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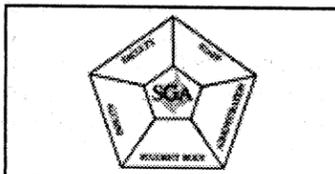
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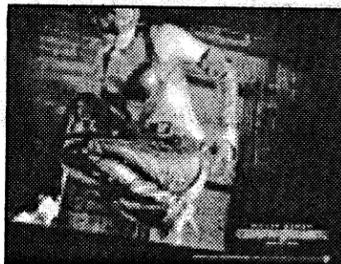
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Storm hits SPSU campus

JIM HILL

On Monday August 2, 2004, a storm system with high winds swept across campus blowing down trees on Polytechnic Lane, breaking tree limbs on the campus loop, and damaging the Student Recreation and Willingness Center's roof. The center's primary damage was the roof area over the aerobics room and the pool. The aerobics room was flooded by the storm damaging the hardwood flooring and most of the ceiling tiles. None of the exercise equipment was damaged by the flooding. The pool area did not sustain any flood damage because it is designed for a wet environment. "We were fortunate in the respect that we did not sustain anymore damage than we did," said the Director of Recreations, Karl Staber. "It could have been a lot worse if we had lost office equipment and damage to the electrical boxes causing the center to close for more than the four days we were closed".

The storm hit SPSU campus at approximately 8:30PM, Monday, August 2, 2004, while the campus was still quite active with students attending classes. The roof damage to the Student Recreation and Willingness Center was the dome over the pool area. "The high winds came from the south possibly creating a vacuum when they came over the building causing the sheet metal ribs, which seal the roof, to separate and then creating a chain

reaction that peeled off the panels thereby causing leakage into the building," said Karl Staber.

Just off campus, at the Polytechnic Lane entrance, power lines had fallen on to the highway between the bowling alley and the McDonalds restaurant. Also, there were a few business signs blown out into traffic. This damage

caused the power crews to block off the highway until the damage was repaired and the roadway was passable. However, Polytechnic Lane was closed for two days before it was passable for traffic.

Parker Young Construction (PYC) is the disaster relief company that is contracted out by the Board of Regents. PYC responded

promptly by mid-night with emergency crews to the Recreation and Willingness Center to assess the damage and to quickly waterproof the roof to prevent any further damage to the building by rain.

David Keen, a PYC estimator and graduate of SPSU in Civil

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David Keen, an alumni of SPSU's Civil Engineering Department, is an estimator for Parker Young Construction.

Amateur Radio Returns to SPSU

ERIK HADLEY

This fall students are not the only thing returning to SPSU. This fall marks the return of SPSU's Amateur Radio Club. The club is currently seeking members and all are welcome to join.

So what exactly is amateur radio, or Ham radio, as it is known? Amateur radio is made up of a worldwide group of licensed radio operators. As the name says all operators are amateurs, so Hams do not get paid for their services, nor do they engage in any kind of professional broadcasts. However, Hams do communicate with each other throughout the world. Hams provide emergency communication in times of disaster. On the attacks of September 11, 2001, Hams were there to provide communication for emergency crews. Hams do the same when tornados, earthquakes, floods, or other disasters strike. Hams also engage in plain conversation with anyone and everyone. Just think, you could be sitting in your home and have a conversation with a man or woman in Kenya, or Spain, or India, or anywhere on Earth. They don't even have to be on Earth for that matter, because there is a Ham station on the International Space Station!

By now you are probably wondering where the name Ham comes from. Truthfully, nobody knows. The term has been around for so long that nobody remembers anymore. It just is.

So what can students gain from the SPSU Ham Club? Well, for starters, it is open to everyone. Amateur Radio is something that anyone can engage

in. There is no disability that prevents a person from participating. There is no age limit; it does not matter how old or young you are. If you can pass the license test, you can operate a Ham station. Ham radio offers great learning opportunities for all. By engaging in the hobby, you develop an understanding of electronics, as well as radio theory. Although these topics may not be along your career path, they are still useful nonetheless.

So what does SPSU's Ham club intend to do? Well, first off, the club had repeaters that operated on the six meter and seventy centimeter bands. These were taken down when the club faded away. Now that the club is back, the repeaters will be reinstalled. The club is also looking to engage in several projects that involve radio/computer integration. This includes packet communication, radio internet, and possibly setting up a digital repeater.

The SPSU Ham club is being mentored by the Kennehoochee Amateur Radio Club (KARC). KARC has been in existence for many years and so their experience is a great asset to a club that is trying to establish itself. The KARC holds their meetings the first Tuesday of each month at

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New Pre-Law Fraternity

Dominique Devereaux

Phi Alpha Delta is one of the nation's largest co-ed fraternities with over 200 Pre-Law Chapters throughout the nation, 183 Law School Chapters and Ninety-Five Alumni Chapters in the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, and Mexico. Members of Phi Alpha Delta include, but are not limited to Justices of the Supreme Court, Members of Congress, and former Presidents.

Here's what one of the students at SPSU has to say about the law, "I always thought that if engineering schools didn't work out, I would try law. In fact, it still seems very interesting to me. I've thought about pursuing a degree in patent law, which would fit nicely with an engineering background."

Dr. Russell had a strong interest in going to law school during his undergraduate studies, "I had the LSAT study guide and everything." He is quite aware of the need for legal awareness his students will have for their future job success. "Tech jobs [with patents and such] are requiring more and more interaction with the legal department than ever!" However the perception on

campus of frats is less than encouraging.

"I didn't see any need to join one. There are plenty of free organizations on campus that one can be a part of. For example, the newspaper, this as far as I can tell is pretty damn close to being a fraternity/sorority on its own. But, I don't think any less of those who are part of a frat/sorority. Many of my friends are in these groups. However, if we were a larger campus I'm sure I might have a different view since our frats/sororities have very little presence. The only things I see from them are the Rock and the chalk on the ground outside of the student center."

The purpose of bringing Phi Alpha Delta International to Southern Polytechnic State University is to provide students with an opportunity to make an educated decision whether Law School is right for them or not.

Phi Alpha Delta is committed in providing members with the best

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PHI ALPHA DELTA

Storm

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Engineering Technology, class of '79, was quickly on the scene to meet with university officials and insurance adjusters. His quick response showed an admirable responsibility and the professionalism of the Parker Young Construction team in providing disaster relief for the University System of Georgia.

Estimated damage to the Recreation and Willingness Center has not been assessed yet because it has to go through the Board of Regents first, therefore, the university can not give the students a completion date of rebuilding the damage caused by the August second storm. However, thanks to Karl Staber and his staff, we can be rest assured that we have access to the center for our needs while all this is going on.

New Fraternity

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possible resources for that important leap. Phi Alpha Delta is not only committed in providing service to the student, but as well as to the community in any possible way. More importantly by forming an informal network for faculty and students to learn more about departments than, due to Regent guidelines and budget constraints, is allowed for in the current degree curriculum Phi Alpha Delta hopes to enrich the professional success of students and professors alike.

Currently, this new fraternity has seen interest from the entering freshmen to members of the SGA to graduate students. With departmental support they hope to increase the awareness and participation in the social programs offered at Southern Polytechnic State University, even if only at the minor level. Student support in this effort is greatly appreciated.

To find out more about this organization on a national level access: www.pad.org or SPSU's chapter's address on campus: pad.spsu.edu

Amateur Radio

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SPSU in the Burriss Auditorium in the H building at 7:30pm. For now the SPSU club will be meetings will be held with the KARC meeting.

So do you want to get into the hobby, but don't have your license? No problem, the SPSU club will be holding classes to help you learn all that you need to know to get your Technician license and get you started. And I will give you a hint, the exam is really easy (35 questions all multiple choice) and you know most of what you need to know to pass already. Do you already have a license and want to upgrade to a higher class? No problem, the SPSU club will also be teaching the advanced materials needed for the higher class licenses. Just stop by the Burriss Auditorium on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm and meet with the club, or contact Jeff Wolfe at KD4OMW@bellsouth.net. We look forward to seeing you.

Housing Forum

KAREN ASAY

On July 27, at 7:30 pm, SGA held a forum to address students' concerns with the change in the price of the apartments and dorms and other issues with housing. The forum was held in room 215 in the Student Center, which turned out to be too small. Patrick McCord and Edward Klein were in the spotlight for the meeting. They answered many questions, some more than once.

McCord and Klein opened the forum with a statement about the apartments. McCord explained that the price of the apartments went up because utilities are now being covered in that price. For the Courtyard, the price went up \$50 since cable, internet, phone, electric, and water are all being covered. Half of the \$50 will go to the cable, internet and phone and the other half to pay for the student's electric and water bill. For the Commons, the price will only increase \$25 since people in the Commons will only be getting cable, internet, and phone service through the school. McCord explained that these changes were done to add value to the apartments and help with advertising. Klein's statement explained what Residence Life was doing for the people in the Commons that already had a phone, internet, and cable provider. He stated that if students get cable from Comcast and phone service from BellSouth they don't need to worry about canceling service, because that was who the school was getting service from. These students will just pay the school instead of Comcast and BellSouth directly. He also explained that ResLife will credit students' accounts that had to pay cancellation fees because of the change in service providers.

After McCord's and Klein's statements, the floor was opened to questions.

When is ResLife going to inform people of the price change?

Klein stated that the information will be in the assignment letters and that they would be sent later that week. Many students expressed irritation that the assignment letters hadn't been sent yet.

What happens if an apartment in the Courtyard goes over the \$100 in utilities or is under it?

McCord explained that if an apartment goes over the \$100, the school will send the apartment a bill for the amount over. However, if the utility cost is under \$100, the students will not get any money back. He also explained that the average apartment cost for utilities is \$160 and the school purposely put the price for utilities low. The idea was that no apartment would be able to go under \$100 per month for utilities so no student will lose money.

Why was the \$150 application fee wavered?

McCord explained that a committee made the decision and not by one person. He also said that it was an attempt to bring in more people.

What is the \$150 application fee for?

Klein described three purposes of the fee. There is one more but he never explained the fourth purpose.

- 1.) Damage Fund
- 2.) Activities for the students in

the apartments and dorms (kind of like the activity fee with tuition)

- 3.) Computer Software to help with running the apartments

He stated that the computer software was not going to be done because of the fee waiver for summer applications.

Where do the students pay for the apartments?

McCord stated that payments should be made at the Business Office. He also said that dorm payments will be taken out of financial aid but the apartment's rent will not be. Lastly, rent can be paid through banner just like tuition.

What if a student doesn't want the school's internet, cable, or phone service?

There was some uncertainty about if a student could keep the service they already had, but it was clearly stated that the student would still have to pay the \$25 fee every month even if they didn't use the school's service.

Why does everyone in the apartment and dorms have to pay for the cable, internet, and phone service?

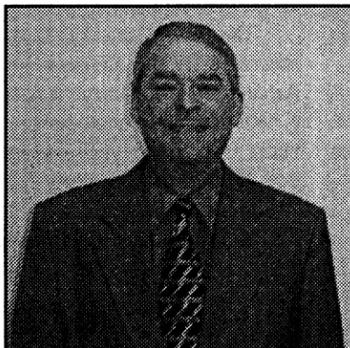
McCord explained that the \$25 deal for these utilities could only happen if everyone pays the fee.

Many more questions were asked, like if people in the Commons would get free parking since parking decals used to be included in the rent. The answer was no since the parking office needs the extra money to pay new employees. This question, along with a few others, was asked many times. Many students displayed unhappy and dissatisfied attitudes.

A lot of questions were answered, not always the way the student wanted. One answer that the students didn't like was that the market survey taken a few years ago said the new apartments were what students wanted. This comment got a lot of people frustrated because they had never heard of the survey. Comments like, "Did they listen to a word we said," were common as students left.

Some students wanted to know if they could easily get out of their contract since all the changes were made after they signed their contracts. McCord said the school would have to talk to their lawyers. After the form, the schools decided not to let people out of their contracts, but they, also, decided to give back the \$150 application fee.

The SGA plans to have another forum in September so students and housing can talk again.



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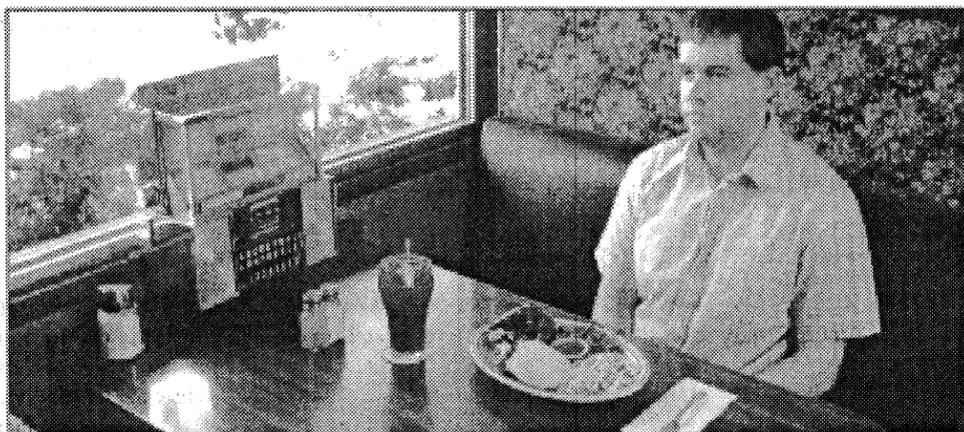
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Area college student dating self

THINGS ARE REALLY STARTING TO HEAT UP



Eric Peterson, top, has one of many romantic dinners with himself at their favorite restaurant.

By LISA CHENEY

Local college student Eric Peterson recently announced that he's entered a committed relationship—with himself. Peterson vehemently denied rumors that the two were dating other people. "We're totally committed to each other. We've never been happier." When asked what prompted the campus heartthrob to take himself off the market, he chalked it up in large part to his current financial situation, claiming that monthly fees from his checking account were making it too expensive for him to date around. "It was partly a

cost-effective decision on my part, but it's been really nice for us to spend more time together." Peterson was apparently unaware of Free Checking from Washington Mutual. It's an account with no monthly fees and the option to add Deluxe services like free online bill pay. And he could have gotten Free Checking just by visiting a Washington Mutual Financial Center, then signed up for online bill pay at www.wmu.com. "Dang," said Peterson. "If I had known about Free Checking Deluxe, my current dating situation would be different. I probably wouldn't have settled down with someone so soon."

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SAE Motorsports

The Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) is a professional organization that revolves around the automotive industry. Southern Poly is one of many universities worldwide that has a student chapter of this organization. In addition to the student chapter, SPSU also competes in two of the SAE sponsored Collegiate Design Series competitions. The two competitions entered by SPSU students are the Formula SAE and Supermileage Vehicle events. Both teams are open to all students from any majors.

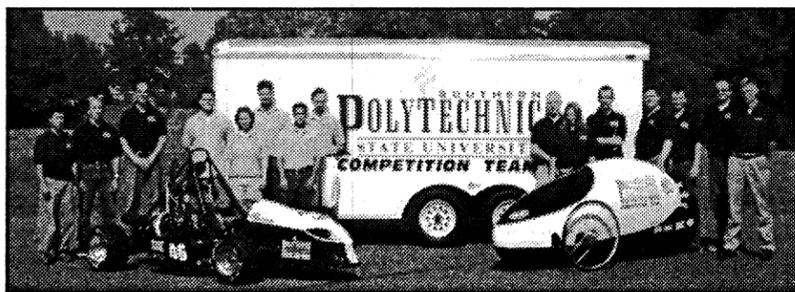
The Formula SAE competition involves a student team designing and building a formula racecar. Every aspect of the racecar is designed and calculated by the students themselves. Running off restricted 600cc Motorcycle engines, the racecars are easily capable of 100+ mph speeds and nearly instant accelera-

tions. The main competition is held once a year in Detroit, Michigan and features over 100 schools from all over the world.

The Supermileage Vehicle design competition is focused on the growing need for more fuel-efficient automobiles. Designs for this competition are much less restricted than other competitions and allow for a lot of creativity. Using the supplied Briggs & Stratton engine, last year's competition winner achieved around 1700 miles per gallon. The yearly competition for this event is also held in Michigan.

So whether you have an inter-

est in an automotive career or you are simply interested in learning new things, consider becoming part of these competition teams. These competitions are greatly supported by major automobile manufacturers, and some companies even recruit new employees while attending the events. New members are always sought after and no experience or specific classes are required to join. If you are interested in joining a team or would just like to see how the vehicles work, feel free to stop by the Mechanical Engineering building and talk to any of the team members.



What: Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP)

Who: IT, CS, SWE majors, but all students/faculty and staff are invited

Meeting When: Tuesday, September 14th 4:30pm-5:30pm

Where: TBD - fliers will be posted with more information

Info: AITP is a professional organization recruiting members who are interested in meeting other people in the field of Information Technology. It is also a great way to get real world experience outside of the classroom.

For more information visit <http://www.aitp.org> or email Amanda Benson at

aitpspsu@hotmail.com

Housing Update

KAREN ASAY

The application fee has been waived (for more details see Housing Update) for everyone that signed a contract for the apartments before the first day of classes. This statement means that anyone who paid the \$150 application fee during spring semester will be getting that money back. This decision was made by Barry Birkhead, Ron Kroger, Ed Klein, and Patrick McCord during the first week of August.

On August 4th, it was also decided that the freshmen who signed up to live in the dorms will be moving into the Courtyard instead of Howell, but they will still be paying dorm rates and for the mean plan. The freshmen will occupy all of building 3 and some of building 1. They will only be in the apartments for fall semester, but if there are freshmen that want to remain the Courtyard, they will be able to. However, a freshman who stays in the Courtyard for spring semester will have to pay the \$475 rent and will still be forced to pay for a meal

plan.

This decision was made because the school will save around \$100,000 by renovating Howell this fall, instead of waiting until summer semester. With the renovations, an elevator will be added to the building and a four-pipe air conditioning and heating unit will be placed in every room. Before, in the dorms, the AC and heating was a two-pipe system, which meant that the dorm buildings either had heat or AC, but not both. The four pipe system will allow students to control the temperature in individual rooms. Also, all the bathrooms in Howell will be renovated, and more rooms will be added on the first floor where the offices are now.

The renovations are supposed to be done by the beginning of spring semester so that freshmen can move into them. However, for fall move in, the Courtyard was ready on time for the freshmen to move in on August 18th with upper classman moving in on the 19th.



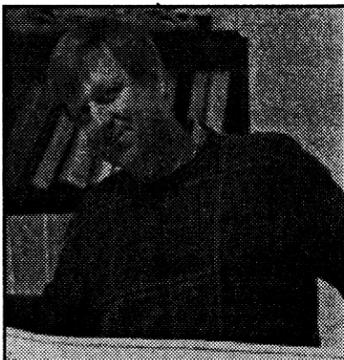
Klein is Leaving

KAREN ASAY

Edward Klein, as of August 20th, will no longer be working for Southern Polytechnic. He has been looking for a different job for seven or eight months, and finally, accepted one in late July.

Klein accepted a job in Vermont, at Landmark College. Landmark College is a small private school with a special mission to help learning disabled students. He will be the Director of Judicial Affairs.

Klein is very excited about the move since he will only be ten minutes away from his wife's family. Also, both Klein and his wife went to school in Vermont so they have many friends in the area. Klein stated that he has no family in Georgia so the job was an easy choice.



Klein's last day at Southern Polytechnic is August 20th and he will be starting his new job August 30th. Until a new Director of Housing and Judicial Affairs is hired, Dean of Students Barry Birkhead will serve as interim.

WANTED:
STING Writers

If interested, come to our Friday meetings at noon.

Southern Polytechnic State University Student Government Association

Dear Students:

For those of you that are new to Southern Poly, welcome to SPSU! For those of you that are returning to Southern Poly, welcome back! I hope all of you had a wonderful and restful summer. It's time to get to back to work, and focus on getting through your career at Southern Poly successfully.

While it is a good idea to come in focused on studying more, getting a 4.0, doing more homework, and doing better on tests, it is also important that you develop a work-play balance by getting involved on campus. The fact that Southern Poly is such a small school increases your chances of being able to get involved in extracurricular activities.

"Work hard, play hard." That's the motto we all try to live our lives by. It is essential to have that balance or you will find yourself burnt out before you've even completed a semester. There is so much to do at Southern Poly: the possibilities are endless! Always remember to find time to get involved on campus.

Getting involved on campus not only helps boost your morale, it also allows you to meet new friends, take your mind off of your course work, and it allows you to sit down and listen to how your peers think. Most importantly, it gives you a chance to express your ideas and concerns.

Your Student Government Association is here to help you. Want to join an organization, but you feel that there is not one that interests you? Start a new organization! Student Government funds new student organizations that meet all of the requirements necessary to start a new organization, it's as simple as that!

Student Government meets every other Tuesday at noon in the Library Rotunda. Our first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 31st at noon in the Rotunda. All students are invited to attend SGA meetings, so please do make every effort to attend these meetings. You really learn a lot about various subjects, and it gives you a chance to see how your elected student representatives are making decisions in your best interest.

For those of you who didn't know, your 2004-2005 Student Government Association is:

President- Marvin L. Broaddus, Jr.

Vice-President- Kamisha Hammond Peters

Secretary/Treasurer- Erica A. Appleby

Budget and Finance Chair- Yolanda Jones

Internal Affairs Chair- Jamaal Stewart

Public Relations Chair- Jose Alvarado

Elections Chair- Heather Giroux

Legislative Council: Gary Smith, Noreen Obanya, Demaurio Starks, Nish Patel, & Brian Barrett

For more information about your 2004-2005 Student Government, please visit us on the web at <http://sga.spsu.edu>. We will have office hours as well, so please check the SGA office for hours when members will be available in the office to answer any questions, or address any concerns that you may have.

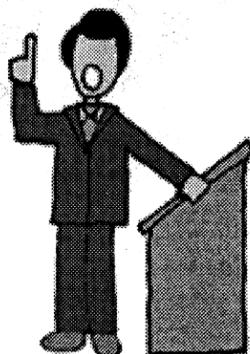
Here's to a successful and productive 2004-2005 school year!

Marvin L. Broaddus, Jr.

President, Student Government Association

The Forensics Speech Team will be having a cook out on **Saturday, August 28** from 10-5. It will be held in the Apparel/Textile Building Lecture Hall Theatre, the lobby outside the lecture hall and the patio outside the building. We will be cooking steaks, potatoes, etc. If you want a good meal and to learn more about the Speech club come and join us!

For more information contact:
Jack Haley - TCOM
jhaley@spsu.edu



SAFE is sponsoring a cookout for the campus community on **August 23**, from 5pm-7pm at the Globe. We will also be showing Kill Bill Vol. 2 in the TV room of the SC at 8pm.



Sigma Nu's Start On Campus

EJ CAMPBELL

In the fall of 1973, a group of men entered Southern Tech and joined together to form a flag football team to play in the intramural league. They had a lot of the same classes and lived together in the dorms. Many of them were from the same hometown and had journeyed to college together. These young men expressed interest in joining a fraternity but were discouraged by the choices that were available to them. They did not want to pay the high dues of the other fraternities and felt to themselves that there was something better available. Choosing not to join one of the three fraternities on campus, they went on with fall quarter and excelled in flag football. Winter quarter arrived and three men (Jeff Post #4, Dana Whitlow #19, and Gene Williams #5) of this group were talking to each other and asked, "Why don't we start a fraternity?" With the answer to this one question, sixteen young men formed the DF fraternity. And so, at the beginning of spring quarter on April 1, 1974 the DF fraternity of Southern Technical Institute was officially declared. Their quest had begun.

The spring quarter had the DF men searching for a national fraternity to become a part of and a team playing in the softball intramurals. Their search led them to the national DF fraternity. However, this fraternity was not what the men of Southern Tech were looking for in both the quality of that national fraternity and the high dues that were required. They felt it just was not a good fit. By the end of the spring quarter they changed their name to DFD so that it would take effect the beginning of fall quarter. They also beat everyone else in softball, hands down. Their quest continued on.

The fall quarter of 1974 had a rush that beat out all the other established fraternities on campus. This "local" fraternity was gaining strength at Southern Tech. They proved throughout the fall quarter that they were a force on campus not only in numbers but also in sports. Word had spread about this group of guys and many national fraternities were looking at DFD to join them (now almost thirty guys strong in less than a year). The search continued on into the winter quarter and still a national fraternity had not been found. The one thing that had stuck in the minds of the DFD brothers was the hazing that was going on by the other fraternities during this time. This was not appealing to them and had a profound influence on their national search.

While the DFD men were looking for a fraternity, Sigma Nu nationals had heard about a group of students in a local fraternity at Southern Tech. The division commander for Sigma Nu at this time was Dr. Tom Lightsey. He was instrumental in helping found the QP (Theta Pi) chapter at West Georgia several years earlier. A man by the name of Jimmy Bryan QP #3 was asked to accompany Dr. Lightsey to meet the men at Southern Tech. Mr. Bryan went through the colonization process of becoming a chapter from

1971 to 1972 and also served as commander before graduating in 1974 and moving back to Atlanta. The meeting went well. Dr. Lightsey and Mr. Bryan were impressed with what they saw and reported back to Lexington that this group of men should be offered colony status.

The DFD men found what they were looking for. Hazing was unacceptable to the founding fathers of SN as well as to the men of DFD. This strong feeling led to the DFD fraternity to vote on April 10, 1975 to become a colony of the SN national fraternity. All they needed now was for SN to accept them.

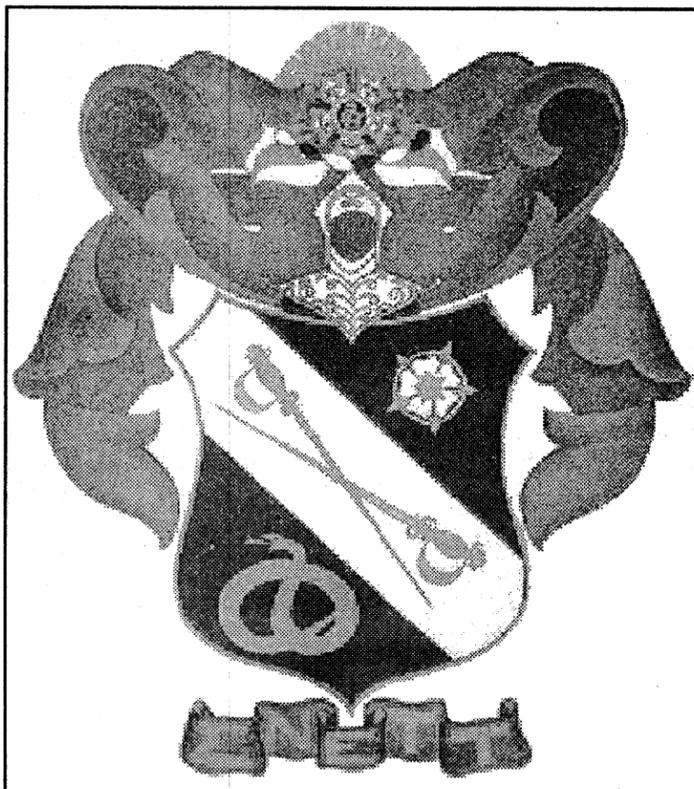
In June of 1975, a letter arrived to the president of DFD. An excerpt of this letter reads as follows: "It is my pleasure to notify you officially that Delta Phi Delta local fraternity at Southern Technical Institute has been accepted by the High Council of Sigma Nu at its June 9th meeting as a colony of this fraternity" Signed William K. Amiot, Executive Secretary of Sigma Nu. Their hard work had paid off and they were building a solid foundation for the road to becoming a chapter.

For their time as a colony, they would need an advisor and Mr. Bryan was asked to be the chapter advisor by Dr. Lightsey. A role he gladly accepted. His insight would help the fraternity grow. The beginning of fall quarter saw only fifteen guys returning to campus. Some guys could not afford it, some transferred, a few did not even return to school. The remaining dedicated brothers put together a well organized rush and even helped freshmen move into the dorms. Dr. Lightsey and Mr. Bryan were still concerned with the low numbers. With out larger numbers the colony would fail. These concerns were quickly stomped when the colony rushed more than forty guys. Most of the colony brothers had two little brothers and some had three. This rush proved that Sigma Nu was here to stay.

They told the new candidates that Sigma Nu was not for everyone. The fraternity was formed by three civil war veterans that opposed hazing and believed that their

"Honor was dearer than their life." It was founded on ideals that men could believe in and build a life around. Most other fraternities were founded on friendship and the degrading of others called "hazing." On November 16th, 1975, twenty-two men of DFD fraternity were installed by a Ritual team from the HG (eta gamma) chapter of Georgia State as an official colony of the SN Fraternity. There were other men in the DFD group that did not journey further. For them, their journey ended. For the men of the new SN colony, their journey had just begun. A journey that continues to this day. The men of this colony worked hard to reach the goals of becoming a chapter. There were four other colonies vying to become chapters of SN at the same time. The new SN colony happened to be in the right place at the right time. For at stake was the honor of becoming the 200th chapter (it was also the 200th year of the nation). The colony that was most distinguished would be awarded with this title. The men of the SN colony charged forward.

From the fall of 1975 to the fall of 1976, the SN colony increased its active chapter membership from fifteen to forty-four men. They excelled in sports, captured and held the rock on campus (a long standing tradition among the fraternities), and even had time for academics. There was much discussion among the leaders at the Lexington headquarters as to which colony should receive the honor of chapter #200. On October 18, 1976, the president of the SN colony received a letter from nationals stating that they had received unanimous ballots of approval from the other chapters and they had earned the right to become their own chapter. On Saturday, December 4, 1976 the forty-four men of the SN colony were installed by the QP chapter of West Georgia University as the IP Chapter #200 of the SN Fraternity. This installation was attended by the top directors of the SN fraternity and even made several local newspapers.



CAB Events

August

19th – Drive-In Movie (Kill Bill Vol 2), 8:45 pm in between the dorms

25th – Airbrush Tattoos, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm in the SC Lobby

31st – Pool & Spades Tournament, Noon in the SC Lobby



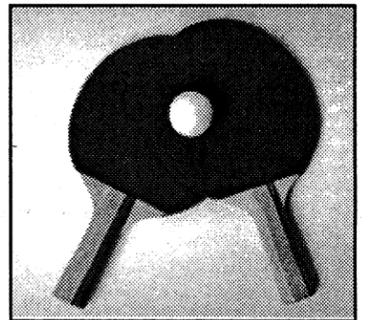
September

8th – Fall Party, 6:00 pm Sycamore Grove

14th – Open Mic Night, 8:00 pm Community Center

22nd – Game Night, 8:00 pm SC Rec Room

30th – Battle of the Bands, 1:00 pm Location TBA



October

5th – Photo Booth, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm Sc Lobby

14th – Open Mic Night, 8:00 pm Community Center

20th – Handwriting Analyst, Noon to 3:00 pm SC Lobby

28th – Pumpkin Night, 11:30 am to 3:30 pm SC Lobby



November

5th – Game Tournament, 7:00 pm SC Rec Room

10th – Mentalist, 8:00 pm Theatre

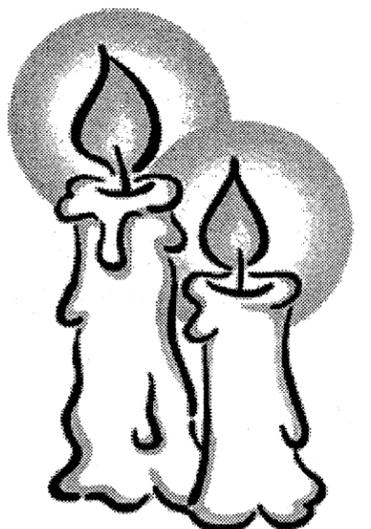
19th – Game Tournament, 7:00 pm SC Rec Room



December

1st – Candles, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm SC Lobby

8th – Finals Breakfast, 8:00 pm Cafeteria



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Come Join the Fun.

Events Throughout the Year:

Monthly:

1. Alumni Dinners @ Dave and Busters
2. Date Nite (Every 2 Weeks) – A great way to meet new people and have fun. Consider Date Nites to be a night out with everyone invited. With events like the “Shotgun Wedding” and “PJ stay-and-play” your Thursday nights will never be the same.
3. Nu Night Out – A night out with the chapter and a good chance to build stronger brotherhood. All types of events scheduled from concerts to camping.
4. Doughnut and Car Wash Fundraisers

August:

1. Back to School – Come meet the chapter
2. RUSH – the best two weeks of school, hands down.

September:

1. Bid Night – Iota Pi Tradition Continues and you can be a part of it, contact Jose for more information.
2. Initiation
3. Retreat – One of the most memorable events of the semester! Spend a weekend in the woods and learn about Sigma Nu and chapter history.
4. Midsummer Night’s Dream – Like nothing you have ever seen before, don’t miss it.

October:

1. Fall Semi Formal – Good food, good friends, and a real good time in Atlanta.
2. Nationals Trip – See where it all started.
3. Community Service – Marietta’s Halloween Fair on the Square.
4. Halloween Celebration – Prizes and bragging rights for the best costume.

November:

1. Larry Lee Golf Classic – A day on the course in remembrance of a great man.
2. Open House
3. Teacher / Faculty Appreciation Night – Recognition for all of the hard work that the professors and administration so for us.

December:

1. Anniversary Party – Celebrate the chapter’s birthday!! A semi formal evening on the town (we keep the alumni up past their bed time, Jeff – remember your oxygen!!!).
2. End of School – A celebration that need no explanation.
3. Christmas Party – Your traditional holiday celebration, with a twist.

And that’s just what we have planned so far. Don’t forget Date Auction, Whitestar, Buffett...

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Commander’s Statement: “College will test you – scholastically, mentally, and physically. In the next few years you will build a foundation for the rest of your life. Sigma Nu can help by providing academic, emotional, and social support to ensure that you reach your potential. Iota Pi strives for the best that higher education has to offer. We value honor, respect, and dedication – most of all, we value our brothers and their individual commitment to excellence. We invite you to find your place amidst our brotherhood – to accept the challenge and exceed expectations.”

Creating a Legacy of Honor since 1869

Monday August 23rd 2004

- Cook Out with the Boys (11am – 2pm)
- Sigma Nu Football (B/W the dorms) (6pm – 9pm)

Sunday August 29th 2004

- Parents Day (3pm – 6pm)

Tuesday August 24th 2004

- Drown some Subs (11am – 2pm)
- Sigma Nu Whiffleball (B/W the dorms) (6pm – 9pm)

Monday August 30th 2004

- Yo Quiero Tacos (11am – 2pm)
- Mountasia (Go-karts and Put Put) meet @ SC 6pm

Wednesday August 25th 2004

- Pizza Munchin from (11am – 2pm)
- The NU Slip-N-Slide (6pm – 9pm)

Tuesday August 31st 2004

- Race for Cash (11am – 2pm)
- Steak Night (6pm – 9pm)

Thursday August 26th 2004

- Mama’s Hot Wings (11am – 2pm)
- Meet the Alumni at Dave and Busters (meet @ SC 6pm)

Wednesday September 1st 2004

- Last Chance to get to know us (11am – 2pm)
- Bid Night (Invitation only)

Friday August 27th 2004

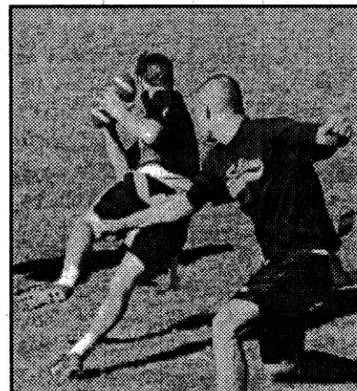
- Eat More Chikin (nuggets) (11am – 2pm)
- Go see the Bravos take on Barry and his Giants (meet in the Student Center at 5pm)

Friday September 3rd 2004

- Initiation Night (Invitation only)

For details on Events and/or Question call - Jose Alvarado (#410, Rush Chairman) at 404 788 1885

(NOTE: All day events will be located by the Globe)



How we got started on campus:

Check out this story in the Organization section of this paper.

Mascot:

We don’t have a mascot, sports teams do.

One of our fraternal symbols is a coiled serpent.

Charity Organization:

Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta



Children’s
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TKE *Tau Kappa Epsilon* TKE

Fall Rush 2004

Monday, August 23

Morning: 11-1 a.m. Pizza and 96 Rock Bod Squad @ the student center

Evening: 5-8 p.m. Water Balloon Fight, Grilling Burgers, and Football

Tuesday, August 24

Morning: 11-1 a.m. Bathtub Racer and Williamson Brothers BBQ @ the student center

Tuesday: 5-8 p.m. Grilling and Whiffle Ball

Wednesday, August 25

Morning: 11-1 a.m. Subs and Milk Chugging Contest @ the student center

Tuesday: 6-8 p.m. Pool up at the Student Center

Thursday, August 26

Morning: 11-1 a.m. Chick-Fil-A @ the student center

Evening: 5-8 p.m. Hotdogs and Frisbee

Friday, August 27

Morning: 11-1 a.m. Chips and Coke

Evening: 6-8 p.m. TKE History pt. 1

Monday, August 30

Morning: 11-1 a.m. Pizza @ the student center

Evening: 5-8 p.m. Grilling and Ball

Tuesday, August 31

Morning: 11-1 a.m. Wings @ the student center

Evening: 5-8 p.m. Grilling and Ball

Wednesday, September 1

Monday: 11-1 a.m. Taco Bell

Evening: 5-8 p.m. Hooters @ Cumberland

Thursday, September 2

Monday: 11-1 a.m. Chips and Coke

Evening: 5-8 p.m. Field Trip

Friday, September 3

Monday: 11-1 a.m. Chips and Coke

Evening: 6-8 p.m. TKE History pt. 2 (Invite Only)

Any questions: Contact the RUSH coordinator Mikey at MikeyMull17@yahoo.com or the president Chris Estrada at 678-467-4382.

February 24, 1973

SPSU's Chapter Founded

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International Fraternity

Tau Kappa Epsilon was founded on January 10, 1899 at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, Illinois.

As of May 31, 2003, 230,544 men have been initiated in the Fraternity.

As of May 31, 2003, Tau Kappa Epsilon had 270 active collegiate chapters and colonies throughout the United States and Canada.

Tau Kappa Epsilon is governed by its Grand Chapter, which meets in Biennial Conclaves to elect a Grand Council and revise or amend the International Constitution and Bylaws. The Grand Chapter is made up primarily of undergraduates.

The Grand Council governs the Fraternity between conclaves.

TKE maintains a full-time professional staff of 25 people.

Tau Kappa Epsilon publishes a quarterly magazine, *The Teke*.

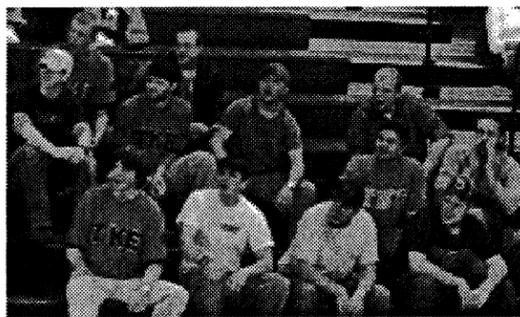
Colors: Cherry Red and Battleship Grey

Mascot: Zeke the Teke

Greek Ideal: Apollo

Your charity organizations:

- Alzheimer's: Ronald Reagan was a Teke
- Cystic Fibrosis: Brother in our chapter died of this disease



Some of the events you threw every year:

- Charity Car Show for Alzheimers: raised over \$1,000
- Run For Breath: Charity Run for Cystic Fibrosis (one of our brothers died of cystic fibrosis and we have had annual run ever since)
- Hosted Bob Barr: spoke in the student center about the path to leadership
- Leadership retreats at lake house every semester for brothers of the chapter
- Annual summer Panama City Beach trip

Officers' names and titles:

Chris Estrada – President

Cody Miller – Vice President

Jonathan Higley – Secretary

Marques McMillan – Treasurer

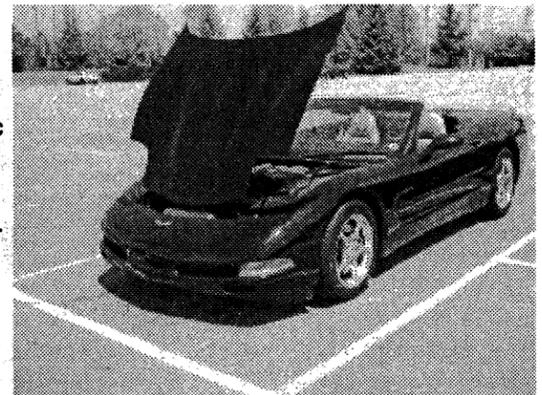
Evan Armstrong – Historian

Jeff Rauch – Sergeant at Arms

David Adams – Educator

Billy Parish – Chaplain

Michael Mullendore – Rush Coordinator



**JUST LOOK FOR THE
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TKE!!!**

Declaration of Principles (excerpt)

“We believe that the essential elements of true brotherhood are love, charity, and esteem; love, that binds our hearts with the sturdy chords of fraternal affection; charity, that is impulsive to see virtues in a brother and slow to reprove his faults; esteem, that is respectful to the honest convictions of others and that refrains from treading upon that which is sacred to spirit and conscience; these are the triple obligations of every brother in the bond.”

The School Hates Students

Kenny White

So here it is, the end of my 9th semester of school, and for 7 of those semesters I have lived under housings roof in the dorms. I remain in the dorms this year and I plan to be here again in Fall/Spring. I've come to a point where I'm becoming sick of this school and its policies. The most common problem I have seen here is the lack of communication between departments. The school seems to be shady in some areas as to their plans, such as facilities. They seem to be very secretive and hard to get information from for stories. I believe this is because of past articles The STING has written regarding the use of funds. So if it's not exposed it doesn't happen? Right....

If you lived in the dorms this summer you know what I'm talking about already; you saw the flyers and know about the roof. For those of you not in the dorms, let me run this by you, you decide whose fault it is. We all moved into the dorm on something like May 16-18th. Housing (or whoever decides what floor/rooms to use) decides to put us all on the 4th floor. Great choice there since the other floors are empty. So all 30 or so of us move into the dorm and settle in. A few weeks into school after we have everything in place in our rooms, we get notice from housing that some of us may have to move due to construction they will have to do on the roof. The reason? Poor planning. Actually not housings fault from what I can see. From some calls to housing trying to see why we have to move and if there was anyway around it I learned of a letter from facilities. This letter was written and dated well before we moved into the dorms for the summer. However this letter did not make it to housing until early June. Apparently housing asked facilities multiple times if they needed to do any work on this building (Howell Dorm). Their reply was nothing that would disrupt the students. Meaning the usual additional layer of paint, ceiling tile replacements and the like. So housing went ahead and moved us in to the dorm thinking every thing was clear. Not the case as some of us has had to move.

Within the last week of school however, the roof job still sits unfinished, and was left extremely leaky. Rooms all over the 4th floor are leaking. Why isn't the job done yet? Who knows? The move ended up being a little better for me, just an inconvenience. Once on the 1st floor, another problem was encountered. Not directly in my room, but in the stair well and all surround rooms. These first floor rooms have a bad humidity problem. Most of this was cause from a large condensating pipe just above the ceiling. Maintenance has been wrapping with insulation to help with the problem. Many of the rooms have had roof tiles replaced due to black mold, furniture and walls have grown small amounts of mold. At the beginning of this last week of school, they finally hung flyers asking students to not open the windows and to keep the air running.

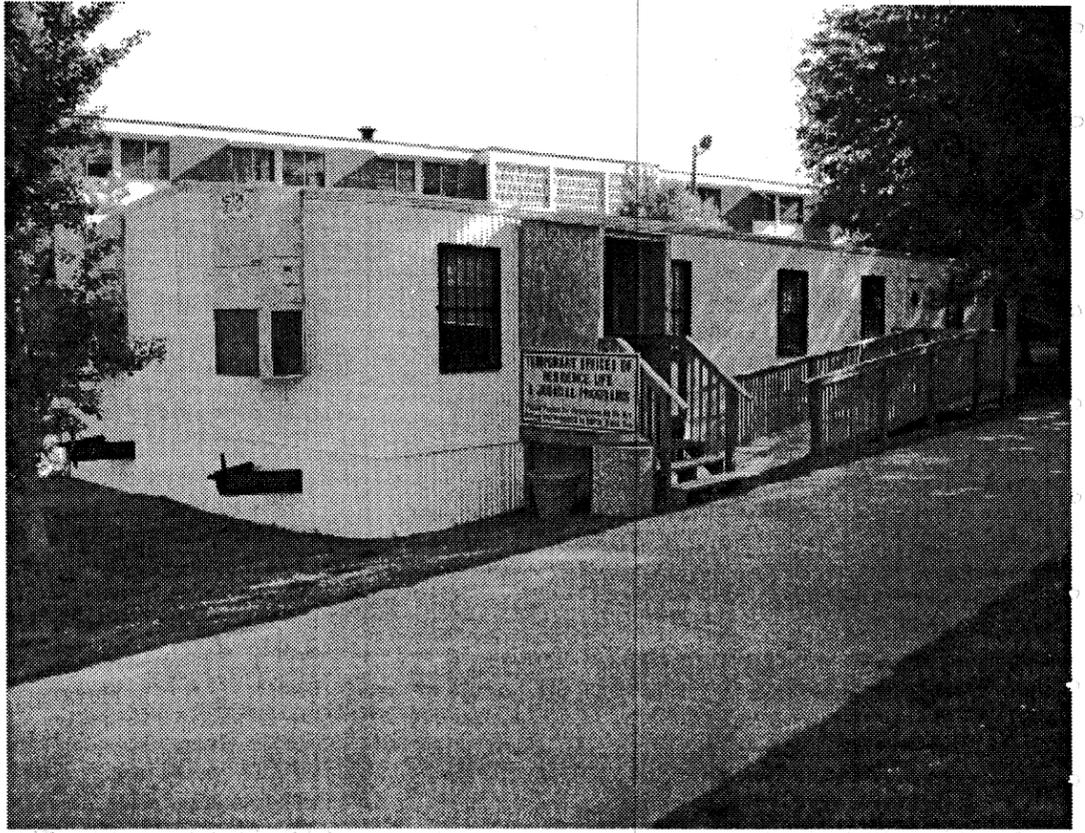
Now it's been a week or so since school has been out and I'm living back at home for the break. I'd heard a rumor that the freshmen coming in are getting the apartments. I talked with a few friends and the rumor seemed to be consistent. One friend lives in campus walk, and the other in Savannah and their information matched as well. I've not directly talked to the school about this rumor. It seems from what we can see

that the school has decided to start the renovations on Howell dorm this fall instead of next summer. If not this then, they will be fixing the problems and moving the freshmen back in during the semester. Housing has been slipping up in the last 2-3 semesters in my opinion when it comes to their procedure. For one thing, the RA's don't seem to do enough to stop residents from causing damage to the building. In my opinion, it's not the RA's fault. They also have not been checking the rooms on move in/out days. This means anything damaged from the previous semester will go un-noticed and there's a chance the new residents will be charged. I'm sick of having to vacuum my room before I can move in. Shouldn't it be clean and ready for occupancy? Last fall, I had to wait on maintenance to come to my room to clean a large urine stain off the floor. Apparently, the foreign exchange students (the French ones from the rumors I heard) decided that when the school locked the bathrooms while they were still living there for repairs, they would just pee in the rooms. Great idea guys, thanks a lot. How did housing not notice the stain or smell it? They don't do jack when it comes to checking students in and out anymore. I hope with these new apartments and renovated dorms the level of service to the students will be upped as well.

In support of housing (and this is a first for me), I'd like to inform everyone of something I learned, something I did not previously know. Maybe you did. Housing doesn't actually make big decisions, concerning the dorms and apts. Yes, they make small decisions, but nothing large, they manage housing on a school level. As I understand it an outside company owns/operates all housing on campus. The staff in the trailer is just the middle man who enforces the regulations of this outside company. So when you get mad at housing and cause headaches for them, it may not even be their fault.

Are you handicapped? Do you use a wheel chair? Well if you are and you tried to get in the Howell Dorm since about the 18th of July to at least the end of the summer semester (and maybe still), then you were out of luck. You could go in the little dwarf door on the J side of the building? No wait, if you're a visitor you'd need a key, if you're a resident you'd need a huge rock, because the odds of getting that door opened from the outside is like 73.2-1. So that leaves one option left for those of you in the wheel chairs. You would have to go around the building to the opposite side of the parking lot and go up the ramp there. Why am I writing about this? I don't really know. I suppose it was the best time as any to install the large pipes. They certainly removed enough to get the job done however. Gone was the concrete ramp, the dirt that held said ramp up, a small section of sidewalk at the end of the ramp. The two parking spots that the police had been using and the entire bright freshly painted red/yellow curb. My only idea as to what they are doing is perhaps creating a wider ramp, that leads to the parking lot better, which is also within code, after fixing the pipe. Who knows, look for yourself, when they get done.

Next on the topic list is the flyers in the halls from housing. The signs are regarding the new apartments. Here's



More complaining about the trailer department.

what it says, "Sign a contract for any on-campus apartment housing and your \$150 application fee will be waived" but it's only a "summer special". Wow, that's a great way to say thanks to all the students who have already signed a contract for your crappy housing deals. So I assume you will be refunding this to all the students who have already signed up? No, really, how surprising. Do you realize the price you charge is outrageous? Seriously, the only place that prices are this insane is in the airport terminal where you pay like 18 bucks for a sandwich and a Coke. Let me get this straight, Housing is offering a 4 bed/bath for 425 per person, so that's 1700.00 per apartment. No wait, the price keeps being raised. I think it's up to 475 now? I'm not exactly certain what all that includes, but I think it's like a butler and gold toilets. The only good thing about these apartments is that they are on campus and if your roommate moves out then it doesn't affect your rent. That's it, the advantages end there. You can get such better deals off campus, in fact I recommend moving off campus. Has anyone seen the size of these new apartments? Did you realize that the little model they showed you when you signed up was real scale? I mean these things stank. Whooeee, you smell that? The living room is perhaps 1/3rd the size of the Commons 4 bedroom. The room itself is dominated by its layout. The closet door is a regular door that opens into the room, thus taking up more space. There are only 1-2 options to where the furniture goes. The kitchen is much bigger; however there isn't a lot of cooking going on here. Housing has dished out another load of crap to unsuspecting customers. Even the dorms are making money like crazy, consider this if you will. The dorms have/had roughly 350 rooms. I don't know for sure the real number but lets use that for example. Ok, Norton Hall costs 1400 or more per student and Howell Hall is still 1370 per student (it still sucks till next summer when it gets remodeled). So if there are 350 rooms and there are 2 people in each right? So now there are 700 people in the dorms alone. So that's 350 times 1400 plus 350 times 1370. Grand total for these numbers \$969,500.00. So if these numbers

are even close to real then one can see that the make close to 1 million in for the dorm rent alone. Then they have to pay water, electrical, cable, phone and all jazz. I don't know what the total is but it's still a substantial amount. If you walk around Howell before they remodel you may see that the carpets have had better days, perhaps a cleaning every once in a while maybe? Is that too much to ask? Wait, I'm sorry, they cleaned the carpets in the halls, and in the water damaged rooms, but what about the rest? My freshman room on 4th floor had a giant stain on the floor. I discovered later that year when the old residents happened to stop by that the stain was caused from a giant rotten pumpkin. So that was fall of 2001, guess what guys, the stain is still there summer 04. Have any of you ever opened your air units, perhaps a cleaning of the fan is in order as well. There is so much dust in there that the units can barely run. I loved the sticker I found on the motor in one unit. It reads "Oil motor approx. every 6 months" Heh Heh, Oil, Heh; I don't think these have ever seen oil.

I feel like one big problem at this school not only in housing but in all departments is the fact that the school doesn't really have to care. The student body is one big cycle you see. Say for example 1000 new students come in, and 500 of them go to housing. Well, many circumstances revolve around students; perhaps they change majors, run out of money, change schools, or move off campus. Any number of these reasons mean that of that 1000, maybe only 800 will stay and only 300 stay in housing after that. The numbers decrease every year after that. There are also the graduates every year. I made up these numbers but as a student this is how I see the cycle. So basically the school doesn't really care what we say, we have no choice over a lot of it. Our numbers just keep dwindling down until the whole campus is fresh meat. I know at this point in the article you assume I'm an idiot and smirkingly remarking to yourself, that I should get up and do something about it. I feel like I am by letting the populous of the school know little secrets the school doesn't advertise. I feel confident in the SGA staff in office now. They seem to be doing a

good job. Back to the school not listening. The food service is an area for much needed improvement, we can cry all we want, it's a requirement if you live in the dorm, so what do they care, if you don't eat there they already have the money. So you move out of housing because you hate it, what does the school care, they just fill the slot with another unsuspecting victim. Unless it's the courtyard where the price is so high they have only filled a small portion. So for the average student who is here 3-6 years, the school just doesn't seem to care, a new batch of students will be in soon. Small steps can be made in the right direction, in an article I wrote for the April edition of 04, I reported how the school was wrongfully disposing of files outside the admin building. I was disappointed when a fellow STING writer found that there were 3 cans of files set out in the week following the articles printing. However since then, they have been shredding everything they put out; kudos to the admin building for following school procedure.

I remember my orientation here at good ole poly. I was so naive to the bull they were feeding me. You all have seen the brochures and ads for this school, ever seen anything in those ads happen on this campus? NO! Did you go to an orientation session? I did, and I thought I was learning what I needed to. No, No, not really. I started here at an architecture student (like many other people I know) who thought that might be a good career. They put all the classes you will need on paper and it looks easy. Well, it seems that for the most part only a few students out of many actually are able to stay on that track. So either they leave on that fact alone or keep trying. I for one don't have much respect for that major anymore. I respect the people who fair well in the program, even those who slip though on for reasons no one really knows. For the most part the "good" professors have left or retired. I feel like now (and this is my opinion) that the professors in that school don't really care about the students or architecture as a whole. Yes, maybe I wasn't the best student, or perhaps I didn't have the drive. Something was missing from that major. I can't blame it all on the

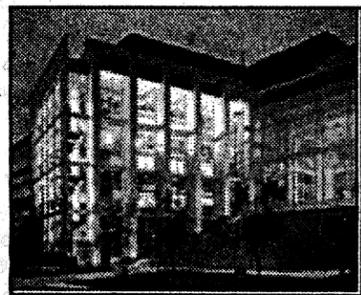
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teachers but from a student's standpoint most (not all) the teachers are of poor quality. Perhaps, a clean slate and a new staff is in order? I have now switched to IE, which seems to be much better. My first semester as an IE major was my highest GPA semester yet. As for the staff I have encountered in Industrial, they seem to want to be at school. If not at school, at least have the drive to teach, a genuine drive. The curriculum as a whole is much more defined. There's no "grey" area as there is in Architecture. All the teachers I have met thus far are the quality that architecture needs. Through private conversations with people, both students and professors, I have learned that I'm not the only one who has this opinion on the architecture staff. I'm not directing this at any one professor or any one department; I think professors in all departments should undergo evaluations every semester. Something more than a little form we fill out with our number 2 pencil and return to the library.

To all architecture students, this fall I say this. Find a good 4th or 5th year student, become good friends, listen to what they have to say, get their ideas on what teachers are actually talking



about. Not what the teachers actually say to you, but what they actually mean. If they lasted 4-5 years in arch, they have the best opinion to help you get there, way better than mine. I say to you, build a lot of process models, all professors love those, waste every second you have on your process models, because in the end that's all that matters. Dump your girl/boy friend, tell your family you won't be around for the next 5 years, and quit your job. Sleep during orientation because you really don't learn anything in there anyway. By sleeping there you get more time to build process models. Have reasons to support what you have designed. If you say "I just liked it" or "I thought it looked cool" your just opening the door for a verbal design beat down. Construct your models well. Some jurors like to pick them up and play with them. They may in fact break it. Finally, chase down the teachers to get their opinions, go to other teachers not in your class and get their opinion. Best of luck for you and your major, just remember, when you become an architect, don't do whatever they told you to do in school. Thanks to the architecture department for teaching me about the real world. Thanks for allowing me to realize that architecture is not the route I wanted. I think that's the most useful thing I learned in that building, I didn't want to be an architect.

Yea, this article is mostly my opinion, but I know for a fact that it's not just me that feels this way. You have the right to do whatever you want. I just don't want to be like the masses lead to slaughter. Happy schooling to you

Fees not used at SPSU

You know I've wasted a lot of money. Not just on useless crap at the local Wal-Mart but at this school as well. Some of it went to books that were required but only used for one assignment. There's a huge waste. The next waste comes directly through the tuition fees you pay. Not for the classes, but for the other fees, the technology fee, athletic, health, and activity fee. These fees are not often used to their full advantage. I'm going to attempt to explain these fees to you from my experience and without doing any research whatsoever specifically for this article.

College is a time for thriftiness for most. College students as a whole don't have a lot of money. This means that every cent counts. Why waste it? If you go through most dorm rooms and apartments, you will see the normal provided furniture, however, along with that there is usually a mass of used/2nd hand items as well. You won't see nice artwork on the walls. You will see posters, large store ads, street signs and the occasional neon sign, but these are hard to come by cheap. In at least a few dorms, you will see milk crates serving as furniture and moving boxes, but just as likely see 2x4's and cinder blocks. This article is not to convert you to a cheap college student but to simply inform you of the things you have already paid for but don't often use.

One fee that is only for those of you lucky enough to reside in the dorms is the meal plan. This plan comes in 14 or 19 meals a week. The 14 meal plan will run you \$950.00. Of course, this means the 19 will be a little more. It's cheaper than paying per day but if you don't go at least a majority of the time, that money is totally wasted. ABL, for those of you who don't know, is the

company that provides the food service. They also happen to service prisons as well. The food leaves a lot to be desired, but before you decide that it's terrible know that a few years ago, it was a lot worse. I haven't seen liver on the bar in a while. Here's a tip from a six semester ABL survivor. The first week you eat there, you will be sick. If you go away for a break such as Christmas and come back in January, you will again feel sick. Often you will hear people complaining about the food and its level of toxic grease. The food service has its ups and downs; the sandwich bar is always a good option if nothing else. You paid for it you might as well eat it.

The technology fee is \$38.00. From what I've learned this fee is what helps pay for the techs who work out of the H building. The techs there work with the faculty to manage their email accounts and deal with the schools network (from what I've heard). Perhaps the most unknown fact or at least the most underused part of this fee is the lab in the H building. Here you can use the lab computers that are close to the fastest and newest computers on campus, if not the newest and fastest. You can also hook your laptop up there to the schools network if you're a commuter. They have 4 or 5 printers there to print off your papers and such. This is an excellent resource for any of the students who don't have a printer on campus and need something for class in 10 minutes. I'm sure part of the tuition actually goes to the technology on campus as well.

The athletic fee and health fee I kind of lump together. I would assume that these fees both feed into the schools insurance. From what I can tell these

fees pay your "membership dues" to the wellness center and also cover the insurance provided by the school for you. If you are hurt on school property doing something normal, you have a \$100.00 limit at a local clinic off of Delk Road. This fee also covers the gym's costs. In the gym, you will find a huge pool six lane pool that goes from 4ft-6ft deep, 2 full size basketball courts, 2 racquetball courts, a weight room, treadmills, and a yoga/aerobics room. (This building was damaged by a storm in late July. I can't say for sure if this will affect it being open or not in early fall semester. I assume they will have it up and running by the time this issue is out). Some advice about the gym. Call ahead to make sure the pool is open before you head over there. It's best to reserve a spot on the racquetball courts as they are popular and are usually occupied.

The last fee is the student activity fee. You will see flyers on campus advertising Campus Activity Board (CAB) events. These events are usually really fun on campus escapes from school. They do all kinds of activities and welcome input from students for possible realistic ideas. You will see their events in action all over campus, from cookouts to caricature drawings. They usually host a comedian in the ball room in the fall semester. These activities really are fun, and you already paid for the events, they do all the planning, all you do it show up and have a good time.

These fees are paid by all students at SPSU, not just dorm residents. Thus doesn't it make sense to attend these events and use the facilities to their full advantages? You already paid for them, why not use/go to them?

Ditch IE: Use a Real Browser

DOUG LACHER

Microsoft's Internet Explorer is by far the most widely-used web browser. It comes installed on every version of Windows since at least Windows 95 and NT 4. Internet Explorer is also one of the buggiest web browsers in use today. Take a look at the number of vulnerabilities listed by www.securityfocus.com, www.us-cert.gov, and www.sans.org. Each of these organizations track and publish computer security issues, so the troubled programs can be patched. Internet Explorer has been the target of many, many exploits over the last few years, including one this past summer that was especially severe.

The major IE exploit of this summer was a particularly nasty virus that could auto-download and auto-install itself. It would then wait and listen for the user to connect to certain "secure" websites (mostly major banking websites), and then harvest the user's login and password as the user typed them into IE. Only users of IE were affected by this exploit. Lately, Microsoft is starting on the right track to fixing their security problems. Service Pack 2 for Windows XP has just been released as of the beginning of August and should be available for download from Windows Update by the time you read this. Unfortunately, it's still not enough. It seems to be a combination of IE's popularity and Microsoft not paying a lot of attention to web browser security that has

brought the plague of security exploits upon Internet Explorer. Until Microsoft can truly fix their browser, it is highly recommended that everyone use a different web browser.

Believe it or not, there are many web browsers out there that are available free of charge. Many of them make Internet Explorer look like crap in both the features and eye candy department. I'll just go over a few of them to get your feet wet. I highly advise that you give a few a try to get away from the problems that are inherent to IE.

Mozilla (www.mozilla.org) is a free suite of programs that include a web browser, an email client (to replace Outlook Express, which is also prone to similar security hazards), a news group reader, an HTML editor, an address book and an IRC client. Mozilla has built-in popup blocking to curb those annoying advertisements from taking over your computer and tabbed browsing to allow for many browsers to be open inside one window. Internet Explorer has nothing like that except through third-party plug-ins. Mozilla is also skinnable, meaning you can change the appearance of Mozilla just by installing a "skin" file. Mozilla's functionality is highly customizable through support of the usual browser plug-ins as well as a new feature called "extensions." Extensions are small modules that add functionality to Mozilla. The possibilities are endless. Some of the

available extensions further the tabbed browsing functionality of Mozilla, look up the definition of a highlighted word, or add tools to aid in the development of web sites. Mozilla is available for Windows, Linux, and MacOS X.

Firefox (www.mozilla.org/products/firefox/) is the latest from the makers of Mozilla and is making waves in the online community. Firefox is a stripped-down web browser designed to provide the best browsing experience possible. The default install of Firefox doesn't have a whole lot built into it, but it too supports plug-ins and extensions to better your browsing experience. The stripped-down default install allows you to customize Firefox to be exactly what you want it to be, not what someone else thinks it should be. Popup blocking and basic tabbed browsing functionality are both included in the default installation. Add a few extensions to Firefox, and it can be just as functional as the Mozilla web browser. Firefox also includes support for skins, just like Mozilla. Firefox, while stable enough to be relied upon for your default browser, is still in "pre-release" testing. There are only a few bugs left in it, and its official launch should be coming soon. As of this writing, Firefox is up to version 0.9.3. Version 1.0 is supposed to be the official release and is promised to be "just around the corner." Firefox is available for Windows, Linux, and MacOS X.

Opera (www.opera.com) from Opera Software is another well-

respected web browser that promises to make your web browsing experience better than ever. Opera sports tabbed browsing, a popup blocker and skinning. Opera is designed to compete directly with Mozilla, but Opera isn't exactly "free" to all. Opera has two versions available: "free" and the registered version. The "free" version displays advertisements to you through a rather small ad banner at the top of the Opera window as you browse. You have the option of viewing either "generic graphical ads" or "text ads by Google". The Google ads are non-intrusive and tolerable, but I find it hard to accept this when I can use other browsers without having to view an additional ad banner as I surf. The registered version of Opera costs \$39.00 USD and removes the advertisements placed by Opera Software. I can't find any other difference between the free and registered versions of Opera. Other than the ads in the free version, it's still a great browser with awesome functionality. Opera is available for Windows, Solaris (Sparc), QNX, OS/2, MacOS, Linux (Sparc, PowerPC and i386), FreeBSD (i386 only) and BeOS. Since Opera is commercial software, Opera Software doesn't let you compile your own binaries for the *nix and similar operating systems.

For the MacOS users out there, there are a couple of other browsers available too. MacOS has its own browser, Safari, available at

www.apple.com/safari/. Mozilla also offers a MacOS-only browser called Camino, available at www.mozilla.com/products/camino/. I, unfortunately, can't offer much insight on either browser because I don't run any MacOS computers. If you're using Internet Explorer on MacOS, you're still vulnerable to many of the problems that affect IE on a Windows computer. You should seriously consider a different web browser.

While the browsers I've listed are relatively safer to use than Internet Explorer, there's no such thing as a perfectly secure web browser. Some are better than others in that department. The browsers mentioned above have had security issues published, but the respective developers have been much quicker to respond to them than Microsoft ever has. The Mozilla team fixed a vulnerability that popped up in both Mozilla and Firefox this summer in less than 24 hours since the initial publication of the vulnerability. That shows a good degree of dedication to their product.

Of the browsers mentioned, Firefox is my personal favorite. I use it as my primary browser, and I have it setup on all the computers in The STING's office for the STING staff. So far, it has been awesome, and I highly recommend it. I know of other people who prefer Mozilla, Opera or even other browsers that I didn't include in this brief article. I don't care which browser

Calling A Spade a Spade: Censorship or Consequence?

ERIK HADLEY

Going back over a year, one can find many examples of individuals, generally celebrities that claim that they are being censored in their ability to express their views. The question is are they truly being censored or are they just suffering from the consequences of their actions?

My first example comes from quite some time ago. You may remember a group known as the Dixie Chicks who while overseas expressed their disappointment that they were from the same state as the current president of the United States. They expressed their opinion. When they returned to the

United States, they found that their comments did not sit well with their fans back home. Radio stations began to take their songs out of rotation, album sales went down, and concert attendance dropped. So what did the Dixie Chicks do? They claimed that they were being censored for their views.

Sorry, but no that isn't censorship. Censorship means that they are not allowed to express their views.

They expressed their views just fine, and so did their fans. That is the key. You have the right to express your opinions and you also have the right to suffer the conse-

quences for your expression.

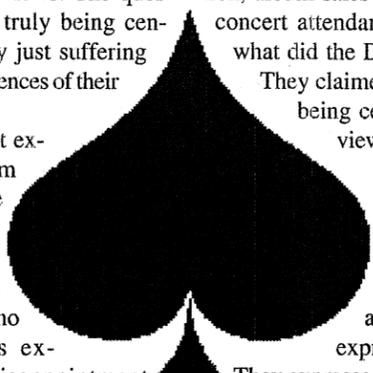
I believe it was in July that I had heard that British musician, Elton John, had expressed his belief that artists in America are afraid to express themselves for fear of censorship. I do not have an exact quote in front of me but I believe that to be an accurate paraphrase. I can only respond to that with a "Huh?"

It is not censorship that you fear; it is the consequences of your actions that you fear. You have freedom of expression, freedom of speech, etcetera. That is what allows me to have this article printed. But along with these rights, you have the right to all of the consequences that come with your expression. If you are an artist of some kind and you express opinions that

I disagree with or even find offensive, I do not have to support you. I cannot prevent you from expressing your opinion, but I also do not have to buy whatever it is you produce.

We are all subject to this. If I were to publish an article where I sing the praises of the Nazi party (which I will NEVER actually do), that would be my right based on freedom of expression. However, it is also now my right to suffer the consequences of having written such an article. If I am rejected by others because of such a statement then it is my own fault. I am not being censored; I am enduring the consequences of expressing my opinion. You have the right to express your opinion, you do not have the right to be unaffected by your

expression.



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Our trip to Germany

DOMINIQUE DEVEREAUX

I wrote this at the half-point of our trip.

This trip has definitely brought to life the sights and sounds of many a foreign film, literary work and story I've ever been told about Europe. Being of Germanic heritage, a lot of my childhood memories of different foods, social events and educational attitudes have come to life in a manner that no longer seems strange or uniquely different to me now. The sensation of constantly hearing dialects not native to me has forever transformed my opinions of foreign visitors to the United States.

Although fascinating at first, there comes a point when you long for a sound [any sound at all] re-

sembling the place you call home. When I first arrived at the Frankfurt Flughafen [Airport] in Germany, were it not for the signs and years of being in different international airports all over the US, I might have found it overwhelming just to locate the rest of the group. Another student and I had arrived in a separate terminal from the long distance train station and had to take a bus to the appropriate area, after locating her checked luggage. Just trying to confirm with the driver that we were indeed on the correct bus, and that there was no charge was intimidating—to say the least. However, FRA proved to be like every other terminal I've encountered and

shortly I found myself comfortable with my surroundings. When you think about it, it's amazing the skills needed to do blue-collar work at the airport [driving a bus, taxi, skycap, etc.] and the wage for which they are paid.

Next was our long ride to Magdeburg. While the sights of pastures covered with crops, bushes of hay, groupings of cows and the sparse roofs of the local village's habitats were quite peaceful. The anticipation of our destination became stressful to me. Not being able to clearly understand the announcements on the train made the journey too much of a "leap of faith" for my tastes. But the trip did allow for observing the distinct technological, architectural and environmental differences of suburban life vs. the more rural and industrial feeling city of Frankfurt. Coupled with the distinct feel of the Atlanta area as one student phrased it, "This scene makes me want to yodel."

Arriving at Hochschule Anhalt was a great relief and quite welcome indeed. Although a bit smaller looking than even our modest SPSU, it is more equipped for the conveniences of student life than you would initially believe. Our greatest treasure being the "U-Boot", a student run pub that offers a social gathering place for football [soccer] matches, food and drink; what we at home wouldn't give for one of those in the student center. The dorm accommodations were quite comfortable, although for some it

took a minute to navigate the handheld, close quarters [about half the size of a bathtub back home] shower. And I can tell you that cafeteria food is universal [not bad but will send you looking for the local pizzeria after two days]. Which brings me to the first enlightening experience a naïve American will abruptly have to deal with, the food here is distinct. Tuna pizzas are not uncommon, but quite good. As is finding a raw egg included on the top of your pizza ingredients. Since I asked for it to go, I imagine that it was meant to have been cooked by the time I ate it, which eventually it was. But most humorous is when the entire kitchen staff stares at you as you place the grated parmesan cheese [that you have to specifically request] on top of your slice. My translator told me that the cashier said, "That's not natural. But if you are sure." Parmesan cheese isn't natural? Go figure.

After a tour of the Volkswagen assembly plant for the Tourag and the Golf, came the most amazing car dealership I've ever seen! The Autostadt [www.autostadt.de] was amazing! It was like Disney's Epcot meets the science museum but, it's where you pick up your custom ordered car—complete with a matchbox looking storage facility for cars waiting to be delivered. Other exhibitions were Bentley, Ferrari and Lamborghini. The Lamborghini exhibition building wasn't that impressive next to the area where you could actually sit in one. Lights were even conveniently set up so you could photograph the moment. Some desktops were changed that night!

The overnight trip to Krakow was an intense immersion into the experiences of foreign travel. I was feeling quite claustrophobic so, I opted to sit in the other train car and give my sleeping compartment to one of our host students. It was a very eye opening experience. Since I could not speak Polish, Russian or German I was unable to communicate to the ticket takers where my ticket was and why I was not with it. However, the travelers with

me were quite kind in doing what they could to help and even offered a bit of breakfast to me in the morning. I can't find the words to describe the loneliness I felt in those moments even though everyone was just a train car away. Since the doors were pad-locked they might as well have been on another planet.

In Poland, we saw the many cathedrals, visited the university—to a warm welcome for exchange and discussed the trip to Auschwitz. After a few hours, I noticed the distinct lack of color in the area, even though I felt no different treatment, until I noticed some school children taking great pleasure in saying, "Hallo" to me. *Ooh the monkey speaks.* Oh well, I've been through worse. Auschwitz was a very powerful experience, one I could have lived my life just fine without. What was seen and felt by me there shall remain like the victims desecrated there—silent. I don't think you would appreciate my point of view about it much at all and there have been MORE than enough movies, books, poems and pictures taken, written and spoken about it for you to not notice my lack of addition. On the way home, I was a little more adventurous and I am glad that I was. Sleeping in a compartment wasn't half bad, once you get the mental state into focus—it's just a place to sleep. The sixteen shots of vodka also helped out a lot.

Being detoured between Berlin and Dessau due to a train fatality [which reminded me of the highway jumper here at home] was an interesting way to discover how to navigate under adversity, little things—it's always the little things you appreciate far from home. However, in spite of it all [the different keyboards, using a washing machine labeled in German, etc]; I've learned how to function here. And for that I am grateful. This trip has shown me how I can survive in unforeseen circumstances and still accomplish necessary goals.



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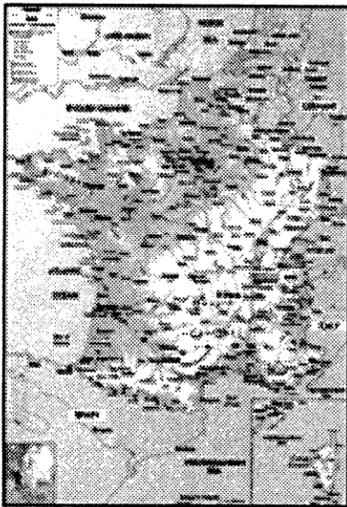
The AIM.com site recently had some info good enough to share with the masses. I'm not sure I believe it all, but we at the Sting believe no research is good research, thus I'll take their word.

pated. The results of this testing showed that the men who ate fish twice a week or more had the lowest heart rates, averaging 65.5 beats per minute. This compares to 67.5 beats per minute for men who ate fish less than once a week.

I can sit in my room and eat a giant bowl of ice cream and lose more stress. When we eat high-fat, high-carbohydrate comfort foods, it really does stop the hormones caused by stress. One "big" problem is that if you get stressed a lot, and choose to relieve your stress in this manner, you're increasing your chance of gaining weight. This is how it works. When you experience short-term stress, it ignites your body's "fight or flight" reaction. That boosts your adrenalin, speeds up your heart, and opens up your lungs. Your immune system is primed. When the danger has passed, your body secretes steroid hormones that bring your immune system back to normal, while other steroids are secreted to stop the hormones that kicked into gear during the stressful period. All this is normal. What's not normal is when those steroid levels become elevated during chronic, ongoing stress and don't switch off. In fact, they increase. The result? Your immune system is overloaded and that makes you more vulnerable to infections, anxiety, depression, obesity, and coronary disease. So technically stress kills.

red wine, two to three times stronger than green tea, and four to five times stronger than black tea. Oddly enough however, the cocoa has to be hot to be of benefit. Cold cocoa has less antioxidants in it.

most harmful were non-cola drinks, which caused two to five times the damage as darker cola drinks. Root beer, which contains the least amount of flavor additives, was found to be the safest soft drink to safeguard dental enamel. Canned iced tea caused 30 times the dam-



France - Good for something after all?

Eat your ABL fish

People who dine on fish regularly have lower heart rates and that helps prevent sudden death from a heart attack. Sudden death or cardiac arrest happens when the heart stops unexpectedly. The secret heart-healthy ingredient is omega-3 fatty acids, which is found in abundance in cold-water fish, such as salmon, mackerel, herring, and tuna. I've not been able to tell what kind of fish they serve up in ABL land, but at least eating fish is a start. A French study of more than 9,700 men between 50 & 59 with no history of heart disease partici-

ABL Breakfast needs whole grain

According to researchers at Harvard, people who eat breakfast daily may be less likely to become obese, diabetic, and develop a cardiovascular disease. Eating breakfast regularly helps control your appetite throughout the day, which means you're less likely to overeat later. In addition, a good breakfast helps regulate the body's blood sugar. After examining 2681 people for 8 years, they concluded that breakfast really is the most important meal of the day. People who reported eating breakfast every day, as opposed to twice a week or less, had a 35 to 50 percent reduced chance of becoming obese. However, there is a catch, for this research to ring true, a person must eat whole grain cereals. Non-whole grain cereals, or bacon and eggs had no effect on reducing the risk of obesity and diabetes.

Stressed? Try Eating

I always thought the best way to relieve stress was to take a hot relaxing shower, or a long walk, however its now been proved that

Tea, Wine or Hot Chocolate

Turns out that hot chocolate is better for you than you ever thought. According to researchers at Cornell University, one cup of hot chocolate and you'll get more disease-fighting antioxidants per cup than a similar serving of red wine or tea. Cocoa's antioxidants are almost two times stronger than

Soda will rot your teeth

A whopping 95 percent of Americans drink soda (or pop if you're from the north). Soft drinks account for about 27 percent of the beverages consumed in the United States. The average 12 to 19 year-old drinks about 28 ounces of soft drinks every day. What soda is the best for your teeth? According to the researchers at the University of Maryland, the best canned soft drink is root beer. Drinks like ginger ale, Mountain Dew, and Sprite, as well as canned iced tea are much harder on teeth enamel than any other kind of canned drink, due in large part to acidic flavor additives, such as such as malic acid or tartaric acid. Root beer has the least additives, making it the best soft drink for your teeth.



Acid in a Can age to tooth enamel as brewed tea or coffee. Brewed black tea, root beer, coffee, and water had a minimal effect.

For 14 days the researchers exposed healthy dental enamel to a variety of popular soft drinks, including Coke, Pepsi, Mountain Dew, Dr. Pepper, Sprite, Canada Dry ginger ale, and canned Arizona Iced Tea.

Every tooth's enamel was weakened and some permanently destroyed the enamel. The diet sodas had the same bad effect as the sugared versions since the main culprit is the acidic additives. The

Drinking a highly acidic soda is double trouble to your teeth when you mix it with your mouths own acid. Good advice to avoid tooth decay is to rinse your mouth with water after drinking a soda. This makes me worry since Evil Dan and I did that Coke article. Perhaps the Sting should buy us gold fronts.

What You Forgot To Bring

CJ SHIFLETT

Gum

If you're like any of the normal Freshmen, you probably didn't bring a couple of packs of gum with you to college. Unfortunately, this means you've overlooked a very important necessity. Between going to class, hanging around with your new friends, and avoiding eating at ABL, you're going to get pretty hungry. The trick is to always have a stick of gum in your mouth. I'm normally awake for at least 9-10 hours before I have the time to actually eat any substantial food. This doesn't bother me, however, because I'm always chewing gum. Something in your brain realizes that you are simulating the

motions of eating, so it tricks itself into thinking you aren't that hungry. If it's good enough for the US Army, then it's good enough for college students. The best part is that gum is very inexpensive, one



of the most important attributes to an impoverished college student.

Right now, for instance, you can buy a 10-pack of any Wrigley's gum for only one dollar. At 5 sticks of gum to a pack and 10 packs to a... pack, that's only 2 cents per stick! Even if you chew a pack a day, as I have found myself doing, it's a 10 cent substitute for real, and more expensive, food. So give gum a chance, it'll keep your stomach calmer and your wallet fuller.

A Girlfriend

Many of you probably had a girlfriend in high school. Some of you had more than one. You might even be looking forward to hooking up with a college chick. Put those dreams in a box and forget all about them. If you want to see any girls, you came to the wrong college. With a positively evil ratio of 6:1, there is no way you're going to meet someone here. Anytime you see a hot chick, just remember, she either: a) already has a boyfriend, b) doesn't want anything to do with some tech school student like you, or c) goes to Kennesaw. By the end of the first semester, you'll start to forget what real women look like. Forget the ones you see in magazines or anything like that, those aren't real women anyway. When you get out for the summer, if you get out, you

will have absolutely no idea how to deal with a real girl. Look forward to a lot of stuttering and generally retarded stares next time a girl wears anything other than a sweater. You should have brought a girlfriend with you.

A Life

Face it; you've come to a tech school. Sure it has many technical fields, is ranked in the top 5 of all polytechnic schools in nation, but you're still at a tech school. You're going to be surrounded by geeks and nerds for the next four years, assuming you don't run out of here after the first year like most of the students. Unlike real colleges, Southern Poly has no women. Sure, there are the hot girls that you see every other week, but as I explained in another article, you aren't going to get them. Sex life - gone. What's worse, there's nothing around here to do that would distract you from the pain. After Rush Week and the initial SGA/CAB events, this campus dies. No one, and I mean *no one*, stays here over the weekend. If you don't go home every weekend, look forward to sitting in front of a computer or TV for a couple of days. Sure you can drink yourself oblivious, but you better have a

friend who's over 21. The alcohol wears off after a while, and hangovers don't help you stay awake in class. We have a few frats, if you like paying at least \$300 each semester for friends. The frats here are nothing like what you've seen on TV or heard from older friends. At most they might get a keg, try to unload in front of their apartment, and get arrested. No women, no entertainment, no life. Go cry yourself to sleep now.



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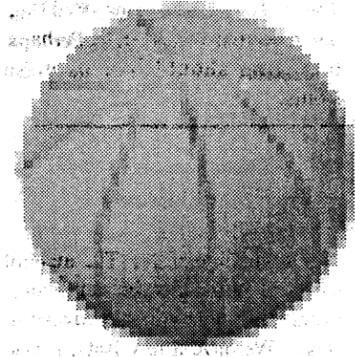
Freshman Survival 101

KENNY WHITE

Here you are, you made it. You're finally a college student. It's been a long and hard struggle through high school. But you're here now? Want to stay here? Get advice from the people who have been here a while. Anyone who has been here a while will tell you a lot of the same things. I'm going to give you advice based on my experiences here thus far.

A- A is for ABL. This is the food service here at good old Southern Tech. You will like the staff, but not the food. Mrs. Joy is perhaps the best part of the food service program. She's the lady that acts as the bouncer for breakfast and lunch. Dinner brings another highly animated poly staffer. Mrs. Mary. Mrs. Mary is actually a double agent here on campus. You may spot her as a custodian on campus as well. You gotta watch out for her, she is super friendly, and lightning quick. Leave a backpack or something on the table if you go back for seconds (ha, seconds). If you don't she will have your tray in less than 6 seconds.

B- B is for Basketball and Baseball. These are the 2 biggest sports at our school, aside from football, of course. You can see them play on the bottom side of campus during season. If you don't want to see them play, just go for the food, sometimes they give a way food. So if you don't like sports, perhaps you like to eat.



C- C is for CAB or the Campus Activity Board. These people are great, I was on CAB for while and I may be back this semester, too. If you like free events on campus, CAB puts on numerous events each year, from comedians, to outdoor, big screen movies, etc. If you don't like what they are doing, give them suggestions or join CAB.

D- D is for Departments. This school has many of these, however none of them know what the other is doing, and a few of them don't even know what they are doing themselves. My advice is not to pick a major on what you want to be, but rather, pick a major that has a good department.

E- E is for Eggs, these can be found at ABL. Avoid the eggs at all cost. These eggs are shipped in from 3 Mile Island and actually glow under a special lighting if they are safe, if they're infected they camouflage themselves as regular looking good eggs. This is the reason for the orange neon in ABL. This way you can test your eggs before

they get eaten.

F- F is for F, yes the letter F stands for the letter F. How amazing, this can be found on your transcript at the end of your freshman year. If you find such an F, please drop out now, and pursue a degree at KSU.

G- G is for Girlfriend. If you have one now, great, dump her. You don't need a GF in college. They are useless, at least during freshman year. However, if you're hoping to find one on this campus, you will be sadly disappointed in the selections.

H- H is for Hoes. The best place to find a hoe here is at plant ops. They also have other landscaping tools as well. You will see them use these tools on campus. Most often you will find the leaf blower at 8 am the morning after a rain storm outside the dorms. I suppose they are drying the leaves. You can find the lawn mowers about the same time.

I- I is for Indispensable. You will find that The STING is an indispensable and free addition to your day. Ah, shameless plugs never hurt anyone right?

J- J is for Janitors. These elusive people seem to show up at random times. If you want to find one for sure and you live in the dorm, wait until your late for work or class and want to take a quick shower. There they are, cleaning the bathroom. For the most part, these people clean up a lot of things, they go mostly un-noticed. Take the time to talk to them though, they are all friendly and most won't bite.

K- K is for Killing. In video games, of course. This seems to occupy the freshman's time. If it's on the computer then it's even bigger once you get full campus combat. The most common scene in the dorm my freshman year was hearing gun fire, and "Schshst, the bomb has been planted, schshst". Then if you were lucky you'd hear people shouting from open doors to their friends down the hall. "Ha, I just killed you, Ha Ha Ha." Wow, Freshman...

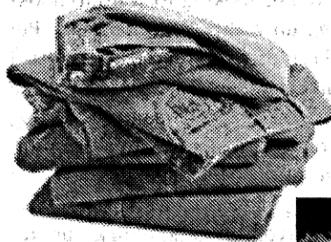
L- L is for Library. This is a place you can find books. Whether they are from the last 30 years is another question, but you will find books there none the less. However, if you're looking for newer more useful books, I send you to the Cobb Library, there is a main branch just north of here. Make a left at the Big Chicken (learn where the Big Chicken is) and it's down on the left after a giant cemetery.

M- M is for Money. This school goes through a lot of it. They use it for lots of things; they like to waste it for the most part though. Did you have trouble finding the campus? Perhaps a giant "Portal" at the front entrance would have

helped you find it. The portal was in the schools plans at some point. It was abandoned when we were considering purchasing Life University. Since we were not getting Life though, it may be back on the board. Another thing the school bought recently is the new signs all over campus. You have seen them; they look great. The problem with them is they spent way too much on them; you can't read them at night, the paint is chipping off the top, and the yellow base is always getting damaged. They now have screws through all the signs, when they were first erected, they were held on with 3M tape. Great idea guys, on a college campus? Come on.

N- N is for Architecture. How you ask? N is the building letter. You will find yourself walking the campus often when visitors pull up next to you and ask where building N is, the most common response is, "I don't know" but now you do, so you can't say that. Architecture holds a lot of get togethers there. If it's not in the N building, the visitor's directions will be regarding the Gym, building SP, or the old textile building, building M. People often can't locate these buildings. In fact, they can't find a lot of the buildings, so learn where they are and send them in the opposite direction.

O- O is for Opportunities. There are millions of these on this campus, well every where for that matter. Most of them are retarded. Here's a quick example. Bob has sandals and sneakers. It looks as if it's going to rain. He always wears the sandals; he now has the opportunity to wear the sneaks. If such a hard opportunity should come your way, remember to compromise. By compromising you may just start a new trend. Bob got his socks on, strapped on the sandals and headed on his way. Bob is cool. See Bob



go. Go Bob. Go!

Pants-No Longer Optional

P- P is for Pants. I realize that school can be hectic, and in fact you will find your self getting up early for your 1pm class sometimes. At these wee hours of the morning, you may still be asleep. The best advice I can give here is make a large sign, hang it on the back of your door. It should read "Its 1pm, do you know where your pants are?" The answer of course should be "I have them on because I'm going to class" Please be sure to wear clothes to class.

Q- Q is for Quiz.

They may also be known as Pop Quizzes. Some teachers like to give them, some don't. Quizzes are bad. This implies that you are looking at the material prior to the day before the test.

R- R is for Ratemyprofessors.com. This is a great site. It was spawned to help you pick teachers based on students who have had the teachers. It's somewhat helpful in that you can locate the good professors of the campus from the student's point of view.

S- S is for Southern Engineering Bookstore. At this point you may have already bought your books for this semester; however, there are more semesters to come. I suggest buying your books at this location. They are almost right across the street from the student center. Not to say the school bookstore isn't good. It is. The school store is linked to Barnes and Nobles however so the prices tend to be higher. If you prefer to buy directly from a student on campus check out a student designed/operated site at <http://cscapstone.spsu.edu/~cjackson/>

T- T is for Technology. This school calls itself the "Technology school of Georgia" However, for the most part a lot of it seems some what inadequate for that title. They are slowly upgrading the labs, and class rooms. They do have cool things in many rooms. That smart board still freaks me out. Perhaps a wireless cloud? Or an American Express capable machine at the police station?

U- U is for Used books. I suggest buying used books. Unless it's a book you intend to keep for years to come, find a used one. Go to a friend, or to half.com, or even the local bookstores. They will have used books until they are out of stock. Used is better, plus it comes with useful highlighting and underlining. See letter "S" for a great on

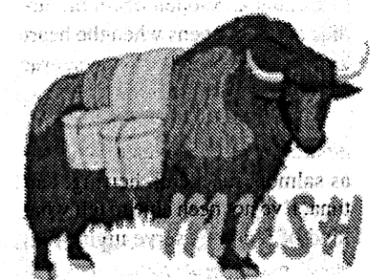
campus student to student book selling website.

V- V is for Vacuum. I recommend you do this frequently or at least once a semester if you live in the dorm. You nasty freak.

W- W is for Weapons. You can't have those on campus. You can have knives under 2" in blade length. You're supposed to check in your guns with the university police. I prefer to keep mine hidden in the microwave, however.

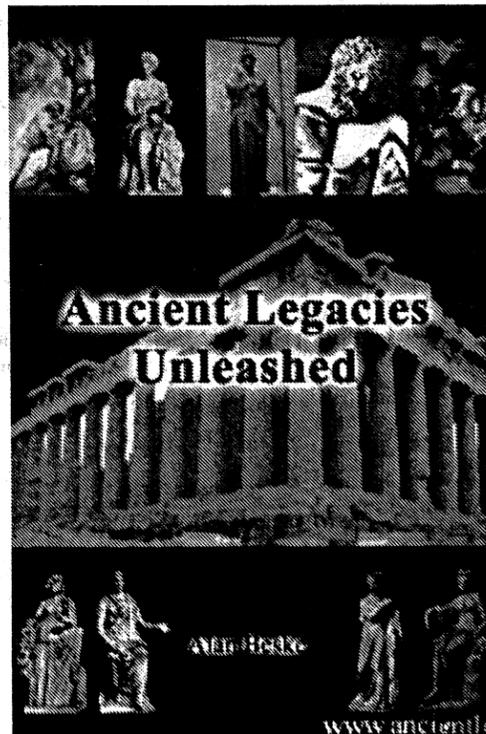
X- X is for X. You may see this on many of your tests. This symbol means that you got the answer wrong. Basically it leads to the letter F. See letter F.

Y- Y is for Pocket Yaks. You can't have pets in the dorm other than fish. I've decided to bring my pocket Yak. Do you know what a yak is? Well this is a yak that fits in your pocket. I'd recommend a yak, if not for the fun, for security. Pocket yaks. Although small are fierce and will fight till the end.



Z- Z is for Zamboni. This is a type of pasta noodle. It's very good. In fact it's the best thing ABL serves. (Zamboni is not a pasta for those of you thinking its that machine that cures the ice at an ice rink. 3 gold stars)

I hope this little list was helpful to you. Actually I don't care; I hope it at least helped you get through class a little quicker. Yea. Go ahead; check the time, only 15 more minutes' right? Good for you.



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Road Trip: Part Two!

THE ANONYMOUS X

What is this you may ask? This is one of those oh-so-rare fiction tales that appear in print periodicals and serves no purpose other than to entertain. You should note that I use the term "entertain" very loosely and tend to find a rousing game of ferret-legging tremendously entertaining (especially if the ferret has no idea he's going to be involved in the game). This is a continuation of the story that mysteriously appeared in the last issue, if you missed the first part of the story (or avoided it, like I did) then you can mosey on over to the Sting's website at <http://www.thesting.org> and ignore it there also.

After a close encounter with a powerful stimulant, Ron was tranquilized (read: punched unconscious) by hotel staff and then systematically thrown out.

Ron: I can't believe they didn't let us stay in that fancy hotel. They had to have had vacancies.



Gym: Well, I think they only had a few rooms open to begin with. What may have sealed their decision to not let us have those rooms was when I called the manager's mom an "ugly skank with a bad case of vaginal halitosis."

Ron: ...I had no idea you could get halitosis down there. Anyway, I won't even ask why you insulted the guy's mother like that. Look, there's the other motel I passed the other day and the sign says they have vacancies!

Gym: You sure you wanna stay here, it seems a little sleazy and run-down.

Ron: Why do you say that?

Gym: Well, for one, it's called the "Sleazy RunDown Inn."

Ron: Dude, that's just a name, it's not an "inn" at all, it's a motel. [The two park and emerge from the car and make their way into the building].

Motel Clerk: Hey, how you fellas doing? Lookin' fer a place to stay for the night?

Gym: Yeah, how much does it

cost?

Clerk: Depends, you want 3 walls or 4?

Gym: I'd prefer 4.

Clerk: Then it's 35 bucks. To be paid up front. No injuries sustained from snake or caribou bites are covered by the motel. Oh, and don't feed the wolves. You get a complimentary dinner with your stay also.

Ron: Oooh, a free dinner. I'd like a hamburger, some fries, uh, a soda...and...

Clerk: And I'd like deodorant to have some effect on me, but it doesn't. Here, you can have this bag of chips I wrestled away from a rabid goat earlier today. Avoid the spittle on the package and you should be okay.

Ron: Wait, whoa, this is a two bed room right?

Clerk: No, it's a one bed room. Is that gonna be a problem?

Ron: Yes! I'm not sleeping near this bastard. He's freakin' evil!

Gym: I am not, name one thing I've done that could even remotely be classified as evil.

Ron: Well, you stole my grandmother's house. Twice!

Gym: Hey, if she didn't want her house

stolen, she wouldn't have left it out in the open like that. *To the Clerk* This room is fine, we'll take the key now.

[Disheartened and tired, the duo walk across the parking lot and enter into the dilapidated motel room]

Ron: (sarcastically) Oh yeah, this is nice. You can practically FEEL the urine.

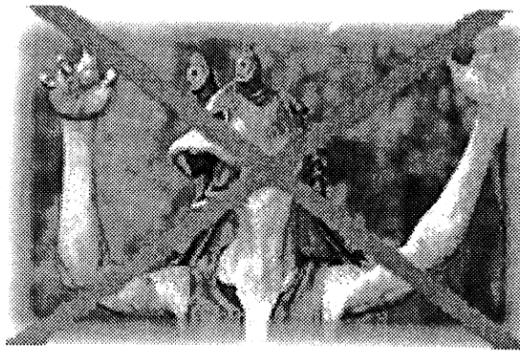
Gym: Oh, sorry 'bout that. I couldn't make it to the bathroom in time and your leg was close, so I just let it go. You go get washed, I'll find the phone book and order some pizza or something.

Ron enters the bathroom, and Gym turns on the TV while searching for the phone book

TV Reporter: ...and in entertainment news. George Lucas has decided to NOT end the Star Wars movies with next year's installment. He will, in fact, release 30 more movies centered around Jake Lloyd and Jar Jar Binks. Critics believe Lucas is doing this in one last ditch effort to completely and totally ruin an otherwise great franchise.

Ron enters the room

Ron: Okay, there's either a shaven yak or one helluva big rat in



the bathroom. Whichever one it is, it ate the shower stall, so we'll have to rinse off in the sink. Watcha watchin'?

Gym: George Lucas has lost it, completely. I mean, I knew he was outta his mind. I'm giving him a call right now. (picks up phone and dials erratically).

George Lucas: Hello?

Gym: WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH YOU!

Lucas: Who is this?

Gym: A fan, at least, I was a fan before you went insane. You really don't need to make any more Star Wars movies. Just, step back and retire to Ohio or Cuba or something.

Lucas: ...How'd you get this number?

Gym: Don't worry 'bout that. Are you gonna still make the other movies or are you not.

Lucas: Of course I'm making them you furry bastard. In fact, I think I'm gonna go urinate on the Darth Vader armor while I'm at it! What ya think about that! Now, don't call this number again. *hangs up*

Ron: What'd he say..and how did you get his phone number?

Gym: Neither of those is important. What is important, is that we see this guy in person and stop him from making any more mistakes. I believe a trip to Skywalker ranch is in order. We'll show him what geeks think about guys that mess up our movies, then, I'll show him why they call me "The Goat."

Ron: Did I ever tell you that you're a REALLY creepy guy?

(end of part one)

Ron: So, we're really gonna go to Skywalker Ranch eh?

Gym: Yup, that's the plan.

Ron: And you have no idea where it is do you?

Gym: Nope.

Ron: So how the 'ell are we supposed to find the place?

Gym: I got a spy inside of the Ranch itself. He's gonna turn on the GPS locator when he gets the chance. We'll show up one day when Lucas is eatin' lunch, run into his boardroom and yell "SNOOCH

M U T H A F**KA!"

R o n : Snooch?

G y m : Don't worry, it'll make perfect sense when it happens. Hey, what is that standin' on the

side of the road over there? *Points to a woman standing in the distance ahead*

Ron: Looks like a woman, please tell me you're not gonna stop and pick her up. You remember what happened last time you picked up a hitchhiker, right?

Gym: How the 'ell was I supposed to know he was one of America's most wanted. Besides, your testicles grew back, didn't they?

Ron: NO!

Gym: Not like you were ever gonna use 'em anyway. Look, I'm stopping to pick her up. *Pulls over to the side of the road*

Girl: Wow, you guys stopped, I don't believe it. My name's Tifa, which way ya headed?

Gym: Skywalker ranch.

Tifa: OOH! That's awesome, I owe George Lucas a swift kick in the a\$\$ for Episode 1.

Gym: I like this girl already, hop in mien freund. *Tifa gets in the car and they drive for a while in silence*

Ron: So, Tifa, what's your story? Why were you wandering around out here in the middle of nowhere?

Tifa: Well, my friend Bob and I were walking around last night when he saw these weird flashing lights in the sky. He said 'What is that, Tifa?'. Long story short, Bob got impregnated by an alien.

Gym:!

Ron:!

Tifa: Exactly, so I hauled a\$\$ outta there and ended up where you guys found me. So, where you guys fro-

Ron: Wait a freakin' minute,

back the truck up. You can't just say "long story short" and end it with some dude getting impregnated by an alien. What the hell is wrong with you!

Tifa: I could show you the pictures, but then I'd have to kill you.

Gym: Hah!

Tifa: I'm not kidding.

Ron: Yeah, picking her up was a really good idea. Look, pull over here. I'm gonna go urinate in those bushes over there. *Car pulls over, Ron gets out and pays the water bill, and gets back into the car.*

Gym: Hey, Ron, what's big, and hairy, has a lotta legs and three-inch long fangs with huge venom glands?

Ron: Your mother?

Gym: Very funny, but no, guess again.

Ron: I have no idea, what?

Gym: I don't know either, but there's one sitting on your neck.

R o n : AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAARCTIC *Flails wildly, hitting Tifa and Gym*

Gym: DUDE SETTLE DOWN, YOU'RE GONNA MAKE ME LOSE CONTROL OF THE WHEEL-

Car runs off the road and slams into a large, angry bush

Tifa: Well, that was fun.

Gym: You stupid bastard. *tries to crank the car* The freakin' car won't start now, we'll have to hoof it into town and rent or buy a new one.

Tifa: You guys have money? I'm soo gonna rob you later...

Such ends this part of the story. Once again, no one read this far down, and that's kewl because I lost interest on about the 15th line myself. But for the dude that actually DID read this, tune in next month, same bat-time, same bat-channel. Heh.

Okay that was stupid and I apologize.



Movie Watch – [More] Release Dates

THE ANONYMOUS X

If you read my article in the last issue of the paper (and let's face it, you didn't) you'd have noticed that there was a quick rundown of all the most easily mocked, most promising, or most-likely-to-make-a-ton-of-money movies of the summer and a little beyond. For this issue, I've decided to do the same, not because I want you all to be informed, but because I want to break the submittal record (I'm aiming for 75 articles). Without further ado, I give you, your release dates:

Now Playing

July/August:

Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle – I'm looking forward to the sequel; *Harold and Kumar Spend 12 Hours in the Restroom*. [Starring: John Cho]

Maria Full of Grace – A Colombian girl makes money for her family by swallowing cocaine to transport to the U.S. I hope everything comes out okay in the end (...I'm sorry, I couldn't help myself). [Starring: Catalina Sandino Moreno] Limited Release.

The Blind Swordsman: Zatoichi – Haven't the bad guys learned yet that you fight a blind dude wielding a sword?



[Starring: A lot of Japanese people] Limited Release

Hero – Jet Li beats the living hell out of a whole lot of people, and looks angrier than a constipated man with irritable bowel syndrome. [Starring: Jet Li]

In September

September 3rd

The Cookout – A family celebrates their son being drafted into the NBA with a cookout. Shortly afterwards, they're all ravaged by mosquitoes. [Starring: Queen Latifah]



son to watch this movie? It has Jill Valentine of the ultra-cool video game series of the same name. Reasons to avoid the movie? Everything else. [Starring: Milla Jovovich]

September 17th

Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow – Angelina Jolie and her lips star in an overblown post-summer science fiction actioner. [Starring: Jude Law]

Wimbledon – A washed up tennis pro decides to make a startling comeback and hit on Kirsten Dunst while he's at it. Better hope Spider-Man doesn't find out you're goin' after his woman. [Starring: Kirsten Dunst]

Mr. 3000 – A retired baseball player comes back to the sport when his record is disputed. This story is similar to Mark McGwire's, only with fewer steroids. [Starring: Bernie Mac]

In October

October 1st

Shark Tale – A CGI Will Smith swims with the fishes. Guess he angered the wrong Soprano. [Starring: Will Smith]



October 15th

September 10th Cellular – Chris Evans attempts to save Kim Basinger when she accidentally calls his cell phone. Good thing she called him and not me, 'cause I would've been like "You got the wrong number" *click*. [Starring: Kim Basinger]

Resident Evil: Apocalypse – Rea-

Shall We Dance – No, we shall not. Instead, we'll go mock and berate Jennifer Lopez's other atrocities for two hours. [Starring: Jennifer Lopez]

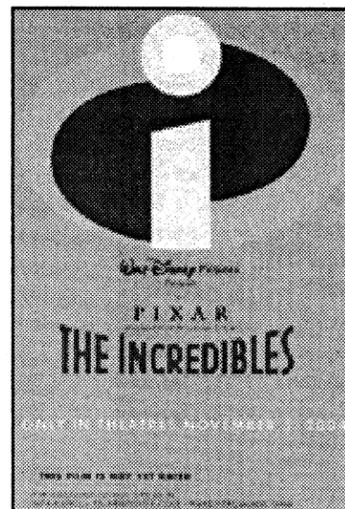
October 29th

Ray – Jamie Foxx does an incredibly creepily well-done job of channeling Ray Charles in this biographical work. [Starring: Jamie Foxx]

In November

November 5th

The Incredibles – Pixar gives your



eyes deep, painful cavities from the sheer amount of eye candy in this super-hero CG movie. [Starring: Samuel L. Jackson]

November 12th

Surviving Christmas – This movie is based on John Grisham's only novel that doesn't take place in a courtroom: *Skipping Christmas*.

Point and laugh as Tim Allen falls off of roofs for 2 hours. [Starring: Tim Allen]

Major DVD Releases:

In September

September 21st

The Star Wars Trilogy – The only way you'll be able to purchase this 42 dollar package containing the GOOD Star Wars movies on opening day is to either: A.) Dress up as Princess Leia in her golden bikini outfit or B.) Knock out a Star Wars fanboy uber-geek that camped out overnight and take his copy. I plan to do both.

Features: The extended version of the original Star Wars movies. You know, the ones George Lucas made before he went insane.

December

December 7th

The Lord of the Rings: Return of the King (Extended Director's Cut)

– This extended cut will feature approximately 750 hours of extra footage, bringing the total viewing time to around 759 hours. Actually, there's only 39 minutes of cut footage, but I can dream can't I?

Features: About 80 DVDs worth of extras.

Catwoman

DOMINIQUE DEVEREAUX

Synopsis: Catwoman is the story of shy, sensitive artist Patience Philips (Halle Berry), who just won't stand up for herself – and the world is more than willing to step all over her in return. She works as a graphic designer for Hedare Beauty, a 'youth and beauty at all costs' conglomerate run by the tyrannical George Hedare (Lambert Wilson) and his icy supermodel wife, Laurel (Sharon Stone). When Patience inadvertently happens upon a dark secret her employer is hiding, she finds herself in the middle of a corporate conspiracy. What happens next changes Patience forever... In a mystical twist of fate, she awakens gifted with strength, agility and the ultra-keen senses of a cat. Now she is no longer just Patience – she is also Catwoman, a seductive creature delicately balancing on the dangerously thin line between good and bad. Her adventures begin as she goes on the prowl to settle a few scores and have herself some long overdue fun. But Catwoman's exploits quickly complicate Patience's burgeoning relationship with Tom Lone (Benjamin Pratt), a handsome cop dedicated to saving the good guys from the bad guys – and the belief that there's no gray area between the two. The detective is falling for Patience, but cannot shake his fascination with the mysterious Catwoman, who appears to be responsible for a string of crime spree plaguing the city. As her wild side breaks loose, the line between Patience and her untamed alter ego begins to blur – and neither of them feel like playing by anyone else's rules anymore.

Sometimes you have to die to get a life.

Sounds good doesn't it???

Well then why all the comments like...

"WHEN THIS MOVIE IS RELEASED, BOB KANE WILL BE SPINNING IN HIS GRAVE!!!!!! I HAVE SAID IT BEFORE AND I WILL SAY IT A BILLION TIMES!!!!!! HOW STUPID DC IS TO ALLOW THIS MOVIE TO BE MADE WITH A BLACK ACTRESS PLAYING CATWOMAN, NO SELINA KYLE, NO BATMAN RELATION OR WHATSOEVER!!!!!! WHAT WAS THE FREAKIN POINT OF MAKING THIS MOVIE, JUST SO THE LITTLE BLACK KIDS CAN THINK THERE IS A NEW SUPERHEROINE NAMED "CATWOMAN"?????? AND I DON'T CARE WHO CALLS MERACIST OR WHAT THE @#!!!!, YOU DON'T KNOW ME AND I AM ENTITLED TO MY OPINION. IF THERE WERE A MOVIE ABOUT "VIXEN", and HALLE BERRY AS CAST FOR THE PART I WOULD BE THRILLED!!! ANDEVEN GOSEETHE MOVIE!!! I JUST DON'T SEE THE LOGIC IN THIS STUPID CATWOMAN MOVIE!!!!!! I'm sure after the BIG BOMB, maybe whoever had this idea will say OHHHHH, I guess I really should have pursued a WHITE ACTRESS, stuck with the character of CATWOMAN/SELINA KYLE, and revolved the story around the world of

BATMAN and the CATWOMAN comic!!! DUH!!!!!!" – Catwomanlover

Well let's look at this fan's statement by starting with...

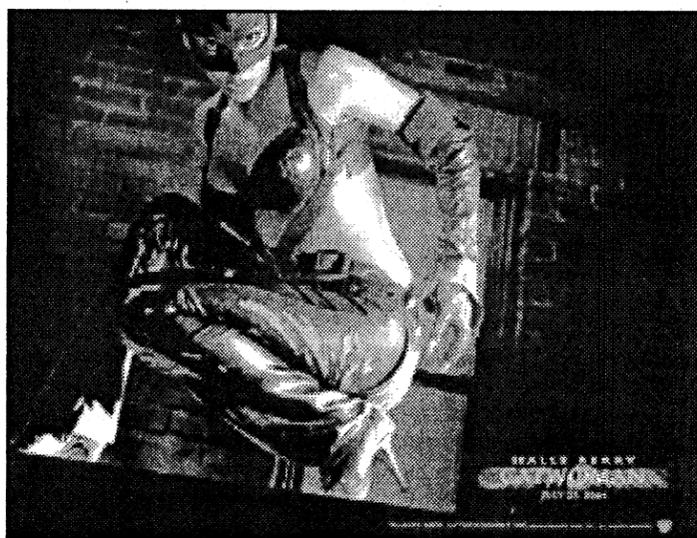
A History of Actresses

In 1966's campy "Batman" TV series, the first live-action interpretation of the comic book character Catwoman was played by a White actress, Julie Newmar; but after the first two seasons, Black actress Eartha Kitt came in and blessed the character with her trademark "purrrrrr," making Catwoman a household villain. I mean really, how many people remember Catwoman as Julie Newmar? However, the torch was returned to the white race in 1992's "Batman Returns," with Michelle Pfeiffer playing the sensual and seductive feline cat burglar.

Hmmm...so I would say Catwoman isn't just for the white actresses [mind you I LOVED Pfeiffer's performance]. Well let's check in with her creator...

The creation of Catwoman

In his autobiography, Bob Kane (co-creator of Batman) describes the beginnings of Gotham City's most seductive anti-hero: "Batman had many villains in the early years; Bill (Finger) created some of them and I created others. Some were the result of collaboration, and the Catwoman was the result of such a joint effort. We knew we needed a female nemesis to give the



strip sex appeal. So Bill and I decided to create a somewhat friendly foe whom committed crimes but was also a romantic interest in Batman's rather sterile life. She was a kind of female Batman, except that she was a villainess and Batman was a hero. We figured that there would be this cat and mouse, cat and bat byplay between them — he would try to reform her and bring her over to the side of law and order. But she was never a murderer or entirely evil like the Joker. We felt that she would appeal to the female readers and that they would relate to her as much as to Batman. We also thought that the male readers would appreciate a sensual woman to look at. So, she was put into the strip for both the boys and the girls, as a female counterpart to Batman." So the Cat made her debut in 1940's *BATMAN #1* as a jewel thief.

What are the odds that her creators could have drawn her as Batman's

black romantic interest in the 1940's? Who says Bruce Wayne was only meant to be white? His bankroll? Hmmm, have you looked at Jay-Z's balance sheet lately? All right let's see what the people who are paying for this flick to be made say...

What the Producer's say...

Producer Ed McDonnell comments, "Because of her mythological nature, there is an inherent freedom for interpretation with this character. Our film remains true to the essence of Catwoman while bringing her into a contemporary time."

Catwoman puts a new twist on the legend, by introducing the character of Patience Philips [I'm sure so they would not COMPLETELY piss off the comic geeks]. "I wanted to tell a true

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Geeks How Cool Are We?

DOMINIQUE DEVEREAUX

In a city that never sleeps, a town whose reputation is for providing instant success to those willing to try their luck, *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation* combines the ingenuity (and fallibility) of villains with the appealing humanity of its heroes through the constant influx of ripe targets [better known as visitors].

As demonstrated by the first season, creator Anthony Zuiker's foolproof formula was established early on, bolstered by a fine ensembled cast; *CSI* director and entomologist Gil Grissom (played by series co producer William Petersen) is introverted but ethically intense; he's both mentor and moral compass for his night-shift team, including a former stripper-turned-*CSI* (Marg Helgenberger); a recovering gambler (Gary Dourdan); an eager ace (George Eads) with room for improvement; a workaholic (Jorja Fox) who can't always remain emotionally detached from her cases; and a chief detective (Paul Guilfoyle) who's a necessary link to police procedure.

Around these Las Vegas-based "criminalists", the series supplies an irresistible (and seemingly inexhaustible) supply of corpses and the mysteries that surround them. With the graphic imagery and psychological suspense found in movies like *Seven* and *Kiss the Girls*, as the camera zooms in on bullet wound on a cadaver on the autopsy table, or focuses on a severed leg pulled out a lake, *CSI* matches morbidity with sterile methodology. Viewers are so fascinated by the investigative process that they're not affected by the intimate autopsies and internal (i.e., digitally animated) views of traumatized flesh, bone, and sinew.

However, death isn't all the that criminalists handle; they tackle hookers who are mysteriously passing out, car accidents with missing drivers, kidnappings and thefts;

any crime where the proper gathering and dissection of evidence leads the police to a solution and an arrest. And we [the viewer] follow the team step by agonizing step as they solve bone-chilling cases with innovative thinking and methodical scientific inquiry. *Could that be the real reason why I decided to take Honors Chemistry this fall?* Tackling cases peppered with grisly details that practically every other crime lab has given up on, the Las Vegas PD Criminalistics Division, the #2 crime lab in the United States is solving crimes in a high fashion style that rivals rock stardom.

Zuiker developed the idea for *CSI* from his wife's addiction to real-life crime shows on cable television. The series *New Detectives*, left Zuiker feeling like there might be room for a fictional show on TV that dealt with forensics. He approached the Las Vegas Police Department and requested a ride-along to a crime scene investigation. But, instead of one ride-along, he received an unprecedented five weeks.

Then Zuiker pitched his pilot script to CBS months after the normal August deadline for new series proposals, and the head of dramatic series bought it. *CSI* premiered on October 6, 2000, a ratings triumph, positioning itself for long-term success the likes of *NBC's Law and Order* and later spawning the spin-off *CSI: Miami*.

"The evidence, as always, will speak for itself," notes Lt. Horatio Caine (David Caruso) in "Just One Kiss", episode 4 of the first season.

Networks are always looking for a sure-thing, so it only seemed natural that CBS would consider spinning-off a show from their hit drama, *CSI*. They decided to use an episode of *CSI* as a "back-door pilot" for *CSI: Miami*. In the episode, "Cross-Jurisdictions," Willows and Brown went to Miami to follow a lead on a case they got in

Vegas. There, they met Lt. Horatio Caine (David Caruso), Calleigh Duquesne (Emily Procter), Eric Delko (Adam Rodriguez), Tim Speedle (Rory Cochrane) and M.E. Alexx Woods (Khandi Alexander), the *CSI* team in Miami.

Fortunately, this instantly popular spin-off established its own unique identity from the start. Like *CSI*, the Dade County criminalists of *CSI: Miami* solve murders using forensic science. Unlike the Vegas crew, however, they're cops with the power to arrest, their coroner (Alexx Woods) talks to dead people, and almost everybody speaks Spanish. Sometimes their crime scene is a swamp, sometimes a resort hotel. Either way, the skies are always sunny.

I was not a huge fan of *CSI: Miami* when it first aired. I figured it was going to simply be a rip off of the original. Well, thanks to continental airlines and one dark trip over the Atlantic, I got the chance to discover exactly how wrong I was. So I'm going to leave you with the invitation to watch just one episode and not find yourself enchanted by the idea of being a geek.

Here's a few bizarre tidbits tossed out for you to ponder:

CSI isn't the first TV series to tackle the scientific aspect of solving crimes. *NBC's* long-running series *Quincy* featured Jack Klugman of the Odd Couple as a gruff, non-nonsense medical examiner who solved crimes with a scalpel and a penchant for disobeying his superiors.

riors.

Although Las Vegas is the focal point for the series, little of it is actually filmed there. The show visits there for aerial overviews, etc., but shoots in California towns that resemble Vegas.

Gil Grissom was formerly Gil Sheinbaum, a 40-something supervisor described as "a cross between Mr. Rogers and Bill Gates, but has the intelligence of Albert Einstein." He supervised a team of "brilliant kids, ages 26 to 32, which carry badges, guns and get paid to solve puzzles for 10 hours."

Nicky (not Nick) Stokes was a "blond stud out of Lincoln, Nebraska."

Touchstone Television produced the pilot episode, but bailed out on the rest of the season, as it didn't believe producing the series made "financial sense, given

who study the nature of crime and criminals. They're usually civilians with a science background in biology, chemistry or physics. This means our gang, despite their quirks, is all highly educated in one aspect or another.

A coroner is a public official, appointed or elected, in a selected geographic jurisdiction, whose official duty is to make inquiry into deaths under certain circumstances. A coroner does not have to be a physician.

A medical examiner is a physician. They investigate (autopsy, etc.) when a person dies a sudden, unexpected or violent death.

A pathologist is a physician trained in the medical specialty of pathology. Pathology deals with the diagnosis of disease and causes of death by means of laboratory ex-



Catwoman

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origin story of this character," explains producer Denise Di Novi, "to show how one woman became Catwoman and what it means to connect to that feline power."

Ok...but why all the skin???

A team consisting of Berry, director Pitof and the producers collaborated with the costume designers on the sexy suit. This team wanted to pay some homage to the other Catwomen by using a blend of the past and the not-too-distant future. Costume designer Angus Strathie explains, "The costumes for the earlier television and film Catwomen were cutting-edge for their time—Julie Newmar and Eartha Kitt wore lurex and Michelle Pfeiffer wore latex. Now, Halle is wearing a combination of leather and a brand new silicone fabric we created just for this costume."

"We all wanted to create something that was a little more urban, a little more contemporary," says Di Novi. "It had to be tailor-made to reflect Halle's characterization, so she had a big hand in the design of the suit."

"What I liked best about it is how

freeing it was," recalls Berry. "You can see her spine, her ribs and the lean, sinewy musculature of the cat. The other great thing about the cat suit is that, within the story, it's very realistic as to how Patience comes up with the outfit. It's not like she just pulls it out of a secret closet in her apartment. She's an artist and she uses her artistic sensibilities to put the whole disguise together." "I'm very proud of the costume design," says director Pitof. "Here again, it has elements of previous cat suits but it is so unique to Halle, to her shape and beauty. It shows a lot of skin but also has a warrior-like quality to it. When she wears it she looks like somebody who's ready for a fight."

Well there you have it. I could go on and on about the breed of cat used and why. Where they got the cats and what happened to them afterwards. All the training and etc, so on and so forth. But when it gets down to it all you want is the verdict. While the critics hate this movie with a passion that borders on bought and paid for [did you see that documentary on how they pay people to go to the internet and express their opinion, be it good or bad?], the fans

on MSN.com LOVE IT! I've seen this same split with "The Chronicles of Riddick", which I did go and see opening night, and I LOVED IT!!!

And I loved it because I knew what it was. The expression of a character that was not originally created to be a sequel, potential trilogy, by a multicultural director/producer who went up against the big machine [Hollywood] and [in my opinion] won. This is supposed to be a flight of fantasy that you come to with an open mind to be entertained, not analyzed. I do enough of that at school. So doowhatchalike. Personally, I am going to enjoy the game on my Game Boy Advanced SP until it hits the 50 cent Tuesday's theatre off of Roswell Rd and Johnson Ferry, cause my financial aid isn't in yet, then I can't go wrong.

Oh wait...I forgot about Van Helsing...WAIT!...I want those two hours of my life back!

the inability of its [Touchstone's] international sales force to generate sizeable deals for the show overseas." However, Touchstone continued to produce low-rated shows for ABC. Alliance Atlantis stepped in to co-produce the remaining 12 episodes and distribute the series internationally. Alliance Atlantis partnered with CBS to produce the dramedy *Due South* back in the 90's.

A criminalist is someone who uses forensic science to solve a crime. They're not criminologists,

amination of body fluids, cell samples, and tissues.

A forensic pathologist is a sub specialist in pathology who examines persons who die a sudden, unexpected or violent death.

For more interesting information on these shows or the forensic science behind it access: <http://www.cbs.com/primetime/csi/> and http://www.cbs.com/primetime/csi_miami/

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Interesting Websites I

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What you'll need

I realize this is *supposed* to be a tech campus but we have some newbies in our midst. Don't believe me? Spend a few minutes in H lab listening to some of the questions students have about how things work. I'm trying to get the lab assistants to write a top 10 list for me but...don't hold your breath [something about customer service issues].

Anywho, for you new freshman, I've listed the bare minimum your system needs to have on this campus [and not get laughed at] or to explore any site reviewed by me.

PC

- Firefox 0.9, Opera 7.53 or Microsoft IE 6.0 and higher

- Free RealPlayer One Basic
- Windows Media Player 7.0
- Macromedia Flash 4.0 and higher

Minimum requirements for PCs: 350mhz [100mhz system bus], 128MB RAM, broadband connection [56k is possible with higher buffer setting], Sound card and speakers, Monitor displaying 800 x 600 in thousands of colors

Mac

- Netscape 6, Microsoft IE 6.0 or higher

- Free RealPlayer One Basic
- Windows Media Player 7.0
- Macromedia Flash 4.0 and higher

Minimum requirements for Mac: PowerPC 100mhz, 64MB RAM (bare minimum), broadband connection [56k is possible with higher buffer setting], Monitor displaying 800 x 600 in thousands of colors. However, Macs are **NOT** the preferred system of choice for non-graphic art majors. So, if my minimums are laughable well...I don't use one.

Sputnik7.com

Sputnik7, offers a mix of independent music, film, and anime programming via interactive Video Stations, Audio Stations, Videos on Demand, and Digital Downloads. The site design allows people to chat, purchase music, make requests, rate videos, and find information on art-

ists listed on the site. This free service delivers video ratings, chat, e-commerce and information that allow you to interact with other music fans, purchase CDs and read up on artists. You can enter sputnik7 as member or a guest, though membership does have its privileges.

As a guest you can access all of Sputnik7's commercial-free music stations, 7.01, 7.02, 7.03 and 7.04, courtesy of MUSIC CHOICE. They are pre-programmed by Sputnik7 VJ's with genres like Rap, Alternative, The Trend, Channel X, R&B Hits and Dance. However, there are a few features that are available only to members of Sputnik7.

These FREE features include: Requestor, Chat, and Videos on Demand

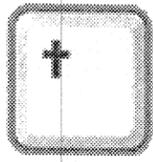
The **requestor** feature allows members to program one of the stations directly. Each and every request will be played on the requestor station for everyone else to see & hear.

Chat allows members to talk to other members and send instant messages.

Videos on Demand allows members to select a video from four different streaming stations to watch immediately. The experience is similar to watching television, except you can rate the videos, chat with friends, and buy the CD with a click of the mouse.

For tech newbies, this site may be a LOT of fun at first. To all of you old-timers who know all of the peer-to-peer tricks of the trade, you've probably long outgrown this site. However, since peer-to-peer is still illegal, I would not advise downloading a peer-to-peer client for one, the obvious reason [it's still illegal to share copyrighted content in this fashion] and two, you'll get some pretty nasty viruses you may not want to try and unload from your hard drive.

Churchoffools.com



Church of Fools

shipoffools.com

My brother discovered this one in the pages of Wired [wired.com]. We were having a debate on whether or not Sputnik7 was worth writing about when he came up with this. Church of Fools is the UK's first web-based 3D church, which opened as a three-month experiment on May 11th, 2004. *Hopefully it will still be up and running when this comes out.* It is an attempt to create holy ground on the net, where people can worship, pray and talk about faith.

Since the church is partly intended for people on the edges (and beyond) of faith, be advised that the language and behavior in church is often offensive. Complete with house rules [I've named a few to give you some idea of what you may have to deal with]:

Treat other traditions with respect. People come to Church of Fools from all sorts of backgrounds and church traditions. That means they may act differently in church from the way you would. We expect you to be tolerant of difference, but that doesn't mean tolerating bad behavior.

Don't become a distraction. Church historians confirm that church has always been home to a little whispering, but if you only want to chat, there are better places and times for it than during worship.

Don't put on a floorshow. During services don't walk around at the front, wander behind the altar or climb into the pulpit. Outside of services you are welcome to explore the building as much as you like.

Take the consequences. Self-explanatory.

Since the site is sponsored by The Methodist Church of Great Britain [http://www.methodist.org.uk/], the first question that comes to mind is, why call it Church of Fools?

Apparently, the title pokes fun at the creators and shows they are not attempting to overthrow the "real" church. They are simply curious as to whether or not an online 3D church can work or not.

Well check it out and let us know on the campus forum [campusforum.thesting.org]

Nalgene VS. Falgene

KENNY WHITE

I know at this point most of you have seen these brightly colored bottles of all shapes and sizes. If you were into hiking or in Boy Scouts a few years ago these are nothing new. However, with the recent bum rush of peoples need to be trendy with what they drink from I felt it necessary to review the original history of the Nalgene Bottle.

The trail to the current Nalgene bottles started in 1949. A scientist developed the first plastic pipette holder. As his designs expanded to centrifuge bottles, filters, and storage tanks, fellow scientists were rumored to have taken the small light weight durable plastic bottles on hiking, and camping excursions. In the 70's, the alternative use for these bottles was noticed by the president of the company. He was actively involved with his son in the Boy Scouts of America. Being the president of the company, he brought some of his bottles along and they were a success within his troop. They used them for drinks, storing powders, and other items to keep water proof. He returned home and told his company to spread the word to outdoors people all over about his bottles.

Today these bottles come in many, many shapes and sizes, colors, and materials. They are made of 4 different types of plastic. All the plastics are known for their specific properties. That's what makes them a Nalgene.

Ø The first plastic is a Polycarbonate. This is a high impact resistant plastic, resistant to staining, and won't retain odors. This plastic can withstand sub-freezing to boiling temperatures from -211 to 275 degrees. It is also dishwasher safe.

Ø The second plastic used is known as High Density Polyethylene (HDPE). It's a sturdy translucent plastic. It too is dishwasher safe and

can withstand temperatures of -148 to 248 degrees.

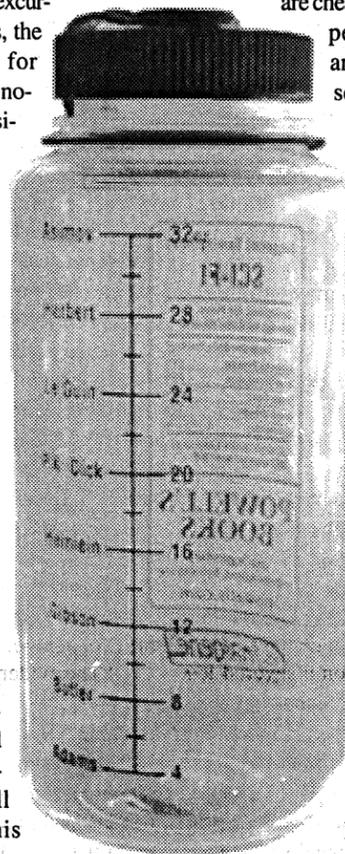
Ø The third plastic is a Low Density Polyethylene (LDPE). This plastic is different in that it's flexible, microwaveable (take lid off), and only comes in 2 colors, natural or white. It's still impact resistant, and dishwasher safe but it has low temp ratings from -148 to 176 degrees.

Ø The fourth and last plastic is Polypropylene. This plastic is sturdy, translucent, microwaveable, dishwasher safe. Its temperature ratings are -121 to 275 degrees.

I'm not really going to discuss these so called falgene bottles (fake or knock offs of Nalgene). Yes they are cheaper, but from my experiences they just aren't as good. They seem to scratch and break easier. The top of some falgenes have sharp edges that could cut your lip. Yes, they are cheaper, but it's worth the extra few dollars to get the real deal. Nalgene have come down in price recently. The school bookstore had some last semester for 16 or 17 bucks. That's a considerable mark up, even when you include the price of having our schools name on the side. If you can find a whole sale outdoor supplier, these bottles can be as low as 6-7 bucks. Average retail is from 8-12.

They come in a myriad of colors, lime greens, red, blues, and smoke grey to name a few. Some have flowers on them or other designs. Most common is the 32 ounce circular wide mouth jug. They also have smaller small mouth jugs, rectangular jugs and other products not seen as often. You can find the whole catalog online at <http://www.nalgene-outdoor.com/>

So now with this totally unbiased article in hand you can head to the local store and pick up your very own Nalgene bottle. Just keep in mind the coolest bottle around started in the Boy Scouts.



Interesting Website II

DOMINIQUE DEVEREAUX

MilkandCookies.com is an archive of memes, for disturbing geeks about: sex machines, pop culture, anti-Christ religions, humor cults, joke news, open source stuff, security, technology, sarcasm and toilet humor.

The site includes links to pages that will be interesting six months from now and beyond. Generally current events are avoided, unless it's something hilarious like Britney Spears being doused with urine. According to the site's creators, "that's funny now and it will be funny when we tell our grandchild-

dren."

The History of MilkandCookies

MilkandCookies came about when a static personal bookmarks page saved out of Netscape Navigator and posted to a personal account merged with a junk mailing list. *On a side note, Hellroy [creator of the junklist] would email highly offensive content to the list's subscribers to weed out the sensitive so, access this site at your own risk.*

In 1998, Jaxon and Hellroy decided that they hated their jobs and

brain-stormed an online venture called MilkandCookies.com. *Why milkandcookies?*

"In spite of the fact that we loved to offend, we wanted a name that would be inviting...and has to do with pop culture. Besides by 1998, most of the single word and other short names were taken, so the focus turned toward names that were easy to remember."

The domain was registered Thursday, May 14, 1998, but they soon realized that they would not be able to play M:tG, Quake II and surf the web all day if they worked

for themselves. So, Hellroy's Junkmail mailing list and Jaxon's personal page merged in early 1999 with the MilkandCookies name. In December of that year, Jaxon junked the code that he had been hacking together for the last 4 years and went with a packaged Content Management System (CMS). All links were transferred over by hand and

leaving what is seen today. Since Jaxon hacks the code on a regular basis, MilkandCookies.com is always evolving. With many features in the works as you read this article MilkandCookies is the website to watch. Log on today!

http://www.milkandcookies.com/



“Tell me what you don’t like about yourself”

DOMINIQUE DEVEREAUX

If you ever wondered the real reason Julian McMahon left *Charmed*, tune into FX Networks on Tuesday at 10pm. There you’ll find, while in the midst of their own full-blown midlife crises, Dr. Christian Troy (McMahon) and Dr. Sean McNamara (Dylan Walsh) two hotshot Miami South Beach plastic surgeons that open up their clients’ initial consultation with the above question, during which they confront career, family and romance problems. Beauty, as the saying goes, is only skin deep. However, the beauty of *Nip/Tuck* is that it goes deeper, exposing the complexities and fragile natures often found in patients seeking cosmetic surgery. Using the turbulent lives of two handsome and high-priced Miami plastic surgeons may be one of the more unusual premises for a television series, but the FX Channel’s *Nip/Tuck* combines sudsy sex and biting wit with the emotional quandaries involved in body modification in a way that makes for an engrossing hour-long drama. [This show’s images churn my stomach

h more than CSI ever could, I think.]The show’s writing team: Sean Jablonski, Jennifer Salt and creator Ryan Murphy, who began his career as a journalist writing for *The Miami Herald*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The New York Daily News* and *Entertainment Weekly*, create a world around the characters that’s interesting and real, but also entertaining to watch. The show benefits greatly from its two leads: Dylan Walsh as the troubled ‘good’ surgeon and Julian McMahon as his predatory (but equally troubled) ‘bad’ partner [and we charmed ones know just how bad he can be]; as well as Joely Richardson as Walsh’s wife and Roma Maffia as the surgeons’ conscientious nurse.

The second-season premiere of FX series “*Nip/Tuck*”, presented commercial-free by XM Satellite Radio, was its most-watched episode yet, reaching 3.8 million total viewers. While just slightly above the viewership for the series premiere last year, “*Nip/Tuck*” looked especially strong among viewers 18-49, topping the first episode by 35% and beating out all basic-cable programming for the night. The plas-

tic-surgery drama also earned strong bringing FX a gross total of 5.7 million. NEW YORK (Hollywood Reporter)

The below summaries and story excerpts from the second season are not for the innocent

(reader discretion is advised).

Episode Summary:

Doctors Troy and McNamara face their 40th birthdays. Julia’s mother Erica comes to visit and wants Sean to perform a face lift on her. Sean develops a tremor in his hand that threatens his ability to do surgery. Christian fights with Gina about raising their son.

Episode Excerpt

1. Troy and Christian perform a surgery on Miss Zucker. Her face was disfigured when a friend shot her in the face as part of a suicide pact. They remove a large bloody chunk of skin from her leg in reconstructing her face. They are shown removing a chunk of her face and then folding back her eyelid. They insert some screws and other hardware into her skull behind her eyelid. They cut away her chin and unscrew some hardware that is holding her jaw together. There is blood everywhere. One of the doctors is shown cauterizing exposed muscle and tissue. They stitch up her face and finish the surgery.

2. Gina tells Christian there’s an emergency. She takes him into a bedroom and starts unbuttoning her blouse. She wants him to suck her breasts to get the breast milk out.

Christian: “I’m not swallowing.”

Gina: “Why not? I do.”

The next shot is of Christian spitting out a mouthful of milk.

Episode Summary:

Sean faces the fear of not being able to continue to perform surgery. Matt is stunned to hear his friend Henry raped Cara Fitzgerald. Christian breaks his nose in a sexual accident.

Episode Excerpt

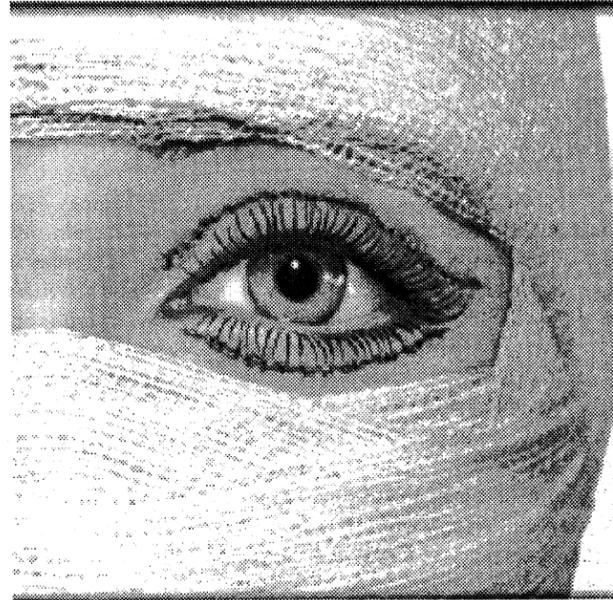
Christian (voice muffled): “You like that, don’t you, huh?”

Girl: “Down!”

Christian: “Sweetheart, I can’t go down any further than I already am.”

Girl: “No, down! I’m like, super allergic to down.”

She leans forward in a violent



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sneeze and there is a crunching sound.

Christian comes in to work with his nose all bruised and broken.

Episode Summary:

Manya was given a “female circumcision” as a young child, so she wants to have corrective surgery. Another patient requests hair implants all over the exterior of his body. Sean meets Ava, a therapist, and enlists her to help out Julia. Christian has more problems with Gina and decides to seek custody of Wilbur.

Episode Excerpt

1. The doctors ask Manya what she doesn’t like about herself.

Manya: “My clitoris.”

Christian: “And the problem with it is?”

Manya: “I want an orgasm. In America, on my modeling shoots, I meet women who enjoy having sex. Sex, sex, sex, all the time.”

Christian: “Well, they do take a break every now and then.”

Manya: “I was a victim of female genital mutilation. The dodga, the midwife, said I was the worst girl she ever cut, because of all the screaming. My mother had to sit on me and hold my legs open while the witch sliced off my clitoris with a sharp piece a glass. And then she used it to tear out the folds surrounding it.”

Christian: “I didn’t think this sort of thing still went on.”

Manya: “In Somalia over 90% of the women have it done. It is a ‘fatwa’, one of the 10 obligations a

woman must adhere to if she wishes to obtain perfection.”

Sean: “And if you refuse?”

Manya: “An uncut woman cannot marry, she is considered masculine, unclean. Sexual urges belong only to the male. So, I’m asking you, can you give me an orgasm?”

Sean: “That may not be possible.”

Manya: “This is America, anything is possible.”

Nip/Tuck succeeds because it tells interesting stories, especially the various, original and illegal reasons behind the people requesting the resident surgeons to change their looks. The strength of the performances and the originality of the premise make *Nip/Tuck* an interesting spin on the usual ‘doctor show.’ Check out the newly released first season five-DVD set, which offers an extended version of the pilot and all 12 episodes of the first season as well as these extras:

Cutting Room Floor (37:24)

The deleted scenes can be found in the “Episode Selection” screen.

Giving Drama a Face Lift (23:21)

A wonderful featurette that talks about the show, the characters, the look of the show, the operations, and some insight into season 2. There are interviews with Ryan Murphy (creator/executive producer), Greer Shepard (executive producer), Michael M. Robin (executive producer), Julian McMahon

(Dr. Christian Troy), Dylan Walsh (Dr. Sean McNamara), Joely Richardson (Julia McNamara), John Hensley (Matt McNamara), Roma Maffia (Liz Cruz), Valerie Cruz (Grace Santiago) and Linda Klein (medical advisor).

Realistic Expectation: The Practice of Plastic Surgery (7:38)

Interviews with plastic surgeons who talk about the training, the industry, patient expectations, and their reaction to the show. Dr. Garo Kassabian, M.D. (plastic surgeon), Dr. Malcolm Lesavoy, M.D. (plastic surgeon) and Dr. Garth Fisher, M.D. (plastic surgeon) are interviewed for the piece. There are also various facts and statistics displayed through the featurette.

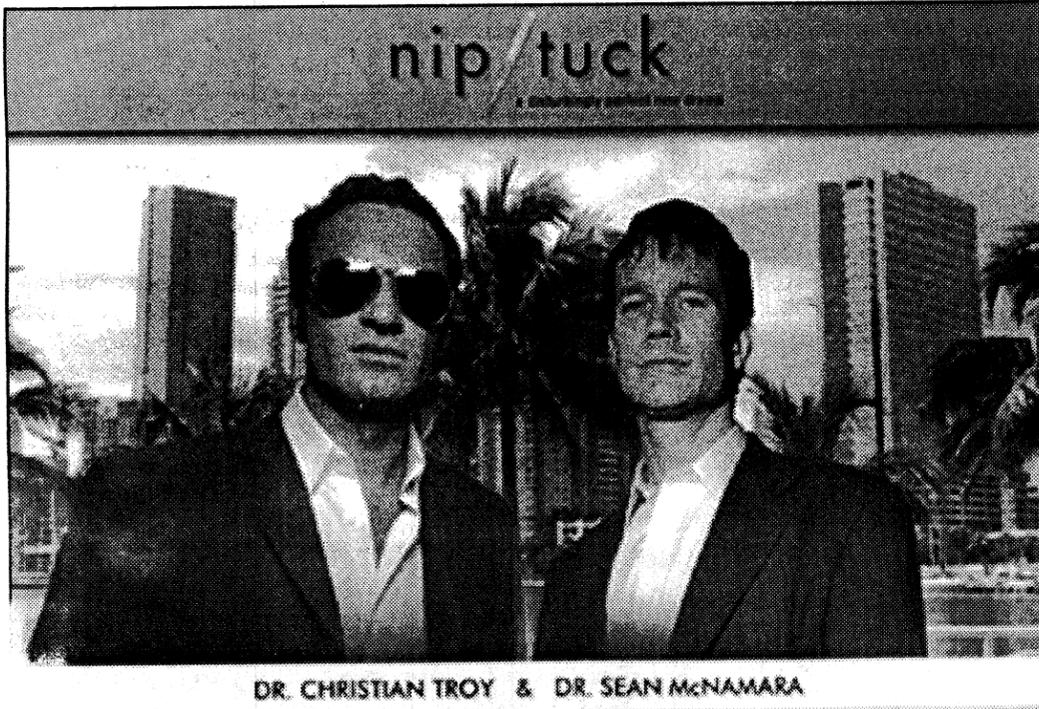
Are They Real or Fake?: The Miraculous Make-up Effects of *Nip/Tuck* (6:10)

This featurette takes a cool look at the special effects used in the series. Linda Klein, R.N., Ryan Murphy, Michael M. Robin, Thomas R. Burman & Barbara Dreisbach-Burman (special effects make-up), Tom Killeen (painter), Dylan Walsh and Julian McMahon are interviewed for the piece.

A Perfect Lie Music Video (1:56)

A music video for the theme song featuring clips from the show.

Episode summaries and scene excerpts taken from: <http://www.parentstv.org/ptc/niptuck/main.asp>



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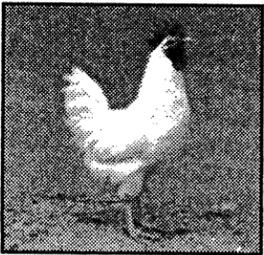
KENNY WHITE

While cleaning my room recently, I ran across an old Time magazine article (I don't know the issue or author) I had saved about Phobias. I felt it useful to share where and how these phobias may occur on campus.

Ablutophobia- the fear of bathing- I've met a few of those people in the dorm. I really think they were scared to shower. If you're scared of bathing, please be sure to visit the pool at least once a day, instead of bathing, your now "swimming".

Acerophobia- the fear of sourness- I think I may suffer from this, or perhaps I'm the only one who notices. I've smelled some people wearing some sour clothes on this campus. No, burn the shirt. It's not worth it. Drying off with a sour towel is just as bad.

Acousticophobia- the fear of noise- Here again, if your afraid of noise, the dorm is not the place for you. Aside from the slamming doors, loud music, and the constant video game playing, there is also the sound of music. That movie is all noise.



Alektorophobia- fear of chickens- doesn't that make you a chicken? Is this a live chicken or a dead chicken? Are we talking a chicken as large as the Big Chicken or ABL chicken and noodles? Wow, all of those are scary. OK, so this is real phobia.

Allodoxophobia- fear of opinions- This is a bad fear to have, I'd think. Is it a fear of ones own opinions? Or a fear of another's opinions? I think I know some people on this campus with that disease.

Androphobia- the fear of men- This disease flourishes on our campus. Main cause of this disease is too many mens. If you're a girl on this campus I can only assume you either like the attention you may receive or feel like everyone is staring. This could cause a woman to develop this fear as well, then.

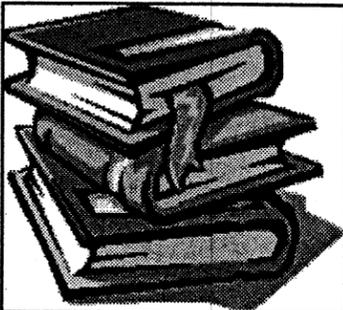
Anuptaphobia- the fear of staying single- This fear is also developed here on campus. Mostly in men. If you're a CS major then it's really an uphill battle. Seems to me this fear would develop later in life though, after college. So don't worry about this right now.

Ballistophobia- the fear of missiles or bullets. This is a fear we should all have. I'm not even sure if this is a phobia or common sense. If I was to see a missile or bullet coming at me, you had better believe I'm going to my best to dodge it.

Barophobia- the fear of gravity- Now you're in trouble. I don't know how one develops this fear. It's an odd one. How do you overcome this fear? Skydive? Jump out of a tree? Secure a job painting the golden gate bridge?

Bibliophobia- fear of books- I develop this fear at the beginning of every semester. It starts when I

first see the prices of the books I need, after that it intensifies when I flip through the book and look at the material to be covered (this is when it all looks like alien script). My fear further develops later when tests and finals come up, the last thing I want to do is read the books, but then you think, I paid 739.00



for this book, guess I'll use it.

Cacophobia- fear of ugliness- Yup. This applies to any and everything. No one wants to be ugly, buy anything ugly, or own anything ugly. It's everyone's opinion, however, what is ugly. So how does someone with this fear determine what is really ugly?

Calignephobia- fear of beautiful women- Here again, we have a fear that flourishes on the good ole SPSU campus. While in the bathroom of the D building one day I looked up and on the wall, written in the grout was this phrase "Women at this school are like parking spots. All the good ones are taken. All the rest are handicapped" Who ever wrote that is a bathroom genius.



Chrometophobia- the fear of money- If anyone reading this has this fear, please talk to me. I'm more than willing to work out a plan with you where I receive your money for everything, purely for therapy, of course.

Cibophobia- the fear of food- If you live in the dorm more than 2 semesters you will have this phobia. Eating at ABL teaches you to look at your food before you eat it. Is it alive? Is this grease good for me? All these questions will become second nature to you.

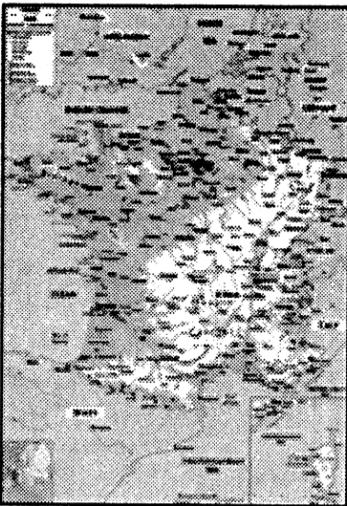
Defecaloesiophobia- the fear of painful bowel movements- This goes hand in hand with the last fear. Sadly that's another question asked. Will I regret this later? Often you'll know "In about an hour" as the ABL food train travels fast to its station. All aboard

Epistemophobia- fear of knowledge- If you have this fear

you will not be at this school for one. Secondly, you wouldn't have made it this far in this article. If you don't have it I'm surprised you have made it this far as well, you must be bored in or waiting on class.

Ergophobia- the fear of work- Again a fear that everyone has. The workplace can be scary, for those of you with jobs, have you taken the time to look around at work? Have you pinpointed the personalities of all your coworkers? Is there a quiet one? A loud one? How bout a crazy one? If you don't see any crazy people do you find people stare at you a lot? Perhaps you are the crazy one.

Francophobia- the fear of France- That's right, it's a legitimate fear, you're not alone. I'm not sure why one would be afraid of France? I suppose they might pee



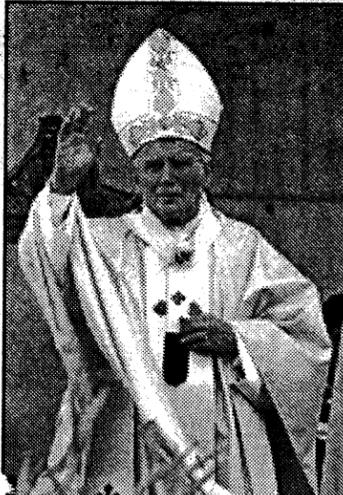
on the floors, but other than that....

Hedonophobia- the fear of feeling pleasure- Wow, that's a new one. I mean I can understand the fear of feeling pain, but pleasure? That is a disease. The only pleasure I can think of at school is perhaps a good grade, or making it through a week or ABL without feeling nausea.

Iophobia- the fear of poison- Again we have a common sense related fear. Honestly, who is not afraid of poison, the big hair, bad lyrics.... I'm not afraid of poison as long as it's not in my food or drink. If I saw a bottle marked poison, I'd be like, that's nice and keep right on moving....after taking a little sip. I glow in the dark. I smell cheese right now.

Lutrathobia- the fear of otters- That's a fear? Honestly, I could see like the fear of a black bear, the fear of a pit bull, but the fear of an otter. How often does one even encounter an otter? At my house, near a huge wooded area with a creek, I've seen plenty of evidence of otters, and I think I saw the otter once as well. Once in 21 years. I've seen them more in zoos, and there they can't get near you. How is this a fear?

Neophobias- the fear of anything new- I'm not sure why one would be afraid of anything new. I'm not sure why one would be afraid of anything new. I'm not sure why one would be afraid of anything new.



That's got to be a scary fear, everything is always changing which makes it new. Some new things are scary, like going off to college, that can be scary, but is it a phobia? How does one successfully live life with this fear? I mean do they see the toilet paper roll running out and flip out thinking that there will have to be a new roll soon?

Papaphobia- the fear of the Pope- Here we have another common one. All the time I'm walking down the street and I hear some one call my name. Without looking around I'm like "Yes Pope?" As I shake in my sandals, I turn to see that it's only my good friend Lucifer. I tell him to wait as I go change my shorts. The Pope even has his own phobia. That's rich.

Phopophobia- the fear of phobias- That's got to be rough, you don't even have a phobia, yet you obsess so much so that you create a phobia of phobias.

Techophobia- the fear of technology- If your at this school, I hope you don't have that, cause we're Georgia's technology university. The only people I can think of with this fear are the people who still don't own or know how to operate a computer itself. (If they had a need for one that is.)

Testophobia- the fear of taking tests- This fear would be a bad one to have in college. I'm only scared of the tests when I know I'm not ready for it. I often have trouble test taking, however I don't think I have a phobia of this? I suppose one could easily have a phobia. At this point, I should have one....

Zemmiphobia- the fear of the great mole rat- You really shouldn't see any of these on campus. However, there are some crafty squirrels, some coyotes, and rabbits. There are also some birds that like to get up at about 4:30am and sing. You got to watch out for them, they are up to something.

So I hope you have learned something from this. If you have any of these phobias, please realize I'm not making fun of you directly. I realize having such a phobia is not a laughing matter.

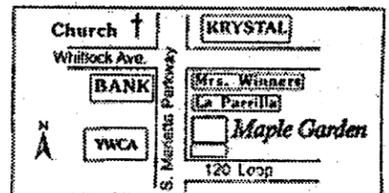
in fact it could be quite debilitating. I commend you for making it to college with whatever phobias you may have and wish you the best of luck. Unless you have a phobia of luck. If that's the case forget I just wished you luck.



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Sorority Events Calendar

Aug. 23rd - Sept. 7th Recruitment Sign-up

- Thursday, Aug. 26: Lunch Luau at the Courtyard
- Monday, Aug. 30: Free food @ Globe 11-1pm
- Tuesday, Aug. 31: Volleyball & Cookout @ Courtyard 7:30
- Wednesday, Sept. 1: Free food @ Globe 11-1pm
Free Ice Cream and Info. @ Student Center 7:30
- Thursday, Sept. 2: Sweets N Treats @ Student Center 11-1pm

Sept. 7th - 10th Bid Week

These events are at the Student Center at 7:15pm

- Tuesday, Sept. 7: Open House (Parents are welcomed)
- Wednesday, Sept. 8: Philanthropy Night (Benefitting local children)
- Thursday, Sept. 9: Preference Party Night (Invitation only event)
- Friday, Sept. 10: Bid Day! (Invitation only event)



Career and Counseling Center's Fall 2004 Schedule of Workshops & Orientations



Workshop	Date	Time
Grounded For Life ?	<i>Study Skills That Work</i>	Aug. 30 3:00pm – 4:30pm
		Sept. 2 4:30pm – 6:00pm
Fear Factor Or Not ?	<i>Beating Test Anxiety To A Pulp!</i>	Aug. 31 3:00pm – 4:30pm
		Sept. 8 4:30pm – 6:00pm
Time Bandits	<i>Making Every Minute Count</i>	Sept. 1 3:00pm – 4:30pm
	<i>Utilizing Time Management</i>	Sept. 7 4:30pm – 6:00pm
Extreme Makeover	<i>Creating A Marketable Resume</i>	Sept. 28 3:00pm – 4:30pm
		Oct. 13 4:30pm – 6:00pm
King Of The Hill	<i>Mastering Your First Interview</i>	Oct. 6 3:00pm – 4:30pm
		Oct. 21 4:30pm – 6:00pm
Survivor:	<i>Conquering A Career Fair</i>	Nov. 2 4:30pm – 6:00pm
The Amazing Race:	<i>Navigating The Job Search!</i>	Nov. 3 4:30pm – 6:00pm
Career Eye For The Girl & Guy	<i>Learning To Dress For Success</i>	Nov. 9 3:00pm – 4:00pm
Working 9 To 5	<i>Internship Orientation</i>	Sept 15 3:00pm – 4:00pm
	<i>Co-op Orientation</i>	Sept 16 3:00pm – 4:00pm
Boot Camp For Career Services	<i>(Recommended for seniors and anyone looking for work)</i>	Sept. 15 Noon
		Sept. 16 5:00pm
		Oct. 20 Noon
Resume Critique Day	<i>Bldg "J" Lobby Student Center Lobby</i>	Oct. 26 4:00pm – 7:00pm
		Nov. 10 3:00pm – 6:00pm

All workshops and orientations are in the Student Center room 215.