Floyd College comes to SPSU

Members of Floyd College will be taking classes in the D building, completely separate of SPSU students.

Quick News

Syl Turner Staff Writer

Floyd College will occupy eight classrooms of the D (Math) Building starting June 6. Floyd will rent the space to teach core classes to about 1000 students. Floyd College is a two-year school based in Rome and has three campuses around North Georgia. The North Metro campus, located in Acworth, is running low on space. Over 600 students who attend the North Metro campus live in Cobb County, so Southern Polytechnic State University is a good choice for Floyd's expansion. Floyd approached Southern Polytechnic about the idea a few times in the past, but SPSU did not have any extra space to rent until recently. The eight classrooms in the D Building were used by the English as a Second Language (ESL) program. The program has fewer students now than it did 4 years ago. To free some space, ESL recently moved to the buildings by the K (Mathematics) Buildings. This provided extra space in the D Building for Floyd College to use its classrooms.

Floyd will have no offices in the D Building for administrative needs. "They will all be provided on technology in the libraries. Their students will not be using any of Southern Polytechnic's student services. There's no real downside," Dr. Ron Koger, Vice President for Student and Enrollment Services for Southern Polytechnic said. "There's definitely more room in it. Floyd will have to pay for Southern Polytechnic's services. They will have to pay for the building, but they will not need to pay for the same fees Southern Polytechnics students pay. If they want to see a sporting event, they will need to pay for a ticket. Floyd is also providing an additional student academic activities stipend of $2000 a year, to pay for events from CAB or picking up issues of The Sting. All of Floyd's textbooks will be available at the Southern Polytechnic Campus Bookstore.

"The only negative is that there might be tighter parking at night," Koger said. "You just wasn't be able to park right next to The Sting office, so you might have to walk a few extra feet."

Quick Opinion

CJ Shrader Editor-in-Chief

Dr. Zvi Szafran will become Southern Polytechnic State University's newest vice president of Academic Affairs on July 1, 2005. He will be replacing Dr. David Hombeck, who has been interim VPAA for the past two years.

During a public interview with faculty and staff, Szafran discussed a few changes he would like to see happen at SPSU during his time as VPAA. Certainly over time what is going to need to happen is the development of traditional engineering programs to augment the engineering technology programs that are here now, and expansion of the science program," says Szafran. "Personally I think that more needs to be done with the general education liberal arts."

Szafran spent six years as the vice president for Academic Affairs at New England College in New Hampshire. He also spent another six years as Dean of Science and Engineering at Merrimack College in Maine.

Choosing the new VPAA is a large process that takes many months to complete. Selection was made by a diverse council of students, faculty, and administration. This council had representatives from Information Technology, Architecture, the Lawrence V. Johnson Library, the Great Development Center, the Student Government Association, and others. The council was headed by Ron Koger, Vice President for Student Enrollment Services.

Originally, sixty candidates applied for the position of VPAA. Of those, all without a Doctor's degree were cut from the list. The list was then narrowed down to ten candidates. Those ten candidates were interviewed in a conference call by the council. The ten were narrowed to six, then the six were narrowed to three. Those three were Dr. Duane Hinchlief of Mesa State College in Colorado, Dr. Robert Kraushaar of SUNY Maritime College in New York, and Dr. Zvi Szafran. Each candidate went through a private interview with the heads of the departments on campus, followed by an open interview with administration, faculty, and students. (Though only one student showed up for each interview).

Each candidate ended with a final interview with Dr. Lisa Rossbacher, President of SPSU. Rossbacher showed the candidates around campus as she interviewed them. When all interviews had been completed, Rossbacher looked over the information gained from each interview and chose the candidate she felt best fit the needs of SPSU.

New vice president of Academic Affairs named

TKE had their annual Cruzn’ TKE fund raiser. Read about it and look at pictures here (pg 11).

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(The Sting is currently moving along with ongoing VPAA, Dr. David Hombeck.)
VPAAA Hornbeck retiring

Dr. David Hornbeck, interim vice president of Academic Affairs at Southern Polytechnic State University, will be retiring on June 30, 2005.

Hornbeck has been the interim VPA for two years, ever since Dr. William Sanborn "Sandy" Pfeiffer retired from the position on June 30, 2003. Hornbeck will be replaced as VPA by Dr. Zvi Szafran on July 1, 2005. Dr. Szafran is an outgoing VPA from New England College in Henniker, New Hampshire.

Hornbeck says that the most difficult challenge of being the vice president of Academic Affairs is prioritizing jobs as they come in. He handles student appeals, maintains and updates university policies and procedures where necessary, and makes sure those policies and procedures are consistent between each department. He has also helped to improve the school's budget in order to make the school run more efficiently.

While VPA, Hornbeck spent a lot of time ensuring the school would be ready to keep its accreditation when it was up for approval. "One of my goals is to make sure the groundwork is laid for a good assessment program in Academic Affairs. That stantly expect to see completed."

Hornbeck also says that the bulk of what he has to do as VPA is general office paperwork, including signing documents, sending e-mails, and making phone calls. Though Dr. Hornbeck might be leaving the paperwork behind, he doesn't seem to be leaving the educational system of Georgia completely yet.

"For several years, I've been active with the organization that accredits Engineering programs and Computer Science programs," says Hornbeck. "There is opportunity for me to do more things with them."

Hornbeck may also choose to do some consulting, though he has no intentions of taking up another full-time job.

Hornbeck had one last message for the students of SPSU. "I think there is an enormous amount of opportunity for the graduates here," Hornbeck says.

After two years in office, the Hornbeck team can begin to pursue his own interests.

"We're trying to improve the environment for students in a number of ways. For so many years we had a very narrow focus and a very narrow repertoire of programs and so students coming here finding out that they don't like this [the pro- gram they are in], there's not much else to go in to, so over the years we've added some programs and we will continue to do that."

Hornbeck has a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from West Virginia Institute of Technology, a Masters in Structural Engineering from Vanderbilt, and a Ph.D. from Georgia Tech in Civil Engineering with a specialization in Geotechnical Engineering.

Hornbeck has been at SPSU since "right after Kennesaw Mountain was born," as he describes it. He actually started in 1976 where Hornbeck has been both the department chair and a regular faculty member of the Civil Engineering Technology program.

Before coming to SPSU, Hornbeck taught at the West Virginia Institute of Technology for five years.

The Sting stolen

By Remy Lebeaux

On April 12th, 2005, the director of the library was walking past the glass walkway that flanks the library's first row of periodicals when she noticed that the Library Owl (Lowl) was missing. A student assistant was dispatched to check the grounds to attempt to find the creature, but Lowl was nowhere to be found.

Purchased in 1999, the hard-plastic owl was placed in front of the long-glassy walkway that exists behind the trees to the right of the library's front entrance. This owl was both for decoration and function as it served to frighten birds and prevent them from flying at full speed into the glass.

Have you seen me?

As of the writing of this article, it is unknown who took The Sting.

Library owl flies the coop

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Opinion

Should everyone be punished?

Chris Gamblin
Student contributor

Tired of paying fines? If you live in the Howell hall dorm you know what this is about. What has the world come to? Why do people have to destroy something when it does not even belong to them? Residents in the Howell hall dorm are getting fined countless amounts because of damages done inside the dorm. When will this stop? There have been damages to the elevator, shaving cream everywhere in the bathroom, and trash cans overflowing inside the bathroom.

Students, can we all respect the places where we live and have enough common sense to quit doing all of this damage? Every student in the dorm does not want to spend their money on fines for your wrong doings. The dorms will last a whole lot longer if people just took a little bit of care for them. Just remember, other students will live in the dorms for years to come. Take care of the dorm so that future students will want to attend Southern Polytechnic State University.

It is annoying to give blood

A.L. Johnson
Staff writer

It is annoying to give blood. First you want to read this long book to save their ass, then they take you behind a screen that gives a false sense of discretion while they ask you questions about sex, traveling, tattoos, and piercings. They test your iron count with a prick on your finger so Picking painful that you are forced to wonder why you agreed to do this in the first place. But you look around, and would be. All your friends are still being screened or already done, and you really don’t have any one to talk to. You have homework to do, or you need to go to work, or you wanted to see what’s up with that hot guy in Bio. ANYTHING but sitting here staring at the ceiling tiles, draining to death.

But then you’re almost done, and the juice and cookies beckon you. The thought of downstairs all the free thanks for making us look good food seems to make donating a worthy cause.

Especially since sometimes they give you pizza.

And as you sit there, light-headed, with all the annoying literature to pore, someone tells you the bottom line.

EVERY PINT OF BLOOD HELPS THREE PEOPLE IN THE LOCAL AREA.

That’s right. Three to one. My bookie has never heard of a win so guaranteed. The American Red Cross makes it their business to suck everyone of their blood so its needed in time of crisis, and everyone who is eligible should make it their business to donate.

Fact: Someone needs blood EVERY 2 SECONDS.

Fact: Only 5% of eligible people donate.

What are platelets?

Platelets are the clotting factor in blood.

• The body continuously makes platelets.

• Platelets are fragile and last only 5 days.

What needs platelets?

• Cancer * blood disorders

• Leukemia

• Bone marrow transplant patients

What is phlebotomy (or phlebiic)?

Agreement is the name of the procedure used to separate and collect one platelets from a donor. The process allows the Red Cross to collect up to 8 times more platelets than through a normal blood donation. The other blood components are returned to the donor.

Who can donate platelets?

Requirements are the same as for donating whole blood. Donors must be healthy

• 16 or older

• Weigh at least 110 pounds

Also, no spiking products should be taken 48 hours prior to donating.

It’s easy to donate blood. Not only is there an American Red Cross (ARC) Donation Center everyfrickin’where, they come out to our school in the fall and spring semesters, and now, it looks like the summer semester will be included to give SPSU students three chances a year to give life.

Where can I donate platelets?

Platelet donations can be made at any of the American Red Cross donor centers in:

- Atlanta
- Marietta
- Alpharetta
- Duluth
- Sandy Springs
- Stockbridge

Together, we can save a life

Call Me Soon!

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your friends seem to be taking it in stride, and of course you can’t bitch up over a little pin prick, so you choose your "I PROBABLY/PROBABLY DON’T HAVE AIDS" stickier, and you are on your way.

They put the fuzzy indy on your arm and stick the longest needle possible in your "happy" vein and they suck you dry. You squeeze a ball periodical wondering why you are there. It’s not as engaging as you thought it was.
You have a choice for housing!

By Henry Lebow

First of all, I feel I should say this upfront. This article deals primarily with showing students that they have a choice for housing and do not have to pay for the overly ex- pensive University Courtyard or University Commons apartments. This article is NOT an attack on most of the people employed in Housing that have been employed since the previous management was in place. Speaking of whom, the (now departed) Eric White (the only two people that don’t ‘olden’ seem to exist to make student’s lives miserable).

That being said, if you are cur- rently living in the University Cour- yard or University Commons and considering renewing your lease, or you live in the dorms, even if you don’t commute, I highly encourage you to at least skim this article. The vast majority of people living in the Uni- versity Courtyard have been de- luded into thinking that the astro- nomically expensive $485 dollar monthly rent-per-person is a “good deal,” and that living off campus would cost a great deal more. This just isn’t true at all. Living off camp- us IS cheaper with the only dissad- vantage being that you have to drive a few minutes to class every day and can’t wake up at 1:55 for that 2:00 class.

With the next leasing term, the 1,235 square foot, four-bedroom and four-bath University Courtyard apartments (pre-furnished) will be selling for $495 per month (per person). This “all-inclusive” deal covers internet, phone, cable, any power, but if you go over your allocated amount for every month you may have to pay the out-of your pocket (and during the hotter months, you WILL go over). If you don’t pay within the allotted amount per month, you lose the money to the wire. If you decide to pay your rent with a credit card, you will be stuck with the minimum statement amount, increasing your monthly rent to $505 per month per person for the nom- inally expensive $1030 per month you lose that money to the way robbery in the 1970s. Granted, both the University Courtyard and Courtyard Commons come pre-furnished, but with the amount of money for rent that each one requires, any indu- strial furniture to fill a barren apart- ment. 

The only downside to this is it is highly unlikely that you will find any four-bedroom apartments, and even more unlikely that you will find any three-bedroom, three-bath apart- ments. When you have decided on a couple of other people you want to live with, and you’ve visited Promove for your apartment pack- age, then it’s best to decide who will pay the extra money per month to get the master bedroom and his/ her own personal bathroom.

Can I afford to live off- campus?

If you can afford to live in the Courtyard or the Commons, then the answer is an enthusiastic “yes.” Although I cannot release exact pric- ing information on my own apart- ment or the prices of apartments that came up in the search Mr. Smallwood performed, I can say that the aver- age price per unit for a two-bedroom apartment was about $100 less per person for a larger living area than that provided by the Commons. As for the three-bedroom, two-bath- room apartments, the average rent per person would have been about $150 less than the comparably sized Courtyard apartment. If that isn’t good enough, then consider that most properties will occasionally offer you a great deal to move in, such as a free month’s rent or even a 70 cent reduction for the duration of your lease (per month no lease), or a deposit/application fee waiver.

What I’m trying to convince you is that you DO have a choice. You don’t have to live in campus housing and commuting isn’t night- marish if your trip is only a 5 minute drive to campus (as far as I can). If you’re absolutely dead-set against moving off campus, then you should at least consider the people at Promove show you some nearby properties in your price range.

Farewell to SPSU

Senior Staff Writer

I had no idea, but apparently I’ve been at this school for two and a half years. I can’t really believe it myself. I still feel like I just tran- ferred to this school. It’s been an interesting time. I finally got in- volved in some extracurricular ac- tivities here and that really helped me in my on-campus career. I encourage everyone to join at least one club or organization while they are here.

My hat goes off to Dr. Soiset, the only teacher to ever convince me that learning history was inter- esting. I think that sums it up. I hope you all have good times and you’re still here. Go out and join something; there’s too much ap- aarchy on this campus. Finally, throw over some parties sometime. There’s definitely not enough drinking on this bond that have forged for you in so many years. Try calling them on a regular basis to head off their frequent calls. Have some positive news to tell and let them know your grades are going well and you are making progress. Leave out the part about going to parties, staying up all night and the fact you are surviving on ramen noodles. That news will just worry them. Assure your parents that you will get in touch with them immediately if you need them and remind them that they raised you to be an in- telligent, responsible, capable adult. You can also tell them about the new Career & Coun- seling Center’s Parent Connec- tion e-mail newsletter. It is filled with valuable information that parents will enjoy and it might just cut down on the number of phone calls you receive from them. Have your parents visit this link: http://www.spsu.edu/ ccenter/Parent_Connection.html to sign up for The Parent Connection newsletter. And hang in there, Fiona, you WILL graduate in your career.

ask susan

Pestering parents probing

by susan ristau

I’ve had it! I’ve had it! I’ve had it! I thought I had it all worked out! I’ve got the apartment setup, the lease, the whole shebang! But now, I find myself dealing with the additional responsibility of being a landlord for the first time on campus. I’ve heard stories about how it can be a full-time job, but I never thought it would happen to me.

My parents are constantly asking about the progress of the apartment. They want to know when we’ll move in, how the renovation is going, and if everything is ready for us. I’ve tried to explain that I have a lot on my plate and that I can’t be expected to manage everything single-handedly. But they seem to think it’s not enough that I’m living on campus, they now expect me to be their personal assistant as well.

I’ve tried to set boundaries and make it clear that I have my own responsibilities and can’t be expected to handle everything. But it seems like they don’t listen. I feel like I’m being constantly nagged and it’s stressing me out.

What should I do? How can I get my parents to stop asking about every little detail? They need to trust me to handle things on my own, and I need to learn how to navigate this new role.

I hope you can give me some advice on how to handle this situation. Thank you for your help.

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An entertaining read

Science is not a religion. Take that, Tom Cruise!

Ross Cutts
NAARC correspondent

Greetings, and welcome to latest column of an entertaining read. A few years back the Cobb County school system made headlines. Sadly, these headlines more or less exposed the world to the fact that far behind Georgia and in particular, Cobb County is in education. Cobb County made the decision that all text books are to be branded with stickers that "This textbook contains material that is a theory, not a fact, according to the origin of living things. This material is to be approached by an open mind, studied carefully and critically considered." If this wasn't enough they went on not only allow but encourage the teaching of intelligent design as an equal explanation to evolution and biology. Many of the issues arise concerns by Cobb County were based upon the assumption that science is fundamentally different from religion. So I have decided (dear Sting reader) to devour an entire column to explain, in-depth, the question — Are science and religion fundamentally different? Everyone must believe in something, no matter what your background is. It is impossible for you to believe in nothing. Science and religion are two completely incomparable things, almost like oil and water, and with good reason, because the two are dynamic and unpredictable. It is an agnostic view point sustainable? Are science and religion fundamentally different? In order to answer these questions we must at look at two primary differences in religion and science. The first examines the similarities and differences, and the second explores the key that faith plays in both religion and science.

All religions, from Atheism to Zionism, have the same basic element, meaning. Meaning in the sense that religions give explanation to the unanswerable. For example, when we are young, we question why things happen and how we die. Some may state that it's the planet's rotation, or a sun that keeps itself burning for all the days that exist. The reality of the belief is meaningless just as long as it fills the void and gives meaning to the unknown. Then it is fundamentally the same.

At first glance one could argue that there is nothing about science, as a self correcting step that all other religions lack. Self correcting lies in the scientific method; this is the same scientific method that every science class spends the first week and half reviewing. So upon closer scrutiny one finds that science has a built in self correcting step that all other religions lack. This self correcting step lies in the scientific method; you see this is the same scientific method that every science class spends the first week and half reviewing. So upon closer scrutiny one finds that science has a built in self correcting step that all other religions lack. This self correcting step lies in the scientific method; you see this is the same scientific method that every science class spends the first week and half reviewing.

Step 1: Observe some aspect of the universe.

Step 2: Invent a tentative description, called a hypothesis, which is consistent with what you have observed.

Step 3: Use the hypothesis to make predictions about the next time you observe.

Step 4: Test those predictions by experiments or further observations and create a revised description in the light of your results.

Step 5: Repeat steps 3 and 4 until there is a fundamental difference between theory and experiment and/or observation.

In order to answer these questions we must at look at two primary differences in religion and science. The first examines the similarities and differences, and the second explores the key that faith plays in both religion and science. Now this understanding clearly shows why something like creationism cannot be classified as a science. But how else are religion and science different? Is it the only that separates the two the fact that science has this golden rule? And what about this golden rule is it really so golden? Nothing is absolute.

History is composed of a never ending string of events, each event has caused the environment of the current event prior to the event. Science is always changing, the only or the scientist is that there is a discovery and ideas of one scientist directly shapes the next scientist and the next and the next, and so on. So if a different scientist made a fundamentally different discovery the current candidate would not simply completely and correctly explained all data, then his discovery would be due to the scientific method and would still be in use today. In short, I am saying that there are many ways science could have evolved, while accurately fitting the mold. Just as there are many ways a writer can write a book, there are as many ways science can explain the way the environment works. So perhaps it's better to look at science as an open, accessible and consistent religion in all ways seeking for the most accurate meaning. But we now are once again under the assumption that science and religion are fundamentally different, and is creating fundamental problems, because the line between science and religion is continuing to not only shrink, but bleed. In conclusion we can see that while science was only answering questions that did not directly challenge the fundamental beliefs of religion, one could easily separate science and religion and remain fundamentally different from science and religion: it's a difference of faith. In science, it does take a certain amount of faith when it comes to the general public accepting complicated scientific asto-
Happy graduation to those that are leaving this esteemed campus! I hope your life is successful and you'll find jobs and maybe, just maybe, you'll stop by and read The Sting from time to time at www.thes sting.org. If not, screw you.

Before I get into my histories, I need to clarify some issues from the April Fool's edition of my article.

A) A ducks quack does echo, just like any other noise would.

B) There is no "15 minute rule." To the best of my knowledge, there is nothing officially states that you can leave a class with no repercussions. If someone knows differently, feel free to tell me. I'm asking for hard proof here, though, not that you just heard it from somewhere.

C) Pop Rocks and soda won't hurt you in any way, shape, or form. Really. It won't.

D) I'm sorry I had to lie to you, my loyal readers, but it was for the greater good of hilarity.

Back to business. This issue, I'm going to cover a few random topics that I just couldn't squeeze into a single topic. We'll hit the great "Ring Around the Rosie" song (It's not what you think) the history of the Sharpie, and, my personal favorite, the history of choose your own adventure books.

Ring Around the Rosie
No. You're wrong and you don't know where it comes from. But let's start with some backstory for those who don't know this little children's ditty. The lyrics go a little something like this:

"Ring around the rosy, A pocket full of posies, Ashes, ashes, We all fall down!"

A little macabre isn't it? The common belief is that this little song dates back to the Black Plague in Europe during the 1300s. The ring around the rosy is meant to represent the weals that the Plague would leave all over the infected's body. The posies are about how superstitious people of the time believed that carrying posies with them would keep them from catching the plague. The final two lines, supposedly, are about people dying from the Plague.

However, there is no real proof that this is what the poem is about. The first recorded instance of this poem is from 1881, over five hundred years after the Plague hit Europe. This version, printed in Kate Greenaway's Mother Goose, went a little differently:

"Ring-a-ring-o' roses, A pocket full of posies, Hash! hash! hash! hash! We're all tumbled down!"

Naturally, this sounds a bit more like bunch of kids getting into a fight after picking some flowers and taking a nap. Nothing to do with the Plague, as the other version would have you believe. (Special thanks to www.wordorigin.org for much of this information.)

Sharpie
Like all awesome histories about markers, this one starts with rather humble beginnings. It all began with Frederick W. Redington and William Sanford Jr. in 1857, who founded Sanford Manufacturing Company in Worcester, Massachusetts. Sanford Manufacturing Company made mainly ink and glue in 1873. Over 3000 books were made, and even choose your own adventure movies were released in special theatres for a time. Yet, like so many other great things - Dungeons and Dragons, Magic: the Gathering, Satanism - fundamental Christian groups began to label CYOABs as satanic in nature. Their message must have spread around over time (Or people just got tired of CYOABs), because there sure aren't many CYOABs left around today. Personally, it seems to me that there are less than there were when we were kids.

But then again, I don't read them anymore. If you still read them, continue on to page 45. If not, go to page 56.

The facts in this history come heavily from myadventuregame.com. Special thanks to them for knowing all this!

Wasn't that interesting to the max? Well, I thought it was. Have something you'd like to see in The Histories that Matter? Just drop me an e-mail at assistant@spou. I'll cover anything you could possibly come up with, or at least try my best. If I can't figure it out, feel free to give me one punch in the stomach. On the house.

 entertainment
Best of the Midwest

Heather Giroux

While most kids were going south for our wintry timed Spring Break, my friends and I decided to embrace the cold and head toward the Midwest. There just so happens to be two American treasures out there that we just couldn’t miss: the original Budweiser Brewery and the Miller Brewery.

Our first stop was Budweiser in St. Louis, MO. It was a gigantic compound all dedicated to those tasty suds. There was also a stable for those big Clydesdale horses. The tour lasted about 40 minutes and was very informative. They really want you to understand that they’re the only brewery to use the beechwood aging process.

The best way to learn something is firsthand and that’s what we did at the end of the tour. Everyone was allowed two samples of any beer on tap. They had about six different beers to choose from. I chose to try out the new Budweiser Select and Bear Knuckle. I was very pleased with my selection of Budweiser beers. I’m not a huge fan of domestics in general, but this was a great one to try. It had a crisp taste that Budweiser is also their low carb, less calorie beer and yet it still holds 4.2% alcohol. Why not have a beer or two that tastes good and is “good for you?”

My second beer of choice, Bear Knuckle, had a pleasant chocolate taste to it. Unfortunately, it is only being tested in select areas right now. You can get it at a few bars around St. Louis, but otherwise you’ll just have to take my word for it about how good it was.

The best part about the Budweiser Brewery was my earning the title of Beermaster. Myself and two other visitors were chosen to taste different glasses of Bud. The first glass had a nice, clean taste like a Budweiser should. The second glass, however, tasted awful…much like Natty Light. We were later told that the second glass was supposed to simulate how a beer past its prime would taste. Since I’m such a good beer reviewer, I noticed the difference right away and swiftly picked up a new glass of cold beer to get the bad taste out of my mouth. So now, ladies and gentlemen, I can say with pride that I am a beermaster. My articles have gained so much credibility. I have three beer limit instead of two, which was nice. I tried out Miller Light, Weinhard’s Amber Light, and a Polish import that I honestly can’t recall.

Miller Light isn’t my favorite beer. Actually, I don’t enjoy light beers in general; I feel like it tastes too watery. Anyway…none of the beers I tried were very good I have to say. The Weinhard was the best by far. It’s from a microbrew in Wisconsin that the Miller Brewing Company has taken under its wing. It had a nice amber color and a mild fruity taste to it. Honestly, that’s the best thing I have to say about the brewery.

Obviously I enjoyed my time at Budweiser much more. You should take a page out of my book and learn a little about beer for your next Spring Break. You might even become a beermaster just like I did. Until next time…cheers!

Another line to add to my resume?

LEGO Star Wars review

Syl Turner

Let’s face it. Since the prequels came out, Star Wars video games have gone downhill. There have been a few good ones here and there (I liked Racer and Knights of the Old Republic), but most have been mediocre to crap quality. Believe it or not, LEGO Star Wars is a great Star Wars game.

This game combines two of the coolest things in the world: Star Wars and LEGOs. Nearly everything inside the game is made out of LEGOs; from tables to spokescorn to the characters themselves. You can even use The Force to take the game to a whole new level of immersion and make a tale of your own.

The game follows the prequel trilogy, including Episode III. Caution: there are a few spoilers while playing (SPOILER: Anakin becomes DARTH VADER!).

There are two different modes: Story and Free Play. In the story mode, you play through the prequels and just complete the levels with the characters they give you. You can collect LEGO “suds” through the levels to unlock LEGO kits. You can die as many times as you want, but you’ll only lose a few studs, like in Sonic the Hedgehog, but you never completely die. During the levels, you will meet different characters and get to play as them. You can swap from being Anakin, to Obi-Wan, to R2-D2, to C-3PO all in a few seconds just to complete a puzzle. You can even chop off C-3PO’s arm! Each character has a unique ability.

All the Jedi can use The Force, C-3PO and R2-D2 can unlock certain doors, Jar-Jar can jump extra high, and Padme can use a grapple hook. There are plenty of characters to play with.

In free play, you get to select a main character you want to use and try and unlock as much stuff as you can. You get to swap between characters at any point in the level. Sometimes, you’ll be required to jump to a platform really high with Jar-Jar, then switch to R2-D2 to use his newly discovered jetpacks and float for a while to grab some studs.

The gameplay is very simplistic. The story mode is extremely easy to beat, but unlocking stuff can be a real challenge.

Multiplier is a blast! A person can grab a controller and just start playing beside you. There are some puzzles where you need one person to use The Force to lift something while the other person is standing on it.

The game’s graphics are pretty impressive, too. Everything looks like the LEGOs in real life. Nothing looks bad in the game. There are a few cool little touches, like a motion blur on lightsabers and slight reflections on LEGO pieces. I played the game on PC, and I ran it with the graphics all the way up on my two year old computer. The game ran smooth.

The sound is also good. Music and sound effects from the movies give an epic feel to a silly looking game.

If you’re playing on the PC, I would recommend you get a game controller. The keyboard is very difficult to use for this game. Of course, on PS2 and X-Box, that’s not a problem.

This game is a must for fans of Star Wars and fans of LEGOs. It’s amazing that a Star Wars game is good these days, let alone one filled with LEGOs. If you’re still skeptical, then give it a rent. I bet you’ll love it.

The Good: Star Wars + LEGOs

The Bad: Keyboard controls on PC

Final Verdict: Play this game.

Grade: A

Available on PC, PS2 and X-Box.
Last time I gave blood...

By Turner

Staff writer

Every two months, I'll donate a pint of my blood. If I'm Type O negative, so my blood is in high demand. I've never had any problems giving blood in the past. However, last time I gave blood was a little... weird.

My friend Cristina usually donates blood with me. I got to the Red Cross center about a minute before her. After reading through the instructional material, a volunteer asked me to go with him to the back. Before giving blood, you must go through the rigorous "pre-donation blood challenge." They will check your blood pressure, take your temperature, and test the iron in your blood. The last part is the personal history quiz. You always answer "yes" to the first question ("Are you in good health today?") and "no" to every other one. The questions then move on to some pretty detailed scenarios. "Have you ever had sex with a person of the same sex?" "Have you ever had sex with a person of the opposite sex who's had sex with a person of the same sex who had sex for drugs or money?" I like to respond with "I sure hope not!" but the Red Cross volunteers never really enjoy that joke.

After the pre-donation blood challenge, the volunteer asked, "Do you have any extra time today?"

"Um... yeah, I've got plenty of time," I said.

"Do you have, like, 26 minutes?"

"Yeah, I've... um... I've got 26 minutes."

"You want to donate platelets? Save a few lives and help a burn victim?" He asked. I glanced out the door and looked at the guy covered with blankets donating platelets.

"Um... give blood and platelets? I asked him. He nodded.

"So... I can give both?"

"Yeah... I mean, I think so."

"Um... sure, I guess I'll give it a try."

"Okay, go out there and tell your friend that you'll be a little longer while I go grab this paper for you to sign about platelets." I went out to tell Cristina the confusing news.

"You're done already?" Cristina asked.

"No, I haven't started. It looks like I'm giving platelets now, too," I said.

"What? Are you giving blood and platelets?"

"Um... I think so? He said it would only take 26 minutes."

"I thought it takes, like 2 hours..."

"Yeah, I thought so, too..."

I went back to the little room and read over the sheet of paper the volunteer gave me about platelet donations. One of the points on the sheet said that the process would take 30-100 minutes. Then the volunteer asked "Are you nervous about our experiment?"

"No, I feel fine. I lied. What did he mean by "experiment"?"

The volunteer hooked me up to the platelet machine. There are TVs set up where you can watch movies or the news while giving platelets. The guy I glanced at earlier was watching Radio, starring Snow Dog's Cuba Gooding Jr. It took about 5 minutes for the volunteer to hook up the machine. This was new to me, since normally my blood just goes into a bag. The needle was pretty big and had like three tubes coming out of it. After the machine started going, I felt fine. It was just like giving blood.

After a few minutes, one of the tubes connected to the needle started jumping around. I suddenly became really cold. My lips began to tingle. The volunteer came by and asked, "You doing all right?"

"I'm doing... fine," I said.

"Are you sure? You cold or anything? Your lips starting tingling?"

"Yeah, that just started happening."

"Here," he came over to me with a bottle of Tums and dumped 4 tablets into my mouth. "All of them?"

"Yeah, sure. I took all 4 Tums at once, and the tingling eventually went away. The volunteer then put a blanket on me.

After a few minutes, Cristina came out of the privacy room and gave me a thumbs down. "I can't give blood today," she said and frowned.

"I don't have enough iron. I told the lady "but I am a cheeseburger yesterday" but realized that, oh yeah, that was McDonald's."

I looked at the machine hooked up to the guy next to me. The dial on that machine were moving a lot quicker and the fluid running through it was yellow. Mine was blood red. I still was unsure of what I was donating. I felt really light-headed the whole time, especially when the machine would pump more blood back into my arm. After about 20 minutes, my machine played a little jingle (which sounded like I received 1000 points in King's Quest?) and I was done. I even finished before the guy next to me. The volunteer came by and asked me, "Ah, not bad, huh?"

"No, it wasn't bad at all," I lied. I felt really... crappy.

"I think that was pretty good considering I didn't know what the hell I was doing."

I was completely out of it for the rest of the day.

I can't find any information about donating both whole blood and platelets anywhere. Perhaps it was an experiment, but I'm guessing I just had a crazy volunteer.

Ryan Reynolds Horror: Amityville Horror Review

Benny Lebeau

Staff writer

I've long believed that Ryan Reynolds, he of Two Guys, a Girl, and a Pizza Place fame was composed of pure evil. Why? Because look at how freakin' long that name is! No one that stars in a TV show with a title that long can be anything but a being of pure darkness, and when the show got re-dubbed (and eventually cancelled) to Two Guys and a Girl, Reynolds's reputation for evil became even more cemented. Okay, so maybe "reputation for evil" is too strong a phrase, but the fact still remains he was the most annoying new couple on the Blaze franchise and is now starring as George Lutz in the remake of the 1974 giggle-fest: The Amityville Horror. For those of you who may not know, this movie is based on the true story (read: someone actually wrote it) of vicarious murders said to have supernatural origins that took place in a small town. The laughs keep coming as a new family moves into the pleasantly painted house and experiences the same slow-maddening, haunting images and curdled cheese that caused the destruction of the last family.

Although George Lutz (a curiously bearded Ryan Reynolds) starts out as a loving father, who is taking care of kids his wife had from a previous marriage (the last husband in a method that's not explained during the movie) he slowly becomes a raving lunatic on the scale of infamous raving lunatics such as Bill O'Reilly. When it becomes blatantly obvious to Kathy Lutz (LE: after a demon has lunch with the Lutz family) that something is terribly wrong with the house, she realizes a Man of the Cloth must be reached for assistance.

The Amityville Horror is another remake horror movie that serves to be startling rather than actually scary or unsettling. For example, when George sneaks silently into the basement to light the furnace and he turns around and faces the satanic images that took place in a small town. The laughs keep coming as a new family moves into the pleasantly painted house and experiences the same slow-maddening, haunting images and curdled cheese that caused the destruction of the last family.

What's Good: What's Bad:

Ryan's beard, very few lines, flat, emotionless acting, facing feels a little fast.

The Verdict: 3.5 Reynolds out of 5.
Deorbit the Space Shuttle: Stem Cell Rescue

CJ Shrader
Editor-in-Chief

Deorbit the Space Shuttle is a book by new author Neil Mavis. Mavis is an ECET graduate of Southern Polytechnic State University from back in the days when the school was called Southern Tech.

The story follows Scott Brossfield, a veritable genius in his own right. Scott is an expert in many fields, including RFID technology, hang gliding, and secret government projects. Using knowledge from one such project, he constructs an engine that is one of the most efficient ever created and could put the gas companies out of business if it ever caught on.

Using this engine, he actually builds a rocket pack with enough lift and energy to keep him flying for hours. But that’s not what this story is about.

This story circles around the space shuttle Atlantis, which was recently damaged while in orbit and isn’t able to leave orbit on its own. Upon Atlantis is not only Scott’s ex-fiancé, but also a potential cure for the cancer which is killing his own mother.

Although NASA tries many rescue attempts, it eventually falls on Scott’s hands to save Atlantis and his mother in the same process.

Portions of this book do ask for a bit of suspension of disbelief on the part of the reader (mostly the portions involving the rocket pack), but every time I was reading and asked myself “Is that even possible?” or “There’s no way he could do that…” there was always a plausible explanation right afterwards in the text which made it all make sense to me. Neil Mavis, the author, surely did a lot of research on the way space shuttles operate and that mastery really shows within the novel.

The most negative portion of this book is that I 50% at times, it got too political. While reading through this novel, you’ll read all about the characters’ views on RFID tags, medical marijuana, the PATRIOT act, and privacy. At times I felt like I was reading a pamphlet against one of the above more than a novel about a damaged space shuttle and the man who could save it.

However, the book does have an interesting storyline unlike anything I had ever read before. Complicated NASA protocols and procedures are explained in a believable and easy-to-grasp manner that even I, a person with little to no interest in space shuttles, was easily able to understand what was happening. The novel is full of action and is certainly an entertaining read.

Even better, like a fine wine, you can try out this book before you buy it. The author has released the first seven chapters online at www.deorbit.com. You can even purchase the novel from there, if you enjoy it. However, the official release is meant to be in June so that Neil Mavis can update the book with some recent Supreme Court decisions as well as the recent decision by NASA to scrap the Hubble telescope.

I would recommend this book to anyone who is interested in NASA, space shuttles, space travel, rocket packs, or even government conspiracies and secret projects. This novel generally has a little something for everyone.

Confessions of a Serial Egg Donor

CJ Shrader
Editor-in-Chief

Confessions of a Serial Egg Donor follows a young Swedish woman named Julia Derek throughout nearly a decade in her life. It starts out with her attending journalism school in Washington DC, and follows her life as she becomes interested in acting and the fast paced life of Los Angeles.

This story could be interesting enough in itself, but the true plot lies with when Julia discovers that she can make $2500 by donating her eggs to couples who are infertile and need the eggs to have a child. This is the start of Julia’s life as a serial egg donor. The novel takes us through Julia’s life as an egg donor, from the beginning of easy money to the end where Julia realizes that donating her eggs may cost her more than she ever thought.

Confessions is written in the first person, which I found a little distracting at first but quickly fell in love with. You practically know everything that Julia is thinking as she is thinking it which is really important for this type of story. Her wit and unique outlook on everything that happens makes the book very enjoyable.

This book is really an amazing inside look at what it takes for a woman to become an egg donor. The process is no close to as painful as what it takes for a woman to become an egg donor. The author knew I’m not sure but the author or to someone else the author knew, I’m not sure, but the character of Julia Derek is terribly believable and someone whom you will be knowledgeable about by the end of the novel.

This story is an interesting, very entertaining read that I think most anyone could find enjoyable. While reading it, it’ll take you through such a range of emotion: all the way from laughing to nearly wanting to cry. If you’re interested in grabbing a copy, it can be ordered from Amazon.com or you can also find a copy at http://www.adrenalinebooks.com/.

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For the first time in 20 years, the position of President will not be filled at the time of the official inauguration. The vacant position will be given the same treatment that a vacant council member position would given. This means that any eligible student will be given the opportunity to submit an application to next year's SGA student body. A vote will be taken by the Council and the new President will be appointed from the list of qualified applicants. Applicants for SGA President must have at least a 2.5 GPA and have served at least 1 year on SGA to be considered qualified. The qualifications are the same as the ones upheld during the elections process.

This decision was reached on April 12th in a closed meeting of the current SGA.

SGA 2005 - 2006 budget

Naimah Shaw - Staff writer

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AITP attends National Collegiate Conference

Contributing writer

The 2005 AITP (ait.org) National Collegiate Conference was held in Atlanta, Georgia at the Renaissance Waverly Hotel on April 7-9th. Hosted by the AITP Student Chapter of Chattahoochee Technical College, SPSU's AITP Student Chapter had four students representing Southern Poly, which were among the over 100 attendees from across the nation during the 10th anniversary event. SPSU was well represented by Student Chapter President Amanda Benson, Ryan Campbell, Heather Nash and Jared Oliver.

Sponsors and speakers included Microsoft, Robert Half Technology, Wal-Mart's Information System's Division, and the Institute for the Certification of Computing Professionals (ICCP), were among the big 'guns' of the conference. Seminars were mostly geared toward the instructors, as the students were heavily involved in a variety of competitions including PC Troubleshooting; Database Design; Web; Java, C++, Visual.net and COBOL Programming; and Network Design during two days of intense competition.

The competitions started with a weeding-out process for the top 25 individuals/teams from each area of competition via a 100-question written exam. SPSU's Ryan Campbell survived the examination process, reaching the finals of the PC Troubleshooting division with a score of 72 (top average was 75). Heather Nash and Jared Oliver also did well in the PC Troubleshooting exam, though neither reached the minimum cutoff score of 80. Ryan did well in the finals, but discovered an actual motherboard failure that prevented him from booting the computer, which was a requirement for the competition.

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Now with 23% less budget! How do our budget cuts benefit you, the reader?

- Less writers! - Less news!
- Less pages! - Less squirrels
- A switch from greyscale to pure black and white!

(Just joking. The Sting is going to continue to bring you everything it has in the past, and even more, regardless of budget cuts.)

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Cruzn’ TKE - Tau Kappa Epsilon’s annual car show

The chapter runs around the school during a new student orientation, also being held that day, and collected donations from sponsors up to the event and from people witnessing the run on same day. Xi-Chi chapter has been an adamant supporter of this charity while it was the fraternity’s national charity, and since 1980 when one of its own members, Tommy Crummley, passed away of this disease June 12, 1980. Tommy Crummley initiated in the Fall, 1979 quarter at SPUS and has been the only member to pass away during his undergraduate career at the campus. The year after his passing, 1981, Xi-Chi ran its very first Run For Breath, a 72 mile run from North Georgia Military College to the SPUS campus to carry the game ball for the basketball game where North Georgia and SPUS competed. Along the way Xi-Chi chapter gathered donations for every mile ran to be donated to Cystic Fibrosis research and treatment. Over the years, Xi-Chi chapter has raised thousands of dollars in support of the charity.

Many years ago Cystic Fibrosis was the national philanthropy of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity (it is now Alzheimer’s disease), but Xi-Chi still realizes the serious need to eradicate this horrible gene defect. To this day and on into the future Tau Kappa Epsilon Xi-Chi chapter is and will be a supporter of this charity. If you would like more information about Cystic Fibrosis please go to their website - www.cff.org.

TKEs serving overseas

There are many fraternity men proudly serving and protecting our country at home and abroad. Several Tekes from SPUS are currently serving in the United States Military; we salute our own.

- Frater David S. Foy, Xi Chi Chapter #97
  Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps Commanding Officer, HMM-268 (MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 268)

- Frater Andrew Hammac, Xi Chi Chapter #475
  MIA/AB Abrams Tank Crewman, U.S. Marine Corps

- Frater Lyn Whitlock, Xi Chi Chapter #440
  SPC, Whitlock, L.T., Bravo Company, 1/108 Armor

- Frater Alijah Wood, Xi Chi Chapter #467
  SPC, Wood, Alijah, Bravo Company, 1/108 Armor

- Frater Doolittle Adcock, Xi Chi Chapter #437

There is a website for Tekes serving and that have served in the military. Check it out: http://www.tyic.com/dev/tkemil/
Student question

What was the last thing in your mouth?
We asked six students a stupid question, and then were shocked to find out that we got stupid answers! Maybe you will be asked our next student question?

"A&W Root Beer Barrel"
Aaron Killen

"Dr. Pepper"
Dave Bachtel

"Guinness"
Adam Rudd

"Rubber band handle for pencils"
Joshua Mckenzie

"Pen"
Kenny Patillo

"My clarinet"
Lexy Cooper-Anderson

Consensus editorial

Our thoughts on The Sting theft and the new budget

The Sting staff
We're standing right behind you

The Sting

As many people already knew, the April Fools edition of The Sting was stolen shortly after they were placed on the newsstands (Page 2 for a news article regarding this topic). The Sting did a reprint of the issue and there are some still available if you'd like a copy. You can just stop by The Sting office Fridays at 1:00 PM to pick one up, or ask a writer to grab you one.

Of course, you could also always read it online at www.thesting.org. Just click the "Archives" link. We here at The Sting think the issue was pretty darn funny.

We also believe that whoever stole the issues of The Sting did a very childish and immature act. Let's take a moment to speak directly to whoever took the issues. Printing of The Sting comes mainly from the Student Activity fund, which every student on campus contributes to. When you stole from The Sting, you stole from every single student of Southem Polytechnic State University.

Also, what you stole was the hard work and dedication of a few writers who decided that even though the pay was lousy and the work hard, they would come and write for The Sting mainly because they like to write and enjoy getting information to the population of the campus. You, whoever stole The Sting, nearly took all that work from them (And yes, even the April Fools edition is a lot of work). Luckily, we were able to reprint quickly and still get out issues.

So if you took them because you disagreed with some article that's too bad. They are still out there, and people still read them online. If anything, you've made the issue even more popular. We constantly have people asking us what happened to the issue and if we have any more, and we have happily obliged.

Don't think that we've dropped the topic. We are working diligently to find out who took them, and are closer than ever.

We at least hope you had the consideration to recycle them and didn't just dump them or burn them and contribute to pollution.

Now that that little heart to heart is over if you the readers have any information on the missing Stings please don't hesitate to e-mail us at stingeS4ijor@gmail.com or contact the SPSU Campus Police. Any information helps.

Budget blues

Naturally The Sting isn't very happy about the cut to our budget from the SGA. Though, looking over all the budgets (Page 10), we suspect that most everyone except the SPSU Band is unhappy with the recent budget announcement.

We don't blame the SGA. They obviously had a lot of new organizations this year and only so much money to go around. Still, a cut of nearly $4000 is significant as we are currently right on budget this semester.

However, The Sting is still excited to bring you some new changes and upgrades come next semester. Look for them in the Freshman issue of The Sting when students are returning from summer break. It promises to be resplendent!