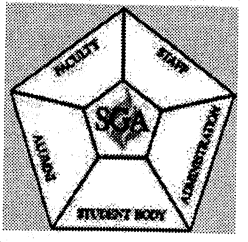


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Welcome to the Thunder Dome!

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SPSU accepts 23 more Chinese students

Twila McConnell
Editor-in-Chief

You've probably all noticed the recent influx of Chinese students here on campus, whether in your apartment, in your classes, or simply by the incomprehensible chatter around the J-building. But unless you've actually gotten up the nerve to talk to any of the mostly female new students, you probably don't know much about them.

Dr. Bennett, professor and International Programs Coordinator, was kind enough to give me a little inside information on the program.

Currently, 23 new students from China are participating in a Language and Orientation Experience here on campus. This program allows them get a taste for the United States before being thrown into full time classes. They practice English with students here as well as visit some of Atlanta's landmarks on the weekends: The World of Coke and CNN.

However, another 26 students won't be so lucky and will be arriving just in time for the new semester to start. With this addition, there will be roughly 100 Chinese students on SPSU's campus this year!

But why are we cultivating this relationship with China?

"China has a great deal to

offer us in terms of friendship and future employment opportunities," says Dr. Bennett. He notes that many Chinese students desire to study outside of China – especially in the United States. He further explains that our programs, which stress application over theory, are the kind of programs Chinese students need to

continue the development of their country.

Dr. Bennett also points out that in some places in China, "we are better known and respected than in Cobb County." This leads to global recognition for our university as well as potential employment options for students who desire a multinational

career. (And we do have a partnership with Kennesaw State University that allows students to get a minor in Asian studies by studying Japanese, Korean, or Chinese at KSU.)

One of the major requirements for these students is a reasonable degree of English proficiency. This directly impacts their success study-

ing here and is primarily a result of their university programs in China. Dr. Bennett notes this as a challenge for the program, as well as the ability to obtain student visa.

When SPSU began this program five years ago, only 5-10% of the student visa requests were approved by the US State Department. However, Dr. Bennett says: "that number has since increased to more than 90 percent."

When asked about what he hopes the Chinese students gain from their experience in the United States, Dr. Bennett says that foremost "we want the students to have a good study experience at SPSU" and that "we want them to benefit from their education with us." But in addition, it is hoped that they will get a taste for our culture, our families, our holidays, our food, and even some of our great land marks, such as DC and New York City.

Dr. Bennett mentions that there are methods which have been developed to help the Chinese students achieve these goals.

Currently, the programs with the most Chinese students are English, Technical Communications, and Media Arts and Computer Science, but there are also students studying Architecture, Social and International Studies, and the various engineering disciplines.



Chinese students at Culture Fest 2007.

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Rossbacher accepts USG appt.

Twila McConnell
Editor-in-Chief

Since mid July, we have been sharing our university president Dr. Rossbacher with the University System of Georgia (USG) as she accepted the interim position of executive vice chancellor and chief academic officer (EVC/CAO). Dr. Rossbacher will fill this position until October 1st, when the USG hopes to have found a permanent candidate for the position.

According to a press release sent out by the Board of Regents of the USG, the EVC/CAO position is responsible for the 260,000 students and 10,000 faculty members that make up the University System. They are the leadership role for the 250 employees that plan all of the "academic programs, faculty affairs, student affairs, international programs, teacher-education initiatives, strategic research and analysis, and information and instructional technology."

Prior to Dr. Rossbacher, Dr.

Sethna of the University of West Georgia had been filling this role until a permanent candidate was found. Dr. Sethna held the position since June 2006, an entire year, before handing it to Dr. Rossbacher.

Dr. Rossbacher will fill the role of EVC/CAO for about 10 weeks.

While in this interim role, Dr. Rossbacher says that she will "be focused on moving existing USG projects forward, completing an assessment of the current systems and processes to assist the person who will be appointed to this position, supporting efforts to ensure the USG is functioning effectively as a system, advocating strongly for the central role of the University System's academic mission, and providing specific leadership for the comprehensive universities."

She also notes that her ability to fulfill this role would be impossible without the support of "the internal leadership and campus-wide energy we have here at Southern Polytechnic and the support of

our Foundation and Alumni board members."

The search for a permanent EVC/CAO is lead by search committee chair-woman Dr. Leland, president of Georgia College and State University. Dr. Rossbacher will interview finalists.

The final selection is expected to take place in late August or early September.



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Our very own Dr. Rossbacher

New positions

Twila McConnell
Editor-in-Chief

As of August 1st, SPSU implemented some organizational improvements to support the students, faculty, and academic programs.

Chiefly, a new position, Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs, was created. David Caudill will assume this position on an interim basis. David Caudill previously served as interim Dean of Engineering Technology and Management.

The Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs position will provide support to academic affairs and will oversee further development into engineering.

Four offices will be reporting to the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs.

The Academic Support Center will provide support to the faculty through assistance with all phases of instruction as well as with coordination with out-

reach programs externally affecting SPSU. Dawn Ramsey will direct this center until she retires in September.

The Continuing Education Center will provide services to SPSU, the business community, and community at large by expanding the roles of the University to its clients with the addition of new technologies. Denise Stover will continue to direct this center.

The Applied Research Center will support and provide growth opportunities to the faculty and students with researching and implementing new technologies as well as administering grants and awards. Dr. Ruston Hunt will relinquish his role as Department Chair of IET to Tom Ball and take over directing this center.

The Engineering Planning office will be exactly that: guiding SPSU into new engineering areas as well as assisting in the development of a School of Engineering. Dr. Tom Currin will continue to direct this office.

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Letter to the Editor

After learning of former Dean McClure's death, Betty Rothenburg was moved to send me a letter about how he influenced her time at SPSU years ago. **Page 2**

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Letter from the desk of the editor

Commandeering The Sting!

Twila McConnell
Editor-in-Chief

First things first, I'd like to congratulate all the new freshman for making it here! We're glad to have you!

Regardless of whether SPSU is your final destination or not, this is the beginning of the rest of your life. Your decisions here will make you who you are. It's the first time you're not looking to your parents for answers, so get involved and start figuring yourself out. It's a very exciting process and I wish all of you the best of luck!

Second, as you may or may not know, Karen has stepped down as editor and left me in her place. Her vivacious humor and bright personality will be greatly missed, but we'd all like to see her graduate next semester so it's a sweet parting.

For a little about me, I'm a junior English and Professional Communications major. (Didn't know we had it? E-mail me sometime if you're interested!) I've been a member of The Sting since my footsteps first graced SPSU's campus two years ago. I was copy-

editor for Karen last year while she preened me for the position.

My executive staff includes English and Professional Communications major Stuart Michelson as copy-editor, Information Technology major Eric John as web manager, and Computer Science major Jonathan Meek as IT manager.

My goals for The Sting currently entail getting the campus more actively involved and promoting new editions. A common comment from SGA, as well as other students, has often been wishes for more issues to be published. (I.E. — having a paper come out every other week, or even once a week, instead of once every three weeks.)

Of course I would like to see that as well. However, in order to achieve that we will need a much larger staff and the best way to get a larger staff is by getting more students involved.

I have also heard many negative comments about the types of content we publish. I encourage everyone on campus to participate! This is your newspaper, after all. Write a letter to me, send me in some articles of your own — you

don't have to come to meetings nor do you have to be a top notch writer. If you think you have something important to say, say it. There are probably other people on campus who feel the same as you.

And, on a more personal note, I know in the past I've been pretty political, but please don't be intimidated by that. Regardless of what I may say in an article, I do want to hear your opinion and will publish what you say even if I personally don't agree with it.

Finally, to other organizations: I know we miss a lot of your events! If you don't want to be missed, I encourage you to write up an article yourself. Or even send me some information about what happened and I'll write up the article. At the very least, let me know when the event is. We do make a concerted effort to get staff to your events but as I'm sure you know, posters are often overlooked!

Any time you need to get in touch with me, my e-mail is stingeditor@gmail.com. Meetings are always Friday at noon (12:00 p.m.) in the Student Center room A252.

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Letter to the editor

A tribute to the greatest man I ever knew

Betty Rothenburg
Former Faculty Member

I worked for Dean H. L. McClure at Southern Technical Institute for fifteen years. He was not old enough to be my father. My father died when I was only five. So I looked up to him in total respect because he earned it.

There were never any big "I's" and little "You's" with him. If a person had a job to do and did it professionally, then you were a professional. He would go into the janitor's area to sit and talk with them regarding any subject.

I worked on the Public Board of Exchange and he won Local, State and International honors as "Boss." His office was always open to everyone. I could ask him any question regarding

life. Now that I am seventy-five, I know the things he told me were absolutely correct. I have always followed the advice he gave me.

1. He would say, "when someone is always gossiping about others, take a moment and look at their lives. Because if they can keep the gossip going on others, you will not look at theirs."

2. "Show me a person who has to scream, yell or degrade and I will show you a person is unsure of himself."

3. The students were so important to him. He would tell me, "I have noticed how the students will come to you for advice before they will go to the counselor. So, I think you should pursue a study of Philosophy." The day came for me and I pursued this at the Dean's suggestion.

All of my life when I have had decisions to make, I would ask myself, "What would the Dean say or do?" When friends asked my opinion, I would reply, "Well, my Dean would say..." So now when they ask, "what would your Dean say regarding this?" I am sure he would have no idea how many lives he touched. He taught Sunday School for many years and he lived his teachings every day.

I hope some of you reading this are familiar with Kipling's poem "IF". If not, please read it for it completely describes Dean H. L. McClure.

I was truly blessed the day God sent him into my life. I wish everyone could have a mentor like him.

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Southern Polytechnic pioneer Hoyt McClure dies at 87

By Marcus E. Howard
Marietta Daily Journal Staff Writer

MARIETTA — For many young Mariettans, Southern Polytechnic University has always stood on the edge of the city's South Loop. But as their elders know, the university began in Chamblee as a Georgia Tech satellite campus before it moved to Marietta under the leadership of Hoyt McClure.

"He was an absolute central figure in the history of Southern Polytechnic University," said Dr. Lisa Rossbacher, who became president of Southern Polytechnic in 1998. Hoyt Lafayette McClure of Marietta died July 12. He was 87.

Southern Polytechnic was established in 1948 as the Technical Institute, a two-year branch of Georgia

was renamed Southern Technical Institute and was recognized as a college-level school by the U.S. Department of Education.

In 1980, the state's Board of Regents severed the school's ties with Georgia Tech and an independent school was born.

McClure was director of the school when it moved from the Old Naval Station Air Barracks in Chamblee to Marietta in 1961.

"Although it was a tremendous chore, we looked forward to it after spending 13 years in Army barracks," McClure said in a previous interview with the Marietta Daily Journal.

The entire 50-member staff worked on the move to Marietta, which involved transporting about 60,000 pieces of equipment and furniture

a matter of weeks," he said.

Vernia Fuglar of Tucker first met McClure at Southern Polytechnic in 1959 when she was working in its business office.

"He was the most kind and most gentle person," Ms. Fuglar said of McClure. "He practiced what he preached and was a Christian in every aspect."

She described McClure as "very quiet and methodical."

Born Oct. 16, 1919, in Gainesville to Lee and Ivor Roper McClure, McClure grew up in Savannah and graduated from Savannah High School.

"He was always interested in ideas and things," Lee McClure said of his older brother. "As a very young man, in his middle teens, he attended radio school to learn about radios and he was

McClure earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and a master's degree in safety engineering from Georgia Tech.

He joined the U.S. Army's combat engineers during World War II and earned three battle stars and a Presidential Unit Citation. McClure fought in the Battle of Bulge during the war, a fact he only mentioned within the past three years of his life, Lee said.

It was after he earned a master's degree that McClure grew interested in an education career, Lee said.

He worked as an engineer with AT&T before he joined Southern Polytechnic as an instructor in 1951. He later became a professor, then head of the Industrial Engineering Technology Department and eventually an associate dean in the 1970s when

McClure remained active in affairs at Southern Polytechnic throughout the years.

"His leadership was instrumental in creating what is an incredible institution," she said.

Besides being a trailblazer in education, McClure's friends and family remembered him as a dedicated father. "He gave us all a conscious and a sense of honor and humor," his daughter, Diane McClure, said.

McClure is survived by his wife of 64 years, Helen; one son, Stephen McClure of Burr Ridge, Ill.; two daughters, Diane McClure of Marietta and Margaret McCall of Carrollton; one brother, Lee McClure of Columbia, S.C.; eight grandchildren and several nephews and nieces.

Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home in Marietta will

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In 1961, Hoyt McClure was named acting director and led the move of the college to eight new buildings on 120 acres of land. The entire obituary article can be seen at http://advancement.spsu.edu/pub_rel/excerpts/.

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BOR's 75th anniversary

Twila McConnell
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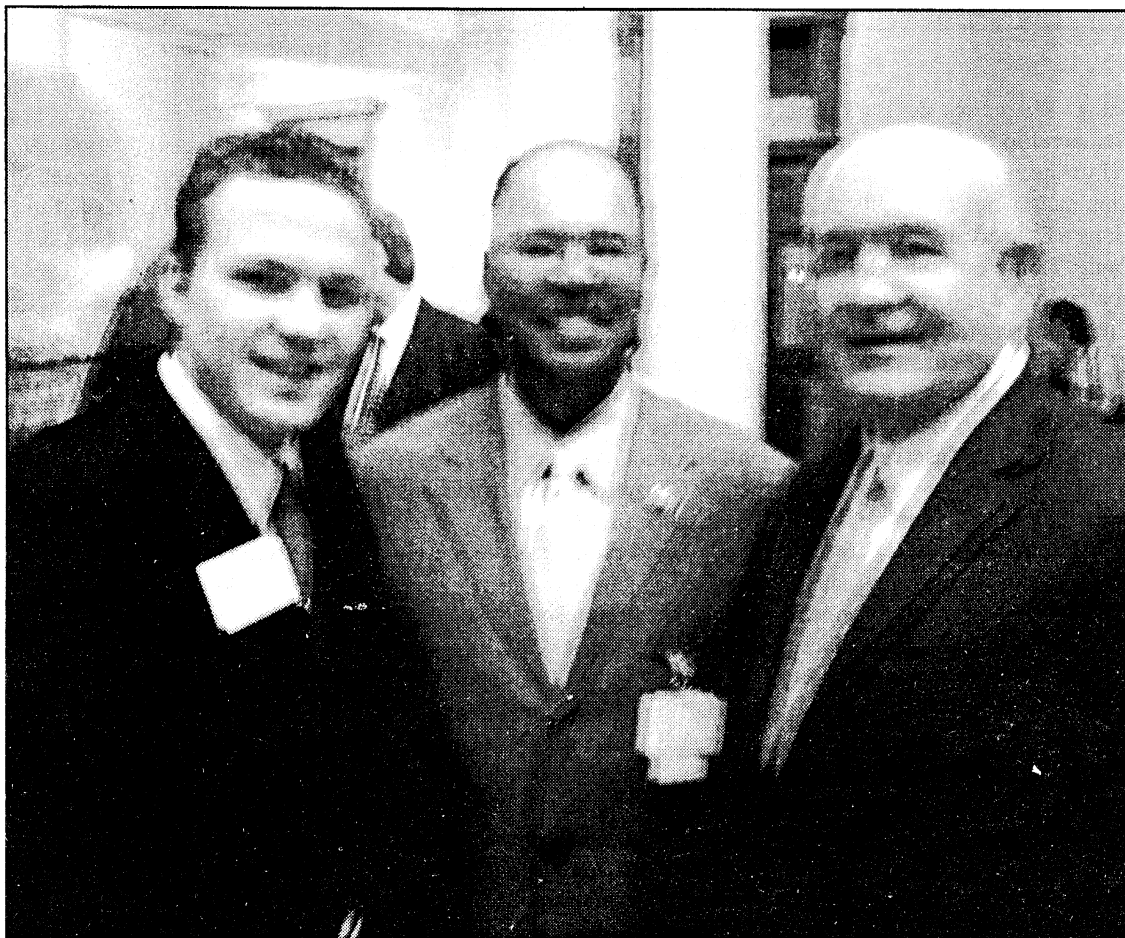
Student Government Association (SGA) President Kevin Moss attended the invite-only ceremony

held at the State Capitol on August 8th to commemorate the University System of Georgia's Board of Regents' 75th anniversary.

Moss was the sole representative for SPSU among legisla-

tors, present and former regents, governors, and other university representatives.

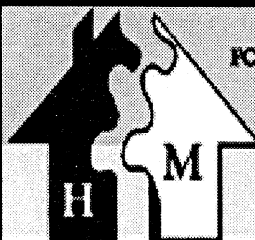
Kevin Moss is currently serving as SGA President for the 2007/2008 school year.



Kevin Moss (left), Chancellor Davis (center), Governor Perdue (right)

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2008: An Election Review

Stuart Michelson
Copy-Editor

The 2008 Presidential election is rapidly approaching, and both parties are scrambling to get ready. We have some of the most important issues our nation has ever faced on the table making this the most important election in American history. Below is my breakdown of the political climate to date:

The Republicans have a strong set of Conservative candidates that are second tier with doubtful chances at this point. However I believe Tancredo and Huckabee are strong candidates and would make excellent choices for a Vice President. As for the "front runners" as they have been defined by the media, I disagree with how they have been presented (big surprise from the Liberal media). First off, John McCain has been in the spotlight since day one of the election hype. He has been portrayed as a major front runner with a strong following. The simple truth is that he never was, and will never be a front runner in the Republican Party. He has consistently voted with Democrats on major issues and cosponsored bills in the Senate with the well known amnesty-loving criminal and proclaimed murderer Ted Kennedy hailing from Liberal land (Massachusetts.) His un-American support of the recent Immigration Bills (better called Amnesty Bills) was the final nail in his campaign coffin. I do not understand how a war hero and someone who supports the Global War on Terror so strongly could support a series of bills which would have granted amnesty to millions of illegal immigrant criminals and cheapened the citizenship of every real American all while compromising the national security of our great nation. Not to mention, John McCain has all but run out money. He may be a Republican, but he is certainly by no means the Conservative Reagen-esq champion that Republican voters are looking for. My assessment: McCain's campaign was chosen by the Liberal media to hype as a diversion to distract attention from candidates Conservatives were really interested in, which are also very conveniently the candidates that Liberal Democrats fear.

What about Rudy Giuliani? My assessment is that although he did a sterling job as mayor in New York City before and after 9/11, cut taxes, drastically reduced crime in a city on the brink of being crushed by it, and has been a resolute voice in winning the war against the Islamic Fascist murders we have gone to war with, he does not measure up to many Conservative's standards socially. He has a weak record on abortion, and has yet to provide a solid answer to Conservative claims that he is pro-abortion. In all fairness, the only realistic thing a President has the power to do regarding abortion rights is in his ability to appoint Liberal or Conservative Justices to the Supreme Court. Yet Conserva-

tives are pro-life, so can he really call himself a hardcore Conservative? Many disagree on that point. Giuliani has also been attacked for his stances on gun control, however I believe that these charges are largely unfounded and in the context of his war on crime as mayor of New York City. Giuliani has also received sharp criticism for his stance on gay rights. Many Conservatives believe that is too lenient towards civil unions. Nevertheless, Giuliani has been leading the polls since early on. That is good and bad as election history shows that a party's front runner is normally not chosen as the nominee for the party. Remember the Howard Dean fever the Democrats had last election? Although Giuliani has the perhaps the strongest support, and if he were to be elected I would

a man who allows solid morals to guide his way running America than a reckless irreligious Liberal Democrat with no moral compass. We had one of those for eight years in the 90's, and I think America is not ready for that again. Romney has been attacked for "Switching Positions" on abortion. Although the charge is that he is pandering to a Conservative base, I (so far) believe his change from pro-choice to pro-life to be a genuine one. Romney speaks strongly of fiscal responsibility in Washington and has some refreshing ideas about cutting wasteful spending, something I (as a Republican) fault Republicans for.

As for Ron Paul, this man is such a sorry excuse for a politician that I dare not even begin to discuss him. Bottom line: Ron Paul is a

only candidate that can say he has the flavor of a Conservative from the Reagan era, and was influential in the formation of the "Contract with America." Second, Gingrich is a historian. He has taught at Kennesaw State University and authored many books on history. When answering questions about politics and world events he almost always answers in the context of history. Any man who is learned enough to know the mistakes of the past is not doomed to repeat them. A Gingrich run could send a cannonball through strong campaigns like Giuliani's.

As for the Democrats... Where do I start? They almost deserve their own article apiece describing how deficient their thinking is. The problem with the Democratic candidates as a whole

examples of each charge I make, just look at Congress' website, it is all there.) If as many people want to end the war as they claim, why can't they ever get enough votes to do it? The Democratic candidates' agenda is not much better.

John Edwards' war on poverty is a hypocritical charade. He has spent as much as \$400 - \$1200 on his own haircut! Then dares to talk about "two Americas," one rich and one poor. If he is that reckless on small personal things, what would he do to an entire country! This is the same man who gave a speech on poverty and charged multiple tens of thousands to give it. If he was real, and if he was so serious about ending poverty he would be less of a hypocrite about it. Have other candidates charged for speeches? Sure they have, but they also are not running on a poverty ticket, so Edwards is succumbed to harsher criticism. Enough about him, he lacks experience and accomplished nothing as a Senator, he will not be the Democratic nominee. He did not even hold his own state in the Kerry-Bush election.

Barrack Obama and Hillary Clinton are very similar in their dangerous agendas. I could attack their socialist/communistic thinking about big government among many things, but I will only focus on one major issue—Universal Healthcare. This is a dangerous path to travel upon. All they need do is look at Europe and other countries that have Universal Healthcare to see how inefficient it is. America (despite what Michael Moore thinks, since he is an "expert") has the best healthcare system in the world. The key to it is that it is driven by Capitalism. Competition allows for customers to choose which provider they think is the best, which stimulates the desire to perform well on the part of the healthcare providers. If it were universal and regulated by the government, competition would not exist and there would be no drive to excel above any other. Just look at the public school system, its overall failure is the result of government intervention. Obama and Hillary are appealing to the lower class that do not understand this, and frankly they only care about their power, not about the fact that honest American tax dollars would be used to treat illegal immigrant criminals.

There is much speculation about a Hillary-Obama ticket. Although possible, I am not so sure since Obama adds nothing to the Hillary campaign (Not to mention the fact that he isn't even a nominee yet and heads of state of our allies in Pakistan have denounced him for his desire to bomb and invade their country and in turn hand nuclear weapons over to terrorists.) Despite Obama and Hillary's sparring in the polls, some polls show that Republicans on the whole are leading nationally.

For more of my comments about the Democratic agenda, please feel free to reference my past articles at thesting.org.



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not shudder, I forecast that many supporters would abandon him as they are waiting for someone more Conservative to throw their hat in the ring such as Newt Gingrich or Fred Thompson. I applaud Giuliani for his strong stance against surrender in the War on Terror and am confident that if elected that America's security would be taken seriously.

As for Mitt Romney, what a guy! If anyone has been dealt an unfair hand by the Liberal media and even some Conservatives it has been Romney. Although he stands strong on the War on Terror, and has had several brawls with John McCain to date, he has consistently been made to answer ridiculous questions unrelated to his election (mostly regarding his Mormon religion.) I am not a Mormon by any means and certainly am not sympathetic to their religion; however Mitt Romney is a good Mormon, which means he is a moral man. I would rather have

danger to America and is a Liberal Democrat in Republican clothing. Why is he even on the GOP ticket? This man is not a Republican, let alone a Conservative. I say to Ron Paul, "Come out and admit who you really are and you would gain a lot more respect...charlatan."

Although former Speaker Newt Gingrich is not an official candidate in the GOP race for a nomination, he deserves a paragraph. Gingrich has toyed around with the idea of running. Some days it sounds like he is definitely going to, and others days it sounds like he definitely will not. I hope he does, and lean towards predicting that he will run for the following reasons. He is critical of the current "debate" system which (if you've seen it) is utterly worthless. The fact that he is so often in the news commenting on things makes me think he is going for getting his name out there again. Gingrich has two very important assets that truly distinguish him. First, he is the

is that they are not unified. They are splintered on the war in Iraq and often are found to be attacking each other over race boundaries and class brackets. The fact that the Democratic Congress has the lowest approval rating in the history of rating Congress says to me that their win in September will be their last for a long time. Bush's approval rating has maintained much higher numbers than the Democratic Congress', but the media has been quick to ignore that.

Good campaigns are run on ideas of which the Democrats have none. They promised a "New Direction for America" in September of which I am still waiting to see. So far their "New Direction" has consisted of renaming Post Offices, raising the minimum wage (hurting small business), raising your taxes, restricting your free speech, cheapening your citizenship, and making America unsafe through border insecurity and surrender in the war (Yes I can show you multiple

Manly Study Strategies

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Ahh... the start of a new semester and for all of you new freshmen and whoever maybe reading this, I present The Middle: Manly Study Strategies. Why is it manly? Because, there is a picture of back hair somewhere around this article. Look for more articles in the future referencing things that are manly.

The typical study tips that you've probably received upon starting college can be summed up in this long sentence: "Take notes, and review your notes before and after every class, and then study two hours for every one hour you're in class."

I'm here to show you realistic ways to study and help you not only start off studying, but, to create possible study habits to help you throughout your life. To do this, I cannot give you tips, I must give you an epic strategy. An epic strategy that accepts the premise: you will not be at every class, nor will you always be on time, and you will not study all the time.

The first thing you must do is learn your professor. You need to attend as many classes as you can before the first test. Attending every class helps you learn their teaching style and you learn how much they rely on the text book in their lectures. When the first test comes around you'll get to see how the professor uses their lectures: either be to prepare you for the test, or to hear themselves talk. Take plenty of notes before this, copying everything they write on the board, and the key things they say.

The first test is the most important. The first test, in most cases, will give you an idea of what to expect for the next couple

of tests. However, before the first test, you must do everything you can to attend the pre-test class. This will give you a very good idea of what will be on the test, and what you can study. More importantly, the professor will let you know what you shouldn't study. Now, the professor will most likely tell you that if you want to do good on the tests, you need to study everything. This is true, it will give you a better understanding of the material, and definitely aid you on essay tests, but we don't always have the time to study everything. Life happens.

When you get to the first test, take mental notes on whether or not the information comes from lectures, or readings.

Most professors will focus on one or the other. See how obscure the facts are, if the professor addressing topics and questions where he is looking for specifics or something general. If you're using multiple text-books, does he spend more time on one book then others and why is that?

In most history classes here, there are required map exams. The standard format for these go as follows: The professor will give you a list of names for places you must look up and a blank map. On the test you're given a blank map.

It's your mission to identify the places he specifically asks for on the test map. The problem with just memorizing the map at home is you tend to forget what went where. So, as soon as you get your map test, write all the names ON the map. (That's how you memorized it after all.) Doing so gets all the answers on the paper as quickly as possible and helps you identify scribbles on maps more clearly.

In math tests, especially

something on paper already. You can more easily see if it fits with your paper.

In multiple choice tests, eliminate wrong answers, and mark those that you don't know and come back to them. You need to answer every question, and if you don't know a specific answer, choose the most likely one. Also, make sure all of your answers are consistent, and look for the professor to give you answers in the question. For instance,

question 3 might be something like, "Who was the dictator that created the Soviet Gulags?" You might of narrowed it down to Lenin or Stalin, however, you're not sure. Skip it. Later on, in question 12 it might read something like, "Stalin was a brutal dictator, who killed millions of people. Was

setting up numerous concentration camps part of Marxist ideas?" While the second question doesn't specifically answer the first, it can give you an idea which can help you make a more intelligent guess. Depending on your professor, this strategy could either hurt or help you, and this is why it's important to learn your professor.

After the first test, and you've learned your professor, you can easily and more intelligently exploit your professor. Exploitation

has drawbacks. If your professor takes role, you don't want to use all of your free skips at once, and you don't want to skip at all when it has a direct effect on your grade. You may of found that on your Monday, Wednesday, Friday class, Fridays were optional, and only went over supplemental material. I would highly suggest you attend those regardless. At one point my professor started giving extra credit to those of us who came on Fridays, which added up to a full letter grade! Professors, pretty much, have full control over what happens with grades, and therefore if they see you respect them and their time and preparation, they will be more likely to help you out!

Remember your professors, for the most part, want to see you do well. They don't like failing people, it doesn't reflect good on them. They will do what it takes to be there for the students and help them learn the material. Very few, if any, professors are there just to screw over the students.

Lastly, the best advice I can give you with regards to studying is to get with friends and study in groups. I never used to like meeting up in groups, however, the best way to study with groups is to make, "Study Notes of Justice." I list all the important facts. The main idea is to sum up a couple of pages of notes in a couple of sentences. You can then make tests from these that are styled after the tests of your professor. Depending on the class, I have a friend or two help me come up with the Study Notes of Justice and then, when I get to the class, about an hour beforehand I have a number of other friends go through the test with me.

Keep these strategies close to you and you'll do well.



That's some serious manliness.

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higher-level classes, write the formulas on the test as soon as you get it. Nothing is more frustrating then studying, and knowing how to do the problem, but not having or remembering the formula.

For take home exams, start working on them as soon as you get them. Doing so will allow you to not only get them done as quickly as possible, but it's a lot easier to filter in information received in class, and in conversations with friends after you have

The middle: apologies and strikethroughs

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I spent the last two hours writing a response trying to clarify everything. But, with it being five minutes after I told the editor that I would have it to her, I decided that instead of trying to clarify and explain things, I'm going to lay everything on the table and let you make up your own mind as to my sincerity.

In the last issue of The Sting an article was written to me that called into question my integrity and my belief in Christ. These two things are very important to me, especially the latter. Mr. Bowels (who wrote the article) took offense to a comment made by me which was due to an un-clear phrasing. While trying to call out Christians with no back-bones and who seemingly lack the ability to stand up for themselves, I inadvertently offended Mr. Bowels and he wrote me an e-mail about it, which I intended to respond to. However, all my e-mails at the time were being sent to my Laptop and when it crashed I was unable to respond to him.

I want to apologize for any offense my articles have caused

to people, due to my lack of clear phrasing. All I can say to that is that I don't intend to purposely offend people. The goal of my writing is to share with you all what I believe about certain topics and represent a side that I see a lack of in the world. Sometimes I get angry and frustrated at specific topics and that comes across in my writings. A close friend of mine told me that my writing doesn't really represent me and that in talking with me he sees a difference. The pompous, infuriating, bigoted person I seem to be in the paper isn't the same person I am when I'm actually communicating with people in person. I'm much more real, nice, and respectful while still remaining very passionate.

This brings me up to the other issue that Mr. Bowels brought up. My article entitled, "Love^3." There is a video series called "Nooma" and they are done by a man named Rob Bell. This man is a pastor, for lack of a better term, and has been a huge inspiration to me. He's reinforced my belief that we must question our beliefs in order to find truth. He's also given me a new outlook on truth. I really admire Rob. A number of his beliefs

I've adopted as my own, because they make the most sense. One of those beliefs being that in order to understand what Jesus was saying and the impact the scriptures really have we must understand the background and the situation. Another belief of his that I've adopted as my own is his view on love as expressed by the video he did. While the some of the ideas I addressed in the article are his, they're also my personal beliefs, but not in total. What I attempted to do was to talk about what I learned from the Nooma video, and then to fill in spaces with my own opinion.

I was not very familiar with the issue of intellectual property and so I did the best I knew to do in terms of giving credit where credit was due. Whenever I directly quoted Rob I gave him full credit. What I failed to do correctly was state at the beginning that I was trying to share with the readers what I had learned through Rob and how I had adopted many of his beliefs in that area as my own. The last thing I've adopted from Rob is his teaching style. I don't believe that preaching, belittling, or talking down to people is good, especially not if I'm trying to effec-

tively show people what I believe. The style that Rob teaches with, and that he uses for his Nooma videos, has been adopted by myself as the best possible ways to express one's beliefs and opinions. When you add up all those factors you get the "Love^3" article. I will be sending a corrected version of the article to be updated in the web version of the paper.

I, in no way, intended to "rip off" Rob. Just the opposite! Rob Bell has impacted my life in such a dramatic way I wanted other people to learn about him.

Lastly, I want to clear something up. I made a huge mistake in my "The Middle - Questions" article. I accidentally omitted a word in one of my questions that changed the ENTIRE meaning of the question. The original article stated, "Why do women want to be seen as human beings and not sex objects, when it's to their benefit to turn themselves into objects to get ahead?" What I meant to say, and was horrified when I read that I had accidentally omitted the word, 'except' was, "Why do women want to be seen as human beings and not sex objects EXCEPT when it's to their benefit to turn themselves

into objects to get ahead?" I originally asked this question because it seems to me some women will take offense to being an object only when it doesn't benefit them. As if to say, it's ok to be a sex object when it helps me.

This is a mindset I am firmly against! I hate the objectification of ALL people. I honestly and sincerely believe that men and women are equals and that for males to think of women as objects is absolutely disgusting and one of the un-manliest things a male can do. Just as I think it's wrong to make people an object, I believe it's just as wrong to make YOURSELF an object. You aren't respecting yourself as the beautiful creation you are and are no different than another person who doesn't respect you. The fact of the matter is, it's wrong not to respect someone.

Once again, I want to formally apologize to those of you of whom my writing has offended, and I want to state that it's not my intention. I love people, and I honestly want to help people become the best they can be and find truth for themselves.

In the middle of this journey from death to life...

Junkin' with Jessie

America's Thrift Store

Jessica McNally
Staff Writer

Halfway between the East Piedmont and Hwy 92 intersections on Canton Highway rests an all-around answer for the broke and tired college student. Along with a Dollar General and pool hall, you can find an excellent thrift store: America's Thrift Store. Everything from clothing, furniture, electronics, knick-knacks, toys, artwork, and books can be found; all of which can either be new or used. The store is a part of a small southeastern chain that specializes in helping the needy through donations and Jesus.

If you are interested in making a donation, be it cash or merchandise, you may do so by contacting the store at (770) 493-0094. Usually, you can just drive up with merchandise and hand it off to an employee for a receipt. What follows is more information on what kind of prices you can expect to find on store merchandise.

Even if you have everything, you can always find something cool at a thrift store, be it a funky pair of pants or a used textbook on Anatomy. America's Thrift store is one of those places you can find both. Usually, clothing is priced somewhere between \$3 to \$5 for a pair of jeans or good dress pants in men's, women's, and children's sections. Shirts are anywhere between \$1 and \$4, depending on if it is a t-shirt or a dress shirt. Sometimes the store will get some new clothing items from major label manufacturers. You can expect to find Levis, Gap, Klein, Dockers, and other major brands in any of the clothing sections. A lot of new Liz Claiborne, Mossimo,

and Faded Glory merchandise will find its way into the store. (Ah-hem, Target anyone?) Most new merchandise starts at \$3.95 and goes up from there.

There is also a large selection of shoes, belts and purses. Most shoes are between \$2 and \$5; belts start at \$0.59 and purses are usually a \$1.50 to \$3.00.

Now about that book on Anatomy, well that may be about four dollars; but there are plenty of

averages between \$1 and \$4, with a few exceptions.

A variety of both new and used artwork can also be found throughout the store. Paintings are displayed along most of the wall space, ranging anywhere from \$3 to \$10 for a full size painting, that's including the frame. Now just think about all the potential that boring wall space in your apartment really has.

Speaking of apartments, not

ter to an otherwise dull room.

There are six rows of toy shelves in America's Thrift. Collectors and homemakers alike, pay attention. Knick-knacks include baskets, stuffed toys (many with the tags still on the toy), jars and tins, all starting around \$0.39 and going to about \$3. Baskets are great for simple gift arrangements, and so is a little stuffed animal. Even the dollar store gets trumped on these details.

you can get that twenty to thirty inch electric piece of wood, just like the one grandpa has. Hey, it's a nice sized screen that works great. \$5 will get you a decent set of speakers, \$7 gets you a nice small stereo system, and a measly \$2 will get you a radio.

There are also video game systems, computers, and all the compatible equipment you can think of for either. Lamps are as low as \$1.50 to about \$7, depending on their size and style. There are some vintage pieces of electronics on the shelves, mainly typewriters and sewing machines, \$5 to \$20 respectfully.

In all, America's Thrift store is like the Rich's or Sears of thrift stores. The best part about it is that you can actually afford the stuff inside, and you don't have to content yourself with window-shopping or wish lists. As with any thrift store, you should never enter with a particular idea in mind; but rather keep an open mind and look for something on a shelf to jump out and find you; like a toy you admired as a child but never got the chance to own, or a cool jacket.

It's not just about getting a good deal either. When you do shop at the store, supporting the store also means supporting many people in your local community. Also, the prices quoted here are not set in stone; but considering I've been patronizing the store for seven or so years, I can pretty much assure you the prices are going to stay within range. Sometimes you can find a really amazing deal.

The prices are consistently better than that of a Goodwill or Salvation Army, and there are more specials more often on all of the items the store carries.

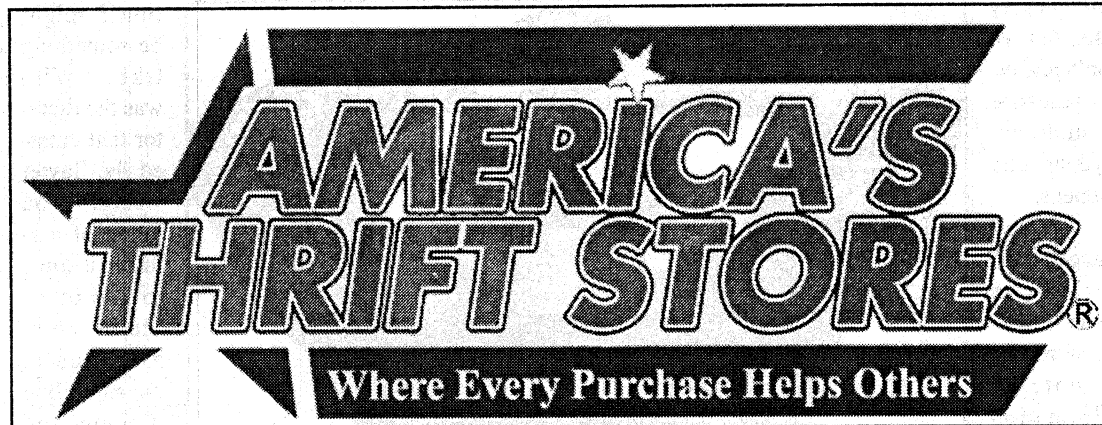


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How can you not shop here with a slogan like that?!

Tom Clancy, John Grisham, Stephen King, and Michael Crichton novels for about a \$1.50 each. You can find just about anything on the book shelves in America's Thrift; popular novels, romance novels, books on poetry, self-help books, books on engineering, designing, travel, children's books, used textbooks in almost any subject, and bibles. Did I mention Computer Programming books? Those too. One time, I actually found a copy of my middle school Spanish textbook; it cost me a whopping \$0.72.

Other media includes disco compactos, sorry, compact discs, music tapes, and records. Most merchandise in the media section

only can you decorate for less, you can furnish for a lot less too. America's Thrift offers lounge, dining, office chairs and bar stools from anywhere between \$3 and \$10 each. End tables are around three to \$7, full sized dressers average about \$25 each, and full sized bookshelves go for about the same as the dressers. Couches and love-seats range between \$15 and \$40, depending on condition, and plush chairs are between \$10 and \$20, also depending on their condition. Just remember a slipcover can do wonders; that is, if the only thing between you and genuine comfort is an old stain. Also, some of these pieces are quite nice; sometimes a vintage piece can really add charac-

ter. Toy collectors can find great deals on some older toys; like a My Little Pony plush for \$0.59 cents, or a complete Mr. Potato Head for \$2. In addition, there are plenty of board games, toddler toys, Barbies, and action figures. Seriously, it's like the island of lost toys from the old "Rudolph" cartoon. Tennis racquets, bowling balls, baseball bats, helmets, and other sporting goods can also be found, prices vary based on condition.

Remember when TV's used to be designed and sold like hard-wood furniture? Of course you don't, your parents hadn't even begun to hit puberty when that was hot on the market; however, for somewhere between \$10 to \$20,

Deerhunter: this is NOISE

Marlena Compton
Staff Writer

Noise rock always seemed to me to be one of those made up genres that rockers create to make themselves feel special.

After seeing a Deerhunter show, I now understand why there is a genre called noise rock--and it does not exist for self-promotion for a few bands. This is not pop. This is not punk, and it is not metal. If you want warbled lyrics or guitar solos, noise rock is not for you. Noise rock is ambient noise and music that is inescapable.

Deerhunter is a local band of five musicians fronted by lead vocalist Bradford Cox, and they are full-on noise. To give you an idea of just how loud this music is, the sound check could be heard in the bar area of The Earl before the doors opened for the show, and they weren't using the club's pa system at all.

The Deerhunter set started extremely late and I was wishing I hadn't bothered showing up for the two opening bands, but when Cox started tuning all of the instruments to the house music playing

in the background--all was forgiven. It was fairly obvious that Cox was a musician who knew exactly what he's doing.

People who are into jam bands really ought to see a Deerhunter show because of the band's improvisational and trippy nature. The all stratocaster drum and tape combo turned into a membrane of strato-sound that bent to the will of Cox. There was so much reverb that it turned into a separate musical piece.

The vocals bound everything together and were also being manipulated by Cox, who would crouch down and twist a bunch of knobs on a box which distorted and manipulated his voice in many ways.

I did see him singing some lyrics, but he really ought not bother. As absent lyrics, his voice turns into the perfect primal scream.

If you are into loud music that isn't necessarily foot-tapping-has-a-good-beat-and-you-can-dance-to-it or blood-and-guts-let's-tear-it-to-pieces, Deerhunter might be for you.

If you have listened to and

enjoyed Birthday Party, Sonic Youth or Massive Attack, you will enjoy Deerhunter. They are a band worth seeing again, and I'll definitely show up a couple of hours late.

Deerhunter is:
Bradford Cox
Moses Archuleta
Josh Fauver
Colin Mee
Lockett Pundt

Latest album:
Cryptograms (Kranky Records)

Next Atlanta Show:
Sept. 27 at The Drunken Unicorn at 8:00 (that means 10:00)



Yes, they are some crazy kids!

Photo courtesy www.dieslaughterhausrecords.com/

Organizations on campus

Twila McConnell
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One of the great things about Southern Poly is all of the organizations we have on campus. So even though we don't have a lot of "campus life," you can always find someone with a similar interest in one of our assorted organizations. This is by no means an exhaustive list, but just a place to start making friends on campus.

AERIAL ROBOTICS TEAM

Website: a-robotics.spsu.edu

Meetings: Tuesdays at 7:30 P.M. in room SL-105

The aerial robotics team builds an unmanned flying helicopter and competes internationally, representing the technical capabilities of SPSU. There is no knowledge requirement to join and students will gain industry-style hands-on experience in extremely challenging projects. The success of the team depends heavily on the ability to coordinate effectively with other disciplines, promoting a professional workplace attitude.

AIR FORCE ROTC

Contact: Detachment 165 Unit Admissions Officer at 404-894-4175

The Air Force ROTC is a 3- to 4-year educational program designed to give men and women the opportunity to become Air Force officers while completing a degree. AFROTC has scholarships available that pay up to \$15,000 per academic year, plus a monthly stipend.

AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Website: www.spsuham.com

SPARC is an amateur radio club established by the Electrical & Computer Engineering Department its goal is to attract all ham radio enthusiasts in order to explore the world of ham communication and to introduce today's cellular generation to the popular, RF-predecessor technology generation.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION (BSU)

The Baptist Student Union has their own building on campus which is located across the street from Crawford Laboratory building.

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES BOARD (CAB)

Website: cab.spsu.edu

CAB is responsible for all the big activities on campus (movie nights, casino night, skydiving, and anything else that probably took a lot of money to put together.) This organization is very actively involved on campus and is a great way to meet a lot of people.

COLLEGIATE ORDER OF THE ARROW

Contact: Stuart Michelson at wmichels@spsu.edu

The Order of the Arrow is Boy Scouting's National Honor Society. This program keeps Scouts in Scouting through college through service to your campus, service to your community, and service to scouting. If you are a scout, the journey you started long ago does not have to end with college!

FORMULA SAE RaceCar

Website: fsae.spsu.edu

Meetings: There is almost always someone in K1 working on the cars.

Formula SAE actively competes in the conception, design, fabrication, and racing of small formula-style racing cars. The cars are built from the ground up and even if you don't know anything about cars, the FSAE guys are eagerly willing to teach you. They've placed in the top 20 at national competition for the past two years (beating GA Tech both times) and have been featured in Road & Track Magazine.

IEEE

Website: ieee.spsu.edu/

Meetings: Listed on website

IEEE stands for Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. This is a national organization that is open to undergraduate and graduate students who are enrolled in at least 50% of a normal, full-time course of study in electrical, electronics, computer engineering or computer sciences, or in an allied branch of engineering technology or the related arts and sciences.

ISA

Website: isa.spsu.edu

Meetings: Tuesdays at 12:00 P.M. Student Center room 216

International Student Association (ISA) is one of the most active organizations on campus. Every semester they host several events to represent the diversity of SPSU students on campus. It is a friendly international campus community which strives to promote cross-cultural diversity.

REFORMED UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP

Contact: Chris Bowen at cbowen@ruf.org

Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) is a place for those who are convinced, confused, cynical, or just curious to come and evaluate Christianity and see what the Gospel is all about.

SPSU BAND

Contact: Beth Farber at bfarber@spsu.edu

Meetings: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:00 P.M. in the Student Center

The SPSU band 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. Most of the members are not registered and students are permitted to attend whenever their class schedule permits.

THE STING STUDENT NEWSPAPER

Website: thesting.org

Meetings: Fridays at 12:00 P.M. in room A252 in the Student Center

The only organization that pays you! Published every three weeks, The Sting covers news as well as anything anyone wants to talk about. A relaxed atmosphere and a diverse group of students make this a great organization that anyone can fit into.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Website: sga.spsu.edu

Serving as the united voice for the student body, the Student Government Association's (SGA) primary responsibility is to protect and address the interests of the students concern, education, safety, and collective achievement. SGA is a great way to get to know many, many people on campus and really get your voice heard.

FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES

Fraternities and sororities are a great way to get into the social life at SPSU.

Fraternities:

Kappa Alpha Psi
Kappa Sigma
Phi Beta Sigma
Pi Kappa Phi
Sigma Nu
Sigma Pi
Tau Kappa Epsilon

Sororities:

Alpha Xi Delta
Gamma Phi Beta
Zeta Phi Beta

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

We also have local chapters of many national organizations:

American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists - www.aatcc.org
American Concrete Institute - www.aci-int.org
American Institute of Architecture Students - www.aiasnatl.org
American Society of Civil Engineers - www.asce.org
American Society of Mechanical Engineers - www.asme.org
American Society for Quality Control - www.asqc.org
Georgia Society of Professional Engineers - www.gspe.org
Institute of Transportation Engineers - www.ite.org
National Institute of Minority Architects - www.noma.net
National Society of Black Engineers - www.nsbe.org
Society of Manufacturing Engineers - www.sme.org
Surveying and Mapping Society of Georgia - www.samsog.org

INTRAMURAL SPORTS

And if none of the above float your boat, we also have a great number of intramural sports. (Also great for a little exercise to escape the freshman 15!)

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THE VENT

Tell The Sting whatever is on your mind - anonymously! All the better if it's about SPSU! E-mail stingeditor@gmail.com with your thoughts!

Sidewalks at SPSU: Unless you want to get somewhere, use them.

Is it a coincidence that S.P.S.U. is the United States Postal Service acronym backwards?

Why does SPSU make room to offer "Green Courses" in propaganda rather than required courses for graduation?

I hate defacing my car with this school's UGLY parking stickers. If you're going to make me pay to stick something to my car, does it have to be orange and gold?

If you're 21, you should be allowed to drink beer in class.

Why am I consistently charged late fees when I ALWAYS pay rent on time?

Why does the movie industry have to turn good comic books' series into total shit?

Why can't we have a logo that doesn't make us look like we're still a part of GA Tech??

Once upon a time....

Flag issue prompts debate; pub. date March 9, 1993

Jen Waller
Former Staff Member

On February 18, an open-forum debate was organized by PRIDE. The topic of the debate: The State Flag issue. The debate was moderated by Golda Vanheidrich.

The debate began with an introduction of the on-stage penlists. Present were Barry Birkhead, Director of Student Activities; Dr. Mark Stevens, Professor of English; Ed Hardy, SGA President; Dr. Charles Weeks, Professor of History; and Dr. Robert Yancy, Dean of School of Management.

Next came the opening statements for the preservation of the flag. The representatives for this side were David Nelson and Michael Eleser. The two gentlemen presented good arguments for keeping the existing flag.

Mr. Eleser stated, "Now that Georgia accepted the 'Stars & Bars' as a symbol of Southern Heritage, the Rebel Flag comes to be known as a symbol of racism. The flag in itself is not racist as many tend to believe, because a flag doesn't condone racism, but the individuals themselves (might)."

The next speaker was Mirhonda Studevart. Miss Studevart spoke for those with the opinion that the flag should be changed. "...We are not a country that exists in black and white. The time has come for the state of Georgia to recognize the diversity of its population. Furthermore, the Confederate Battle Flag has been

used by racist white supremacist organizations to symbolize opposition to accepting minorities into mainstream American society."

After the opposing sides presented their views, the floor was opened to entertain questions. Mr. Hardy asked Miss Studevart with what the pro-flag change people are suggesting to replace the current flag. Miss Studevart responded that she, personally, thought that the flag should return to the design flown in 1956. This flag consists of three bars (red, white, and red) and a blue square with the Georgia State seal on the left.

(The idea that the flag does not represent all of Georgia's people was brought up. Mr. Nelson offered his response that no one

flag could possibly represent all of the people who live under it, since someone has been wronged under all flags. He also pointed that many feel that the state legislature is wasting its time and our money on this issue, that many people believe that our elected officials need to discuss more important issues that affect the state.

One guest pointed out that since this flag does not unite us, it should be changed. Another stated that one flag may not be representative of everyone, but it does not have to be offensive to anyone, such as the present one seems to be.

This open-forum debate was overall a success. PRIDE plans to offer more of these debates in the future on other topics of interest.

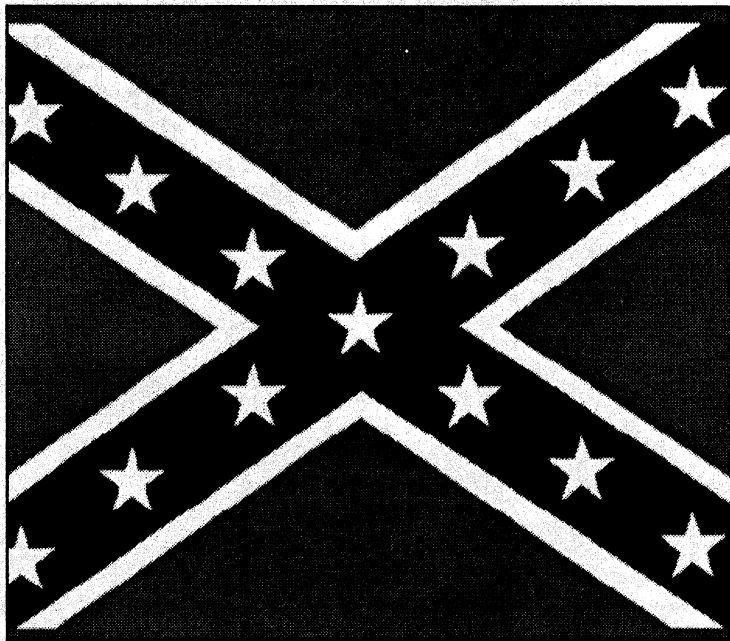


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Funny how we always keep talking about the exact same things...