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快讯

美国手枪协会将从六月在南方工业大学建立少年组目的是要教导美国男生怎么打好手枪。(第三页)

松鼠比牛大。科学家肯定是因为史丁拍了太多松鼠的裸照的关系。女松鼠协会想告史丁。(第十三页)

<赛马姐>和女同志们搞上了<生命大学>的男生。两位女同志和二十位男生被捕。女同志说她们是受<赛马姐>邀请来拍他们活动的照片。(第六十九页)

<撒旦、胡心>被选为南工播音室的总经理。美国总统愤怒的想把学院关闭。工作人员说他们是有权力这么做。(第一百页)

造反、翻新！

史丁主编被宰；华族记者，无影无踪。李俊孝报道

在二零零三年，三月三十一日，大约十点晚上，南方工业大学的学生会主席，<何立弟>，带领了五十位华族同学攻击了学生报馆，<史丁>。他们把主编，<沙克利、忠思>宰了。问何主席为何要向报馆造反，他很生气的回答：“<史丁>这报章太过分了。他们根本太不尊重华人和女生，所以不给他们颜色看是对全世界的女生和我们的祖宗不起的。”再问何主席报馆怎么不尊重法，他回答：“<史丁>一路来没把其他人们放在眼里，尤其是女同学们。举个例子吧。他们在报章里刊载了女生胸部和两个女生在接吻的广告。这太过离谱了。虽然男生读者看到了应该会感到很兴奋可是这并不表达我们华人男生的想法。我们华人男生了解尊重的意义，能为我们的母亲和姐妹尊严想一想。母亲们辛辛苦苦的在肚里怀了我们九个月、痛苦的把我们生了出来、困苦的养了我们；就因为姐妹们在家里把家务作得完完整整我们男生才能到处鬼混，难道我们就用刊登“黄色”照片来报答她们的血汗吗？这不是报答呀，这是污辱！无论是西方或东方的女生，我们都应该尊重她们。”何主席又强调说：“<史丁>不只侵犯了女生的尊严，还污辱了我们祖宗的遗产和污蔑了华人的尊严。在三月六日版里，他们居然敢用十二生肖来搞笑！这可以用来搞笑的吗？真的太岂有此理了！”

这时候四位造反者把另一位史丁记者，<马克、干贝尔>抓来问话。<干贝尔>坚持的要见他的律师而什么都不肯说。可是造反者把他打了五十个大板后，他受不了就和合作的把全部问题答的完完全全。<干贝尔>说：“<笨里>当得到造反的讯息，马上逃到墨西哥避难！”问社会副主席，<黄小弟>为和不可以宽容的放<笨里>一马因为他是位来自新加坡的华人，黄副主席很愤怒的说：“就是因为他是华人我们更要惩罚这走狗。他不只用了十二生肖来开玩笑他还在搞笑文里写出些莫名其妙的谎话。他把我们华人表达为很落后很贪便宜。我们把他抓回来，这样我们可以给同胞们和祖宗们一个交待！”

华生造反报馆后有什么打算？社会秘书<欧阳大莲>说：“从现在开始，<史丁>就由我来管理。最主要的任务就是把<史丁>翻新。然后我们要把内容清理得一千二净。我们就只刊登华文版因为世界上有超过二十亿华人，所以大家都应该懂得读华文。她劝同学们继续读<史丁>因为她保证内容不只会比以前更有意义而且还会更好笑。她解释：“我们华人虽然在外表上看来很严肃认真可是我们比西方人更会搞笑，而且我们的笑话全都没有“黄色”的内容。就给你们一点来尝试：“为什么那只鸡要过街？因为有个羽毛设计师要催它！”这时华人同学开始大声的笑。

哈哈，读者们，你们被愚弄了！愚人节快乐！



快论

<赛马姐>认为<伊拉克>总统应该把他的器官砍掉。<赛马姐>很了意服务，为国增光去抓捕那恶人。他们认为<撒旦>那么邪恶应该死后作一点好事把他的器官结冰使容易医科研究，好替自己属罪。为什么<赛马姐>会想到要这么做呢？(第三十页)

四月一日是一个很好的日子。因为在这一天<史丁>可以乱写文章和乱乱的搞笑。在这一天同学们应该放轻松，笑一笑，生命长一点。如果有读者不赞称我们的作法，新理学家建议这些人每天早上在镜子前和浴室里笑了太多没力气在笑了。这些人在笑什么呢？(第五十二页)

特写

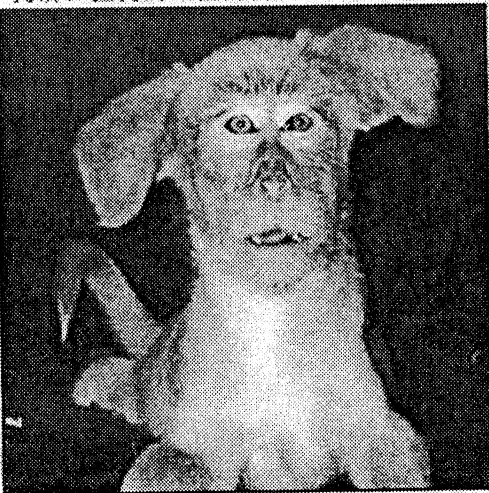
电脑游戏最新出版：我们不会玩这些因为这很浪费时间，脑力和精神。(第十六页)

电影评论。。。最新电影。李俊孝同学评论“万里长城的历史”、“匈奴攻击万里长城III”、“一生走完万里长城”、万里长城之恋”(第十七页)

ABL更换菜单

丹青、波卵报道

ABL经营公司在三月二十七日宣布他们会更改一套主食。这是为了学生的投诉后才这样做的。在学生中心的餐室里，他们决定在早餐、午餐和晚餐时特世界最新的发现-猩猩。ABL经理<和油、嚼食>承认说“我们真的没有考虑到学生的要求和需要。可是有一天，一般学生穿了黑冒的睡服和带了日本宝剑来威胁我的工人。如果学生们喜欢吃猩猩-狗肉比如猩猩饼、猩猩汤、猩猩套餐我们会很乐意的迁就他们何必用这样决的手段呢？”



What the fizuck?! No, seliousry, what the fiznizzle?

看来好象是木匠黏酱。”

<嚼食>说他的公人会把猩猩弄干净后就会把它砍了然后在星期五把它煮给学生们。

日本同学们看来对这猩猩很有意思和特别有兴趣。他们能共了第一只猩猩。<性急、打击者>，说：“我在学生中心找到这只猩猩。它在<赛马姐>的办公处里不连续的哭叫。当我们进那办公处时，我们看到猩猩全体都沾了，

恐子说：“对人要有礼貌、对狗要有礼貌。当人分别不了猩猩和小狗时，人类可说以发了毛病或他昨晚喝了太多。更糟的是枪打得太多。所以对您的小弟也要有礼貌。”

学生生活社会更换播音台总经理

肯呢、麦精喜报道

学生生活委员会由五对二的投票数成功的反对<维联、伯刻>选为播音室的总经理。委员会主席<乐斯特、多拉>博士反而把总经理的职位分配给<撒旦、胡心>。<胡心>将从夏季学期开始任职。

<伯刻>认为他自己很失败。他说：“一个人知道他事很失败如果<撒旦>能在公关战场上击败了他。我对委员会选<撒旦>感到非常失望而遗憾。<撒旦>这人也是够好了。他能令同事们喜欢他，真恶心。”

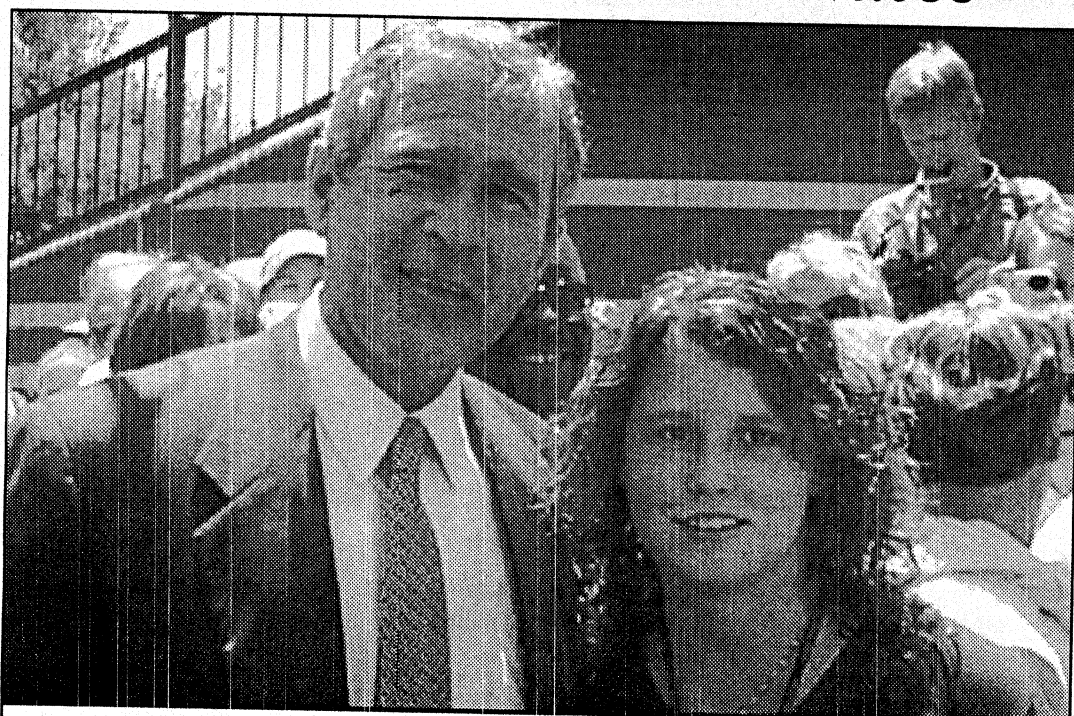
<多拉>委员会主席说这投选方式出了错误。“我们打听到这些票数是<博立、波克黑德>算的。因为他将离职，这些票应该是有新的学生公事主任<结希科、卡得>来数的。可是<撒旦>的确是最佳人选因为他有那“无。。。钨”，那特别恶人的姿态。这是我们学院最缺少而最须要的气氛。”

<撒旦>打算主修公商管理的课程。他也正是<伊拉克>，那中-东细小而富有石油的国家的总统。<撒旦>注解：“我知道我是个非传统的学生，可是我在生活上很须要更大的改变。”他原本想要参加日本友谊协会。他说：“我想想，他们真的是一群很喜欢吃鱼生的人。我还听说他们宰除海盗的精彩故事。”

<撒旦>最后再说：“我很高兴我的官理经验和我在我政治党派的活动使我争取了这一份工作。”



Bush To Address Graduates



Carter and Bush posed for a photo op at SPSU's Student Center on Sat., Nov. 2nd. Bush will be speaking at the May 10th commencement on campus. Photo by Richard B. Cheney.

MARK CAMPBELL

President George Bush will be addressing Southern Polytechnic State University graduates as the Commencement Speaker on Sat., May 10th. It will be the president's first visit since an impromptu drop-in on the campus on Sat., Nov 2nd, prior to a speaking luncheon for US Senate candidate Saxby Chambliss and gubernatorial hopeful Sonny Purdue.

Bush had visited the campus last November at the behest of a family friend, Jessica Carter. Carter, then secretary to the former Dean

of Students Barry Birkhead, has since been promoted by university president Dr. Lisa Rossbacher to serve as the new Dean.

"President Bush's family, and mine, go back a long way," admitted Carter. Her grandfather, Harold Smith, had sold the Bush's their Crawford ranch parcel. Carter stands to inherit a portion of the old Smith spread, which surrounds the president's ranch on three sides.

"We're very pleased, and highly honored, that President George Bush would take the time to

address the graduates of Southern Polytechnic State University," said Rossbacher. "I cannot emphasize enough, in this time of conflict, how significant this development is for the university, and for our visibility campaign."

Sources within the university administration concede that the close connection President Bush has established with the small state technology university could lead to significant benefits. "I would have to say that the Regents would be well advised to pay attention," said

the source. "Our reputation may soon be zooming for the heavens, and we have a significant opportunity to become the university system's flagship. With a zest for life, anything is possible!"

"We've already got the university seal on one of the new pool tables – at least the student leaderships is progressive and future forward," the source added, "Unlike you retrograde idiots on the STING."

Carter stated that when she invited Bush to pop on by prior to speaking, a university visit was not on her mind. "To be honest, I thought that after his flight, he might want a biscuit and some coffee," stated Carter. Carter said that she, Bush and the Secret Service motorcade proceeded to Our Place Restaurant at 940 S. Marietta Parkway near the Campus Walk apartments.

Bruce Ealey, the restaurant's proprietor, said serving President Bush was no big deal. "I mean, he's just a guy from Yale," said Ealey. "Let's face it – people from Princeton are a whole lot smarter, and so are most of you guys at Southern Tech – except, maybe, the writers on that newspaper of yours."

Ealey said Bush enjoyed the smoked sausage biscuit. "Those secret service guys, though – man they can really pack the food away. You would think they spend all their time running alongside those limousines and SUVs, the way they were eating."

Carter said Bush only saw the

campus briefly. "Basically, I just had time to show him the student center. I showed him Barry's office, and the Student Government office. He really liked the leather chairs and the conference table – said it reminded him of his suite aboard Air Force One," Carter explained.

Bush and Carter posed briefly for a photograph near the stairs at the north end of the Student Center. "You know, Vice-President Cheney took that photo," said Carter. "Since September 11th, he's been in seclusion with the SPSU tennis team in the house across South Marietta Parkway from the campus – the one owned by Beth Haynie, over in the School of Computer Science and Software Engineering."

"Of course, you guys can't report that," said Carter. "His whereabouts are part of the 'Continuity of Government' program, and that's classified, or at least that's what George told me."

Word from the White House was that speechwriter Michael Gerson has been assigned to pen the President's remarks at the SPSU commencement. Gerson had written the President's State of the Union address. "We're looking for a hook – like sending robotic rabbits to nibble on Martian ice," said Gerson.

"I'm just kidding," Gerson added. "We'll do something serious – like why the STING is part of the Axis of Evil."

Secretary to Become New Dean of Students

MARK CAMPBELL

After a semester of protests, Dean of Students Barry Birkhead tendered his recognition, citing the lack of trust that had been fostered amongst students. In the interim, Vice-President of Student Enrollment and Services Dr. Ron Koger announced that the Jessica Carter will be promoted to Dean of Students.

"I seriously considered promoting either Leigh Ann Holton or Jackie Isaakson to the position," conceded Koger. "All three [of them] are very competent. The thing you have to understand, is that Barry doesn't do a whole hell of a lot – that made choosing Jessica [Carter] the easy choice, since she is new to the job."

According to Koger, some students had complained that Birkhead didn't do much for the students, and didn't watch out for their interests. "Well, yes, sometimes you could find Barry sitting in his office on a fancy leather chair," conceded Koger, "But sometimes you couldn't. Perhaps Birkhead spent too much time walking around and poking his head in on student organizations' meetings. I guess you could see that as interference, and cause for complaint."

"I thought I was doing a good job," said Birkhead. "I don't know where I went wrong, but some students got upset, and I thought it might be better for the students if I moved along. I'm going to be tak-

ing a position as Vice-President of Student Services at Ramapo College of New Jersey."

Carter would be the first Dean of Students at the University who would also be a student. Carter is working on obtaining a management degree. Her previous experience includes television coordination for the Atlanta Falcons, an experience that she says has taught her how to deal with difficult individuals while retaining customer service schools. "I just smile a lot," she said.

Of more pressing concern was finding another drummer for the Friday Five, SPSU's famed faculty band. Birkhead had served as the percussionist for the group, but with a pending move to New Jersey, band members are scrambling to find a substitute.

"We're in a pinch," said lead guitarist Alan Gabrielli, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. "I know that Birkhead has recommended Zach Jones, who is ok with a guitar, but not so good on the drums. Zach is, however, graduating with a computer science degree from SPSU, which does mean he'll be looking for some gigs to make ends meet."

"What we're really concerned about," Gabrielli admitted, "Is that Jones is as queer as a three-dollar bill – that, and the fact that he edits the STING."

STING Welcomes Its First Literate Member

VINCENT MIGLIORE

As most of you can tell from the many issues of *The STING* that come out across the SPSU campus, this staff can't read or write. This is a problem we hoped could be rectified by taking classes here at Southern Polytechnic, but unfortunately we are still stuck with putting large pictures of breasts and squirrels in the paper to take up space. Hopefully things will change soon though as *The STING* has hired its first literate member in the history of the organization, 2nd grader Adrian Nickels.

Adrian likes to play with his Ninja Turtles action figures, watch Sponge Bob, and kill Iraqis in his spare time. Although he has only been on the staff for one week, we already have learned a lot. For instance, did you know that C is for cookie and the cow goes moo? Adrian plans on teaching us many new skills like putting words together to form sentences, but we aren't going to rush into things.

Editor-In-Chief Zachary Jones knew he found something special when Adrian put the letter blocks in *The STING* office together to spell his name in under 15 minutes. CJ Shrader who was able to spell his first name in 42 minutes held the previous record. "This kid has a kind of energy that's going to turn this paper around," said Zach excitedly. When asked what kind of articles Adrian would be writing, Zach gave us this response, "I'll let you know after our nap."

With this huge boost of matu-



What's the best part about a boy in 2nd grade?

rity added to the staff, the future looks bright for the *STING*. Look for the first Adrian influenced issue of *The STING* next month. Rumor has it that instead of pages full of

pictures there will actually be words involved somehow. We aren't sure how this all is going to work, but there definitely will be some new ground broken.

Sink Breaks In Howell, Fixed Same Day

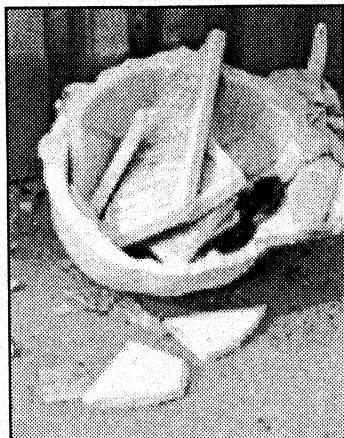
VINCENT MIGLIORE

Last Tuesday, SPSU student and Howell Hall resident Josh Paley made a shocking discovery. A sink in the Howell Hall East restrooms was falling off the wall and water was spraying all over the place causing a flood. "That sh!t was fu*king crazy man," SPSU Freshman Henry Bobbins declared. Many residents were claiming that the water spraying out burned their skin, and smelled of sulfur.

An incident of this magnitude would normally take two to three months before it was even decided on whether it should be fixed or not. Miraculously, a halt was put to the dispelling of water, and the sink was fixed by the end of the day. Residents of Howell Hall were put in a state of awe and utter amazement. "Sh!t man I've never seen those motherf*ckers work so fast. There has to be a good explanation for this."

As a matter of fact, there was a very good explanation for the whole thing. Apparently the sink had been reported broken back in August of 1987, and that was the work order the maintenance man was coming to fill. The sink was being held together all these years by rubber cement and chewing gum, but the stress put on this quick fix was too much and the line ruptured once again.

The current residents of Howell Hall are lucky that the problem was rectified as fast as it was, and without an unreasonable fine. "Normally they just fine us for stuff we



Try washing your penis in THIS sink.

didn't break and hope we don't notice. It's okay though because we are just stupid kids that don't know any better anyway," stated Erin Ripley. No one knows when the next mishap at Howell Hall will occur, but the residents won't be expecting such quick reaction next time. "Fu*k b!t#h, I ain't getting used to a damn thing 'cause I know this motherfu*king sh!t won't be fixed this fast ever again."

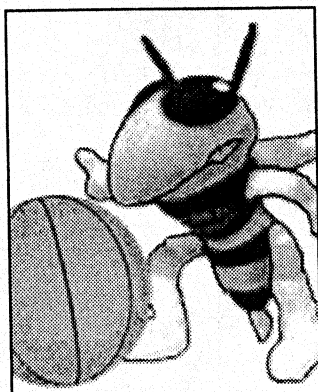
No explanation was ever given to why the water burned human flesh and smelt like sulfur, but no one is complaining. It seems everyone is just so happy to have their sink up and running again that they can manage the peeling skin and occasional bleeding sores on their arms. Another potential crisis has been averted on the campus of SPSU and the residents of Howell Hall are thankful once again.

SPSU Surprise Entrant at NCAA Tournament

VINCENT MIGLIORE

In what has to be considered one of the biggest shocks in the history of any sport on the collegiate or professional level, Southern Polytechnic State University has entered the annual NCAA Basketball Tournament ranked as the 15th seed in the South bracket. Although our school doesn't compete on the same level as all the other division 1 schools, Southern Poly made it in the tournament due to many strange occurrences.

The 1,765 schools ranked ahead of Southern Polytechnic State University all encountered an unheard of set of coincidences that made them all ineligible. While most of the schools' ineligibilities were academic related, some situations were unique. W.C. Britt Elementary School, which is ranked two spaces above SPSU, had to withdraw from the tournament due to the team not meeting the height or weight requirement. Meanwhile, Tom S. Sumter's Retirement home team had to forfeit due to unexpected deaths on the team. As a matter of fact, it was the unexpected death of the whole team.



You've been stung!

Southern Polytechnic State University faced off against number 2 ranked Florida last Thursday in the opening round, and was defeated 652 - 13. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Men's basketball team for making the NCAA tournament. Sure they didn't score any points, but that doesn't matter. They tried their hardest, and we should all be proud of them. Maybe next year we can win more games and get a better seeding in the tournament or at least hope we play Ray Charles' School for the Blind.

Fembots Take Over SPSU, Students Happy

TOM

SPSU has a reputation of educating the best and the brightest students around the state. In fact, SPSU was putting out more students on the deans list than any other school. More students were graduating with 4.0 GPA's than Georgia Tech or Georgia State put together! Well, obviously this drew the attention of those mighty two, Georgia Tech specifically. They couldn't be outdone by their old counterpart SPSU. As Tech is known for their capabilities with electronics, they devised a plan to put SPSU back in its place. What follows is the story of what happened...

Another day at SPSU goes by like any other, until a large wooden box arrives at the dorms late in the day. There is no return address on the box, and it's addressed just to "The students at SPSU." A group of freshman guys are the first to come upon the box. Being freshman and seeing free stuff, they decide to take it in. After all, they were students. It took 4 of them to carry this box inside. It was big and heavy. Once in their dorm room, they opened the box and picked through the packing material and found a robot.

Their jaws dropped when they saw what kind of robot it was. It was a Fembot. "Who would send a Fembot to the students at SPSU and why?" You'd think this would be the first question on their minds, but they weren't complaining. Once the Fembot was out of its box and turned on, it started hanging on to the first guy it saw. After all, that guy wasn't complaining, but everyone else was. Where was their Fembot? There was a lot of animosity in the dorms that day.

That one lucky student who had the Fembot all over him went to bed ecstatically happy that night. Yet, when he awoke in the afternoon he noticed that not only did he still have his Fembot, but it had multiplied; now there were 5 of them. While his Fembot stayed, the rest went out of the room, down the hall, and before to long, they were hanging off other guys on the hall. The same thing happened the next day. Except now each one multiplied 4 times.

This went on for days till Fembots were all over campus. All the guys on campus had their own personal Fembot. No one studied, or went to class, all their time was taken up by the Fembots. It got to the point the guys lost interest in real girls. They were too much work, and the Fembots had everything a real girl had, and more some. Eventually the Fembots ran out of students to occupy so occasionally they occupied time with other Fembots.

It was pure mayhem. Grades started dropping, porn wasn't being downloaded, and students just stayed in their dorm rooms all day. It appears the Fembots had done their job. Soon SPSU would be



You'll need a Rockwell Hardness test for these nipples.

nothing but a low-rated joke of a college.

It appears the Fembots had done their damage; Georgia Tech was once again the best school in

the state. How could we let this happen? What has this world turned into? The students at SPSU surely aren't complaining either way.

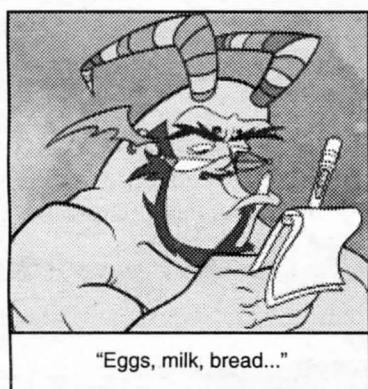
Dr. Flannery Predicts End of World

ZACHARY JONES

April 1, in an official ceremony in the Student Center Ballroom, Dr. Barry Flannery of the Math Department announced that, through an intensive study in Probability and Statistics, he has predicted the end of the world for May 10, 2003.

Response to the prediction varied from hysteria to apathy to laughter.

Following the official announcement of the Apocalypse, some students were seen drinking to the point of intoxication and smoking marijuana cigarettes in the woods down by the creek. When asked their comment on the fast-approaching end of the world, they responded, "Uh...It's the end of the world?"



Others, from various religions, joined hands and surrounded the Rock in solemn prayer for forgiveness and solidarity. They then all joined in sacrificing a lamb upon the rock altar. Following the sacrifice, the TKE's came quickly in the behind and painted "TKE's F**king Rule!" over the blood-stained rock.

A small group of SPSU, Life, and Kennesaw students joined behind Sid Davis, newly appointed SPSU VPAA, as the Second Messiah, stating, "Chiropractioning [sic] can cure anything."

The Catholic Church has made no official comment. It has recently requested a list of all joint-enrollment boys at SPSU, however.

Benedictine monk Brother Host Rakoczy stated that he is fearful that

"...today the average teenager believes it 'wouldn't be so bad' to be bitten by a vampire." Brother Rakoczy further stated, "They will be Satan's shock troops, using their enormous strength and their invulnerability to ordinary weapons to lay waste to whole cities."

The Homeland Security Commission, in official reaction, increased the Terrorist Alert color to "Red as Hell, and we mean Hell." Further, it strongly encouraged citizens to abandon their plastic wrap and duct tape in favor of "garlic and a sharp stick." Many grocery stores are reporting a complete sell-out of fresh garlic as well as Garlic & Herb Lay's. Administration asked ABL to provide all the garlic they have for the protection of the school. ABL responded that it had no seasoning.

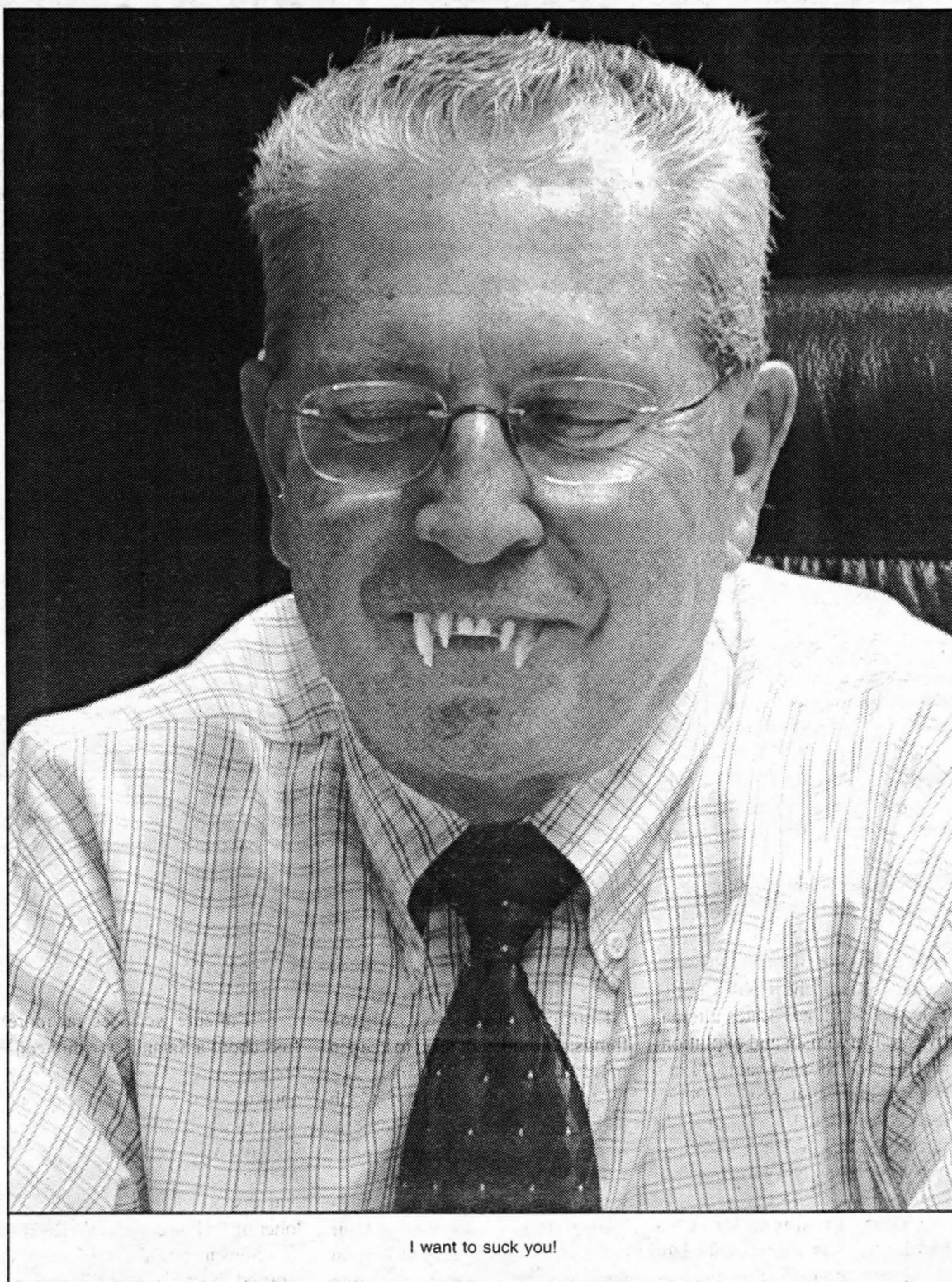
France exploded in outrage as later on that day, President Bush gave an official 48 hours for Satan to disarm. Satan's son Damien responded immediately that their regime of power would not step down. "We've even infiltrated SPSU," said Damien.

Satan hasn't been seen in public in centuries. Some even have ceased to believe he exists.

Bumper stickers have already begun to be sold in local Marietta stores stating, "F**k Satan." They are not to be found in the SPSU Bookstore, however. But, they are available at the Engineer's Bookstore across the street.

Satan, official *STING* writer, expressed disappointment for the lack of appreciation for years of Christmas, Easter, and other fun inspired by his pagan religious hoards. "Man, the article wasn't *that* bad, for Christ's sake!" stated Satan, referring to his "Why I Love Christmas" of the Nov. 26 Special Holiday Edition of *The STING*. Victoria Sharpe, Technical Communicator, stated, "Yes, it indeed was that bad. The *STING* is a third rate newspaper at best." Steve Davis, former CS professor, responded, "Well, then its appropriate for this school!"

Other students have been seen



protesting the end of the world with Phantom Storm down at Georgia State University and near Underground Atlanta. Students have been seen carrying signs saying, "Smoke Pot, Not Satan!," "Disarm Christ!," "1, 2, 3, 4, We Don't Want Your F**king War," "The UN

should say when Satan is disarmed!," just to name a few.

Pro-war-on-Satan picketers, though fewer in number, did have a few signs visible: "Beware of

Bushwacker (he is armed)," "Bush 3:16," and "God Bless Our Troops (not France or anyone else

in the entire world)."

Dr. Flannery revealed later on during the day that he was using Markov's Inequality instead of Chebycheff's Inequality and that his announcement was a "false alarm." "My bad, guys!"

J-Building On Indian Burial Ground

CJ SHIFLETT

Students attending Southern Poly are familiar with the J building. Set near the Howell and Norton residence buildings, the J building is home to many core departments as well as the Computer Science labs. Yet, it is a little known fact that the Atrium building is built upon an Indian burial ground.

Before 1492, when Columbus sailed the ocean blue, an unknown tribe of Indians buried thousands of dead warriors after the battle of Sasupusatach. It was on this spot in the year 2000 where the Atrium building was first opened. At first, nothing seemed unusual about the new building.

As time passed, however, it soon became clear that something was strange about the J-building. Pens and pencils disappearing from classrooms, LAN cables found mysteriously unplugged, and other ab-

normalities began to pique the interest of students. When door locks were suddenly changed throughout the building, however, the coincidences were too numerous.

Concerned students pooled their money together and hired Harold Ramis, an expert in paranormal activities. Using his extensive knowledge of strange phenomena and vast assortment of flashing lights, Mr. Ramis began searching the first level of the Atrium building for paranormal activities. Though none were found, neither Ramis nor the gathering crowd were deterred, however, and the search was moved to the next floor.

Almost immediately, Ramis claimed that a paranormal event had occurred. Fifteen students in the computer science lab were found speaking in tongues. "This type of event", Ramis claimed, "could only have been induced by exposure to

the paranormal." Further examination revealed yet another room, this one larger and containing more students. A quick investigation of the last floor revealed nothing more than the first floor.

The excitement generated by the now-Doctor Ramis soon attracted the attention of a local Indian tribe. The tribe, who refused to name themselves, claimed to be the descendants of the warriors who were buried under the Atrium building. After protracted conferences with Dr. Rossbacher, the Indian tribe was given the J building (1) as a mausoleum for their fallen brethren. The president was unavailable for comment. Classes formerly held in the Atrium building have been moved to the Burruss Auditorium.

1- That is now filled with booby traps such as in Indiana Jones type movies.



BSU Re-dedicated to Satan

MARK CAMPBELL

Dave Stewart, a former Baptist minister, announced that the Baptist Student Union will change its mission, and its name, in a re-dedication this Saturday. The center will now honor Satan, and has chosen to adopt the name 'Brotherhood of Satanic Unity.'

"It's a Godless society," stated Stewart, "And we felt that to cater to our students at Kennesaw [State University] and Southern Polytechnic, we needed to make a change. Our new motto sums it up best – all your base belongs to us." Stewart added that the new center has adopted Batboy as their new mascot.

Stewart admitted that the changes may shock parents. "Look, it's not like we're entirely devoid of morals – like the *STING*," Stewart explained. "And we're not sacrificing babies, either. Our students, at least those in the fraternities, have access to a good supply of goats."

Dr. Betty Siegel, President of Kennesaw State University, expressed outrage at the change. "It is unconscionable that a Baptist ministry outreach to our students would advocate worshiping Satan. I seriously hope the Baptist Convention reconsiders their mission at Kennesaw State University."

Stewart dismissed such concerns, saying that Siegel's concerns reflected that of Cobb County citizens and not that of college students. "Look, the Cobb County School District advocates alternatives to Darwinism and evolutionary theory," Stewart said. "Let's keep in mind that BSU students, both at SPSU and KSU, do study science, and know that the creationism story is really a bunch of hokum."

SPSU President Dr. Lisa Rossbacher was more ambivalent about the matter. "While it is true that SPSU students do study science, and that evidence of Martian microbes are precluded in a strictly



Creationist belief system, to simply toss aside God is not a matter to be taken lightly," Rossbacher said.

Dr. Sandy Pfeiffer, SPSU's retiring Vice-President of Academic Affairs, put a different spin on things. "I think you need to keep in mind the amount of business that the University does with both Cobb County and the City of Marietta. Rossbacher has to protect the interests of the university."

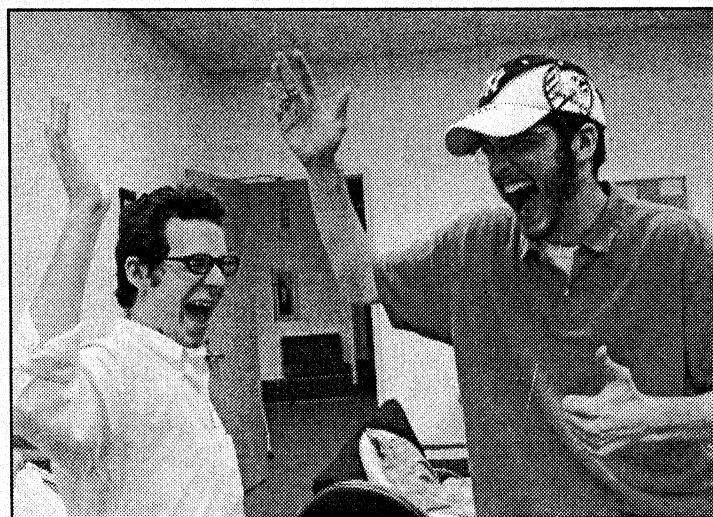
Pfeiffer added that local politicians have to be sensitive to their constituents. "You have to keep in mind that all of them, including those on the school board, have to deal with religious neo-conservatives on a daily basis. We're talk-

ing about people who would ban abortions, have prayer in our schools, and advocate Creationism as a scientific basis for the origins of life."

"I'm sure we'll see far more fuss about a Satanic worship center next to the campus," Pfeiffer added, "than we'll see about our Architecture students working with the Marietta Redevelopment Authority to create a streetscape that discourages Hispanics from loitering on Powder Springs Road."

Stewart added that he wasn't worried about community reaction. "I'm just here to serve the students," he said.

CS Receives Accreditation



"Having a future ROCKS!"

ZACHARY JONES

On April 1, the Computer Accreditation Committee of the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology (ABET) informed SPSU that the Computer Science programs of Southern Polytechnic would receive accreditation starting in Fall Semester upon completing extensive changes to the curriculum, labs, and faculty composition.

Among the changes to be made to the curriculum include the abandonment of the site license with Microsoft and its Windows-based products and a conversion to the UNIX operating systems. Linux Penguins are to be placed in every dorm room. Further, teachers are no longer allowed to pass students who haven't even successfully completed one of their programs during the semester. Too, the entire CS department cannot be made up of part-time faculty.

Faculty members and students alike rejoiced at the development.

"We're just so glad to be joining the real world of computing," said Rebecca Rutherford, Program Head of Information Technology.

"CS got that Whoo Whoooo," stated Bubba Rubb, IT Sophomore.

Not all was happy-go-lucky on the verge of accreditation, however. Some students expressed apathy for accreditation or the lack thereof. "It's just fa dekoraytion," expressed Lil' Sis, SWE Freshman.

Other students expressed dismay that they had graduated one taco short of the combo plate, right on the verge of accreditation.

"That is poo pool!" expressed

Zachary Jones, CS Graduating Senior, in a rare outburst of profanity. "Software 'Engineering'," said Jones with uplifted finger quotation marks, "isn't Engineering anyway."

Following Jones' remark, Dean Mike Murphy replied, "'Graduating'," lifting his own finger quotation marks, "Senior," with a slight chortle.

Steve Davis, CS Faculty, expressed doubts about the implementation of the new necessary changes, saying, "Remember this is SPSU, if you wanted something more intense, you should have enrolled in a real school. SPSU is third rate at best and has to accommodate those who can't make it elsewhere so if the intensity is too low, blame your peers...If the faculty were more serious about Computer Science, they would show some commitment to a real operating system like UNIX instead of playing around on their PC's and pretending that they know something about the real world of computer. SPSU is probably the only school where you can get a 'Computer Science' degree without really having to know how to program a computer. That should tell you something about the place. My advice to you is to bail out and go to a better school."

Following the printing of this article, *The STING* was granted the Student Hopefuls' Appreciation For Truth, or SHAFT, Award by the office of Recruitment. Two students are reported to have come to this school after merely reading an issue of *The STING*.

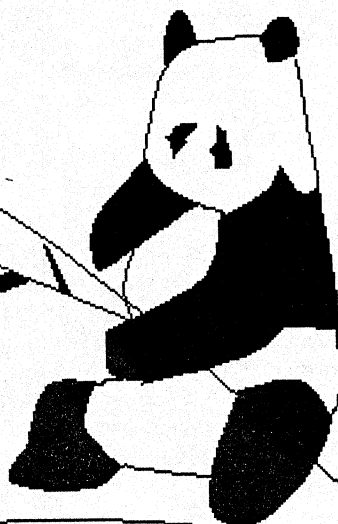
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SPSU To Establish Landmark

MARK CAMPBELL

Southern Polytechnic State University and the Greyhound Bus Company have negotiated a deal that establishes a new Marietta landmark and increases the visibility of the campus, according to university officials. For an annual lease of \$100,000, Greyhound has agreed to remove a billboard on the property and permit the university to build a large wooden rabbit atop the bus depot.

"The Big Bunny will anchor the community's focus on the university," said President Dr. Lisa Rossbacher. "And being nearer to an interstate exit, we anticipate that the Big Bunny will supplant the Big Chicken as the landmark of choice for citizens throughout Cobb County, and indeed, Atlanta."

Lyn Brown, Greyhound's Vice-President of Corporate Communications, explained why the bus company agreed to permit a rabbit atop the bus depot. "We felt that this was a service to the university and the surrounding community. We're sensitive to their needs, and felt that this use - a friendly bunny - was more appropriate for the space."

Sources in the Cobb County Planning and Zoning office confirmed that original plans discussed by the University and the bus company featured a large dog.

Incoming Vice-President of Academic Affairs Dr. Sid Williams explained why the dog was ultimately scrapped. "Lisa and I discussed this during my final interview," said Williams. "We felt a Doberman would promote the university's new German campus, but the bus company preferred a different breed of dog. And then, the University of Georgia is well-identified with some sort of dog anyway."

"So we had to settle on a dif-

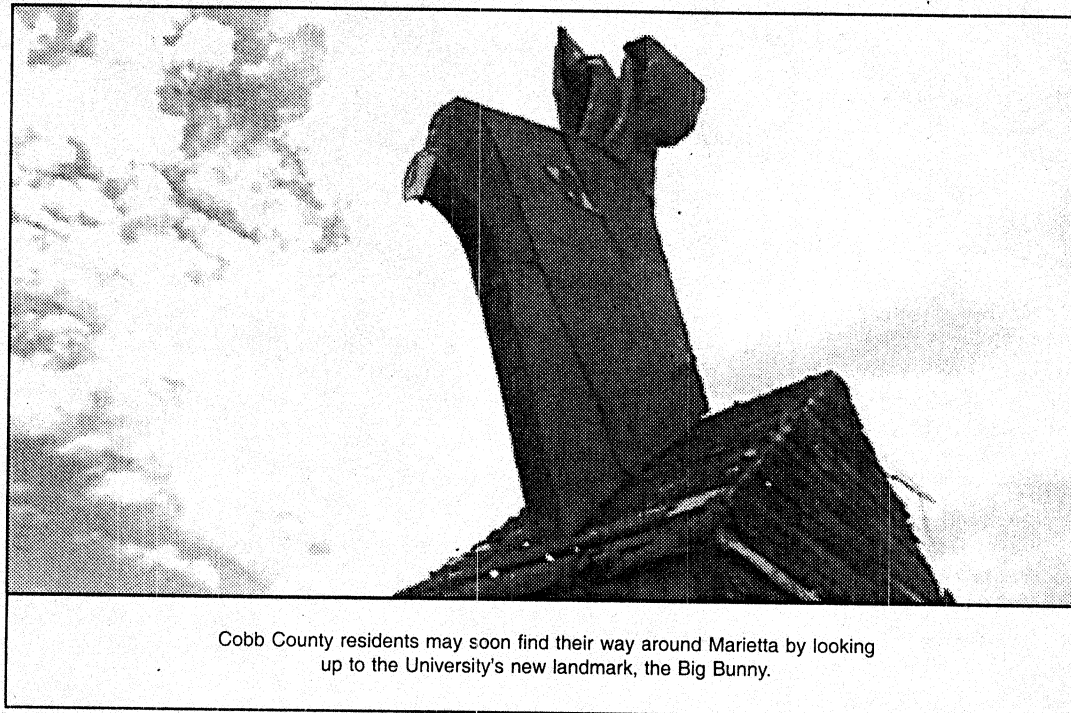
ferent animal," Williams stated. "Hornets were ruled out, since the bus people considered them unfriendly, and therefore undesirable. And we couldn't do birds, because of the Big Chicken and the Eagles of that former sorry institution of lesser education just south of the SPSU campus. And you guys killed the Big Squirrel, since your excuse of a newspaper has been running a squirrel campaign for months, and everyone hates the *STING*."

Williams added, "Rabbits, on the other hand, are cute. They tie in well with the university's biology program, and lend themselves to an Easter Season Night Lights Campaign, which we hope to display on the university's South Cobb Parkway frontage."

According to Williams, the library's electronic carillon would be moved to the roof of the Recreation and Wellness Center. "We can play songs like 'Peter Cottontail,' which is nonreligious for a state university," he said.

Rossbacher explained that the new landmark would also support the university's educational mission. "We have a number of students who are earning degrees in architecture, construction, and civil engineering technology. Building a Big Bunny on top of an existing structure [the bus depot] provides a real-world, hands-on opportunity to practice the skills and exercise the theory that they learn here at Southern Polytechnic State University, to the betterment of the entire community," Rossbacher stated.

According to a source in the University's Fiscal Affairs office, there is some concern as to how the university will be able to afford the project. "Because of how Morris Brown [College] screwed up, we are no longer considering misappropriating students' financial aid," the



Cobb County residents may soon find their way around Marietta by looking up to the University's new landmark, the Big Bunny.

source revealed. "Instead, we're thinking of not funding positions for new degree programs, like Systems Engineering. If we really need to, we'll even consider cutting some of the larger, more expensive engineering technology programs."

Also under consideration is leasing the Big Bunny's floppy ears as antennae. "We're hoping that the campus radio station [WGHR], with their new license, will consider leasing the ears from the University," the source revealed. "If they won't, then we'll consider leasing them to a telecommunications company, perhaps for wi-fi or cellular coverage on campus."

Another potential source of revenue might come from naming rights. "We're also looking into have the Big Bunny designated as an official visual reporting point for the Department of Defense landing procedures for Dobbins," the source said. "We could, perhaps,

get some sort of compensation from the Defense Department every time they mentioned the Big Bunny." He asked not to named, citing the sensitivity of the negotiations.

Four-star General Thomas Franks, heading U.S. Central Command, said, "I can't speak about matters that relate to the operational security of our forces in the field, but I believe our pilots ought to be able to say 'Big Bunny' or 'Big Chicken' anytime, anywhere in the world - including Georgia."

Dr. Williams rejected the allegations that the university was looking into innovative, alternative funding for the project. "Nonsense," he said, "Pure rubbish. The Board of Regents love SPSU - we're sure they'll fund this."

Arlethia Perry-Johnson, spokesperson for the Regents, said, "Dr. Meredith, the Chancellor of the University System of Georgia,

was under the impression that Southern Polytechnic was going to erect a huge red elephant at the corner of South Cobb Parkway and U.S. Highway 41. If that is not the case, then Dr. Meredith feels the funds may be better spent elsewhere, such as the proposal for upgrading the Dublin Center of Middle Georgia College to a new college within the System."

Meredith was formerly Chancellor of the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa before arriving in Georgia.

Williams did admit that one source of alternative funding was under consideration. "We'll just sue the pants off you guys at the *STING*," Williams said, "And then we'll take the shirts off your backs."

"It might not raise a whole lot of money," Williams admitted, "But it will be worth it to see you guys walking around campus in nothing but shoes and socks."

Midgets Play Men's Basketball Team

KAREN ASAY

Southern Polytechnic was asked by the MAS, Midgets of America Society, to host a game against their team, the Ringers. The game was held in the gym at 7:30, March 25. All SPSU students and faculty and any member of the MAS were let in free, so there was a massive turn out. The crowds were very supportive of their team and each team eventually had a group of cheerleaders.

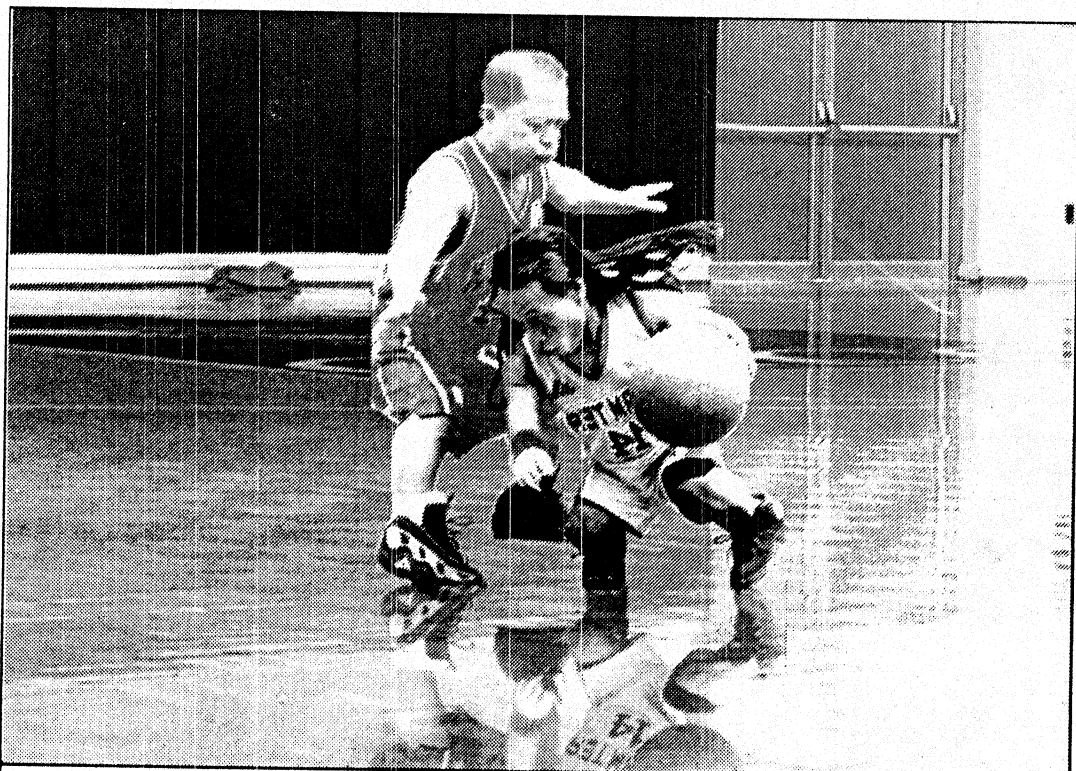
The SPSU Hornets starters were Dwight Lauder (#3), Mark Cogbill (#12), Nick Perkins (#20), Prentiss Gates (#34), and Quentin Wilson (#50). The MAS Ringers starters were Scott Took (#5), Brian Took (#6), Brandon Hillocks (#20), Justin Boffins (#35), and Crag Proudfoots, I mean Proudfeet, (#53).

In the first period, the Ringers took a quick lead over the Hornets. The Ringers used their height as an advantage and were able to steal the ball from the Hornets multiple times. The Hornets height makes it so that as they are dribbling the ball,

it was at shoulder level for the Ringers. This fact made stealing very easy for the Ringers and made it hard for the Hornets to get down field. Besides for stealing, the Ringers also got their quick lead since very few shots didn't score. At the end of the first period, the score was 35-15 Ringers.

During half time, the Hornets must have made a new game plan because they very quickly got the lead in the second period. Their new game plan was to pass the ball down the court instead of dribble it. Since the Ringers were so short, they couldn't get their hands on the ball when it was being passed. After the Hornets got ten points, they were nice and started dribbling again, but as soon as the Ringers took the lead again, they started passing the ball again. That is how the rest of the game went and it ended with a score of 63-58 Hornets.

The Hornets' high starter was Dwight Lauder, and the Ringers' was Matthew Underhill.



The Ringer's Matthew Underhill goes downtown.

Portal Gateway Meant as Space Launch Pad

WILLIS SMITH

“Yes, the Portal Gateway was actually designed as an alternative launch pad” confessed a NASA unidentified official. Since Congress reduced NASA’s annual budget in half, NASA and the International space community selected SPSU as the ideal location for a few reasons. SPSU is located in a small community which can keep secrets and second, the town could use some money from the rocket launch pad business.

The trees surrounding the Portal Gateways will help with the pollution problem. The rocket fuel, when ignited, produces lots and lots of carbon dioxide and smoke into the atmosphere. The trees absorb the poison carbon dioxide and breathe out oxygen. With the large amount of trees surrounding the launch pad, there should not be too much smoke and carbon dioxide to affect the students. “The only problem is that some students close to the Portal Gateway might get lightheaded after breathing pure oxygen,” confessed the NASA source.

Another reason is that SPSU can provide NASA with many resources at a moment’s notice. For example, the International Students Association can translate an Earth greeting into many languages. Also the concrete canoe team can build a concrete block to withstand the rocket fire blast. The AMC, GEAR, and the Arial Robot teams here can assemble ideal functioning machines for Mars missions.

The architecture program can design more and the Steel Bridge Building team (Civil Engineering Department) can create several steel frames to keep the rockets, satellites, or shuttles from falling over when facing upward. The science research from the numerous objects launches will benefit the new Science department SPSU is developing.

The Dobbins Air Force base within a few driving miles of campus is also an enormous benefit. “The students on campus are used to hearing and seeing jets fly overhead in the sky, so what is one more rocket, satellite, or shuttle flying over their heads? It will just be one more flying vehicle over their heads,” joked the NASA official. With the air force training base so close by, in theory, the base can have the flying space over SPSU temporary off-limited during a launch off mission on the Portal Gateway system. If a malfunction occurred during launch off, the jet planes, helicopters, and jeeps can be at campus within five minutes of the accident.

The lights and spaces around the campus were actually warning signs to alert any students and personnel to leave the Portal Project Gateway area before a launch mission. Overall, NASA think once the SPSU Alumni Foundation get past the betrayal stage, the school will see how much the community will benefit from the new launch pad, Portal Gateway Project.



The recent revelation of the Portal Project's real purpose, shed light on previously ambiguous funding.

Pirate Found Dead in Norton Dormitories, Ninja Questioned

BY DAVE BACHTEL

March 21, 2003, the remains of a disemboweled pirate were discovered early Friday morning on the third floor of Norton Dormitory at SPSU by student Daniel Henry as he stepped outside for a cigarette. Henry encountered the pool of blood just outside of his dorm room and followed the trail into the third stall of the hall’s bathrooms.

Henry claims he was speechless; the only words he could utter at the time were “Holy crap!” He immediately returned to his room and phoned the SPSU police department and reported the dead pirate’s body.

Sergeant James was the first to arrive at the scene of the murder. “The remarkable thing is that no one saw or heard anything,” said James. “That is what led us to name him [Shintaro the ninja] as our main suspect in the case. If it was him, the pirate never even stood a chance.”

Takahashi Shintaro, a Japanese foreign exchange student at SPSU and founding member of the International Student Association did not issue a statement, but instead responded to questions from STING reporters by flipping out, brandishing his sword and throwing ninja stars at multiple persons in the student center. This reporter



Shinrato the ninja is seen here (left) stealing booty.

was spared by quick thinking and used one of the SGA’s leather chairs full of \$\$\$ to escape the incident unscathed.

Murder falls under the jurisdiction of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, hence the SPSU police department is no longer involved with the case.

The pirate’s remains have yet to be identified.



Holy crap!

SPSU To Offer Counterstrike As Major

VINCENT MIGLIORE

There is nothing like walking up and down the halls of Howell and Norton while hearing the loud explosions from the masses playing Counterstrike. Playing Counterstrike is nothing more than a hobby and a way to pass the time. Well, that is until next semester. That’s right students of SPSU. It has been confirmed that Southern Poly will be offering Counterstrike as a major starting Fall ’03.

Like with the advent of any new major there will be many new courses offered. *The STING* has obtained a preliminary list of the courses offered for this exciting new major and they are as follows.

way too loud.

- CST 2113**
Material covered in course:
- Index finger weight, speed, and efficiency training
 - How to keep a steady hand while sniping

The response so far has been great, and is expected to soar above CS as the most enrolled in non-accredited major here at Southern Polytechnic State University. Good luck to all of those who enroll in this wonderful major, and remember camping is for pussies.

- CST 1103**
Material covered in course:
- How to be anti-social
 - Hiding from the sun
 - Turning off members of the opposite sex
 - Getting fat in 3 easy steps

- CST 1111**
Material covered in course:
- Anger management

- CST 2103**
Material covered in course:
- Annoy the normal people in your dorm by turning your speakers up



STING Editor a Squirrel



The STING's Editor goes over the need for more squirrel photos during his weekly meeting with the staff.

WILLIS SMITH

Yes, the editor is a squirrel. As editor, I usually don't publish a newspaper until I see at least one image of either myself or other squirrels pictures in the paper. I am trying to raise awareness that we squirrels are everywhere on campus and we should be the official mascot of SPSU. The Hornets, I am sad to admit, seems to be a rip-off from the Georgia Tech's Yellow Jackets. I must confess that I see little differences between the Yellow Jackets and the Hornets here. My best picture was when I was a back up band member. Yes, the world is beginning to accept squirrels as potential equals in the music industry.

To the complaints some had

about the school newspaper not covering all events, I can not be everywhere. It is hard to run on all four hands and feet from one campus side to the other. It is quite exhausting to say the least to cover one single event without worrying about someone stepping on me or my squirrel staff. At least the humans do not suspect those nuts we hold up to eat are actually micro-cameras. So the next time someone sees a squirrel looking at him or her, that particular squirrel may be an official writer with its tiny camera or pencil and pad.

As for the numerous complaints about the contents in the last few issues, I have two things to say about that. One is that despite the

contents of those issues which displease some people, I have seen more explicit details in the dorms and apartments at night when I am staring at those windows. At least close the shades so we squirrels do not need to see such explicit actions. Second is that it is spring time and most mammals get in heat. The last few months, I have been in extreme heat and only the hard working writers and coworkers fought against me to prevent those issues from becoming full tabloids only equal to Playboy or Penthouse. But do not worry for I am no longer in heat and have only news on my mind—what is that attractive female smell in the air? This interview is over for I need get some tail.

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Frats Protest Cross Dressing Ban

VINCENT MIGLIORE

Like a scene out of Tootsie, members from assorted fraternities here at SPSU locked arms in drag last Tuesday in front of the Student Center to protest the school's new policy which bans cross-dressing on campus.

"If they take this from us what else are we going to do on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights," angrily stated fraternity member Jeffery Brooks, donning a bright blue gown with silver sequins.

The policy was created because of the staggering male to female ratio, and the confusion that dressing up like a woman causes most men here on campus. Freshman Josh Paley explained, "I've been at SPSU so long I've forgotten what a female looks like. When those frat boys are walking around in drag it turns me on and that scares me."

What once began as a peaceful protest became ugly when a member of one of the frats sneezed

on a member of another frat causing his mascara to run. The pumps came off and fake nails went flying. Like a scene out of *To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything!* Julie Newmar, garter belts and purses were flying everywhere. When the scuffle was over, the "brothers" all got together for a giant group hug and a long cry that soothed their soul. Kevin Jackson, in tears, exclaimed, "I love all you guys and...oooh where did you get those heels?"

The protest didn't change school officials mind on the issue, and the decision still stands. Although this didn't make the frats happy, they have decided that staying on campus is more important than wearing dresses and makeup. "Well, I guess we can just take up bestiality or something," said Frank Dux optimistically. This is one reporter who is glad to see the frats didn't leave campus because there are just some holes that only a frat member can fill.

STING Editor a Man, Student Body SHOCKED

DAVE BACHTEL

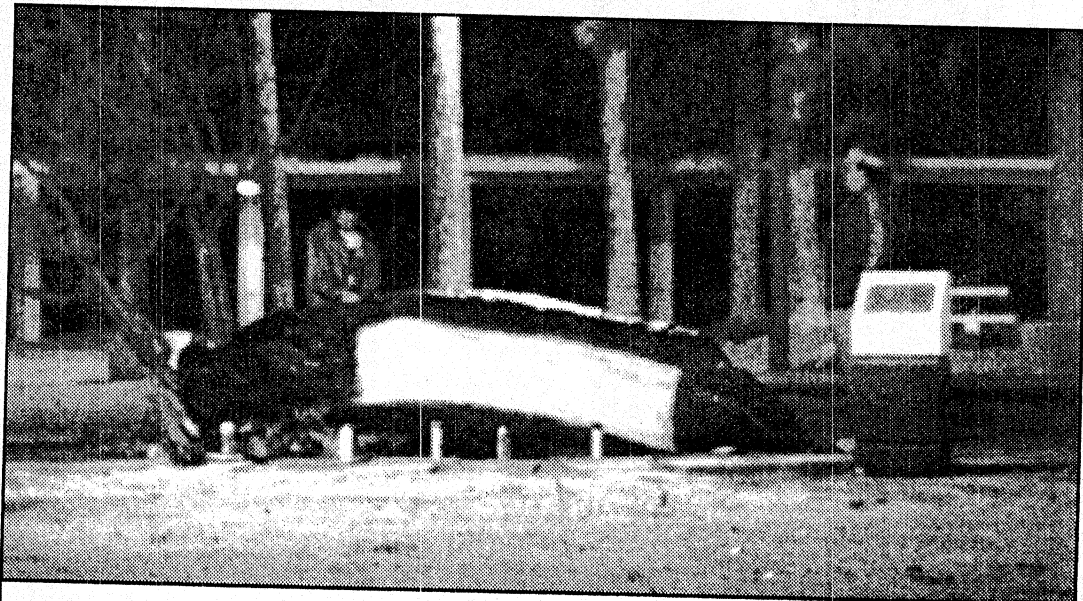
Zachary Jones, current Editor-in-Chief of *The STING* (an official publication of Southern Polytechnic State University, read by tens of people in one country all over the world) astounded staff members during a recent meeting when he professed to be a male.

Some members of the staff were in shock. "I feel so violated," quipped one female writer who wished to remain anonymous. "At the time, I didn't bother to think about how strange it was that Zach wanted all female members of the staff to have midnight pillow fights in their panties while he watched... because we all know that girls do this sort of thing all the time when guys aren't around. At the very least, we should have been getting wise to his shenanigans when he

made this request repeatedly... like after every staff meeting."

Others, like Rich Merritt, are not overly surprised at the revelation. "He did pee standing up. He also used the men's bathroom about half of the time which I thought was highly suspicious."

Recently appointed Dean of Students Jessica Carter and SPSU president Lisa Rossbacher have scheduled a special town hall meeting to discuss the fate of the *STING*'s beloved editor. Regardless of their decision, *The STING* will keep bringing you the news you want to hear (and the news you don't want to hear) every so often when we remember to turn in our stuff on time and are not stumbling around the campus like drunkards or playing Counter-Strike.



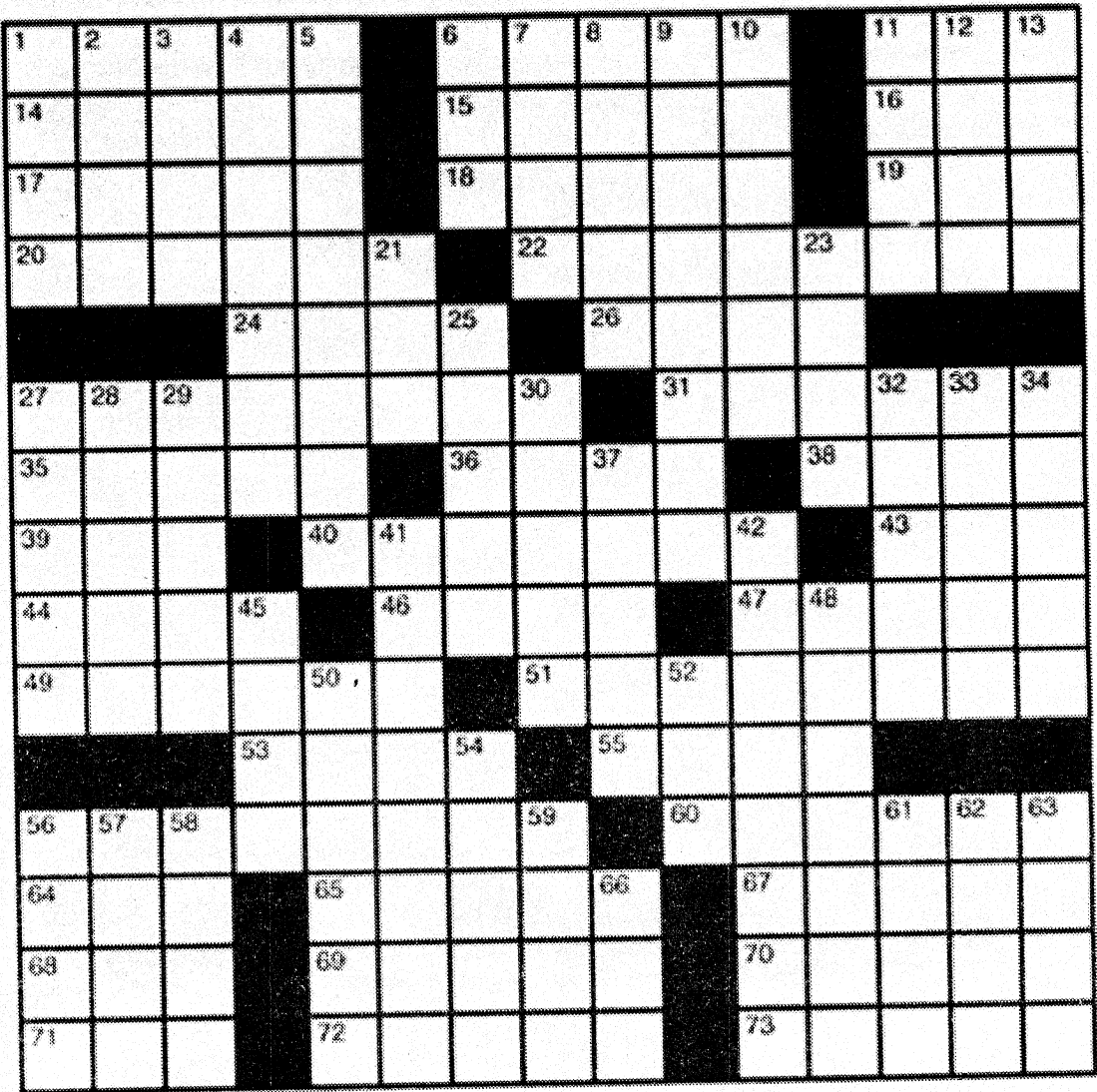
Peeing while standing? Highly suspicious!

The STING Crossword Puzzle

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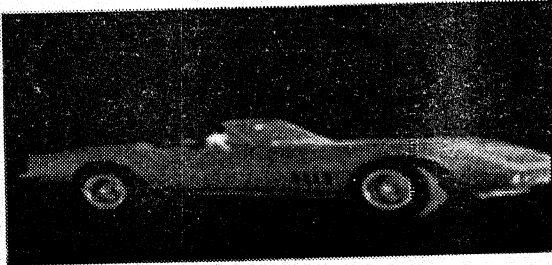
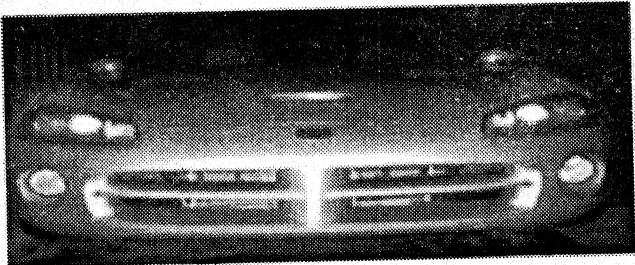
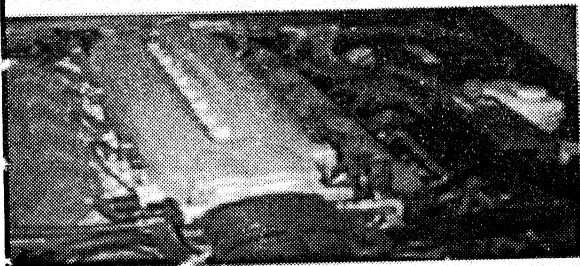
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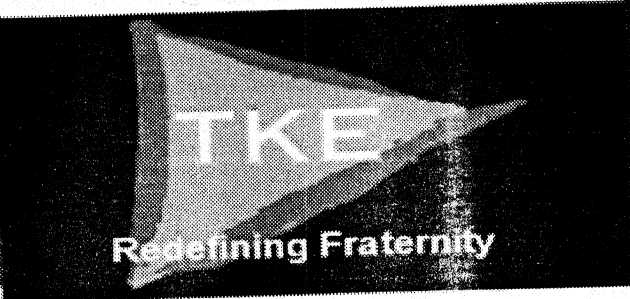
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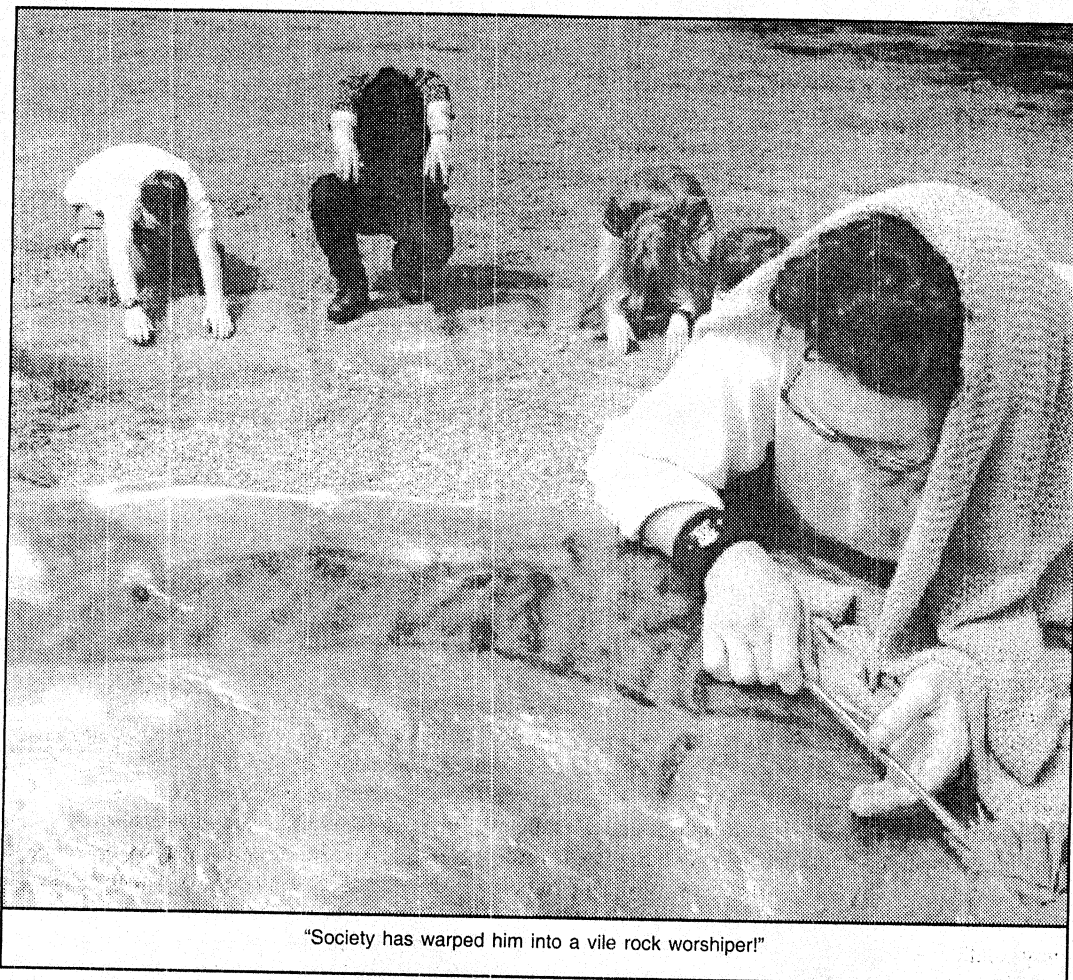
The first annual Cruz'n Teke Car Show will be held on the campus of Southern Polytechnic State University Saturday, April 26, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. More than 200 motor vehicles of all types and year models will be on display. Entertainment for the event will feature 3 live bands (Dwayne & Justin Six Ways, and PushButton), contests and prizes. The event is open to the public. Persons interested in entering a vehicle or operating a vendor stand should contact:

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Students Discovered Worshipping Rock



"Society has warped him into a vile rock worshiper!"

"It's just a little harmless worship of an inanimate object. Why's everyone always freakin' about it?" These words were said by John Ramses, leader and Chief Stone Decorator of the SPSU

chapter of the Third Coming of the Rock.

Faculty and parents were appalled at the news that a cult had formed to worship the rock.

"He used to be such a nice boy," Sally Ramses tearfully

exclaimed, mother of John Ramses. "Society has warped him into a vile rock worshiper!"

Worship of the rock actually predates the existence of Southern Polytechnic State University. It even predates

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the original thirteen colonies. Worship of the rock actually began with a Native American tribe that settled on these grounds centuries ago.

This was the Tribe of the Buffalo. They worshipped the buffalo god, and would always follow a sacred buffalo wherever it might roam. Anyone who even attempted to harm the buffalo would be severely punished and placed into exile. The ground the buffalo walked on was considered sacred, as was everything relating to it—even its droppings.

On most occasions, the buffalo droppings would be collected and used to make religious instruments, like wands, bowls, and surgical instruments. However, on the very spot that the rock now stands, this sacred buffalo released one special dropping. This dropping resembled the current chief of the tribe, Chief Sacredpoo, and therefore was considered magical. The tribe settled down at that spot, and an elite group of priests was chosen to protect the sacred droppings from any invaders or missteps.

A tradition of decorating the sacred droppings began. The droppings would be adorned with beads and feathers, or, in particularly ceremo-

nious occasions, the droppings were painted with sacred dyes made from very rare berries. So, many decorations piled up on the droppings that they began to resemble a rock more than something that came from a buffalo.

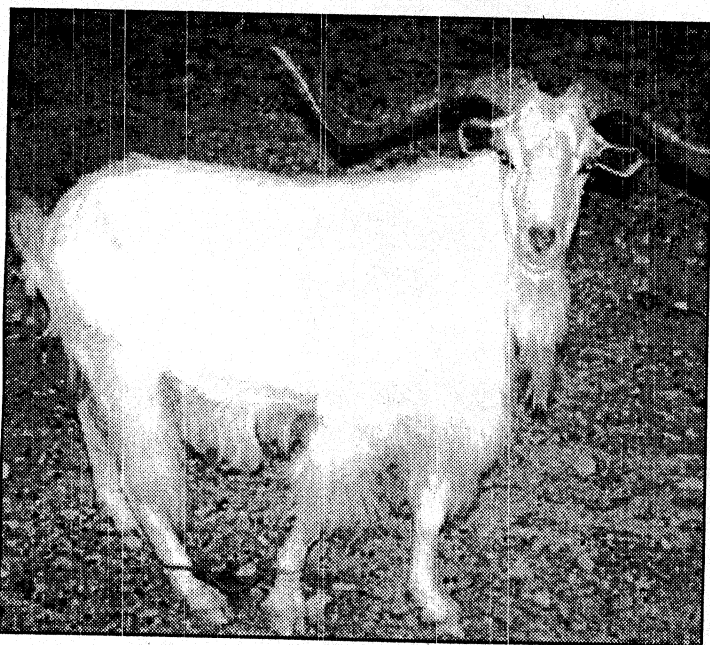
The tradition, and reverence, that began with this Tribe of the Buffalo survives still today. Some students fear that they will be isolated from campus life if they are caught openly worshipping the rock, however.

"We have to either come out before 11:00 am, when students are still sleeping, or when porn is on TV and no one goes outside. We've missed many a good porn so that we can keep up our Order," Ramses said, as he spray-painted "The Rock is the one true God" onto the stone at the heart of campus.

When asked if all the secrecy was worth it, Ramses replied, "Oh, sure. When judgment day comes, you'll all face the wrath of the Rock God. And we'll all be here, laughing as you're crushed beneath mountains of stone."

How can we save ourselves from this doomsday? Ramses had a simple answer: "Buy Ford."

The Histories That Matter- *STING*



Rodriguez, or mraaa as he was known to his friends, founded The Sausage Tie is Never Graksarrgg.

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The STING. I have a funny feeling in my tummy that you're reading it right now. No, no, I'm no great psychic. There's no need to gape at me in awe and bow before my feet. I'm flattered though. Really.

But back to *The STING*. I was wandering down the street the other day, on my way to eat some delicious ABL meal, when a wizened old crone stopped me in

front of Norton. She offered me some candy, and who was I to resist candy? We hopped into her horse-drawn buggy, where she claimed to be a professor that had taught here at Southern Poly since before it ever existed. That didn't make much sense to me, but before I could question her on it she began to regale me with the history of *The STING*, something thought by the old wise men

to have been lost in the murky depths that are the past. I did my best to remember every word said.

The STING

The STING was founded by a Mexican goat by the name of Rodriguez. Rodriguez, or "mraaaa" as he was called by his friends, was a hungry young thing. Using various quacks, moos, and other goat-noises, he was able to convince the current administration to allow him to start up a school newspaper. He decided to name it "*The STING*", which at that time was an acronym meaning "The Sausage Tie is Never Graksarrgg." Keep in mind that he is a goat and really didn't have a firm grasp on the English language.

Rodriguez remained dedicated to his goal of starting a newspaper. After weeks of hard work and dedication, Rodriguez finally was able to release the very first issue. He promptly ate the entire batch.

Finally free of his seemingly insatiable hunger, Rodriguez felt the need to pass the torch down and allow a new editor to rise to fame. After all, his time in college was at a close, and it was time for him to graduate and walk away with his degree in Computer Science. (On a side note, he went on to enjoy that degree very much. It went very well with some soda cans, ketchup, and

a copy of the AJC.)

The editorial position was taken up by Rodriguez's good friend, Dale the token chipmunk. Dale took over *The STING* and helped guide it through some good and some bad. Various barnyard animals joined the staff, all helping to make the paper the great piece of entertainment it is today.

After many years, a human finally stepped onto the scene. His name was Zachary Jones. Zachary and Dale the token chipmunk had much in common, and eventually fell in love. They were engaged to be married. Everything was going great until the wedding night, where an unexpected tragedy rocked the foundations of their love forever.

It had been a beautiful wedding. Forest creatures from all around showed up to witness it. However, the next morning, Dale the token chipmunk was discovered dead in their hotel suite. He was wrapped in duct tape and seemingly had been exploded. The culprit was never caught.

Zach became determined to continue the work of his dead lover. He took over as Editor and declared that only creatures with opposable thumbs could continue to write for *The STING*.

"How are you supposed to write if you can't hold a pencil?" he

would often say.

Except for Rocko the Raccoon and JoJo the Chimp, the staff soon became entirely human. Nobody at Southern Poly seemed to notice that the barnyard animal staff had been replaced with humans.

And that is how the story ends. Zach is still editor, and *The STING* is still the high quality, moralistic, outstanding newspaper that it had always been. Who knows what's in store for the future? Maybe a robot editor? IT department should start planning on that.

At this point, the old crone slapped me in the face with a cream pie. We have a strange campus here. By the time I wiped cream out of my eyes, the old crone was gone. I found myself on the ground outside of Norton. What I had thought was a horse-drawn carriage was actually a bicycle running over my leg. And what I thought had been candy was actually...well...we'll leave that to the imagination.

That brings this edition of "The Histories That Matter" to a close. As always, feel free to e-mail me at rshrader@spsu.edu if you have a burning question that you need answered. If you see that old crone walking around the streets, please ask her for another cream pie. That was the best tasting pie I'd ever had.

WGHR Gets Class A License

MARK CAMPBELL

Southern Polytechnic State University's will now be going Class A, stated general manager William Burke. The station had ceased broadcasting late last semester under orders from the Federal Communications Commission, in response to a conflict with Q100.5, a Clear Channel radio station.

Under the new license, WGHR will be able to accept commercial advertising. The station will remain in the FM band, and will be heard on 98.5 FM starting July 1st, according to FCC chairman Michael K. Powell.

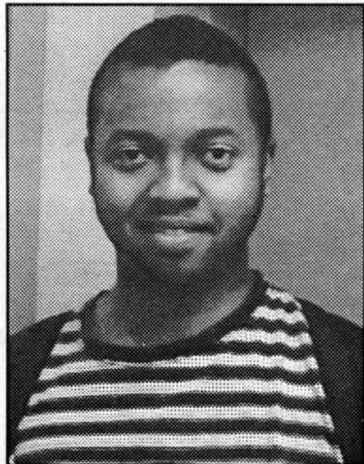
"We understand that the Atlanta radio market is very crowded," stated Powell. "But when White House Science advisor calls and explains that college radio provides a learning environment for engineers, we listen." The President's Science Advisor is John H. Marberger, III, with a doctorate in applied physics from Stanford and a Princeton graduate.

Powell addressed criticism leveled at him by Cox Communications, parent company of Peach 98.5, the current license holder. "The fact is that there needs to be fairer allocation in Atlanta, and the people at Cox have more than enough stations as it is," said Powell.

A letter received from the Harold Smith Foundation addressed to Burke notified the campus station that a check for \$6.4 million would be deposited by Fri., April 4th in an escrow account. The letter advised Burke to hire an engineering consultant to purchase equipment suitable for use under the new license.

"I don't know who Harold Smith is," stated Burke. "But this is a really great thing. We can go back on the air!"

Harold Smith was a Texas oilman and cattle rancher based in Crawford, Texas. The Smith Ranch envelopes President George Bush's Texas retreat. The oilman's estate established the Harold Smith Foundation to assist underdogs in higher education.



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"I can't address exactly why our foundation took an interest in the plight of your radio station," stated Foundation spokesman Geoffrey Shaw. "But Mr. Smith always had a strong interest in radio. He once was lost in a small plane over West Texas near Midland, and was able to use an automatic direction finder to home in on a local broadcaster. He credited radio with saving his life."

"Perhaps your proximity to Dobbins Air Base reminded the Foundation's Board of Directors about Mr. Smith's harrowing escape," surmised Shaw. "It's a story often heard around these here parts."

Burke said he will convene a meeting amongst fellow disk jockeys next week to discuss the windfall and the new license. "I really have no idea how we'll handle it. We'll have to get a really good antenna and transmitter, that much is for sure," Burke said. "Right now, what we have is no better than a set of rabbit ears on a black-and-white television."

"Maybe we'll even buy a subscription to the STING," said Burke. Subscriptions to the campus newspaper are \$1,000,000 per semester, or \$5,000,000 an academic year.

Williams Named VPAA

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Dr. Sid Williams, the former Founding President of Life University College of Chiropractic, has been selected as Southern Polytechnic State University's next Vice-President of Academic Affairs. Williams had briefly served as Chancellor at Life before resigning last August.

"We're pleased to have such an eminent administrator as Dr. Sid Williams join us at Southern Polytechnic State University," announced President Dr. Lisa Rossbacher. "Dr. Williams has a long and distinguished career in academics, administration and athletics."

Rossbacher continued, "Dr. Williams brings a distinguished portfolio of both refereed scholarship and sponsored research. He has not only been published, but has also served the academic community as a publisher of significant note. His expertise in sport health sciences is well established, having established studies with the Australian Government on Heat and Humidity for athletes, and with athletes in Finland on the effects of jet lag."

"As an administrator, he was the only candidate that we had interviewed who had established not one, but two university campuses, one of which he had successfully grown to over 3500 students, with a number of whom earned doctorates at the institution. His familiarity and visibility within the Cobb County, and his passion for leadership, are qualities that we feel will propel Southern Polytechnic to greater prominence in Georgia and in the international academic community," added Rossbacher.

"Fortunately for me, at age 75, Dr. Williams has assured me that he has no ambition to become the university's president," quipped Rossbacher. She noted that Williams had served as a defensive end on Georgia Tech's 1951-1952 football team, which went undefeated that year, and that Williams was enshrined in the Georgia Tech Athletic Hall of Fame.

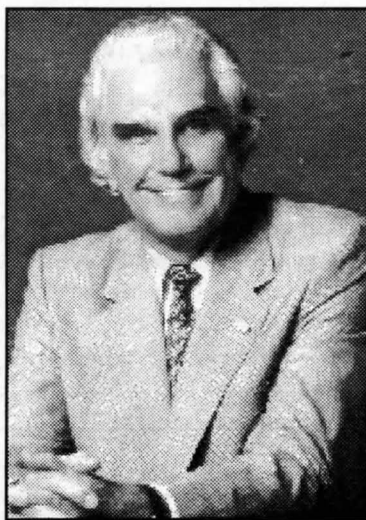
Both Rossbacher and Williams

took the opportunity to address some of the proposed changes for academic restructuring at the university. "One of the more interesting aspects that Dr. Williams proposed, which appealed to me because of my discipline, was the proposed establishment of a School of Geological Sciences at the university," stated Rossbacher. "Although Dr. Williams is not overly familiar with the subject matter, he has already located a suitable candidate to head the proposed program, a Dean at Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, who would be ideal."

"And President Rossbacher and I have plans to greatly expand the scope and depth of the Biology Department at Southern Tech," stated Williams, who handed a quarter to Rossbacher. "My daughter Kimberly, who has a doctorate, would be the ideal candidate for the position, and I am certain that under her guidance, we can soon establish the program as a College of Health Sciences, though the name may change, of international renown. With a zest for life, everything is possible!"

"I intend for the university to offer doctoral level degrees in the 'Health Sciences,' and other related disciplines," said Williams, winking. "I believe that by teaching the theories of subluxation and promoting the whole life force energy, the university will be able to rapidly surpass both Emory University and the Medical College of Georgia in prominence amongst the citizenry of Georgia."

Units for the whole life force energy are pound-force squared multiplied by feet in US customary units, or newtons squared by meters in System International metric units.



Dr. Sid Williams has been selected as Southern Tech's next Vice-President of Academic Affairs. \$0.25, Ka-ching!

Rossbacher also addressed Williams' capabilities in generating visibility for the small technology university. "Dr. Williams is well known for his Lights of Life seasonal campaign, and his semi-annual Run for Life events on Cobb Parkway," stated Rossbacher.

Amongst the proposals to enhance the university's image is the establishment of a new community landmark to fix the university in the public's mind. A seasonal Easter Lights campaign may also be in the works.

"Because skipping is a much healthier activity for the spine, as my research has shown, I am proposing that the university adopt a 10K Bunny Hop for the community," said Williams. "Everyone can then enjoy a zest for life and bunny hop the entire route from the Cobb Galleria to Whitewater Park."

Williams also suggested that the university re-establish the drive-in theater, and hold Friday night

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CONSENSUS EDITORIAL

By the time you read this, we'll all have had a couple of tough weeks. Word came to the campus last week that Ronald D. Young, Jr. had been captured by Iraqi forces near Karbala on Sun., March 23rd. Young went to Southern Polytechnic from 1995 to 1998. He majored in Mechanical Engineering Technology and was a leader in

the dorms. His friends called him Captain Ron.

Breaking news like that is never fun and games. For those of us on the staff at *The STING*, this was compounded by the fact that we were already hard at work on this April Fools' Day issue. We did a lot of soul searching, asking ourselves if it was appropriate to

print this issue, in light of the seriousness of the news.

You hold our answer in your hands. We printed this issue the way we did – because we can.

That may sound cold, but it actually is a reason to rejoice. Fellow citizen-soldiers like Captain Ron (actually a Chief Warrant Officer) defend the US constitution,

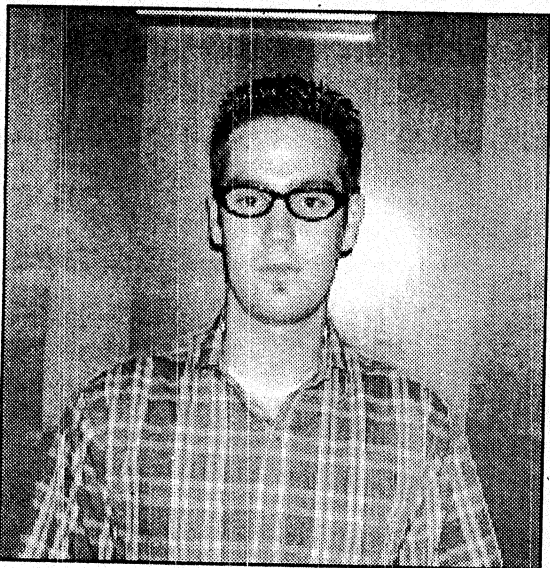
the American way of life, and try to extend the freedoms we enjoy to others. As upset as some people may be with this April Fool's joke of an issue, I think we can all agree that we on *The STING* would never be free to write this way in Iraq.

And you wouldn't be free to read this.

We're free to live our lives in America. And living means loving, crying, and laughing. We learned a lot about Captain Ron and his crowd at Southern Tech. If we didn't miss our mark, it's fair to say that Captain Ron would have gotten a hoot out of this issue.

We hope you will, too.

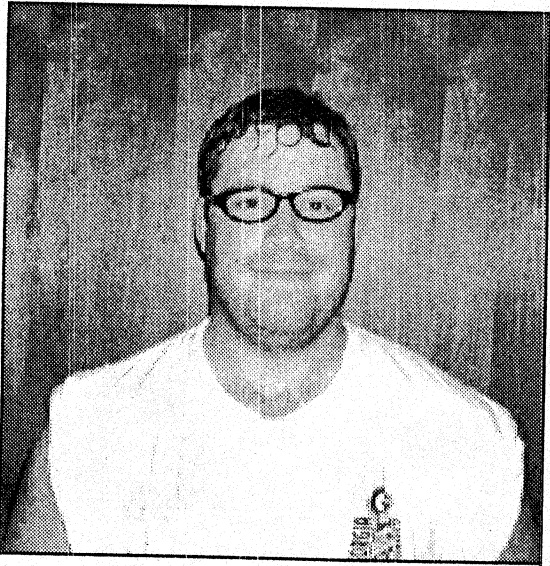
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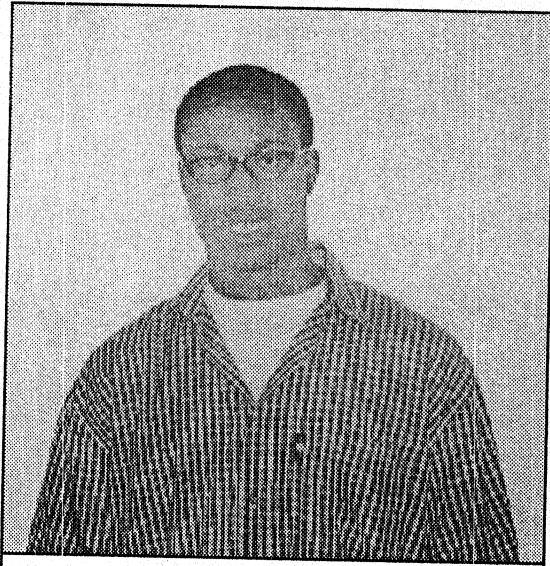
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"Howell Hall...Girls Floor"



Jennifer Kronenberger
"I think he's at the library 'dawg'"



Jace Olliver
"If he was up your ass you'd know it!"



Adam Humphreys
"I think he's in the fridge, next to the purple stuff, and behind the Sunny D"

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