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## Freshmen Page

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Welcome! Welcome Back!

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# Elks Lodge Acquisition

**Cristina Wilson**  
Senior Staff Writer

The University System of Georgia Board of Regents has recently approved the purchase and acquisition of the Elks Lodge property, which lies adjacent to the west border of campus. This addition will expand campus and allow SPSU area to fit its rapidly growing student population.

Southern Poly administration have been anxiously looking for more building space after discovering the estimated freshman class of architecture students is projected to overflow their building. John Mills, Director of Facilities, states that the standing Elks building can only hold less than 100 students, but will serve as a useful "swing space" for classes while other areas on campus are being renovated.

Mills also states that the 10,300 square foot building is not the only reason SPSU was interested in the property. More important is the 5 acres of land the building resides on that can be used as a future site for those buildings in which students are rapidly outgrowing.

Although architecture stu-

dents have already outgrown their 4-year-old building, they are by no means the only major that is growing faster than SPSU can accommodate. The biology major, newly instituted in 2002, has almost doubled in numbers every year since its introduction. Students are flocking to the SPSU campus and the university is scrambling for quick and cost-efficient ways to plan for the future.

The \$950,000 purchase of the Elks lodge will serve as a useful space for extra classrooms while some of the older buildings on campus are being renovated. Next on the list for renovation includes the Mechanical Engineering Technology buildings (the K series), which are three of the oldest buildings on campus. According to Patrick McCord, Vice President of Business and Finance, within the next year or two students will see the beginnings of the new K series. The three old buildings will be torn down, and two will be built in their place. The Elks lodge will serve as a convenient place to provide lecture while these buildings are under construction.

Funding for the Elks lodge came mostly from the SPSU foun-



Elks Lodge

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demolished in the near future. Now that SPSU is seeing a record breaking growth of architecture students that overfills the "new architecture building" (N) built in 2002, the school is being forced to take more immediate action. Instead of demolishing the vacated I building and in its place erecting a new science laboratory building, facilities are currently refurbishing the second floor for more architecture studio space.

Although the architect major resides in the newest academic

guttled out the building, including the fully furnished kitchen. SPSU facilities moved in immediately and began to refurbish the space for student use. Mills insists that there was very little work to be done on their part, consisting mostly of filling in the pool with concrete, mak-

ing the bathrooms ADA compliant, and finishing minor roof repairs.

Vice President of Business and Finance, Mr. Patrick McCord, states that \$150,500 has been approved by the Board of Regents to complete these renovations, and the space will be ready for student use by the first day of fall semester.

## Future Growth for SPSU

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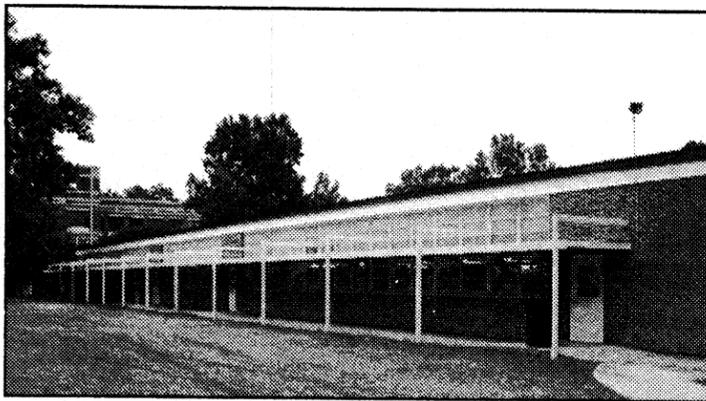
New building plans are underway for the growth and advancement of Southern Poly. The recent acquisition of the Elks Lodge property has provided SPSU with the much needed land to build newer, more technologically advanced laboratory and classroom buildings.

In the January 25, 2006 issue of The Sting, Bert Matthews, Chief Architect of SPSU, suggested a future plan for SPSU building construction which included the tearing down of the previous architecture building which was abandoned and used primarily for storage until summer 2006. In its place would be built a new science building including laboratory space for the rapidly growing Biology major.

Now that the campus has acquired the Elks Lodge property, this plan has been revamped. Instead of waiting for a major funding contribution from the Board of Regents (which could take years), SPSU has devised a plan that will include the request of several minor funding

projects from the Regents. According to Patrick McCord, Vice President of Business and Finance, last year alone the Regents approved 20 minor proposals, increasing the chance of funding in a more immediate sense.

Architect plans have already been made for the use of the Elks lodge space, as well as the most recent plan of future building construction. The previously abandoned "old architecture building" (I) which stands in the center of campus behind the Atrium building was, up until recently, planned to be



Take a good look. K1 might not be here much longer.

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## Academic Affairs

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What changed while you were gone for the summer?

Although some students received a much needed break during the summer semester, teachers, staff, and administration were hard at work putting together new changes for the Southern Polytechnic campus.

This fall students will see a few changes in the names of their selected majors so that the title correctly describes the activities of the program. For example: the Management degree is now the Business Administration degree, and Construction is now Construction Management.

The Humanities department has now been changed to the English, Technical Communications, and Media Arts department, and the International Studies/Global Technology department is now just International Studies. You can specialize in the International Studies degree with History, Political Science, Spanish, or

Pre Law.

The newly inducted Construction Engineering degree is one of SPSU's first engineering degrees in the core areas (Mechanical, Civil, Electrical). Until now, most of the degrees the university has to offer are Engineering Technology. Dr. Zvi Szafran, Vice President of Academic Affairs, states that the Engineering and Engineering Technology degrees have a lot in common as well as many subtle differences. Engineering focuses more on the design, mathematics, and theoretical work whereas Engineering Technology focuses more on the practical instead of creative side.

Already under review by the Board of Regents, the Mechatronics Engineering degree will be the first of its kind in the Southeast. Mechatronics is a merging of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering, and focuses on the design and implementation of robotics.

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## Future Growth

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building on campus, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Zvi Szafran, insists that the growth of student population requires more studio space for the school to meet AIA requirements. To meet these standards the second floor of the I building should be ready for student usage on the first day of fall semester.

The newly refinished second floor of building I will provide the much needed studio space this fall while facilities are working on the bottom level, including an expansion that will span over the steep hill behind the Atrium building.

Upon approval and the funds needed from the Board of Regents, construction will begin on the K buildings. These buildings are some of the oldest on campus, and were built in such a way that their disposal will be both quick and cheap. McCord states that buildings K1 and K2 will be destroyed

first, followed by K3 in following years. In their place, there will be built two large structures that will look over each other and will house the MET department.

Each of these buildings will be a "minor" project in the eyes of the Board of Regents, meaning that they will cost less than five million dollars. McCord has seen trends in the past years of the Regents being more apt to approve funding of smaller projects such as these.

Also, a new entrance will be put in place further west on South Marietta Parkway so that students will be able to enter from around the Elks Lodge and Student Baptist Union rather than beside the student center.

Students can expect to see an entirely new west side of campus in the next 10 years or less. Future plans include tearing down the Elks Lodge building to place advanced Biology and Chemistry laboratory buildings as well as ECET laboratory buildings, and a new Math building.

## Academic Affairs

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The Chemistry degree is currently in the letter of intent phase, and will most likely be turned into a full proposal then approved by both the school and the Board of Regents in the coming year.

Dr. Szafran also states that students should be on the lookout of future degrees such as Psychology and Health Sciences. He wants both students and the general population to remember that "although SPSU is Georgia's Technology University, we are also a State University". Dr. Szafran wishes to make SPSU's degrees more broad so that students are able to study whatever they wish without needing to go through the hassle and disappointment of changing schools.

# SPSU Amateur Radio Club Brings Students to Campus

Jeff Carter  
Contributed

One great example of a technology of which comparatively few people had ever heard twenty years ago, but which is almost ubiquitous now, would have to be receivers built for the Global Positioning System. Originally conceived for military applications, the system uses a network of twenty four satellites which constantly broadcast radio signals towards Earth, which in turn can be used by GPS receivers to mark the receiver's location anywhere on the planet. The military uses are obvious, but the usage of the system by consumers is still evolving. The inclusion of GPS in everything from new cars to new cell phones eventually means almost everyone has a GPS receiver or will soon have one.

The Department of Defense (DOD), which owns and maintains the system, built errors into it to keep any other entity from using it with any accuracy, and continued to keep others locked out until May of 2000. Consumer receivers existed, but pinpoint accuracy wasn't available, and the designs for consumer gear reflected that. The game changed in May 2000, however. The DOD unlocked the system and the new paradigm was reflected in the gear that came out. It didn't take long until it dawned on gadget collectors and "early adopters" that if you had a geographic area in which almost everybody had or could cheaply obtain a device that would allow points on the globe to be precisely pinpointed, you could create a game that almost everybody could play. Everybody loves a scavenger hunt, everybody loves to look for (and find) that which is hidden. The desire to explore, to seek, is hard-coded into every human being, and the GPS receivers themselves became a 21st century treasure map. Enthusiasts began

hiding trinkets in waterproof containers and publishing the coordinates for others to find. They called the new sport "geocaching", by which they literally meant hidden on (or in) the Earth.

The first known geocache on the SPSU campus was placed around 2002. It was discovered in the course of the research done by the SPSU Amateur Radio Club into geocaching as a means to promote the club. Its coordinates were published on the premier geocaching site (<http://www.geocaching.com>) and finding it became Job One for the club members. It took about three hours to find, and the fun of looking for it convinced the membership that placing a cache was absolutely the thing to do.

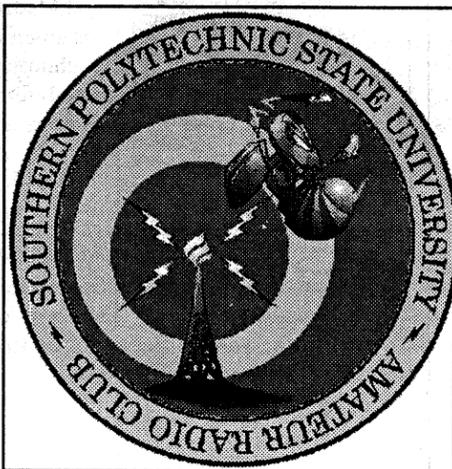
Folks who enjoy geocaching are almost inevitably folks who enjoy playing with technology, who enjoy the challenges inherent in a quest, and who get a tremendous amount of satisfaction from the hunt whether they find the cache or not. These are traits shared with folks who enjoy Amateur Radio. When one considers that GPS is essentially radio direction finding when distilled to its essence, there are many more similarities than differences between the two hobbies and it seemed a natural promotion for an Amateur Radio club.

What wasn't immediately obvious, of course, was the interest that would come from off campus. The SPARC cache was published on July 12th, 2006: By July 17th, it had been discovered over eleven times, about half of which came from outside the campus community. It became obvious that geocachers had a lot in common with the goals and ideals of the campus at large, not just

with the Southern Poly Amateur Radio Club.

It is common practice to leave a small notebook inside the cache as a logbook, so that folks may record their names and date of discovery, as well as any notes they wish to pass along to the maintainers of the cache. One group noted that they were a family, and that after having found the cache, and having walked around the campus somewhat, that they were favorably impressed and that their son felt that he might like to go to college here after high school. There was no indication that they had considered SPSU or even knew SPSU existed prior to coming on campus to find the geocache.

This unexpected but pleasant bit of news left us with the conclusion that just like with the Amateur Radio connection, SPSU itself could be a quest that resonates with folks who love technology. If you are the sort of person who loves to learn and loves to play with new technology and new implementations of existing technology, we'd love to meet you! Drop us a line via email ([sparc@spsu.edu](mailto:sparc@spsu.edu)) and say hello. We'll send you some information on the club. For more information on Amateur Radio in general, check out "<http://www.hello-radio.org/>"



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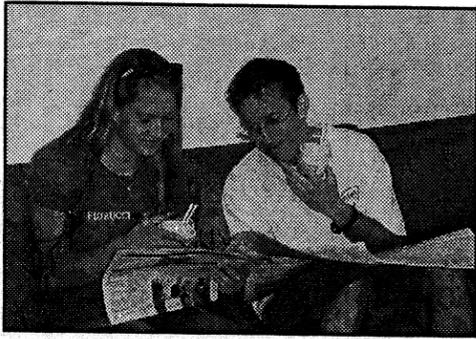
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# Career Connection

**Bridgette McDonald**  
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**Job Outlook 2006:** A stronger job market; however, students still have to work hard to find employment. Graduates who work smarter and begin the job search process early will know what they want and most often receive multiple job offers.

A recent survey by the National Association of Colleges and Employers confirm a positive hiring outlook for the college class of 2006. Overall, responding employers reported plans to hire 13.8 percent more new college graduates than they hired last year. By sector, NACE reports that the top employers for the Class of 2006 graduates are: Engineering Services, Consulting Services, Accounting Services, Financial Services, and Educational Services.

Historically when the job market is strong students do not spend as much time devoted to their job search and many times can be left with positions that are not a good fit or no job at all. Students who wish to make the most informed decision about where to work should get started early by developing a Job Search Strategy. Attending Career Fairs, Employers Information Sessions, Mock Interviews, Lunch and Learns, On Campus Interviews, Resume Workshops, and Networking will provide you a chance to get first hand information about different opportunities and the best way to present yourself to employers. Networking is crucial when candidates are plentiful because employers tend to hire people who are referred by

college career services, employees and other people they know. It is a skill that can be learned and knowing how to approach people for information and to build a network increases your chances of landing the job you want!

Another way to increase your chances of landing the job you want is through participation in Cooperative Education or Internship programs at SPSU. Employers responding to NACE's 2006 Experiential Education Survey report plans to bring 9.8 percent more students into their organizations for internships and 8.3 percent more to serve in co-op positions. Almost 80 percent said that the primary focus of their internship and co-op programs is to feed their college recruiting program for entry level hires with the overall average salaries for students with these experiences being higher than those without.

### Summer Internship Spotlight

Marc Reese and Justin Anthony, SPSU student athletes majoring in Business Administration, worked as Interns with Enterprise Rent-A-Car this summer. They presented their final team projects on Friday, August 4th at the Golf Club of Georgia and represented SPSU with well prepared and polished presentations. Todd Hunt, Regional Rental Manager states "We were fortunate to have both Marc and Justin participate in our summer internship program. Justin spent the summer at our Town Lake location, while Marc worked at one of our Kennesaw locations. Both did a tremendous job this summer, as they



Pictured from left to right: Marlin Shields, Nathan Griffith, Doug Estes, Zack Beavers, Bridgette McDonald, Justin Westmoreland, Marsheia Smith, Lee Webb, Chuck Abbott

were trained and held to the same expectations as our management trainees. Their education, combined with their people skills and competitive nature enabled them to make tremendous contributions to their respective branches. We hope that after a successful summer that both Marc and Justin will consider a career with Enterprise upon graduation." Marc and Justin state: "the experience was life changing and taught them that running a business is very difficult and requires much planning and organization". There were a total of 36 interns from 16 different schools.

### Summer Co-op Spotlight

A total of 8 co-op and intern students worked this summer at Estes Shields Engineering, Inc. Doug Estes and Martin Shields are partners in this full-service

Engineering firm and Doug is a 1994 graduate from the Civil Engineering Technology program at SPSU. Estes believes in hiring current students and "growing" them. Estes states: "When I first began in business it was a small company and I made an investment in hiring co-op students. It was one of the best things I have done. We believe in growing these students into experienced professionals. Some move on, often to start their own business as I did." Almost 60 percent of Estes interns and co-op students are from Southern Poly and they are a critical component in meeting the needs of over 300 major projects handled annually including the Augusta National facilities, the Georgia Aquarium, and Lovett Schools to name a few.

Congratulations to the following co-op students for securing

positions for Fall 2006 :

Name	Major
Brandon Viator	MET
Jarrett Bell	SWE
Matthew Sandidge	CNST
Clifford Hughes	CET
Andrew Kim	EET
Vevakanand Sankar	CET
Dane Burnham	EET
Stefan Lieba	IET
Zack Beavers	CET
Phonexay Keodouangdy	EET
Mark Davis	CNST
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Tyler Long	EET
Richard Frazier	EET

Career and Counseling Center Fall Workshop Schedule (Please cut and paste from link)  
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## Fall 2006 Workshop/ Orientation/ Event Schedule

Workshop/ Orientation/ Event	Date	Time	Location
Career and Counseling Center Open House	Aug. 22	9:30 – 11:00 am	Rm 243
Budgeting for College and Life	Aug. 29	Noon	Rm 215
Senior Career Orientation	Aug. 30	Noon – 2:00 pm	Ballroom
Internship Orientation	Sept. 7	Noon, 5:00 pm	Ballroom
Co-op Orientation	Sept. 12	Noon, 5:00 pm	Ballroom
How to Use Career Lane (Job and Resume Database)	Sept. 13	Noon	Rm 215
Resumes for Today's Job Market	Sept. 14	Noon	Rm 216
Is this the Right Major for Me?	Sept. 18	5:00 pm	Rm 215
Study Skills and Test Taking Strategies	Sept. 19	Noon	Rm 215
Mock Interview Day (must RSVP)	Sept. 20	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Rm 243
Time Management Techniques	Sept. 21	Noon	Rm 215
Senior Career Week – Backpack to Briefcase	Sept. 25-28		
- Resumes for Today's Job Market	Sept. 25	5:00 pm	Ballroom
- Interviewing Skills That Work	Sept. 26	5:00 pm	Ballroom
- Conducting an Effective Job Search in the 21st Century	Sept. 27	5:00 pm	Ballroom
- How to Negotiate the Salary that you Want	Sept. 28	5:00 pm	Ballroom
How to Use Career Lane (Job and Resume Database)	Oct. 2	3:00 pm	Rm 215
Resume Critique Day	Oct. 3	4:00 – 6:00 pm	Student Center Lobby
Working a Career Fair	Oct. 4	Noon	Ballroom
Career Exposition (Architecture, CET, and Construction)	Oct. 11	3:00 – 6:30 pm	Ballroom
Resumes for Today's Job Market	Oct. 17	3:00 pm	Rm 215
Conducting an Effective Job Search in the 21st Century	Oct. 24	Noon	Rm 215
Interviewing Skills that Work	Oct. 25	Noon	Rm 215
How to Use Career Lane (Job and Resume Database)	Oct. 26	Noon	Rm 215
Weekend Career Series (Resumes, Interviewing, etc)	Oct. 28	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	M-100
How Negotiate the Salary that you Want	Oct. 30	Noon	Rm 215
Resume Critique Day	Nov. 1	3:00 – 6:00 pm	Student Center Lobby
Dress 4 Success	Nov. 2	Noon	Burruss Auditorium
Working A Career Fair	Nov. 6	Noon	Rm 215
17th Career Opportunities Fair	Nov. 8	Noon – 3:00 pm	Cobb Galleria
Senior Career Orientation	Nov. 14	4:00 – 6:00 pm	Ballroom
Budgeting for College and Life	Nov. 15	5:00 pm	Rm 215
1st Year Job Expectations	Nov. 16	5:00 pm	Rm 215
Conducting an Effective Job Search in the 21st Century	Nov. 27	3:00 pm	Rm 215
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## Chattahoochee sewage

Eric Ravello  
Staff Writer

The Chattahoochee River--a source of drinking water, power, and recreation for many Georgia natives--is currently emitting an odor around the Paces Ferry Road portion of the waterway.

On June 14, 2006, Thomas Wiseman, a Southern Poly professor and a Marietta resident who spends much of his time around the Chattahoochee River, stopped visiting the river. "I stopped going to the Chattahoochee River for my morning exercise walk because, well frankly, the river smelled bad, really like a sewer," said Wiseman.

The "Hooch," a common nickname of the Chattahoochee River in GA, could have chemicals or organic particles emitting a smell. It has not been verified what is actually causing the unpleasant smell, but an article in the Wall Street Journal has confirmed that restaurant grease was being dumped illegally into the sewer systems in 2001 and may have something to do with the current condition of the river.

Whether or not such dumping is still being done, grease and sewage do not mix, which means it could still have effects today. The Wall Street Journal article, printed on June 4, 2001,

stated that fat does not pollute, nor will it corrode or explode; it simply grows larger and larger. The only things decreasing fat build-up in sewers right now are sewer rats.

Places like Las Vegas, NV, Lake Placid, NY, Honolulu, HI, Columbus, Ohio, and Cobb County, GA have experienced built-up chunks of fat. In 2001, a grease clot in Cobb County set off a 600,000 gallon sewage surge into the Chattahoochee River.

Flushing, NY's City council member in 2001, Julia Harrison, said "We are subjected to the stench of sewer dirt to the degree that we are throwing up. This is not to laugh!" This was obviously said of the stench in Flushing, NY, but it is highly feasible that the odor here can be attributed to the same source.

Adrienne Funk--Conservation Assistant, Student Conservation Association; Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area, Georgia-- reported specifically on the condition of the Chattahoochee River in late 2000 and said, "Fecal coliform, E. coli, and enterococci, indicators of bacterial pathogens in the water, are particular problems at Chattahoochee. They come from animal waste, leaking and overburdened sewers, wastewater treatment

facilities, leachate from septic tanks, and fecal matter associated with storm-water runoff." These facts were gathered from a joint Chattahoochee River NRA and USGS water study that ranged from March 1999 to April 2000. More information on the project can be found here: <http://ga.water.usgs.gov/projects/chatm/>.

Coincidentally, the Georgia chapter of the Sierra Club has been fighting for sewer separation alternatives in Georgia since 2001 because there is a combined sewer system here in Atlanta. According to Bob Woodall, a Sierra Club member, "Every citizen and every business in Atlanta benefits from removal of sewage from our streams and the necessity to introduce hazardous and environmentally damaging chlorine into these waterways."

Based on these sources, the current odor can definitely be credited to sewage problems in and around Atlanta. It cannot be said for sure whether it is directly linked to E. Coli, grease build-up, or just pollution in general, but there is no question that Atlanta needs to investigate these claims a bit further.

For more information about the Chattahoochee river, contact this website is: <http://ga2.er.usgs.gov/bacteria/default.cfm>.

## TCAB Hosts Event Honoring Retiring Department Head

Joy Leake  
Member of TCAB

SPSU's Technical Communication Advisory Board (TCAB) is hosting an evening of music, food, and fun on September 16, 2006, at 6 PM in the Student Center Ballroom. There will be a silent auction, raffle, performances by the SPSU concert band, and a program to honor Dr. Rainey's career at Southern Poly. All students are welcome to attend the event which will benefit the Technical Communications programs at SPSU. Ticket prices, event details, and reservation instructions can be found at <http://tcommons.org>

Dr. Kenneth T. Rainey, Professor of Humanities and Technical Communication, is retiring from his teaching career at Southern Polytechnic State University. During his tenure at SPSU, Dr. Rainey has been a member of the Faculty Senate, where he was chair of the Documents Review Subcommittee and the Instructional Technology Advisory Committee. He won the university's Outstanding Faculty Award in 1992 and 2001 and was "Teacher of the Year" in 2000-2001.

Dr. Rainey is also a Fellow of the Society for Technical Communication (STC). He has served as Assistant for Academic and Research Programs to the President of the STC and education, training, and professional development program stem manager for the STC Annual Conference, as well as President of the Atlanta Chapter, STC. He received the J. R. Gould Award for excellence in teaching technical communication from STC. He received the Chapter Distinguished Service Award in 2000.

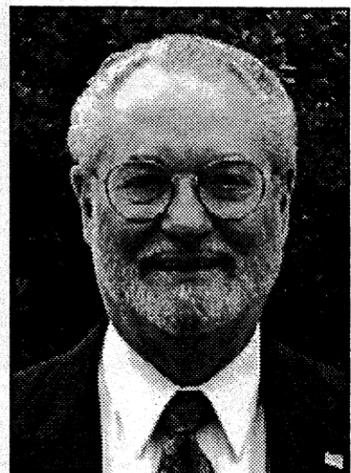


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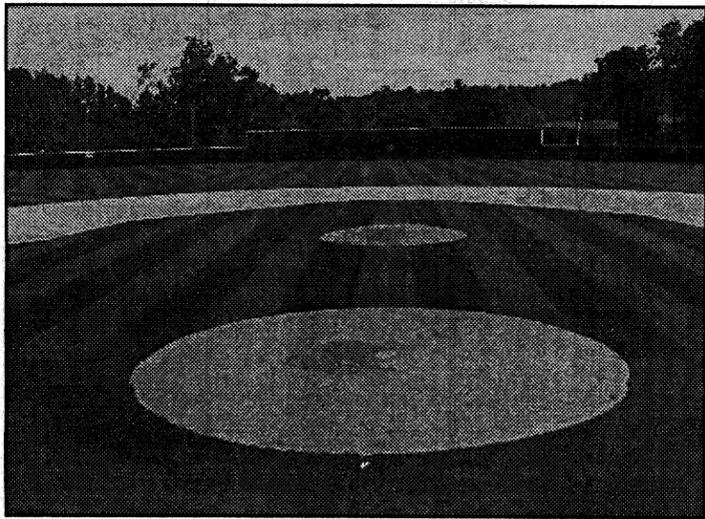
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## Intro to Sports

Eric Ravanello  
Staff Writer

Welcome to the introductory issue of Hornet Sports. This will be the first of many articles throughout the year covering our very own athletes. SPSU is part of the NAIA division and offers baseball, men's and women's basketball, soccer, and cheerleading. It is our intent to not only cover these sports to the best of our ability, but also to encourage more student involvement. Without fans, our athletic program not only lacks the re-

sources to better its program, but also the confidence to want to be better. Southern Poly sports are a perfect opportunity for students to clear their head of academics, support the athletes that work hard everyday to represent our university, and most importantly, create opportunities for more social interaction on the campus we all find "boring." Come out and support Southern Polytechnic athletics this year, and if you miss a game, pick up a copy of The Sting for sports news and game coverage.



SPSU's baseball field

Photo courtesy www.spsu.edu

## Baseball Preview

Eric Ravanello  
Staff Writer

The Southern Poly baseball team has been making vast improvements each year. Under the advisement of a former SPSU player, Matt Griffin, the Hornets hope to beat their 2006 record of 35 wins and 20 losses. Griffin has signed several key players that are expected to bolster the Hornet offense in addition to its already deep and talented pitching staff.

"We feel like we will be a very offensively and fundamentally sound team," said Griffin of the 2007 team. "Our offense was the biggest improvement over last season to add to our already deep and talented pitching staff."

The Hornets lost a few key guys from last year's team, including pitcher Richard Riley. Riley was a conference starter, as well as, a part of the NAIA All-American honorable mention team with teammate Chuck Poteet. Poteet is a

strong corner outfielder that will be returning for his senior year to the team to help lead them to another successful season.

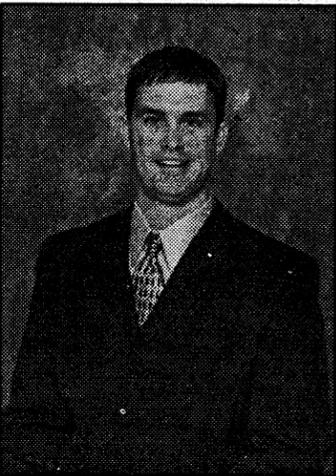
Other key players that will be with the Hornets in 2007 include pitcher Michael Hansard, 2006 Freshmen of the year returning for his sophomore year, catcher/first basemen Joe Billick, a UGA transfer student, and catcher Andrew Morgan, a 35th round pick by the San Diego Padres out of high school and transfer from Chipola Junior College in Florida.

All players on the roster are vital to the Hornets success and will strive to maintain the 33 win average that Coach Griffin has maintained over the past three seasons. Griffin began just three seasons ago, which is proof that his coaching tactics are very effective.

"Focus is on the team. We are very deep and very talented at every position and could go very deep in the postseason this year," said Griffin. "Individual accolades will follow the team's success."

The 2007 schedule has yet to be released, but a game against Berry College has been said to be, and I quote, "always a great game to watch." So whether you are a hardcore baseball fan like myself, or simply want something to do, come support the Hornet baseball team. Who knows, one day you might be able to say that you went to college with a Major League Baseball player and watched him begin his career. We definitely have players capable of accomplishing just that.

Keep your eyes on The Sting this year for game coverage and player news/interviews.



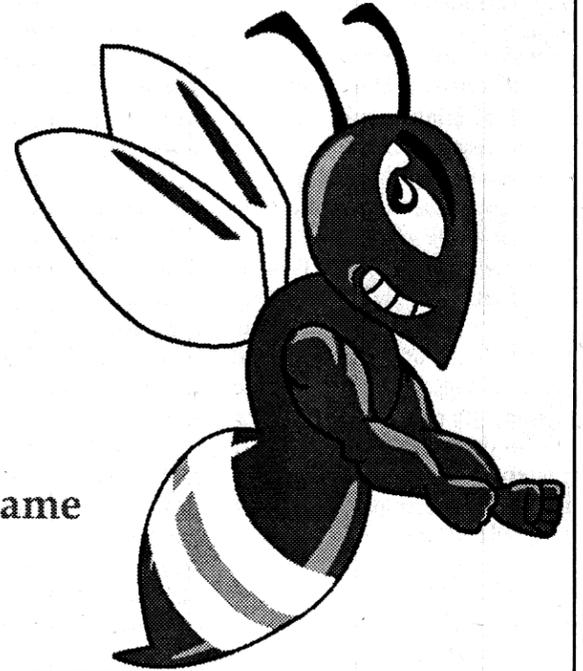
Coach Griffin

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## NEW SPORTS PAGE

The Sting is finally covering SPORTS!

Look for Sports News, Interviews, Stats, and Game Coverage



## Our Hornets are Finally "Runnin'"

Eric Ravanello  
Staff Writer

Southern Polytechnic State University has finally put the "Run" in "Runnin' Hornets" by announcing the addition of soccer as an intercollegiate sport here at our school.

If you did not already hear the news, SPSU now has an intercollegiate soccer team. After much debate and planning, it is now official. I had the luxury of speaking to the new coach and found out some interesting things about him and the soccer team that he will be building from scratch.

His name is Kamiar Momeni. He has been coaching soccer teams since 1996. His experience includes various high schools and colleges, the most recent of which was Coastal Carolina University in South Carolina where he was a top 20 Assistant coach in the nation in 2004. His list of awards and achievements is vast, so just take my word for it when I say that Southern Poly doesn't have to worry about its soccer team for many years to come.

Coastal Carolina University is a Division-I school in the Big South Conference. This speaks volumes of the competitive nature he will be bringing to our team. "I am very competitive and want the best for my players as human beings, students and athletes," said Momeni. In addition to his soccer expertise, Mr. Momeni puts a strong emphasis on academics and personal character.

"My recipe for success is simple-work hard, surround yourself with driven, good people, and get them all on the same page," stated Momeni. "Put community and others first and success will follow."

The team will be made-up of a combination of recruits and walk-ons. The team will not officially start playing until August 2007 so this year will be spent gaining support, preparing our field, and hosting try-outs for interested students. The goal is to have multiple tryouts throughout the year, but Mr. Momeni will be hosting something within the first month of school for

interested students.

As for all of you students that have no interest in soccer, the program will still be a beneficial one for you. On a campus the size of ours, it is tough to find things to do and people to meet. A new sport like soccer creates opportunities to be more social, active, and open minded.

When Mr. Momeni was asked about the benefits that the soccer program would provide our student body, he responded by saying, "Sports, in general, electrify a campus and help bring those together that would otherwise have nothing to bond them together. Conversely, if the student body cares little about the program, they will see little benefit."

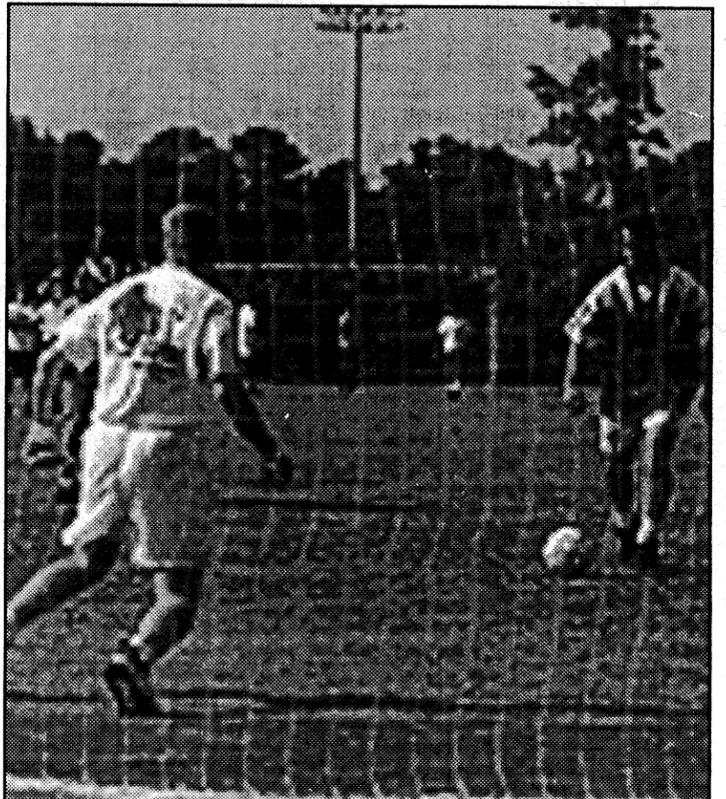
Thomas Waters, a third year Southern Poly student and former baseball player, offered his opinion on the subject as well. "I played baseball all my life and was never much of a soccer guy, but the addition of a soccer program can only mean good things for current and future students," said Waters. "It will not only draw in a crowd that

otherwise may not have considered our school, but it will give us guys more opportunities to meet the few girls we have on campus."

We are still a ways off from the first game, but it is not too early to start hyping it up. Keep your eyes on The Sting for future news about the soccer program and other SPSU sports. I am going to leave you with one final comment from Mr. Momeni:

"I just think if everyone gets involved with speaking to each other and others outside the campus, in a positive way about the program, good things can happen. General positive involvement with the Athletic Department is something that all student bodies should partake in. Good attendances at matches will be greatly appreciated. Coming out to matches in big numbers will create a great home atmosphere for the fans and players at SPSU."

Mr. Kamiar Momeni could be reached in his office near the basketball gym or by e-mail at: kmomeni@coastal.edu.



Soccer is coming. Are you ready?

Photo courtesy www.spsu.edu

## SPSU Week of Welcome

### Saturday August 19

9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
11:00 am - 11:00 pm  
  
Noon - 4:00 pm  
6:30 pm  
7:30 pm

Freshmen Move-In to Howell  
Student Center Rec Room open  
(Free Billiards & Ping Pong)  
Cafeteria Open for Dinner  
Rec Center open  
Hall Meeting w/ RA  
Outdoor movie sponsored by CAB  
(Tokyo Drift)

### Sunday August 20

9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
4:00 pm - 11:00 pm  
  
5:00 pm

Upperclassmen Move-In  
Student Center Rec Room open  
(Free Billiards & Ping Pong)  
Cook-out & Live Bands at Community Center

### Monday August 21

First Day of Classes  
6:00 pm Greek Cookout

### Tuesday August 22

9:30 am - 11:00 am  
Noon - 2:00 pm  
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Career/ Counseling Center Open House  
Rec Center Open House  
(cookout, activities, free swim)  
CAB Welcome Back Party

### Wednesday August 23

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Activities Fair @ the Globe  
(Student Organizations highlighting their activities; Free food provided by facilities Services)

### Thursday August 24

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

ATTIC Open House - J253

### Friday August 25

Noon - 1:00 pm  
7:00 pm

Lunch w/ Senior Administrators  
(meet the President, VP's, Dean of Students, & others in the Cafeteria)  
Texas Hold 'em Tournament - Community Center - sponsored by CAB

## ...continuing the Journey

### Lucy Lament's Hints

## Freshmen listen up

Lucy Lament  
Staff Writer

I have hints for freshmen this go-round. If you see something you disagree with, want to add to, or have a new hint list suggestion, then please email me at [Lucylament@gmail.com](mailto:Lucylament@gmail.com).

1. Join something! Anything! Be it the Campus Activities Board, running for a position on the Student Government Association, a sports team, or active club like the dance team, ultimate Frisbee club or cycling club. Or if you're more the media type and want to join the radio station or news paper. By joining something you will meet new people and be exposed to new things. And that's part of the point of college, isn't it?

2. Become friends with people that aren't necessarily like you. College is about exposing yourself to new experiences and people. Even if your main interests are the same, it doesn't mean you can't become friends! Don't limit yourself to just friends from high school.

3. Leave high school drama behind. We're a small campus, but this shouldn't be like high school. Leave the he said/she said things behind. Don't leave your high school friends behind but leave the political drama that came with it at the high school.

4. Ask questions. Of your friends, professors, fellow students, staff members, just about anyone

you run into. The more you ask, the more you will learn. Asking questions in class is the best way to get that participation grade!!

5. Make at least one friend or study partner per class. Get their phone number. Make sure it will be okay to call them if you miss a day of class, or didn't understand something. It helps when you need notes!

6. Get to know your professor. Listen to them, ask them questions, talk to them if you're having trouble with a concept from class. If you don't want to do this while others are around, make an appointment and go to see them during office hours. They would rather see you through out the semester than have you panic a week before the final!

7. Know the Police extension, where the business office is located, and who the program chairs and deans are. The police extension or phone number is 678-915-5555. The business office is in the basement of Norton. The program chair or dean will depend on your major. But they will be able to help you during your time here.

8. College is different and harder than high school. Study. No matter how easy things flowed for you in high school, you will need to study here. Don't wait until the last minute to study and don't wait until the last minute to do your homework.

9. Manage your time. There are several ways to do this. You can

treat school like a job and you study, work on homework, and go to class between certain times each day, say 9 to 5. And then allow your leisure time, exercise time, etc happen after you 'get off work'. The other possibilities are to schedule each thing each day. I go to History class from 8-10 and then I get to play video games for one hour, exercise for an hour, eat lunch from 12-1, etc. One hint for that type of schedule is to use the times between classes to work on homework, or study for tests and things.

10. Know the difference between learning something and passing. Try to do both. You can pass a class and not learn anything. If you don't retain the information, or learn something new, what was the point of you being there? You can learn from the class you hate the most, even if what you learn isn't subject related.

11. Try new things. Join something that concerns a peripheral interest, listen to new music, read different genre of books. Don't stick to your norm, whatever it may be.

12. Don't forget to sleep. College can be a stressful time with many demands on you between classes, friends, tests, and jobs if you have one. It can be tempting to just skimp on sleep to give yourself enough time to have fun. Make sure you get enough though, or it'll affect your grades.

13. Make friends on your hall! The people on your hall might

be different from you, or you might have a lot in common, but you won't know until you meet them. One of the best parts about living on campus is all the people you get to hang out with.

14. It is okay to make mistakes. You might not get an A in every class; you might not always get the subject matter. There will be mistakes. You will live through them.

15. Go to class. Sure you could get by with skipping a class here and there. Maybe. Depends on the class, some professors have strict attendance policies that could affect your grade. Even the ones who don't might lecture on

something that you will need for the test. You'll never know unless you show up.

16. Have an exercise program and buddy. Avoid the freshman fifteen. Use the recreation and wellness center to work out. Or run or walk around the campus. Be active, and have someone to work out with you so you'll stay accountable.

Well that is all until next time, try new things in the meantime! The next installment has not been decided yet; please feel free to email me if you have any suggestions, questions, thoughts or comments!

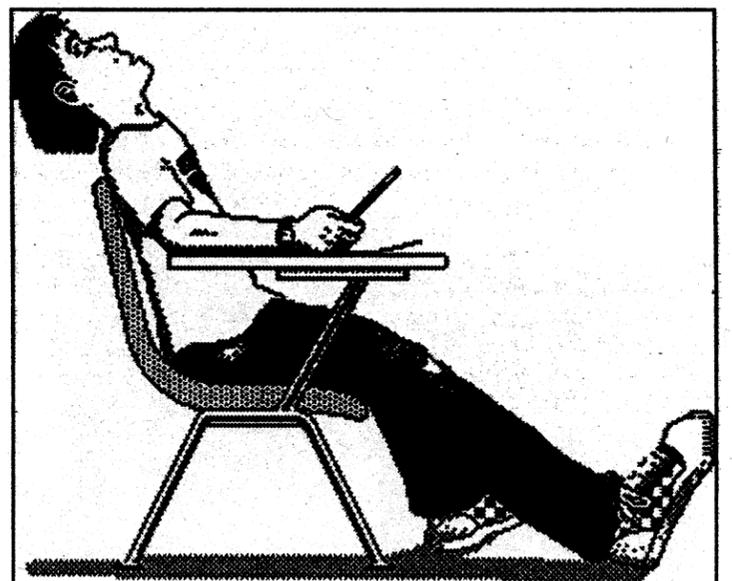


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Studing the back of your eye lids will not help you pass a class. Sleep at home...but still go to class.

# Welcome Freshmen! Welcome back to Upperclassman!

# Advice from an 'experienced' SPSU student

Woody King  
Anonymous Writer

Freshmen, welcome to Southern Polytechnic State University. This is a big day for you all: living on your own (or at least during the week), going to class isn't mandatory, plenty of partying, and lack of any immediate overseeing authority! You're going to have to remember though, this IS still a school. You're here to learn and better yourself except not all lessons are going to be taught in the classroom.

I would like to touch on dorm life first. I remember when I first moved into the dorms I was slightly overwhelmed: the thought of having a common living space with so many different people, the freedom, the (at least potential for) parties, and realizing that schoolwork would still need to be done. I reluctantly ignored my initial instinct to close my door and decided to have it open a majority of the time I was in my room, which ended up great. Seriously, keep your door open! You don't know who will pass by the hall and invite you to go to dinner or hang out with them. Some of my best friends are STILL people I met in the dorms. College, from my personal perspective, should not be about shutting yourself off from the world to live the life you are so accustomed to. Understandably, you are all in a new environment, and this will at first make many people nervous. However, remember that your roommate, the people who live on your hall, and the occupants of Howell are ALL in the same situation – and probably feel the same exact way.

Don't sit on your computer! Take advantage of your new living situation and explore it, those video games will be there when you get back. By the way, Xbox and Halo suck. But really though, it's cool to get a huge LAN game going, but try to meet the people you're actually playing. That way, when you get pissed off you can run over to their room and bitch instead of trying to act hardcore through text. And stop

checking the away messages of your high school friends. They're out seeing what they just got themselves into, so through the powers of peer pressure, shouldn't you be doing the same thing?! One of the lessons that college teaches you is experience. Go out, meet people, have fun, get stupid, and then (try) to remember what you learned from it: Maybe that one type of drink should be avoided next time, you might find a new place to hang out, or you'll find a fun group of people to waste time with.

While in the dorms, you will be exposed to a lot of cool, funny, and crazy shit. I remember so many awesome pranks being pulled during my stay in the dorms and now I get to hear about how the next group of freshmen who top most (if not all) of ours. I fully support and endorse these shenanigans until they get to the point of actual destruction of public and personal property. Once it goes past that narrow line then you need to realize that many people won't show approval. Remember, pranks are one thing but inconveniencing a lot of people who aren't laughing really isn't funny. Also, know that anytime you do something in the dorms, you're exposing yourself to being caught. The campus police do not mess around! They walk through the halls all the time; even though some of them are cool, don't push your luck, remember what their job is. The main message for dorm life is: go outside your comfort zone, understand that not everyone can be friends but it shouldn't be for lack of trying, and acting too irresponsible can (and usually will) have consequences.

A small insert here will be done for the cafeteria. I heard over the summer that the old contract was not renewed and the new cafeteria will be much better. There seems to have been a great deal of money invested into our 'food court' and it will begin to finally resemble a REAL food court. Look for a return on the investment for your meal plan, even though I haven't bought a meal plan since Howell, even

I am looking forward to the new changes. Truth be told, when I lived in Howell, I bought a hot plate and ate Ramen constantly. That's how bad the cafeteria was: Ramen was a better food alternative than what you were served in the cafeteria. I would still go to the food court just to hang out though, if all else failed I could still get a pop.

I have lived in every 'named' section of living area on campus: Howell, Norton, Commons, and Courtyard. Howell was great since only freshmen lived there but Norton was a lot different. In Norton the range in age varied greatly. There are some people who went straight from Howell to live in Norton and some people who were continuing their education with an age difference that made respected neutrality impossible. I found this fact out when I was watching a movie with friends that was way too loud, at a very early hour, and was then asked repeatedly by different neighbors to reduce the volume. This coupled with the fact that Norton felt more like a prison than a dorm made my short summer semester stay feel way too long. Living in the Commons (the Courtyard was in the beginning phases of being built) was like a breath of fresh air. The police were not constantly walking in front of my door, there was a huge central living area for all four roommates, and I finally felt like I was more on my own. This was also when the Commons were owned by a company rather than by the school. The Commons are not bad – they are very comparable to the Courtyard except a major (to some) difference would be the sharing of a bathroom in the Commons. Truth be told, the main contrast between the Courtyard and the Commons would probably just be the layout (along with a negligible size difference AND price.) The Commons had a bigger balcony than my Courtyard apartment and we had one of the big balconies. Even though the Courtyard is slightly bigger, newer, and more advertised, the Commons are not a bad choice whatsoever. Either way, now that all of housing is owned by the same company, trying to get anything fixed is still equivalent to pulling teeth, but in some cases it's slightly easier since a certain uncaring staff member (Eric LastNameWithheld) left.

Now, this is for all the people who are going to transfer to a certain 'better college' during their later years here at the school: Good luck with that. Take a look at what credits transfer...YEAH NOT MANY! SPSU doesn't have (many) 'engineering' degrees because...well would you approve a competitor when you have a monopoly going on?! Why HELL no! I happen to work at this competitor school and we are all learning the same exact shit, but we're more hands on as opposed to theory. A lot of employers would rather have someone who gets the job done rather than some-

one who thinks they know how the job should get done. In the state of Georgia, the graduates of SPSU are VERY respected. If you are trying to get a job outside of the state then you will have to prove what you know but that's the same boat a majority of other applicants will be in. Remember that the experience a person has in the field weighs just as heavily (if not more) than the degree sometimes. In some small way, personally, every single time someone tells me that they plan on transferring so that they have their degree from that other school (Georgia Tech), I feel as if they are slapping me in my face. I have not worked this hard, giving up weekends (and countless nights) to study, so that I will be beaten in an interview by a person with a horrible GPA from a more 'known' school. The reality is that we all know just as much when it gets down to the basics. I will give that other school credit in that it can be more difficult but when one thinks about class sizes, professor availability, and labs then it certainly evens out. I have

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learned so much from having a professor tell me I was doing it wrong during lab than from any lecture. (The professor and student ratio is GREAT at this school!) Southern Poly is in no way, shape, or form a second-class school. People come here thinking it will be easy and then are rudely awakened (take a look at the Architecture program.) The caliber of people you will meet here are so much greater than that of many other schools. The TRUE students of SPSU are serious about their education and are not cocky nor arrogant – but determined. When new people come in, having already made their mind up about which route to take, thinking classes will be a breeze only so they can transfer later, and all the while not bothering to study, then have an extremely rude awakening about the middle to late semester always puts a giant smile on my face. Better luck next time! Don't ever expect any college to let you drift through courses while they have their name on the diploma you receive; a reputation can mean a lot to a smaller school and this reputation will be what influences new college bound students, which in the end means money. So, don't go around telling people you will be transferring to GT or any other school after you accumulate some credits just for the sake of having a degree with their name on it, because some might take it as an insult, while others will

assume that you're just lazy; it's not bragging, nor an accomplishment, and you're no better than anyone of us - you're just smug.

As far as the “real college experience” excuse that some people use, remember that college is what you make of it. If you did not have fun during college it is because you did not actively try to make it fun. There is plenty to do here but it can be slightly more difficult to find. Ask around and see what other people are doing, there might be a basketball game, or a CAB event that you weren't aware of. I joined a Greek organization, which has helped expose me to an unfathomable amount of great experiences and opportunities; I highly recommend looking into them. I don't want to delve too deep into it but two things before moving on: You're not paying for friends and the Hollywood stereotypes are in no way, shape, or form accurate. Moving on then... Anyhow, if someone wanted to transfer to say, UGA, to get that 'experience' what kind of degree will you be trying for? Graduate with some worthless degree so you can party your ass off, only to get out in the real world, and in all actuality be no better than some joe-schmo off the street? Almost everyone I know has thought about this, so there will be a moment you do, it's just a matter of time. Hell, I look at all the college websites that show just how CrAZy (please note the crazy lettering makes it that much more meaningful) it is attending a big school and get jealous. When that happens I think about how far I (and countless others) have come from solely attending this school – friends, relevant work experience, great memories, and a lot of knowledge – I know that the end justifies the means. To be quite blunt, if you're attending college just to party, then you really don't belong here in the first place and will figure that out soon enough.

Some of you don't have a job or have a job you don't like. A good number of people I know, including myself, currently Co-op. An often overlooked department in the Student Center is the Career and Counseling Center. The whole purpose of their job is to help you get one. Working in a Co-op for your field of study, is an excellent way to know if your major is the one for you, and oftentimes you will learn more at the job than in the classroom. Essentially, a Co-op is a real job but only for a semester, then it's back to school, and then you work again the next semester. The minimum obligation is three semesters, but as long as your employer approves, the amount of Co-op semesters can be extended. That way, when you graduate, you have a 'sticker' on your diploma which signifies participation in the Co-op program AND you will have actual relevant work experience. (And you make mad bank.)

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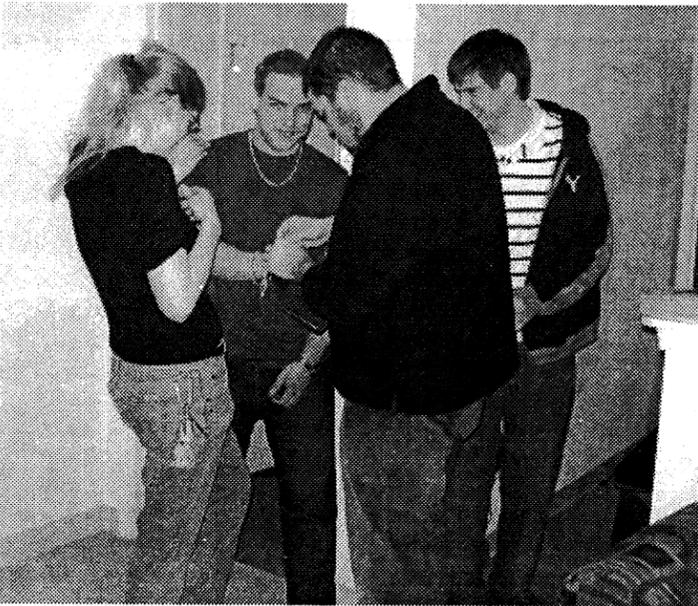


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Leave your door open. You never know what fun stuff will happen. You might even see a girl.

Here is some advice for the coming year. Read & Laugh!

## Welcome and Good Luck...

Naimah Shaw  
Staff Writer

For some of us, this semester will mark the beginning of a new realm, for others, it will draw closer the end... Whatever the journey that you are now beginning, welcome and good luck.

I particularly decided to dedicate this to the freshmen, those who have never made out schedules for themselves but rather relied on the guidance counselor to do so; those who have never experienced "freedom" but have rather been forced to sit in classrooms for designated hours at a time or risked detention; those who have never been given the responsibility of living alone or with a roommate but rather always had the comfort of one or both parents... It's a whole new world for you – one that is filled with good and exciting things, yet one that is scary to think about at times.

Many of you will get hyped about the simple pleasures of college life: like being able to choose whether or not to go to class, especially if your professor has no attendance policy. I encourage you to attend lectures and labs, take notes and to pay keen attention to detail, ask questions. Take advantage of the small classroom sizes and the inherent ability to stop the professor at any time during the lecture to clear up your misconceptions or confusion. If you still need additional help, seek out your professor at their specified office hours, send them an email, or call them. During the course of my undergraduate study, I remember sending emails out to professors at 1:00 and 2:00 am while being stuck on a project and I kid you not, I have often received replies at those ungodly hours when we, as students, think we're the only ones awake.

Peer pressure may often lead you to

doing things you never thought you would do. Remember to be true to who you are. People are not always going to like you for being the odd one out, but over time it will lead to respect. At Southern Poly, there are over 74 active student organizations, join them. Meet people who share similar interests as you do. Be a part of anything from rock climbing to biking to writing to robotics to being a part of the Student Government. Whatever your interest, there is something for you! Become active in campus activities, you'll meet new people and have the opportunity to engage in fun activities while staying out of trouble.

Work hard, play harder when you need it, have fun and be responsible. Keep the HOPE! That's a dual purpose statement- keep the HOPE scholarship and keep hope and faith when college life gets tough, when finals are overwhelming, and when it seems like every assignment is due on the same day!

Make the most out of the upcoming years and it'll be a rewarding experience. Remember to be true to who you really are and get involved in your campus!

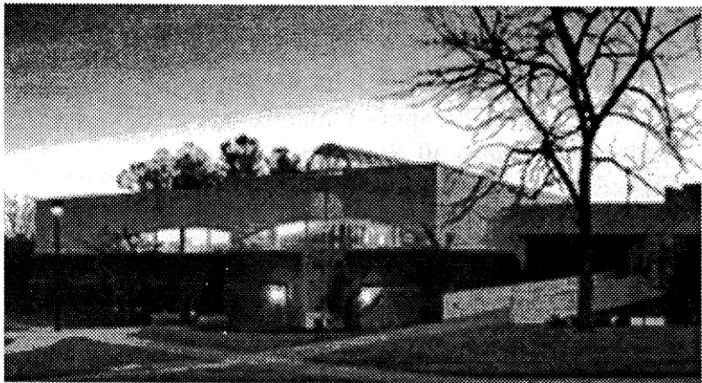
Those are just a few of the most important tidbits that I garnered over the past couple years that I thought worthwhile to share with you as you embark on a new journey, one filled with endless opportunities, success and failure, good times and bad. The ball is in your court: make it go where YOU want it to!

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Okay, last section, I promise. Classes: the reason you are here in the first place. Go to class people. Damn. Your first rule and priority should be: Go to class, EVERY CLASS, and be on time. Going to every class alone makes a HUGE difference in understanding the concept of the subject matter. College is not the 13th grade and is a hell of a lot more difficult than high school was. Don't expect the professors to take it easy on anyone. Their job is to teach, your job is to learn, and if the ratio of teaching to learning is pretty low (due to the students lack of effort) then that grade you earned will be horrible. A professor never 'gives' you a grade, you earn your grade. Don't try to pass the buck or make an excuse by saying the professor 'gave' you that grade, the term is 'responsibility', and you will be learning a lot of that here in college. Take your classes seriously and you will do fine. If you are here on HOPE then you might want to re-read this paragraph. Many – many – people lose HOPE scholarship because they don't take classes seriously as a freshman. Once you lose HOPE scholarship, it will be like trying to climb out of a hole, and every semester there is the possibility that you are just making it deeper. It's not even that hard to keep! Make a 3.0 and you're gold! You ARE going to have to study. You ARE going to have to tell people, "No, I can't party because

I have this huge paper to write that I've known about for three weeks and still haven't done." (I've had to say that so many times, some lessons are harder to learn than others I suppose.) Also, the amount of effort you put into a class speaks volumes to a professor. This campus still has a significant commuter population consisting of people coming back for their degree; they WILL try hard in class and raise the bar. Still, have fun but make sure that your work is done. Wasting money, your time, a professor's time, and classmate's time should not be any goal or side-effect due to your actions. IF YOU ARE HAVING TROUBLE: SEE THE PROFESSOR DURING THEIR OFFICE HOURS! They have those for a reason ya'know. Not to mention, going during office hours (not just at the end of the semester) to ask questions really does make a good impression and can help bump that 78 to an 80.

In summation, I hope you all enjoy your college experience. Have a lot of fun, make a lot of mistakes (then learn from them,) and work hard. Develop good relations with your professor because you'll be needing references one day. Don't ever try to take school too seriously or overwork yourself because that's just as bad as not working hard enough. Know that the real world is the next step after college, it can be pretty boring from what I hear, so don't try to rush yourself out of some of the best years you will have. Good luck!



Get involved. The Student Center is a good place to start. Archives/The Sting

## Ten tips for surviving Southern Poly for Freshmen

Twila McConnell  
Copy Editor

1. When dealing with offices such as financial aid or housing, make sure to keep on top of your accounts and payments yourself. They're not going to contact you about anything or even make the matter particularly easy. If you need information, go find it yourself. You should probably ask more than one person while you're at it. You'll find information is rarely clearly transmitted here at SPSU.

2. When dealing with offices such as financial aid or housing, be nice. This is really more of a side note to number one. If you're mean and frustrated at them, you're going to make an already difficult situation even harder. However, if you're nice to the people that work there – who are probably more frustrated than you ever will be on a daily basis – they will do their best to be nice back.

3. Don't expect flyers to actually tell the truth about the date or time or location of an event. Oh, you can try to show up for the event and support SPSU's attempt at an on campus social life, but don't be too upset if you're continually disappointed. Now, granted, the Campus Activities Board, CAB, is always completely on top of what they host and they have some pretty awesome events like laser tag and skydiving. However, there have been plenty a night where I've tried to find an event that was seemingly

no where to be found.

4. Don't volunteer yourself to be any kind of group leader in a class full of upper classmen. Trust me, because if you drop the ball and screw up the dates of a presentation, you will feel like the biggest piece of shit in the entire room and I know this from personal experience. Many people here are going back for their degrees and don't want to waste their time with bad grades and partying. If you're lucky enough to get into a group with someone like this, you don't want to screw up, because these can be some of the most valuable people in the class if you do your part and treat them right. This is especially true if they're your lab partner in a Biology class you're struggling through and you need all the extra help and understanding you can get.

5. Take advantage of the seminars on resume writing and interviews. Take advantage of the job fairs. Take advantage of the internships and co-ops. Those are some of SPSU's strongest points so use them to your fullest potential. The more prepared you are in your field and the more experience you have levels the playing field tremendously between people from SPSU and people from competitors with bigger names such as Georgia Tech. SPSU is very well respected for how well trained their graduates are in their respected field so take advantage of that!

6. Respect your roommate(s),

your residency advisors, and the people that live in your hall. Unfortunately, I didn't do enough of this. I'll admit I alienated people and I am none the better for it. But even more important than being social... Don't dump trash in the halls and on the stairs, don't light fires in the elevator, don't vandalize people's doors, use glass bottles for hallway bowling, and drag manure down the hall. It's hard enough to live in such a small space with so many people without having to make it miserable. So please try to be respectful boys. And ladies: don't leave your hair in the showers. It's disgusting.

7. I know I said respect your roommate, but make sure they respect you as well, because that hundred dollar fine that was caused by them for keeping a pet in the room that you didn't want there but didn't know how to tell them no to, really, really sucks. It also really sucks for you to get in trouble for your roommate's drinking or drugs. Remember, the cops here are real cops and a ticket for something like that will land you in the real Marietta court, or worse, jail.

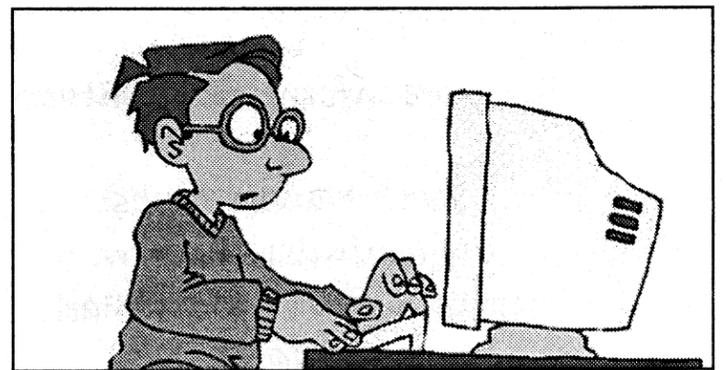
8. A very important tip... Gentlemen, I know the ratio, and I know it's hard to deal with, but that means you need to be even more respectful to the ladies around you than normal. It also means most of the girls on campus probably have boyfriends and you should respect that as well, no matter how disappointing and hard to handle

that might be. Ladies, don't take advantage of the attention... too much, anyway. And just because a guy might be a little geeky and awkward, doesn't mean he's not a very nice person and he might just be an excellent tutor in Chemistry or Math. Don't forget that you are a minority and that you may come across some unexpected prejudice in some fields, especially the engineering fields. There are plenty of women professors and counselors that will help you out if you come across any unfair treatment... and I know it's happened.

9. Treat your professors like human beings. Most of them are very intelligent and the smaller class sizes allow you to get to know them and allow them to get to know you. Take advantage of this. I know that it probably sounds cheesy and cliché but there are many things you can learn from them. Not to mention that often times professors in one major

will teach more than one class in that field. It's definitely a positive thing to have a good relationship with a professor if you get stuck in a class with them twice.

10. Get involved!! I know there doesn't seem like much around here to get involved with, and many people are commuters, but it's an excellent way to meet people. Whether through the Honors program, a fraternity or sorority, this newspaper, or even Student Government, get involved with some activity. You'll feel better, you'll make friends, and you'll find the world will get a whole lot smaller. You never know what professor you'll meet along the way that might take a liking to you and write you a wonderful letter of recommendation for a scholarship or what friendship might be awaiting you in the most unexpected place. Besides, the more people that get involved, the better our campus life will be!



Ladies, nerds are good study buddies. Photo courtesy www.clipartreview.com

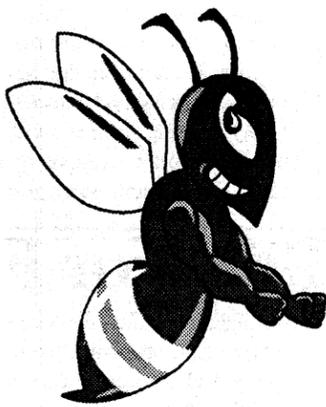
Few more. Now read carefully. There may be a test later!

# SPSU DANCE TEAM



The SPSU Dance Team here at Southern Polytechnic State University is a group for anyone that loves to dance and express oneself in a positive way. This team focuses in learning different types of choreography moves that include:

- Hip-Hop
- Jazz
- Latin
- Reggae

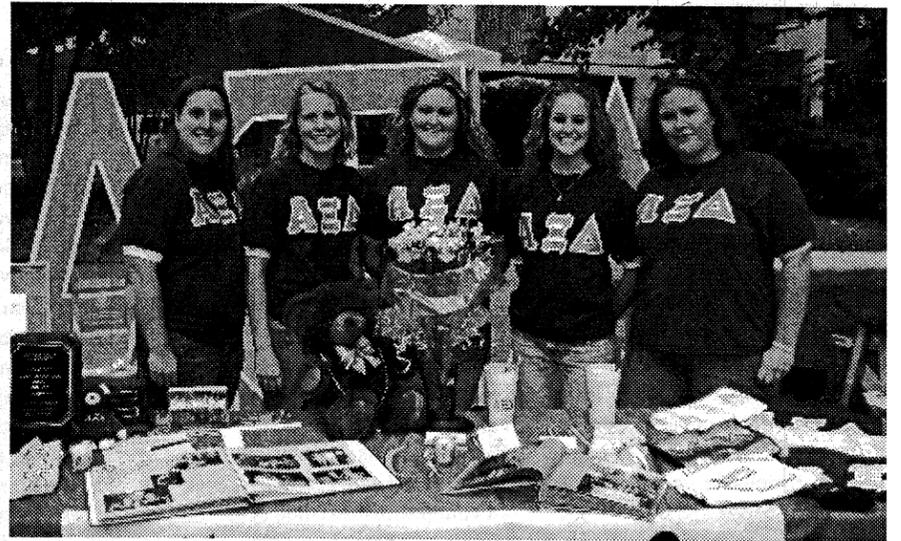


In the fall, a dance-twirl with baton team will be added to this school's agenda. This will be a great chance to interact with others and compete in competitions. We practice twice a week or more if needed, perform at basketball games, and involve ourselves in fundraising activities.

The SPSU Dance Team will be hosting tryouts for the 2006-2007 year within the first couple weeks of fall semester. Watch for flyers and information regarding try-outs.

For more information contact:

Coach Nancy Jacobs:  
 ncj@mindspring.com  
 Captain Taylor McMichael:  
 tmcMicha@spsu.edu  
 Captain Maryely Sanchez:  
 msanchez2@spsu.edu



## Sisterhood in Panhellenic:

Promoting diversity and cooperation  
 Fostering intellectual, professional, and personal growth  
 Showing the highest ethical conduct through society as women  
 The development of chapter, community and interfraternal leaders

### Fall Formal Recruitment

Thursday, August 24. 8pm - Meet & Greet  
 Monday, August 28. 8pm - Info Night  
 Tuesday, August 29. 8pm - Philanthropy  
 Wednesday, August 30. 8pm - Preference  
 Thursday, August 31. Noon - BID DAY!

<http://npc.spsu.edu/>

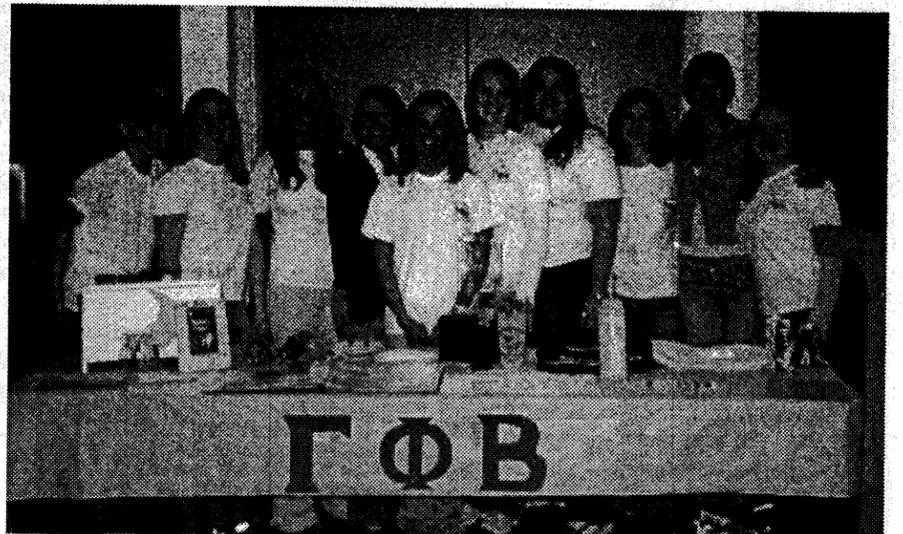
## So what is a sorority, anyway?

"People ask why I am in a sorority and I try to explain all the things a sorority is that they cannot see. A sorority is more than letters on a sweatshirt, I say. More than traditional songs, a gold pin, rituals, and obligation, or a way of life. A sorority is learning about people, a sorority is giving without expecting a return. A sorority is earning respect from others, as well as for yourself. A sorority will not solve all your problems. But I have made good friends and found confidence here to help me take life one step at a time."

~Author Unknown~

A sorority is a group of women bound together by sisterhood, common goals, and aspirations. The members that form a sorority share their efforts, friendship, and knowledge. Together these members learn, grow and make the sorority stronger. Their common experience builds ties that last a lifetime. This forms a sisterhood amongst members which helps to develop strong and creative leadership leading to success.

Though there are many different sororities, they all share common founding principles that are of interest to any SPSU student. Sororities enhance your educational experience by emphasizing intellectual, interpersonal, and social development. The ideals of lifelong friendship, sound education, campus and community service, and social interaction are what sorority members strive to live by every day.



**P** Pi Kappa Phi was founded by three childhood friends on December 10, 1904. For more than 100 years, Pi Kappa Phi has been building better men on college campuses across the country. From our humble roots at the College of Charleston in South Carolina to over 130 campuses today, Pi Kappa Phi stands for a commitment to fundamental values.

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**K** On January 31, 1981, the Epsilon Kappa Chapter was founded and became a first-class fraternity, which firmly believes in the tenets of Character, Leadership, Academics, Sportsmanship, and Service. These principles are not only valued but also instilled throughout Pi Kappa Phi's programming.

**A** Pi Kappa Phi offers more leading edge programming in education, service, and leadership opportunities than any other national fraternity. Pi Kappa Phi believes a fraternity experience should be more than fun and social activities. Pi Kappa Phi challenges each member to excel and exceed the average.

**P** Pi Kappa Phi has created innovative programs that change the way people view fraternities. In

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1977 Pi Kappa Phi created a Push America a non-profit organization that serves people with disabilities through service, awareness, and fundraising. Each year undergraduate members raise over 500,000 that go towards grants for organizations for the people with disabilities or construction project such as accessibility ramps. Programs like:

- Journey of Hope- Annual Cycling event where Pikapps cycle 3,500 mile from San Francisco to Washington, DC to promote a greater understanding for people with disabilities.

- Gear Up Florida - An annual event where Pikapps cycle 800 mile from Miami to Tallahassee Florida to promote a greater understanding

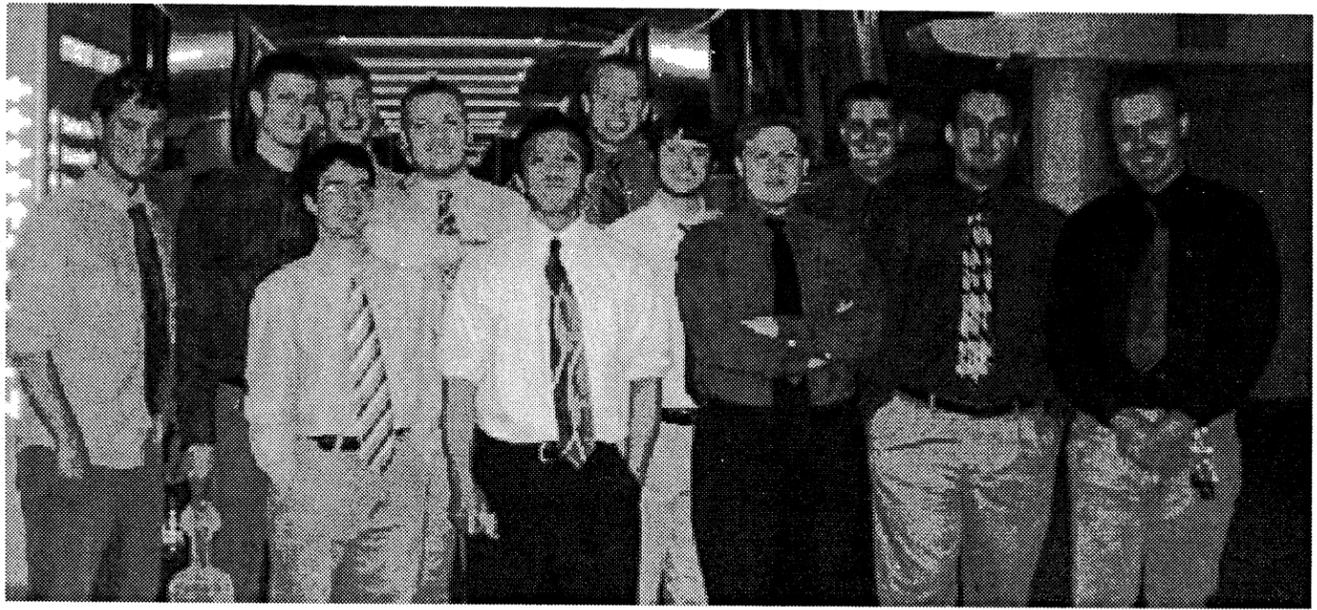
for people with disabilities.

- Build America - Pikapps from all over the country spend their summers traveling to camps to build amenities for people with disabilities that enhance the summer camp experience
- Accessibility - A construction program where members go into their local community to build wheelchair ramps for families or individual who would be unable to afford it.
- Summer Fellowships - A program to give financial support to members to become counselors at summer camps for people with disabilities.
- Scholarships

Pi Kappa Phi was founded

on the foundation of friendship. Our lifelong brotherhood is there to support you personally and professionally. Regardless of triumph or setback, a Pi Kappa Phi is a friend

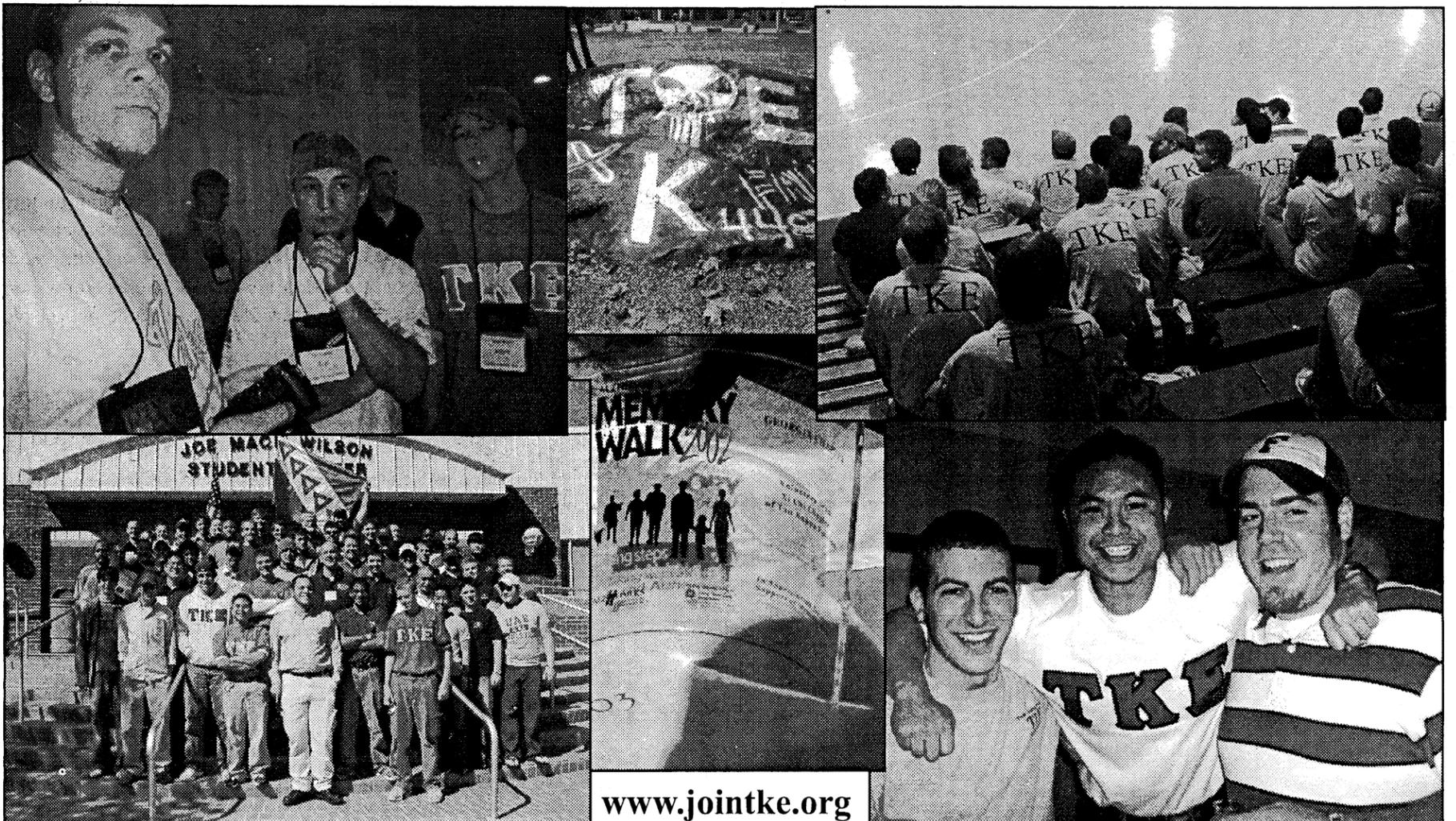
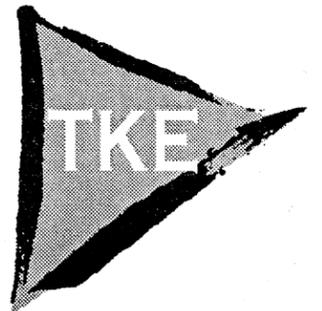
in times of need your entire life. This support network is not just a perk; it's the meaning of our existence.



## TAU KAPPA EPSILON

*Our mission is to aid men in their mental, moral, and social development for life.*

Since 1899, over 230,00 new faces have joined the ranks  
Of what we like to call Fraters in the Bond.  
Are you ready?



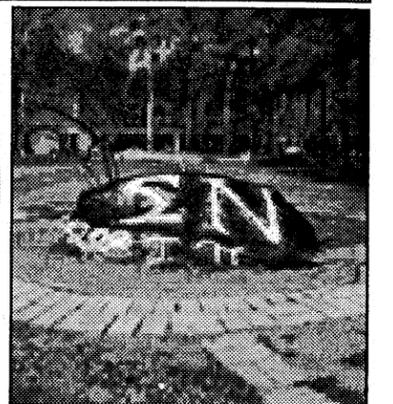
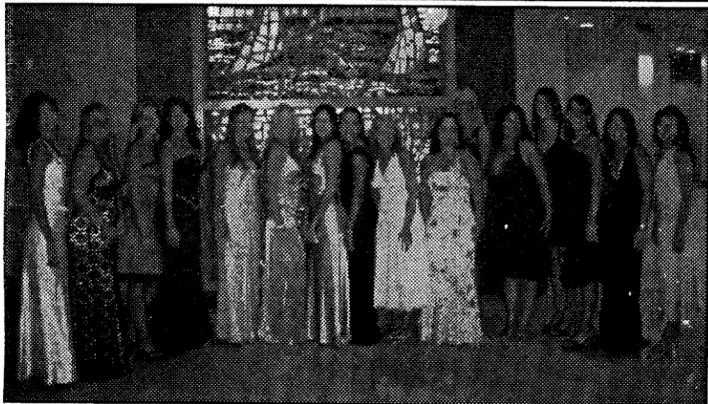
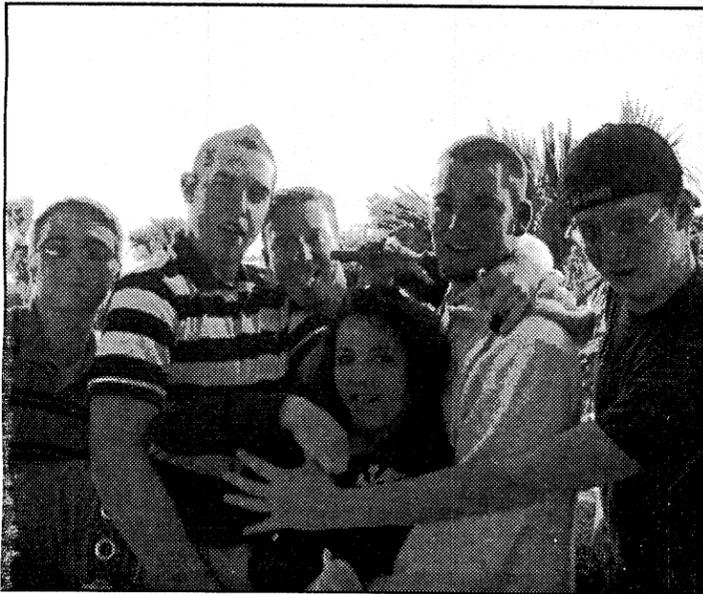
[www.jointke.org](http://www.jointke.org)

## Sigma Pi Fraternity RECRUITMENT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Saturday 19 -Hooters that Night (meet at Student Center at 7:00 pm)
  - Sunday 20 - Dinner at 8pm in Student Center Ballroom
  - Monday 21 - Cook Out-Flag Football between the dorms
  - Tuesday 22 - Cook Out-Frisbee Golf between the dorms
  - Wednesday 23 - Volleyball at the Court Yard Apt.
  - Thursday 24 - Halo on the Movie Screen between the dorms. Pizza and Wings
  - Sunday 27 - Parent Q&A in the Ball-
- room Lunch Provided.
  - Monday 28 - Cook Out-Frisbee Golf between dorms.
  - Tuesday 29 - Bowling
  - Wednesday 30 - Volleyball at the Court Yard Apt.
  - Thursday 31 - Invite ONLY
- \*\*\*All events start at 7:00 pm unless other wise specified\*\*\*



## SIGMA NU - IOTA PI



30th Anniversary Year  
Fall Rush 2006  
Aug. 21st - Sept 1st



## SPSU Amateur Radio Club Congratulates Paul Barton

Winner of the New SPARC Logo Contest

Second Place: Stuart Michelson

Third Place: Elijah Karnley

Instead of building bridges or canoes or robots, the SPSU Amateur Radio Club (SPARC) builds and experiments with radio devices and interfaces. Industry makes extensive use of wireless technology, and one cannot hope to be a competent engineer without some knowledge of wireless or radio-frequency, RF, technology. Sadly, very few courses on campus concern themselves with RF technology. You'll have to get a lot of it on your own. That's where we come in.

Interested? You need not be a licensed amateur radio operator; we'll help you take care of that. Licensing is open to just about everybody, and the FCC allows some use of frequencies if someone already licensed is helping you. Drop us a line at [sparc@spsu.edu](mailto:sparc@spsu.edu) and ask us questions, or just say hello!

We're currently running two FM repeater systems, an Internet Gateway for the Automatic Position Reporting Service, and we're the only organization on campus with our own television transmitter. Want to have so much fun you don't realize you're learning something? Let us hear from you!



## SPSU CYCLING

Founded in August 05, we are a new, highly motivated cycling team that will be competing collegiately against surrounding colleges this fall. Last season SPSU Cycling ranked 8th among 50 cyclo-cross teams in the state of Georgia, including professional teams. Cyclists compete year round individually and on a team basis. SPSU Cycling is sponsored and competes in Road, Cyclo-cross, Mountain, and Downhill. Practices are daily and all interested riders are encouraged to join. We look forwards to meeting you and welcoming you to SPSU Cycling. -Thomas Hallman, SPSU Cycling President

### FIRST MEETING OF THE FALL 2006 YEAR!!

**TIME:**  
Sunday, August 20th @ 8:00pm

**LOCATION:**  
Marietta Pizza Company

We will be meeting at the SPSU Globe at 7:45 then carpooling over to MPC. Dinner's on us!!

ALL Cyclists Please Plan To Attend!!



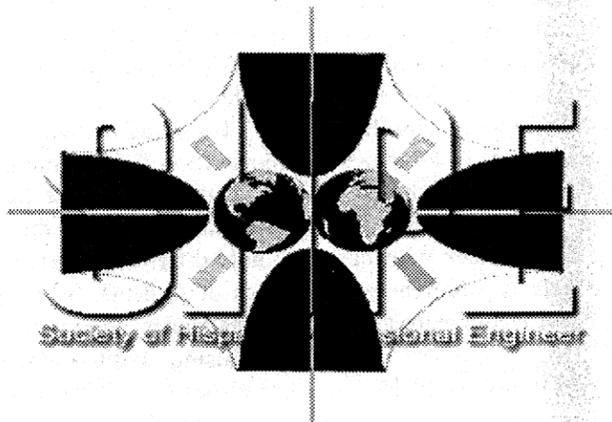
## SPSU CYCLING

### SOCIETY OF HISPANIC PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS SOUTHERN POLYTECH STATE UNIVERSITY

SHEP is a national organization founded in 1974 by a group of professional engineer in Los Angeles, California. Today, there are chapters all over the US and Puerto Rico.

At SPSU, the SHEP chapter is committed to help, as well as expose, students to a working environment. Some of the activities and advantages of student members are:

- Scholarship opportunities
- Get involved in the community
- Career and professional development
- Networking opportunities
- Leadership training
- School events
- Exposed to different cultures
- Attend National and Regional conferences in the U.S.



For more information about SHEP go to:

[www.shpe.org](http://www.shpe.org)

Or contact us at:

[info@shpe-spsu.org](mailto:info@shpe-spsu.org)

# International Student Association

Love to meet new people and learn about other cultures around the world? Then the International Student Association (ISA) group at SPSU is for you!! This group is a fun way to meet people from all around the world, like South America, Jamaica, China, India, and European nations. We share and experience other cultures' values, traditions and most important their food!! We meet every Tuesday at Noon in the Student Center. If you are worry about missing lunch, FEAR NOT because food is always provided and with the help of our Friends of International, there is always fun, food, and friends which make these meeting something not to be missed.

Join us in various events celebrating life and culture from around the world.

The following events are listed for the upcoming Fall semester 2006:

- Aug. 29th – Room 215 in Student Center -12:00 pm: The first ISA meeting to introduce the program to all students. Food provided by the Friends of International, all of which is FREE!!

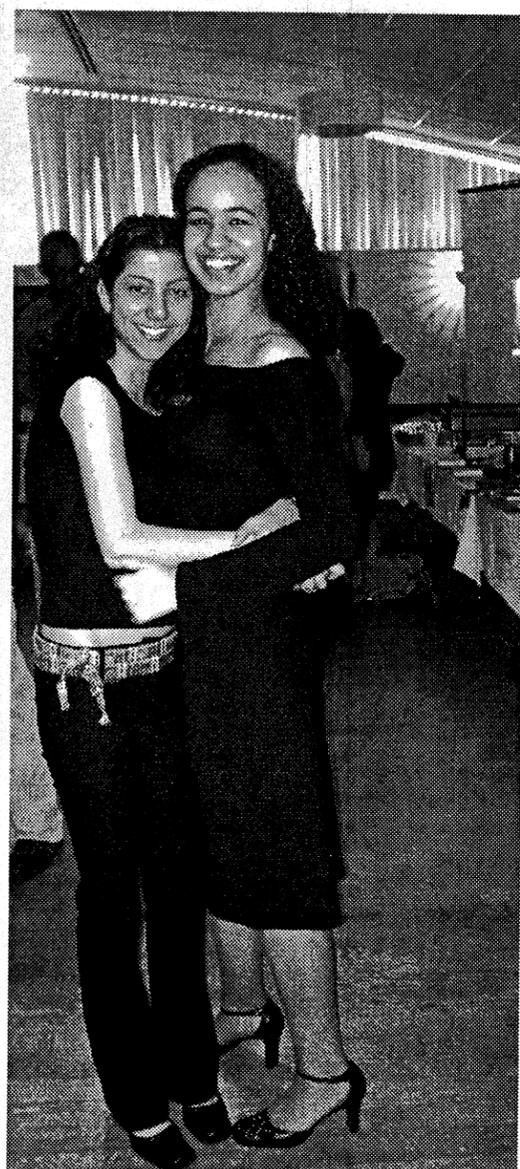
-Sept. 1st - Cool Beans Coffee shop @ Marietta Square – 7:00 pm: International Coffee Night a place for lounge, discussion and coffee. Come on out and join us! (Transport

will be provided)

- Sept 22nd - The Community Center- 8:00 pm – 2:00 am: ISA International Dance party- Come dance and chill to the newest in international hits from all over the world- Dress Casual or to impress (if your single), \$1 entrance fee

Other Events in planning-

-Project X Forum pt.3  
-The NBA Hawk's Game  
-The Game Night Lock-In  
-The ISA Variety Show  
-Many different events scheduled for Tuesday (Noon) meetings



## NSBE Organization

The National Society of Black Engineers, NSBE, is a national student run organization for anyone but especially those students majoring in Science, Math, and Engineering. However, all other majors are welcomed. Joining NSBE allows students to enjoy different benefits like opportunities to network with over 300 companies at multiple conferences, scholarships, leadership development, free subscription to NSBE magazine, discounts at car rentals and hotels, academic support via tutoring, free Kaplan test preparation at conferences, and meet thousands of students and professionals in your field of study.

Though there are other organizations for students to join here at the school with a common goal, like IEEE, the organizations differ because NSBE's mission is to increase the number of minorities in Engineering. Also, NSBE helps students to achieve more by allowing students to participate in community service projects. They offer tutoring and leadership development opportunities, competition at conferences with cash prizes, practice tests at conferences for graduate school, and scholarships to help pay for school.

For students that would like to join other similar organizations that is possible. The NSBE Student President, Judith Atem, states, "We encourage that [students] be a member of both." Miss. Atem points out that NSBE is involved in "community service projects. Every chapter is required to participate in com-

munity service activities. There is also the national program called A Walk For Education, which allows students to reach out to other younger students and encourage them to go to college and hopefully major in Science, Math, and Engineering."

Not only are students able to network, they are also able to travel. Miss Atem states that, "NSBE gives many students the opportunity to travel to different states where conferences are held. We travel to the Fall Regional conference in November, which is in Birmingham, AL this year and Columbus, OH for the National convention in March."

Thinking of joining NSBE? Students can join by visiting the website at [www.nsbe.org](http://www.nsbe.org). Membership fees are \$13 online and \$7 dollars at the chapter level.

The duties of members and the administration staff are fun and involved. These duties include helping other students and helping the organization to hold different programs to meet the needs of students. Some of the needs are academics, community service and fundraising. Judith Atem describes the organization as "Awesome!" Before stating, "NSBE membership is open to all races and majors as long as you agree with our mission which is: To increase the number of culturally responsible black engineers who excel academically, succeed professionally, and positively impact the community."



## Society of Manufacturing Engineers

### Who we are:

For half a million manufacturing engineers, executives, and members in more than 70 countries around the globe, SME is the source for knowledge, networking, and skills development opportunities that help them advance their careers, their companies, and their industries.

SPSU's student chapter is primarily comprised of students and professors from the Mechanical Engineering Department, but is open to all majors and especially applicable to MET, EET and IET. If you like watching Modern Marvels, you belong in SME.

### What we do:

We go on plant tours and host on campus presentations from industry leading companies.

Recently, our chapter has been invited to tour at:

- Lockheed – C-130 and F-22 Production areas
- Ford Motors – Assembly Plant at Hapeville
- Panoz Racing – Assembly facility with Chief Engineer and engineering staff
- Welding Services International – Design/manufacturing of robotic welding equipment
- Georgia Aquarium Facilities – From backup generators to pump rooms and heat exchangers, we saw it all!
- Ameristeel – Electric arc furnace and steel rolling mill

On campus presentations:

- Jackson Safety Products – Welding and machine safety with give-away welding helmets and safety equipment
- Haas Automation – Presentation on control system for Haas Vertical Milling Center
- Welding Engineer – Insight from a trained welder with years of experience and a few PhD's

Membership in SME also allows you to apply for 40 plus SME scholarships worth up to \$20,000. You will have access to technical papers through the online library. Members get free access to SME's Jobs Connection for resume posting.

For more information about meetings and getting added to our mailing list, send an email to [sme@spsu.edu](mailto:sme@spsu.edu), or join our mailing list at [groups.yahoo.com/group/sme\\_spsu/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sme_spsu/).

## SPSU BAND



Our organization is the only performance oriented group on campus. We perform for campus functions and within the community throughout the school year. Students may or may not register for the one credit class. Band is scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-5:30. Most of the members are not registered and students are permitted to attend whenever their class schedule permits.

Musicians, even those whom have not played in several years, are encouraged to perform with us. On average, most of the students that are performing today have not played for

five years! Dust off your instruments and warm up those chops! Our philosophy is to maintain an educational and ENJOYABLE environment! If you would like to perform with us but have a schedule conflict, please call Beth Farber to discuss possibilities.

Students, staff, faculty and community members are encouraged to perform with us! We require well-represented instrumentation and vocalists. Our 'instrument library' permits those students whom do not own their own instrument to borrow one.

For more information, please contact:

Beth Farber  
Director of Bands  
678-915-4222

## Southern Polytechnic State University Baptist Collegiate Ministry

If you are wondering what happened to the Baptist Student Union, then wonder no more. We have simply changed our name. SPSU Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) offers several opportunities for student's involvement on the campus as well as off campus. The BCM holds weekly events/programs as well as state wide events for students. The Baptist Collegiate Ministry building is located across the street from Building E.

### Weekly events include:

1. Bible Study Luncheon on Wednesdays at 12 noon. Lunch is FREE!!
2. Praise & Worship Mondays at 8 pm at Towne View Baptist Church.

### Upcoming State-wide Events:

1. International Student Rafting Trip at Andrews, North Carolina. September 8-9
2. Collegiate Fall Conference - September 22-24th at Jekyll Island.

For more information about SPSU BCM contact us at (770) 428-0986 or

Email us at [bsuthemix@yahoo.com](mailto:bsuthemix@yahoo.com).

Look us up on the web at [www.bsu4you.org](http://www.bsu4you.org)



Southern Polytechnic's chapter of the Mathematics Association of America (MAA) is continuously looking for new members. Activities include mathematic talks from our own professors and special guests from other universities, an annual mathematics publication for students and faculty, and events that support younger mathematicians that are not yet attending college.

Enthusiasm and ambition are key among members, more so than any particular brilliance in math. If you are interested in joining the MAA at SPSU, please look for flyers in the Student Center and Math Building through out the semester, or check out our website at <http://maa.spsu.edu>.

## Honors Program

The University Honors Program is a program geared toward students looking to get more out of their classroom and college experiences. Although being a part of the Honors Program may seem a bit daunting at first, it doesn't take a genius to succeed within the program. You only need be inquisitive and be able to think outside the box.

This is because Honors classes aren't set up to increase the workload a student must bear, but only to enhance the learning experience. Honors classes are designed with the student in mind. They are generally smaller in nature, and center around classroom discussions and activities that work to solidify concepts presented in the classroom. The results are often found to be more profound than those that are found in regular classrooms.

Although the core of the Honors Program is centered around the classroom, it is

by no means the only aspect to the program; there is a thriving social community as well. At the heart of this community is the Student Honors Council, the organization responsible for student government and for organizing events which all students within the program can enjoy. In the past, the Honors Council has organized two caving trips, several fund-raisers that have benefited not only the Honors Program, but have also benefited the American Troops and Hurricane Katrina Victims, and countless parties.

Other benefits of the University Honors Program include early registration, award-winning faculty, scholarship and in-state tuition options, and workshop opportunities.

If you are interested in the University Honors Program visit the website at [www.spsu.edu/honors](http://www.spsu.edu/honors), contact Dr. Nancy Reichert at 678-915-3928 or e-mail her at [honors@spsu.edu](mailto:honors@spsu.edu).



## GETTIN BUSY WIT' CAB

### AUGUST

- SAT, 8/19 MOVIE OF THE MONTH BETWEEN THE DORMS
- SUN, 8/20 CAMPUS PICNIC AND LIVE BANDS
- TUE, 8/22 WELCOME BACK PARTY, FOOD-PIZZA,
- FRI, 8/25 POKER NIGHT AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER AT 8PM
- WED, 8/30 EXTREME AIR (SKY DIVING SIMULATOR) JUST OUT SIDE THE DORMS

### SEPTEMBER

- WED, 9/6 MOVIE OF THE MONTH BETWEEN THE DORMS
- THU, 9/7 THINK FAST GAME SHOW IN THE STUDENT CENTER THEATER 8PM
- THU, 9/14 RECYCLE PERCUSSION IN THE STUDENT CENTER THEATER 8PM
- THU, 9/21 FALL PARTY/ FOAM/ TOGA PARTY BETWEEN THE DORMS TBA
- FRI, 9/22 POKER NIGHT AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER AT 8PM

### OCTOBER

- TUE, 10/3 MOVIE OF THE MONTH BETWEEN THE DORMS
- WED, 10/11 COMEDIAN CRAIG CARMEAN IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER 8PM
- FRI, 10/20 POKER NIGHT AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER AT 8PM
- FRI, 10/27 HALLOWEEN PARTY/ COSTUME PARTY TBA
- TUE, 10/31 HALLOWEEN MOVIE BETWEEN THE DORMS

### NOVEMBER

- WED, 11/1 MOVIE OF THE MONTH
- TUE, 11/7 GAME COMPETITION TBA
- THU, 11/9 TALENT SHOW/ COMPETITION TBA
- WED, 11/15 HYPNOTIST HYPNO BRO IN THE STUDENT CENTER AT 8PM
- FRI, 11/17 POKER NIGHT AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER AT 8PM

## CAB.SPSU.EDU

### SPSU CONCRETE CANOE TEAM



### WANTS YOU!

Yes, it's true, we make a boat out of concrete, and it floats. The SPSU Concrete Canoe Team is currently in the beginning stages of preparing for the 2007 competition, which will be in Knoxville, Tennessee. If your interested in joining the team contact brad at bbeckman@spsu.edu. Expect the first team meeting the first or second week of the Fall semester. More info coming soon!



# THE STING

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Meetings every Friday  
at noon  
in The Sting Office  
(A252)

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Photographers

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