWERS HAVE DRIFTED OFF.

**Panel 3:** I RECOMMEND THROWING YOUR AD MONEY INTO A SPECIAL KIND OF HOLE. *WHEN CAN WE START?*

**Panel 4:** RATBERT, I NEED YOU TO DIG A HUGE RAT HOLE, SO COMPANIES CAN THROW MONEY IN IT. *YES!!!*

**Panel 5:** I MIGHT SHARE SOME OF THE MONEY WITH YOU. *YOU HAD ME AT "HOLE."*

**Panel 6:** WHEN SHOULD I STOP DIGGING? *WHEN YOU SMELL FEET.*

**Panel 7:** MAY I THROW MONEY DOWN THE RAT HOLE? *SHOW ME YOUR BUSINESS PLAN.*

**Panel 8:** YOU PLAN TO PAY HUGE INVESTMENT BANKING FEES TO BUY A LOW-MARGIN, MONEY-LOSING BUSINESS...

**Panel 9:** FOR AN EXTRA FEE, I'LL PUSH YOU IN THE HOLE AND TAKE YOUR MONEY. *OOOH, SOUNDS GOOD.*

**Panel 10:** I CAN'T DECIDE IF I SHOULD THROW 25 MILLION DOLLARS DOWN A RAT HOLE OR... *... BUY A RIDE INTO SPACE ON A RUSSIAN ROCKET SHIP.*

**Panel 11:** WHAT ABOUT THE POOR? *DO THEY HAVE A ROCKET?*

**Panel 12:** DOES ANYONE HAVE A SUGGESTION FOR REDUCING OUR INVENTORY? *LET'S SELL IT TO OUR CUSTOMERS.*

**Panel 13:** WOULD THAT WORK? *FEEL FREE TO TELL THE BOARD THAT IT'S YOUR IDEA.*

**Panel 14:** MY VACATION STARTS IN TEN MINUTES.

**Panel 15:** I TIED UP ALL OF MY LOOSE ENDS. I ONLY NEED TO WALK OUT THE DOOR.

**Panel 16:** I TOLD A REPORTER THAT WE DESIGNED A COMPUTER MADE ENTIRELY OF RECYCLED PAPER.

# STING Exclusive - Castilians Claim To Have Found New Sea

MARK "SCREW YOU IF YOU DON'T LIKE PIPELINES" CAMPBELL

The Golden Castile (Sept. 25, 1513) – Young Castilian men, serving as mercenaries with Indian caciques, laid sight upon a new sea south of the Golden Castile in the New Lands. Vasco Núñez de Balboa halted his outlaw band and scaled a peak in the wilderness. He reported to the band seeing a vast sea to the south.

Núñez said he gave thanks to God and all the Saints for reserving this glory for him. The men, who had served on expeditions with Nicuesa and Bastidas, had spent twenty-five days in the company of Quarequa natives cutting a path through the dense jungle highlands above the Golden Castile.

The expedition now plans to continue south towards the new sea. It is expected that the discovery will be reported to the Spanish Court at Seville. Cartographers are expected to add the discovery to the Padrón Real, the secret world chart maintained by the King's cartographers.