Miss final drop date? Chris Aiken tells you what to do in Punching Out Without Punishment: It's Never Too Late (pg 3).

Internet coffee cafe, CoffeeNet, announces its upcoming grand opening (pg 4).

DOUG LACHER

A decision was made recently by the IT department that the school must change its local telephone service provider. The current telephone service provider, Georgia Technology Authority (GTA), has dramatically increased the cost of local telephone service over the last month by almost $60,000 per year. The IT department was notified about the middle of January that the cost of service would increase, retroactive to January 1st, 2004. It was at this time that alternative solutions had to be examined in order to maintain a reasonable cost of keeping local telephone service.

The Price Breakdown
Up until this past January, the school had been paying about $14,000/month for the local phone service from GTA. This included two PRIs, which are the physical lines that run from SPSU to the rest of the world. Each PRI can sustain up to 25 simultaneous calls plus one line reserved for metadata, such as caller ID. In all, the school can currently handle 46 simultaneous campus-to-off-campus phone calls; SPSU has far more than just 46 phone numbers, though.

Costly Digits Dumped!

University Commons Networked Via WiFi

DOUG LACHER

The hardwired, 10 Megabit per second link that used to connect the University Commons apartments network to SPSU's campus network had to be severed due to the construction that is transforming the landscape around the apartments. SPSU's IT department was called in to replace the link, but they were instructed to do it with $0 essentially using only hardware they already had. Due to the construction digging around and posing a threat to any physical wires, the decision was made to use a wireless medium. It setup a spare 802.11b (aka WiFi) access point in Howell Hall and another one in the University Commons Office. The link between the two can theoretically hit 11 Megabits per second, but due to the distance between the two points, it's much slower than that. The speed of the link can be easily observed by performing any sort of file transfer between the SPSU network and the University Commons network. The WiFi link should be temporary, and a permanent solution will be implemented when the construction around the area is complete.

WGHR's Back!

MIRANDA BENNETT

WGHR is finally making a comeback, through the Internet! After over a year of silence, the station is once again broadcasting its eclectic blend of urban, techno, punk, acid jazz, and other progressive genres representative of the diverse student body and culture at SPSU.

WGHR General Manager William Burke gives the thumbs up on the stations return to Internet broadcasting.

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Rossbacher Addresses Fate of Life Campus

DANIEL PERRY

What does a school do with 89 acres of land and 430,000 square feet of new building space? How does a school pay for this acquisition? SPSU President Lisa Rossbacher and two representatives from the Sizemore Group addressed these questions during an open meeting on February 5th.

Dr. Rossbacher opened the meeting with the background of this deal. Five years ago, the Master Plan analysis which laid out the development of SPSU's campus revealed a major problem which stood in the way of the campus' growth—the construction of the University Courtyard apartments, the university would be out of building space.

The upcoming lack of space meant one of two things, demolishing existing buildings for newer and larger facilities, or expansion. However, an analysis of the surrounding land showed only small business parcels. In 2002, a loss of accreditation dealt a crippling blow to Life University. This cost them over half their student body in less than a year's time and left them with a debt of $31 million. It also opened a new door for SPSU's expansion.

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Mark Campbell

Rudolf "Rudy" Duvnjak, a senior in Civil Engineering Technology, is looking for a few volunteers. Motivated by an editorial in The Sting ("Close Southern Polytechnic," Oct. 30, 2003), Duvnjak is attempting to organize a petition drive to persuade the Board of Regents to permit Southern Polytechnic to offer undergraduate engineering degrees. Duvnjak is seeking others who would help him gather signatures from interested students and faculty.

"It would be great if all the students from all the departments participated, because this would benefit the university as a whole, not just the departments," explained Duvnjak. He emphasized that he didn't wish to get rid of the engineering technology programs, but just wished to add engineering programs to Southern Polytechnic's mix of programs.

Duvnjak stated that he was motivated by an opinion piece in The Sting that recommended closing SPSU and establishing an engineering campus. In an effort to keep SPSU open, the University of Georgia at Lawrenceville in Gwinnett County. Recent news of SPSU's pending acquisition of the Life University campus has emboldened Duvnjak. "If you are getting the Life University campus, we can justify that we don't have room to grow," he said.

Students interested in helping Duvnjak gather signatures in a petition drive can contact him by email at rduvnjak@spsu.edu.

Mark Campbell is the staff writer who wrote the editorial "Close Southern Polytechnic" in the Oct. 30, 2003 issue of The Sting.

SPSU Career Fair 2004

Tony Perez

SPSU's Career and Counseling Center held its Annual Career Networking Fair on Wednesday, February 25 in the Student Center Ballroom. About 50 exhibitors were present, each having a table with display boards, stacks of brochures, business cards, and at times, complimentary candy and pens. The tables were arranged four aisles deep and end aisles. For most of the tables, there were three representatives present to explain what the company does, the kind of employment they were recruiting for and to take resumes. There were a wide range of companies present from the U.S. Marine Corps to Budget Rent-A-Car.

The most common industries that the companies were representing are Construction, and Civil Engineering followed by Architecture and Drafting. There were only a couple of tables that seemed interested in Electrical Engineering and Information Technology students and they were looking for specific skills and qualifications. At one table, the representative was quizzing students on the spot with questions such as "What are the six headers on a TCP/IP packet?" and "What are the differences between TCP and UDP?" The representative stated that they were looking for students with that level of knowledge.

Although the event was scheduled from 12:30pm to 5:30pm, some companies started packing up and leaving at 3:30. By 4:30, the crowded aisles that were in the ballroom were now easily passable. Outside of the ballroom, the Career Services had a table set up for attendees to sign in and pick up a nametag. There were also evaluation forms available for the attendees to rate the value of the career fair to them. The SPSU Alumni Association also had a display in the lobby to provide information and allow past students to sign up.

Career Networking 2004 is one of several events that were planned to recognize February as Career Month. Other events that took place in February were the Interviewing Skills Workshop, Resume Critique Day, and How To Work A Career Fair.

Currently, the Internet feed can only be accessed off-campus—the local network is not capable of handling an on-campus feed. However, Burke stated that the IT department has expressed confidence that the issue can be resolved sometime this summer, allowing on-campus broadcasts.

Listeners may go to http://wghr.spsu.edu and click one of the three URLs provided in the Career Networking Fair on Wednesday, for more information and to sign up.

Tony Perez

WGHR

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WGHR continues to avoid blanketing into each other's airwaves. Separation must sometimes be even greater between AM stations, depending on the distance between the two broadcasts. The local commercial station has bought an FM frequency only one step away from WGHR—effectively pushing the small college station off the air.

For several months, WGHR searched the dial for a new frequency, but found the airwaves in Atlanta saturated—no room for that needed separation (on FM or AM). According to Burke, only a handful of Class D (non-commercial) radio stations are left in the United States. The FCC no longer issues Class D licenses, but most other non-commercials are in safe locations—outside the threat of crowded airwaves and too-close commercial neighbors.

After months of stalling, the FCC finally conceded, that for the first time, there was no way to save a non-commercial. WGHR became the first non-commercial to be closed because it had no place to go over air, that is.

After months of research and testing, the station launched their new Internet feed on February 20th.
Punching Out Without Punishment: It's Never Too Late

CHRISTOPHER AIREN

Post Withdrawal Date Help

So you've made it through the first half of the semester. You've survived through the final day to withdraw. You've kept the classes that you are doing well in, and the rest of the semester is looking up. But like everything else in life, when you're close to giving up, you get Screwed and life gets hard again. Soon you feel like you can't make it anymore. You want to drop out of school, or maybe just a class or two. Or maybe you just need a little time off and a finish that assignment you were taken away from during the class next semester.

Maybe:
- something small happened like your car died and you missed a week or two of class.
- you got hard drive failed and you lost all your code for that important program.
- your home county has summed you to jury duty and you need to get to school during the week.
- you've been called to duty and are leaving.
- your reserve unit has been called you didn't come to SPSU during the semester.
- something catastrophic has happened to yourself or someone you love and you need time off to think.
- you have serious injury and need to different ways to save money.
- your computer hard drive failed and you got lucky and happened hopefully we wish it hasn't.
- your home county has summoned you to jury duty or have defaulted on your student loans.
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CoffeeNet Announces Grand Opening

SMYRNA, GA – Smyrna has a new coffeehouse in the neighborhood. To celebrate the opening on March 27, 2004, festivities will include free coffee, a ribbon-cutting ceremony by the Smyrna mayor, balloons for kids, prize giveaways, and entertainment from local bands and station WFSF. There will also be “Guess the Number of Chocolate Covered Coffee Beans in the Jar” contests. CoffeeNet is located at 3100 Highlands Parkway, near the intersection of South Cobb Drive and Highlands Parkway.

“We’re excited to open our first store,” says co-owner Gayle Link. “Our goal here at CoffeeNet is to provide inspirational customer service in a comfortable atmosphere. We want to be in fast, consistent drink preparation.”

A coffee and technology fusion concept, CoffeeNet is a coffee shop that features fresh, gourmet coffee as well as a business pro- ject designed to help budding entrepreneurs launch their own business. You can text an email to the Internet for free or check email while sipping on a latte or eating a delicious piece of cake. You can be working on your computer in the coffee shop and use your laptop utilizing CoffeeNet’s computers. On the menu are several coffee varieties, including house blends and organic coffees, espresso-based beverages such as lattes and cappuccinos, flavored coffees, tea, smoothies and hot bev- erage items such as cookies, cakes, and muffins. “In addition to surf- ing the Internet, ordering stationary or even browsing clothing websites or else- using many other services. They can make color copies, order business cards, run ads on our classified system, or work on a document with Microsoft Word or send a fax.”

CoffeeNet also has a large training room and a small meeting room that can be used for meetings. Or, you can bring your laptop to the shop and use our free wireless Internet connection. If you need an office to work in, ask for more time is the same as re- questing a single ‘W’, and if you return to school the next year, you have the ability to take whatever courses you need next. It is already assumed by the department and the professor that you are going to finish the work. The safest route is to complete the work the next term that you are enrolled (yes, you can be off for one semester in between) and take it back for your professor. If you fail the contract, in the work you will be graded and averaged with the other course assignments and tests. The final grade produced will appear on your transcript the semes- ter you complete the work. It will appear with the same course num- ber as the course you took the ‘I’ in and the grade will be noted with a ‘W’. (Assume you made an ‘A’; it will appear as an ‘A’-). What- ever attempted hours there were for the ‘I’ will be erased and added to your new grade as attempted and completed successfully.

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To request an approach the petition form that you can use to request after withdrawal date. The safest route is to complete the work from new circumstances or lingering original cir- cumstances or lingering original cir- cumstances or lingering original cir- cumstances or lingering original cir- cumstances or lingering original cir- cumstances or lingering original cir- cumstances or lingering original cir- cumstances or lingering original cir- cumstances or lingering original cir- cumstances or lingering original cir- cumstances or lingering original cir- cumstances or lingering original cir- cumstances or lingering original cir- cumstances or lingering original cir- cumstances or lingering original cir- cumstances or lingering original cir- cumstances or lingering original cir- cumstances or lingering original cir- cumstances or lingering original cir- cumstances or lingering original cir- cumstances or lingering original cir- cumstances or lingering original cir- circumstances or lingering original cir- cumstances or lingering original cir- circumstances or lingering original cir- circumstances or lingering original cir- circumstances or lingering original cir- circumstances or lingering original cir- circumstances or lingering original cir- circumstances or lingering original cir- circumstances or lingering original cir- circumstances or lingering original cir- circumstances or lingering original cir- circumstances or lingering original cir- circumstances or lingering original cir- circumstances or lingering original cir- circumstances or lingering original cir- circumstanc-
The SGA Greek Elections?

MIRANDA BENNETT

With SGA elections close approaching, The Sting has noticed a strange, Greek trend in the list of candidates running for office. Greek candidates are running for executive positions and are likely to gain backing not only from their chapters but from the entire campus. What could this mean for the future of SPSU Greek organizations? Increased funding for Greek organizations, including funding for conferences, which was recently denied by the SGA. Greek organizations first became officially eligible for funds from Student Activities during the FY04 budget, under a new SGA policy as reported by Mark Campbell in "SGA Budget Sees Winners, Losers," Vol. LVI, Issue 2 of The Sting. However, there is a cap of $1000. Shortly after the policy was approved last year, six Greek organizations requested and received funding.

The SGA's saving grace in 2004/2005 may be Marvin Broddus, who is not a Greek, in a Greek organization, will have veto power. It takes a three-fourths majority of the 10 council members to overturn a presidential veto. To provide more information on the election for students, the Sting will release a special elections edition, showcasing all candidates for SGA. The special edition will appear exclusively in The Sting Online, beginning March 15.

Letter to the Editor: Fire the Entire Career Placement Office Please!!!

My adventures in the career and placement office have been a maddening experience to say the least. The career fair this year was just as bad. What do those people do? Where can I get a job like that? They do nothing!!! I really think they all should be fired.

They did tell me before I came to SPUSU that they had a great placement office. Two days ago I met someone who has graduated and had no problem finding a job. They said that this was a small school, so every student gets individual attention. NO!!!

Can placement office employees be "recalled"?

To the best I can determine, the Career and Placement Office employs at least two PhD's, a person with a B.A. and an administrative assistant. That is a lot of payroll going to what end?

Their job is to tell new students that they are there to help, critique your résumé, help you practice your interviewing skills, and match you in a job anyway would you still have a job? NO WAY! You get paid for results, not show and tell!!

I want to know what their success rate is (not for the simple stuff, but for the hard stuff)? It's not enough to ask the question, "How many SPUSU graduates are employed three months after they graduate?"

The musical question is, "How many people have been hooked up with an employer by the placement office, by major?" —because that is their job and we are paying for that in our tuition. This is how they advertise the school to prospective students and that is the way they should be graded! If they aren't performing their jobs well, there are plenty of talented and well-connected people out there who can do it and do it much better, to everyone's benefit.

Signed,
One of those OTHER majors
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adjacent to the Open Projects Lab, opposite side the CS Open Projects Lab is the Computer Net- working Lab. Students should come here to learn about networking. The Computer Networking Lab is equipped with state-of-the- art Cisco routers, Cisco Switches, Cisco Hub, Sun machines, and various operating systems envi- ronments. Also, adjacent to the Open Projects Lab, opposite side, is the Real-time Systems Lab. Here we have a lab working on circuitry and embedded systems. Fi- nally, across the hall, opposite of the Computer Networking Lab, there is the extended Open Projects Lab, which is normally used for class lectures.

I would like to suggest that the students here should take advan- tage of these facilities. I must ad- mit that I have learned a lot about this past year while working in the Open Projects Lab.
An Interview:

Alpha Xi Delta

TONY PEREZ

Elections for 2004-2005 will be held this March 22 – 25. Students will be able to vote by paper ballots. SGA addressed the budget request submitted by the Alpha Xi Delta colony organizations. Because of limited funding, the SGA was unable to grant the full request for most of the organizations. In most cases, half or even less of the requested amount was approved. Vice-President Laura Payan says these amounts are still not yet final and could still change. Among the organizations requesting funding were:

- The Society of Gay and Lesbian Students, asked to be recognized as an official campus organization. The Student Government Association met on Tuesday, February 17 at 12:00 noon in the Library Room.

It's that time of year again, where the Student Activities office here at SPSU is busy with activity. On top of the normal busy-ness that we have from day to day, the office is also getting ready for Casino Night. If you've been to one of these before, then you know it is by far, one of our largest events each year, no matter if you're fantastic or not. If you haven't been to one before, we would like you to invite you to attend this event. We will have numerous black jack tables, along with roulette, craps, and slot machines. And for those less inclined on card games or the chance games of craps and roulette, we'll also have the money wheel again. We invite you to come June with the 'lux raffle' provided when you come in the door and try to win raffle tickets, in addition to the one given at the door, to win those fabulous door prizes!

We have been calling place to get door prizes donated so that we may spend the door prize money allocated on even more door prizes for you all. Please support those who support us: Lori Moore with Mary Kay Cosmetics, SPSU Books, Dick Blick Arts and Crafts, AmF Lanes, Crunch Fitness in Kennesaw, Pets Unlimited, Eagle 106.7, Cracker Barrel, Shillings on the Square, Fann's on the Hill, Hooters at Cumberland, Longhorns Steakhouse, 99x, Sonny's BBQ, 106.7, Olive Garden, Q100, Scalini's.

The Candidates for the 2004-2005 Student Government

Executive Officers

President
Marvin Broodus

Vice President
Melanie Bogart
Kamisha Peters-Hammond

Secretary/ Treasurer
Erika Appleby

Student Council

Deanna Stark
Ryan Thompson
Dena Moore
Jen Stewart

Elections

March 22-25

VOTE!

IEEE Robotics Team on the Hunt

TOM MITCHELL

A long time ago, in a far off land, a Mr. Daniel VanVolkinburg was crowed all high lucky muck of the IEEE Robotics Department. He was given the task of building and competing in the annual Southeastern robotics competition. Every year the challenge is different, but the idea is the same: get the rules and a robot, design the task, and compete against other schools in the Southeast. Over the past few years our robot has done quite well beating out other schools in the area, one could even say last year we beat the north avenue trade school...ouch! tech ouch, but only because they didn't go to the competition (which was held in sunny Jamaica).

This year's challenge is called, "The Hunting Session." The robot has to operate autonomously and starts out at a red light. When the light turns green the robot has to proceed to a "code station," one of many stations on the course. At the "code station" it has to receive a Morse code signal of the order in which it must go to each station and collect a ball that represents an animal. Once it retrieves its targets from each station it must deposit them in a final bin within the allotted time frame of 5 minutes. Luckily, partial credit is given when the final scores are tallied, and every team is quite thankful for that. Most teams are lucky to have their robot move.

The competition is March 26-28th in North Carolina, and five people from our team are attending this year. At this point, SPSU's robot is looking pretty good for the competition—it moves around by use of a tracks setup, similar to one you'd find on a tank. It has a PIC04 stack as a brain, which is the equivalent of a 300 MHz processor, and is programmed using C language because of the amount of space the robot has for data, only 256 mb. The robot is still waiting on final completion and the addition of some components. However, it does move under its own power and control, so that's practically half the battle. Hopefully, in the next week or two, the robot will be ready for final testing in preparation for the competition. Let's all pray that the chaos theory doesn't exist or the robot goes hunting.

If you would like to help out in the final stages of the robot please contact emailing Dan VanVolkinburg at dvvolkin@spsu.edu. Any help is always welcomed and appreciated.
Lady Hornets Last Home Game

KAREN ASAY

Saturday, February 28, the Lady Hornets lost to Southern Wesleyan. This was the Lady Hornets last home game of the season. Monday, March 1, was their last game of the season.

Unfortunately, since the Lady Hornets record this year is 0-15 (not including their final game's outcome), they will not be going to the GACC tournament.

The Lady Hornets shot very poorly in most of the first half. There were even a couple of shots that missed the basket and backboard completely. Later in the half, Brittany Watts was able to give the team a much needed burst, when she took the ball right out of the Eagles' hands and ran down court to score. After that, the Hornets went from only two points with five minutes to go, to ending the half with 15 points. This leap in points closed the gap between the women's team was started this game of the season Monday half with 15 points. This leap in points was reached when the dirt. The Women's last home five minutes to go to ending the college game. All three of these Women's last home five minutes to go to ending the college game. For most of the team, this game was the last game of the season, but for the seniors, Shirley Adrien, Elisha Howell, and Jaimi Koehler, this game was their last college game. All three of these players played last year when the team was started. This year, Shirley Adrian averaged 10.8 points per game, had a total of 165 rebounds, and blocked 21 shots. Elisha Howell played 847 minutes, had 81 assists, and made 45 steals. Jaimi Koehler was a solid contributor to the team in the 12 games she played.

The game ended disappointingly for the team and fans. Hopefully, this season will not dampen the players' spirits but make them work harder so that next season turns out much better.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Feb. 5 Emmanuel L 66-83
Feb. 9 Brewton-Parker L 63-93
Feb. 12 Ga. Southwestern L 65-71
Feb. 14 North Georgia L 55-75
Feb. 19 Reinhardt L 60-77
Feb. 21 Shorter L 40-71
Feb. 26 AMU L 24-55
Feb. 28 S. Wesleyan L 38-64
Mar. 1 Emmanuel A 6:00 PM

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Feb. 5 Emmanuel W 102-85
Feb. 7 Faulkner L 70-72
Feb. 12 Ga. Southwestern W 100-93
Feb. 14 North Georgia L 73-77
Feb. 19 Reinhardt L 72-73
Feb. 21 Shorter W 66-64
Feb. 24 Chatlin Uni. W 83-67
Feb. 26 AMU W 85-73
Feb. 28 S. Wesleyan L 96-69
Mar. 1 Emmanuel A 8:00 PM
Mar. 4 Brewton-Parker H 7:30 PM
Mar. 10-13 GACC Tournament TBA
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Men's Third Loss

KAREN ASAY

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## Tennis Team

### KAREN ASAY

The SPSU tennis team had their first conference match February 19 and won. The coach expects the team to do well, but the GACC conference is tough since three of its teams are nationally ranked teams. Auburn Montgomery was rated first in 2002 and Georgia Shorter have been two of the schools in the top ten for the last five years. This season, the tennis team has 13 scheduled matches.

The head coach, Pat Herrera, and assistant coach, Sam Beadles, both have ties to SPSU other than tennis. Coach Herrera played tennis for and graduated with a Mechanical Engineering degree from Southern Poly. Coach Samuel Beadles has been a full time faculty member in the Civil Engineering Technology Department for 15 years. Both of the coaches agree that this year's team is the best one in 15 years.

The team has six players, Othman Bennis, Jose Altamirano, Gustavo Gimenes, Yannick Bennis, Kevin Santiago, and Andres Hoyes, and one red shirt, Lionil Nasano. Othman, who is from Casablanca, Morocco, is the top player on the team. He played number four for the last four years. He also played for the SPSU tennis team for three years and graduated from SPSU with a degree in Business Management.

The team has a new head coach, Matt Griffin, and assistant coach, Gary Bohannon, this year. The head coach has a long history with Southern Poly. He was the assistant coach for the team for the last four years. He also played for the SPSU tennis team for three years and graduated from SPSU with a degree in Business Management. Griffin is looking forward to now being the head coach and expects the team to end up it is the top half of the GACC conference.

There are 33 players this year; however, only 29 of the players are registered. The four that aren't registred are Matt Anderson, Greg Hildenburg, Andrew Mananas, and Chris Marcotte, see red shirts this year, which means that they will practice with the team, but not play.

### Baseball Season Has Started

### KAREN ASAY

The SPSU baseball team started their season on January 31, with a game against Thomas University. They played their first conference game on February 20 against Emmanuel. The team is ranked third in the conference with a record of 11-7 overall and 4-1 in conference.

The team will have their next match on March 3 against Emory, so come support our team.

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Mario Land 2: 6 Golden Coins

DEVEN GALLO

Sometimes in the 80's, Nintendo decided it would be a crime to put Mario games on the NES/Famicom and not on the GameBoy. So they came out with the utterly abysmal Mario Land. This game finally followed through on actually being playable and came out with the utterly abysmal Mario Land. This game finally follows through on actually being play- able, and turned out like clone of Super Mario World for the SNES. Let's take a look. Let's start with the most important thing: Gameplay. You are a fat plumber who has to save his magical kingdom from his evil twin Wario, who has made the whole landscape evil, right down to the pitted-off, angry-faced back- grounds. Everything is after you as you try to uncover the 6 Coins that will act as keys and let you into the castle to confront Wario and take back your kingdom. Instead, we all know the Mario games are acid trips in and of themselves. But the game is really, really, fun. It's a side-scroller, so you run right and left, jump on enemies to shoot them with fireballs to kill them, and pick up various items while trying to clear each stage. The stages form areas, each of which ends with a Boss and a coin's guarding. Once they have them all, you fight Wario.

Music is very, very good. It's well orchestrated, especially the first level. It's upbeat and matches the action, and spurs you on. The game is tough, as you need fantasy reaction time and great reflexes in order to effectively take out the hordes of enemies. There are multiple difficulty modes however, so the beginner will not be scared off.

**hint:**

Gameplay: Insanely fun and well-rounded gameplay, featuring insane amounts of enemies, psychotic weaponry, inventive bosses, tons of environments, interactive levels that allow you to jump and grab or shoot things while fighting. I...do believe we have a winner!** [SCORE:10/10]**

Graphics: Some of the absolute best I've ever seen. My only complaint is that there are more animations for the main characters.** [SCORE:10/10]**

Sound: Fantastic music that fits the well. Some music is a bit repetitive though.** [SCORE:9/10]**

We've certainly seen our share of side-scroller shooters, but none that took the initiative to do it right.

Difficulty: A bit tricky due to how frenzied the battles are, but there are multiple difficulty modes to match each player's abilities.

Overall: 46/50 (92%)

[ Formula is 2*Gameplay + Graphics + Sound + Originality ]

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**[OMG/CAN/NOPGPS]**

Mario jumps from Gear to Gear inside a giant robotic Mario.

On the Aisleway in Area C, you must fight flying enemies.

Hang off ledges and attack enemies in all directions. As for the graphics— gorgeous. Everything is colorful, detailed and realistic. Bosses are composed of tons of individual sprites that pivot around each other with extraordinarily fluid motion. My only complaint is that the characters you play as could use more sprites in their animations so they look a bit smoother, but I suppose that might be a bit too much for the system to handle with how many enemies are onscreen.

Mario jumps from Gear to Gear inside a giant robotic Mario.
Shane And Shane Embark on the “CARRY AWAY” Tour

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Inpop Records’ singer/songwriter duo Shane Barnard and Shane Everett will headline the “CARRY AWAY” Tour accompanied by Rockettown’s Dove Award-winning Ginny Owens and multi Dove Award nominee Shaun Groves. A follow up to Shane and Shane’s successful 60-city leg of the tour last fall, the “CARRY AWAY” Tour will hit 27 cities nationwide between March 3 and April 3 with average audiences of over 2500 per night.

Shane Barnard and Shane Everett, known collectively as Shane and Shane, have experienced overwhelming success since releasing Carry Away, the duo’s critically acclaimed, best-selling sophomore project for Inpop Records in March. A Top 10 debut on SoundScan’s “Top Christian Albums” chart and #49 spot on Billboard’s “Top 200” pushed Carry Away to immediate sales success and helped drive the album up radio charts as well. “Be Near,” the initial single from Carry Away produced by Newboys’ frontman Peter Parker, hit #3 on the Christian Radio Weekly (CRW) Inspirational radio chart and #14 on CRW’s Adult Contemporary chart. In the fall of 2003, the momentum for Shane and Shane built further with a successful 60-city tour while the duo continued to receive tremendous support from retailers and media. The worshipful urgency and artistic crafting of Carry Away prompted Worship Leader Magazine to call the album, “a highlight of the current contemporary Christian season and proof positive of a fresh wind of creativity blowing across the musical landscape.”

Described by Billboard as “a songwriter of incredible depth,” Dove Award-winner Ginny Owens will spend the “CARRY AWAY” tour sharing new songs from her upcoming April 6 release, Beautiful, a progressive pop record that focuses on the God responsible for ultimate beauty. Owens won her first Dove Award in 2000 for New Artist of the Year, reflecting the success of her debut album, Without Condition. The immediate acceptance of the project within the Christian market as well as with mainstream audiences was evident from her chart success at Christian radio and by her appearances on Lilith Fair, at the Sundance Film Festival and on National Public Radio. Hailed since the age of 2, her original goal was to be a teacher, and she earned a degree in Music Education from Belmont University in Nashville before being discovered by the Michael W. Smith-owned Rockettown label.

Shaun Groves is touring in support of his sophomore album, Twilight, a 2003 release which prompted one critic to note, “Shaun Groves is one of the biggest artists to emerge in 21st century Christian music, in large part because his music is timeless.” Born in Tyler, Texas, Shaun Groves is a songwriter at heart, one who has already been exceedingly embraced in Christian music. Groves’ debut, Invitation to Eternity, initiated his success as the project’s first single, “Welcome Home,” rocketed to No. 1 on the Christian adult contemporary radio charts, where it stayed for four consecutive weeks. In 2002, Groves was nominated for six Dove Awards, including New Artist, Songwriter and Pop/Contemporary Album of the Year.

The “CARRY AWAY” Tour will launch at Rockettown in Nashville, Tenn., March 3, continuing to such cities as Birmingham, Ala.; Fargo, ND; San Antonio, TX and thirteen others. For more information on the “CARRY AWAY” Tour and Shane and Shane, please visit www.inpop.com or www.rockettownrecords.com.

Al Yori Aoshi

This anime series is a romantic comedy. In most romantic comedies nothing ever really happens. They are like soap operas. But Al Yori Aoshi is different. In this one, progress is actually made between the characters. Also in most comedies, the characters do some of the most stupid things and you tell the TV that the character should do this or that. Well in Al Yori Aoshi, you say the character should do something or say something and they do. My roomy from last semester and I watched this and we had a blast that the characters actually did the smart thing, well, for the most part. I still have to admit that there are a couple episodes that are just fluff. I actually think the series would have been better if they had cut out the fluff and just made the series shorter. It’s 26 episodes with second season running 12 episodes and a movie.

The second season is titled Al Yori Aoshi Enishi. I was excited about seeing the second season but it turned out to be nothing but fluff with one episode that built slightly of the first season. With the movie you are just saying “WTF mate?” (Quote is a reference to this flash video. http://www.ebaumsworld.com/endworld.html). The movie is just a Christmas special that has no bearing on the series at all. So all in all, just watch season one.

This series is ultra sappy and you have to expect that going into it. There is no violence. Well, none worth noting. It’s a love story. It’s about a couple that have been arranged by their parents to marry each other. In Japan this not considered strange. The two were friends as children but because of family circumstances, Kaoru runs away. Aoi later comes to look for him not knowing anything about him other than his name and the way he use to be. They meet again not knowing who the other is and then find out the person in front of them is their significant other because it is romantic. You should also probably not try to watch all 26 episodes in one sitting, like I did. I’ve learned from my friends that they don’t like to do that. If you don’t like to watch the same thing for 13 hours then break it up some. If you get bored with it then you aren’t going to like the episodes, but if you keep it where you want to find out what happens then you will like it a lot.

The first episodes move the story along pretty fast. Then you hit the first batch of fluff episodes. Around the middle it moves along for bit then there are a few fluff episodes towards the end. The last few episodes bring the series almost to a close, but they leave it open enough for a second season. Unfortunately they failed to do in the second season what they were able to do so well in the first season. I hope they come out with a third season and that it will be more like the first.

In this series it is clear who Kaoru loves and who Aoi loves. Well, it’s clear to the audience. The support characters don’t see it and they are trying to get Kaoru to fall for them. There is fair amount of fan service provided by the support characters. Tina just makes you go “WTF mate?” and this just wrong.” Trust me on that.

This is the closest thing to what I have been looking for in a romantic anime. It is very good series and I recommend it. Well, just the first season. Don’t bother with the second season or the movie.
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a brief history of poop and time

cj shrader

I stressed for some time try-
ing to figure out what I should
end up writing in this Anniver-
sary Edition of the Histories
that Matter. You see, I usually
try to have some form of unified
"theme" in this little column, rarely stray away from that
pattern. However, I felt like that
wouldn't work with the histo-
ries that I wanted to do, so I
decided to squeeze in as
many small histories as my in-
terest would allow. For your
reading pleasure, here are my
sometimes-interesting findings.

My roommate Bailey once
told me that his grade school
teacher began to explain in class
what the black speck in
bird poo was, but then stopped,
saying that explaining it was
just too gross. I promised to
find out what it was. After much re-
search (And believe me, this in-
formation is not easy to find), I
discovered that the black speck
is merely whatever portions of
the bird's diet that it couldn't
digest. Some birds, such as owl,
regurgitate "pellets," others just
have black specks in their poo.
Not that disgusting...kinds dis-
appointing.

There is a long, long history
on this ancient game that first
introduced everyone's favorite
plumber, Mario. However, my
only interest here is why the
game is called "Donkey Kong." For
those who don't know, and this
is important, the story of
Donkey Kong is about a giant
ape who doesn't like being a pet,
and so broke free and challenged
his owner to get clear through the
door and bend squeezed into the
same space. Just to add insult
to injury, the monkey stole the
owner's (Mario's) girlfriend, who
was actually named Pauline at the
time.

"Dead as a Doorbell" is an
old cliché which pretty much
means "dead." The phrase
comes from 1530 AD when metal
nails were rare and expensive to
use. Therefore, either wooden
pegs were used or metal nails
would be reused from construc-
tion to construction. Nails in
the door, however, were beat
clear through the door and bent
on the inner side. Since the
doornails couldn't be removed
and reused, they were called
"dead." Hence, the phrase "dead
as a doorbell" was coined.

Kleenexes...Kleenexes...were
invented in 1924 as a make-up
remover for women. The
product did well, but women
would complain that men were
using Kleenexes as disposable
handkerchiefs, a product which
didn't yet exist in America. The
Kleenex corporation took a
major shift in advertising to
accompany this new potential
market, and Kleenex Facial
Tissues were invented.

The name "Kleenex" comes
from the company's first prod-
uct, Kozex, a shortening of
"Cotton Texture." When
Kleenexes were created, the
word "Kozex" was used to
suggest the product's cleaning
abilities, and "ex" was tacked on
to the end to let people know it
was from the same people that
made Kozex. Thus, for the math
majors, "Kleen" + "Ex" = "Kleenex.

Wow, seven generally
unrelated histories that I usu-
ally put together into one his-
tory. Here are few of my favor-
ite last lines that thought it'd
be a crime to leave out of
here.

By now, you may have
noticed that there are two
Histories that Matter in this
one single issue. Well,
through no individual's fault,
my last History that
Matteried failed to get printed
in the last issue. This actual-
ly is pretty lucky for you.
For having such patience (I know
it pained you to be without
my article for an issue), this
issue has two Histories that
Matter. And this one
promises to be a good one.
Here, you'll read about
some very vicious people with
some strange senses of
humor. I've done my best
to find out some of the most
memorable last meals and
last words ever given by the
worst that mankind ever
spawned. (And believe me
reading through all these last
words was not fun.) We'll
start with my personal
favorite and the inspiration
for this article, Thomas
Grasso.

Thomas Grasso
Crime: Robbed and mur-
dered two women in their
eighties. He even strangled
one with her own Christmas
tree lights.

Last Meal: A dozen steamed
mussels, a Burger King
double cheeseburger with
mustard, mayonnaise, lettuce
and tomato, a can of Pronto-
American spaghetti with
meatballs (Keep that in mind
until the end), a mango, half
of a pumpkin pie with
whipped cream, and a straw-
berry milkshake.

Last Words: "I did not get
my Spaghetti-O's, I got spaghett-
i. I want the press to know
this." Well, now they know.

Last Meal: Unknown.

Executed: 3-20-1995 by le-
thal injection.

Josie Walter Bishop
Crime: Murder.

Last Meal: Unknown.

Last Words: "I've always
wanted to try everything
once...Let's go!"

Executed: 10-22-1979 by the
gas chamber. Exactly four
years before I was born.

Coincidence? I think not.

John Spencekink
Crime: Murder of a man by
shooting and beating with a
hatchet.

Last Meal: Unknown.

Last Words: "Capital pun-
ishment - Them without the
capital get the punishment."

Executed: 5-25-1979 by elec-
trication.

Robert Bell
Crime: The strangula-
tion and rape of an 11-year-
old girl.

Last Meal: A single black
divide.

Last Words: "Jerry and
Shirley, I didn't kill your
daughter. The prosecutor
knows that . . . and they left
the real killer out there on
the streets to kill again and
again. So that some good
may come of this, I ask that
you continue to pursue this
the end. Don't let the pros-
cutor continue to spin this out
of focus and force them to
find out who really killed your
daughter. That's all I have to
say."

Executed: 9-24-2002 by the
electric chair.

Walter Ingred
Crime: Along with his brother,
they murdered a bank man-
ager in a bank robbery at-
tempt.

Last Meal: Six fried eggs, 16
strips of bacon, one large
serving of hash brown, a pint
of pineapple sherbet, a break-
fast steak, a cup of ice, 7-Up,
Dr Pepper, Coke, hot sauce,
coffee, two sugar packs and
gum. Rell.

Last Words: Unknown.

Executed: 3-3-1999 by gas
chamber.

Jimmy Glass
Crime: The murder of two
people.

Last Meal: Unknown.

Last Words: "I'd rather be
fishing."

Executed: 6-12-87 by elec-
trication.

Here are a few of my favor-
ite last lines that I thought it'd
be a crime to leave out of
here.

George Appel, before elec-
trication: "Well gentlemen,
you are about to see a baked
Appel."

Sean Flannigan, speaking to
the executioner: "I love you."

James French, before being
electricuted, "How about this
for a headline for tomorrow's
paper? French fries."

You know the rest. E-mail
me suggestions at
shrader@jspsu.edu. I have
lots of choices for next issue
(None of them submitted, any-
way). Just can't put any of
them together into one set
theme.
games you should want to play

cj shrader

Last year, as some of you who actually read The Sting may know, I wrote an article which told of games to look forward to in the upcoming year. Since then, some of the games I’ve mentioned came out like I said, some were delayed, and other games which I’d never heard of popped up and came into being. In this article, I’ll go over what games I should have mentioned last year, and find out what happened to the ones that never showed up.

games that were delayed

**Diablo III**

Delayed Until: Either first or second quarter 2004. Oh well. Their Excuse: “For planning purposes.”

Counter-Strike: Condition Zero

Delayed Until: March 2004

Their Excuse: Apparently, the game has been passed off to a different developer again. The new company, Turtle Rock, has scraped portions of the old company, Ritual’s, work and started over. Just like Ritual did to Gearbox.

**Sacrificed: Ghost**

Delayed Until: February 11, 2004 OR June 11, 2004 (June most likely)

Their Excuse: “In order to meet our goals and deliver the outstanding game playing experience our customers have come to expect from Blizzard products...” You know the story. If it weren’t Blizzard, I’d be upset. But it is, so they can take all the time they need.

Halo 2

Delayed Until: April 18, 2004 (According to Amazon.com)

Their Excuse: “Halo 2 will be done when it’s done.” (According to Bungie, creators of Halo.) Well... they never officially set a release date so the game isn’t really delayed. So I guess they have no excuse.

**SoulCalibur 2**

This sequel was way larger than I’d expected to be. Now, if you read my other article about the Soul Calibur 2 tournament, then you’d know I’m no expert in the game by any means. That doesn’t mean that I don’t know anything about it, though... we have two copies of it in my apartment alone.

Soul Calibur 2, like its predecessors, is your standard 3D fighting game. The newest installment has added new characters, weapons, levels, and continues the story of Soul Calibur and Soul Edge.

I’d have to say the most interesting aspect of this sequel is the console-specific characters. The X-Box has Spawn, the PlayStation 2 has Heihachi (From Tekken), and the Gamecube has Link, who apparently took a break from fighting rupees in bushes to fight in a tournament.

The game has a full story mode and *tons* of unlockables, like characters and weapons, so it has a great replay ability. I think I’ll go unlock something after this article is done.

**Viewtiful Joe**

I have to say that this is a game that I truly regret missing out on my “Games to Look Forward to in 2003” list. The story of Viewtiful Joe is similar to that of Last Action Hero, oddly enough. Joe’s girlfriend is taken into a movie, and so Joe follows to save her. Inside, he’s given special powers to help him defeat all the evil bosses and eventually save his girlfriend.

What are those powers you ask? Well, he’s given the ability to slow down and speed up, time? The film? I never could figure it out. When playing Viewtiful Joe, you have to understand that physics have no place in it.

The game is a 2D side-scrolling cell shaded marvel. It takes you back to your youth, where all games were 2D and bosses had predictable, repeated patterns that you just needed to figure out in order to win (Don’t get me wrong though... the end of this game is “hard” and has failed to be beaten by me or my roommate).

Combat in the game is very exciting with the abilities to slow down and speed up the enemies and yourself. Got one enemy that you need to hit in specific places? Slow it down. Got enemies that overlap? Speed it up, and smash your way into viewtiful glory.

**Marios Kart Double Dash**

How could I miss the sequel to, in my opinion, the greatest racing game ever to be invented? Mario Kart is the greatest get-together game that I’ve ever seen, probably one of the only games people would *still* play on the Nintendo 64 (And maybe even the Super Nintendo), and its sequel makes it even better.

Of course, you’ve got new courses. And new drivers. And even new character-specific items (Though you do see the loss of the long line of bananas and Boos). But that’s not what makes Double Dash great. The ability for two people to control one cart, one driving and the other handling items, punching, and speed bursts, is really fun. Also, network compatibility is available, so you could essentially have eight people in four separate carts battling to be the #1 kartier.

Naturally, you have the option to race by yourself as well...if you’re one of those people (I generally am @).
that's a bad oscar

The Academy Awards are a time when America's finest are rewarded with a symbol of excellence. But who is speaking for the worst? Who is looking for the worst acting, the worst directors, and the worst movies? I am here to point out the worst of everything.

worst director

Tim Burton - Tim Burton is a jerkface. He's got a fat head. He made a remake of Planet of the Apes! He is a very bad person.

worst picture

- Gigli - Because I couldn't think of four.
- Pirates of the Caribbean - It was a movie based on a ride!
- Matrix Revolution - My Bosses Daughter was better!
- My Bosses Daughter - Ashton may be a hottie! But he's a very bad person.

worst actor

Orlando Bloom - Way to lower your standards!

worst actress

Marla Singer - Why wasn't her hair black?

worst supporting actress

Jodie Foster - There's just something about Jodi Foster I don't like. Maybe it's because of her bad southern accent or maybe it's because I can see the power of satan working behind her dark brown eyes; I don't know. But I know she was terrible in Thirteen.

worst makeup

Jack Nicholson - He still looked old.

worst special effects

Matrix 3 - Keanu still sucked.

OSCAR ➔
(TKE) Jonathan Higley is working as valet at Lenox Mall.

Kitwana Ruddok is working and taking a road trip to Coval Springs, Florida.

Tynhune Dulaney is going to D.C. with his roommate Frank (the white guy).

Stephanie Warner is going to Disney World with her Fiance.

(TKE) Ponch $ is working as a valet at Lenox Mall.

Janet Sandema might be going to Boston.

Matt Mastin is hiking the Appalachian trail.

Bobby Shamsai is doing homework in the library.

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9:00 pm
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Casino Night
Presented by CGB
March 24
7pm-11pm
SC Ballroom

When Architects Attack

Something tells me we’ve been making moves in here way too long...

St. Patrick’s Day

Happy St. Patrick’s Day

Marvin’s Friend: Budgeting. . . we love you Marvin!

Student Question:
What are you doing this Spring Break?