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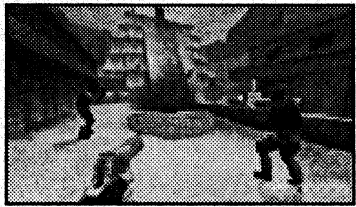


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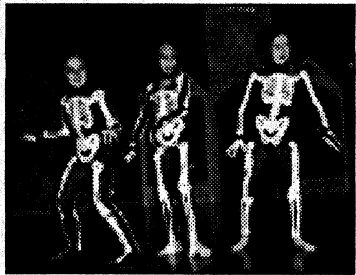
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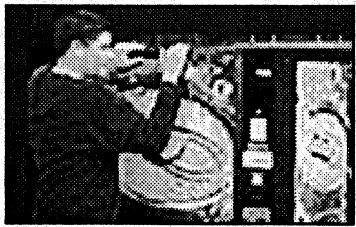


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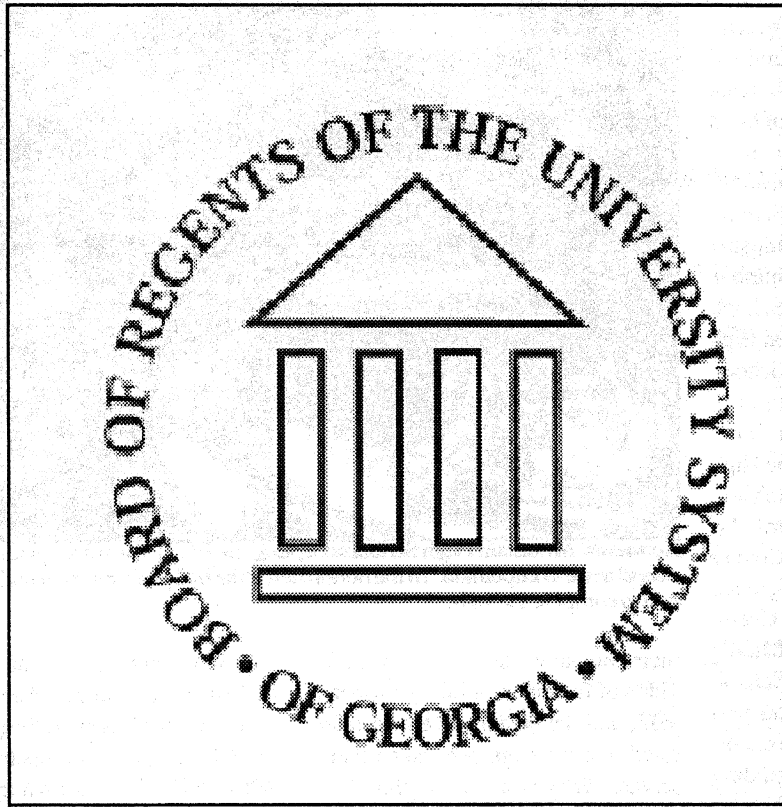
CJ SHIFLETT

On October 12th, the Board of Regents reversed its decision to impose a mid-year tuition increase on students of the University System of Georgia.

The original plan set forth by the Board of Regents called for a 10% tuition increase starting Spring semester to help offset the budget cut imposed on the Board by Governor Perdue's new budget for the 2004-2005 fiscal year. The budget cut is necessary because the Governor refused to allow the Legislature to use questionable accounting practices to shift \$165 million of the state's \$179.3 million shortfall. The budget cut, originally totaling \$68.7 million, was eventually reduced to \$64.8 million.

To compensate for the lost revenue not generated by the tuition, the Board of Regents will pull money from 3 'one-time' funds, totaling \$44.5 million. The largest fund is the University System's employee health-plan reserves, which will face almost \$28 million in critical losses. Losing such a large chunk of money, however, will reduce the health-plan reserves from the recommended 60-day reserve to a 30-day level. The funds gained from this cut are only temporary, however, as the University System will need to replenish the reserves next year.

At least one school will be personally hit by the budget cut, as the



The Board of Regents decided to pull money from other sources instead of increasing tuition in the Spring.

University of Georgia will be required to sacrifice a research building as one of the three 'one-time' funds. Merck, a pharmaceutical company, had planned to build the Merial research facility at UGA.

The facility would have cost \$9.4 million. After Merck pulled out of the project, the unused funds were quickly reallocated as a stop-gap resource to help reduce the damage the budget cut would do

to the University System. This means that UGA will not be able to contact another company about future research facilities in the near future.

The Board of Regents is still searching for a third source to fund the remaining \$7 million.

These funds will only cover \$44.5 million, however, so \$20.3 million will still be cut from the University System's budget. Current estimates show that such a large sum will require all schools in the University System, including Southern Polytechnic State University, to continue their current full-time hiring freeze, in addition to eliminating positions. More part-time faculty will need to be hired to fill the positions originally designated for full-time faculty. The Board of Regents is concerned that these cuts will hamper their ability to deliver "high-quality academic instruction in appropriately sized classrooms and facilities."

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Students Protest Budget Cuts

HEATHER GIROUX

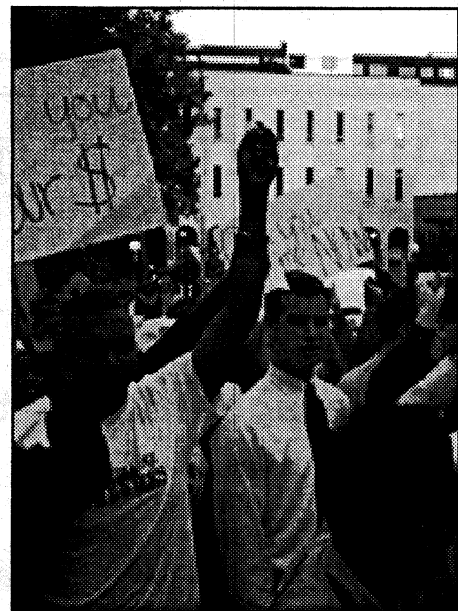
On Friday, October 8th around 150 students gathered at the state capital to rally against the proposed budget cuts that might have led to a mid-year tuition increase to the University System of Georgia. These students came from 31 different state colleges and universities to express their concerns. There were chants of "No more budget cuts" and "No increase" while the students marched from Georgia State

University's student center to the capital building. A representative from each school gave speeches regarding the budget cuts and how it would affect their own school individually. The representatives then presented their collected signatures to the Governor's office. The total came to be around 35,000 names with 782 of those signatures being from Southern Polytechnic State University.

Christine Drummond, a junior at Georgia College and State University, made the trip from Milledgeville because she felt she needed to represent her school. She was impressed that there were so many students that really cared about the issue.

Freshman Cain Harrelson of the University of Georgia was pleased with so many schools being represented and how all students put their rivals aside for a common goal.

The student protest was somewhat successful. The budget cuts from the governor did go through, but there will not be a mid-year tuition increase.



Over a hundred students gathered at the state capital to protest against the recent budget cuts and tuition increase.

SPSU Gets SEVP Approval

JON LINDSAY

Thanks to the efforts of Jeff Orr, Director of the ATTIC, and Letitia DeNard, the ATTIC International Student Center Coordinator, Southern Polytechnic State University recently earned recertification as an authorized Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) school. As a part of the

with F-1 visas and approximately 117 additional international students with other visas. The ATTIC assists international students with visa issues, passports, and all the legal requirements that international students must fulfill. Processing of international students is done within strict guidelines established by the

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Homeland Security effort, an agent from the Student Exchange and Visitor Information system (SEVIS) inspected the ATTIC's procedures and files and approved them. The approval means that SPSU can continue its international student program and have students from all over the world come to SPSU. Without the approval, international students could not attend SPSU.

Currently, SPSU has approximately 211 international students

U. S. government's Homeland Security regulations and requires the full-time assistance and care given by Letitia DeNard as the International Student Center Coordinator.

The SEVP approval is a vital part of SPSU's ongoing service to the university and the student community. The approval must be earned annually, so Jeff Orr and Letitia DeNard are always on their toes to meet the stringent government requirements and to help foreign students comply.

Spsu Hosts BEST Robots

CJ SHRADER

On Saturday, October 23, Southern Polytechnic State University hosted the Georgia Boost Engineering Science and Technology (BEST) competition in the gym.

The competition started at 9:00 am, and had High Schools from all over Georgia competing to build and maintain a multi-function robot that could accomplish a variety of tasks in a 24-foot square obstacle course.

This year, the schools in attendance were: Milton High School, The Paideia School, Kennesaw Mountain High School, Columbus High School, Roswell High School, Wheeler High School, Berkmar High School, Jasper County High School, Walton High School, Benjamin E. Mays High School, Mount Paran Christian School, South Cobb High School, Westlake High School, Northside High School, North Atlanta High School, White County High School, Fernbank Science Center/SEMAA, Camp Creek Middle School, Sandtown Middle School, and Campbell High School.

The BEST Competition was started in 1993 when two Texas Instruments engineers were guiding a group of High Schoolers through



Kennesaw Mountain High School accepting the BEST Award for placing first overall in the competition. In the bottom left is the ball pit that each team's robot had to compete through.

their company site. They watched a video of freshmen building a robot at MIT, and the students were so interested that the engineers asked themselves, "Why don't we do this?"

Since then, BEST has grown by leaps and bounds. According to Professor Glen Allen, who brought the BEST competition to SPSU, BEST "has grown from 14

schools and 221 participating students in the early days, to more than 500 schools and 6000 students throughout the nation last year." The growth certainly showed, as the turnout at SPSU was high with many large teams competing.

The competition this year was named BEST Fever, and had rules and an obstacle course to reflect the name. The course was a large, colorful circle with a double helix in the center meant to reflect DNA. The objective was to separate the deoxyribonucleotides (The small, colorful balls found in children's ball pits) from the PCR primers (tennis balls). Each team had only three minutes to amass the highest score they could while competing against the other team's robots.

The teams themselves came dressed up in as much variety and color (Or lack thereof) as the obstacle course. Fernbank Science Center was resplendent in their matching kilts. Jasper County High School displayed their scientific side by wearing lab coats.

Northside High School, a.k.a. Team Biomatrix, came wearing all black and sporting sunglasses. Northside took the cake, though, because they also brought their own band and cheerleaders to the competition.

Every team took home a plaque and t-shirt, but only a few could be declared winners. There were two sets of awards for the BEST competition. The first award was for having the most points and winning the game. The second, and more important award, is called the BEST Award and went to the team that scored best overall in design, oral presentation, and other categories.

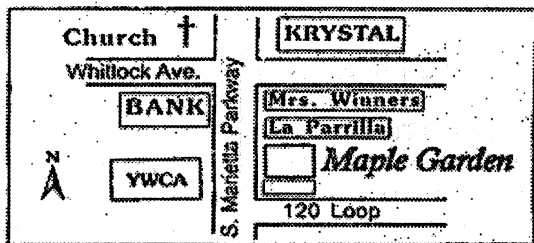
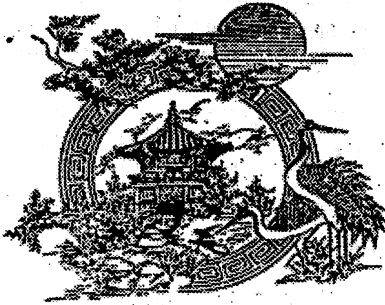
The game winners were Jasper County High School, with 3rd place; Wheeler High School, 2nd place; and Northside High School, with 1st place.

The winners of the BEST Award were Northside High School, 3rd; Wheeler High School, 2nd; and Kennesaw Mountain High School, which took home 1st place.

The winners mentioned above will go on to compete at the South's Best Regional Competition on November 19 and 20 at Auburn University.

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A Murder of Squirrels

CJ SHRADER

The small city of Washington has recently elected to legalize squirrel hunting within its borders, according to Jeffry Scott of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

Washington, with a population of 4300, is located about 110 miles east of Atlanta and has been dealing with its squirrel problem for some time now.

"A few years ago they tried trapping them and then letting them loose in the woods, but that didn't work," police chief Mike Davis is quoted as saying in the AJC. "It seemed like they just came right back to town."

The City Council, exasperated, decided to sell licenses for \$3 a piece in order to help reduce the

numbers of Washington's rampant squirrel population. The permits are limited to residents with valid Georgia hunting licenses,

and shooting is only allowed on one's own property. Also, ammo has to be No.6 sized only, which the AJC says is too small to take down a man.

Shooting hours are only on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:15 am to 12:00 noon. Residents aren't allowed to kill more than 12 squirrels a day, and can only use a shotgun with a single shell.

Squirrel hunting throughout the state is only legal, with a hunting permit, from August 15 to February 28, with a limit of 12 squirrels per day.

So far, only two Washington residents have bought a squirrel hunting license, and no squirrel fatalities have been reported.



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Letter to the Editor

I found the October 6, 2004 issue of the Sting to contain some content in very bad taste. I should preface my concerns with some clarification: I am in no way against homosexuality, the rights of a homosexual, or the fair treatment of all people, however, I was offended by the ads presented in the issue in question.

From what I can see, there are three half-page advertisements, and one whole page advertisement for SAFE. I see no problem with SAFE as an organization, and if they desire to purchase a large deal of advertising space for their organizations, as long as they are willing, and have the money, they should be able.

My problem is the slogan in one of said ads. On page 9, the slogan reads "Jane's not the only one that likes Dick." This is offensive to me. Yes, it's very clever innuendo, yes the D is capitalized, as to indicate a proper noun, not the male genitalia, but I think it is obvious to most of your readers what this ad implies. I would hope The Sting is held in higher regard by its staff than to allow blatant sexual innuendo into its pages. I know I as a student hold The Sting to a standard higher than this.

This problem is unrelated to the innuendo being homosexual in na-

ture, although I would not be surprised if this became a "gay bashing" issue. I feel sexual innuendo of any kind is in bad taste, and unsuitable for presentation in a news publication, and especially in a news publication that is a part of Southern Polytechnic State University.

In passing discussion, I've heard several arguments in favor of The Sting, these range from some students being certain you would publish similar ads of a heterosexual nature to students and faculty believing the ads were uncalled for. I urge you to consider the material you are publishing more carefully.

Is the respectability of The Sting for sale to anyone willing to pay to have their words published? Do you have no control over the advertisements printed in your publication, or do you not care? Are you an unbiased news publication, or do you have an agenda, and favor homosexuals and other minorities, for whatever reason? After reading the issue in question, I would say The Sting is a publication read primarily by homosexuals; there was a SAFE ad visible on nearly every page of the paper.

Please take a moment to con-

sider your audience, and understand that the majority probably do not appreciate content of this nature in any news publication they read. The Sting, as a (presumably) respectable publication that seeks to gain rapport and respect from its readership, I think we can agree that ads of this nature are damaging, and in poor taste for The Sting itself, and any news publication of any kind.

In Earnest,
a concerned reader

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I understand that there were a lot of ads for SAFE printed in the last issue, but SAFE paid to have those ads in the issue. The Sting merely printed what it was given; we have no agenda beyond informing and entertaining the students and faculty of SPSU.

I do sincerely apologize if you or anyone else was offended and appreciate you voicing your thoughts in The Sting.

A Possible Solution to the College Tuition Hike?

CHRISTIAAN FUNKHOUSER

The equivalent of 98 student's tuitions goes towards clubs and organizations such as "The Sting" and "WGHR". 131 if you add in CAB's money. But 98 student's tuitions go solely for organizations that YOU may or may not support or participate in. Eighteen of our tuitions go to organizations that do not help students in their career or to bring students to the college (Once again, CAB and all SGA and the Student Center costs are omitted).

These organizations are fraternities and sororities, dance teams, different cultural organizations, and one of our newest additions, SAFE. Should 18 people's entire tuition go towards these things? Or, to look at it differently, \$40 for each student at SPSU. We should allow each student to choose whether or not to support these organizations by choosing to donate their money to cultural awareness (in America of all places) or for people's lifestyle choices. I would much rather have my \$40 cut the cost on the tuition hike to \$287 or let financial aid cover the \$327 increase and pocket the \$40 to use to buy cd's, pay for gas, go to movies, buy additional copies of HALO 2 or applying \$10 more dollars and re-join the AIAS. I personally don't care to learn about other cultures. I do not attend any of those meetings. I know people from other cultures, if I want to learn about other cultures, I'll save \$40 and ask my friends.

I am an architecture student. I was a part of the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS).

The AIAS provides mentors for architecture students, provides opportunities for internships, and goes to conferences to aid architecture students in the realm of ideas, techniques, and chances to meet architecture students. The AIAS only gets \$3,000. In order to attend a national conference the AIAS was forced to do a car wash so that they could help cut the costs of attendance fees, room and



SAFE or dangerous?

board. Granted, this would be expected that they pay their own room and board, but when other organizations such as SAFE (Sexual Acceptance For Everyone (except those who have opposing views)) get \$4,500 because of their lifestyle?

I do not agree with the homosexual/transgender (from here on out referred to as simply, homosexuals for space sake) lifestyle. I have nothing against people who are gay. I believe it's wrong, but the majority of homosexuals are good people. As long as they pay their taxes, follow the law, and do not try to start anything with me, I do not care, much less want to know, what goes on in their private bedroom. However, with that said, should we give \$4,500 for

SAFE to promote their lifestyle? How does being a lesbian help you later on in your career? Does being a gay man help you learn about your major? What does spending \$4,500 to support Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgendered (GLBT) propaganda help this college, my career, SAFE's member's careers, their majors, etc.

If the GLBT Alliance wants to have a club on campus, that's GREAT! Meet in the student center, check out a room, get donations from people, have members print off stuff. Don't print colored copies and post 42 BA-ZILLION little fliers on every door, and flat space. Check out movies at Blockbuster for \$3.99 and have members donate towards that. Take dues. Whatever, but is there a NEED for SAFE? Absolutely not. There is no NEED to give people \$4,500 dollars, an estimated 4 students entire tuitions, or 112 students' \$40.

In closing, readers, let's rethink how we put money to organizations that do not benefit the furthering of students' careers. Let's not continue to use tuition money to support lifestyles that people choose when those lifestyles could possibly go against one's personal or religious beliefs.

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Uncensored: with Christiaan Funkhouser

CHRISTIAN FUNKHOUSER

Dirty politics? Mud slinging? What's the truth behind what people say? One of the things I've noticed in my 14 years of politics is that when liberals get mad and in a corner, they become defensive.

just mean and wrong. Imagine if a Republican had said that?

In response to an article I wrote, published in February 2004, I call for an elimination of, what I believe to be, racially segregating groups,

my heart. i am quiet amused by your attempts to rip at my moral fiber, like i have none. because i stand completely behind my belief and i do not hide from the truth and blindly follow a preist or a

fight for freedom over tyranny. Motivated more by partisan politics than by national security, today's Democratic leaders see America as an occupier, not a liberator. And nothing makes this Marine madder than someone calling American troops occupiers rather than liberators... This is the man who wants to be the Commander in Chief of our U.S. Armed Forces? U.S. forces armed with what? Spitballs?" Professor Haley called Zell Miller's speech "hateful" and "mean spirited."

That's mean spirited? Mean spirited compared to what? Certain professors calling the President of the United States a "Moron", "A complete and utter moron." Or as the head of the Kerry campaign said, the president is a "Guttless

leader"

Yet when a Republican or veteran tells the truth of what happened 30 years ago, they are seen as horrible, mean spirited people. Hate speech? www.swiftvets.com is hate speech? This is ridiculous. They simply say their side of the story. They believe if someone is going to run on their record in a past war, their actions should be available for scrutiny. Just as Bush is running partly on his record as a wartime president, his actions leading up to and during the war are open for comment.

Let's keep to the issues, but I'm afraid liberals can't do that. Especially when you bring up the facts and the truth. It's sad, but sadly... so true.



Dirty Poly Ticks

They attack people's beliefs; they do it in a brutal way. Take for instance John Edwards who said that if you vote for Bush you're an idiot. What's next? Is Edwards gonna call Cheney a poopie head, or is he going to start singing; "Cheney and Haliburton sitting in a tree, K-I-S-S-I-N-G." On a more serious note, the Democratic Headquarters in Lauderdale produced a flier which said, "Voting for Bush is like running in the special Olympics... even if you win you're still retarded." That's

and was accused of having a "deep and true disdain" for "anyone non-white."

Or take this hatred for instance in response to a monologue on my radio program. A caller posted online, "what makes you a conservative is that you are meek. you hide behind an idiot like bush who is running our country into the ground, you hide behind a misinterptited bible written 2,000 years ago. i am a liberal, i am loud, i have my opinions because i follow

televangelist."[sic]

The monologue that the caller was referring to was one where I stated that states shouldn't be forced to let homosexuals marry simply because they want to redefine a word.

It's interesting what the democrats call dirty politics. In Zell Miller's GOP speech, he said, "What has happened to the party I've spent my life working in? I can remember when Democrats believed that it was the duty of America to



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Calling a Spade a Spade: Clinton's Body Count

ERIK HADLEY

I would like to take this opportunity to respond to one of the many bumper stickers I have seen this political season. The bumper sticker usually reads something along the line of "Nobody died when Clinton lied." This is in an attack on President Bush over whether or not Bush lied about the reasons for war in Iraq. I am not going to argue points over whether or not President Bush lied, if you have already made up your mind then I would only be wasting my time reinforcing your ideas or engaging in futility trying to change your mind. Either way I accomplish nothing.

Instead I am going to talk about all the people that did die because of former President Clinton. Not his lies under oath (a crime known as perjury) did not cause the deaths of any people. However the actions, and quite often inactions, that the former President took while in office resulted in countless deaths. Don't believe me, read on.

Let's start with February of 1993 when the World Trade Center was first bombed. Six people died and over a thousand were injured

that day, and Clinton did nothing. There was no response, no attempt to go after those responsible. Clinton sat on his butt and did nothing.

engaged in foot dragging and delay before giving the go ahead for the mission. Then when the mission was finally approved the soldiers



FATALITY!

Do you remember Mogadishu in 1993? Sure you do if you ever saw Black Hawk Down. Eighteen soldiers died on a mission because the Clinton administration

were denied the necessary armor support that they needed.

Now move forward a year in time to 1994. This time we are in Rwanda. "What happened in

Rwanda?" you ask. Simple, genocide happened. No wait, sorry it wasn't genocide, it was "acts of genocide". That is what the Clinton administration called it. After all the Clinton administration knew that the United States is treaty bound to intervene where genocide occurs. So if it's acts of genocide then we don't have to get involved. Most estimates are approximately 800,000 people were killed in Rwanda although some estimates do go over one million deaths. I can not put the blame exclusively on the Clinton administration for those deaths though. The whole world sat on their collective butts and did nothing then.

So what else happened? Well what about in 1998 when Clinton authorized the bombing of an aspirin factory in Sudan. You do remember that right? Yes then President Clinton argued that he ordered the strike because intelligence indicated that the factory could be producing WMD. It also just happened to coincide with the Monica Lewinsky scandal. How many people do you think were killed as a

direct result of the bombing? How many more do you think died or suffered because of a loss of medicines that were being produced? Thank you very much Mr. President.

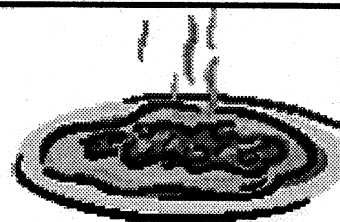
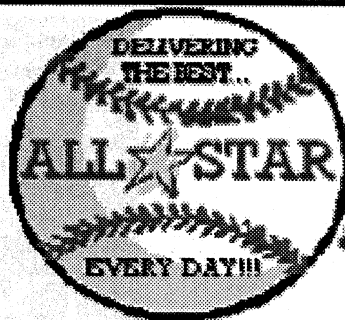
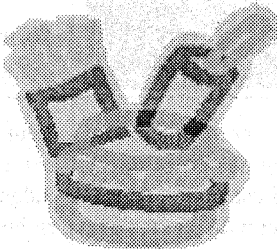
These are just a few of the people that died because of Clinton, but the real kicker is this. Bill Clinton admits that he was within one hour of capturing Bin Laden, he almost got him. Well the Sudanese offered to deliver Bin Laden to us! Clinton refused, saying that we didn't have anything to charge him with. We had no reason to take him. So Clinton passed up an opportunity to have the man that we now hold responsible for the deaths of almost 3,000 people. Granted the September 11th attack had yet to happen we still new Bin Laden was a terrorist leader. Clinton did nothing and almost 3,000 people paid the price.

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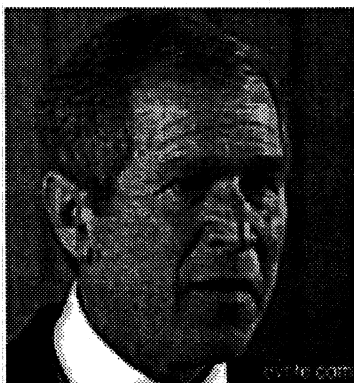
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CJ SHIFLETT AND HEATHER GIROUX

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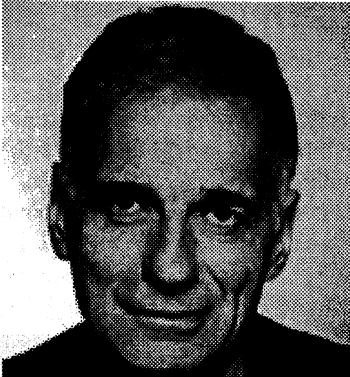
George W. Bush
Republican (Incumbent)



John Kerry
Democrat



	George W. Bush Republican (Incumbent)	John Kerry Democrat
Abortion	Bush is strongly against abortion. Instead, he will promote abstinence by creating abstinence-only classes in schools, reviewing health messages to teenagers and making sure they are consistent, and use public education to help foster better communication on the subject with parents and their children. Bush also plans to defend the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban and restrict funding for federal abortion.	John Kerry is of the position that a woman should have the right to abort her un-born child. He plans to enforce this platform by only nominating judges who "demonstrate a respect for the full range of constitutional rights, including...the right to choose."
Education	Bush has a policy of 'No Child Left Behind.' This policy is laid out into 'four pillars': "stronger accountability for results, more freedom for states and communities, proven education methods, and more choices for parents." All of this basically means that a child cannot be moved up through school just because of his/her age. The child must comprehend the material enough to be able to prove (through a standardized test) they are ready to advance in school. He also aspires to give \$250 million a year to high schools across the country to better our children's reading and math skills. Bush is also a big supporter of early childhood development, improving vocational education, increasing financial aid, and creating incentives for teachers.	According to his website, John Kerry intends to increase funding for the Head Start and 'No Child Left Behind' programs in addition to offering at least 3.5 million after-school activities through his "School's Open 'Til Six" initiative. To better facilitate children's education, Kerry wants to "enact a new bargain that offers teachers more." This bargain is aimed at making sure teachers stay happier in a more favorable environment, thereby increasing the quality of their student's education. He will also rein in tuition and make it easier for students to go to college, though he does not mention how.
Environment	Bush will give incentives to reduce power plant emissions, continue the Clean Air Interstate Rule, limit emissions of mercury, and reduce pollution emitted by diesel engines. He will continue to maintain our country's National Parks, try to create and preserve wetlands, spend \$7.8 billion on restoring the Everglades in South Florida, delegate \$45 million to clean up the Great Lakes, and to restore and conserve our healthy forests and oceans.	John Kerry intends to fix our traditional environmental problems, such as, but not limited to, those caused by industrial sites and threatening our parks and baseball fields. The quality of America's air is a big issue with John Kerry, who wants to take aggressive action to stop acid rain and counter global warming. This is to be accomplished by using "innovative, job-creating programs". No specific plan is outlined to fix the problems that Kerry has laid out.
Gay Rights	Bush is vehemently against gay marriage. He intends to "vigorously" defend the Defense of Marriage Act and to also move towards a Federal Marriage Amendment which would define and protect the institution of marriage as we now know it in the United States.	John Kerry currently supports the gay and lesbian request for equal protection. This supports extends to opposing President Bush's proposed Constitutional amendment that would define marriage as between a man and a woman. John Kerry also plans to increase HIV/AIDS funding, something which has been cause for concern amongst gay and lesbian voters.
Health Care	Bush wants to make health care more affordable and more accessible to all, including children. To do this, he intends to propose a tax credit for low-income families, for individuals and families who work for small businesses, expand Association Health Plans, and allow people to use health coverage from across state lines. Other plans Bush has for lowering health care costs are to have medical liability reform, fight against health care fraud, and improving benefits for seniors such as providing prescription drug benefits.	The Kerry-Edwards health care plan is very simple. The government will give people more money to pay for health care and will also try to give everyone access to a high-coverage, low-cost health care plan, as well as reducing the costs of prescription drugs. While the exact source of the additional costs is not covered, the Kerry-Edwards plan does intend to harness "American ingenuity."
Homeland Security	Bush will tighten border security, use advanced technology against weapons of mass destruction, and renew the USA Patriot Act to reinforce communication between all levels of law enforcement and intelligence. Another aspect of his protecting America is heightening our assistance to nations who support freedom and democracy and the overall encouragement of these two philosophies worldwide.	If elected, John Kerry will create new alliances with the nations that aren't helping us now. Kerry also plans to transform the American military into a more potent striking force more capable of stopping terrorism. Kerry's central position for Homeland Security, however, relies on protecting the nation from terrorism with passive defenses.
Iraq	Bush obviously supports this. Enough said.	Jon Kerry's website does not show an affirmation or rejection of the war in Iraq.
Jobs	Bush's plan of 'Jobs of the 21 st Century' will designate \$500 million to help train and educate workers in school and community colleges.	To keep jobs from leaving the country, John Kerry will approve tax cuts for businesses that keep their employment within the country. Kerry also intends to invest in the jobs and people who will manufacture "new technology."
Social Security	Bush promises to fulfill the benefits of those in or near retirement. He will also create a voluntary personal retirement account for younger workers and will not increase the Social Security payroll tax.	Like any politician, John Kerry is steering clear of taking any hard-nosed position on the Social Security issue.
Taxes	Bush would like to encourage the common man to save and invest on their own. He would also like to keep most of the tax cuts he has previously imposed. These cuts include low 10% tax bracket, reducing the marriage penalty, gradually getting rid of the death tax, doubling child tax credit, and increasing small business expenses. To make these things happen, Bush is proposing to make the tax code easier and more fair to improve the economy.	John Kerry supports providing tax breaks to those businesses that will keep jobs within the country, instead of outsourcing them. He also supports giving 98% of all Americans some form of tax break, though he makes no mention of what will happen to the other 2% of the population. Kerry's platform also does not mention how much of a tax break will occur or in what manner it will be provided.
Welfare Reform	Bush will require those on welfare to work fulltime to foster self-sufficiency.	John Kerry's website makes no mention of welfare reform, though it can be assumed that, based on previous voting records, he opposes any changes that would reduce the amount of aid a welfare family would receive from the government.

	 <p>Ralph Nader Green Party</p>	<p>Health Care</p>	<p>The United States is the only industrialized nation which does not provide universal health care, and Ralph Nader considers this a disgrace. Nader supports a government provided health care system which is supervised by a federally-charted non-profit membership organization.</p>
<p>Abortion</p>	<p>Ralph Nader fully endorses the National Organization for Women (NOW). Accordingly, Nader has no individual platform with regard to abortion, instead parroting the positions of NOW. NOW believes that abortion is an issue of life or death for women and vehemently oppose any attempt to restrict abortion.</p>	<p>Homeland Security</p>	<p>Nader's online platform does not make any specific mention about homeland security as an entity. A number of grievances are raised about President Bush's civil rights infringements, though none address the overall homeland security issue.</p>
<p>Education</p>	<p>Nader believes that the responsibility for education falls on the shoulders of state and local governments and that the federal government is responsible for ensuring the equality of the education environment.</p>	<p>Iraq</p>	<p>Nader supports a UN-led peacekeeping force to replace the US forces currently in the region. He also believes the entire war could have been avoided and the costs of the war should have been spent on America's infrastructure, schools, and health care system.</p>
<p>Environment</p>	<p>Nader's environmental platform centers around stricter government regulations. According to Nader, we currently "threaten the global environment with tremendous economic threats... which will significantly impact commerce, agriculture and communities across America." Nader's solution to this imminent problem is to strengthen toxic standards and make environmental protection a higher priority in government.</p>	<p>Jobs</p>	<p>Ralph Nader laments the lost jobs suffered when the dot com bubble burst. To increase the employment rate, Nader proposes local, labor-intensive public works which would benefit the infrastructure when combined with equitable trade and fully funded education.</p>
<p>Gay Rights</p>	<p>Nader also supports NOW's agenda with regard to Gay and Lesbian rights. According to his website, "NOW is committed to fighting discrimination based on sexual orientation in all areas...NOW asserts the right of lesbians and gays to live their lives with dignity and security."</p>	<p>Social Security Taxes</p>	<p>Like any politician, Ralph Nader is steering clear of taking any hard-nosed position on the Social Security issue.</p> <p>Nader's stance on taxes is that corporations should contribute much more to the total revenue than the 7.4% they currently provide. His justification for this increase stems from the "massive record profits" that corporations are earning. He also favors shifting taxes away from basic items such as "food, furniture, clothing or books" and towards things like "addictive industries, pollution, speculation, gambling, [or] extreme luxuries."</p>
		<p>Welfare Reform</p>	<p>Though no mention is made of Nader's stance with regard to welfare reform, he does support increasing minimum wage to what he calls a "living wage." It can be safely assumed that he does not support traditional welfare reform.</p>

Like it or Leave it – The Electoral College

CJ SHIFLETT

The Electoral College has long been a subject of controversy, made all the moreso every time it elects someone not supported by the majority of the populace. Before the advantages and disadvantages of this unique system can be compared, a brief run-down is required to explain exactly how it works.

The Electoral College was created by the founding fathers in Article II, Section I of the Constitution. In 1804, the 12th Amendment was ratified, slightly modifying the process by which the Electoral College selects the President and Vice-President, though no real significant changes were made. In the interests of saving space, this article will only refer to how the Electoral College works now.

Currently, each state selects a number of Electors equal to the number of Representatives and Senators they have. Ironically, the way Electors are selected is left entirely up to the individual states themselves, with no mandate that the Electors should represent who actually received the most votes in the state. As far as the Constitution is concerned, each state's governor could personally select the Electors without any regard to the populace. Fortunately, all states have the manner in which they will select their Electors outlined within their respective Constitutions, so there is little, if any, chance of such extreme corruption occurring in the foreseeable future. Currently, every state except Maine and Nebraska select all the Electors for that state based on which party's candidate won the popular vote within that



The electoral college hard at working deciding who will be the next President of the United States

state. Maine and Nebraska only allow the party to select the 2 Electors granted by their Senator seats based on the popular vote. The other Electors are selected based on who won the popular vote within a specific Congressional district. Colorado currently has a referendum on the ballot to change the way they select Electors to mirror Maine and Nebraska. Please note that popular vote only means that the candidate received a *plurality* of the votes. Bill Clinton won 1992 and 1996 elections with only 43% and 49% of the popular vote, respectively. He won the presidency because his total was greater than either of the other candidates.

With that little history lesson out of the way, let's focus on the positives and negatives of the Electoral College.

Negatives

1. The voters don't actually select the President. When you step up to that polling place, you

are actually selecting the Electors who you hope will vote the same way you are. It is entirely possible that your Elector will vote for the opposing party if he feels strongly enough. This has happened 7 times in the past 100 years and occurred as recently as the 1988 election between Vice-President George Bush and challenger Michael Dukakis.

2. It's possible to win the majority of the Electoral College, yet still lose the popular vote. This is what happened in the 2000 election and what has caused the majority of the suspicion cast on the Electoral College. Theoretically, it is possible to receive much less than 50% of the popular vote, as long as your support is spread out enough to win 51% of the vote in 270 votes worth of states.

3. The Electoral College causes rural votes to count more than urban votes. According to the Federal Election Commission, using 1988 statistics, "the combined voting age population (3,119,000) of the

seven least populous jurisdictions of Alaska, Delaware, the District of Columbia, North Dakota, South Dakota, Vermont, and Wyoming carried the same voting strength in the Electoral College (21 Electoral Votes) as the 9,614,000 persons of voting age in the State of Florida." In short, each voter of the aforementioned states carries the same voting power as 3 voters from Florida.

Positives

1. The Electoral College is true to the Representative nature of the Democratic Republic that the United States of America actually is. We are not a democracy, but rather a conglomeration of states that meet with each other under the supervision of a stronger federal government to decide the fate of the nation. Our respective House Representatives and Senators are our voice in the Legislative branch and our respective Electors are our

voice for the Execution branch. Additionally, not a single one of the 7 recorded instances of an Elector voting against the will of the people has changed the results of an election.

2. While it is theoretically possible to win a small portion of the popular vote and still win, the odds of that happening are up there with a meteor killing the popular candidate the day before the election. The potential for abuse is there, but it's also present in any government position that has any power. The President, as head of the Executive branch, can choose whether to actively enforce laws passed by the Congress, or flat out ignore the rulings of the Supreme Court, as President Andrew Jackson did with regards to Cherokee Indian relocation.

3. The Upper House of the Legislative branch is structured so that every state, regardless of population, is given an equal vote. If proportional representation is so important, perhaps we should handle Senate elections the same way House elections are.

For better or for worse, the next election will be decided by the Electoral College. This trend will most certainly continue for many more years to come, since opposition to the Electoral College, while growing, is nowhere near the levels required to change the Constitution.

A Tale of Two Libraries

DAVE BACHTEL

IT WAS the best of times, it was the worst of times. It was the age of procrastination, it was the age of Mountain Dew. It was the age of frozen microwave dinners, it was the age of chocolate milk. This, (for better or worse) however, is not "A Tale of Two Cities." Neither is this "A Tale of the Eating Habits of a Single Male College Student." This, my astute reader, is "A Tale of Two Libraries."

The first library is that which lies in the present and the past. It is the library that has spanned countless generations and civilizations around the globe. This library is a monument to human achievement; not only in the knowledge contained therein, but to the meticulous detail and thought which have gone into the categorical organization of such knowledge.

The second library is that which lies in the future. Books still exist, as do librarians, except computers have slowly begun to replace the human factor that lends a library its character.

But what happens when the computers go down? The answer is that a library can become a very scary place.

In Fall of 2003, I had a US History paper due. Being the thick-headed student that I was (am), I decided to wait until the day before the paper was due to really start writing. Without a second thought, I walked over to our campus library to pull some required "hard" sources for my paper (non-digital, published works). I waltzed up

to the computer terminal, only to discover that the online card catalog wasn't working. It seemed like a bad dream (the kind where the walls begin to close in and it becomes hard to breathe). I had become a victim of my own procrastination.

After catching my breath, I inquired as to where I might find literature on my semi-obscure topic at the front desk. I was directed toward an office near the reference section of the library. The clerk was fast and friendly. In (literally) under sixty seconds, he had produced two sources to assist me with my paper from memory. By produced, I do not simply mean that he pointed in a vague general direction or wrote down a number; I mean that both of the sources were opened, on the table, and turned to the correct pages. I was blown away. I took some notes, thanked the librarian, and returned to my home to finish the paper.

The more I think about it, the more I realize that there is a certain degree of sadness to the increase in technology. Yes, it enables us to get more things accomplished in a shorter period of time. But have we become too reliant upon it? Will there always be someone like a librarian who can put back the pieces if the system falls apart? Who will be the keepers of knowledge if society breaks down and everyone is running around Mad-max style, with dune buggies and football pads? But for now we have librarians, and for that, I am very grateful.

The Dr. Pepper Fiasco, an Epic Tale

CJ SHRADER

The day is Tuesday, July 27. I'm working hard on finishing my Video Game Development and Design game prototype. I feel the dry tickle at the back of my throat that tells me I'm thirsty, but I despair. I have no soda anywhere around me, and drinking water is for fish. I'll have to brave the hot sun and make the laborious trek from the University Commons to the Howell Dormitory if I'll be drinking today.

Luckily for me, I have through some miracle saved two dollars in my cow-skin money-pouch/PDA holder. More than enough for the purchase of a Dr. Pepper. I suit up in my adventuring gear (shoes), and rush outside, only to be assaulted by the burning sun. I knew that if I wasn't quick, I would surely dehydrate. I rushed past the Commons, over the deadly sand pits of Howell, and entered around the back of the towering building where my prize awaited. Only one more test remained.

I found the soda machine near the police station, just where I thought it would be. I pulled out my first dollar, the Dollar of Hope. Quickly, I inserted it into the soda machine, which grabbed at it greedily. I removed my second dollar from my cow-skin pouch, and place it into the slot. The machine would not grab at it; the machine did nothing at all to acknowledge this new dollar. Naturally, this confused me, for it had registered my original dollar and

given me credit as such.

I examined the slot that had taken my original dollar and, to my surprise, found that the machine was choking on it! The dollar had not been taken all the way in, even though I had been given

ment. I climb over the mountain of neglected clothes that was once my bed. I peek into the forbidden Christmas Jar of Change and pull out a single dime and four quarters, just in case. Naturally, though, I hoped my dollar credit would still be in the machine when I returned.

Once more I walked to Howell, and confronted the soda machine. Indeed, it had finally swallowed my dollar. Yet, there was no more credit. What fiend had walked by and profited from my misfortune? Or, had the devilish machine simply stolen my dollar and erased any evidence that I had ever been there. I did not know, nor did I have time to find out. My body needed liquid, and fast.

I inserted my final dollar, which the machine accepted without issue. I then inserted the dime...the dime that had cost me two more walks in the blaring sun.

The machine accepted it as well, without question. It smugly dispensed my Dr. Pepper.

I reached for the Dr. Pepper, and pulled it out of the drink dispenser. It was mine at last! However, a flash of silver from the dispenser distracted me. I looked down and found, to my horror, the single object that would have saved me from so much walking.

A dime.



Bad soda machine, BAD!

credit for it. No amount of prying or pulling would get the original dollar back out, and I had no dime with which to finish the transaction. Despair filled my heart as the Dr. Pepper was just outside of my grasp. I checked the ground around the machine for a dime, but to no avail. I knew what I had to do.

In the burning sun, I make the trek all the way back to my apart-

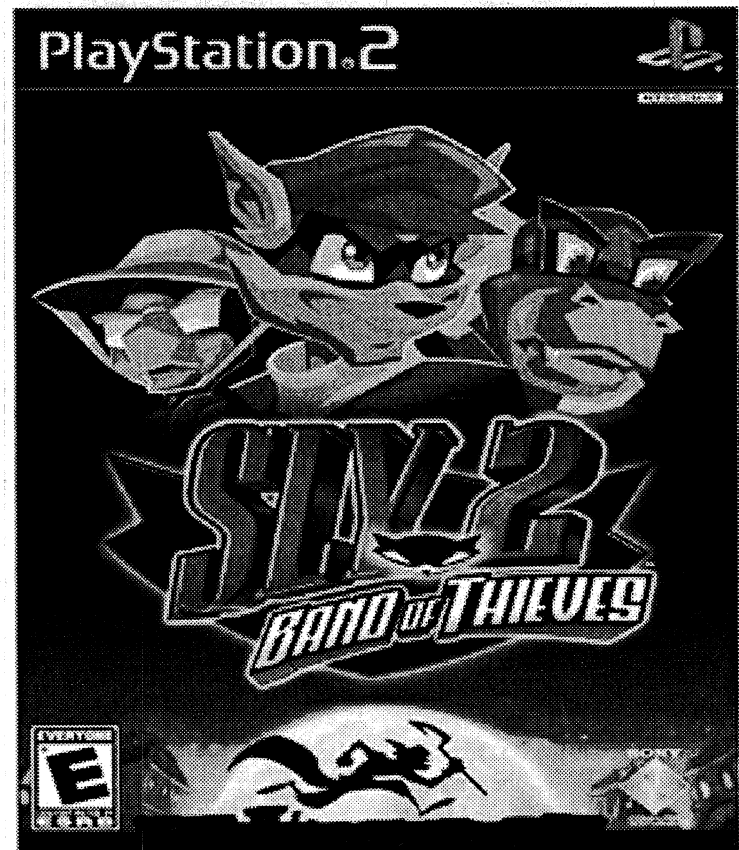
Sly 2

STEVEN MERRITT

Sly 2 is a platformer with multiple playable character and stealth elements with a lot of mini-games added in for good measure. Sly 2 follows the typical plot line of any game that features a raccoon with a turtle and hippo as friends that work together as thieves trying to recover the parts of a mechanical menace that killed your entire family line, all while being chased by a raccoon cop that is the love interest of the raccoon thief. Err, wait, there might not be any other games with that plot line.

Sly Cooper, the raccoon, is by far the stealthiest character of the group. He has the ability to pick pocket characters and walk on tight ropes as well as balance himself on sharp points. Bently the turtle, on the other hand, is the brains of the operation and often explains the mission objectives. When playing as Bently you have a tranquilizer gun and bombs. Murry the hippo is the brawn of the operation. He is good for beating the crap out of opponents and lifting heavy objects.

Sly 2 is broken up into different chapters in which the gang steals Clockwork parts (the parts



of the mechanical menace that killed your family). These chapters typically start with taking photos and then setting up the heist. Often the missions in which you accomplish these objectives involve using more than one of the playable characters.

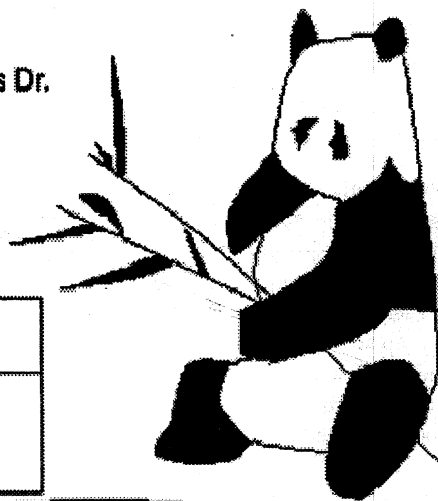
Sly 2 is definitely one of the most original platformers out

there and one of the best, if not the best platformer I've ever played. I would recommend this game to any gamer that's willing to play a game that isn't gory or super violent. This is sure to be one of the best games of the year.

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Halo 2

CHRISTIAAN FUNKHOUSER

Halo®: Combat Evolved is the best first person shooter on the market today. The story of Halo begins with the Halo, a creation of the Forerunners that rotates throughout space. When the *Pillar of Autumn* is made lame by enemy fire, the captain orders Master Chief into a guerrilla warfare style of fighting against the vast Covenant race. The Master Chief's only help is every computer nerds' dream woman, Cortana.

The long levels. The amazing action. The "Flood" of enemies. Running to get the ammo before the Hunter can smash you. Halo was an amazing game. Can we expect the same from Halo 2? Before we delve into that, let's look at our most memorable moments of Halo.

The beginning of the game when we get our first gun. My favorite memory. The adventure begins. However, how many of us can remember the first time we saw the flood; the grotesque creatures that would stop at nothing before destroying us: The flinging tentacles of the half-formed flood creatures. What about meeting 343 Guilty Spark (That flying blue orb) as Master Chief maneuvered his way through the library, praying that we could hear Guilty Spark's voice again and that he would bring the much needed sentries to kill some of the massive flood. Who could forget the race to the finish, where the creators of Halo gave us about 20 seconds too few. The mad dash to the end had more adrenaline going through my body than the Acrophobia at Six Flags could ever hope to give me or anyone for that matter.

Halo 2 takes place on Earth. The Covenant has located it and we (this writer and a lot of other people) believe 343 Guilty Spark has some-

thing to do with it. The Covenant is very organized this time. The AI has become adaptive, and rumor has it that the Grunts and weaker units will avoid you (Master Chief) and focus on the weaker marines, while



It's like Tron...only in the future!

keeping with realism, the Chief cannot lob grenades with both guns out. This is truly a butt pain because we have to drop the second gun, lob the grenade, then pick it up again. Raise your hand if you won't

Brutes (a new, more powerful Covenant Shock Trooper) and Hunters will focus on you, almost ignoring the marines. The Prophets, the brains of the Covenant operation will show themselves replacing the flood as the main enemy about halfway through the game.

However, the Covenant has learned from our cheapness in Halo. More powerful Covenant forces will have head armor to help prevent sniping with the pistol. Not only that, but the Covenant is planning to prevent Guerrilla warfare by flooding (no pun intended) every square inch with troops.

We've learned, and Master Chief has been practicing. He can now carry two of any weapon, whether Covenant or Human. Sadly,

be throwing as many grenades! The nerve of Bungie to make us use strategy. That's just disgusting. But they're making this gamer happy by letting us have the Beam sword with a one hit K.O. combo.

Using the Covenant technology gotten from different skirmishes, technicians on earth have gotten rid of the almost useless machine gun and are replacing the weapon on the back of the Warthog (Or Puma) with a powerful plasma weapon that will destroy a Covenant tank in 3 fast firing shots. They've also installed an Emergency brake for those quick 180 turns. You'll need it, some parts in the game you'll have to turn around quicker than

John Kerry when someone disagrees with him.

The Ghost has been upgraded with a boost (sadly it renders your weapons inactive), and can take damage. The player will also be able to kick the Covenant out of the Ghost (which will stop all those cheap elites and newbies in multiplayer).

Who wants better graphics? How about dust from walking? What about shooting incoming ships and not only seeing scraps of metal fly off, but also places where the metal used to be?

X-Box live support for multiplayer action takes away the need for Bots. Clans can be made on X-box live with fully customizable options such as clan insignias that are rumored to appear on your newly fashioned armor in multiplayer matches. New maps allow for better strategy. Destruct-

ible items will be put into place and can be blown up to destroy nearby enemies (like the cans of toxic waste in Goldeneye). You can now either play as a Spartan or a Covenant Elite.

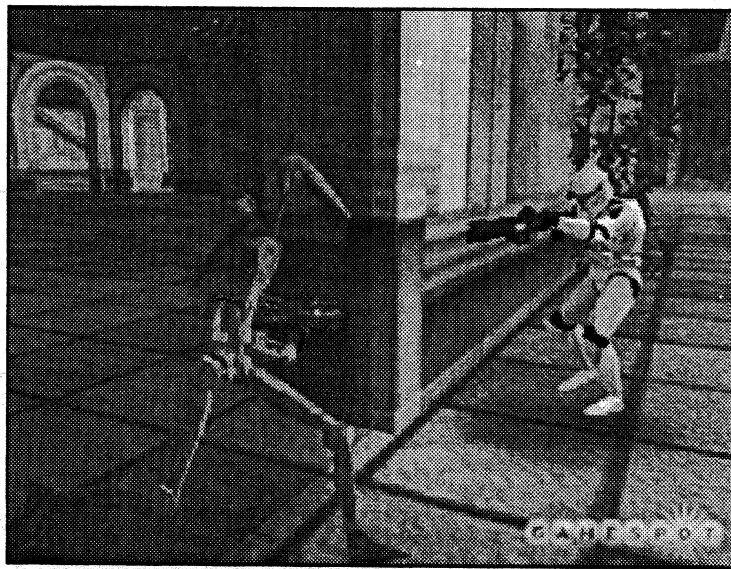
I definitely suggest picking up Halo 2 if you can find a copy available. It will be well worth it. I'll be getting it when it comes out on November 9th and staying up all night to make sure it's beaten before Studio on Wednesday. School will be an empty place on the 10th. Well, devoid of most guys, the true Halo fans. So if you're single make sure you're at school early because the ratio of Guys to Girls will be cut about 50% to 1200 guys to every girl. The chances of you picking a girl is just like if you were at KSU... almost... but who am I kidding, no one's going to be in school on the 10th except girls, and unconverted people who own one of those inferior systems...like a PS2.

Star Wars Battlefront

STEVEN MERRITT

Battlefield Nineteen Four.... erm I mean Star Wars Battlefront features some of the best multiplayer combat for the consoles. As the name suggests, Star Wars Battlefront is all about the battles. Each mission is a battle between the

Each side has vehicles. These can be flying or ground vehicles and each controls differently. These vehicles grant players the ability to take more damage and dish more damage out to other players on the battlefield. The most impressive



A stick bug goes up against a KKK member. In the future.

Counter-Strike: Source

STEVEN MERRITT

Counter-Strike: Source, made using the new Half-Life 2 engine, is the remake of the ever-popular "Why hasn't it died already!?" Counter-Strike mod for the original Half-Life game. In fact, Counter-Strike is the most popular online shooting game. Counter-Strike: Source is the newest product in the Counter-Strike

objects in the environment can be moved about with a bullet or by bumping into them.

CSS is a team based game which pits a terrorist team against a counter-terrorist team. Terrorists have objectives like killing counter terrorists or blowing up a building while counter terrorists have objec-

different categories such as shot-guns, smg, rifles and hand guns. Each gun has its own distinctive sound and feel. Choosing wisely can be an important factor in success as some guns are better for long range combat than others.

CSS controls very well and is definitely a great game to play online. The only real problems with the game are the same as that of the original CS. When you die, you have to wait on the round to end before you can give it another shot. This means that you'll be spending some serious time just waiting on the round to end unless you are already great at the game. This can add a lot to the frustration and make the game difficult to enjoy.

Overall, CSS is a great game and well worth playing. It comes with every version of Half-Life 2 which will be available on Nov 16th barring some catastrophic event such as space aliens taking over the earth. Then again given the kind of bad luck Valve has been having with Half-Life 2's release date, is a space alien invasion all that unlikely?



franchise which uses Valve's new Half-Life 2 engine.

Because of the new Half-Life 2 engine, CSS (Counter-Strike Source) features some rich graphics with well-detailed characters and great sound to boot. The physics engine is also there. Bodies flop realistically after you kill an opponent and

tives like rescue hostages or stop the terrorists from blowing up a building. The match ends when a team has completed its objective or eliminated the opposition.

CSS features a lot of guns to choose from which are bought at the beginning of each round. These guns are separated into a few

light side and the dark side for control of a part of a planet.

Control of the battlefield is measured in number of characters and number of spawn points controlled. Spawn points are denoted by a light source on the ground and can be captured by walking over it staying there for a few seconds. When a team controls all the spawn points, the game is over.

Alternatively you can win a match by killing of the opposing sides players. Teams tend to be around 200 characters, but you never have all of them on the screen at any given point in time, but that's not to say these battles aren't huge. Aside from Call of Duty, this game is the game that best gives the feeling of being in a huge war.

aspect of the vehicles is just how different the controls are from one to the next. You can get into hovering car-like vehicles or a giant rotating rocket launcher or ATAT.

Each team has their own list of characters. Each list contains a pilot, sniper, demolitions and general purpose fighter. This adds an extra amount of depth to the game in that you have to choose wisely which you wish to be each time you respawn so that you will be able to effectively attack the opposing side's spawn points.

Overall Star Wars Battlefront is an amazing game. The battles are big and it has just the right level of strategy. This is the best multiplayer console shooter. If you have a PC, you are better off with Unreal Tournament 2004, but console players can't go wrong with this game.

The Histories that Matter – Those Kooky Buildings

CJ SHRADER

When I first arrived on this campus two years ago, I remember looking at the so-called Joe Mack Wilson Student Center and asking myself, who on earth is Joe Mack Wilson and why is our student center named after him? Well, that's what I hope to cover in this Histories that Matter.

I went to four buildings: the student center, the Lawrence V. Johnson Library, the Burruss auditorium, the W. Clair Harris Apparel and Textile Center of Excellence (Hey, I don't come up with the names), and the Atrium building. I took a picture of each of their commemorative plaques which tell what that particular person did for the school, and now I will attempt to go a little deeper into each person's background. Let's see what happens.

Oh, and so you don't have to go walking around campus yourself, I've repeated what each plaque says in this article.

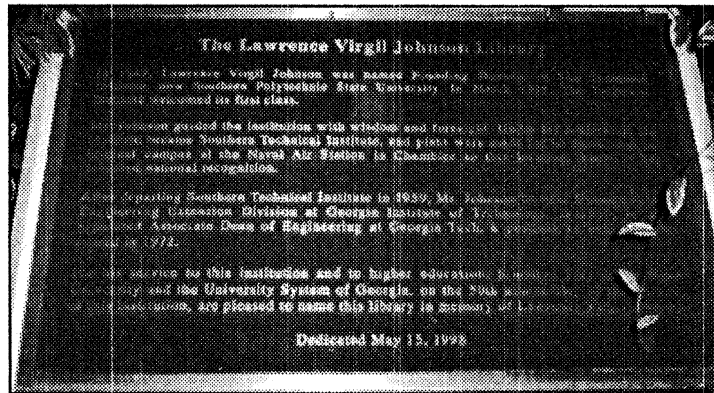
Joe Mack Wilson Student Center

What the Plaque Says: Southern College of Technology Joe Mack Wilson Student Center dedicated January 20, 1994.

[A picture is shown, followed by the dates 1919-1993]

The Southern College of Technology Student Center is dedicated to the memory of the honorable Joe Mack Wilson in appreciation of, and respect for, his dedicated commitment to this center, our college and our community.

tance helped provide quality improvement funds for instructional equipment, a new funding formula, and many campus improvements at Southern Tech. His tireless efforts over the years to acquire and maintain funding for this student center



Lawrence V. Johnson was involved in a sodomy case?! Oh, wait, that's Lawrence vs. Johnson. I knew that.

are a primary cause of its existence today, as a focal point for our campus life.

Behind the Scenes: Heyyyy Mr. Willlllsssoooooon was given the largest plaque of any of them, in arguably the most important building at the school. And, honestly, the plaque really sums up most of what he did.

The only real "dirt" I could find on him (Oh, and it's juicy) is from 1980, when Georgia was reapportioning voter districts, and Wilson was on the Reapportionment Committee. The original plan for voter districts was oddly formed, with no district being majority black. The

The District of Columbia Court officially declared that "Representative Joe Mack Wilson is a racist."

Upon hearing this, according to liebertonline.com, Wilson exploded "[I]f you don't conde-

scend and give in to everything black people want, you're tagged a racist."

Did he reform after this incident? I really don't know and can't find out. All I have to say is that he may not have been as great a guy as his plaque says he is.

Lawrence V. Johnson Library

What the Plaque Says: The Lawrence Virgil Johnson Library

In 1947, Lawrence Virgil Johnson was named Founding Director of The Technical Institute, now Southern Polytechnic State University. In March 1948, The Technical Institute welcomed its first class.

Mr. Johnson guided the institution with wisdom and foresight. Under his leadership, the Institute became Southern Technical Institute, and plans were made for its move from its original campus at the Naval Air Station in Chamblee to this location, where it has achieved national recognition.

After departing Southern Technical Institute in 1959, Mr. Johnson became Director of the Engineering Extension Division at Georgia Institute of Technology. In 1979, he was appointed Associate Dean of Engineering at Georgia Tech, a position he held until he retired in 1972.

For his service to this institution and to higher education, Southern Polytechnic State University and the University System of Georgia, on the 50th anniversary of the opening of this institution, are pleased to name this library in memory of Lawrence Virgil Johnson.

Dedicated May 15, 1998

Behind the Scenes: Johnson's plaque was almost half history of the school and half of his history. Early in Johnson's career, he taught physics and aeronautics. Annnnd...that's all. Like the plaque says, he helped plan and found SPSU, and his career and life went exactly as the plaque says. Thanks plaque, for doing all my work for me.

(On a side note, there is a sodomy law case named Lawrence

v. Johnson...but that's unrelated)

Burruss Auditorium

What the Plaque Says: Dedicated this 3rd day of October, 1986 in memory of Representative A.L. "Al" Burruss in recognition of his many contributions to Southern Tech and to education in Georgia

Behind the Scenes: Apparently, Burruss made so very many contributions to Southern Tech and to education in Georgia that he got the smallest plaque and only had a room named after him.

The world evened up though...apparently, there is an Al Burruss Institute of Public Service, Al Burruss Elementary School, and an Al Burruss Nature Park.

In 1954, Al Burruss acquired a poultry company named Tip Top. He served as president of Tip Top Poultry until his death in 1986.

Al Burruss assisted Joe Mack Wilson with increasing the education system's budget. Honestly, I think he got a plaque because he piggy-backed off of what Joe Mack Wilson did for SPSU.

W. Clair Harris Apparel and Textile Center of Excellence

What the Plaque Says: W. Clair Harris

1901-1973

W. Clair Harris, a dedicated and visionary leader in the apparel industry, will always be remembered as a pioneer in education and industry. During his distinguished career, Mr. Harris served as

- Founder and Chairman, Carwood Manufacturing Company (now Duck Head Apparel)
- President, American Apparel Manufacturers Association
- President, Southern Garment Association
- a leader in a wide range of

It seems that Mr. Harris had quite a bit of money and had his hands in various businesses. Beyond the businesses mentioned on the plaque, he was also chairman and president of W.C. Harris & Co. and Harris Realty Company until he died.

What I believe his plaque and two paintings in the Textile building really mean is that he donated a lot of money to this school. I think my belief is supported by the fact that in 1999, the Harris estate, now lead by his widow, donated \$17 million to Emory University School of Medicine for research and to support the Harris Scholarship fund.

I wonder how much his plaque and building at SPSU cost him?

The Atrium Building

What the Plaque Says: John C. Atrium Building

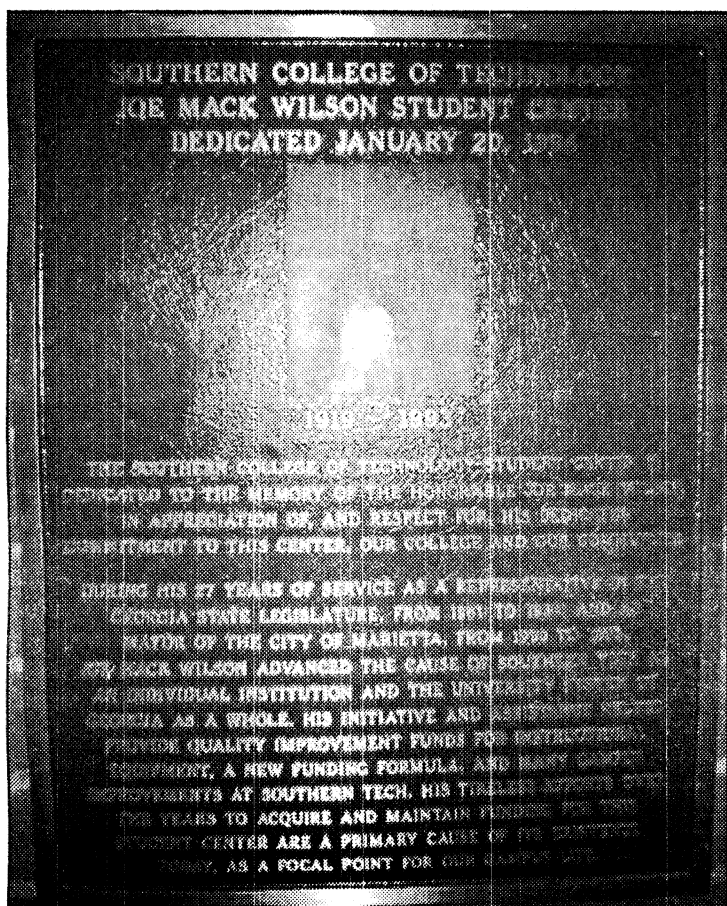
1920-1994

Representative John C. Atrium made many strides in improving and restructuring the way Southern Tech has been run over the years. He implemented course rosters, roster courses, class scheduling, and hired new professors and staff.

Thanks to charitable contributions made by John C. Atrium, the Atrium building was able to be constructed. If it weren't for his philanthropic donations, the school wouldn't be the fine institution that it is today.

The John C. Atrium building is dedicated in his honor.

Behind the Scenes: Ok, calm down, I'm sure most of you are writing me rabid e-mails right now. I lied. There is no John C. Atrium, and there is no plaque outside of the Atrium building. It's only called Atrium because it's at the "heart" of the campus, if you didn't actually already know that. I just couldn't help but

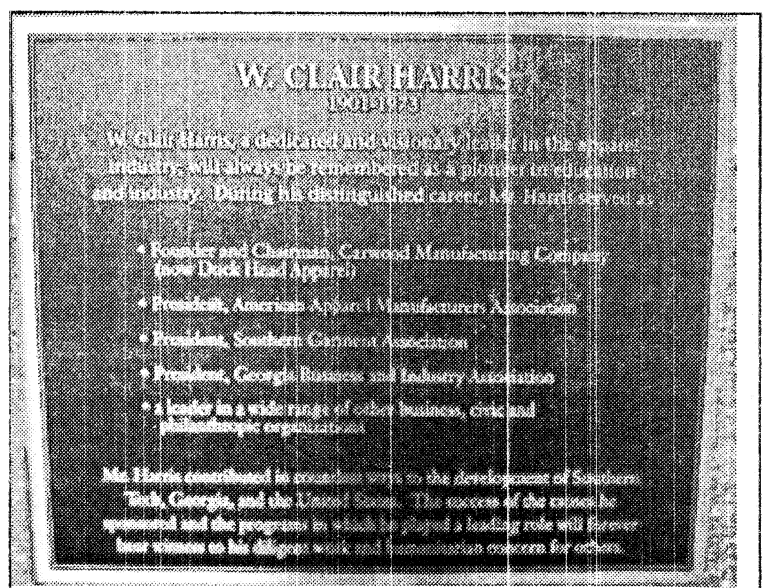


Joe Mack Wilson wasn't as good a guy as he seemed. Oh, and I think this photo took a picture of his ghost. Just look at the picture in the plaque. That's weird.

During his 27 years of service as a representative in the Georgia State Legislature, from 1961 to 1988, and as mayor of the city of Marietta, from 1990 to 1993, Joe Mack Wilson advanced the cause of Southern Tech as an individual institution and the university system of Georgia as a whole. His initiative and assistance provided quality improvement funds for instructional equipment, a new funding formula, and many other improvements at Southern Tech. His tireless efforts over the years to acquire and maintain funding for this student center are a primary cause of its existence today, as a focal point for our campus life.

committee was ordered to re-apportion. When Wilson heard about this, he said...well, first a disclaimer. He uses a naughty word here which I don't like to repeat, but I feel it's necessary to show this secret side of Mr. Wilson. I apologize if I offend anyone.

Joe Mack Wilson said "I don't want to draw nigger districts."



Plaques are the leading cause of the gum disease gingivitis.

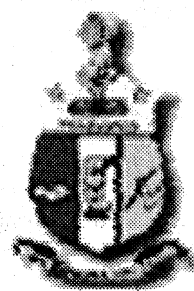
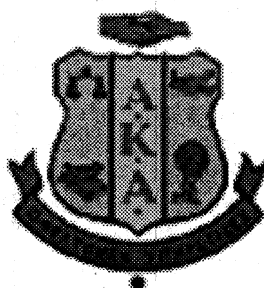
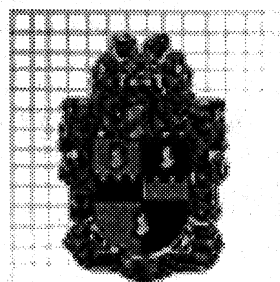
other business, civic and philanthropic organizations

Mr. Harris contributed in countless ways to the development of Southern Tech, Georgia, and the United States. The success of the causes he sponsored and the programs in which he played a leading role will forever bear witness to his diligent work and humanitarian concern for others.

Behind the Scenes: Wow, Duck Head. He also has a stadium named after him.

make something up.

Speaking of rabid e-mails, why don't you go ahead and send me one? Drop a message to rshrader@spsu.edu and tell me what question you'd like to see answered in the next Histories that Matter. I'd be glad to hear from you.



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MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Nov. 5	Florida Memorial	Marietta, GA	8:00 PM
Nov. 9	Crichton College	Memphis, TN	TBA
Nov. 13	Shorter College	Marietta, GA	6:00 PM
Nov. 16	Knoxville College	Knoxville, TN	7:30 PM
Nov. 19	Trevecca Nazarene	Marietta, GA	8:00 PM
Nov. 20	Crichton College	Marietta, GA	4:00 PM
Nov. 24	Grace Bible College	Marietta, GA	7:30 PM
Nov. 27	Southern Wesleyan	Central, SC	4:00 PM
Nov. 29	Emmanuel College	Franklin Springs, CA	8:00 PM
Dec. 2	Georgia Southwestern	Marietta, GA	7:30 PM
Dec. 4	North Georgia	Dahlonega, GA	5:00 PM
Dec. 21	Davenport	Marietta, GA	5:00 PM

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Nov. 5	Savannah College	Savannah, GA	6:00 PM
Nov. 6	Webber	Savannah, GA	4:00 PM
Nov. 12	Milligan	Marietta, GA	8:00 PM
Nov. 13	Savannah College	Marietta, GA	4:00 PM
Nov. 16	Kennesaw State	Kennesaw, GA	7:00 PM
Nov. 19	Brescia	Lebanon, TN	2:00 PM
Nov. 20	Cumberland University	Lebanon, TN	6:00 PM
Nov. 23	Shorter College	Marietta, GA	5:30 PM
Nov. 27	Southern Wesleyan	Central, SC	2:00 PM
Nov. 29	Emmanuel College	Franklin Springs, GA	6:00 PM
Dec. 2	Georgia Southwestern	Marietta, GA	5:30 PM
Dec. 4	North Georgia	Dahlonega, GA	3:00 PM
Dec. 8	Morris College	Sumter, GA	6:00 PM
Dec. 21	Davenport University	Marietta, GA	3:00 PM

movies to go see

BY HEATHER GIROUX

Shaun of the Dead

"A romantic comedy. With zombies."

This British film directed by Edgar Wright takes the zombie genre and turns it on its decaying head. Shaun is a thirty-something stuck in a dead end job with a girlfriend who's fed up and a best friend who's always around. After fighting about the same ole, same ole Liz (the girlfriend) finally gives up and pushes Shaun out of her life. Then there are some zombies that appear and Shaun tries to save Liz in

quintessential 'love conquers all' fashion. This movie is great for the faint of heart that still want to be in the Halloween spirit. It has zombies, it has imminent death...but in a funny way.

The Grudge

"It never forgives. It never forgets"

This movie starring Sarah Michelle Gellar and directed by Takashi Shimizu is based on the Japanese hit Ju-On: The Grudge. Ju-On is actually a series of horror movies (all directed by Shimizu) in Japan much like

Friday the 13th or Nightmare on Elm Street here in the States. A horrible murder in a fit of rage is committed in a house. The house carries 'the grudge' of this event in the form of a curse that consumes all who enter it. This movie is a bit hard to follow since the storyline is not unfolded in a linear approach like most movies, but it is creepy nonetheless. A good flick to see, but why do we keep having to remake horror movies from Japan?

Saw

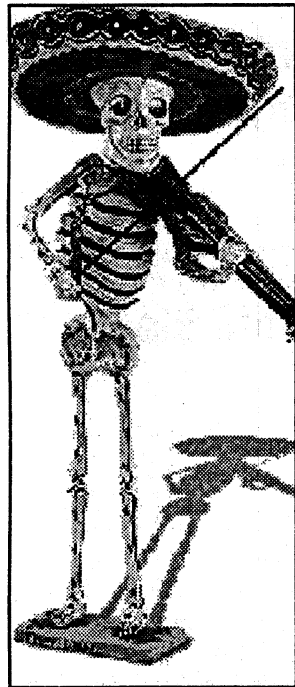
"Every piece has a puzzle"

The first directorial attempt of James Wan, Saw is a gruesome looking film of ghastly proportions. The first scene places two men held captive on opposite corners of a small room with a dead body in between them. If that doesn't sound like the beginnings of a great scare I don't know what does. Saw promises to be mighty pleasing to those of us F'd up at heart.

movies to go rent

BY HEATHER GIROUX

If you're too cheap to go to the movies or just hate seeing scary movies in a large crowd, these rentals are for you. All movie selections listed below can be found at either Hollywood Video located at: 2135 Roswell Rd, Marietta, GA 30062, or at the local Blockbuster at 270 Cobb Parkway, Marietta, GA 30060.



Dawn of the Dead

This is by far my favorite horror movie. Directed by the great George A. Romero, it is the sequel to Night of the Living Dead. Three people are trying to escape from the mobs of zombies roaming the country. Where do they end up?...the mall. This movie has great character development and an intriguing storyline. A must see in my book.

House of 1000 Corpses

This whirlwind of the freakish is the work of Rob Zombie. This movie is set in the 70s following a bunch of kids who decide to take a "ride" and hear the story of Dr. Satan. Soon those same characters are wishing they never stepped foot in that house. The ending is an extra crazy way to have the film come full circle and there are plenty of images to scare you late at night. There is a sequel entitled The Devil's Rejects that is 'coming soon' from Lion's Gate.

Pumpkinhead

This is a monster movie of the gory kind. Ed Harley's son is accidentally killed by bikers on their way to a cabin. To avenge his son's death, Harley enlists the help of a witch to conjure up Pumpkinhead. This demon is evil, ugly, and likes to torture its victims. Doesn't that sound like a nice way to curl up and spend an evening on the sofa?

Texas Chainsaw Massacre

This movie follows a group of teenagers on a road trip. This movie really isn't your typical scary, but it is creepy as hell. The images portrayed are so bizarre and horrific that you won't be able to shake them out of your memory. The great thing about this movie is that it's filmed almost like a documentary. This makes it much more realistic and believable. Oh, and that remake that came out last year? It's shitty, don't watch it.

Hellraiser

Gruesome is always the first word that comes to mind when I think of this movie. There's a guy upstairs in the attic that doesn't have too much skin anymore. There are torture scenes that would probably make suspension and tension artists squirm. Of course there is also Pinhead himself, what a crazy looking bad guy.

Sleepaway Camp

Horror movies are always set at a camp or single cabin in the woods, this movie is no different. Angela and her cousin are sent away to Sleepaway Camp for the summer. Angela is a shy kid

who doesn't really play well with others but does find a way to fall into a blossoming summer relationship. While all of this is happening, people who are extra jerky start dying in weird ways. It's a typical 80s slasher flick, but the ending is nuts and needs to be viewed by all.

Zombie

This is an Italian horror movie directed by Lucio Fulci. The plot for this movie isn't that amazing, but the special effects completely make up for it. The decaying zombies look as realistic as I've ever seen; they're maggot ridden and flesh is rotting off everywhere. If you want to witness primo makeup effects, rent this movie.

Gates of Hell

This is another film by Lucio Fulci and better than the one listed above. It has great effects including a girl throwing up her insides in fright, but it also has a much better plotline. A priest hangs himself which opens up the 'gates of hell.' An odd duo of a journalist and psychic team up to get down to the bottom of these zombies that seem to be appearing in a small town. The ending doesn't make a bit of sense, I guess I'm not Italian enough to get it, but the movie is still good anyways.

I couldn't actually find these movies at the two video stores I checked out, but they're really good. You're in college, you should be able to do research or at least download it from the internet.

Opera

So I've introduced you to a few Fulci movies, now I can

do one better by sharing some Dario Argento films. Also an Italian director, Opera is a very cool story that follows Betty, an opera understudy that is suddenly now the lead in Macbeth. There is a killer in the opera house who kills members of the cast while making Betty watch. The most memorable scene for me is when Betty is forced to watch a killing because needles are taped under her eyes preventing her from closing them. How inventive is that?

Suspiria

Also directed by Dario Argento, this movie follows Suzy, an American ballet dancer. She goes to Europe for ballet school and finds much more than just a barre. A coven is killing many of the girls of the school and people around town. Rent this flick to solve the mystery and view the mayhem.

Ringu

Many of you have probably seen The Ring with Naomi Watts that came out in 2002. Well Ringu is the original from Japan dating back to 1998. This version was a hit in Japan and even spawned a sequel, Ringu 2. The storyline is almost exactly the same, but the essence is not. I don't know if it's because the actors are Japanese, but for some reason they're just a little creepier. Plus Ringu doesn't patronize its audience by turning to it and explaining exactly why it takes 7 days for a person to die after watching the tape. The first is always the best, or at least it is in this case.

haunted housies

BY HEATHER GIROUX

Alpharetta

House on Horror Hill

9785 Brumbelow Rd.
Alpharetta, GA 30022

Price: \$8

Dates: October 28 - 31

Times: Dusk - Dawn

Atlanta

Tom Savini's Crypt of Terror

600 Wharton Circle
Atlanta, GA 30336

Price: \$15

Dates: October 1 - 31

Times: Sunday through

Thursday 7:13 - 11:00

Friday and

Saturday 7:13 - 12:30

Nightmare

Haunted House

600 Wharton Circle
Atlanta, GA 30336

Price: \$15

Dates: October 1 - 31

Times: Sunday through

Thursday 7:13 - 11:00

Friday and

Saturday 7:13 - 12:30

You can also buy a

double ticket for \$23

which includes both

Crypt of Terror and

Nightmare Haunted

House since they are next

door to each other.

Austell

Six Flags Over Georgia

7561 Six Flags Parkway
Austell, GA 30168

Price: Park Admission

\$42.99, \$34.99 online

Haunted House

Admission \$8 for one or

\$14 for both

Dates: October 29 - 31

Times: Friday 6:00 -

11:00

Saturday 10:00 -

10:00

Sunday 11:00 -

8:00

dressing up is fun

BY VINNY MIGLIORE

There are two haunted houses to choose from, Fearman's Manor and the Dungeon of Darkness.

Fearman's Manor is a year round attraction for the nominal fee of \$8, but the Dungeon of Darkness is only open during Fright Fest.

Carrollton

Camp Blood

2277 Whopping Creek Rd.

Carrollton, GA

Price: \$13 or \$18 for VIP (Their website doesn't say what VIP means though)

Dates: October 18 – 31

Times: Monday through Thursday 9:00 – 11:00
Friday and

Saturday 9:00 – Midnight

Slayer Manor

2277 Whopping Creek Rd.

Carrollton, GA

Price: \$7

Dates: October 18 – 31

Times: Monday through Thursday 9:00 – 11:00
Friday and

Saturday 9:00 – Midnight

You can also buy a combo ticket for \$20 or a combo VIP ticket for \$25. I don't know why this is mentioned since it's the same price as just paying for each separately, but there you go.

Kennesaw

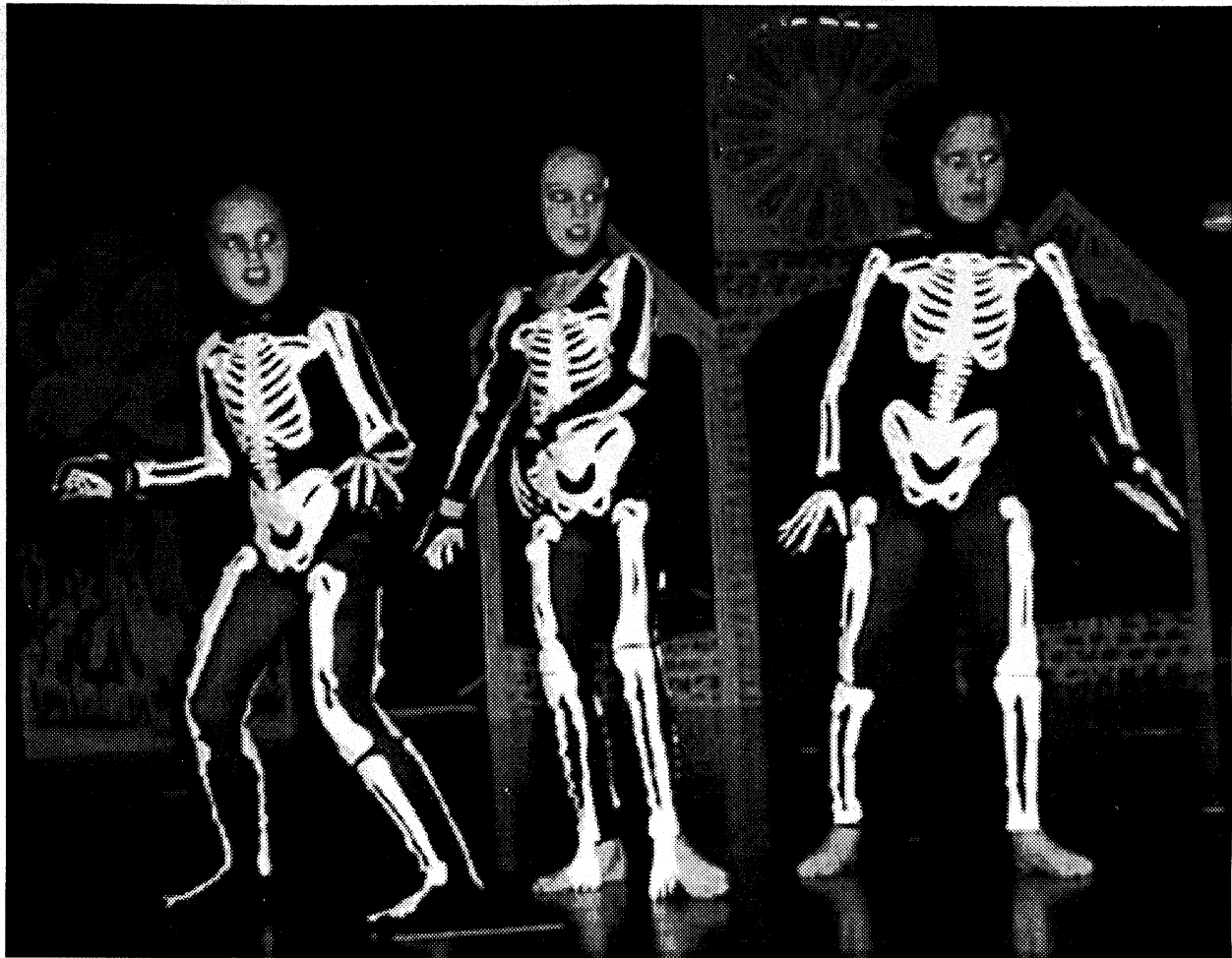
13 Stories Haunted House

2975 Town Center Dr
Kennesaw, GA 30144

Price: \$16

Dates: September 29 – October 31

Times: Sunday through Thursday Dusk – 11:00
Friday and Saturday Dusk – Midnight



Halloween is this Sunday and what better way to scare everyone the girls away than to dress up as a nerd. To be a nerd you'll have to do more than just put on some glasses and wear a dragon shirt, you'll have to get into the character. Most people don't really think about it, but there are more than just one type of nerd. When most people think of the word nerd they often recall someone who wears glasses, isn't too fashionable, and is an outcast. While this can be true in some cases, this description doesn't fully encompass what the nerd actually is. There are many sects of the nerd, and it will be up to you this Halloween to decide which nerd you'd like to go as.

The Classic Nerd

The Look--The classic nerd is a style of nerd that some might consider outdated, but there are people who still go for this retro look. In order to pull off the classic nerd you'll first need a pair of glasses. Keep in mind that you are going for a nerd look so small lenses will not do. Next, try to get a pair of pants that are about two sizes too small. It is of the utmost importance that socks be visible while you are standing up. You don't need to go overboard, but this is Halloween so don't be subtle. A dirty t-shirt is always a great compliment to high water pants, but make sure its not a sports team t-shirt otherwise you ruin the image. For a grand finale that will really make your classic

nerd look believable you should try to add pimples around the face. Remember nerds aren't clean and they have greasy faces. You won't be believable unless you too have a pizza face.

The Attitude--You will need to practice not talking to anyone. A good way to do this is to maintain eye contact with the ground as you walk. You can't very well talk to someone if you pretend they don't exist! If by chance someone does try to talk to you, you'll need to get the voice correct. Practice talking two octaves higher than you are used to. The tricky part is to speak in this high pitch but at a much lower volume so you are almost inaudible. You might have people constantly saying "What did you say?" because they can't hear you. If this is the case then pat yourself on the back. Finally you can't show confidence in anything. Make sure everyone knows that they can walk all over you, and don't ever show any emotion other than sadness. Example Quote: "I'm sorry, that was my fault"

The Egocentric Asshole Nerd

The Look--Now this look is tricky, but still very capable of being pulled off. This type of nerd will try to dress modern, but will still fall short. I recommend wearing colors that don't match and not brushing your teeth for a day or two. These types of nerds always seem to have bad breath because they can never keep their mouth shut,

but that's only because its full of shit.

The Attitude--There are two important rules you must follow when trying to pull off the EAN. The first rule is that you are smarter than everyone else. The second rule is what anyone else says is wrong no matter what. The most important thing about this person is that they get off by making others feel inferior. Unfortunately for this genre of nerd everyone except them knows that they are just full of crap. The best way to describe how to act like this nerd is to be a dick. For a touch of realism that will be sure to win you a few costume awards be nice to someone, but only because you want to use them for personal gain. Remember though that this person is a nerd so when you are by yourself it's a must to secretly have the same interests as a 6 year old. Example Quotes: "You didn't know that?" "You're so stupid"

The Computer Nerd

The Look--Computer nerds often smell like equal parts doritos, mountain dew, and virginity. A computer nerd works hard to obtain this scent, but it is highly time consuming. Unless you aren't opposed to not bathing for a week then I suggest you simply wipe cheese dust on your clothes and get ready for the bugs to swarm. Unkempt greasy hair is also another lovely trait of the computer nerd. This look can easily be mocked with some pomade and a lot of it.

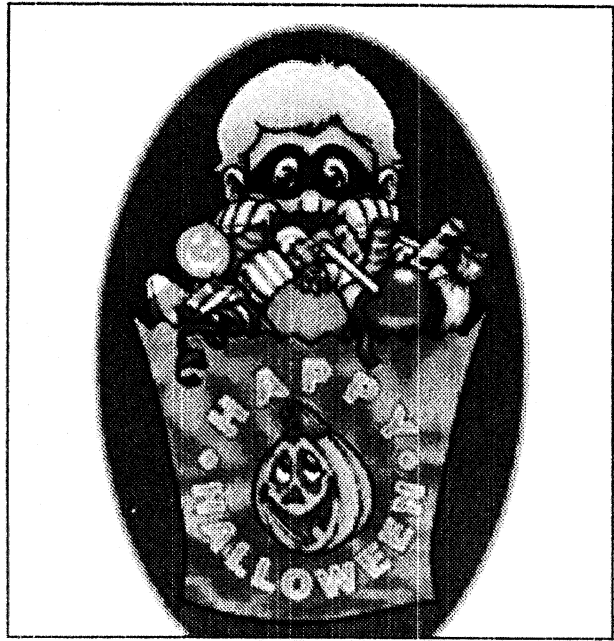
The secret to looking like a computer nerd is definitely in the dress. Try to find a black t-shirt that says something about the voices in your head, because remember computer nerds are some of the wildest and craziest people you'll ever meet!

The Attitude--Now this is where some of the lines of nerd begin to blur. If you were to go out and use the tip I gave you for the Egocentric Asshole Nerd then that would be perfectly acceptable. Approximately half of computer nerds also fall under the last division of nerd as well. The only little twist here is that instead of knowing everything about everything you'll have to pretend you only know everything about technology. The other half of computer nerds fall under the same character traits as the classic nerd. These computer nerds don't want to bother anyone they just want to stay in their room, play videogames, and punish themselves to anime. Example Quotes: "Let the roll of die decide our fate" "The only thing Microsoft could make that wouldn't suck is a vacuum."

I hope my guide will help you take a step in the right direction when choosing your costume for this year's Halloween. Please be safe this Halloween; unless of course you're being a nerd then I'm pretty sure you won't need any protection at all.

candy is dandy

BY CJ SHIFLETT



Ah, Halloween. That rustic smell of leaves and lit fireplaces permeating the air, the wide variety of costumes that all try to grab your attention, the endless parties with their bountiful supply of booze, the cries of small children getting their Trick-or-Treat bags stolen. That's what this holiday is all about, right? Wrong! When October 31st rolls around, there's only one thought racing through my mind: Candy! The pursuit, acquisition, and consumption of mounds of delicious, sticky-sweet, chocolate melting, flavored

sugar covered with a hard, brightly colored outer shell! Everything from Pixie Stix to Hershey's to Smarties contribute to the pure ecstasy that accompanies a sugar buzz.

Filler

Candy tends to fall into three (3) categories: filler, good stuff, and meh. Filler candy is a necessary evil. Like it or not, candy gets expensive. Mixing some Jawbreakers or Tootsie Rolls into the bucket of normal candy helps keep a large supply of sugary goodness that much cheaper. The low-

grade candies also keep you from overdoing the candy splurges. Eating 20 bags of M&Ms in half an hour isn't going to do much good for your system. Filler candy like Smarties and Blow Pops make you wait and pace yourself between those gooey mouthfuls of chocolaty sweetness.

Good Stuff

Ah, the good candy. This is the stuff you wade through the rest of that filler garbage to get to. This year, I noticed some new gimmicks sitting alongside the traditional ones, like brown and orange M&Ms and candy bars wrapped in scary-looking wrappers. Apparently, the 'new' Shrek 2 movie has inspired the Mars Corporation to make its candy bar wrappers glow in the dark. Hopefully, whatever they used to make those wrappers glow won't seep into the Milky Way and Snickers bars trapped inside. The selling price for these 'specialty' treats is higher than normal, probably to cover the costs of lawsuits coming from retarded children trying to eat the pretty green wrappers. I was also pleased to see that Hershey's still sells its

'variety packs'. Those packs are the ones with the Krackel, Goodbar, Hershey's, and Dark Chocolate mini-bars inside. Krackel and Dark Chocolate are the two pieces of candy I go for first, before the kids can get back off the ground and take their bags of candy back.

Meh

Everything that's not utter crap or just a special version of regular candy falls into the 'Meh' category. This is the candy that you pass over when going for the good stuff, but don't feed to small dogs to see the effects like you do with filler candy. This category also includes the 'traditional' candy like candy corn and those peanut butter kisses, you know, the sticky pieces of goop wrapped in a piece of black or orange paper. I like to put Reese's pieces into this category as well, for two reasons. First, they're too tasty to peg squirrels with, and secondly, they're not good enough to fight over.

This article has to finish now, because my leg has already started shaking from thinking of so much concentrated sugar in one easy, convenient, delicious form...

skeleton stickers

BY BAILEY HUMPHRIES

This Halloween I have but one goal, to find the ultimate Halloween sticker set. Every year there are countless numbers of Halloween sets released but many times, all times, they fall short of greatness, most of the time they're filled with cartoonish skulls and pumpkins and bats with speech bubbles that say "Bat." Every year I am disappointed with the stickers that are released but this year I am optimistic.

The perfect set of Halloween stickers has six pages. The first two pages are nothing but skulls followed by another two pages of skeletons followed by bats then famous Halloween characters.

The skulls are all mildly cartoonish, but they all do not smile. No more than 1/3rd of the skulls smile, and no more than 1/6th of the skulls have eyeballs. Smiling skulls with eyeballs tend to creep their way into sticker sets by the dozen, it's simply the first sign of bad design. Skulls are also typically the most important section for one reason and one reason only, skulls make for great stickers.

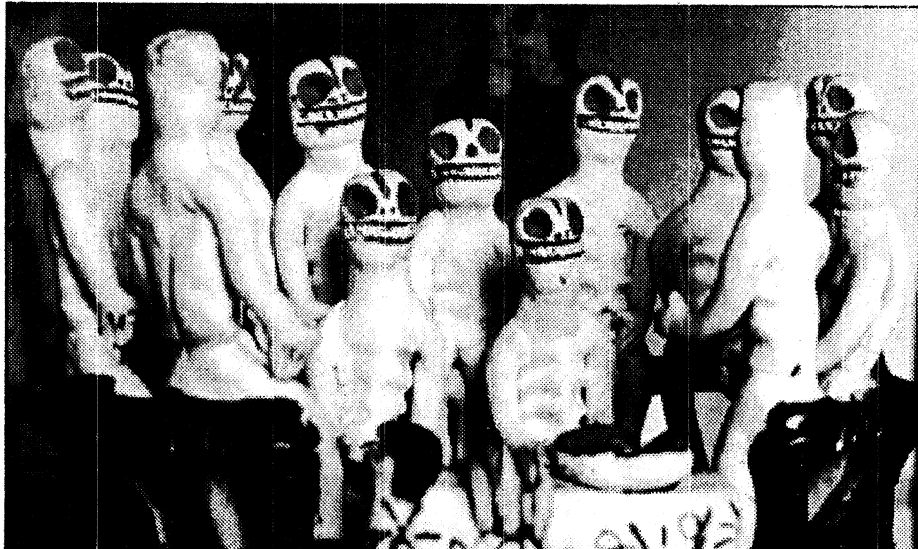
Skeletons are my favorite and my opinions of them are lustfully subjective. Now they may be cartoonish or they may be realistic but there is one rule for sexy skeleton stickers; they must have dignity. The skeletons should remain dignified throughout the entire sticker pack. When you put a sticker of a skeleton on something to give it a more seasonable cheer you are dressing it with only the finest the sticker world has to offer. In turn, when that skeleton has dignity, he is respected, he is honored.

Bats are simply filler. Nothing really makes bats good stickers. The one thing you want from bats is less words, you don't want your bats to say anything or exclaim anything or ask anything or be named anything. Bats are for the vampire freaks, and we know they're all weirdoes.

Stickers of famous archetypal characters vary more from set to set than any other sticker type. Some sets will feature name brand characters like Count Dracula, Jason, or Freddy Kruegerstein. In the end it

comes down to personal preference. I myself appreciate the more stereotypical as opposed to the more recognizable. I would rather have a wolf man drinking a martini and wearing a robe than The Wolf Man care of Universal.

This Halloween I am going to find my sticker set, and I wish the best of luck to no one, because no one else is in search of the perfect Halloween sticker set. Halloween makes my face hurt twice as much as Veteran's Day.



Creeper's Haunted House

1700 White Cir
Marietta, GA 30066

Price: \$15

Dates: October 25 - 31
Times: Monday and
Tuesday 7:00 - 11:00
Wednesday
through Sunday 7:00 -
Midnight

This haunted house offers two tours of terror, Nevercrest Mortuary and White Circle Asylum. Each tour costs \$15 a piece or you can buy a combo ticket for \$25.

Newnan

Horror Hill

181 Ware Road
Newnan Georgia 30263

Price: \$20

Dates: October 28 - 31
Times: Thursday Dark -
10:00
Friday, Saturday,
and Halloween Dark -
Midnight

Norcross

Netherworld

Haunted House

6624 Dawson Blvd.
Norcross, GA 30093

Price: \$15

Dates: October 1 - 31
Times: Sunday through
Thursday 7:00 - 11:00
Friday and
Saturday 7:00 - Midnight

The \$15 is a ticket for
Spirits of the Dead.

There are two other
'haunts' to see, Oblivion
and Very Scary Tales in
3-D. You can buy a
ticket for Spirits of the
Dead and one of these
two others for \$20 or
experience all three for
\$25.

Chambers of Terror

4475 Shackelford Rd
Norcross, GA 30093

Price: \$15

Dates: October 28th,
29th, 30th, 31st
Times: 8:00 - Midnight

the histories that matter: halloween type lovin's

BY CJ SHRADER

Here's the situation. We overestimated how many pages the Halloween section of The Sting would be. As such, the paper has a big blank page in it at this moment. However, our mistake translates into your gain, because, to fill that space, you get to read a bonus History that Matter! I can hear you cheering in the background.

Jack O' Lantern

The Jack O' Lantern was not originally a pumpkin, but rather a turnip. The story of the Jack O' Lantern is very old. And Irish. And I will relate the story to you in 3 ... 2 ...

Legend has it a man named Stingy Jack was quite the trickster. He'd play tricks on everyone he met, including the Devil. One day, he tricked the Devil into climbing an apple tree. While the Devil was in the tree, Jack quickly put crosses around the trunk of the tree. The Devil was trapped. Jack made the Devil promise not to take his soul when he died in exchange for being let out of the tree. The Devil agreed.

Later, after Jack's death, Heaven would not accept him because of the terrible life he had lead. Jack was sent to Hell, but the Devil held true to his promise and refused to accept Jack's soul. Jack had no choice but to wander the darkness between Heaven and Hell for eternity. Jack was scared, and asked the Devil how he could leave if he had no light with which to see. The Devil gave him an ember from the flames of Hell, which Jack placed in a hollowed out turnip that he carried with him. From then on, Stingy Jack roamed the earth without a final resting place, lighting his way with his Jack O' Lantern.

See? Wasn't that a cute story? I thought it was. On Halloween, the Irish would hollow out Turnips, rutabagas, gourds, potatoes, and beets. They'd place a light in them to ward off evil spirits and to keep Stingy Jack away. Selfish Irish.

In the 1800's, Irish immigrants noticed that

pumpkins were much easier to carve, and that's how pumpkins became Jack O' Lanterns.

Bobbing for Apples

Apples, for many years, have been associated with female deities, immortality, resurrection, and knowledge. The reason is that when you cut an apple through the equator, it creates a five-pointed star outline in the center. This pentagram was sacred to the Gypsies, Celts, Egyptians, and others.

In olden times, unmarried people would attempt to take a bite out of an apple bobbing in water or hanging from a string. The first person to do so was said to be the next to get married. That person would also be blessed with some kind of disease from all the mouths that had been on that apple.

Night say that Halloween is "an excellent opportunity to take back ground in which [Satan] has controlled for too long." Kids don't want puppets, they want candy.

- "Trunk or Treat" parties where everyone parks in the church parking lot, hands treats out from the trunk of their car, and then invites kiddies inside for a rockin' Halloween party. At least there's candy involved.

- Naturally, there's the Christian haunted houses that actually are scarier than any normal haunted house. In 1997, the Abundant Life Christian Center built a haunted house that featured a bloody abortion in progress, a ritual human sacrifice by a Satanic cult, a teen committing suicide, the funeral of a homosexual AIDS victim, and a live action scene of a date rape. Whatever your point might be, I think

vandalize the house through a variety of means.

Kids today have just gone soft.

Halloween the Word

It all begins on May 13, 834. The day is All Martyrs day. How can the story begin there, you ask? Well, read on.

In the year 835, Pope Gregory IV decided to move All Martyrs day to November 1. I wish I could move dates whenever I wanted...but anyway, November later began to be called All Saints Day, or Alholowmesse in Middle English. The day after it was All Souls Day, where people paraded and celebrated the people who died but had not become Saints. The night before All Saints Day, October 31, was called All Hollow's Eve, which, through the standard perversion that most English words go through, eventually got shortened to Halloween.

Halloween Itself

The celebration of Halloween dates back to the Celtic festival of Samhain (pronounced sow-in). The Celtic new year was November 1, the end of summer and harvesting and the beginning of a long, cold winter. The winter time was associated with human death. As such, the Celts believed that the night before the new year was the time

when the boundaries between death and life were the weakest, and spirits from the afterlife could walk the earth. The Celts would leave food and wine out for these spirits, to keep them from entering the Celt's houses.

It was during this time that the Celts believed that their Druids, or priests, would be able to see the future. The Druids built large bonfires to celebrate, and the Celts wore costumes of animal skins and heads. The costumes were meant to confuse any potentially malicious spirits. It was assumed by the Celts that if you were wearing a stinky boar head on your own head, a ghost wouldn't be able to recognize you.

Fast forward to a time when Christianity has claimed

most of the Celtic lands. People are having All Saints Day parades, where the origins of trick or treating can be found. During the parades, poorer citizens would beg for food or money. People would give the beggars pastries, called "soul cakes," in exchange for the poor person's promise to pray for the people's families. The church encouraged giving out soul cakes as a means to replace the ancient tradition of leaving out food for wandering spirits.

Eventually, children picked up the habit of visiting houses in their neighborhood and being given ale (The History Channel said it, not me), food, and money. Trick or treating sounds like it was once a lucrative business.

In America, Halloween was rare in the early years of America's existence. The strict Protestants would simply have nothing of it.

However, in Maryland and the southern colonies, various celebrations were done to celebrate Halloween. These included fortune telling, singing, dancing, and even telling ghost stories. Also, it is around this time that mischief-making began to gain such a role in Halloween.

In the second half of the nineteenth century, a massive influx of Irish immigrants arrived in America fleeing the potato famine. The Irish brought with them the old Halloween traditions, and Halloween was reborn in many parts of America.

As time progressed, Halloween became more and more secular and less about the old Celtic traditions. Today, Halloween is mainly a time of parties or trick-or-treating for the kids. Though some of the traditions have faded, others have just changed to make Halloween the great holiday that it is today.

That oughta do. That oughta do just fine. You know the drill, drop me an e-mail at rshrader@spsu.edu if you ever have a burning question (or if it just burns when you pee).



As a side note, olden-time-peoples also believed that if you peeled an apple in front of a candle-lit mirror, you'd see an image of your future spouse. Also, trying to produce a long, unbroken apple peel was said to measure how many years of your life you had left. The longer the peel, the better.

Silly Christian Alternatives

These are some of the alternatives that certain fundamentalist Christians have said were better than candy for the young'ns.

- Give bible quotes instead of candy.

- A puppet show named Light the Night. The theme is the Gospel, taken from a conservative point of view. The sponsors of Light the

this haunted house will get it across.

Trick or Treating

I'll touch up on the old-timey history of Trick or Treating in my Halloween section, but let's start at a time that's only about 150 years ago. I always thought "trick or treat" meant that the kid was asking for a trick or a treat, which always confused me. Why would someone want a trick played on them? However, I was sorely mistaken, and pretty dumb.

Way back when, when a kid went to a door and said "Trick or Treat," what he really meant was "Give me a treat or I'll give you a trick." Back then, if the house had no candy, the kids would

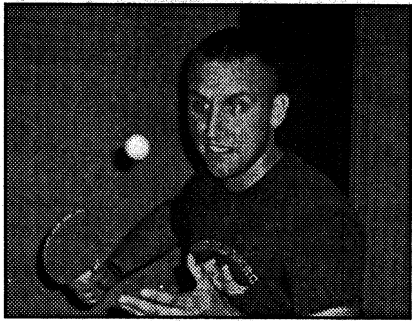
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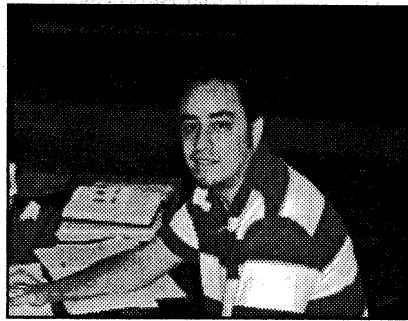
This one is admittedly pretty weak. It was thought up at the last second. Better ones coming soon I promise... along with prizes! Find the Highest Prime number that is also a palindrome when expressed as a Proper Roman Numeral.

Answer: 19 XIX
Other prime Roman Palindromes: 1 - I, 3 - III, 5 - V, 7 - VII, 11 - XI, 13 - XIII, 17 - XVII, 19 - XIX, 23 - XXIII, 29 - XXIX, 31 - XXXI, 37 - XXXVII, 41 - XLI, 43 - XLIII, 47 - XLVII, 53 - LIII, 59 - LIX, 61 - LXI, 67 - LXVII, 71 - LXXI, 73 - LXXIII, 79 - LXXIX, 83 - LXXXIII, 89 - LXXXIX, 97 - XCVII, 101 - CCI, 103 - CCIII, 107 - CCVII, 113 - CCXIII, 127 - CCXXVII, 137 - CCXXXVII, 149 - CCXLIX, 157 - CCCLVII, 167 - CCCLXVII, 173 - CCCLXXIII, 179 - CCCLXXIX, 181 - CCCLXXXI, 191 - CCCLXXXI

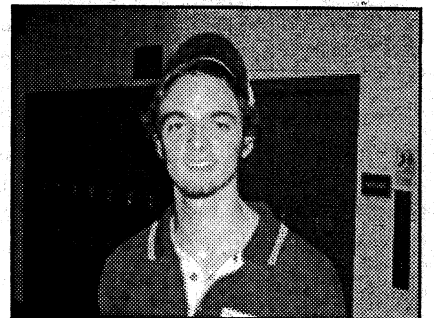
Student Question: What would you like to see your favorite candidate dressed up as for Halloween?



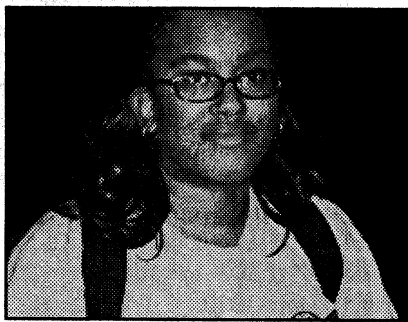
"I'd like to see Nader dressed as a taco filled with ice cream." - Elliot Skiles



"Kerry dressed up like Bush" - Jeff



"Bush, Hitler" - Scott Herman



"Kerry dressed as a child. He doesn't know what he's getting into, and he's way over his head." - Heather



"I'd want to see Bush dressed up like Saddam Hussein. It would piss people off." - Jeremy Puckett

Consensus Editorial

STING STAFF

We, the Sting staff, simply say "vote". So what?! So has everyone else this year... so much so that the phrase has become nearly cliché. We are bombarded daily by initiatives like "Rock the Vote" and yard signs advertising a household's selected candidate. Although their intentions are good, if we need celebrities on MTV or talking heads on FOX News to educate our society as to why voting is important, we are in deep trouble.

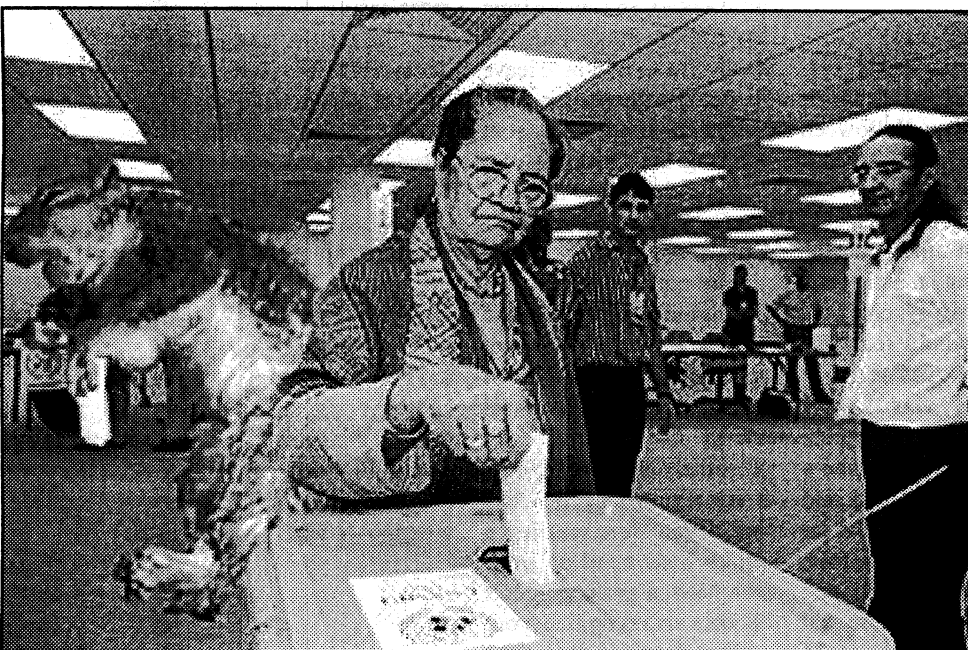
When the honeymoon ends on November 2nd and the voices screaming "vote" withdraw into the

background for the next four years, where will you be? Where will you be during the city, county, state, and gubernatorial elections? These elections offer the biggest chance to change your immediate surroundings and interact with the candidates on a personal level. So you want to smoke in McDonald's but there is a city ordinance that prevents it? F*** that! Find out who on the city council voted for that law and fire that bitch right out of office! Make sure the person who replaces him/her fully understands your position on the issue and the person

leaving understands as well. Remember, there is no "I" in Democracy; But there's a "me." (We're joking. But you get the point, right?)

In other countries, people DIE to exercise the right that you have been granted to use on November 2nd. People in these United States have died and bled for your right to vote.

We, The Sting Staff, remind you that Freedom isn't free. Others have already paid the price. For you, it only costs a walk to the polls. Get out and vote.



Zombie squirrel rose from the dead to vote. What're you doing? Disclaimer: Dead people can't actually vote. But no one told him that. (Yes, that's a real dead squirrel picture taken right here on this campus!)

Editor's Middle-Right Side

CJ SHRADER

I see grammar and spelling mistakes all the time, and all it would take to fix them is just a little bit of effort and education. The following are some of the most common spelling and grammar errors.

It's and its. The easiest way to remember this is that "It's" means "it is." If you aren't using a contraction, then the proper form will always be "its."

Their, there, and they're. These take a little bit of memorization to use effectively. "They're" is only used when you want to say "they are," like "They're fornicating in *The Sting* dark room." "Their" refers to people's possessions, while "there" refers to places. Think of the 'i' in "their" as a little person and remember that "their" always has to do with people.

Definitely. This is one of the most misspelled words ever. The way I remember is by remembering that it has the word "finite" in the middle of it. Or, you could just spell definitely the same as infinitely, and then replacing the 'in' with 'de'.

Irregardless. The prefix ir- means "not," and the suffix -less means "not," which makes this word a double negative that actually means "regardless," if that can even be considered a word. Long story short, irregardless isn't a word.

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