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Spidey quits The Sting!

Vincent Migliore
Senior Staff Writer

Editor-in-Chief of The Sting CJ Shrader resigned from the position last Wednesday during a press conference held in the Student Ballroom. The decision came as a result of what can only be described as a series of editing miscues in the March 2nd issue of The Sting. The decision came as a shock to some, but not to the highly educated campus forum public who called for the editors' head after the issue ran.

about a transgression so transgressionable that there are now two ethical dilemmas facing The Sting."

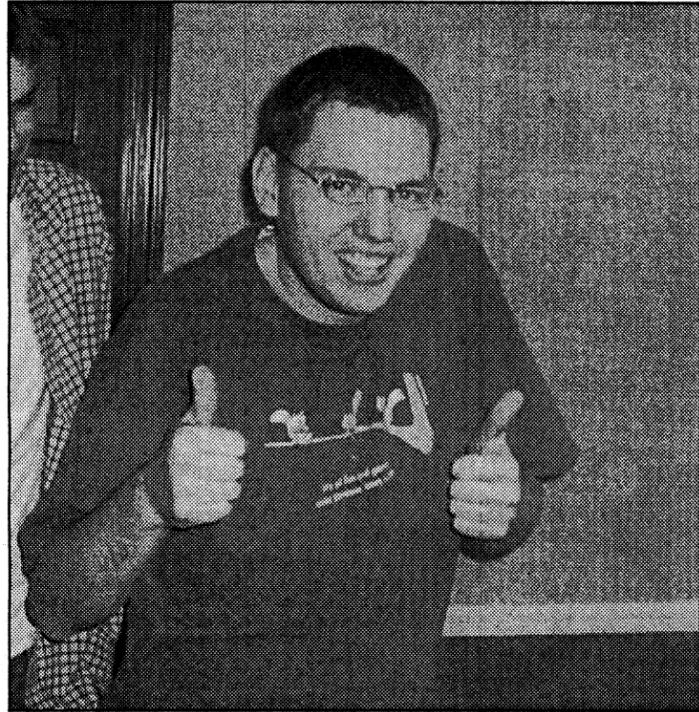
The mistakes CJ referred to were numerous misuses of commas and replacing regardless with irregardless in several instances. The mistakes didn't stop there as further on in the paper he misquoted a janitor; which could cause The Sting a major libel suit. The original quote in the paper read, "I mop piss off of the floors in the bathroom." The quote in the issue read, "I mop,

all around campus. SPSU Freshman Josh Paley, who goes by the screen name HamsterDance69, posted the following "Say goodbye to your paper mother f*****s...say goodbye! S*** a** f*** b****."

CJ continued his opening statement with thoughts on the backlash for the highly offended internet community. "I thought the public would be forgiving, but I forgot that this is a polytechnic state university, and if anyone is expected to know all the details of journalism it's the students at a polytechnic university."

The former editor then went on to apologize, "Some might argue that the victims here are Glenn Beck and the readership of The Sting. I disagree however; Glenn Beck had nothing to do with this so I offer him no apology. To the readership of the Sting I must apologize so let me take this opportunity to say 'Mom, I'm sorry.' With that I must resolve the second ethical dilemma which is staying on as editor of The Sting after sullyng the shit out of its good name. Therefore, to the company I keep, as in result of therefore mentioned I disgracefully no longer allow myself to keep the company of you."

Shrader, known to his fellow coworkers as Spidey for his web surfing ability which can only be described as amazing, became editor in October of 2004 after a fight to the death with previous editor Karen Asay.



"Spidey" gives a "thumbs up" for a job "well done"

CJ began his press conference with the following opening statement. "Under what circumstances is poor editorshipness acceptable? As most of you know in the past issue of The Sting I committed what most journalists consider to be a sin greater than great. We are talking

piss off; of the, floors in,; the bathroom." The janitor could only be reached for the following comment, "I know grammar and irregardless of what was said I know I didn't put commas in my sentence."

The uproar of the internet campus forum community could be felt

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Shoney's grand reopening

Remy Lebeaux
Staff Writer

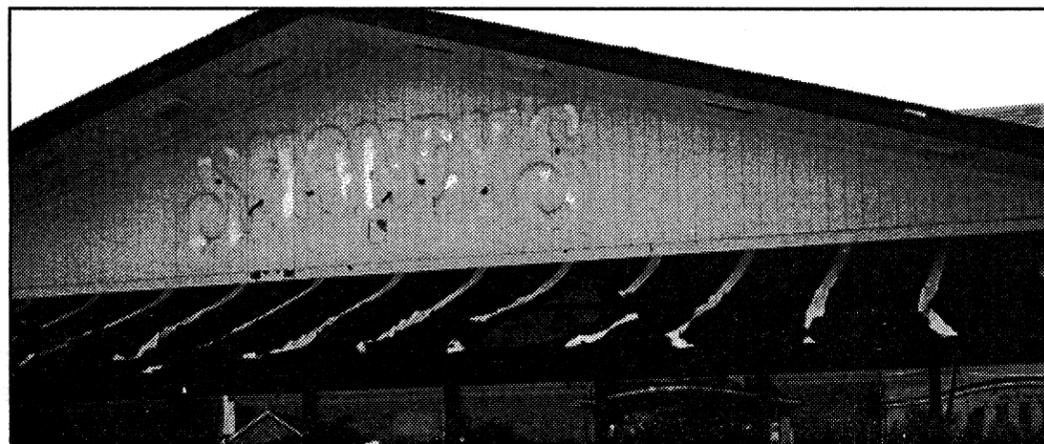
Early this year, the Shoney's located on Cobb Parkway (41 for the Mariettans) closed its doors when management realized they had not had a customer in nearly four years. It was a sad day in the rat kingdom indeed, as they had just lost their breeding ground and would soon have to make their way to some new place. However, just this past week, the front doors to Shoney's opened

once again to welcome unsuspecting patrons.

"We've learned a lot from the past," Shoney's management said in an interview with The Sting "and it has come to our attention that people want their food fully cooked and served without rat or yak hairs. For years we'd been rubbing all of our food on the yak that we keep in the back of the store for good luck."

Shoney's new menu consists of all of the old favorites that you've come to love and enjoy (read: fear

and despise), only this time, you won't get violently ill when you eat the food. "This time around, we're gonna be a lot more careful with the food we provide for our customers," a former Shoney's grill cook commented "like now, when we serve hamburgers, we're gonna actually cook the beef until it turns brown. Oh, and apparently it's some kind of health-code violation to serve chicken very rare. Who would've thought?"



Shoney's at its grand re-opening.

RIAA sues fetus

Remy Lebeaux
Staff Writer

In yet another stunning lawsuit against an unsuspecting person, the Recording Industry Artists of America (RIAA) sued music lover Samantha Pollard. Though that may not seem extraordinary, Samantha Pollard is the unborn fetus of Jeanine Pollard, a pregnant woman from Rhode Island. It seems as though Jeanine was attempting to stimulate the unborn child by playing classical music to it and using the infamous Calm Moods CDs during regular intervals.

ation for the RIAA, and The Sting decided to get the RIAA's take on this issue by visiting their headquarters and presenting this story to them.

One man that The Sting spoke to chose to remain nameless, was heard to remark: "Oh, really, it's a fetus eh? We're gonna sue that li'l biznotch for everything she has then!" Yet another person responded with "A baby huh? We're the RIAA, we like to eat babies, it's what makes us stronger."

Jeanine's case becomes much sadder when you consider the fact



Their logo should have been a dead giveaway

"I don't understand this one bit," Jeanine complained "I bought every one of those CDs, then I ripped them from the CD using Audio Catalyst and threw all the songs on my Ipod so that I could play the tunes for little unborn Samantha when I was on the go. Even still, I can't understand why they decided to sue Samantha instead of me."

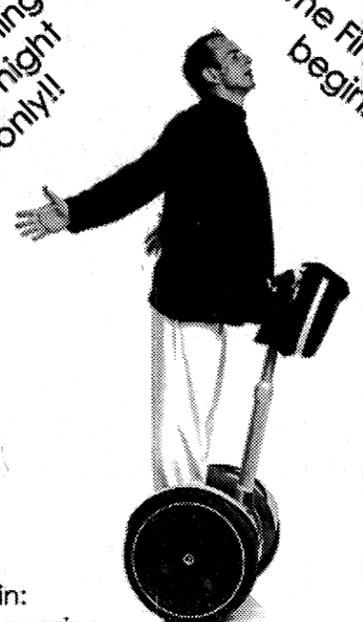
Normal users getting into deep trouble for ripping their own audio CDs have been a bit of a sticky situ-

that she is a widow. "I lost my husband a couple of months ago, he got run over by a train. Sad thing is, he was sitting right here in the living room when it happened."

The fine that little Samantha has to pay is a whopping \$450,000, much more than Jeanine makes at her job selling ketchup Popsicles to Eskimos wearing white gloves. "I don't know what I'm going to do, it looks like I'll have to go back to my old job of trimming the toenails of the rabid polar bear at the zoo."

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SPSU begins to care about students

Syl Turner
Staff Writer

The faculty and staff at Southern Polytechnic are officially beginning to care about their students. New rules have been implemented at President Rossbacher's request to help students feel like they are wanted on campus. A press conference was held in the Library Rotunda on March 29 to discuss the changes.

"Caring about our students is a new priority for the faculty and staff at SPSU," Dr. Rossbacher said at a press conference on Tuesday. "We may not appear to care about the students, but we really do."

Some of the new changes include: improved campus housing, better class scheduling, healthier food in the dining hall, competent workers in the financial aid and business offices, and many more. The improvements should begin making the students feel slightly better about paying to go to school here.

There are many improvements to campus housing in the works. "We're going to try our best to not treat most of the students like five year olds," Mark Redburg, Direc-

tor of Housing, said during the press conference. "Many students have complained that we treat them poorly, by not fixing problems in the apartments, or not responding to their questions, or charging them an extra \$10 to use a credit card, or imposing all sorts of new rules in the middle of the year, or not depositing rent checks for two weeks, or not providing the services that were guaranteed to the students in

who plan on graduating from Southern Tech take five years or more to finish," Dr. Forrester, Director of Scheduling, said at the press conference. "Most of these students make decent grades their entire time here, but they usually run into class scheduling problems. Sometimes, they need to take two required courses for their major in one semester, but we'll offer them both at the exact same time. We hope to

"Caring about students is a new priority at SPSU."

their contracts, like cable, internet, electricity, water, heat, air conditioning, furniture ... We always just assumed they were spoiled brats. I can promise that at least half of one of those complaints will be taken care of soon."

Class scheduling has been an important issue for many students trying to graduate on time at Southern Polytechnic. "Many students

eliminate that problem soon by providing higher level classes at different times so students can graduate on time."

"ABL food sucks," Freshman Robert Harod said. "We are required to pay for this 'food' while living in the dorms and we can't even digest it without shits of rage." The dining hall has been a topic of concern for many years now. Stu-

dents consistently complain about the meals served in the dining hall. "Students will worry no more about eating cement soup without their knowledge in the dining hall," Jerry Flowstaff, Director of Dining, said on Tuesday. "We have hired a new company to serve the students food that's actually worth \$1500 a semester. Students will actually want to eat at our dining hall!"

The financial aid process is already time consuming. At Southern Polytechnic, the process is further delayed due to incompetent workers. "We're making significant changes to speed up the process," Gary Bush, Director of Financial Aid, said at Tuesday's press conference. "Our first improvement is to get proficient workers, who are friendly, kind, and actually know what they're doing." Fred Benson, an Engineering Technology major, is thrilled about the changes. "Every time I go into that place to get my financial aid, it takes 8 minutes for me to wait for the person working to get off the phone with their boyfriend and then another 20 minutes for them to tell me that they don't have my check. I'm really hoping that they actually do improve the financial aid office," Benson said. "Because I really need the money."

Similar improvements will also be made in the business office. "If the business office got itself together, the writers of The Sting may actually get paid this year!" CJ Shrader, editor-in-chief of The Sting, exclaimed.

Other improvements discussed at the press conference include new computers with monitors that do not injure retinas, better communication about events on campus, and providing accredited majors.

Dr. Rossbacher concluded the press conference by saying, "We hope that actually caring about the students improves SPSU and helps them succeed academically, and in the future workplace."



President Rossbacher addresses the crowd in the Library Rotunda about the new "We Care About Students" agenda

Dew stolen

Syl Turner
Staff Writer

John Lagster, a student at SPSU, drank his roommate's Mountain Dew Pitch Black last Friday. "It had been sitting in the fridge for about a week," Lagster claimed. "I figured the Dew was fair game at this point. Besides, it's the gross grape Dew. Nobody wants that!"

Billy Frednick, Lagster's roommate, was upset about the premature consumption of the beverage. "I was saving that for my CS class practice later!" Frednick shouted at his roommate. "You always take my stuff!"

Lagster does have a history of taking his roommate's "stuff," including a half-eaten sandwich, three Krispy Kreme donuts, and an Xbox game system. "I gave the Xbox back to him, and I offered to give him two of the donuts back," Lagster explained. "But he wouldn't accept."

Frednick has plans to no longer leave Mountain Dew unattended in the refrigerator.



EXTREME!!!!!!!

CAB PRESENTS...

AN EVENT THAT'S ALREADY HAPPENED!

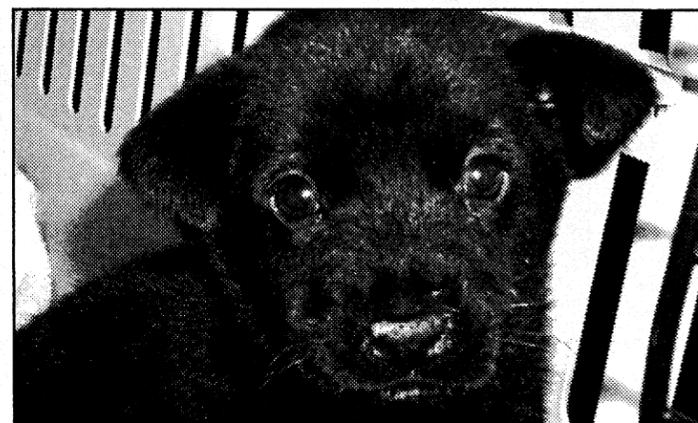
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Due to our poor communication skills, only CAB members showed up to the event. Next event, we will try to have flyers around campus BEFORE the date of the event.

ABL Sued by Local Dog Pound

Remy Lebeaux
Staff Writer

On March 24th food service company ABL had a class-action lawsuit brought against them by Paws for A Caws, a small but feisty pound for dogs that is located in Marietta, Georgia. The lawsuit was brought about when a series of dogs at the pound became violently ill after consuming food prepared by ABL.



"That tasted like crap." - Joey

When reached for comment, one of the dogs at the pound was heard to remark "Woof," which The Sting has translated into "Yes, ABL came out to the pound a month or so ago. They brought what we were pretty sure was chicken or fish (it had scales and drumsticks), and although it had an odd taste no one seemed to mind too much."

But the dogs at the pound should've chosen their meal care-

fully, as well over 20 dogs came down with severe cases of food poisoning and various other gastrointestinal maladies. Representing the dogs in the lawsuit is attorney B.D. Haung of "Haung and Sons," whom had this to say to the Sting: "My clients cannot speak for themselves, and it is the duty of me and my firm to speak for them. The food served by ABL wasn't fit for human or animal consumption, and the management knew that LONG before they served it to my clients. Had they used the food for something like it was meant for, like chemical warfare, then we wouldn't be in this position. But as it stands, my clients are all very ill and justice must be served."

The Sting attempted to interview several members of Paws for A Caws, only to be bitten several times and on one occasion given rabies. If you would like to give your support to the people at Paws for A Caws or just adopt one of the cute little doggies affected by ABL, then visit: www.ABLmakesdoggsick.com.

Girl spotted on SPSU Campus

Remy Lebeaux
Staff Writer

A little over a month ago, several Sting editors were making their way to the Sting offices when, off in the distance, something appeared. None of the staff members knew quite what they were looking at, but the strange creature made eye contact with the staff members then scurried away into a heavily forested area. The staff members then quickly retreated to the Sting office where they hit Google and some scientific journals to determine what the creature that they'd spotted had been. As it turns out, the creature was only a female human, a rare breed of human that most men attending SPSU have long since forgotten existed.

"I don't know" the Sting Editor-in-Chief said shortly after the encounter "I thought it was some sort of weird bipedal marmoset. I really feel bad about shooting those tranquilizer darts at it now."

A few hours passed, and the elusive creature was nowhere to be found. That's when the Sting decided to take action and bring in the

best hunter/tracker on the planet. After consulting with SGA for funds, The Sting flew in none other than Australia's own Steve "The Crocodile Hunter" Irwin to relocate the female human. As soon as the Croc Hunter stepped off of the airplane, he caught the scent, and chose to run all the way back to campus rather than drive (and beat the Sting by at least half an hour).

Irwin started out by the Student Center and followed a trail of faint perfume, boot marks, and bubble gum wrappers. The trail lead him all the way to the J-building, where he stopped and pointed, yelling a commanding "She's ovah there, mate!" Unfortunately, as soon as Irwin turned the corner where he thought the female was, he was violently mauled by a crocodile and had to fly back home to Australia for surgery.

After losing the tracking ability of the erudite Irwin, the Sting staffers could not relocate the female, and chose to give up, assuming that finding Bigfoot would be multiple times easier than finding one female at SPSU.

STD&Ds penetrate the Final Four tournament

Syl Turner
Staff Writer

The Southern Tech Dungeons and Dragons Team (STD&Ds) have made it to the Final Four college championship taking place this weekend in St. Louis. After defeat-

ing more than 15 teams, they have made it to the championship for the first time since 1975. The winning team gets \$5000 and hand-crafted gold dice.

"This is the first time we've gotten this far on the d20 system," STD&D Dungeon Master Ralph

Edwards said.

The team has come across some of the "most bizarre monsters" and "craziest characters" ever imagined.

"We have some great wizards, gnomish bards, elven warriors and more ... we've got one guy who's the best halfling I've ever seen. It's not even funny!" Edwards exclaimed.

The team has to face some of the toughest challengers from all over the country in the Final Four. The first school they're up against is Seattle Polytechnic.

"I don't want to brag, but Southern Tech has nothing on us," Dwarf Ranger Anthony "Twerkah" Hudge said. "They keep bragging about that halfling. I honestly don't think they've got anyone better than our Smurlod." Smurlod is a level 20 human paladin for Seattle Polytechnic.

"It's going to be tough, but I'm cocky, like most of our team, so I'm pretty confident we'll win," Edwards said. "It's not easy being DM."



If a level 42 halfling dies in the forest, does anyone give a shit?

Band director adopts half-giant

Syl Turner
Staff Writer

Beth Farber has recently adopted a new child - an 8 ft. half-giant. His name is Grawp. The adoption took place on March 24. Even though the half-giant was adopted, she has been on maternity leave for the past 3 weeks and unable to direct band. Farber is a fan of the Harry Pot-

ter books, and claims that her love of Harry Potter influenced her decision to adopt a half-giant. "He's like having my own Hagrid," Farber said. "Luckily, this one doesn't love monsters as much." Farber gave him the name Grawp because that is the name of Hagrid's half-brother in the Harry Potter novels.

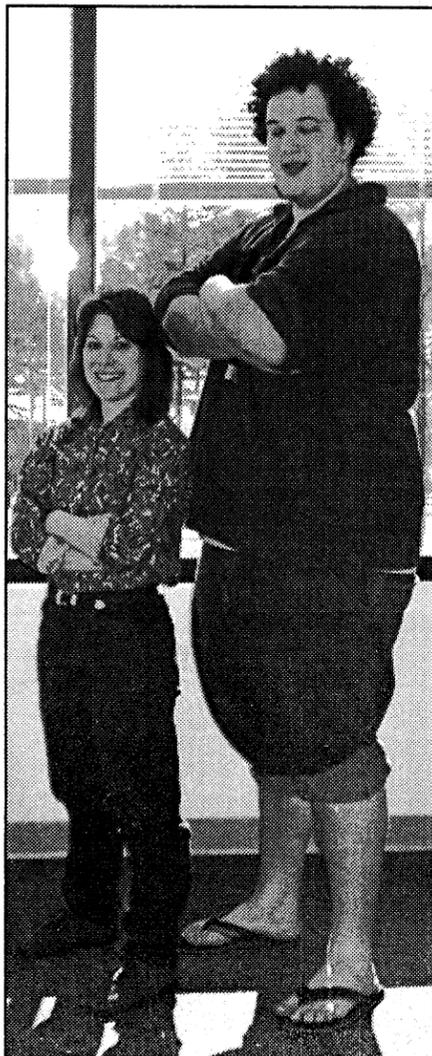
"Grawp like Bethels," Grawp said about his new mother, speaking in the third person. "Bethels make Grawp dinner and keep him safe from monsters."

"Grawp's really keeping me safe," Farber responded. "Nobody even thinks about approaching me when he's around. It's very helpful, especially when putting up lights in the ceiling."

Grawp is only 3 human years old, but 21 in half-giant years. The aging system for half-giants is similar to the aging system for giants, but the age is cut in half.

"I still haven't figured out how old Grawp really is, so we'll just celebrate his birthday whenever I have money to buy him presents," Farber enthusiastically said. Most half-giants Grawp's size only live 7 for human years, which is approximately 1597 half-giant years.

"I love him very much," Farber said. "Who knows? Maybe one day we'll solve crimes together!"



Farber and Grawp! Together at last!

Non-Virgin enters Computer Science

Vincent Migliore
Senior Staff Writer

A decision by SPSU Freshman Tracy Marks has the CS community wearing loose fitting pants to class. Marks, a divorced 58 year old mother of 4, has decided to devote her SPSU career to the Computer Science degree program. This, however, isn't the only extraordinary thing about Tracy. Tracy is the only non-virgin in the CS program, and that has the eyes of hundreds of future cubicle slaves on her every move.

Michael Covey, a third year CS student, has his eyes on Ms. Marks. "I hear she has like 4 kids so that means she'll totally give it up." Covey isn't the only one interested in Ms. Marks, "Oh I've received offers for World of Warcraft dates, and I've even had a guy give me his thumb drive necklace. It's all a little overwhelming, but who doesn't like gifts?"

When asked if she was scared of the CS students Marks could only

laugh, "Oh I know they are harmless! I find the best way to make them go away is to just simply talk to them. The one thing about CS students is not only are all of them virgins, but they all don't have the social skills necessary to attract women. By communicating with them it just makes them nervous and they run away."

One student apparently already has the key to Tracy's heart. Gary Gorinni cockily said, "She wants me. She touched my arm when she borrowed my pencil so I guess you can say things are getting pretty serious between us."

While most of the CS students view Tracy as the prize to some kind of contest; Tracy disagrees, "I prefer my men to have clean skin and not have soda stains on their clothes. I also like walks in the park, not level 32 dungeons."

Tracy is sure that the printing of this article will break a few hearts, but this reporter is sure that she'd much rather break a few hearts than bust any of those cherries.



Tracy in her natural habitat. Can you spot the CS student?

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TKE allows first heterosexual member

Vincent Migliore
Señor Staff Writer

In an attempt to extend its hand to the straight community, fraternity Tau Kappa Epsilon allowed its first heterosexual member into its exclusive man club last week. SPSU Freshman Frank Witt was admitted into the organization after an extended 12 week initiation.

Frank isn't taking his prestigious new home for granted. He is already developing some new ideas and ways to make TKE more heterosexual friendly. "I think I can improve the way things are done around here. I'm hoping to get the balls rolling on some new fundraising techniques." These new fundraising tactics are said to stray from what has become the norm at TKE of bake sales and fashion shows. Frank isn't the only one who wants to make changes.

Not accepting Witt had never crossed the minds of any of the TKE members according to Eric Davis,

"We've never really had any heterosexual people try to pledge TKE so it was definitely welcome." Frank thought his pledging would cause more of a ruckus than it actually did, "I was worried about the abuse I'd get, but brothers watch out for each other and I can't get enough of them."

The TKE fraternity is even making exceptions for Witt to make him more welcome. "Instead of having our weekly rendezvous at 'La Buzz,' we will get together at the Starbucks inside of Barnes & Noble," explained Adam "Felchmaster" Johnson.

"Some things will just take time for me to get used to them", said Frank, "It will take me a while to get used to the taste of Smirnoff, but if accepting new tastes is the worst that's in store for me here in TKE, then I consider myself lucky."

It is unknown at this time whether other Southern Poly frats such as Sigma Pi and Beta Sigma Chi will follow suit.



AHHH!!!! It's a Flaming TKE!!

SPSU adopts new grading system

Vincent Migliore
Señor Staff Writer

Starting summer semester of 2005, Southern Polytechnic will change from the traditional lettered grading system to what is being called the checkmark grading scale. Instead of A's, B's, and C's, students will now be receiving √+, √, or √-. The SPSU administration will kick off a \$40 campaign in the coming weeks known as "Check Your Grades" in order to get the word out.

While new to the University system, the checkmark grading scale is nothing new to academics. Elementary schools around the country have been using this scale for years in order to not hurt the self-esteem of their still maturing students. As it turns out, the SPSU administration made the decision to change grading scales because of how successful it works in the elementary school level. "If our students are depressed we are going to make sure it's because of Southern Poly and not because of their grades. Who wants to see a mean old C when you can look at a cheerful checkmark?" asked Tom Rice, SPSU grading official.

The main fear for the students of this new grading system has been the ineligibility of SPSU for the Hope scholarship program. With the traditional lettered grading scale grade point averages are able to be determined by assigning specific numbers to the letter grade. The Hope scholarship re-

quires a 3.0 GPA in order to receive their money, which figures out to a B average. John Klessing, a Hope representative explains that SPSU students have no need to worry, "We have come up with a compromise to accommodate this new grading system. Instead of a B average, students will now be required to keep a √ average in order to keep

ents I got a check and they won't know what the hell that means...it's fantastic!" said another student who wanted to remain nameless.

Oddly enough check marks weren't the first choice of the administration. "Yeah we experimented with a few different grading scales." explained Rice, "One was the smiley face sticker system where

the grade was determined by the width of the smile. Ultimately, we decided that the stickers would just be an expense we weren't willing to take on much like printer paper and ink cartridges."

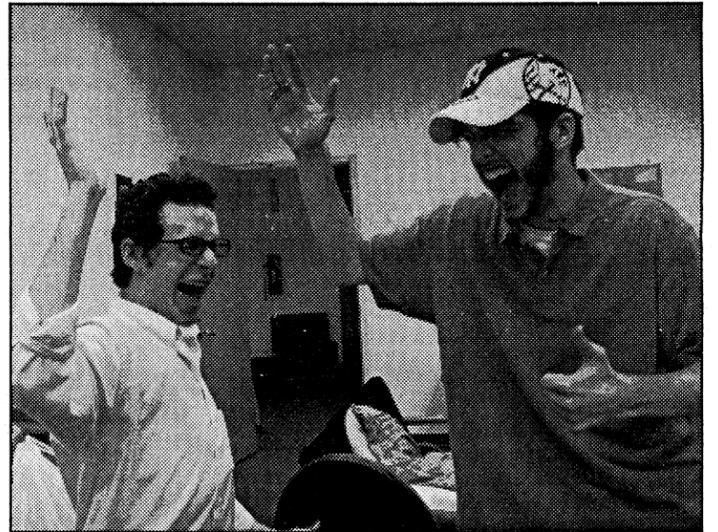
The administration is hoping that their "Check Your Grades" campaign will cause other schools to alter the way they hand out grades and put Southern Poly on some map somewhere.

"If our students are depressed we are going to make sure it's because of Southern Poly."

funding."

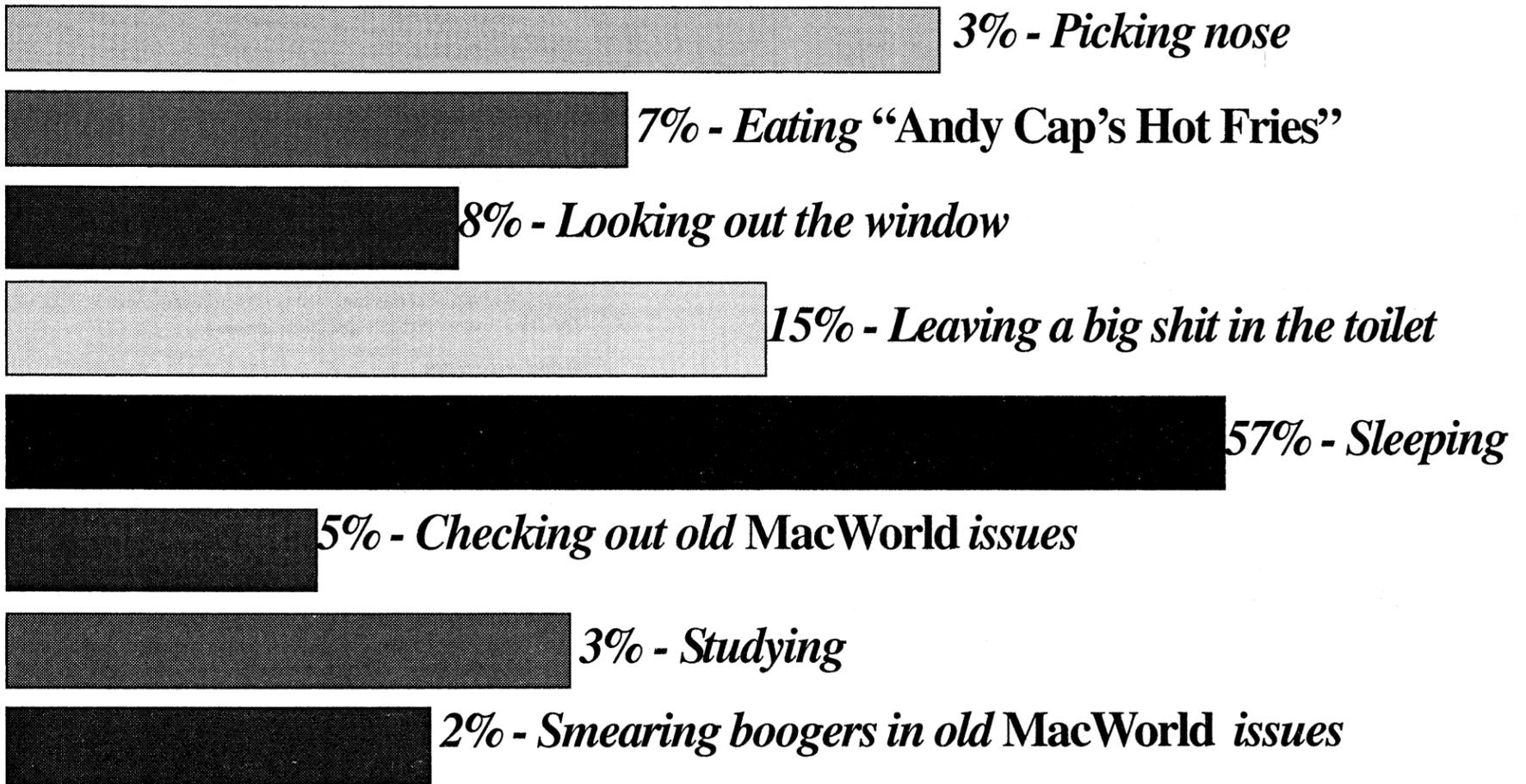
Students across campus think it's a great idea and welcome this new way of grading. "I wasn't going to take classes in the summer, but now I am," Ben Mages said enthusiastically.

"I can go home and tell my par-



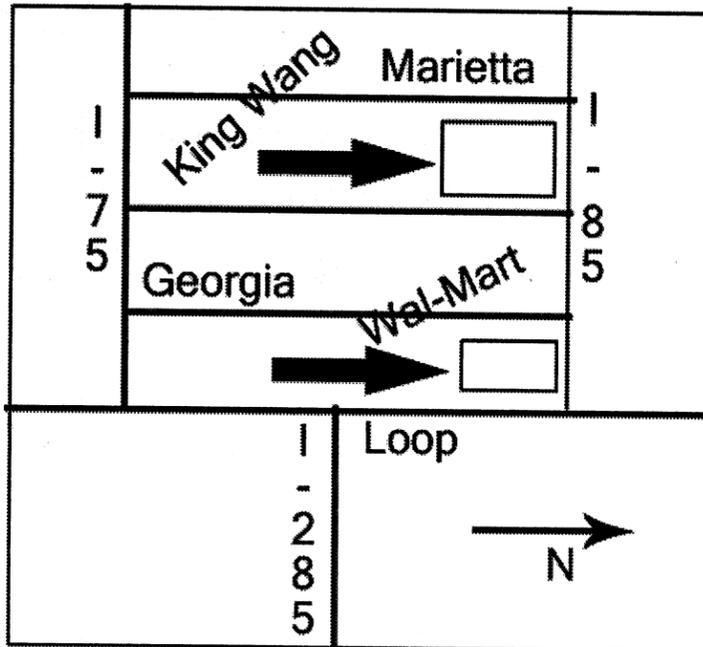
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For this edition of the "Histories that Matter," I decided to think up some of the craziest-but-true facts that I could imagine. After reading this, you'll be sure to ask yourself "Is that true?" I can assure you that indeed it is.

A duck's quack doesn't echo

We've all received an e-mail telling us this ponderous fact. Why, of all the sounds in the world, would a duck's quack and only a duck's quack not echo? The answer lies with science! Get ready, this is about to get technical.

As most people know, sound travels as a wave. The top of a wave is called the crest, and the bottom of a wave is called the trough. Imagine some water for a moment. If two troughs or crests collide, they give each other a boost and the wave

will cancel each other out and there will actually be still water. In regards to sound, this means there will be silence.

This is exactly how a duck's quack won't echo. The front of the sound wave from the quack will impact a wall and reflect back. However, a duck's quack is at the exact right frequency and amplitude that the next portion of the sound wave will cancel out the first part. This process is repeated until absolutely no sound is heard from the echo of the quack, even though you could hear the duck if it were to quack right in front of you.

The "15 minute rule"

It is commonly said that students only have to wait for their professors to reach class for only 15 minutes. After that, it's safe to "skip" class and go home and the professor can't count you as absent or count anything against you

that would affect your grade, even if they do show up. Some variations state that the student has to wait only ten minutes. Does the rule really exist?

This rule can be found on page 9 of the student handbook that is given out at

orientation. It states that "If a professor hasn't arrived to class fifteen minutes after the scheduled start time of a class, it is safe for a student to assume that class has been

cancelled for that session and only that session. The student still must arrive on time to class for the next session. Any exams scheduled for that day will be held on the next class date."

The reasoning behind this rule is simple. It is unfair to expect a student to wait an entire class time simply because a professor forgot to inform the school that he or she would not be coming in on that day. The rule is a sort of compromise between faculty and students.

Pop rocks and soda

It's safe to say that most people have heard this little rumor. People say that if you eat pop rocks and then drink soda, it will make your stomach explode. They tell of how they knew a person who knew a person who did it once. Can this possibly be true?

The easy answer is "Of course not." However, there is a small amount of truth hidden in this old urban legend.

Pop Rocks work by releasing tiny bubbles of carbon dioxide (also known as carbonation or CO2) into your mouth as they get wet and melt. Soda is also full of carbonation.

In order to have any negative side effects from Pop Rocks and soda, you'd have to first eat the Pop Rocks as fast as you can. Swallowing them whole will help. Next, you'll need to drink the soda, also as fast as possible in order to get as

large a reaction as possible. When the soda reaches the Pop Rocks, it causes the expected reaction of melting the Pop Rocks and releasing their CO2 bubbles.

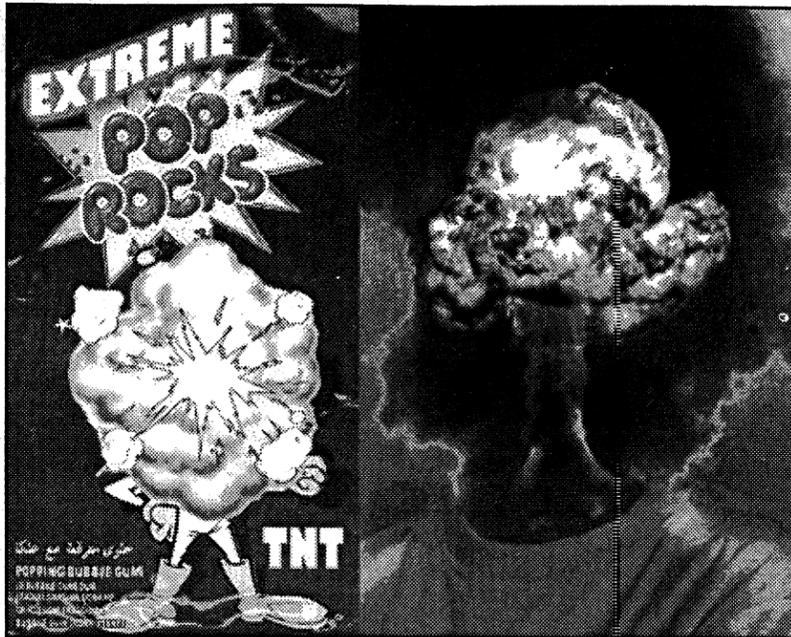
However, unlike when Pop Rocks are by themselves, the CO2 bubbles have no where to go since they are surrounded in soda. The CO2 then collects with the CO2 already in the soda to create even larger CO2 bubbles.

Remember, humans breathe in oxygen and exhale carbon dioxide. After this reaction is complete, it's as if you'd brought in one breath of oxygen yet had to release two breaths worth of carbon dioxide. This tells your body that you are out of air, even when you are not, and your body may force you to pass out as a consequence. At the least, you'll have pretty bad gas

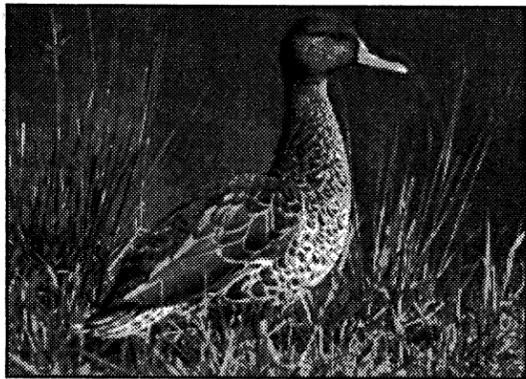
from all the extra air floating around in your system. Naturally, passing out can be very dangerous and extra gas can be quite embarrassing.

In order to have enough soda and Pop Rocks to actually cause you to explode, you'd need more than your body could physically hold. Otherwise, exploding from Pop Rocks is simply impossible.

It's hard to believe that all of these crazy rumors could actually be true or be based in truth, but they are. If you ever would like to see an urban legend de'junked or, in these cases, bunked (Is that a word?), e-mail me at rshrader@spsu.edu. Feel free to e-mail any question you'd ever like to ask, and I'll see what I can do about getting it printed in "The Histories that Matter."



...but what about Pop Rocks and BJs?



Quack! Quack! Quack! Quack! Quack!

gets higher (or lower, in the case of troughs). With sound, this means the sounds gets louder.

If a trough and a crest are traveling at each other and collide, they

Moby Dick 2005 interview

Remy Lebeau
Crapologist

Almost every red-blooded American is at least distantly familiar with Herman Melville's highly popular book *Moby Dick*. For years, the giant, slightly surly white whale has not appeared in film, opting solely to make his appearances in dusty old novels sitting in the back of your local library. But not anymore! Sony Pictures is distributing a new movie, which will be produced by Jerry Bruckheimer and feature a 200 million dollar budget.

This feature film is slated to be released in the winter of this year and will be no less than 13 hours long, but have regular intermissions. This project has been called the boldest (read: dumbest) movie a major motion picture studio (which chose to remain nameless) has ever released, and its success will either make or break the aforementioned studio.

Starring in the lead role as the infamous White Whale himself, is none other than Hollywood monosyllabic simian Mark "Vin Diesel" Vincent. The Sting was lucky enough to run into Vin Diesel while he was washing his tighty-whities at the local Laundromat.

The Sting: So, Vinny, can we call you Vinny? How did you prepare for your role as *Moby Dick*?

Vin Diesel: No, you can't call me Vinny, and it was simple really. I watched several hundred hours of *Flipper* and I consumed multiple buckets of raw fish everyday.

TS: Um, isn't *Flipper* a dolphin? And don't most whales eat kelp?

VD: What?

TS: Nevermind, so how familiar were you with Melville's work before getting picked for this role?

VD: I have a very fond memory of reading a little pop-up book with little pictures of the whale jumping

off the page. It was only about 20 pages, and I remember it took me two weeks to finish reading it. My mom would come in and encourage me to keep trying, and that I'd eventually finish the book and be proud of myself. When I finally did finish, my mom gave me a cookie and took me to the playground.

TS: That's really quite sweet, how old were you when this happened?

VD: 35.

TS: Moving on, in this movie, Lindsay Lohan plays Captain

Ahab. Can you please tell me what the flying monkey hell they were thinking when they cast her in that role?

VD: Probably the same thing they were thinking when they cast me as a whale.

TS: Good point. Okay, but what about Queequeg, Ishmael's eventual traveling partner, being played by Orlando Bloom. I mean, come on man, ORLANDO BLOOM!

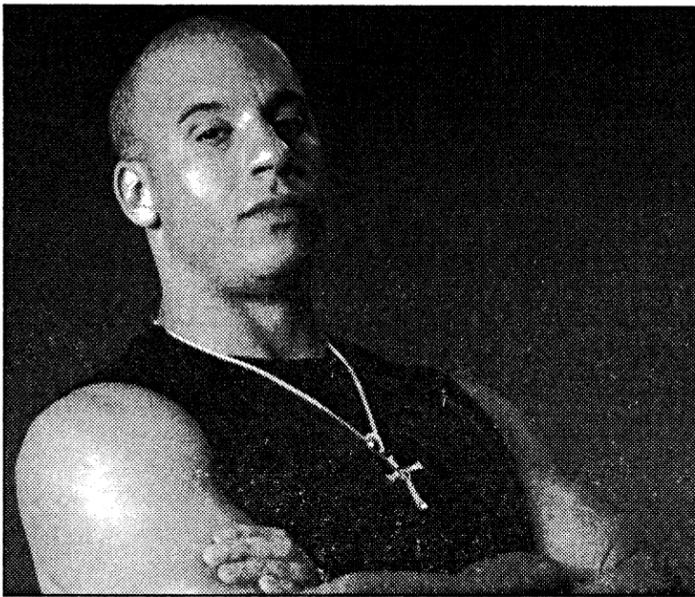
VD: What do you want from me? I didn't cast the movie!

TS: Okay, well what about the 13 hour running time of the movie? Can you give us some insight as to where the 200 million dollar budget went into?

VD: Well, for the budget, we recreated every major ocean on the planet with a combination of CG and giant water tanks we had constructed. Someone suggested using the real ocean, but I'm highly allergic to ocean water so that was out. As for the 13 hours, the first 2 hours of the movie are pretty stimulating and follow the book very closely. The last 11 hours are just me sitting in a stool playing with a bunion on my feet.

TS: You money hungry bastige. Well, that's about all we have time for, we thank you for your selling out, er, time.

VD: No problem, it was my pleasure, I LOVE THE STING!



From a "Dick" to a "Pacifier," V.D. is everywhere!

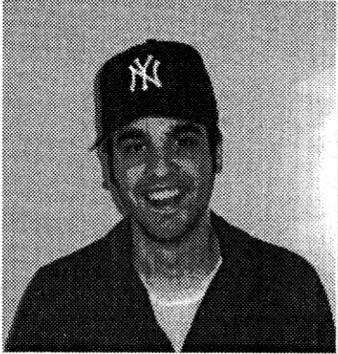
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Student Question

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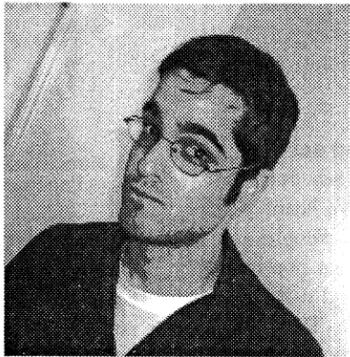
“So a baby seal walks into a club...”

Vincent Migliore



“Pretending I’m straight.”

Syl Turner



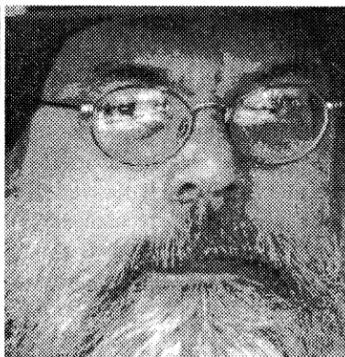
“Getting funding to print this issue.”

Vincent Migliore



“The old ‘finger-penis switch-a-roo.’”

Syl Turner



“Roofies and Coke.”

Josh Paley

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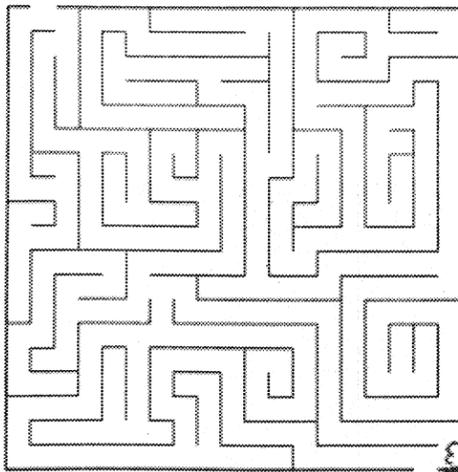
Once a year The *STING* comes out with an issue that everyone actually wants to read, and it's that time again. We hope that you enjoyed our annual April Fools edition and allowed yourself to be entertained by our shenanigans. It's always a lot of fun for us to do, and we thank you for picking up a copy.

For those of you with sticks up your ass who were offended by this issue; please remember that no one is forcing you to pick up the paper. As a matter of fact never read The *STING* again because we don't want you to. Sure that might be easy for us to say considering 12 people read the paper, but we are going to stick to our guns on this one. Everything that you have read was in good fun, and next issue it's business as usual for us. Yes that's right, the business of making a newspaper that nobody reads. We don't mind though because even though it's hard work we enjoy what we do.

Until next year, Happy April Fool's Day everybody!



Help Horny the Hornet find his way home



Krazy Kids Komer

Things at SPSU

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- BUILDINGS
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Riddle Time!

- 1: Why do vampires need mouthwash?
- 2: What did the mummy ghost say to the baby ghost?
- 3: What did Adam and Eve wear?
- 4: What can pass through the sun without casting it's shadow?



- 1: They have "bat" breath
- 2: Don't spook until you've been spooked to.
- 3: Bare skin.
- 4: The wind

Riddle Answers!