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## QUICK NEWS

On October 16th authors from SPSU were honored. Find out more in the *STING!* (pg 2).

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## QUICK OPINION

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## Portal Project Presented

MARK CAMPBELL

Architects hired by the University presented the new Portal Project to select alumni at a meeting in the student center ballroom on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. The Portal Project is a renovation of the main entrance of the campus along South Marietta Parkway, estimated to cost \$2.6 million.

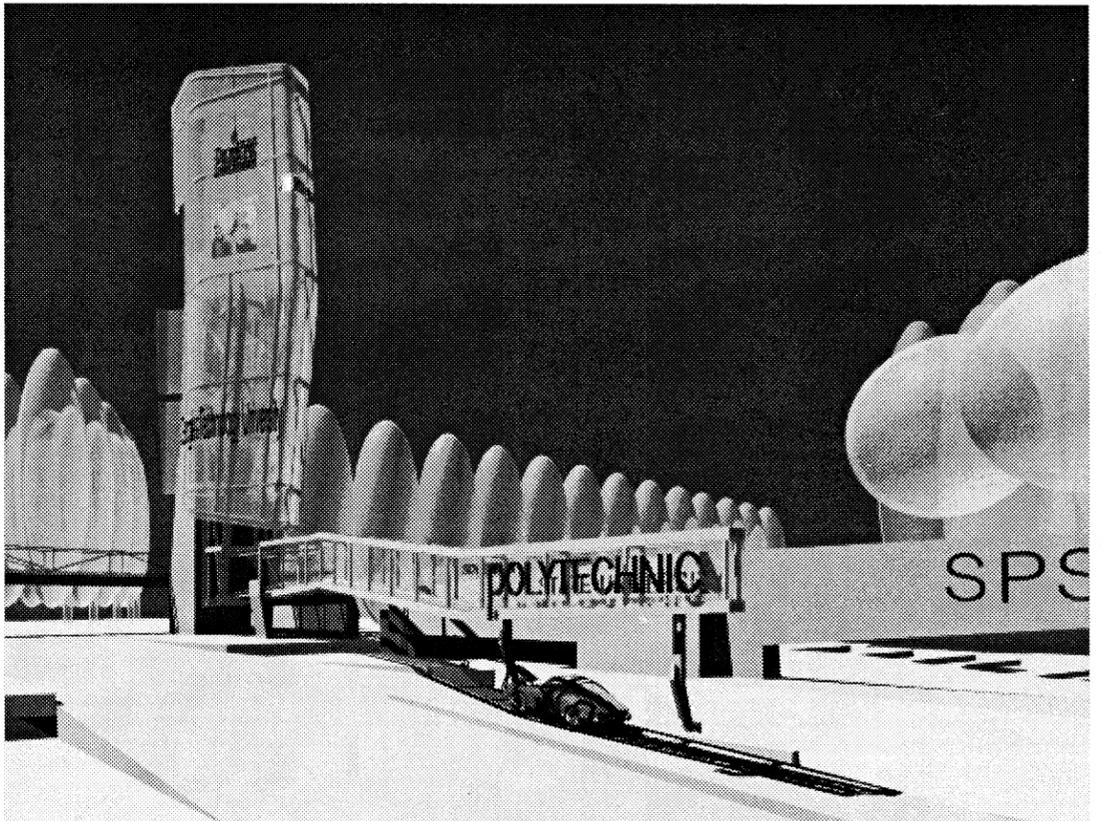
Alumni were asked to help raise \$1.5 million for the project. The remaining \$1.1 million would come from state funds, pending approval by Governor Roy Barnes or his successor, and the Georgia General Assembly next year.

Architect Jordan Williams of Plexus r+d explained the need for a new entrance. "The first challenge is trying to identify an entry point," said Williams, "We wanted to try and create some disperspective - the initial moment where you recognize you've approached the campus."

Williams continued, "And so that is when we decided a tower would be an appropriate element of this plan, because from that intersection it allows you to see a point in space."

The plan for the portal includes a seventy foot tower lighted by fiber-optics. In addition, three lighting pylons, each fifty feet tall, would light a lawn paralleling South Marietta Parkway. The new structures would be aligned with the existing Georgia Power high-voltage tower.

Patricia Garrett, Director of the Office of Advancement, explained



why the university was turning to the alumni for funding. "There's not a law, there's not a policy, but it's just an unwritten rule now that, in order to get state funding on any project, you have to bring private dollars to the table."

"So we agreed to raise \$1.5 million for this project from the private sector," Garrett stated.

An additional \$1.1 million in state funds for the portal project is part of a \$5 million minor capital outlay that the university hopes is approved by the General Assembly. Anchored to the new portal project are funds for a \$1.1 million engineering competition teams laboratory, \$1.38 million to bury power lines, and almost half a million dollars to remodel the exterior of the Physics, Chemistry and Biology labs.

Garret also appealed to those with access to corporate funds. "The tower can be sold," she said. The fiber-optic panels on the tower could be easily reprogrammed to provide a variety of messages and images to motorists along South Marietta Parkway.

Changes would also affect Student Center parking near the

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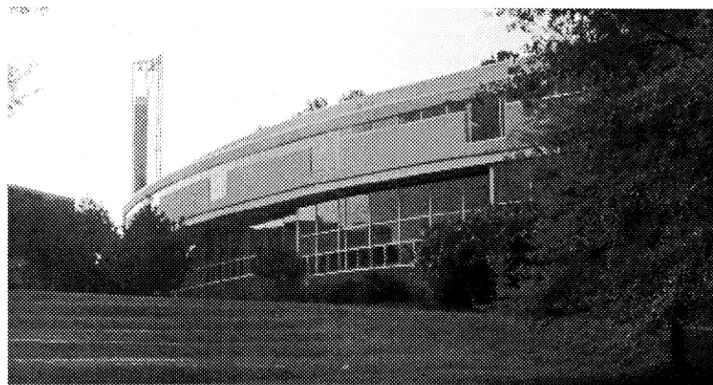
## Library Changes Fines Process

MARK CAMPBELL

The method of collecting fines at the Lawrence V. Johnson library is set to change soon, in a customer-service move promulgated by the Office of Fiscal Affairs. While library staff at the circulation desk will still be able to tell students what items are overdue, and for how long, they will be unable to collect fees while the Business Office in the bottom of Norton dormitory is open. At times when the library is open, but the Business Office is closed, staff at the library's circulation desk will be able to collect fines.

The move is part of the administration's effort to improve customer service to students. The intent is to provide students with one central location to handle financial matters with the university. Students will then be able to pay all dues and fees at one location and clear any holds on their records or registration after paying the fees.

Fines collected overnight and on weekends at the library will be posted with the Business Office. If



a student disputes a library fee, then the student may discuss the matter with the library. If the dispute is settled in the students favor, then the Business Office will be notified and a check will be issued to reimburse the student for the fine.

"As of December 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be transferring all of the fines for those students currently enrolled into the Banner computer [system], and those fines will be collected during registration time, including the beginning of the new semester in January," stated Dr. Joyce Mills, the library director.

Mills also attended the Regents Academic Committee on Libraries meeting in early November. One of the items that had been slated for discussion was the position university libraries might take with regards to the U.S. Patriot Act enacted by Congress last year.

One provision of the act permits federal authorities to subpoena the patron records of library users. The law also provides for stiff penalties for library staff that disclose the existence of such subpoenas. A number of library systems outside of the University System of Georgia are

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## New Co-op Head

BRANDON TUTMAN

Bridgette McDonald recently took over as Co-op Program Head, replacing Brittany Glazure. Prior to nesting here at Southern Poly, McDonald held positions at the University of Alabama, including multiple years as Co-op Program Head.

Soon after taking the position, McDonald emphasized that she plans on "giving it 110%," especially in intertwining with the students in the classroom and on campus. McDonald further stated plans to post flyers to keep the campus updated on the program and its opportunities so as to increase the amount of student participation.

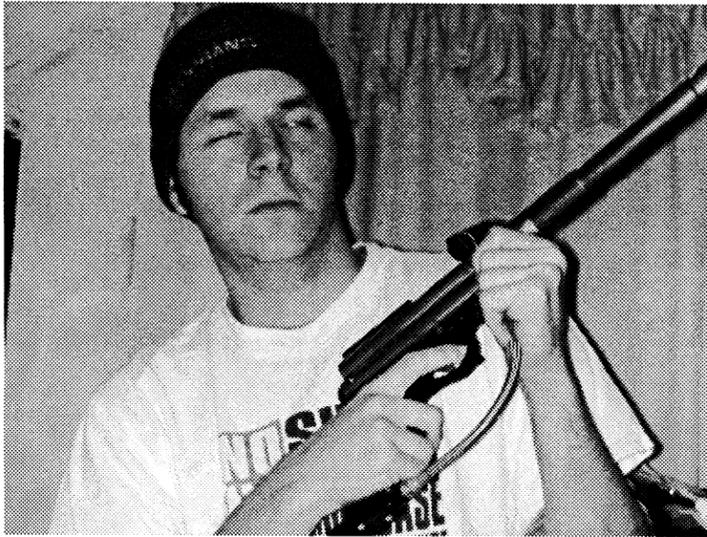
"I'm pleased to see that the students are energetic and enthusiastic about taking charge of their career future," she said regarding the current students in co-op programs.

McDonald further

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# New Paintball Club

KAREN ASAY



Next semester, paintball might be added to the list of clubs at SPSU. The person behind the creation of this club is sophomore Greg Miller, who has been working most of this semester to get it started.

Miller has lots of plans for the club. To start off, the club will have no fees and be just for recreation, though fees probably will be added later.

"If in the future there are fees, they will all directly benefit the members," said Miller. In addition to playing for recreation, he eventually wants to compete in tournaments.

Two things that fees might pay for in the future are storage costs and field fees. Storage costs will come into play since the paintball guns are not allowed on campus, hence the guns would have to be stored in off-campus storage.

Further fees may be incurred as the team attempts to make a deal with Arkenstone paintball field to make it the club's home field.

Paintball is the fourth most popular extreme sport; believe it or not, some involved in the club deem it "even safer than bowling." It was started in the early 80's and is now played all around the world.

For those that are interested in trying paintballing out, the average walk on player pays around \$44 for a day of paintballing. This price will cover field fees, CO<sub>2</sub>, a gun, and paintballs; however, it is advised to bring extra money should more paintballs be needed.

Miller tries to get a group together to go paintballing at least once a month. If you would like to play or want more information, you can email Greg Miller at gregm7001@hotmail.com.

# Goat Night

BRANDON TUTMAN

On October 30<sup>th</sup>, Annual Goat Night took place once again at the campus amphitheater. Goat Night is a pep-rally of sorts that kicks off the beginning of basketball season. The night consists of all Southern Polytechnic's Greek life exercising certain skills and talents, all to be judged.



Each fraternity/sorority, decked out in their chosen theme has their fifteen minutes of fame on stage in which they perform a song, improv skit, present a banner, and engage in an interview with their goat. Proceeding further into the night, each group competes in a Krystal eating / Virgin Margarita chugging contest.

Of course on a night such as this, it would be degrading to say that any one moment was more outstanding than another. But just to name recap a few unforgettable occurrences: Bret of Beta Sigma Chi

blanked out on his song; the power failure during TKE's performance; Sigma Nu turning heads and stomachs by dressing up as females.

Whereas every one talked trash about the other respectively, it seems that Sigma Nu won the alternative trash talk category hands down. Overall, Beta Sigma Chi took home the 1st place trophy; trailing behind them was TKE and Phi Kappa both claiming 2nd and Sigma Pi collected 3rd place.

# Recognition Of SPSU Authors Reception

MARK A. KIRKLEY  
Circulation Assistant/Library

On Wednesday, October 16, 2002 from 12 noon - 1:00 p.m., Lawrence V. Johnson Library sponsored its fourth annual SPSU Authors Reception in the Library Rotunda. The Authors Reception is held every year in recognition of faculty, staff, and students that have published publications or articles. Along with acknowledging the accomplishments of all the writers by giving out ribbons for first time being recognized and pins for authors of the past, there were refreshments where everyone got to eat, drink, and get to know one another.

There are 30 authors on campus that have written publications. There are 33 new publications, in which five were written by students; and 13 authors were acknowledged for the first time. According to University President Dr. Lisa Rossbacher, "This is a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge all the accomplishments of faculty, staff, and students."

Of the authors that were acknowledged for the first time was Systems Librarian Li Chen for her article on **What's Under Your PC's**



**Hood**, which she co-wrote with Library Director Dr. Joyce White Mills. Associate Professor for CET Department Michael R. Orlandella published **Student Teams**, and Associate Professor for Social & International Studies Julie Newell wrote publications on **American Journal of Science**, **American National Biography**, **Oxford Companion to United States History**, and **History of Science in the United States: an Encyclopedia**.

Associate Professor for ECET Department Dr. Walter E. Thain Jr. authored **Renewal Energy**, as part time faculty member for Computing and Software Engineering Navneet Verma wrote **Automatic Generation**. Associate Professor for the MET Department

Robert Glenn Allen wrote **Reflect 3**, and Juan Guzman published **Text Categorization**.

According to Dr. Mills, "Rubbing shoulders with colleagues is important." This was stated when she made note to the importance of young student writers getting their foot into the door early. "These publications are calling cards," she emphasized.

There were familiar faces at this years reception, as well as first time attendees, and both came together as authors. A time has not been set for next year's Authors Reception, but keep an eye out for the time and place.

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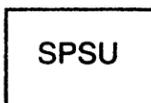
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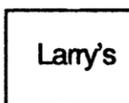
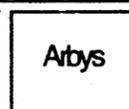
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# New Jersey Ratifies Amendments

MARK CAMPBELL (OLD NEWS ARTICLE)

Trenton, New Jersey (November 20, 1789) - Legislators in the New Jersey State House today approved eleven of the twelve amendments to the two-year-old Constitution of the United States. The twelve amendments have been referred to as the Bill of Rights, and were submitted to the state houses by the Congress which convened the fourth of March last.

According to William Livingston, the presiding officer, state legislators voted nay on approving the second amendment. The amendment had stated that no law varying the compensation of senators or representatives may take effect without an intervening election. No explanation was given as to why this sensible amendment was so casually dismissed.

The first amendment fixed the number of representatives in proportion to population, with at least one representative per thirty thousand, until the population attains 3 million persons. Thereafter, there shall be at least one hundred representatives, with one per forty thousand persons, until the United States have eight million persons. Should the nation exceed that number, then Congress shall have two hundred representatives or more, with each representing at least fifty thousand persons.

The third amendment serves to separate the government from infringing the free practice of religion, and prohibits the passage of laws abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or of the right of the people to peaceably assemble or petition the government for redress of grievances.

New Jersey legislators also approved of the right of the people

to keep and bear arms, as well as a prohibition against the quartering of troops in any house, except as prescribed during times of war. Property, persons, and effects were also protected against unreasonable search and seizure, and the power of warrants were also limited. These were delineated in the fourth through sixth amendments.

The seventh and eighth amendments guaranteed citizens an impartial jury trial, with no one put at jeopardy twice, nor called upon to testify against oneself. Any person accused would be permitted to counsel, to confront witnesses, to be informed of the nature of charges, and the authority to compel others to testify in their behalf. Likewise, private property was protected from wanton public use without compensation.

Constitutional changes would also permit jury trials for suits exceeding twenty dollars. In a cause championed by Alexander Hamilton, excessive bail was not permitted, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

All other rights are reserved to the people, according to the eleventh amendment. Powers not specifically delegated to the United States by the Constitution are reserved to the states, or the people, respectively, according to the final amendment.

It is widely believed, if the wags at the Blazing Star Tavern here in Trenton are to be believed, that the Jerseyan House is the first to approve of the amendments, which were tendered by President Washington. If so, we can only hope other states also approve, with haste and yet with proper deliberation, this Bill of Rights.

## SGA President Certified

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San Diego, CA - October 28, 2002, Randall Ware was awarded the designation of Certified Student Government Leader during the National Conference on Student Services held in San Diego, CA. Ware was one of only 31 students in the nation to earn this award by scoring sufficiently high on an examination given upon completion of a course of study in four key areas. These

include meeting skills/parliamentary procedure, ethics/diversity, conflict resolution/communication, and publicity and promotion. This training gives Ware advanced skills in crucial areas required for taking a leadership role on today's college campus. Randall Ware is presently serving Southern Polytechnic State U as SGA President.

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# Harvard Editor Resigns

MARK CAMPBELL

Intimidated by senior administration officials at the Harvard Business School, the editor of the HarBus newspaper resigned on November 6th. Nick Will, the student editor, wrote in his resignation letter that he was threatened with disciplinary action by Harvard's MBA Executive Director Steve Nelson at a Monday morning meeting on November 4th. Administrators were critical of a cartoon that had run in the October 28th issue of the HarBus.

The cartoon appeared in the online edition, and was critical of Career Link, a software package used by the Harvard Business School's Career Services to assist Harvard students seeking jobs. The cartoon featured pop-up windows that included inane messages. One such message referred to

'incompetent morons,' and it was this message that the school's officials found objectionable.

The Career Link software had reportedly caused numerous problems, from erroneously scheduling students for job interviews that they were unaware of, to failing to schedule interviews that were desired.

Staff within the career services department found the cartoon offensive, and brought the matter before senior administrators. Referring to the campus 'community standards' code, the deans decided that Nelson would confront the editor about the issue.

Community standards at the Harvard Business School call for students to have 'respect for the rights, differences and dignity of others,' to interact with honesty and

integrity, and to be personally accountable.

Harvard University has not previously used the 'community standards' code to restrict editorial content.

Harvard officials have said that it was not their intent to censor the newspaper. According to the HarBus, the cartoon was meant to be a satire critical of the computing system and not of any individuals. The issue has started discussions of free speech in an academic environment nationwide.

According to staff at the newspaper, Sports Editor Derek Mendez will take over as acting editor-in-chief. The HarBus began publication in 1937 and serves as a forum for students of the Harvard School of Business.

## Associate Professor to Present Research

SPSU PUBLIC RELATIONS

Julie Newell, Associate Professor of History at Southern Polytechnic State University, presented her research on history of geology at the Geological Society of America's annual meeting October 27-30 at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver, Colorado.

Titled "To See and Be Seen: Transatlantic Relations in

Antebellum American Geology," Dr. Newell will present her findings on how the American geological community struggled to define itself in the 1830s and early 1840s in both the American context and within international science.

Dr. Newell received her Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison where her dis-

sertation was "American Geologists and Their Geology: The Formation of the American Geological Community, 1780-1865." She is an Associate Professor of History at Southern Polytechnic State University, where she has been teaching since 1993. She also coordinates the University's Science, Technology, and Society program.

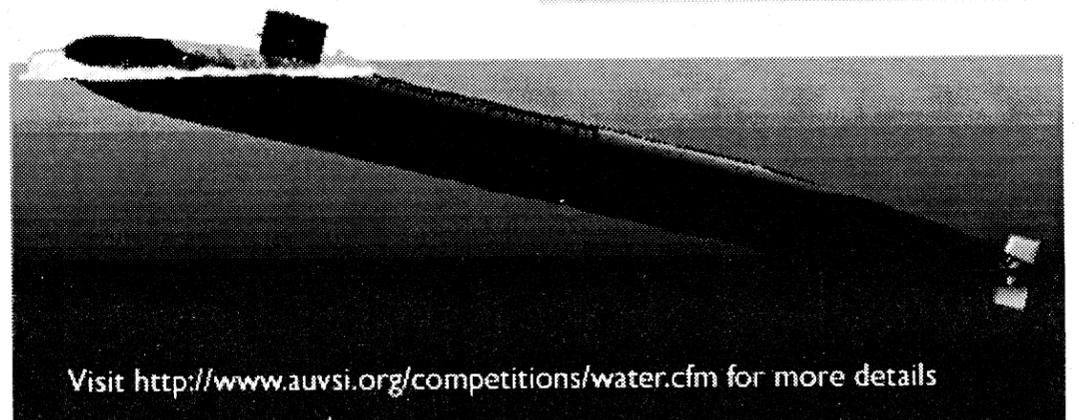
## ECET 3904

### New Class

ECET 3904 is a four credit special topics systems engineering course. The course is open to all students who have an interest in robotics development. CS, MET, and ECET majors are encouraged to join.

### New Challenge

The challenge this semester is to build an autonomous submarine using systems engineering principals for entry into the AUVSI International Autonomous Underwater Vehicle Competition in California.



Visit <http://www.auvsi.org/competitions/water.cfm> for more details

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main entrance. "The idea there is to try and create more of a transition between the interior spaces and the exterior, so that you get people involved, studying outside, taking advantage of the exterior environment," explained Williams.

"We have a push-pull system," added fellow architect Eric Lewitt. "On the left you're seeing the campus pushed into Marietta, with the community coming in on that lawn. You have the university pushing itself to the edge."

Williams added, "To clarify what Eric said, we started by saying that this is the edge of the campus, so that should be a wall. And then we wanted to develop that kind of ying-yang between the community of Marietta and the university."

The grove of trees just north of the student center would remain, but the current parking area would be replaced with a plaza. At night, trees in the plaza would be lit from underneath, creating new views of the campus designed to engage motorists and visitors at all hours.

The architects also explained how students would fit into the active edge they sought for the new portal project. "The campus edge wants to have spaces where people come together," explained Williams. "It's not just a tower. It's actually a space where the students and faculty can have a class outside in the spring when the weather is great, or where students can come and play between classes. People driving by would be able to see the campus edge activated by people studying, and having fun."

In creating an active edge, Williams explained how the current

trees would become a new study area. "What we propose is developing a network of seats that are all under the canopy of the trees," said Williams. "These seats are a series of cast concrete platforms that have electricity and data jacks, which would mean that anyone could come out of the student center if they wanted to study and be able to access the internet."

Additional technology would include two ATM-like terminals for visitors on a horizontal truss on the main driveway. At the terminals, motorists could type in the name of their destination on campus. A printer would supply the visitor with a customized map to guide them.

Williams also explained that future students could enhance their education by learning to program the fiber-optic skin of the new tower. "What we propose is that the tower have a certain amount of fiber-optic skin, that the university would actually be able to use as a laboratory. Early on, we found out that it's easier to get funding for projects when they're classroom related, and not just identity pieces" Williams said.

Also included in the proposal would be a technology walk. A walkway would lead from the a new Cobb County Transit bus stop close to the Greyhound station to the student center. Situated behind the open space the university would present to the community, it would include technology milestones. Each milestone would highlight a more recent advance as pedestrians approached the student center.

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stressed that co-op is very competitive. "Companies would like to see a 3.0 GPA or better."

On the other hand, McDonald said she will use everything in her powers to help SPSU students into the programs.

Besides focusing on career opportunities, McDonald also recommended that students take part in campus activities and student leadership positions whenever possible.

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now deleting patron records much more frequently in order to protect the privacy of their customers.

"Traditionally libraries have always believed in the freedom to read," Mills said, "And that meant that no one should have access to one's reading record, so that they could make implications, or what other actions they might take."

SPSU's library is also considering the length it will keep patron records. "Right now, they have been kept in perpetuity," Mills stated. "As of December first, we

may have new guidelines, because we will have to consider those items that will be transferred to Banner for payment by the students."

Such policies adopted by other libraries have raised the ire of those arguing for greater homeland security, saying that if one has nothing to hide, then a search of one's library records should not cause concern.

"We have a Bill of Rights," added Mills. "We could transfer that to other aspects of the Bill of Rights. We could talk about

whether a person should be licensed to have a gun, if they don't intend to do any damage. And yet there are people who stand up very strongly for the right to own a gun."

Mills returned to the stance that many libraries have taken. "We believe in the freedom to read, and that people should have access to libraries. Libraries should buy books that are controversial, so to speak, so that they are available to those people who want to research the topic, or do casual reading, or for whatever purpose."

**Oct-Sober-Fest Festival**

WILLIS SMITH

On Wednesday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, College Activities Board and the Wellness Center celebrated the Campus Alcohol Awareness Week by having an Oct-Sober-Festival outside the Student Center.

National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week is designed to remind students the danger of drinking and to drink alcohol responsibly. Forty-four percent of college students on college campus binge drink.

CAB members as farmers served hot apple cinder and chocolate to drink in the chilling afternoon. Students played a few fall-season games from 'Leaf Blower Bowling' to 'Rural Ring Toss.' Spooky music played through the speakers surrounded by hay and stuffed scarecrows.

Facts brought out during the festival I was amazed that the average student spends nine hundred dollars on alcohol alone.

That is twice the amount students usually spend on college textbooks and supplies.

The Festival was also host to a contest to guess how many corn candies were in a large jar. Greg Gouldthread won the candy jar with his guess of eight-hundred seventy three. The actual number? Nine hundred twenty candies.

**Campus Announcements**

STEVE HAMRICK

As you've noticed by now. Thanksgiving is the 27th through the 29th. Sorry for the confusion. The best laid plans of mice and men and all that.....

I'd like to remind you of some important dates and deadlines that approach with the holiday season.

There will be no classes from 27 through 29 November as we celebrate Thanksgiving. The staff will be on campus on the 29th to serve you, but most offices will close early that day.

The advanced registration period has just begun and will continue until December 5th. If you register for classes during advanced registration, you must pay for the classes by the December 6th. If you do not pay for them by then, your schedule will be removed from the computer and you will be required to re-reg-

ister.

Final exams begin on the 7th of December and continue through the 11th.

The fall term will end on December 11th. Graduation ceremonies are scheduled for the 14th.

I will reopen registration on December 11th and it will remain open through the drop/add period (January 10th). You will be free to make adjustments to your schedule all through the holidays, but remember, there will be no staff or faculty on campus between December 24th and January 1st. The staff will return to work on the 2nd.

There is some confusion among many of you about the difference between dropping a class and withdrawing from a class. You are free to drop and add classes while registration is

open. When registration closes on the 10th of January, you can no longer drop a class. From that point on, you can only withdraw from a class and you have to pay for classes you withdraw from (unless you completely withdraw from all classes; then you would get a pro-rated refund based on the number of days you spent in class). If you withdraw from only part of your classes, you get no refund. So, it is very important that you drop before the last day to drop if you do not want to pay for a class.

Finally, I wish to thank you for choosing SPSU for your education needs, and to wish you a pleasant and relaxing holiday season. We look forward to seeing you in the spring.

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**Mr. Happy Squirrel says,  
“Go nuts this holiday sea-  
son, and have a ball.”**

**The Sting Says, “Wear a  
hat, it’s cold outside.”**

# Holiday Origins

KAREN ASAY

How well do you know your holidays? Do you know what happened on the first Thanksgiving? Do you know when the church started celebrating the birth of Christ? Do you know why Hanukkah is an eight day holiday? Or do you know when Kwanzaa first became a holiday? All these questions can be answered if you look at each holiday's origin.

## Thanksgiving



Most people believe that Thanksgiving started in 1621 when the Pilgrims had their big feast to celebrate a good harvest, but that isn't where it started. Our Thanksgiving is based on the Puritan Thanksgivings. Puritans only celebrated three holidays: the Sunday Sabbaths, Days of Fasting, and Days of Thanksgiving. In early colonial times, Puritans had Days of Thanksgiving to praise God for the mercies he showed them. Also, unlike other Christian churches, Puritans did not have Day of Thanksgiving on Sundays, since it might cause a conflict with the Sabbath. Instead, they celebrated on their Lecture Day, which was a day in the middle of the week that they went to a church meeting.

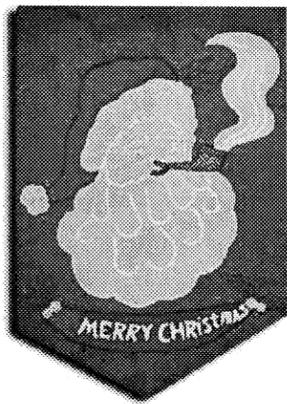
Our custom of having Thanksgivings was established throughout New England by the mid 1600s, even though it was not celebrated every year. The tradition of having it on Thursday came from Plymouth, but it was not until 1864 that Thanksgiving was celebrated every year. Until the year 1777, local authorities announced the date of Thanksgiving. Between 1777 and 1783, Congress decided when Thanksgiving would occur, and from 1789 on, it was the president who took over that responsibility. From 1864 on, it was celebrated annually on the last Thursday of November, with the exception of two years, 1939 and 1940, when it was assigned to be celebrated on the second to last Thursday of November. People did not like the fact that the date was changed, so in 1941 a bill saying that the fourth Thursday of November is the date of the national holiday Thanksgiving was signed by the president.

## Christmas

The middle of winter has long been a time of celebration. Early Europeans celebrated the winter solstice and the coming of longer days for centuries before

Jesus was born. In Rome, they celebrated Saturnalia, a holiday to honor Saturn. During this time, there was plenty of food and drink because this was when farms would slaughter their cattle and most of the beer and wine made during the year was finally ready to drink. Another part of the celebration was that Rome's social order was turned upside-down: slaves became the masters and peasants commanded the city.

First century Christians did not celebrate the birth of Christ. It was not until the 300s that the Church decided the birth of Christ should be celebrated. Since the Bible does not say when Christ was born, the church decided to celebrate it on December 25. People believe that Christmas was



assigned to this day so that people would be more willing to embrace the holiday. The Church's plan worked, and by the 500s, all of Europe celebrated Christmas. Unfortunately, by having Christmas at the same time as Saturnalia, the church gave up the right to decide how it was to be celebrated. In these days, people would go to church on Christmas, but afterwards would celebrate in a drunken, carnival-like atmosphere similar to modern-day Mardi Gras.

That was how Christmas was celebrated until 1645, when the Puritan took over England and cancelled it. In 1651, Christmas returned when Charles II ascended to the throne.

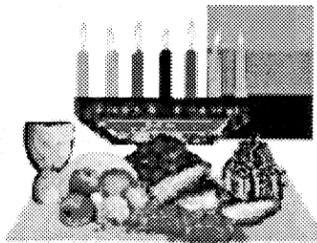
In early America, New England did not celebrate Christmas at all, and from 1659 to 1681, it was even outlawed in Boston. On the other hand, Jamestown celebrated Christmas. Also, after the American Revolution, most Americans did not want to celebrate English customs and that included Christmas, and it was not until the 1800s that people really started to accept Christmas. People accepted Christmas because it helped stop the gang riots that were accruing between social classes, and it gave families the ability to lavish attention and gifts on to their children without appearing to spoil them. 'Good will toward men and family time,' this Christmas sounds very different to the Mardi Gras once celebrated before.

## Hanukkah



Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday that starts on the 25<sup>th</sup> of Kislev and lasts eight days. Kislev is one of the Jewish months and the 25<sup>th</sup> of Kislev lands on November 30 this year. Hanukkah celebrates the miracle that one day worth of oil was left to light the Temple, but it lasted eight days. The story behind this event starts with the Jews successfully kicking the Syrian-Greeks out of Israel and restoring the Temple. However, after the Temple was cleansed and the Priest were ready to light the Temple menorah, there was only one day's worth of oil left to light it and it would take seven days to get more. The oil burned for the eight days needed, and that is why Hanukkah is an eight day holiday.

## Kwanzaa



Kwanzaa is a non-religious African-American holiday which celebrates family, community, and culture. It is a seven day holiday celebrated from December 26 to January 1. It was created by Dr. Maulana Karenga in 1966. After the Watts riots in Los Angeles, he was trying to find a way to bring African-Americans together as a community, and Kwanzaa was his solution.

Kwanzaa celebrations often included songs, dances, African drums, storytelling, poetry reading, and a large meal. Also, on each of the seven nights, the family would gather and light one of the candles on the Kinara (candleholder), and then discuss one of the seven principles: unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith. These principles are values of the African culture which contribute to building and reinforcing community among African-Americans.

# The Anti-Holiday Season

VINCENT MIGLIORE

Its that time once again to celebrate the Holidays and get in the so-called "Holiday Spirit." What exactly is this holiday spirit? According to the proprietors in the mall the holiday spirit is putting up your green and red garland all over your store two weeks into September, and cutting your prices faster than the store in the mall down the street. I like how they actually try to convince you that they are doing you a favor by getting ready for the holiday season early. They throw around such phrases as "Get your holiday shopping done early" and "Beat the Christmas rush!" Well of course your going to beat the Christmas rush when you shop ten months early for Christmas presents. If they are so concerned about this holiday sprit nonsense then why do they skip decorating for Thanksgiving and go straight to Christmas? Oh wait, its because you don't get presents on Thanksgiving! They don't actually care about this so-called "goodwill towards men" and "being thankful for what you have" nonsense. What they care about is the green in your pocket and the plastic in your wallet.

Something I want to know about is this unwritten rule that you have to be happy around the holidays. You're actually expected to look past all the bad things that have happened to you over the year and sip a cup of eggnog while you watch the surplus of radio shack commercials in between showings of A Christmas Story and It's a Wonderful Life. So three members of your family died, you lost your job, a bum mugged you in an alley, and all members of the opposite sex hate you. It's all okay

because Teri Hatcher and Howie Long are going to dress up as Santa and Elves on TV and sell their souls in order to get you to buy some 5 in 1 gadget months before Christmas. Don't worry about your job because just for the holiday season we are going to, out of the kindness of our hearts, not require any payments until January! It's ok that your grandfather died because now you can keep his memory alive forever with our holiday picture frames. Maybe you aren't having any luck with the ladies because you aren't dressing cool enough. Well for a limited time offer you can update your wardrobe at our low low holiday prices, but act now because the holiday season will be over in a matter of months!

My favorite part about all of this is that if you don't decorate the house, don't wear the big red sweaters that have Rudolph on them with the jingle bell for a nose, and don't sit around watching holiday movies, then you're considered a scrooge. Well screw that. You know what Christmas movie I watch every year? That's right, Die Hard. Don't you dare tell me it's not a Holiday movie 'cause it sure as hell is to me. It takes place during Christmas therefore it's a Christmas movie.

Needless to say my advice to all of you is spend the holidays with people you care about and not fall into this worthless pit of commercialism. Remember there is no rule that says the Holiday spirit must live in all of us. If you have nothing to be happy about this holiday season, then don't force happiness. As my mom used to say when I was in the bathroom hours after Thanksgiving dinner, "Just relax. You'll hurt yourself if you force it."

# The History of "X-Mas"

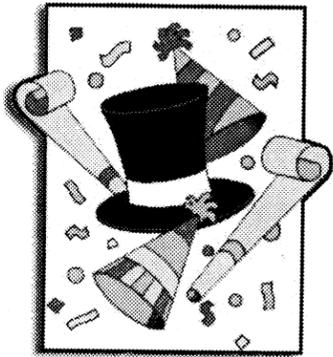
CJ SHRADER

When many people use the term "X-Mas," they think they are using a secular term which has nothing to do with Jesus and yet still has to do with Christmas (As we all know, the two have little to do with each other). However, using "X-Mas" in this manner is actually incorrect. The word "Christmas" is actually short for "Mass of Christ", or "Christmass". The word was later shortened in Europe during the 1500's by taking the first letter of the Greek word "Xristos", which means Christ,

and adding it to the suffix "Mass" to create the new word "X-Mass". This, of course, was later shortened into the more popular form, "X-Mas," which many non-Christians use today. So next time you're writing down "X-Mas" to save precious seconds, don't feel bad. It's just as correct as the original form.

# How to Throw the Perfect Holiday Party

BAILEY HUMPHRIES



Now for me, the holidays aren't about lighting candles for eight days in a row, new years resolutions, kindness to your fellow man, the birth of Jesus Christ, or even about presents. For me, the holidays are about parties! A question commonly asked of me is, "What are you doing in my house?" Then during the holiday season that question tends to turn to, "I want to throw a holiday party, but how do I do it?" The answer is confusing and complex. So, it is best to break down the three major aspect of parties, which are as follows: food, because everybody wants to eat and the holidays are full of good food (this includes beverages of course); music, because it's fun to get your body moving; and women, because nobody wants to dance in a room full of guys and no girls, unless you're a gay male stripper. Now lets elaborate on these topics.

Food is a great thing, and even greater during the holidays. Now this is a holiday party and not a Christmas party, Christmas parties died out with Jesus. So every holiday party should have a diverse selection of foods. Now one great dish is Egg Nog, I mean, it isn't a holiday party without Egg Nog. I like a little more nog than egg myself, but those of you who are under the ripe age of 21 should substitute Everclear instead of brandy, because Everclear has less

smell and more bang for your buck. If you aren't one for Egg Nog, and want a drink with a little less lactose, there's always the ever-popular Punch. Punch is a universal drink and can be made easily, but to spice things up for the holidays, try mixing in some ginger ale maybe, and serving it in a giant bowl with a ladle for serving. Your guests will be surprised at your creativity when preparing drinks, and they will reward you with boodles of compliments. Another great holiday dish, and my personal favorite, is ham. I love a slowly cooked glazed ham that's just drenched in salty goodness. For those of you that can't cook because they're too busy with other things, (you selfish bastards shouldn't be throwing a holiday party anyways, jerks!) you can always go to the nearest honey baked ham store and buy a fine plump ham that's warm and ready to be served.

Once you got the guests inside and eating, now what? Well you need some music to keep them there. Some great holiday hits are "Noel! Noel!" by Eve 6, "Christmas is the time to say I love you" by SR-71, or my personal fav "Run Rudolph Run" by Hanson. But you may be asking yourself, "What about the Jews?" Well there's always Adam Sandler's "Chanukah Song," or that other song about Jews. Then again holiday parties aren't about religion, they're about the holidays based on religion! So it's always good to throw in some songs that are just plain fun, "Baby Got Back" by Sir-Mix-Alot, "Heat of the Moment" by Asia, "Dancing Queen" by Abba, and "Hooker With a Penis" by Tool. All music is worthless though if you can't dance, which brings me to my next topic.

So nobody wants to dance amidst a giant sausage party, so you need members of the

opposite sex. And if you're reading this article, you most likely go to Southern Polytech, and chances are you aren't one of the illustrious six girls who go to this fine institute of learning so we're assuming you're a guy. Now guys, how do you get women to come to your holiday party? Besides hitting them on the back of the head and dragging them to your van of course. The ladies love decorations, so it's always good to put up holiday lights all around the house. I don't mean Christmas lights, I mean those lights on a chain that look like little chili peppers, you know the ones I'm talking about? Lastly, ladies love guys who are very aggressive, demanding, and persistent about

things. So after you invite a girl to your holiday party, follow her for a few hours repeatedly asking if she's going to come and telling her about your great CD collection, then at night call her at least every other hour to see "what's up" and if she's thinking about you.

Now that you got the ladies, and you fixed the food, and there's funk comin' out your speakers there's only one last thing to remember, and that is to have a good time. Because the holidays aren't about petty crap like goodwill towards man, they're about partying. So party it up and remember what Hanson says, "Where's the love?"

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## Why I Love Christmas

SATAN

Oh, don't look so surprised. You had to at least suspect that Satan wrote for *The STING*. How else do you think they've remained published for so long? Anyway, X-mas time is around again and I'm here to explain why I love, that's right, *love* this holiday.

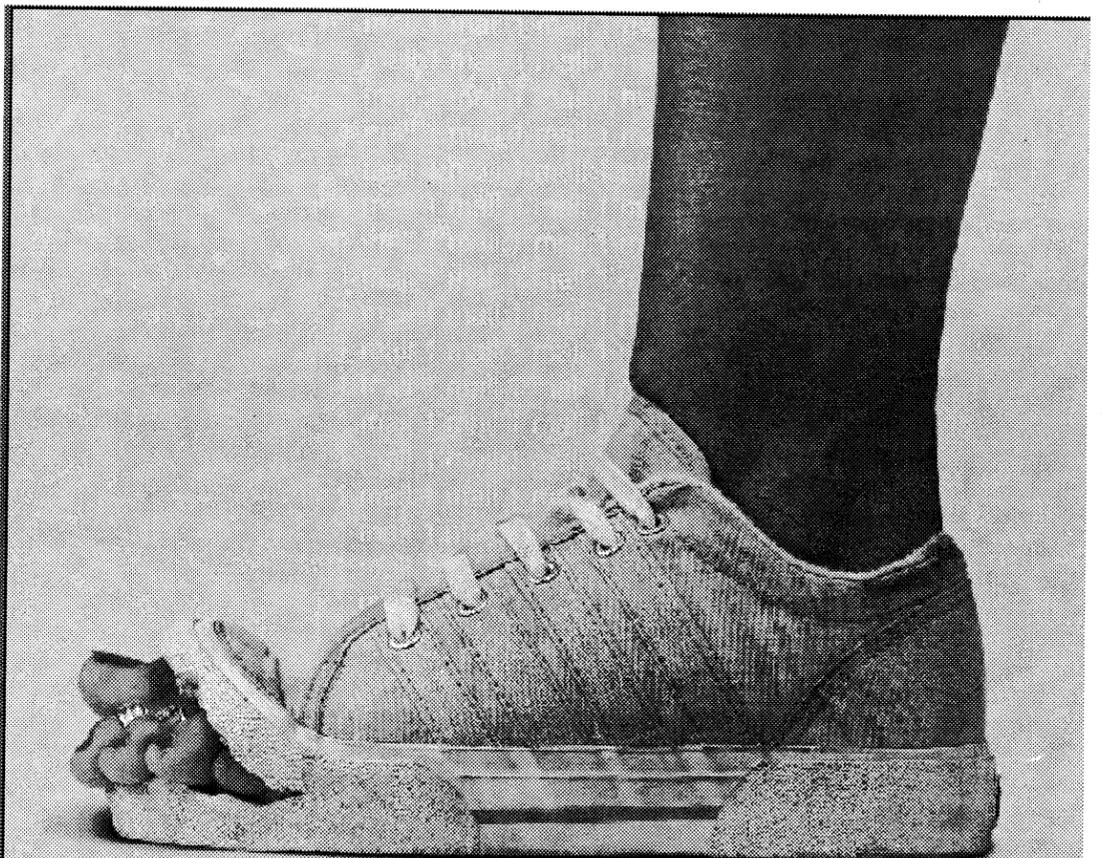
First off, there are, of course, the massive amounts of greed. Even children are being brought up right, wanting everything they can get their hands on. Most of the time, people always end up with something they never use and eventually throw it into a closet until next X-mas. Of course, there are the lucky few who can always just give the gifts away

again, but such cases are rare. Giving a crappy gift: \$5. Giving an expensive gift: \$20. Using money to buy a gift when that money could have gone to keep children from starving: Priceless.

Speaking of starving, I love X-mas parties. A time when everyone gets drunk and eats all they can. Almost as if it's a contest to commit all the "deadly" sins in one go. "Hey Jim, bet I can be more greedy than you!" "You're on!" Ha ha ha. Beautiful.

My absolute favorite part of this time of year is Santa Claus. Wouldn't you be happy if you had such a beloved symbol based on

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**Why I Love Christmas**

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yourself? Just think about it... Santa... Satan... they're practically the same word! Not only that, Santa is a man who only works one night a year. That type of sloth-like behavior is exactly what I live for! To make things better, he's a gluttonous man who always dresses in RED! And he's said to have magic powers, something you people have always "blamed" on me. Come on now, you can't really think your own monotheistic god doesn't have a bit of magic of his own, now do you?

I guess the only problem with this season is those cheesy

X-mas movies. After 700 times, a clay Rudolph just loses its appeal. But hey, why should I complain? It's X-mas time! Now let's all go out and party!

Oh yeah, and it's too freakin' cold during this time of year. How about this - you just go ahead and die, and I'll show you a place that is always nice and warm, no matter what part of the year. And after we're done touring Mexico, then I'll take you down to my place and show you around there as well.

**Death by Homeland Security**

At a burning plane crash site, the FAA determined Santa Claus was shot down by Homeland Security air forces. FAA claimed they were justified in shooting down Santa Claus. "We kept receiving a random sled blimp on radar screens. That blimp had no identifying marks and all we got were holiday greetings from the blimp. Considering recent events, we had no choices but to call in

authorized forces to bring it down by whatever means. Children and parents around the world have started demanding the dismantling of Homeland Security. Santa Claus is survived by his wife, Mrs. Claus, twelve reindeers and a thousand elf employees at his workshop. The funeral services will be held in Arctic Circle Funeral Home at the North Pole on the day after Christmas.

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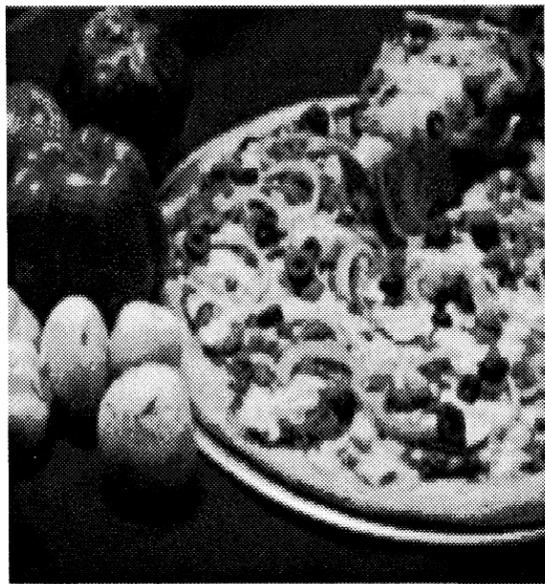
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 Grandmother: Duct tape (Everyone needs it.)  
 Cousins: Socks (Hey, it's the thought that counts.)  
 Aunt and Uncle: Nothing (You spent all the money on socks.)  
 Nephew and Niece: Socks (The thought still counts.)  
 Boyfriend: Leash (That one is self explanatory.)  
 Girlfriend: Lingerie (You might get to see her in it.)  
 Friends: Nothing (They know you are broke, so they won't mind.)

## Top Ten SPSU Male "Wish" List

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8. Ferrari 360 Modena Berlinetta F1
9. A hot girlfriend
10. Year's supply of condoms (2)
11. My CS Major Accreditation

## New Years Resolutions

BAILEY HUMPHRIES & VINCENT MIGLIORE

New Years resolutions were invented back in the year 1224 when King Henry VIII drank so much liquor on New Years Eve that he woke up the next day and made a resolution to never drink again. Consequently King Henry also invented the hangover on the very same day. Alright so that's all just a big lie. But all we do know is that New Years resolutions are like a hymen, they're meant to be broken. Sit back and let us tell you about some of our encounters with these New Years Resolutions.

The year was 1977 and we had just graduated from Amherst College with honors. Still, even with bachelors in Arts and Sciences, we felt unfulfilled. New Years Eve was coming up and we realized what we had to do. We needed a change, we needed a new years resolution that would make us better men. We decided to quit smoking, and seeing as we didn't even smoke, we figured it'd be easy.

Well let me tell you, quitting smoking was the third hardest thing we've ever done. We went to the local pharmacy and bought two cases of Nicorette gum and a box of

those patch things that taste like gum. The Nicorette tasted salty and we didn't really like it much so we decided to just chew a few pieces at a time to get rid of the box quicker. After sticking those four or five little tablets in our mouths we felt nauseous and dizzier than that time we ate acid in the park and went down the slide. We figured the dizziness was a sign that we were well on our way to quitting. The next day we began to crave the nicotine gum more and more until we were finally out and we were forced to cover our nipples with patches to calm our shakes. Once the patches ran out we spent a few days in our room clinging to the wall by our fingernails and toes. Finally we broke down and bought four cases of Marlboro Lights and we've been smoking ever since.

If you thought our smoking New Years Resolution was the worst it could get, wait until you hear of our exploits in weight loss. In 1982 our diet consisted purely of cheetos, easy-mac, and orange nicorette gum. To say the least 1983 would be the year of dieting and exercise. What would be the best way to jump-start us into

becoming fitness freaks? That's right: a good ol' New Years Resolution. First we decided that we needed a real job because selling our sperm on Ebay just wasn't cutting it anymore. We needed a job where we were constantly on the move. After looking through numerous want ads, we found the perfect positions. We were now officially the two newest members of the Aushtenberg Papa Johns make line. After only a few short months of vigorous training we were ready to begin our new job. Sure it was hard handling all that cheese, but whatever fell off the pizza was fair game. Plus they gave us as much free pizza as we wanted. After seeing that pesky Jared of Subway-diet fame, we decided to make up our own diet. It would be called the pepperoni, sausage, ham, mushrooms, bacon, and pineapple pizza diet. For 5 meals a day for the rest of our lives we would eat nothing but pizza. If Jared can do it by eating sandwiches, surely we could do it with pizza. Needless to say, 3 months and 240 combined gained pounds later we found ourselves fired from Papa Johns for stealing too

many pizzas, and back on the couch eating cheetos and orange nicorette gum. But sit back because our worst resolution story has yet to come.

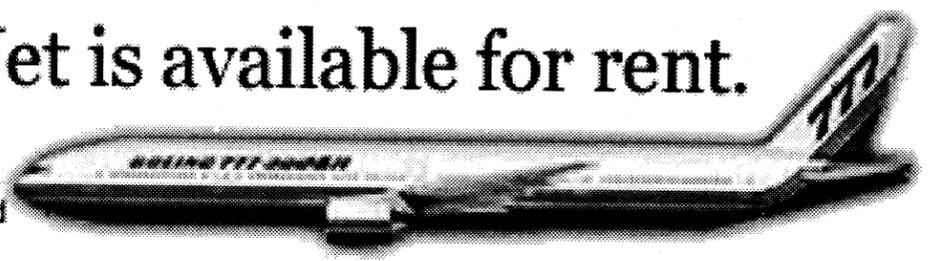
Our worst resolution to date was back in 1986, the year of the kitten. After so many failed attempts at changing our lives for the better in the name of the new year, we decided to redeem ourselves by succeeding where so many have failed; the dreaded goal of changing career paths. This resolution would be our tour de force. We would of course begin by moving to a different country. I don't know why we chose Sweden, but we ended up searching for jobs in the land of blondes and lederhosen. After a long day of job hunting we ended up in a park that people kept telling us was called Needle Park. We didn't know what they meant, but you know what they say about spending time in Rome. So when a hot blonde missing a few teeth handed us a needle we decided we might as well. Hell, for all we know she could have been the president of Sweden. Needless to say this was the worst choice we ever made and within a few weeks we were

broke and out of needles. The joke was on us once again when somebody told us the needles didn't even have heroin in them, instead, they actually just had water. Those darned Swedes hosed us and we didn't have a ticket home. We ended up having to sell our bodies and our proverbial souls in the Red Light District. When we got back home to the good old US of A we had lost 200 pounds each, stopped smoking, and our only hope was to get a job working at the Blimpie over by our parents' house.

New Years Resolutions are a great way to dream about self-improvement, but don't place too much importance on the outcome because it rarely works out the way you've planned. We can only hope that you can learn from our mistakes. It goes to show that it's not worth changing your lives in the first place, just be happy with who you are. You are fat slob who smokes too much and doesn't make very much money in your dead end job, but hey, at least all your appendages function properly.

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# Retailers Won't See A Big Holiday Push

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According to the annual Holiday Spending Survey by Myvesta, Americans are planning to spend slightly less on holiday purchases this year. The average holiday shopper will spend \$722 this year, down from \$773 in 2001. Forty-two percent of shoppers plan on spending under \$500.

"With people still uncertain about the economy and job security, their mindset is to hold onto more of their hard earned cash," said Steven Rhode, president and co-founder of Myvesta, a financial health center. "Even though our economy has shown some slight growth in the third quarter, it's not making a difference to your average consumer."

Although many people are planning to cut back on their spending or spend about the same on gifts as last year, Rhode says that some people will inevitably spend more than they had originally planned.

"As much as people say they are going to cut back on their spending, what they say and what they do can often be two very different things," Rhode said. "Even though most people have an idea of how much they are planning to spend many of them never develop a plan about what kinds of gifts they are going to buy. After wondering around the mall picking up things here and

there, they often get home to a much larger bill than they had originally anticipated."

Although the average projection of spending by consumers was \$722 this year, almost 20 percent of those surveyed said they didn't have any idea of how much there were going to spend.

"those who don't have a dollar figure in their mind for their holiday purchases are going to be the most surprised when they end up tallying the total for their gifts," Rhode said. "Having a plan and sticking with it can save hundreds of dollars, giving you a more enjoyable and less stressful holiday season."

Some holiday shopping tips from Myvesta include:

-Carry only two cards when shopping. Use one with a zero balance for purchases you will pay off in full. Use the other, low-interest-rate card for purchases you will pay off over three to six months.

-Record all of your purchases in your checkbook register. Even if you don't write a check, subtract the amount of the purchase. That way, when the bill arrives, the money will be in your checking account to pay the bill in full.

-Avoid "skip payment" offers that cause you to pay more interest and face larger bills.

-Avoid "buy now and pay later" offers, which encourage you to spend money you don't have.

-Use a low-rate, major credit card instead of high-rate department store cards.

-Don't apply for department store cards just to get a one-time discount.

The annual Myvesta Holiday Survey was conducted October 25-27, 2002. Some other survey results include:

-Those aged 35-44 planning on spending \$977 on holiday gifts, the most of any age group.

-Men plan on spending almost 22 percent more on holiday gifts than women. Men will spend \$795 and women will spend \$653.

-Those who are married plan on spending 52 percent more than single people. Married individuals will spend \$839 and singles will spend \$551.

-People in the West will spend the most on holiday purchases this year, averaging \$780 per person. Those in the Mid-West will spend the least with an average of \$648. People in the Northeast will spend \$743 and those in the South plan on spending \$721.

# New Web Site Helps College Students Avoid Costly Career Mistakes

TONY SCIBELLI

Lear Communications President Tony Scibelli has always believed in the motto "Mistakes aren't bad...if you learn from them." And now, Scibelli is helping college students learn from the mistakes of others through his new Web site - [Learnfrommymistakes.com](http://Learnfrommymistakes.com).

Launched on September 23, [Learnfrommymistakes.com](http://Learnfrommymistakes.com) interviews successful Americans in a variety of fields to find out what mistakes they made early in their careers and, more importantly, what they learned from them.

"Hopefully with this information, college students, young professionals and high school students can avoid these same mistakes as they start their careers," Scibelli said.

Scibelli, who graduated from Kent State University in 1998 with a Bachelor's of Arts in English, has gotten some big name support for the site.

"I've interviewed some really interesting people," Scibelli explained. "Our site currently features interviews with Olympic gold medal gymnast Dominique Moceanu, radio and game show

legend Wink Martindale, best selling business author Michael Gerber, fitness expert Joyce Vedral and many more."

A major foundation of the [Learnfrommymistakes.com](http://Learnfrommymistakes.com) Web strategy revolves around the concept of free user access.

"We make it really easy for people to access our information," Scibelli explains. "There are no charges, and no registration or login is necessary. People can just type in the URL and start exploring our site."

Scibelli will begin conducting educational "Learn From My Mistakes" seminars in the next few months. Later in 2003, you will find [Learnfrommymistakes.com](http://Learnfrommymistakes.com) books, videos, CD-ROMs and audio CDs at area bookstores.

As for the site, Scibelli knows to live up to its potential, [Learnfrommymistakes.com](http://Learnfrommymistakes.com) will have to offer more than just interview transcripts.

"The multimedia potential for a site like this is limitless," Scibelli said. "We are going to add audio, video and interactive chat features to the site by year's end."

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## Travel: Savannah

BRANDON TUTMAN

Annually, fall adventure seekers travel to North Georgia to see the changing of the leaves, to get away from the tumultuous minivan drivers undulating through traffic and to escape the 9-5's that seem to somehow break restraints and become 9-whatever time it pleases. Recently, several Architecture students managed to steal away, but not to our north, but south to Savannah breaking conform with most fall vacations. Of course, this was not just a vacation with a group of Architecture students; it was a vacation with architecture in mind, to be studied visually and analyzed. Such a trip is well worth taking by any genre of people not just architecture connoisseurs.

As known by many, the architecture in Savannah is far more impressive than that of Marietta. Being the oldest city in Georgia, Savannah holds hundreds of years of history in its architecture which

blends in harmony with the city's original plan and landscape. The city is a classic example of some of America's first urban design planning. The wide streets accommodate horse and buggy, and the elongated drives and avenues net together forming the geographics of the town. Also take note at some of the city's iron work which is just as impressive as the architecture. Due to durability, some of the store fronts are crafted of iron. Each picturesque square is circumscribed by huge historic homes, some owned by the state and some owned privately. Several of the squares are used for multiple functions, from weddings to Girl Scout conventions.

While in Savannah, it is best to begin with a trolley tour to see all the historic sites and learn a brief history to get a feel for the city. Later, spend time on classic River Street and pretend to be one of the colony's first settlers while

walking on the stone paved streets from original settlement. River Street is filled with multiple shops, restaurants and hotels, as well as multiple sites great for people watching. Also take advantage of the Market District's great urban night life scene where you can enjoy live music and bars. Get a feel for Savannah's after life by taking a Ghost Tour (best if taken at night). Forsyth Park is known for strolling through with its world famous Forsyth Park Fountain. As you travel through the streets, see if you can spot any scenes from movies such as *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* or *Forest Gump*!

Savannah has much to offer so when looking to avoid repetitive boring road trips to watch the leaves change and fall one by one in North Georgia, scoot down to Savannah for something a little more enjoyable. Most importantly, do not forget a camera.

## Travel Within Georgia: Cumberland Island

WILLIS SMITH

It is an island of beauty and wilderness. The island is rich with history, both ancient and modern. First of all, it is a National Seashore. Part of it is official wilderness. It became a National Park in 1972. Most of the island was owned by the Carnegie family and the Candler Family. The Carnegie family made their fortune in the steel business during the Industrial Revolution in Pittsburgh. The Candler family are descendents of one of the pioneers of the soda business, Asa Candler, the founder of the Coca-Cola Company. Most of these rich people decided to donate their land to prevent the island from being developed, as St. Simons Island and Jekyll Island were.

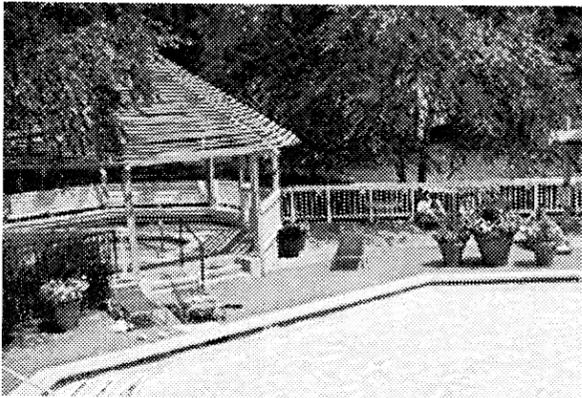
The North end of the island is designated wilderness. That means machines, bicycles, and motor vehicles may not be used, with the exception of National Park vehicles. On the far North end of

the island is an abandoned lighthouse that Georgia seriously considered using as a place to put lighthouses to guide ocean-going ships in the early 1830s.

The First African Baptist Church, the only remaining church on the island, is where JFK, Jr. was married. Only a few miles from the First African Baptist Church is a closed-off roadpath where the remains of the Cumberland Island wharf is still standing. This particular place is where James Ogelthorpe, founder of Georgia, used cannons to defend the island from Spanish invasions. In the fall, the National Park Services provides tour guides to the African-American settlement and the First African Baptist Church site.

From the boat docks, campers can rest and prepare for the four-mile hike journey to the Sea

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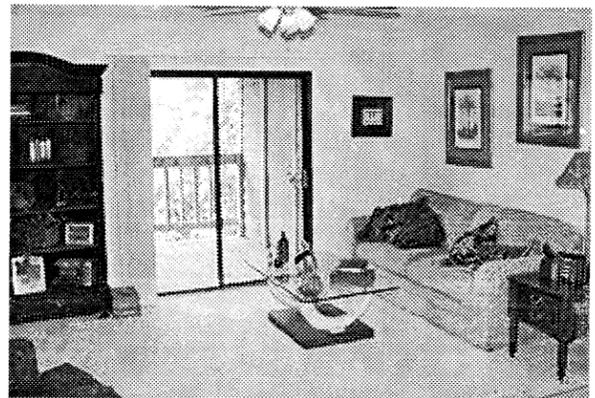
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# Iraq Poses New Threat

ZACHARY BILES

The news has shown the current threats that terrorist nations pose. Botulinum Toxin and Anthrax are just a few of numerous weapons available. Just last year, the United States was hit in multiple locations with letters filled with Anthrax. Scientists have shown that the devastation to society would be huge if terrorists were able to discretely attack the general public (i.e. using a crop duster to spread biological weapons over a city). So, what could possibly pose an even greater threat than biological weapons?

Earlier in the week, the media leaked confidential documents obtained from Iraq. These documents described a new onslaught with the capability of crippling and/or killing millions of Americans if they were exposed for a long duration. In the Iraqi's test of the system on their own people, they found that extended exposure over several years caused increased heart rate, high blood pressure, diabetes, weight gain, cardiac arrest, and heart disease. The test's also documented how children whose parent's were continually exposed also started to show similar symptoms at an early age.

The Iraqi's plan is to use this new system to slowly cripple the United States until they are too weak to fight back. While cures are available to the

United States for this type of attack, it has been said by Iraqi scientists that very few will have the motivation to overcome the effects. This is very different from previous plans that called for the instantaneous and total annihilation of United States citizens.

Already, the FBI has located hundreds of cells across the nation where building had begun on this plan. Once officials became aware, the funds of these groups were immediately cut off. Apparently, most, if not all, of these cells were being funded by a Mr. Albert Beezlebub Qaeda.

Mr. Qaeda was taken in by officials for questioning. His only response to the press was that he was simply trying to provide honest, wholesome meals to the American public.

The once top-secret plan was called "Project Grease." Top scientists in Iraq decided the best way to attack American's is to exploit their general love for greasy foods. The plan calls for hundreds of restaurants around the United States to serve high cholesterol, high fat foods.

At a recent opening of one of his restaurants in Iraq, "McHussein's Bar & Grill", Saddam was quoted with saying "My chain will serve the best foods. 2lb Hamburgers dripping with grease and fat, loaded with all the essential toppings." He took a brief moment to

## Military Presence U.S. Deploys Fast Food to Iraq



- ① **Camp Kroc:** Will be located in Kermanshah, a strategic location that will allow Colonel Kroc to lead his Fry guys into Baghdad.
- ② **Bigge Szed Airfield:** Located in Kuwait City, General Dave Thomas Jr. will make full use of the 20,000ft run way and numerous hangars.
- ③ **Border Patrol:** Taco Bells will be deployed all along Iraq. They will be used on those who are running for the border.
- ④ **Culture Change:** Iraqi's should be able to experience the freedom of democracy. So, Burger King's will also be deployed so Iraqi's can have it their way.

wipe the drool from his mouth and continued on to say "Forget baked fries! My fries, which I have affectionately dubbed 'McGreaseMissles', will be deep fried in a gallon of 100% pure bacon fat."

Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld, assured the nation that the United States was fully prepared to retaliate against such a heinous act just as soon as the word was given to do so. Moments later, the word was given to do so by President Bush in a glorious speech.

"Using advanced strategy, we are now deploying McDonalds, Burger King, Wendy's, Taco Bell, Krystal's, and numerous other fast food chains to Iraq," said

President Bush. "We have been dealing with fast-food in our country so long, that it should not be considered a threat. Citizens of America, do not be afraid, for we have the medical technology to overcome the effects of fast food; Iraq does not."

The crowd then proceeded to do 30 standing ovations before President Bush can speak again. "Oh by the way Saddam, if you use any biological weapons on the United States or any other country...I wouldn't be at all surprised if your country suffered some..." President Bush then raised his fingers in quotations and said "earthquakes." It was then said that Donald Rumsfeld raised his arm's over his head, forming an X, and

was reported saying "H\_\_Yeah! Would you like that super sized, B\_\_\_?!" The crowd then performed several more standing ovations.

\*\*Please note that this article was written for pure entertainment, there is nothing factual in the above. It is not meant to convey that the eminent war on Iraq is stupid or without reason. On the contrary, we have great reason to believe that Saddam Hussein is harboring numerous biological, chemical, and possibly nuclear weapons. Read the forty page report from Prime Minister Blair if your not convinced.

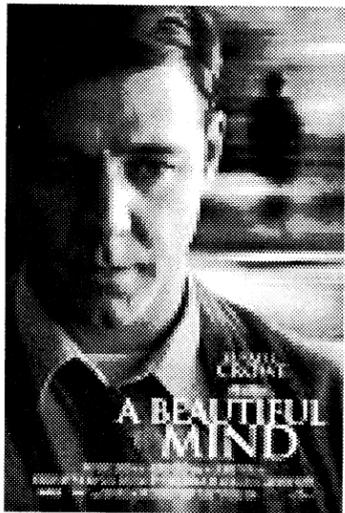
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# MERRY MENTAL CHRISTMAS!

Last weekend, Teddy, my perpetually depressed friend did not call me! For that matter he had not called me for almost 2 weeks! Strangely so, neither did TULSA! It was a much-needed break from Teddy's whininess and TULSA's plots of vengeance. I decided to spend the afternoon by the pool basking in some attention, armed with my profound book, "Abstract Geometry in Multi-Dimensions", of which I absolutely have no clue about! That was the best way to gain attention, the way walking a dog does before. After "A Beautiful Mind" hit the silver screen, the Mathematicians suddenly become desirable...

## A BEAUTIFUL MIND (2001)



from the FBI agent that Teddy had become catatonic and TULSA had been wailing incessantly. They were both warded in the mental institution on 34<sup>th</sup> Street. However, the FBI agent believed that TULSA was pretending to avoid arrest...

## ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST (1975)



(Drama/Comedy starring Jack Nicholson and Louise Fletcher)

This is a classic case of out of the frying pan and into the fire. Randle (Nicholson) thought that he could have an easier life by serving his prison time in a mental institution by pretending to be insane. Unfortunately, the very regimental head nurse, Ratched (Fletcher) was his nemesis.

Of course, both Nicholson and Fletcher were brilliant in their respective roles, especially Fletcher who could be effectively evil with her stoicism. The true winner in the movie is the supporting cast in the mental institution, which included a not so old Danny DeVito. Their convincing and consistent performance was a summation of their understanding and their effective portrayal of their respective character's mental illness. It was both comedic at times but heart wrenching when the audience learns of the causes of their illnesses.

The mental hospital on 34<sup>th</sup> street was bustling with activities! The nurses were getting the common hall ready for the Christmas party. Some were getting patients into the hall and a number of burly male nurses, who looked like off-duty discotheque bouncers, were running after un-cooperative patients and hauling them to the common hall. No one on the staff was able to talk with me, except one very verbose doctor who was later led away by one of the male nurses.

My heart sank when I saw Teddy in his catatonic state. He sat in a wheel chair with a frozen stare. His mouth was wide open and he was salivating from both corners of his mouth. I knew that TULSA had a hand in this but I felt sorry for her too when I saw her in an unkempt state wailing non-stop.

I asked the head nurse what happened. She said that the police got a tip off after midnight from Teddy's neighbor, who complained of incessant eerie laughter coming from Teddy's apartment. When the police broke into Teddy's apartment, they found Teddy in a "frozen stare" at the pot of stew and TULSA seated across the table from Teddy, was wailing instead of laughing eerily.

The psychiatrist purported that TULSA had blew her funny fuse, that is, she laughed so hard until she cried. Unfortunately they could not tell what happened to poor Teddy and as such, they could not administer the right impetus to "unfreeze him".

I noticed that Teddy's stare was fixated on another patient's Bunny themed pajamas. It then dawned on me that that could be the "Holy Grail" to bring Teddy back...

## THE FISHER KING (1991)



(Drama, comedy starring Robin Williams, Jeff Bridges and Mercedes Ruehl)

A frivolous remark from Jack Lucas (Bridges), a popular radio DJ led to the listener's shooting cum suicide at the restaurant where Parry's (Williams) wife was killed. This led to Parry's insanity and Lucas' suicidal tendencies. Both Parry and Lucas were haunted by that single event and the only redemption was getting the "Holy Grail" a symbol that would allow Parry become well and fall in love again, thereby releasing Lucas from his "debt" to

Parry thus allowing him to get his life back together.

This movie is script and story driven. The story is clever in its use of mythical symbols, like the red knight - Parry's apparition that symbolizes his guilt for falling in love and the photographed Holy Grail - a trophy belonging to some rich man in New York that was accidentally captured on a society magazine, symbolizes the deliverance from their guilt to love and live. It was brilliantly acted on the whole, with special credit to Mercedes Ruehl, whose portrayal of the long suffering but feisty girlfriend of Lucas, deservedly won the Best Supporting Actress Oscar in 1991. Also, Michael Jeter, the homeless "Liza Minelli" style cabaret singer was hilarious and unforgettable!

Realizing that the bunny pajamas could be a trigger to bring Teddy back, I immediately went to the head nurse and told her about it. "Well, yes, we noticed that. We gave him the pajamas but he just stared at it! Honestly, we're at our wits' end with Teddy. I guess, we can only wait for a miracle. After all, it's Christmas and it's a celebration of a miracle. You never know! Oh and speaking of Christmas, Here comes "Santa Clause"...

## MIRACLE ON 34<sup>th</sup> STREET (1947)



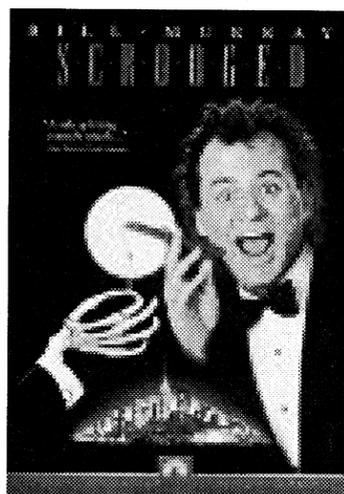
(Drama starring Maureen O'Hara, John Payne, Edward Gwenn and Natalie Wood)

Is Kris Kingle (Edward Gwenn) the real Santa Claus? Doris Walker (O'Hara) the skeptical Macy's executive of New York hired Kingle to be the Santa Claus. Kingle claimed that he is really Santa Claus. The question was then deliberated in a courtroom, where Fred Gaily's (Payne) persuasive argument nearly convinced the judge and others that indeed Kingle was who he said he was.

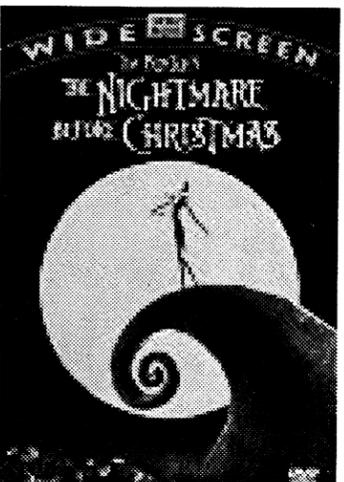
Although the story seemed implausible, it is a perfect reminder

for us that the impossible can happen, which is the true essence of Christmas. The story is ideal to get everyone into the Christmas spirit of giving and believing. Valentine Davies, the screen playwright, brilliantly dialogued the story and the very young Natalie Wood was noticeably flourishing in one of her first movies.

## MORE CHRISTMAS MOVIES...



If you want to get into the holiday mood, here are some more Christmas movies... **It's A Wonderful Life (1946)** is the other Christmas classic that stars James Stewart and Donna Reed, is a must see... **The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993)** is sort of anti-Christmas animated movie - great concept and direction from Tim Burton... **A Christmas Carol (1938)**, based on Charles Dickens' classic, it has been done and redone for more than 40 times and in different genres... **How the Grinch Stole Christmas (2000)**, stars Jim Carrey in green rubber suit, is probably the most commercial version of A Christmas Carol... **Scrooged (1988)**, the other version is excellent but grim... **Santa Clause (1994)**, clever story... **Santa Clause 2 (2002)**, god forbid!... **Holiday Inn (1942)**, the first time Irving Berlin's White



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Shortly after I opened the book, a beautiful maid(en) walking her employer's poodle, stopped by and admired what I read. After telling her that alternating angles are equal, she gave me her phone number. Then a college girl stopped by and after telling her that she is 60 degrees and I am 30 degrees, thus, we are complementary (angles), she wanted to go for 180 degrees. Shortly after that, a man hovered over me.

"Errr...did you know that parallel lines never meet?" I nervously asked.

"Only in your 2 dimensional head..."

"Hmmm...a philosopher?"

"No, FBI agent!"

That was when I discovered TULSA's series of aggravated violence arrests. I later found out

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Christmas is heard; **White Christmas (1954)**, movie based on the song...**Merry Christmas, Mr Lawrence (1983)**, nothing to do with Christmas but it boasts a great Ruichi Sakamoto soundtrack; **One Magic Christmas (1985)**, tear jerker but inspiring. This should be enough to get you to Christmas 2010.

*"That's not Santa Clause," I objected pointing to the man about to put on the Rabbit headdress, "that's the Easter Bunny!"*

*"Yes I know," the head nurse reacted in nonchalance, "we're on a tight budget and the Easter Bunny is all we can afford. It's 75% cheaper than Santa Claus. Anyway, the patients won't know the difference!" She then turned to the 6 feet tall Easter Bunny and said, "OK, Easter Bunny, let's get this party started!"*

*The moment the Easter Bunny hopped onto the stage, Teddy jumped out of his wheel chair and screamed: "Oh bunny, you're alive! You're Alive!" He ran after the bunny. "He's Alive! He's Alive!" and the Bunny ran away yelling...*

*Immediately, TULSA stopped wailing and ran after Teddy, "Oh Teddy, I'm sorry, I'm so sorry!"*

*Then the other patients ran after TULSA thinking it was a game, and the male nurses followed with the other nurses screaming and scurrying chaotically and then Teddy caught hold of the Bunny, wrestled him unto the ground, hugged him and roared in joy..."HE'S ALIVE! HE'S ALIVE!" and then the chase screeched into a pile up...*

*A miracle happened on 34<sup>th</sup> Street indeed. Teddy came out of his catatonia and TULSA stopped wailing. After the mayhem settled, the visibly shaken Easter Bunny was brought out on a stretcher with multiple bruises and he was swarmed by lawyers convincing him to sue Teddy but he generously declared, "Oh, it's Christmas, it's a time to be charitable. So, I'll forgive BUT I'd not forget! We'll get the nut case after Christmas!" The ambulance door closed behind him.*

*Several weekends later, Teddy my perpetually depressed friend called me...it was a joy to hear from him again but TULSA disappeared during the mayhem and the FBI was hot on her heels again...*

*As I thumbed through my mails while listening to Teddy whine again, I spotted a postcard from China...*

# In the Market for a Game System?

CJ SHRADER

OK, so you're done buying those cheap Christmas presents for distant and non-too-distant relations. A package of pencils for Little Susie, some cream cheese for Jim. Maybe some socks for Uncle Earl and an old issue of *The STING* for that crazy lady with twelve cats who lives down the street. Let's face it, we're college students and don't really have enough money to buy more than one "good" gift a year.

Well then, what do you buy? What's that one thing everyone needs? That's right! Gaming systems! And with only three good ones out there - Nintendo Gamecube, Sony Playstation 2, and Microsoft Xbox - it should be a cinch to find the one you want, right?

Wrong. These three systems are phenomenally different. When buying one, you'll need to look at certain categories. If you want a good video gaming system, you'll want to look at graphics, speed, how good it is for multiplayer, what other functions it might have, the amount of games out for it, and, most importantly, cost.

When looking for graphics, Xbox is the way to go, if you look at the system specs. However, all three systems are capable of nearly the same graphics, and on most games you'd probably have a hard time telling the difference.

When looking at speed, Xbox wins out once again. With a 733 MHz processor, it far outshines the 300 MHz and 485 MHz of the Playstation 2 and Gamecube, respectively. Still, speed isn't a very good factor to base the systems on as well, as Playstation 2's 300 MHz is enough to play any of the games out there, and should be enough for some time to come. This is another time where you

would have a hard time telling the difference in game play.

So what on earth do you look for in these systems then? Well, multiplayer is quite important, especially if you live in the dorms. Playstation 2 does the worse here, as it only has two controller ports in the front. If you want to play four players, you'll have to buy an additional multitap for \$35. And to play more than four players, you'll need to purchase a special Ethernet card so that you can connect the system to the network that you might have set up at school/home. Although Gamecube has four ports, it has the same problem if you want more than four players. Xbox shines again, however, having four ports and built-in Ethernet functionality right out of the box.

With space being so limited for any person in the dorms, let's take a look at what else these wee little machines can do for us. Gamecube: Diddy squat. You might be able to use it as a paperweight, but that's about the extent of it. Xbox: Has a working DVD player, but it'll only work if you buy an additional kit, complete with remote, for \$30. Still, at least it has a DVD player. Another interesting feature is that the Xbox has an internal 8GB hard drive, which will store practically all the information you could ever need and eliminates the need for memory cards. Playstation 2: A decent DVD player straight out of the box. Not only that, you can buy an optional remote control for \$20, less than the amount you'd have to pay to even make DVD's work on the Xbox, which provides functionality that, in my opinion, is better than that of a regular DVD player.

Of course, what's the point of all these great system deals if you don't have any games to play with them? They are gaming systems, after all. Gamecube does

	Playstation 2	Xbox	Gamecube
Speed	300 MHz	733 MHz	485 MHz
DVD	Optional \$20 for remote control	\$30 for required kit	No DVD
Cost	\$199 (Comes with one controller)	\$199 (Comes with 2 games and a controller)	\$189 (Comes with 2 controllers and a memory card)
Multiplayer	2 Ports	4 Ports and built in Ethernet card	4 Ports
Games	1500+	400	260

alright in that department, with over 260 games. In comparison, this isn't many games, but Nintendo does have sole rights to well-known games such as the Mario Brothers series, Metroid, Star Fox, and even Pokémon. It turns out that of the few games they have, most tend to be quite fun, though maybe a bit childish. Xbox weighs in at over 400 games, a decent number. Xbox is Microsoft's first system, so they don't have many well-known titles, but games like HALO have done well for them, especially for multiplayer. The big daddy of all gaming systems, though, is Playstation 2. Due to its backward compatibility with the original Playstation, as well as the fact that it is a year older than the other two systems, the Playstation 2 boasts over 1500 games for you to choose from. Until quite recently, the Playstations were the only systems to have the very popular Final Fantasies series, and some people buy them simply for these games. Other games that debuted on the Playstation and PS2 were Resident Evil, Tony Hawk: Pro Skater, as well as many, many others.

"What about the cost, man? What about the cost?" If

you have \$200 + tax, then you have enough to pick up any one of these systems. As for overall value, though, you'll want the Xbox, which comes with two games and a controller for \$199. Gamecube comes with two controllers and a memory card for \$189, while PS2 comes with a measly one controller for \$199.

If you look at all three systems overall, Xbox is the clear winner in speed, value, graphics, and in multiplayer. However, when you're out looking for that present for that special someone this holiday season, I would personally recommend the Playstation 2. The amount of games available and the many well-known titles make sure that there will be a game that is sure to peak everyone's interest. The DVD player is nice, too.

Well, now that you know everything about the system you want, all that's left is to figure out whom to get it for. Of course, maybe you could just pick it up for yourself and instead get your mom/girlfriend/dog/boyfriend/best friend/whomever one of those nifty personalized calculators at Wal-Mart this year...

## Tekken 4 Review

NICHOLAS INGHAM

The series know as "Tekken," produced by Namco, has developed greatly over all of its previous installments. Recently Tekken 4 was released in America, and these very developments in graphics, gameplay, and other categories are evident in this fighting game.

**Graphics:** Tekken 4 is top notch in the graphics department. The stages have great lighting effects and surroundings detailed greatly to amaze most game players. The character models are perfectly smooth and detailed, and they really make the character look extremely life-like. Of course, the graphics are usually good on any game, but Tekken 4 really shows the power of the new console systems such as the PS2.

**Gameplay:** Tekken 4 improves in this category greatly in most areas,

but there are a few annoying aspects left to be resolved. The addition of an interactive and greatly detailed environment is a great addition to the gameplay. Now you can slam your friend or the computer into walls with heavy combos or break pillars with one kick. Sounds exciting, right? The main problem with the addition of walls is that expert players and some scrubs will abuse the wall combo heavily. In fact I saw a clip of someone using Violet and one combo to win a match perfectly. I know that might be the extreme case, but it can be annoying to veteran Tekken players such as myself. The controls are all the same, but somehow they seem a bit less responsive at crucial times in a match. Some characters such as King and Yoshimitsu have been toned down a bit. Now any scrub

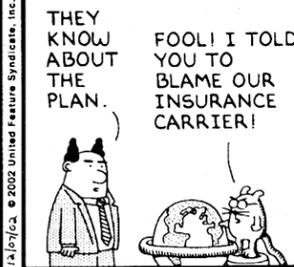
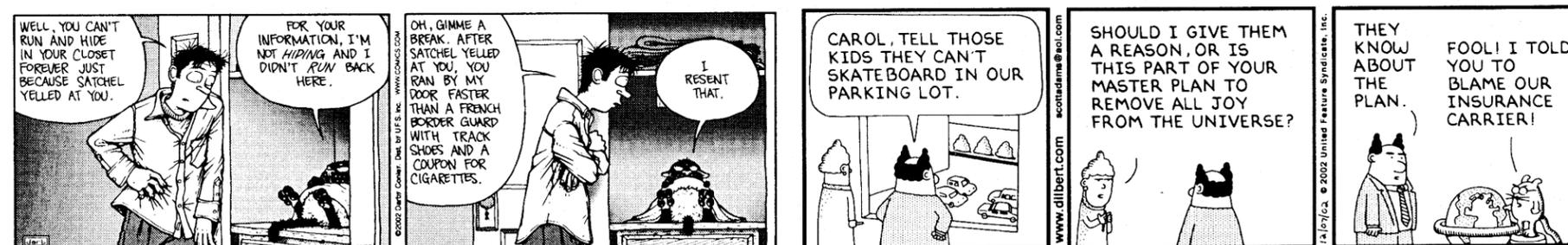
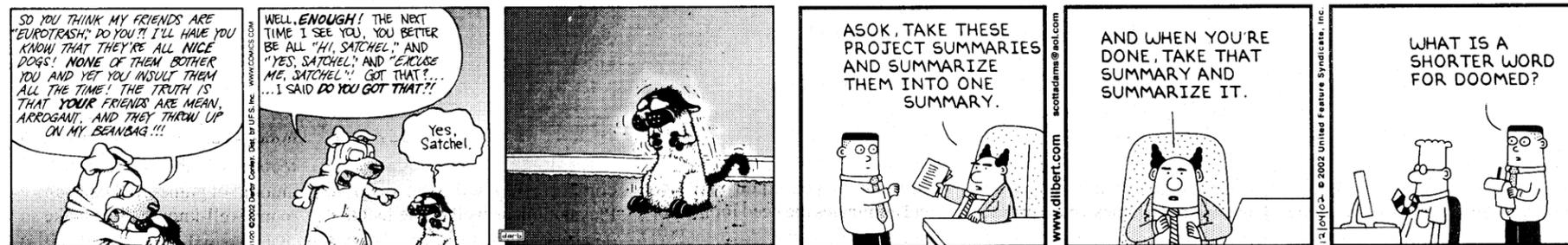
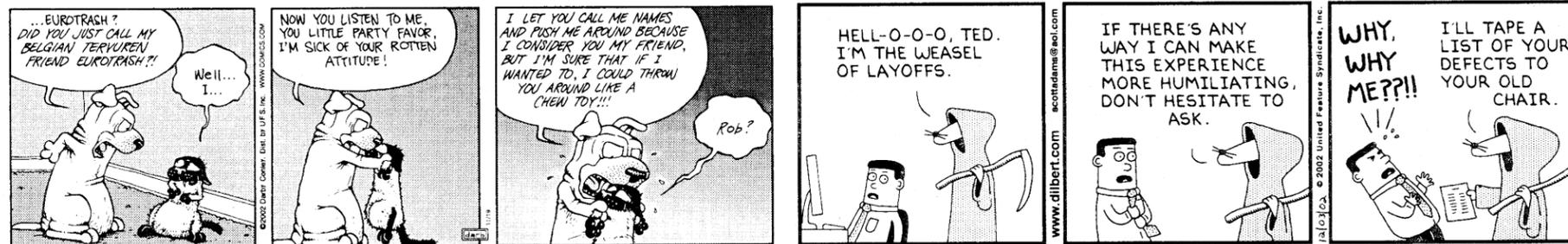
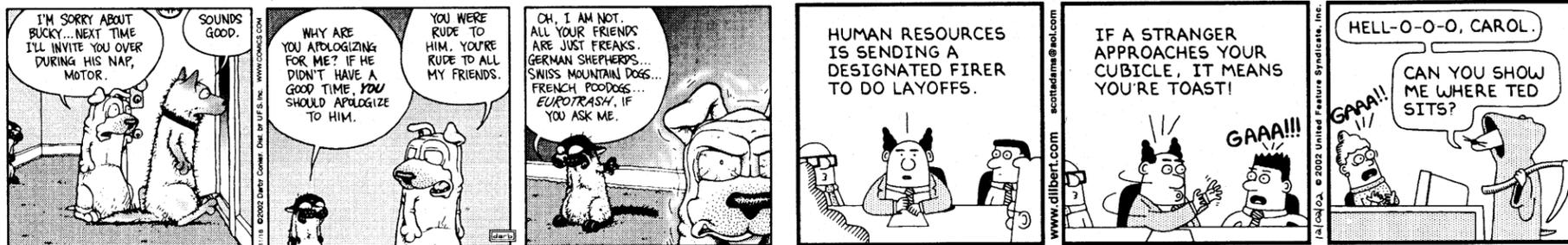
can mash buttons in order to get out of King's multi-part throws, and Yoshimitsu has lost some of his speed. Namco really didn't add a vast amount of new moves to Tekken 4 either. One last annoying idea in the game is that neutral low guard is no longer an option. This is due to the new eight-way run system in which just pressing or holding up or down sidesteps. Now you have to hit down-back in order to guard low. In spite of these hindrances, Tekken 4 is still a game that will keep you from studying and sleeping.

**Miscellaneous:** Tekken 4 has plenty of available modes to choose from its long list. They range from Arcade, VS, Time Attack, Survival, Team Battle, and the remade Tekken force mode. Tekken force mode has evolved from the 2d repetitive side-scrolling

slobberknocker game into a 3d repetitive slobberknocker game. Tekken force mode may be fun for a while, but you will eventually want to play someone with a brain.

Overall, Tekken 4 is really still a great game (especially graphic-wise), and many people will buy it. The game has its hindrances, but it will be enough to tie anyone over until Soul Calibur: 2 hits all the consoles in February. Veteran Tekken players may not like some aspects gameplay, but newbies will swallow it up and chew it whole-heartedly for a long time. Namco did a good job with Tekken 4, but I expected a bit more in the move lists for the characters.

# Comics



## Comedian Movie Review

BAILEY HUMPHRIES

Imagine that you are Jerry Seinfeld and you just quit your multi-million dollar job starring in one of the greatest sitcoms of all time. The only place you have to go is down, but who cares you have enough money to live the rest of your life like many wish they could. So where do you go from here? Where does the person with everything go after he just gave it all up? That's right, back to the beginning, the comedy clubs.

The movie *Comedian* is about Jerry Seinfeld post-*Seinfeld* and post-*I'm Telling You for the Last Time*, where he gave up all his

old material. It's a documentary about a man starting all over again. *Comedian* is a close and personal story that lets you into the life of Jerry Seinfeld.

While watching this documentary, midway through the film a bunch of people walked out. I got the impression that most of the crowd had no idea what they were getting into. *Comedian* is a good documentary, as far as documentaries go. It's not *Seinfeld*, so don't expect it to be, but it is a well-made and interesting documentary about the comedy club scene that allows you to see

how everything is really done.

My only problems with the film were Orny Adams, who kept coming up during the movie and spouting out bad opinions and showing us all his awful personality. For the most part though, I really enjoyed this documentary and it's worth watching as long as you don't expect it to be anything more than a documentary.

## Vulgar Movie Review

BAILEY HUMPHRIES

Vulgar, written by Bryan Johnson, and produced by Kevin Smith isn't a comedy like I expected. Vulgar is in fact a drama, and it's just that, Vulgar. Initially with the first few scenes you get the feel that the movie just jocks Kevin Smith's writing style. Then the movie takes a quite odd turn when William (played by Brian O'Halloran of Clerks fame) decides to start advertising as a clown for bachelor parties. He has the grand idea that he can come dressed as a clown in drag to bachelor parties, that way when the bachelor is about to expect a hot stripper, they get his hairy ass dancing around instead. Then everybody would have a good laugh, and he'd leave and the real entertainment would come out.

His first customers have something different in mind

though. William shows up to a dark hotel room, just to see a middle-aged man with his two twenty-something year old sons. Then when he tries to leave, he's forced to stay and get video taped. Then the father and sons make hate to him, anally. If you think that's graphic though, the next scene is of William ransacking his home with blood trickling down the back of his leg.

There's really no way to explain this movie besides by saying its Vulgar. It's certainly not what I was expecting, but it certainly was something. The dialogue is hackneyed much of the time. Although O'Halloran puts forth his best acting, the acting is still mediocre at best. Many characters were left without an ending. The

movie is exceptionally graphic to an overly degree.

Despite all that, the direction is interesting; and the story is original. I can't much say that I liked it while I was watching it, and I hated it afterwards, but I haven't been able to stop thinking about it, so I guess that's saying something.

For View Askew fans, there are a few redeeming aspects, such as a few very obscure View Askew references to Walt Flanagan's dog and an apartment number of the infamous "37" of Clerks fame. Moreover, the documentary "In Defense of Dogma" also graces the Vulgar DVD, providing a look behind the scenes of fellow View Askew production Dogma.

## Music Gift Ideas

ZACHARY JONES

So, you're looking for the proverbial "gift that keeps on giving" for a friend. Too, you want to be sure that you not getting a gift that someone else has already gotten them? You want to be unique. If this is you, worry no more. Check out these indie artists for your solution.

Artist: Iternel  
Album: Manhattan Project  
Genre: Southern Rap  
Rating: B

This rap duo, Cedric Sheffield and Rodney Hood, not unknown to many SPSU students (as Cedric is SPSU alum) has created an impressive first album. Their beats are very club-worthy, and their lyricism is above par for an indie album. With their last show here in the SPSU gynasium for Pi Kappa Phi, as well as the street release of their album on Nov. 7, be sure to check this CD out. With the creation of their label as well as Chillin' Big Production, the two are busy. But, they will be on campus Nov. 22 to promote the record. You can also pick up this CD at Supersound music and the Funk Shop downtown.

Artist: Pinwheel  
Album: Trouble Doll  
Genre: Noise Pop  
Rating: B-

I was attracted to this band first by the story accompanying the name of the CD, Trouble Doll, described briefly as "She was nothing but trouble...and I loved her." The sound particularly isn't anything original, but that's not necessarily bad (just listen to their influences: The Replacements, X, Frank Black). The bouncy rock sound fits perfectly when I'm in a cheesy mood or for the road trip. For its genre, it

gets slightly above average. You can check out more on this band at [www.pinwheelworld.com](http://www.pinwheelworld.com).

Artist: Lauren Jelencovich  
Album: No Official Albums, but various demos  
Genre: Pop  
Rating: B

I'm not a big fan of pop. But, in this sex-driven, teeny bopper driven pop industry, I clearly see that Lauren is setting herself aside. With classical training and a voice capable of singing nearly anything, she also sings opera. I recently heard her perform completely acapella at a music conference. I got chills. With a 9-song demo with songs written by Dave Merenda, Grammy award winning songwriter, I'm surprised that more people haven't taken notice of her in the pop industry. Though I see that her pop demo is more marketable, I definitely prefer her more intense 3-song demo with opera. Regardless of your tastes, both demos are high quality. For more information, email [cristihan@earthlink.net](mailto:cristihan@earthlink.net) or [ecuster@manatt.com](mailto:ecuster@manatt.com).

Artist: Outshine  
Album: Go to a show and find out! Take someone with you.  
Genre: Rock  
Rating: A

I love this band! The hard rock behind the awesome vocals of lead singer, J, make a powerful combination. The sound isn't 99x pressed and molded either. Their live performances are dynamic, powerful, and personal (hence the "go to a show" suggestion). See them while you still can see them in small venues around Atlanta.

## Invitation to My Big Fat Greek Wedding

WILLIS SMITH

"Yes, men are the head of the house but we, women, are the necks. The neck is connected to the head and it controls whichever direction the head moves in."

That is one of the best lines I have heard in the film "My Big Fat Greek Wedding." That quote also shows how hilarious this movie is as it reveals the subtle secrets and troubles in finding love and preparing for weddings.

Nia Vardalos plays a 30-years old lonely heart that grew up in a family emphasizing their Greek heritage. So proud her family is of their Greek heritage; most of the family usually works in the family business, the Greek diner. She grew up learning Greek and listening to her father rant about Greek history.

It is hilarious hearing the father break down any English word to its Greek origin.

The daughter becomes tired of the fatherly demand that Greek women must marry Greek men so they can have many Greek children. From the wandering grandmother to her father spraying Windex on everything, she has to deal with the many quirks of her family. It is heartwarming to watch her grow independent and no longer remain the duckling but a transform into swan instead.

The hilarious plot comes from the conflicts that arise when the daughter falls in love with a teacher who is non-Greek. There are conflicts within the family as the mother and father debate what

is best for their single daughter. Chaos and comedic moments arise when the future groom (John Corbett) works to earn the approval of his bride's large quirky family and many family members from the bride's family prepare for the big Greek-style wedding. There are many funny scenes as two families from different cultural backgrounds try to merge as one new family. If you ever want to bring your girlfriend to a comedy, "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" provides an uplifting feel-good flick on love and weddings.

## Insomnia Keeps Audience Awake

WILL SMITH

Al Pacino plays a veteran detective who is sent to a small Alaskan town to investigate the murder of a teenager girl. Upon studying the body, he finds that the killer will kill once again without flinching. The officer and his partner stake out a potential crime scene and when a suspect arrives, the man runs. During the chase, the detective makes a mistake that could ruin his career and destroy his life. He decides to cover his mistake and goes to extremely lengths to frame the mistake on the prime suspect. The prime suspect is revealed as native author (Robin Williams) who knows the truth about that foggy chase.

Williams plays a chilling role as a suspect who takes advantage of Pacino's weak state.

He taunts the exhausted detective about his mistake with this lines "We are alike, two people who didn't mean to do it, but we have to live with the consequences of our actions." In the middle of the movie, the author and detective start outwitting each other.

The interrogation scene is one mind-twisting scene to watch as two enemies try to catch each other in lies. The veteran cop feels so guilty about his mistake that he unable to sleep for six days. Each day, he tries to cover his hotel window to get some sleep.

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Hilary Swank plays a rookie officer who admires Pacino but become suspicious when she begins to piece together what really happen that afternoon.

This is a drama thriller movie where there are no clear good versus evil. It is a movie that reflects on life itself. It is worth renting it although your mind might be in a daze at the end.

**Travel Within Georgia: Cumberland Island**  
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Camp, a camping park with showers and restrooms. Once at Sea Camp, you can set up camp for the weekend and watch the animals. I made many camping trips and saw the following wildlife animals: bobcats, alligators, sea turtles, deer, fawns, raccoons, possums, birds, armadillos and wild horses.

The best part is the beaches nearby. There are trails leading to beaches from the campsites and when you reach the beaches, one can walk in one direction on the beach and the farther he or she walk, the less people lying on the beaches there are.

Stafford Campground is backcountry, a little farther. There are other camping locations like Yankee Paradise and Brick Hill Bluff, farther north above Sea Camp.

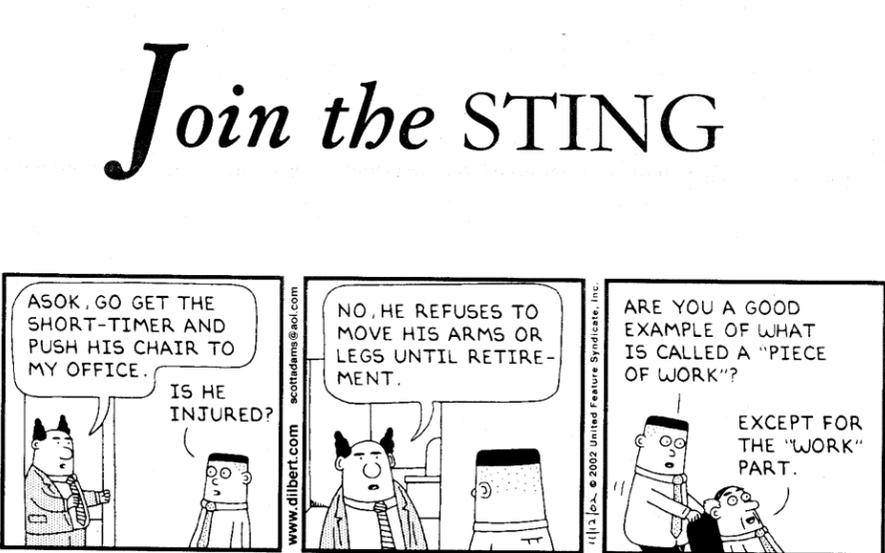
A family with children or students intent on camping can drive from Atlanta down to St. Mary's. St. Mary's town is the only place in Georgia where you can catch the "Cumberland Queen", the ferry to Cumberland Island. The best times to visit Cumberland Island are during the Fall when it is cool and less visitors travel to the island.

Reservations are recommended for a camping permit and the ferry ride. Call the National Park Service at 912-882-4335. The price for the ferry ride and the National Park Services fee is \$16 for an adult and \$12 per child. Cumberland Island is a wonderful Georgia wilderness to travel for a weekend vacation for under twenty dollars.

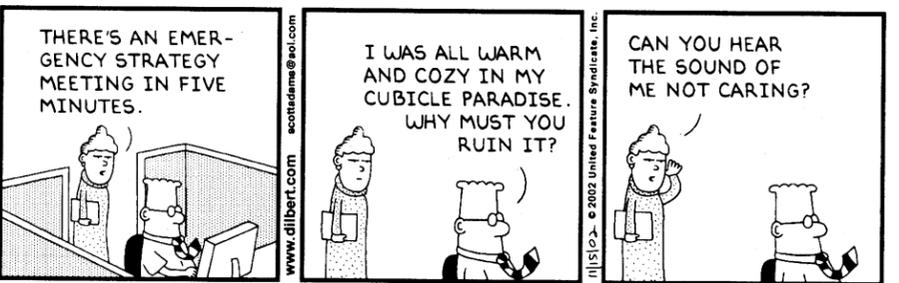
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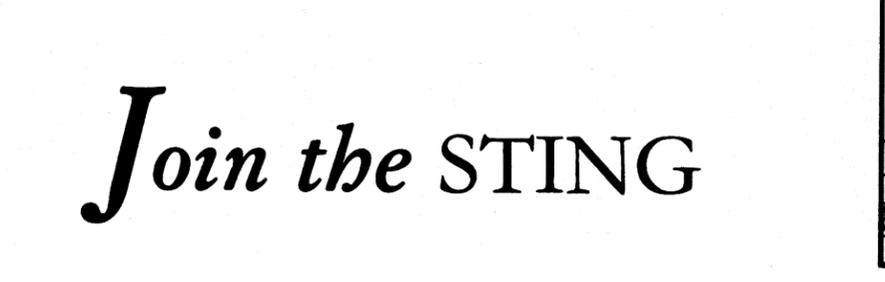
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## The Rule of Law

JOSHUA SHANNON

The rule of law is the most important idea in our country. Through the rule of law, our justice system functions. Through our justice system, society is upheld, and we maintain order. Should the rule of law fail, eventually society will crumble because the idea behind it no longer would be able to uphold it.

When the criminal is captured and convicted, the rule of law punishes him. When the innocent man is acquitted, it is because the rule of law functions. Even though the rule of law does not always work this way, ideally it works most of the time. There are occasions

when the rule of law does not function as it should, and in those times the justice system does need to pay recompense. While those situations are tragic and inexcusable, the rule of law is still upheld because the people in charge of upholding the rule of law recognize that they made a mistake and then compensate the person as best they can.

The rule of law must be maintained, even in the most inconvenient of times. If it is not maintained, then it just becomes an empty standard, as worthless as the hypocritical priest. Also, it must be maintained by everybody, even by those it inconveniences the most,

whether it is a Senator behind in the polls or the Secretary of State who fails to resign her position in time to run for another office. If they are leaders, supposed to lead by example, then they give no reason why the ordinary person needs to follow the rule of law in extreme situations.

Because we have the rule of law, our society functions, and functions well for the most part. However, should we stop following the rule of law then America will soon go the way of the Roman Republic: into the abyss of history.

## Have People Lost the Concept of Walking as Exercise?

WILLIS SMITH

I usually exercise in the evening by walking around the campus baseball fields and its practice fields. I enjoy walking at nights, seeing the buildings' lights bright up the campus. Many nights you can see people walking, jogging, or driving around the school. There are many things I get to watch that only occur at nights, like the freebee team playing tag, the school robotic team test flying their helicopter, and the soccer teams practicing their kicks.

The only thing that spoils the mood is when drivers slow down and ask to drive me home. I ask you this, why would a person walking on campus take a ride from a stranger? For that matter, what

could compel a driver to slow down and ask a stranger if he needs a ride home? I can not really see well in the dark without the streetlights over my head. I often can not hear well over the cars' engine. So why would I accept a ride if I were walking for exercise? Do the students see me in trouble or am I waving my arms at them for attention? Are the drivers taking pity on me because I am walking back to campus without any transportation but my feet?

Now, I am sure the drivers are considerate and polite in offering me a ride; I accept that possibility but why are their heads shaking as they drive past me? Do those drivers not know they are missing out on beauty only seen

during night walks? Rabbits leap across the parking lots into the shadowy forests with squirrels following their tails. Many useable pens are left lying across parking lots. Now, I walk to keep my mind sharp and active. Many health experts often declare just thirty minutes of walking a day is enough to relieve stress, lose calories, sleep less, and live longer. I walk to keep my brain and body healthy. So why do drivers still ask me to ride with them? Why don't the drivers try walking once in a while? If you don't have time to walk at night, then walk on campus during the day to classes. You may see the campus in a different way under the moon and with an active mind.

## A New Year's Resolution: Quit Smoking

KAREN ASAY

This is the time of year when most people start picking their New Year's resolutions. What do you think yours should be? Some people will decide to try to lose weight, exercise more, study longer, or get a better job. If you smoke, I would advice quitting being your resolution. Most people don't want to hear that smoking is the cause of more than 400,000 deaths a year from various diseases, that it is the leading preventable cause of death, or that it causes more deaths than AIDS, alcohol, drug abuse, car crashes, murders, suicides, and fires combined. We just don't want to look that far ahead, or think, "I'm going to die anyway," so let's take a look at how it affects you now.

Let's start with how smoking affects your looks. Everyone nowadays wants that wonderful white, beautiful smile; however, anyone that smokes can't get that wonderful smile without special products made to whiten your teeth. Another thing smoking causes is a woman's worse nightmare: wrinkles. Smoking increases the process of wrinkling your skin, so if you smoke you are going to get wrinkles earlier than you would if you didn't.

Smoking also affects your ability to play sports, weight lift, and basic everyday things. First off, there are many ways that smoking declines the amount of oxygen in your body, which makes it harder for you to stay active without getting winded whether you are running down the court to make a basket or walking between classes. Some of the ways smoking causes this is by replacing oxygen with carbon monoxide in your blood, and by narrowing both your blood vessels and air passageways. Also, not having enough oxygen in your body affects the amount of muscle gain you can get. If your muscles don't have enough oxygen then they can't lift the amount of weight they are capable of handling. This causes you to have

a lower weight and not work your muscles to their full potential, so you gain muscle much slower. Another way smoking affects your muscle gain is by slowing down your muscles' repair process. You gain muscle by exercising and creating little tears in your muscles. By repairing those tears, your body gains muscle. In a nonsmoker that process takes 48 to 72 hours, but that process takes a smoker around 3 days to do. Also, smoking affects your playing ability by decreasing your bone mineral, which makes it easier for you to get fractured bones.

Lastly, women, most of us will probably have kids some day, and if you smoke that can highly endanger your unborn child. Smoking causes both unsuccessful pregnancies and infant mortality. This fact is even on every box of cigarettes you will buy. And men, don't think that this is just the women's responsibility. Even if a pregnant woman is around people that smoke, it can affect her baby, because the air she breathes is the air that the baby breathes. Women, if you are thinking about having a baby, quit smoking first.

Since smoking is not just a habit, but an addiction, it is much, much harder to quit. Do not let that be the only reason you do not quit, because there are so many products out now that can help you fight that addiction. There are nicotine gums, and prescription- only sprays, patches, and inhalers. Also, since smoking is a habit, you probably are used to having something in your hand and/or in your mouth, so chewing gum or eating foods that let you use your hands are good ways to keep you from just putting a cigarette in your mouth out of habit.

I hope you consider quitting smoking throughout next year. If you do make it your New Year's resolution, make sure you stick with it. Quitting will be a hard thing to do, but the advantages are numerous.

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## Cartoon Network in the TV Rooms

BAILEY HUMPHRIES

Hey kiddos, like anime? The TV room just before dinner is constantly tooned into Cartoon Network with their Tsunami anime cartoon block. I mean, even if you go down at eight o'clock to watch the Yankees playoff game you're in for a sore surprise when you see people still in the room watching Cartoon Network. I'm sure, although I'm never awake to see, that during breakfast two or three tough looking fellows would still be in there watching episodes of Powder Puff girls.

A Mr. Randall Ware, President of the Student Government Association, told me once that those two TV rooms have collectively cost approximately \$80,000. The TV

room is constantly occupied by people who are always watching Cartoon Network, and if I weren't the nice guy that I am, I would get annoyed.

It's not so much that it's I hate Cartoon Network even, I just wish that the people down there would allow a person like me to change the damn channel so that a person like me could watch the damn Yankees game. Now that the playoffs are over, it's too late for them to make it up to me. But if those people really wanted to try they could always buy me a gold chain with a clock on it.

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I really enjoyed the great website that you've set up for The STING. It's been a long time since I've poked around the Southern Tech (do they still call it that?) website and I was quite pleased to see that some new blood had taken over and had decided to have as much fun with it as we did. I'm happy to see that you enjoyed some of our work, too.

Did anyone ever do anything more with publishing teacher evaluations? As a joint STING/SGA project, we did some student-run evaluations one year and published the results. It went well, but I don't think that anyone ever did it again.

-Jennifer Waller Leveillee, former Editor-in-Chief, The STING

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#### Is SGA Good for SPSU?

This past November 5<sup>th</sup> was one of the most important elections this nation has seen in over a hundred years. Georgia hasn't seen a republican governor since reconstruction. During all of the events leading up to these nationally altering elections, and especially after November 11<sup>th</sup>, you would think that every organization that has the slightest audience would be out there attempting to get people to fulfill their civic duty and vote.

My only question is where was the Student Government Association of Southern Polytechnic State University? Were they busy passing out "go and vote pamphlets"? Were they busy taking a poll of the campus trying to find out just how few students actually voted? Were they out themselves voting? I can for a fact say that I did not see one person or poster so much as mentioning the vote. I also would be very interested in finding out just how many of the righteous SGA members actually did vote.

I think it is very ironic that the SGA did not encourage people to vote, or possibly inform others as to the extreme importance of this past vote. Let us look at the word structure of SGA. "Student Government Association" Directly in the middle of that name, is the word government. The government consists of people who are required to be voted into office in order to serve the public. I guess this is not the way it is at SPSU. I suppose that the Student GOVERNMENT Association of SPSU are only required to sit in their comfy little chairs eating doughnuts, and then cut the funding to The STING when someone writes an article that they don't like!

I am a very proud American veteran who has stood the wall of freedom in more than one country for more than eight years. I have voluntarily risked my life in order to protect every last American's right to "Life, Liberty, and Pursuit of Happiness". Has the SGA forgotten what "Liberty" is? Has the SGA taken a turn towards communism? I know one thing is for sure; I am absolutely ashamed that I voted for anyone who currently serves in the SGA.

One last thing the SGA conveniently forgot was Veterans Day. Did anyone who reads this newspaper know that Atlanta has the largest Veterans Day parade in the entire country? I myself have marched in this parade alongside many of this nation's proud veterans. I myself feel honored to have marched next to this nation's finest. It is a real shame that the SGA has nothing to do with this country. Heaven forbid that the SGA have to set their doughnuts down for long enough to say thanks to those who have secured the freedom they now have. Heaven forbid that the SGA has to get out of bed before noon and do the job they were elected to do.

I, for one, expect any leader to be held to a higher standard. With the absolutely abominable job this SGA has done, it is amazing that they actually got voted in. Oh-yeah, don't forget to remind the SGA about Christmas, so they can have head start for the doughnut line.

-Peter Sansone

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Your letter could be here!

## Consensus Editorial

We, The STING staff, would like to thank the squirrel for returning for another issue. He is always welcome, and we hope that he comes by to see us more often.

This is the last issue that the students of SPSU will see until January, but the STING staff is sure that when we all come back we will be able to get right into the swing of things and have a good issue out in no time.

The STING would also like to thank all of the new writers that have joined us recently, and we hope to have all the names to have a proper staff list before the next issue. If you know of anything that may be news worthy, or you just want to vent, please send all comments to either the stings email (sting@spsu.edu) or stop by and let someone know. If there is nobody there, feel free to slip us a note under the door with your thoughts.

That pretty much wraps things up. Have a safe and fantastic holiday weekend, and the STING will see you in the spring!

# The Student Question

*"What are you thankful for?"*

*The students of SPSU share their thoughts with the STING. Late at night before we do layout, we look for people, then ask them random things!*



*"Salvation."*  
**Nick Coleman,**  
MET Sophomore



*"Godly parents!"*  
**Jenny Kimbell,**  
Missionary  
Teaching Soph  
(Transferring)



*"My family and good health."*  
**Jestin Fultrell,**  
Architecture  
Junior



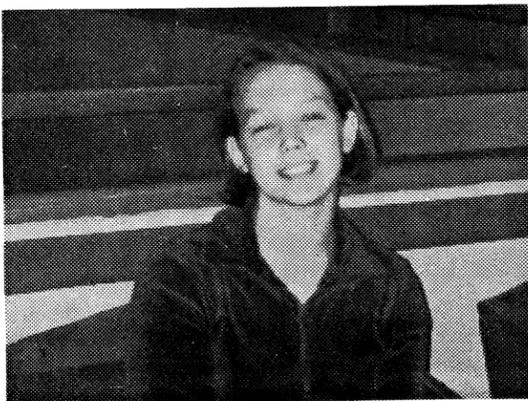
*"All hot women."*  
**Nermal Sahadevan,** MET  
Freshman



*"Opportunities."*  
**Michael Saul,**  
CpET Senior



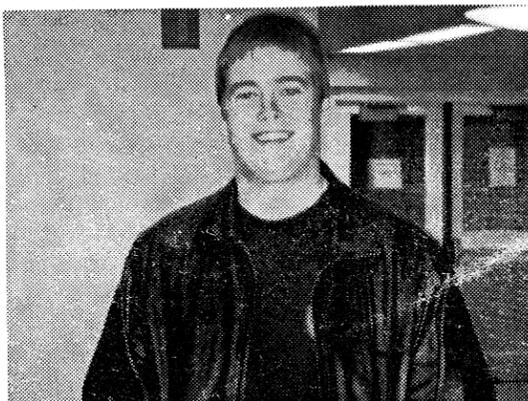
*"Ice."*  
**Ashley Little,**  
Business Management (said with a sigh) Freshman



*"Being away from my parents."*  
**Niki McBryar,**  
ECET (soon to be childhood education) Sophomore



*"Finally going to school."*  
**Terry Bradshaw,**  
Cooking Freshman



*"Nicotine."*  
**Chris Bennett,** CS  
Freshman

*Next Month: We have no idea yet, but we may do a Teacher Question!*