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Welcome Freshman!!!

Or, if you're not new...

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New Dept Chair for IT

Naimah Shaw
Staff Writer

Effective July 1st, 2005, Dr. Andy Wang assumed duties as the new Department Chair for Information Technology. Dr. Wang is already a familiar face among faculty, staff and students as he currently teaches the information security classes here at SPSU.

Dr. Wang began his teaching career in 1982 and has since taught in the fields of computer science, software engineering, computer information systems and information technology at different universities. He says, "I love teaching because I want to share with others the beauty that can be found in computer science and the joy I feel in its discovery."

He has stepped up to this position, following the decision of previous department chair, Dr. Kai Qian, to step down. Dr. Qian has also stepped down from his position as chair of Software Engineering.

Dr. Rutherford maintains her position as the Graduate Coordinator and Professor Hartfield will become the undergraduate coordinator for IT.



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SPSU unveils new Hornet card

The new card combines access to many places at SPSU

CJ Shrader
Editor-in-Chief

The new Hornet "one-card" will replace the old ID cards and will be usable for a variety of services around campus, including checking out books in the library, verifying that you are on the meal plan, and gaining access to the wellness center or to athletic events.

Although the old ID card could do all these things, the new Hornet card, spearheaded by Rob Whitaker, Director of Budgets, Grants, and Procurement, will have a very unique feature. Starting in the spring, the Hornet card will allow you to deposit money onto the card.

Depositing money on the card should be a simple process. Financial aid checks will automatically be placed on the card. Also, a website will be created which will allow you to deposit money online. Additionally, students will be able to deposit money in the business office or to one of two ATM-type

machines that will allow you to deposit cash directly onto your card. These machines should be located in the Student Center and the library.

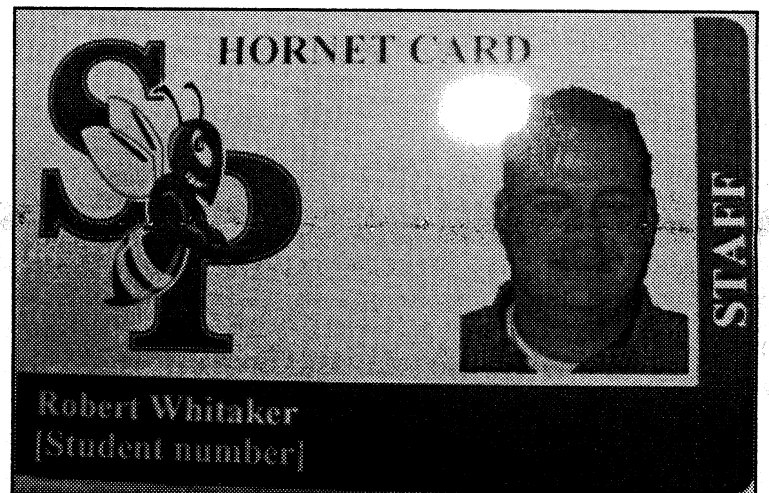
Once money is on your card, "then you could take your card and you could buy food at the grill, buy food at the cafeteria if you don't have the board plan, buy it at the J-Building snack bar as well as the community center," says Whitaker. The card will also be useable for making copies at the library and making purchases in the book store.

Though all the details have not been figured out yet, it will be possible to get money off of the card as well. "It'll probably be about a one or two day process," says Whitaker, "where you'll fill out a form which has enough information for us to validate and verify who you are and a check will be ready in a day or two."

Returning SPSU students who would like to keep their old ID's will be able to, but will not be able to take advantage of the features

the new card offers. Whitaker says, "If all you did was showed up on campus, took a class, and went home, you could probably get away

will be doing so far, and Whitaker hopes to take advantage of the card's multi-functionality sometime in the future. "We're also looking



Photo/CJ Shrader

The new Hornet Card will display the student's number, name, picture, and will have a bar code for the library on the back.

with having your old ID card for the remainder of your time here." However, older students on the meal plan would have to get a new ID in order to continue using the meal plan. Also, if you don't already have the library barcode sticker on your older ID you will have to get a new Hornet ID if you'd like to check out books at the library.

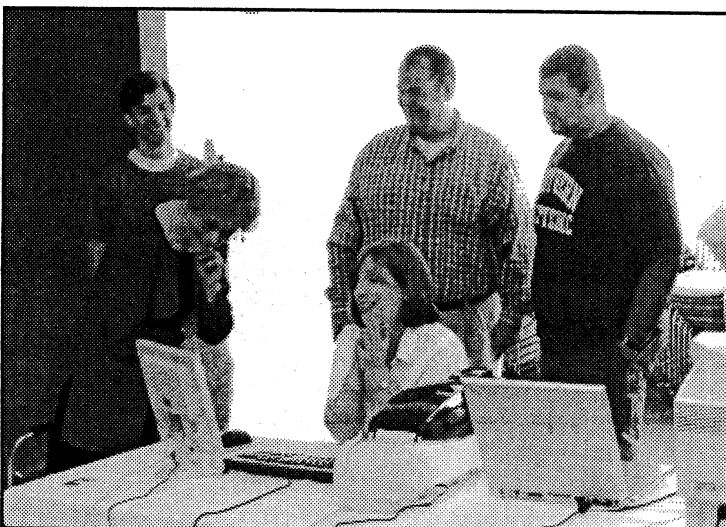
The new card creation system cost SPSU approximately \$113,000. "That buys the entire package...it's the license of the software, it's the servers, it's the readers that will go on campus," Whitaker explains. The money also covers the costs of the ATM-type machines, training, installation, and the printers that print the new ID cards. What that price does not cover is eventual maintenance and upgrades.

The Hornet one-card has the capability for far more than what it

at opening it up to vending. So there'll be at least a couple locations where your card will work—the coke machines, the vending machines, as well as, hopefully, we can do it in the laundry rooms that are in the two dorm rooms."

Whitaker is enthusiastic about the new Hornet card. "It's a step in the right direction. We are a technology university and this is taking advantage of the technology that's out there. It will create some sense of place on campus. It will give [the students] access to services. It will make things a little more efficient on campus, and I just hope everybody enjoys it."

Students interested in getting their own Hornet one-card can get it in the SPSU police office; however, it is preferred that returning students allow a few weeks for freshmen and transfer students to receive their Hornet cards first.



Rob Whitaker shows President Rossbacher how the new card printing system will work. Photo/CJ Shrader

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Books, pencils, pens, folders, paper, beer, alarm clock. Use our helpful checklist to see what you need for your first year in college.
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Naimah Shaw has put together quite a comprehensive article for you International Students. You may find it helpful!
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Horny the Hornet on Hiatus?

Syl Turner
Layout Manager

A few years ago, Southern Polytechnic had a vote to see what our new mascot, Horny the Hornet, was going to look like. There were three different options: a crappy looking green hornet, a boxy looking green hornet, or an aggressive, ass-kickin' green hornet. The choice was simple; the aggressive, ass-kickin' green hornet easily won. Horny the Hornet was now ready to represent our fine school.

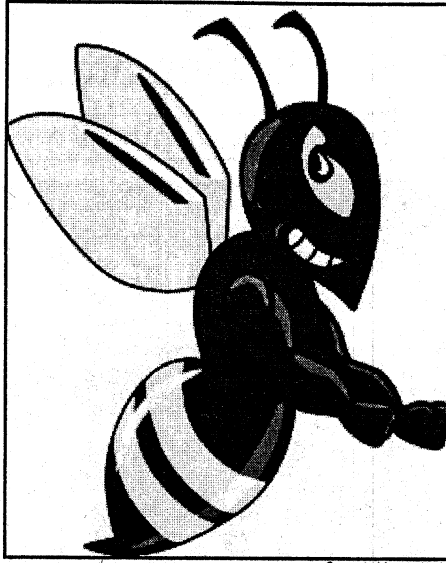
Unfortunately, we haven't seen much of Horny the Hornet since his conception.

Horny the Hornet has appeared on a few items around campus, but there hasn't been enough of him. When you visit other schools, like Georgia Tech or UGA, they have their mascots all over the place. You see Buzz the Yellowjacket everywhere at Tech, from academic buildings to student

ID cards. UGA has various mascots, including Uga, their real live bulldog, and Harry, their cartoon bulldog. Everywhere you go in Athens you see Uga or Harry or people barking at you.

So why hasn't Horny the Hornet taken off? He has an excellent design: mean look, yellow eyes, smug smile, sharp wings, aerodynamic antennae, racing striped stinger, beefy arms. All those elements combine to make a pretty cool mascot, and Horny the Hornet is a great one!

I believe that Horny the Hornet could really start taking off if he was used more. I'm not saying put him on EVERYTHING, but a few major places wouldn't hurt. If Horny the Hornet started showing up in most of Southern Poly's publications, he would become more recognized in no time. And at least put Horny



Look at my beefy arms! I'm the strongest hornet you've ever seen!

the Hornet somewhere on the website! Georgia Tech has Buzz the Yellowjacket right there on the front page!

Since mascots are usually as-

sociated with sports, I think we should get a Horny the Hornet costume for basketball games. Imagine if we had a human-sized Horny the Hornet, getting the crowd pumped and excited about a win for the Running Hornets. Also, imagine how cool that would be to have a giant Horny the Hornet. I would definitely want my picture with him!

Now, you might be asking yourself "Who cares about a mascot? They don't really do anything." Horny the Hornet represents our school. He's an image that is associated with Southern Poly. Just like Buzz and Uga, Horny is an icon. We must embrace Horny the Hornet as much as possible. He's such a cool mascot, but we don't see enough of him! You never know, if Horny the Hornet becomes really big, students all over town may start buzzing at you.

Letter to the editor Tutors?

Anonymous
SPSU Student

Recently, I got bugged down and frustrated with my Calculus II assignment and decided to go up to the "Math Tutors" in the ATTIC. I was dismayed and utterly annoyed when I got back my assignment with the corrections and realized that had I not gone to those "tutors," my grade would have been at least an entire letter grade higher. I had changed 6 questions that the "tutors" had told me were wrong and put the answers that these supposedly competent and brilliant math students told me were correct.

For one question, I was blatantly told by the tutor that she did not know what the correct answer would be and if she helped me she would be "misguiding me." Aren't they supposed to be knowledgeable enough to help students with math problems?

What further annoyed and agitated me was that while I was there, her cell phone constantly rang and the instant messages popping up on the computer screen served as too-frequent distractions and background noise. I believe that any job someone undertakes should be treated as a real job and there should be some level of professionalism attached to it irrespective of how much you get paid, the location or clothes you wear.

As if the tutors themselves weren't bad enough, the man in charge of the tutoring service was supposedly bored at work himself, so he found it fitting enough to keep interrupting the tutor with little pieces of his apparently amusing life. That is utterly rude and unacceptable and makes the students who are there for help feel as though they are intruding on something.

I wish something is done urgently about these tutors, so that instead of helping to hurt students' grades, they actually help to improve them.

The Middle with Christiaan Funkhouser How I wish they all could be...

Christiaan Funkhouser
Staff Writer

For a technology school we've got a lot wrong with us. Living on campus provides us with very slow download times, especially through P2P connections. It also provides us with the most horrible website to navigate and especially terrible search capabilities. It's bad enough that I would rather wait a day, go

ignored for the greater half of the half-hour I was finally seen. Another time, I was waiting and I got to hear all the plans for Bob's 50th birthday bash.

Long waits for rude people, who can do their jobs just a little better than they can speak English. Definite props for trying to learn English, and not just saying, "Well, you can learn my language so I don't have to learn English." However,

it should be common sense that says if someone is going to be in my customer service department, they need to be able to serve the customers by speaking understandable English, and have the competence to do their jobs.

At Southern Polytechnic State University we have some of the most incompetent people working here. The sad thing is that these people who continually lose things, don't do their job, and can't help you because you have to try to understand what they're saying, get paid a hefty sum of money through your fees.

I work at the SPSU bookstore and I've gotten to meet a bunch of the employees of our great campus. However, by far, the most respectful, nice, underpaid and well speaking bunch of people have been the Groundskeepers and Custodial Staff (here on out referred to as Groundskeepers). Have you ever

taken the time to just walk around campus? It's absolutely beautiful. Everything always looks great, and if there's something that needs to be fixed, they are on it, almost immediately.

The Groundskeepers have a very thankless job and what gets me is that they work harder, yet get paid less than the new girl who just came over from another country 2 weeks ago, at the front desk who can't speak English. The majority of the groundskeepers speak very good English and can do their job right the first time. How do we thank them the majority of the time? We leave our trash around, we throw stuff on the ground outside. If someone spills we just leave. When we use the bathroom we don't flush and leave all manner of disgusting things in it.

Why do people do this? I'm tempted to sound like my grandma, "Did you grow up in a barn?" Or I could just quote her, (not said in context) "You're ridiculous, go grow up and come back here and talk." It's ridiculous to just throw our trash on the ground, or spill a drink and not pick it up. We shouldn't think that just because someone gets paid to do something we should make sure they "earn" their pay. These ladies and gentlemen working have enough to do without cleaning up all your messes. And in regards to not flushing the toilet...I don't know how girls are, although I've heard stories...but, you're a grown man, flush the toilet. IF you have problems, then wait and go in a more private place. These poor groundskeepers have enough work to do without having to look at a toilet full of your dinner from a couple nights ago.

Remember that they're real people too, not little fairies here to make everything all better when you mess something up. I used to take things like that for granted as

well, until my senior year in high school when I had to do manual labor, cleaning, painting or whatever me or my family could do to pay the bills.

Let's make things easier on them when possible. I'm not saying to strap on a hammer and start fixing up the Student Center. I'm saying, if you see trash on the ground, pick it up. If you're a tree hugging liberal, you should already be used to it. But if you're one of those Evil Racist Homophobic War Mongering Conservatives, you've gotta put down your pitchforks, chainsaws, and whatnot and help everyone else, instead of spreading your incessant hate mongering. In helping the groundskeepers, you'll also be helping the environment. This looks good with the ladies, and a lot of liberal girls are hot, so if one of the 4 girls on the campus see you picking up trash and she's a liberal, you might get a phone number or even a new wife. Just flush the toilet when you get done. It's not hard, you do it at home, do it at school.

Lastly, take a moment to thank the men and women who work to keep our campus clean, and running well. Even though the departments may have horrible service and our technology may not work. The campus and the majority of the buildings work, and if not are being fixed. It'll take a moment out of your day and will mean a lot.

Someone once said, "You can tell a lot about what people think about the job they do by their attitude. If they are nice, then they're a good employee who believes they are, and most likely are, competent. However, if they're mean, or unpleasant, then they're trying to cover up something; be it lack of skills, or incompetence."

On this journey between death to Life...
Christiaan



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Do your part to help litter around here. If you don't want to, that's fine, just don't complain.

on campus, and walk around to find my answers instead of surfing on the web, from my comfy house.

Sadly, however, the complaints don't stop there. Oh, no. If you're a freshman reading this, please consider it prep so you won't be surprised and expect to be served. Aside from building A, the majority of service by a non-your-major service is pretty bad. I remember one instance where I needed to check on something. A very quick pop in pop out, a week earlier it took less than 5 minutes. However, this go around, I had to hear about Sha-ne-qwa's 4th boyfriend and 5 babies. After being

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Letter from Dr. Rossbacher

Welcome to Southern Polytechnic State University!

As president of SPSU, I am delighted to welcome both new and returning students to the beginning of an exciting academic year! SPSU is an outstanding university, and much of our strength comes from you, the students. You contribute strong academic experiences, rich cultural backgrounds, and focused goals to this University community. Thank you!

Southern Polytechnic continues to serve a special purpose within the University System of Georgia, with our unique emphasis on science, engineering, technology, architecture, communication, and related fields. We focus on how to apply knowledge and how to use technology to solve real-world problems and contribute to Georgia's economic development. You are outstanding students, with entering SAT scores that are among the three highest in the University System (along with Georgia Tech and the University of Georgia). Employers love hiring our graduates because you are so well prepared for the workforce.

As we begin this new academic year, SPSU will continue to focus on several important, University-wide goals. One of these is ensuring that all our academic programs are strong and viable; faculty and students consult regularly with the business community to be certain that we are providing the best and most useful education to you. We also emphasize strong customer service. While you and your families are customers of some of the University's services, our ultimate customer is the company or business that hires our graduates, and we want to be sure that SPSU continues to produce an

excellent "product" - those who hold an undergraduate or graduate degree or a certificate from this University. Along with these goals, we are developing a strong "sense of place" - a community that works together, learns together, and has fun together, too.

Underlying all of these goals is the strong belief, held by every member of the faculty and staff at SPSU, that our students will be successful. We are committed to ensuring that success - in your academic programs, across the curriculum, within your careers, and throughout your lives.

An additional major area of emphasis for the upcoming year will continue to be raising private resources to support our academic mission. Resources are much more than just money. Resources also include people, time, energy, talent, facilities, space, and knowledge, and I want to be sure both that we are using a broad definition of these terms and that we are using the resources we have wisely. Generating more private support for this University and investing our existing resources wisely means that you will have the best faculty members, most appropriate academic space, strong instructional support, and access to the right technology to solve the problem. Private support also provides scholarships to keep SPSU as affordable as possible.

This fall, the University community will be engaged in a number of specific activities. We will



be updating our mission statement, revising the University's strategic plan, and creating a structure for outcomes-based assessment. All of these projects are focused on ensuring that we are providing you with the best academic programs we can offer - and I hope that students will be active participants in these efforts. We need your input and perspective.

All of us at Southern Polytechnic are committed to making sure that you have a great educational experience while you are here and that you graduate with a degree that is valuable in the workplace and in your life. Congratulations on making a terrific choice in higher education by choosing SPSU - and good luck in the new academic year!

With very best wishes,
Lisa A. Rossbacher, Ph.D.
President

Career and Counseling Center

Susan Ristau
SPSU Licensed Counselor

The Career & Counseling Center welcomes its new Director, Phyllis Weatherly. Phyllis is the former Director of the Counseling Center at Georgia Highlands College (previously known as Floyd College). Phyllis Weatherly is a Licensed Professional Counselor with many years experience in the fields of counseling and career services.

For you first year students, SPSU's Career & Counseling Center (C&C) offers many services to you, free of charge. On the career side, there are part-time and full-time job opportunities, including our own database for uploading your resume called Career Lane. There are also experiential learning opportunities through internships and/or co-op positions. Bridgette McDonald is the Coordinator of this area.

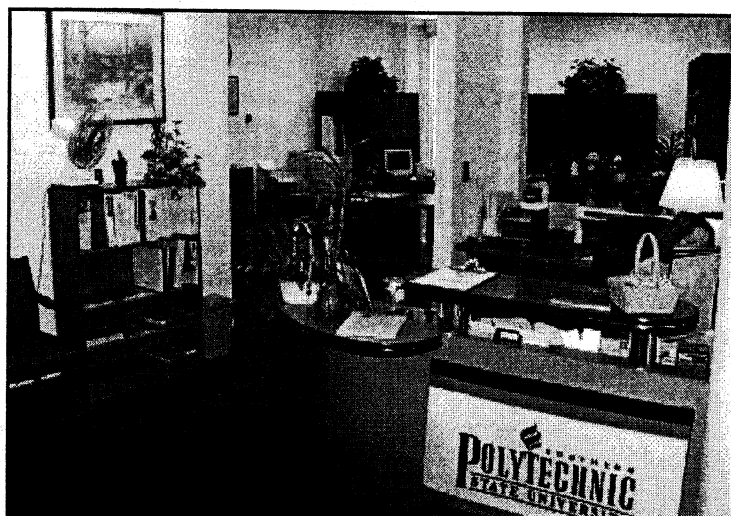
Jeff Hughes and Susan Ristau are counselors who provide academic, career and personal counseling at no cost to students. Appointments can be made with Jeff or Susan via email, phone or walk-in. Jeff is working on his doctoral

dissertation and Susan is a Georgia Licensed Professional Counselor with eight years of counseling experience, four of which have been at SPSU.

Cressia Callahan is the friendly face students first see when they come into our Center. Cressia also fields the multiple calls received from students, faculty, staff and employers. Diana Harmon-Smith is the C&C Center's secretary who works closely with co-op and internship students, among her

many other duties.

It is the Center's mission to assist SPSU students in any way we can. From workshops to career fairs to free materials, testing and counseling, your success is what we are all about. Please don't wait until you are a senior to come visit us. We are located on the 2nd floor of the Student Center in Room 243 and our phone number is 678-915-7391. We look forward to assisting you in reaching your university and career goals.



The career and counseling center is desperately in need of anyone to visit them.

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International student information

Naimah Shaw
Staff Writer

Here at SPSU, we have an extremely diverse campus which bridges the gap between four continents, all of the major oceans and rivers and unify students under one common goal.

We have two different types of international students: we have the J1 students, those who are only here for one semester and are involved in an exchange program and then there are those students who have an F1 visa status. These are the international students who usually remain here for their four year sojourn. Both types of these students work with the ATTIC.

This semester (Fall 2005), we are expecting approximately 35 new international students and about 30 exchange students. These students are coming from countries across the globe which includes China, Hong-Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Turkey, Lebanon, India, Africa and the Caribbean.

Currently, we are working with universities in China and Germany and, as such, we have exchange students from those countries. Dr. Bennett, Director of International Programs and Information usually does the recruitment of these students who hold a J1 status. However, no recruitment is done for the international students. They usually apply to the school by information they gather themselves or from word of mouth.

After this application process is complete, the students are then required to present different financial documents to the school. The coordinator of international students' services, Mrs. Letitia DeNard then has the task of preparing the I-20 forms, which is a certificate of

eligibility. At this point, the student can then apply for an F-1 visa and, if it is approved, they can then legitimately enter the country with an F-1 status.

While the entire immigration process can be difficult, for many students multiple problems arise after their entry into the United States. Being an international student has some rigid consequences and often times, students can fall prey to these.

One concern that provides most of the problems comes from the fact that, by law, in order to maintain your status in the country, you have to be a registered full-time student. Here at SPSU, that means that if you're pursuing undergrad-

maintaining strong ties with their home country and has no intention of staying within the U.S once their studies are completed.

Failure to maintain a full-time student status can obviously be very detrimental. If the student decides to take a semester off or drop a class, they have to be taken off the Student Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS). Through this system, their status has to be terminated, which means they have now become illegal.

Immigration then holds the student responsible for their status, because prior to registering for classes, they were required to go over a contract with Mrs. DeNard.

tends to be so stringent on these students is because when they enter the country, they enter on the basis that they are here for one reason: solely to go to school.

It is not expected that the student will come to America and have to work in order to fund their tuition or housing. This does not mean they are forbidden to work. They are allowed to work on campus or off campus, with authorization, as long as this does not conflict with their studies. Students are also permitted to do internships, for this constitutes part of the educational process.

After the student graduates, there is a 60 day grace period, which gives them enough

ered part of the educational process because it comes from hands on experience in their field.

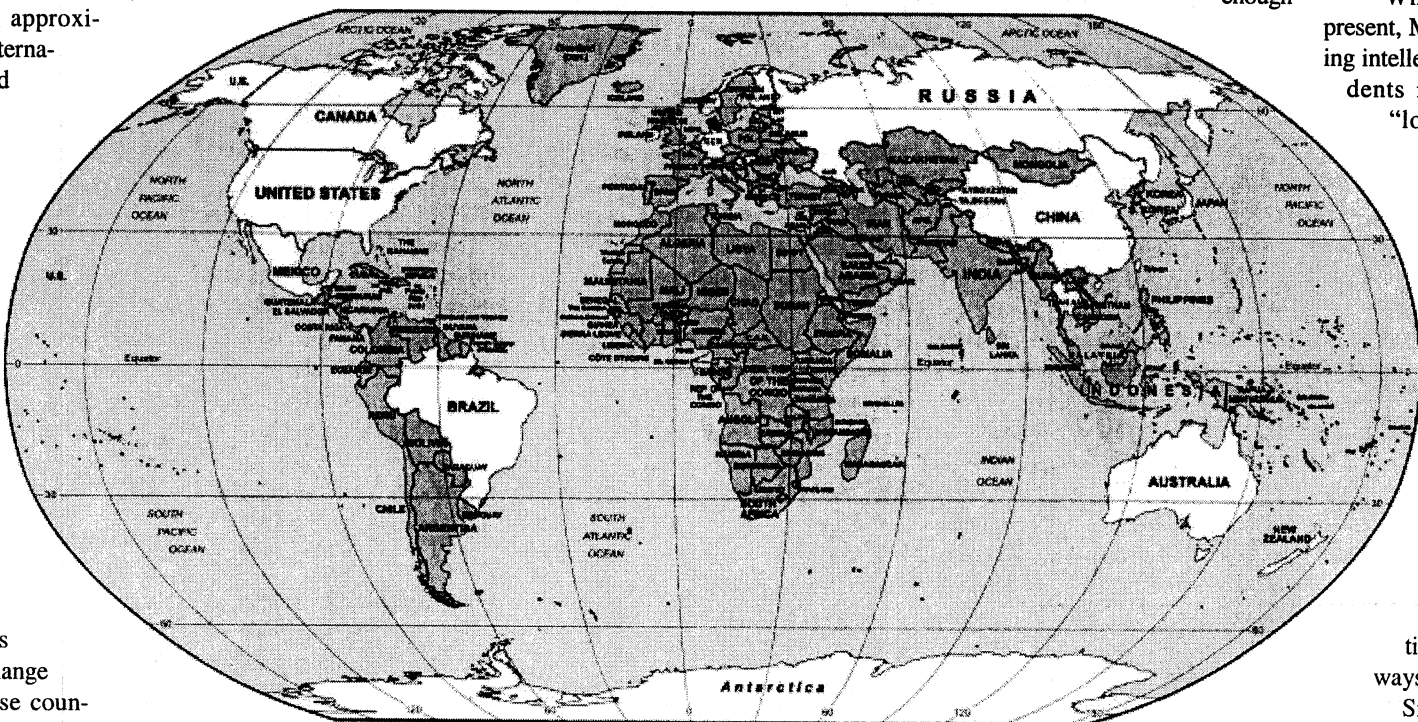
This seems like a lot of information to digest all at once and for that reason; there is an orientation session for these students which is normally held during the Fall.

This orientation is normally coordinated by Mrs. DeNard but this year, due to personal reasons, she will be on leave. As such, she is organizing a video that will be shown to these students. It takes the format of a questions and answers session. This session can prove to be very useful since many of the questions asked during the video may serve to answer many of the student's questions.

When she is normally present, Mrs. DeNard enjoys playing intellectual games with the students in a bid to make them "loosen up" and become comfortable. Some of the games they play are "Jeopardy" and "Human Bingo." It is also quite amazing to note that during this process, students have, on occasion, been reunited with a long lost friend from high school.

Mrs. DeNard says she "aims at making students feel comfortable in coming to her and asking her questions since her office is always open to them."

Since the issues presented in this article are just the tip of the iceberg, all international students are highly advised to visit the ATTIC for more information. As mentioned earlier, the Coordinator of International Students Services is Mrs. Letitia DeNard and she deals with all issues ranging from immigration to social issues. From speaking to her, I gather that her greatest joy comes from seeing students stay on track and succeed. She said, "It's too hard to get here and just quit." As such, she tries to make herself available at all times to answer student questions or just to talk.



ate studies, you must be registered for 12 credit hours or more and if you're pursuing graduate studies, you must be registered for 8 credit hours or more.

The semesters inclusive of this only include Fall and Spring. The summer semester is optional. Students can go to school if they wish or they may work part time or they may travel. Travel, especially to the home country, is usually encouraged since it provides the immigration personnel with viable knowledge that the student is still

After having gone through this, the student then signs that document, therefore affirming their complete understanding of everything that was gone through.

Mrs. DeNard then explained to me that should such a situation arise, she has to assist the student with a petition to regain a reinstatement. This petition is filed to the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). However, there has to be a very legitimate excuse for this.

The reason that immigration

time to decide what they want to do and where they want to go next. Some choose to stay on and pursue a graduate program, some change their status, some transfer to another school and some simply choose to return home.

In addition to this grace period, the student also has the option of remaining in the country and working for one year, while being able to maintain the same F1 status. This is called Optional Practical Training (OPT). Mrs. DeNard explained that OPT is still consid-

Dear Susan

I miss my folks! Help me Susan!

Susan Ristau
SPSU Licensed Counselor

Dear Susan:
I am attending SPSU this fall and am a little nervous about going away to college. I'm the first one in my family to attend college and my parents live in South Georgia. Can you tell me some ways to get over missing my family. I probably won't get to visit them very often as I don't have my own car so transportation is a problem.

Signed: Nervous Nicole

Dear N.N.:

It's very typical and normal for new college students to miss their home, family and friends. You are not alone in your feelings. Here are some ways to combat homesickness when you get to campus.

1. Get to know your roommate. Find some things you have in common and take a break from studying to

do them. (Examples: shopping, movies, hiking, biking)

2. Get involved on campus. Join a professional organization or sorority, write *Sting* articles, get a part-time job on campus, start your own club, etc. You will find that you are much more content at SPSU if you get to know others and stay busy.

3. E-mail, text message or make short phone calls home to family and friends. It is better for your college adjustment if you

do NOT go home frequently.

4. Get to know some of the faculty and staff at SPSU. There are many friendly faces on campus, like at the Career & Counseling Center. (SHAMELESS PLUG).

5. Make friends with some of your classmates. You never know when you might miss an important lecture and need the notes or a study partner.

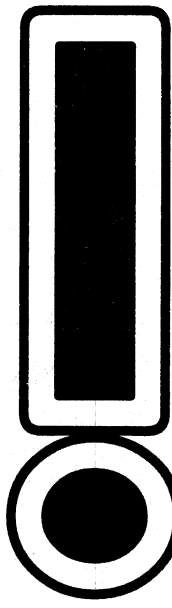
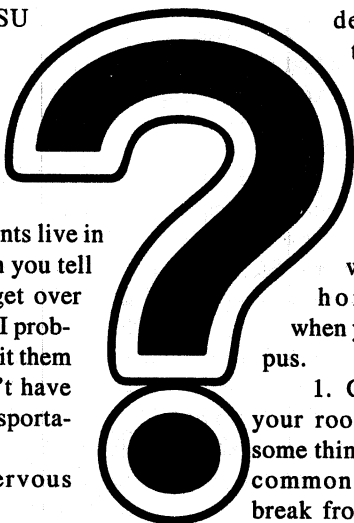
6. Attend activities on campus sponsored by the Campus Activities Board, Student Government Association or the International Student Asso-

ciation. It's a great way to meet people, blow off steam and have fun.

7. Attend an athletic event on campus. There are basketball games (both men & women), men's baseball, club soccer, ultimate frisbee and many intramural sports.

8. The Recreation and Wellness Center has aerobics and yoga classes, as well as swimming and a great weight room. This is a good way to de-stress, stay in shape, and meet other students.

Nicole, you will be surprised how quickly SPSU feels like a second home to you.



Study Tips 2.0 - The future of studying is NOW!

Christiaan Funkhouser
Staff Writer

According to Encarta Dictionary, "useful" is defined as "capable of being put to use or serving some purpose." And that's what these study tips are. Since following these study tips, I've gone from straight C's to mostly A's and B's. If you're like me then you've heard study tips before. Some of those might be "go to every class" or "take notes" or my personal favorite, "study 2 hours for every hour you're in class."

Those are all great tips. However, I'm going to miss one or two classes. I'm going to forget my pen, or notebook sometimes, and I'm not going to study that much. I'm a college kid, I'm not perfect.

So, what are some tips that college kids can actually use. Go every, or as many, class(es) until the first exam, and go to the pre-exam class. You **have** to find out about the professor. How does he test, how much does she rely on notes, readings... whatever for writing the tests. Then, you have to find out how the test is structured. Be warned, this can change from exam to exam depending on the professor. One exam may be multiple choice, the other exam may be fill in the blank.

This is very important. Once you find out what the professor's

teaching style is, you can exploit it. Does the professor solely rely on readings? If so you have more of a pass to skip classes, without worrying about notes. Does the professor rely more on notes? Try not to skip class, but make sure

someone is covering you just in case.

Exploitation, however, has its draw backs. If you exploit something, eventually things will change and you won't realize it. In one of my classes, the Friday

class had low attendance because it was going over supplemental material. Eventually the professor started giving bonus points on Fridays. These bonus points added up to be 10 points, a letter grade difference. While people caught on eventually, they didn't get near the full benefits.

Before the pre-exam class, meet with a couple, or at least one person in your class and go over notes. This will be easier after the first exam because you will know the professor's style better. Think of questions the professor might ask. Then write what I like to call "Study Notes of Justice," and type them up on the computer, in a very easy format to look over. Also, in doing this you will find where you may have holes in your notes, this will give you a chance to ask good questions during the pre-exam review.

Go to the pre-exam class before. Take very meticulous notes. A good question to ask is, "If I only had an hour to study, how much time would you suggest I devote studying the readings (if there is more than one book be specific), and lecture notes."

This should help you get an A on your test. Now, with that said, you should continue to go to every class, etc. As I mentioned before, watch out about exploiting the system.

Don't suck up to professors

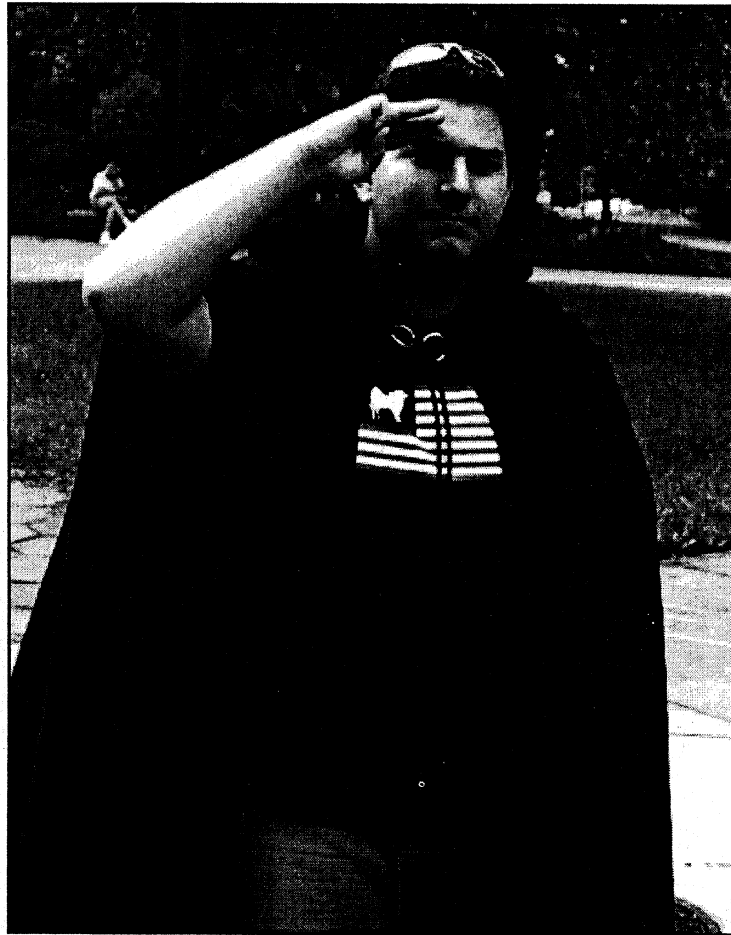
too much, they can tell when you are because they heard it all before.

What happens to the person who does all that, knows the material and does bad on the test anyway?

You may have a small form of Test anxiety. Study before the night of the test. Last minute cramming doesn't work. The trick to being relaxed during a test is being relaxed before. The night before the test, relax. Don't study more than 2 hours. Your "studying" should consist of looking over the material, and asking "why." "Why does this do this?" The understanding behind the facts. It will help you to remember the facts. Then you need to eat a nice dinner, and watch a comedy. Action and romantic movies will mess with your mood, which is not what is needed for a good nights sleep. So watch a comedy.

Get 8 hours of sleep, and then don't study more than an hour and a half, and don't study less than 30 minutes before the exam, except to briefly look at the material.

Study with a group? That's up to you. Where to study? That's up to you. All of this is ultimately up to you. I hope these tips help you out. Feel free to tell me any tips you might have heard of, or how this has helped you, mr.funkhouser@gmail.com



I know how to study and I have a capel

Syl Turner/The Sting

Freshman checklist: What to bring to college!

School Stuff

- _ Pencils
- _ Pens
- _ Highlighter
- _ Paper
- _ Notebooks
- _ Post-it® notes
- _ Folders
- _ Binders
- _ Tape
- _ Scissors
- _ White out
- _ Calendar
- _ Stapler
- _ Staples
- _ Paper clips
- _ Organizer
- _ Backpack
- _ Dictionary
- _ Thesaurus
- _ Markers
- _ Colored pencils

Dorm Room Stuff

- _ Computer
- _ Headphones
- _ Printer
- _ Surge Protector
- _ Trash can
- _ Broom/Carpet sweeper
- _ First Aid Kit
- _ Flashlight
- _ Iron
- _ Ironing Board
- _ Containers for your stuff
- _ Bed Sheets
- _ Comforter
- _ Pillows
- _ Pillow cases
- _ Alarm clock
- _ Coffee Maker
- _ Television
- _ Stereo
- _ DVD Player
- _ CDs, DVDs

Board Games

- _ Posters
- _ Pictures of your friends (only applies to girls)
- _ Dry erase board
- _ Mini fridge
- _ Microwave
- _ Toaster
- _ Hangers
- _ Laundry detergent
- _ Fabric Softener
- _ Laundry bag
- _ Paper towels
- _ Quarters
- _ Hammer
- _ Screwdriver
- _ Wrench
- _ Bowls
- _ Cups
- _ Silverware
- _ Can opener
- _ Tupperware

Bathroom Stuff

- _ Towels
- _ Washcloths
- _ Robe
- _ Flip-flops
- _ Toothbrush
- _ Toothpaste
- _ Floss
- _ Deodorant (that **cannot** be stressed enough, guys!)
- _ Comb
- _ Brush
- _ Razor
- _ Shaving Cream
- _ Headache medicine
- _ Nail clippers
- _ Soap
- _ Shampoo
- _ Conditioner
- _ A bag to put all this stuff in.

There might be more that you'd like to bring, but this should help you in case you forgot anything important! If you forget anything, it's not hard to drive down the road and find what you're looking for. You're in beautiful Marietta! There's plenty around here! Have fun and study hard!



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An entertaining read Smart as a brick

Ross Cutts
Staff Writer

What is intelligence? As stated by the Webster Dictionary, "intelligence is the ability to learn or understand or to deal with new or trying situations." What can we deduct from this statement? Does this tell us how to know who or what has intelligence? Shouldn't one be able to create intelligence by knowing what intelligence is? Or could it be that perhaps the common view and understanding of intelligence is incorrect? I will be presenting a new view of intelligence by exposing you to the new and blossoming science of emergence.

Slime molds are fascinating, they are formed by individual bacteria cells that somehow get together and organize themselves to act as a collective mass. This mass of cells then virtually acts as though they are collectively a single organism, with a central intelligence. This very same slime mould also has the amazing ability to always negotiate the shortest way through a maze. Who organizes this grouping together of individuals? Who controls each and every cell through the maze? The answer, surprisingly, is no one. So is this single-celled collection of bacteria slime mold exhibiting intelligence? By the definition it is.

In order to understand how the slime mold can exhibit intelligence we must first actually understand intelligence. Intelligence is the result of simple laws. In other words, what emerges from simple laws is intelligence. For example I once programmed a toy car to move away from light, and move away

from shadows. I was somewhat surprised to find the car outlining all of the shadows in the room even though it was never explicitly told to do so. This complex logic emerged from two simple rules, to move away from light and to move away from shadows. So like my car the slime mold was exhibiting primitive intelligence through a set of simple rules.

One must then wonder how can there be really complex intelligence if it is just based upon simple rules. This can be answered by looking at the simplest mathematical equation that we all know and are familiar with $y=x$. What emerges is a very simple and boring straight line. But as one adds more variables and limits to the graph, the line becomes more and more complex and unique. Likewise the more simple rules you add to a program or mind, the more complex and sophisticated the intelligence. But in both cases the basic building blocks remain the same, but the complexity will increase to infinity as long as more and more building blocks are added.

As one takes the time to look around, they will see simple rules in ultimately all aspects of life. Personally some of my favorite examples are society, time, traffic, ants, and weather. But these are in no way the only examples, if you take some time to watch your environment you will see that everything you witness and think about has rules. Then maybe you might think that everything has and is exhibiting intelligence to some degree...

I'm not a scientist so what you have read above is most likely gibberish don't bother writing a flaming email to me about it!



CJ Shrader/The Sting

See the glasses? That's how you can tell it's smart.

A gallon of financial doom please?

Christiaan Funkhouser
Staff Writer

Raw oil per barrel broke records to an all time high, causing gasoline to subsequently rise. This is, of course, to be expected seeing as how the two are directly related. I'm not here to say that the price of gas is low per 128 ounces which comprise a gallon. I'm here to inform you, we, as a nation, are actually worse off. I went to Walmart, (which is generally cheaper) and found some surprising things. For instance:

A Gallon of Grapes - \$13.12
A Gallon of Starbucks Frappaccino - \$12.00
A Gallon of Potatoes - \$6.24
A Gallon of Chicken Breasts - \$25.12
A Gallon of Ground Beef - \$44.00

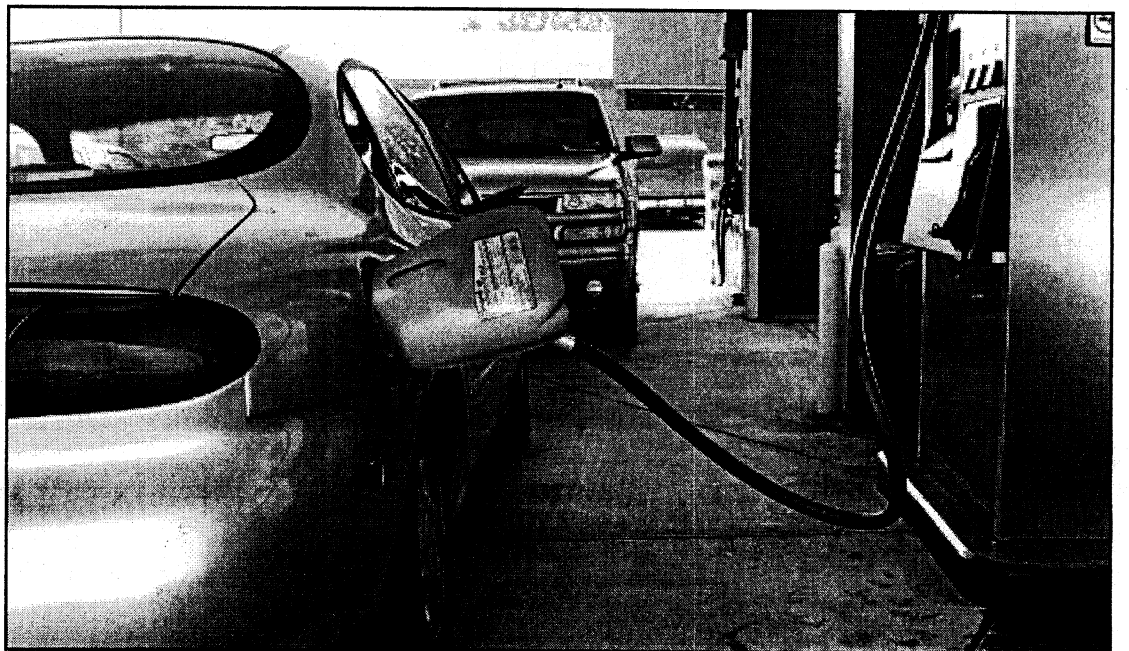
A Gallon of Steak - \$24.64
A Gallon of Tilex - \$8.06
A Gallon of Windex - \$9.98
A Gallon of Chips - \$21.38
A Gallon of Coke - \$2.43
A Gallon of Budweiser - \$8.19
A Gallon of Milk - \$3.20
A Gallon of Gatorade - \$4.48
A Gallon of Smelly Candle - \$31.49
A Gallon of Axe - \$113.28
A Gallon of Pepto - \$49.92
A Gallon of NyQuil - \$76.37
A Gallon of Chocolate - \$49.54
A Gallon of Beef Jerky - \$108.28
A Gallon of Lotion - \$51.20
A Gallon of 14 Ct white shiny metal, and a 1.39 CT. clear rock - \$5,933,789.89*
A Gallon of White Oyster Vomit - \$8,978,112*
A Gallon of Covergirl Mascara - \$1,801

A Gallon of Covergirl Nail Polish - \$1,210.15
A Gallon of Covergirl Foundation - \$1,002.24
A Gallon of Cliniqué Foundation - \$5,376.00**
A Gallon of Gasoline - \$2.60

We are all doomed... especially women, until they get married and their husbands buy their make-up.

*The Jewelry prices are compliments of the Shane Company, and prices were based off the fact that a Karat of something is about 1/5 of a gram, and 28 grams comprise an ounce, or that a 6.5mm stone is the equivalent to a Karat.

**Based on mall pricing of Cliniqué

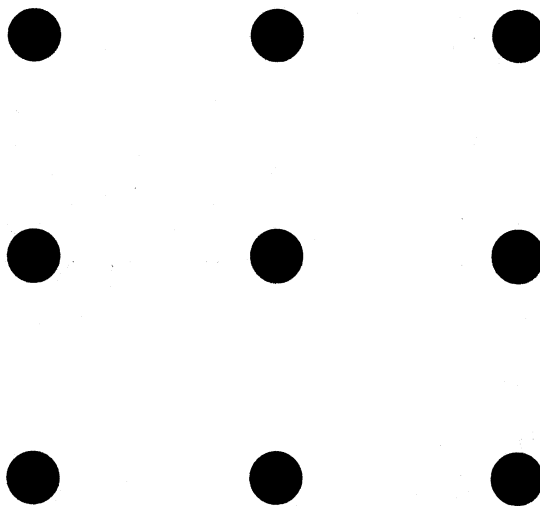


If only they could find a way to make cars run on milk...

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Super happy puzzle fun time!

1) Draw a grid of 3x3 dots. Without lifting your pencil off the paper, can you draw four lines that pass through all the dots?



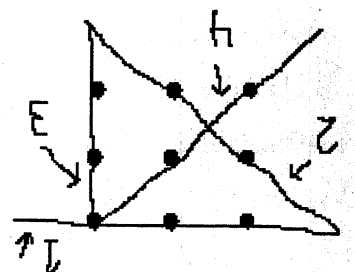
2) If two typists can type two pages in two minutes, how many typists will it take to typ 18 pages in six minutes?

3) If it were two hours later, it would be half as long until midnight as it would be if it were an hour later. What time is it now?

Solutions:

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Wheel of Fortune Answer:
"My Hairy Aunt"

The Histories that Matter Game shows, take 2. *The Wheel of Fortune*

CJ Shrader
Editor-in-Chief

Hey dudemeisters. If you're new here, welcome to SPSU, welcome to The Sting, and welcome to the Histories that Matter. This is my little space where I try to tell the history of whatever I find interesting or answer questions like "Why do we drive in parkways and park in driveways?"

I've written histories on all kinds of food, phrases, holidays, and whatever random objects you can think of. Most recently, I did a little piece about *The Price is Right* and *Jeopardy!*. I wanted to throw in a bit about *The Wheel of Fortune*, but those two shows had such an expansive history I simply couldn't fit it in. This issue, I hope to finish what I started back then and throw out a bit about good ol' *Wheel of Fortune*.

How it's played

I always like to start with explaining how the game is played for those who, for some reason, have never seen it. I'll be brief, however. The main game is similar to hangman. Contestants spin a wheel with a dollar amount on it, and then guess a consonant. They are awarded an amount of money based on how many consonants and what the spin landed on. It's easier to show this than to say it, so let's do that.

Say the puzzle is "The Sting is great." The contestants see blanks like this: _ _ _ _ _

Contestant 1 spins the wheel, and it lands on \$500. She guesses 'T'.

Since there are three T's, she is awarded \$1500. The puzzle now looks like this: T _ _ _ T _ _ _ _ T.

From here, the contestant has a few options. She can spin again and guess again, try to solve the puzzle, buy a vowel for \$250, or choose not to spin. No cash is awarded for guessing vowels.

She may continue spinning

and guessing until one of a few things happens: she guesses a letter that is not on the board, she spins a "Lose Your Turn," she spins a "Bankrupt," or she incorrectly guesses the puzzle. In all those cases, she keeps her money that she's accumulated so far, with the exception of Bankrupt. She will lose all of her money gained so far this round if she spins a Bankrupt.

There are

naturally more nuances, but this is enough for a general understanding of the game.

The original original show

Many years before the *Wheel of Fortune* as we know it aired, there was another show by the same name in 1952. In this previous *Wheel of Fortune*, contestants were all people who had done a good deed. We'll call this person the deeder. The person they had done the deed for, the deedeer, spun a wheel with a cash amount on it. This amount was from \$30 to \$1000. They also spun a wheel to determine how many questions were asked of the deeder. If the deeder answered the questions correctly, he won that amount. The deedeer got a gold watch for helping.

That show only lasted a year

before it was taken off the air.

The original show

It wasn't until 1974 that *Wheel of Fortune* as we know it showed up on TV. Though, for the pilot episode, it was only called *Shopper's Bazaar* and was hosted

The board

The board for *Wheel of Fortune* has gone through quite a few changes over the years. You may remember the olden days when Vanna White used to have to physically turn around a block to reveal a letter. These blocks are called "trilons." The original board had three rows consisting of 13 trilons per row.

In 1981, the board was given four rows. This new board had 11 trilons on the top and bottom, and 13 for the two middle rows. The increase in trilons allowed for bigger puzzles and therefore bigger money to be won.

In 1997, *Wheel of Fortune* got its new, more familiar digital board. This one had a total of 52 spaces, with 12 spaces on the top and bottom and 14 in the middle rows. For this board, Vanna only had to touch the screen to display the letter.

Wheel 2000

In 1997, a children's version of *Wheel of Fortune* was attempted. It was hosted by David Sidoni, of *Roundhouse* fame. The co-host was not a real person, but rather a virtual person named Lucy. The game play was very similar, though the kids got to choose a category from three different educational ones instead of the category being assigned. Similar to the earliest version of the show, contestants played for points that were redeemed at the end of the show for various prizes.

The whole premise was a little silly. Instead of bankrupt, the wheel had a "creature" space which ate up all of the kid's points. Lose a turn became just "loser." Way to boost self esteem, isn't it?

There were also stunts the kids would have to perform if they landed on the 250 point space of the wheel. These stunts were simple, like throwing food in the mouth of a mechanical dinosaur or answering a phone and guessing what famous person was on the other end. If they completed the stunt successfully, they were given three random letters. They did have the option of spinning the wheel and not using the letters, however, if that's what they wanted to do.

This particular version of the show did not last very long.

There is so much to say about game shows, it's amazing. This will probably be my last history over them for a while. That is, of course, unless one of you asks me to do one over a different game show. Like always, if you have something you'd like to see in the Histories that Matter, send it my way at rshrader@spsu.edu. It can be about anything, a question, a history, anything, and I'll try to answer/explain it. I'll even mention your name in the paper.



by Edd Byrnes and Chuck Woolery.

When the real *Wheel of Fortune* aired, it was January 6, 1975 on NBC. This show was hosted by Chuck Woolery and co-hosted by Susan Stafford. The show was put on as a consolation for canceling *Jeopardy!* with a year left in its contract.

An interesting difference in this show is that contestants didn't get to keep the money they had won at the end of the show. Instead, they got to spend it on an array of prizes offered on the show. The contestants began keeping their cash in 1987.

It wasn't until 1981 that Chuck Woolery left the show over a salary dispute, and Pat Sajek, the current host, took over. Pat Sajek has been the host since that day, with the exception of a brief stint where he hosted his own nighttime talk show. The show quickly failed.

Vanna White, the current hostess and now the wife of Pat Sajek joined the show a year later. It's interesting to note that Vanna White was once a contestant on *The Price is Right* but never made it past Contestants' Row.

The daytime show was cancelled in 1991. That worked out well, though, since a syndicated nighttime version of the show had been going on since 1983, naturally hosted by Pat Sajek and Vanna White. This show, which is the one we watch today, has the highest ratings of any syndicated show in existence.



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Gamma Phi Beta - The most girls you'll find in one place

Gamma Phi Beta
SPSU Sorority

Welcome incoming freshmen! Gamma Phi Beta is really excited about the upcoming year and how many wonderful girls are coming in! We were very excited to meet a lot of you at the Open Houses and Orientations during the Spring and Summer. Some fun facts about our chapter are:

- Gamma Phi Beta had the highest women's cumulative GPA of Greek organizations at SPSU for Spring of 2005!

- We were #1 in sororities this past Spring during Greek Week!

- Our Chapter President, Stephanie Cribb, is the 2005 Greek Woman of the Year!

- Our Chapter received the Order of the Crescent Award from our Internationals!

- On July 30, 2005 we had a BLAST working with Hands on Atlanta and the Braves Foundation collecting donations for raffle tickets to win one of 29 game-worn Braves jerseys signed by the players!

- Our website: <http://gammaphibeta.8m.tripod.com/>

We want to welcome all women to join Gamma Phi Beta and Alpha Xi Delta during our recruitment August 29-September 2.

Gamma Phi Beta Fall Recruitment Activities

All locations in the Student Center

Monday, August 29

Open House - Meet the women of each sorority in a relaxed, fun-filled atmosphere. 8pm-10pm

Tuesday, August 30

Information Night - Get to know a little bit more about each of the sororities and what membership is all about. 8pm-10pm

Wednesday, August 31

Philanthropy Night - Service to the community is highly valued by members of SPSU sororities. On this night, you will participate in philanthropy projects to benefit local charities. 8pm-10pm

Thursday, September 1

Preference Night - A very special evening where true values of sorority life are discussed. Please dress nicely. 8pm-10pm

Friday, September 2

Bid Day - Invitations are extended to join a sorority through a special presentation and followed up with other activities. Noon.



Photo courtesy of the Gamma Phi Beta website.

Kappa Sigma - You'll find what you're looking for here



Photo courtesy of the Kappa Sigma SPSU website, though it certainly wasn't meant to be blown up to this size.

Matt Evans

Kappa Sigma Fraternity

As we all know, school is starting back this week, and many new faces are being added to the SPSU campus. It's a known fact, especially for you freshmen and transfers, that the first few weeks of school can be hard when you are in a new environment with so many people you don't know. Here at Kappa Sigma, we have a cure for these first few crappy weeks. So, come join us as we kick it on campus and meet new people. You'll enjoy events such as waterslides, socials, camping and boating on Allatoona, cookouts, sports, a redneck olympics, and other fun filled events. Why sit cramped up in a dorm room staring at your roommate or a computer monitor when you can be out meeting people and actually enjoying your first days of college?

Kappa Sigma was founded in 1869 at the University of Virginia, but our roots trace us back to the 1600's. Initially, the Kappa Sigma colony here at SPSU was founded as a local fraternity in 1997. Since then, we have won Spring semester's Greek Week 3 years in a row, and were the Greek Chapter of the Year for the 2004-2005 school year. We are also the only SPSU Greek organization with a house. Come see what it's all about and why YOU should go Greek. Besides the socials and parties that you will never forget, you will find a family away from family that is dedicated to developing the ideals of Fellowship, Leadership, Scholarship, and Service inside our membership. Come find your place with us, we'll meet you there.

KAPPA SIGMA Fall 2005 RUSH Schedule

Date	Event	Location	Date	Event	Location
8/22 - Mon	Slip and slide	Dorms	8/27 - Sat	Paintball	Ultimate P-Ball GA
8/23 - Tue	Dodgeball	Rec Center	8/29 - Mon	Sumo school	Volleyball court
8/24 - Wed	Waterwar w/ ΓΦΒ	Dorms	8/30 - Tue	Redneck olympics	Dorms
8/25 - Thur	Brats and Bros	Dorms	8/31 - Wed	Bid dinner	Invite only
8/26 - Fri	Game night	Fraternity house			

As the kids say, teh Sting is > j00

CJ Shrader
Editor-in-Chief

You might be wondering what The Sting is. Well, first, let me tell you what The Sting isn't. The Sting is not to be used to fireproof your furniture. The Sting can't be used as an aide to education. The Sting is not a source of news (That's a joke...kinda). Finally, under no circumstances should The Sting ever be used as a contraceptive.

Ok, glad we got that out of the way. The Sting IS a way to make enemies jealous, and friends envious. The Sting IS written on paper with ink. The Sting DOES contain pictures and words put together to form "articles."

The Sting is a group of students at Southern Polytechnic State University, most of whom have no prior experience in journalism and no interest in pursuing it once they leave this fine university. Mostly, they are probably influenced by the money we

pay for articles. We don't pay much, but we do pay some. Bums.

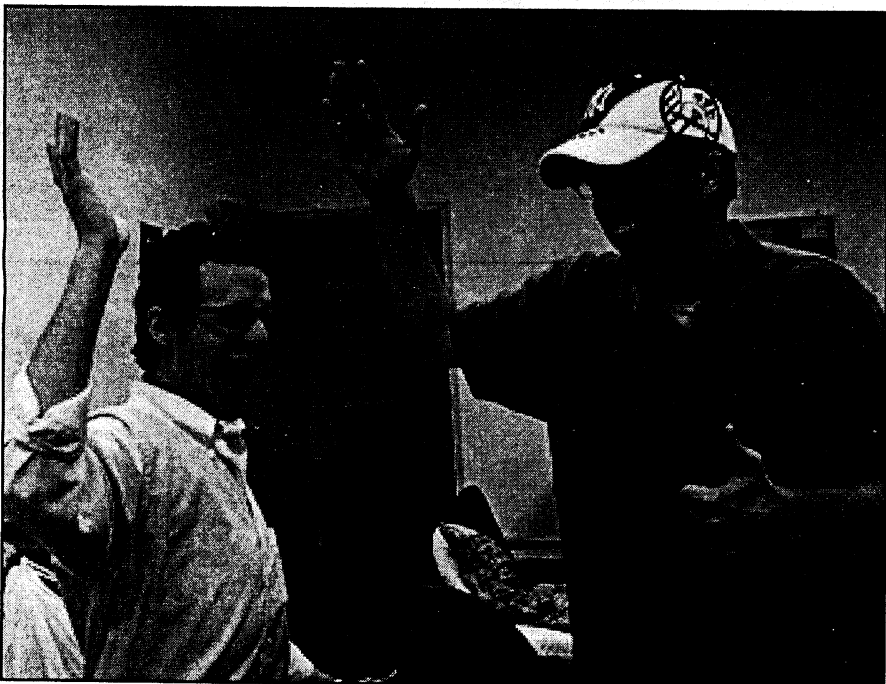
What do we do? Sometimes, we go out and cover what's happening on campus. We talk to people, see what they think, and print that. We write our opinions about whatever is happening on campus or off. We review video games, books, music, movies, and whatever else might tickle our fancy. We write entertainment about practically anything. We tell stories. We take pictures. We layout issues. We draw ridiculously unfunny comics. Everything that needs to be done to put out an issue fortnightly. And for it all, we get paid an oh-so-small amount.

Any of this sound interesting to you? Then join The Sting! We're the best student-run newspa-



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You're right, The Sting really does ROCK!!!

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per on campus. If you're paying activity fees then you are eligible to join. We hold meetings every Friday at 1 PM in room A252 of the Student Center. If you can't make those, just e-mail me, the big boss, at stingeditor@gmail.com. You don't have to come to meetings; I can e-mail you all the important information that was discussed.

So what are you waiting for? Join right about... Now.



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Internal Affairs Committee happenings...

Naimah Shaw
Staff Writer

Fortunately or unfortunately, there is not a whole lot going on within my committee right now. Sad to say, this can be attributed to my very own SGA colleagues. When shouldered with responsibilities that exclude merely attending mandatory meetings, they shrug it off, making it appear almost nonexistent and unimportant.

For those of you following, you would be aware of the fact that the last time I gave you an update of my committee, I mentioned in some detail the process that "we" were planning to undertake, where we would be getting in contact with the presidents of the various organizations to inquire about what has been done during the last academic year and what plans are for the new one. Of the 11 members within the SGA who have delegated these duties, only two of them have seemingly undertaken them - that includes myself and 1 other member!

Many of my fellow colleagues have reported back to me

with all sorts of whimsical excuses as to why none of their reports have been turned in. Upon my own private investigation I found out that irrespective of these reports that my "trusted" co-workers have given me, they in fact did none of the work, made no phone calls, and sent no emails. To CJ Lakes, who actually did work and provided feedback, Thank You! I'd also like to thank those persons who were very cooperative and responded promptly to the emails we sent.

I was debating for a long time whether I should write an article of this nature and finally concluded that the students and faculty who actually read this need to know what's going on. It is our responsibility to take on the best interest of the school and when we fail to do that, the general public needs to know! You may ask, "how does this investigation of organizations help the school?" Well, it does because through this we can ensure that funds are allocated where they need to be and organizations are not defying their basic purpose, while maintaining goals

and agendas set forth in their Constitution.

Now that I have vented my frustration (at a very limited extent), I will now tell you what we have planned for the new year. Within the first month of Fall Semester, a mandatory meeting will be held where the presidents of those organizations listed as active on campus will be REQUIRED to attend, in other words, it will be MANDATORY! Failure to attend this meeting will result in their accounts being frozen.

Hopefully, by the time summer is out and my colleagues get out of their apparent "beach mode" we would be better able to function as an organization. Should this happen, we would be

following up on all organizations at regular intervals, and monthly reports by presidents will be expected. These reports must state the attendance at meetings held for the month, their minutes and plans.

During the past month, I have also constructed a new organizational liaison chart. This is

presented below. The person responsible for your organizations should be meeting with you periodically and they would also serve as your contact person, would any problems arise.

Until next time...that's what happening within the Internal Affairs Committee.

Internal Affairs Committee

Naimah Shaw	CJ Lakes	CJ Shiflett	Omar Ahmed
- AITP - CaribSA - MSA - IEEE - Aerial Robotics - CAB - Soccer Club - ASCE GO - Table Tennis	- ACM - ACI - Forensics - CFA - ITE - JFA - MAA - SASA	- STING - CCGA - WGHR - START - Amateur Radio Club - FSAE - Gamma Phi Beta - IIE	- Pi Kappa Phi - Round Table - SMV - Sigma Nu - SME - SAFE - Tau Alpha Pi - Tau Kappa Epsilon

SGA Organization Liaisons

Shyam Nana	Leroysha Kemp	Marcell Williams	Risti Aprilla	Sean Olatayo	Deanna Abukhdeir	Kirk Morris
- Sigma Pi - India Club - AIAS - Phi Psi - SAMSGO	- MOSTIT - Cultural Series - SPSU Band - Steel Bridge - Ultimate Frisbee	- AUV - SHPE - TSA - NAHB - Knights of the Realm	- Zeta Phi Beta - Women's Lacrosse - Phi Alpha Delta - IGC - GEAR	- AWIASSA - NSBE - Concrete Canoe - GSPE - Alpha Phi Alpha	- ISA - Alpha Xi Delta - Cheerleaders - AATCC - Sparkling Emeralds	- Rock Climbing - NOMA - Men's Lacrosse - Kappa Sigma - Delta Mu Delta

SPSU Week of Welcome

Monday, August 22

First day of Class! Don't miss it!

Tuesday, August 23

12:00-2:00pm: Rec center open house

Cookout, activities, free swim, and showing the comedy, smash, hit *Dodgeball*.

Wednesday, August 24

11:00-1:30pm: Activities Fair

Located at The Globe. Student organizations highlighting their activities, free food sponsored by Facilities Department, and a roller coaster simulator hosted by CAB. Come out and say "Hi" to The Sting!

7:30pm: Jazz Concert

9:00-11:00pm: Dance Party!

In student center. Sponsored by NSBE and OMA.

Thursday, August 25

12:00-1:00pm: Lunch with Senior Administrators

Meet the President, Dean of Students and others in the cafeteria!

1:00-3:00pm: ATTIC Open House

Located in the J-Building.

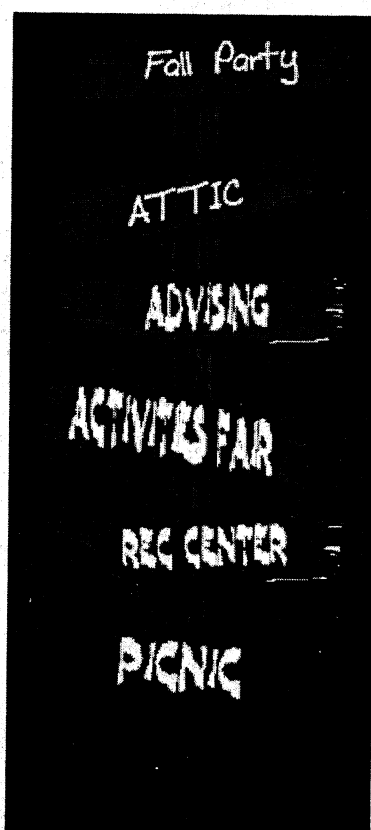
6:00pm: CAB Fall Party

Located in the Rec Center. Pool party with free food, activities, and dive-in movie of *Team America: World Police*.

Friday, August 26

7:00pm: Texas Hold'em Tournament

Located in the Community Center. Sponsored by CAB.



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Incoming Student Question What's the most disappointing thing about Southern Polytechnic so far?



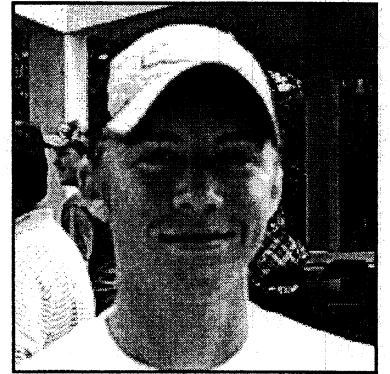
Incompetent mailstaff.
Louis Alderman



Nothing ... YET.
Liza Kakuliyeva



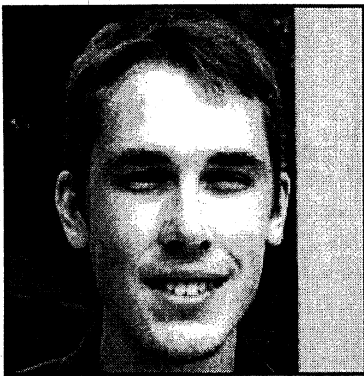
Patheticness of this newspaper.
Leah Hale



Probably the food.
Brett Croft



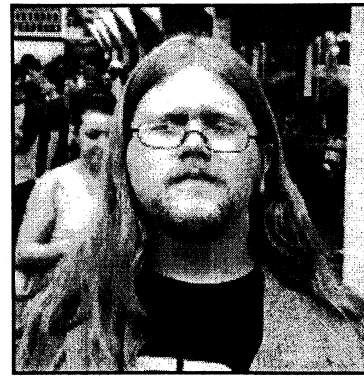
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The lack of ladies.
Chris Jackson



The ratio or scheduling.
Eric John



I got lost off my ass coming here.
Justin Cobb

Consensus Editorial

Welcome to Southern Polytechnic State University!

The Sting Staff
The Staff of The Sting

Welcome new kids! We're glad to see you here! Unfortunately, you're in for a surprise. Southern Polytechnic may not be "the college experience" you were expecting. This school isn't like the movies. There aren't crazy, straight, drunken sex parties every night. There aren't a lot of people. There aren't a lot of ladies, which you guys have probably already figured out. Whether or not this is a good or bad thing is for you to decide.

However, there are ways to make the most of your "Southern Poly experience."

First off, actually make friends. Sure, there are a lot of douche bags at this school, but there are plenty of pretty cool peeps, as well. Having friends can help you through the 4, 5, or 6+ long years you're going to be here. Friends are cool, so don't be an anti-social loser.

Secondly, don't waste freshman year. We know plenty of kids who couldn't handle the freedom of college and completely bombed

their freshman year. Most of you probably have the HOPE scholarship, so try and maintain it. It's not *that* hard to keep up with the work of freshman level core classes. It's *very* hard to get back HOPE after losing it. Just ask anyone who's lost it in the past. You should actually try to do homework and study, instead of play Halo 2 in the dorms all year. There's a time for Halo 2, and it's not 7 hours a day, everyday.

Third of all, join The Sting or other organizations. We keep begging the school for writers, but

nobody's biting. It's not that hard to write, and it's quite fun. However, if you don't want anything to do with this poor publication, you may want to try and join another organization. We have tons of organizations, most of which only have two members or less. It doesn't matter what you're interested in, there's probably a club for it. If there's a club that doesn't exist, and you'd like to see it, then create it! Organizations can make this place pretty freakin' fun.

Finally, if you don't like Southern Poly, then transfer to a

different school. Southern Poly's not for everyone. The majors here may not suit you. If you're only slightly interested in computers, but very interested in graphic design, then perhaps you should transfer before it's too late. Don't waste time here when you should be at another school studying something else.

That's all the advice we can give you new kids for now. Be sure to follow this advice, otherwise, you'll have a miserable time here. Have fun!