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TECH FEE GETS A MAKEOVER

Jarrett Bell
Senior Staff Editor

Students at SPSU must pay a technology fee (tech fee) each semester that classes are taken. These fees are assessed to their accounts for them to enjoy various technical services, such as wireless across campus, software licenses, and new, improved classroom and lab configurations. These services have a direct effect on how students learn at SPSU. Behind the fee that we pay each semester, there is a process on how the projects that the fee covers is selected. Now the process has been changed as of the fall semester, it is easier to submit projects and increases collaboration between departments on campus to ensure students reap as much educational benefits as possible. The change in the process is intended to support the purpose of the Tech fee- to have a broad impact on academics, support interdisciplinary exploration, and directly impact a significant population of students.

Under the old process, tech fee projects was determined by a trio of committees. These were the student committee, the faculty committee, and the IT committee. People can submit proposals for projects to either of the three committees. For example, students who have proposals can submit them to the student committee; faculty members with proposals send them to the faculty committee; the Division of Information Technology (DoIT) can send their proposals to the IT committee. Each committee looks at the proposals and reviews them. Once the review is completed, each independent committee determines which ones get forwarded to the main committee. The main committee also reviews projects and determines which ones will be implemented. This is where the problem, among others, lies.

The main committee was not included on the discussion by the other three committees. Thus, the knowledge that the lower committees had about the projects was not passed along to the main committee. This was one of the main complaints about the old process. However, the process was also plagued with other problems, such as specific projects went to specific committees. Disputes arose on what projects went where, which resulted in certain committees getting more projects than another. This led to unneeded conflict. Another complaint about the old process was projects being submitted which were not part of a longer term comprehensive plan or they were overlapping another project another department has executed or considered. Given these and other complaints, Dr. Ron

Koger, Vice President of Student and Enrollment Services and Interim Chief Information Officer (CIO), brought these concerns to the Dean's Council. David Stone, Director of Educational Support and Online Learning (not to be confused with the ATTIC), along with Dawn Ramsey, Director of the Academic Support Center, and Dave Caudill, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA) were tasked with revamping the tech fee process.

Stone, in a sit down interview, said that the tech fee's new process will "encourage collaboration." The new process was proposed in the Fall semester of 2009 and endorsed by the Faculty Senate. Dr. Rossbacher, President of SPSU, approved the proposal this past September. The new tech fee process takes four committees and transforms the group into one committee, called the Tech Fee Review and Evaluation (TFRE) Committee. TFRE will be comprised of the Chair (Stone), the Student Government President, a faculty representative from the University Information Technology Advisory Committee (UITAC), a representative from DoIT, Academic Affairs support representative (e.g., the library), two at-large faculty members, a representative from the Office of Faculty Support and Development, and a representative from the Student Life Committee. This new committee has a total of 9 members.

Aside from the composition of the TFRE committee, it will be easier to submit proposals. According to Stone, the old process required the proposal to have all of the planning and the project design done before submitting. The new process will be "flexible," he said. In being flexible, the more intricate details can be worked out in the committee and the determination of whether or not the process is feasible will be made conjunctively between the CIO and the VPAA.

When a project is submitted under this new process, it is important to ask people to identify the goals and how the project's impact will be assessed, says Stone. He states that this new process will "build a culture of assessment and evaluation," as the person proposing the project will need to describe their plan for the project and how would it work. In addition, Stone says this new process will tie into the current university assessment process. The idea of assessment and evaluation also helps to build "institutional memory" on what projects and methods worked and which ones did not. Stone noted that the old process used to require DoIT sign off on a project. Under the new process, before submitting a project, DoIT sign off on a project is recommended but

not required. If DoIT does not sign off on the project when it is submitted, it is still reviewed but it will be reviewed by DoIT later on in the process. Therefore, according to Stone, DoIT will review projects as part of the impact process, but the initial review is no longer a barrier to submitting a proposal.

Another major element that this new process brings is the integration of new projects into departmental goals. The old process did not fully consider long term plans in each department and did not encourage collaboration between different departments. The new process is designed to push people to collaboration, Stone says. Departments need to collaborate and identify "common needs." For example, if a department wants to purchase equipment to create a lab that could be used for not just Information Technology (IT), Computer Science (CS) and Software Engineering (SWE) students but also for MET (Mechanical Engineering Technology) and Civil Engineering Technology (CET) students as well, the new process is designed to encourage collaboration between the departments that has these majors. On the issue of integrating projects into longer term plans, the new process is designed to "get people to focus on the big picture," Stone says. Integrating projects with longer term goals brings about meeting

those goals faster in a more efficient, cheaper way.

Stone repeatedly emphasized the importance of students being involved with the process. Even though the new committee has 2 student members, students are allowed and encouraged to submit proposals. "I would like to see more students submitting projects," he said emphatically. Stone noted that if a student submits a project to be considered, they will need a faculty member or staff as the project manager. That faculty member can be any professor on campus. This is for continuity purposes, as students graduate and leave but faculty members are at the school longer term. With a lower-barrier to entry, students are able to influence how their money is being used to enhance their learning in the classroom. Due to this, Stone is hoping that more students will be more active in how their tech fee is spent to enrich their learning experience.

Now after hearing the process change, perhaps you would like to submit a proposal. What is the time frame on submitting a proposal? Starting on April 19th, the committee will send a call for proposals. This call is requesting those who want to submit proposals to be considered to begin. Those proposals will pertain to the Fall semester of 2010. May 10th is the

latest that proposals can be submitted. During the period of May 11th to June 14th, impact analysis is conducted. TFRE committee meets with the VPAA and the CIO between June 15th and June 21st on the proposals and impact analysis. By July 8th, the VPAA and the CIO will make funding decisions. The following day, July 9th is when the announcement of which projects will be funded. From that day to August 9th, the funds will be available for the Fall semester.

How are the projects evaluated? The projects will be evaluated using a detailed rubric. The rubric has eight categories- student impact, congruence, collaboration, transformational impact, resource allocation, strategic alignment, project plan and assessment plan. Each category will be given a certain amount of points, up to 8 points. The higher number of points, the better the project addresses each category. Projects with the highest totals are more likely to be selected than those with lower totals.

For more details about the Tech Fee and the new process, go to www.spsu.edu/techfee. For further questions about the process, David Stone can be contacted at dstone@spsu.edu, by phone at 678-915-3700, or visiting his office near the Library Rotunda at the Office of Faculty Support and Development.

Double Your Commencement?

Stefan Seville
Sports Editor

Never before has Southern Polytechnic been as diverse a university, nor has it ever been more technologically advanced. As spring is upon us (with its bright shade of yellow upon our cars), though, another first for the school is in the mind of many - too many. For the first time in SPSU's history, there will be two Spring Commencement ceremonies for the Class of 2010. Steve Hamrick of the Registrar's office reported that past graduations of about 320 students had pushed the fire code limits of the Gym. With the number of students petitioned for graduating this spring at 367, the staff had no choice but to separate the graduation into two ceremonies. Doing this will help deal with potential safety hazards (not to mention fines from the county), ceremony visibility and add to the comfort of those attending.

From SPSU's Wiki page:

The morning session will include the schools of Arts and Sciences, Engineering Technology and Management, and the division of Engineering. The afternoon session will include the schools of Architecture, Civil ET, and

Construction; and Computing and Software Engineering. Each session will include both graduate and undergraduate students from respective schools.

The morning session will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, May 8, 2010. The afternoon session will be held at 2:00 PM. Both sessions will be in the Gymnasium on the SPSU campus on South Hornet Drive next to the baseball field and across the street from the Architecture building.

Candidates for the morning graduation should arrive no later than 9:00 AM and check in on the main level of the Architecture Building.

Candidates for the afternoon graduation should arrive no later than 1:00 PM and check in on the main level of the Architecture Building.

Family and other guests should go directly to the Gymnasium. There is considerable construction on campus. We suggest that family and guests plan to arrive by 9:30 for the morning session and 1:30 for the afternoon session to allow time to park, walk to the gymnasium, and find a seat prior to the start of the ceremony. Family and other guests will not be admitted to the assembly and check-in areas, and we expect the seats in the Gym to

fill up quickly.

There is no limit on the number of family and friends a graduate may invite to the commencement ceremony. They will not need tickets. Please have them go directly to the gym to find seats.

Please inform your family and friends that the gym has two levels with no elevator. The small parking area on the left side of the gym will be available for unloading physically challenged guests. Campus Safety personnel will be nearby to assist your guests. The lower bleachers will be reserved for physically challenged guests. Please have them arrive early so that they can be seated before other guests fill up those spaces.

If a graduate or their guests need assistance because of a physical limitation, please contact Brenda Farrell at (678) 915-7295 well in advance of the ceremony. She will be able to give you additional information regarding parking and seating.

Family and friends who are unable to attend the Commencement in person can watch the ceremony via live streaming video on the Web. You can find information at <http://www.spsu.edu/commencement/>

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The Politics of Sport

Stefan Seville
Sports Editor

Christmas Day, 1914. In the heat of what was then the most destructive and deadly war in history, soldiers from opposite sides came together to play a simple game of soccer. Dodging their fallen comrade's bodies and barbed wire coils, the Germans and British put aside their orders and shared common ground – simply through sport.

Fast forward nearly a hundred years. Politics and sport have begun to take new shape in regards to one another. As was seen in World War One, sport was supposed to be free of political implications – free from division and international feuding outside the game being played. Somehow, though, our society has found a way to intertwine the two, leaving no apparent escape.

After the Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan in 1979, President Jimmy Carter decided to use sports as a tool of politics by declaring an ultimatum: Soviet troops withdraw from Afghanistan by February 20th, 1980, or the United States would not participate in the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow. The Soviets did not withdraw, and the US stood behind Carter's promise and did not participate in the games. Japan, West Germany, and Canada followed suit and did not participate either. Great Britain and France did not support the Soviets, but allowed their athletes to participate if they so wished. Though many world records were set at the 1980 Games, most sport historians will say that the lack of participation from some of the most talent-rich countries in the world diluted the competition. Had they competed, even more records would have been set.

Another topic of concern that has found its way into sports is coming into the world's focus as the 2010 FIFA World Cup tournament approaches this summer. The host nation, South Africa, is not very far removed from some of the most trying times any country has ever faced. After the lift of

Apartheid, or legal segregation, in 1994, unemployment has risen dramatically. Poverty among both blacks and whites has skyrocketed, leading to concerns of South Africa being a suitable host for the World Cup. As is also a concern with the 2016 Summer Olympics to be held in Rio de Janeiro, international committees want proof that the country is able to provide for and manage its own population before it commits to hosting an incredibly monumental event. The unemployment and poverty in the host cities of the 2010 World Cup has led to safety concerns, but South Africa's representatives have promised all venues will be safe for competitors, fans and officials before, during and after the tournament.

Oh yeah, almost forgot. What would one of my articles be without the mention of hockey?

While the 2010 Winter Olympic hockey tournament garnered the second highest TV viewership (Gold Medal Game, only second to the 1980 Lake Placid "Miracle" counterpart), many serious fans and officials were already looking ahead to 2014 with a grim look on their face. National Hockey League Commissioner Gary Bettman had said before the tournament, regarding the 2014 Games to be held in Sochi, Russia, that the NHL would not take time off for the Olympic Games, citing a compacted schedule and lost revenues because of the two week break. His reasons have merit, but one can't help but look into some underlying reasons for being unaccommodating to the 2014 Games. Is he really only trying to save his league some money? Has he been encouraged in this effort by the United States government? Unless you live under a rock, you know that of late, Russia has been having some issues with its region of Chechnya, similar to that of China with Tibet. Chechnya wants independence from the Russian Federation, but Prime Minister Vladimir Putin will have none of it and violence has ensued in the federal subject on Russia's border

with Georgia. Despite the Russian government's efforts to keep the fighting under the radar, international news agencies have obtained information and published it, blowing Russia's cover on the situation. This state of affairs may play a part in not only the participation of the NHL in the 2014 games, but the entire United States team.

On a lesser note, Bettman may also be using this as a tool against the Russian hockey officials regarding transfer agreements for players among western Europe, the US and Russia. A few situations have arisen in the past decade (Alexander Radulov, Nikita Filatov for example) where players, under certain circumstances, leave the NHL while under contract to play elsewhere. Bettman may be trying to use the NHL's cooperation in the 2014 Games as a bargaining chip to get and keep premier players from the Kontinental Hockey League, based in Russia.

Several NHL players have responded to Bettman's plans, including Russian superstars Alex Ovechkin and Evgeni Malkin, who have both declared publicly and without qualms that they will be participating in the 2014 Olympics. They have also called Bettman's decision unfair and biased, citing the fact that the NHL has taken breaks for Nagano, Salt Lake City and now Vancouver, but doesn't plan to for their own country's Games. Most of the suspicion behind Bettman's claims is raised here – but only time will let the muddy waters clear out.

It is unavoidable to have politics even somewhat involved in anything crossing the boundaries of countries nowadays, which is a disappointment to many. Maybe someday influential leaders of the world will take a lesson from those soldiers in the trenches of World War One, putting affairs of state aside for the love of the game – whatever that game may be.

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Who says Presidents can't have fun? Dr. Rossbacher is cheered on as she competes in the SPSU Bahhtub Race, a preview to our next issue.

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New Student Government Elected For Next Year

Jarrett Bell
Senior Staff Editor

Student Government elections were held and the winners were announced in the emails sent out by Ron Lunk, the Associate Director of Student Life. The new executive officers for SGA 2010-2011 are President Jessica Harrington, Vice President Chase Carscallen, Secretary and Treasurer Alexandra Brigham. For the council, the following people are now members for the upcoming year- Kris Vickers, Bobby Givens, Kevin White, Christina Robinson, Nicole Banks, Trent Anderson, Yael-Alex J. Monereau, Brian Ellison, Paul Ubakanma and Jasmine Johnson. Harrington, the President-elect, is a sophomore majoring in Business Administration. The Sting conducted an e-mail interview with her and asked a series of questions. For a full disclosure, one question was omitted from the below interview since it was answered in the first question. The second question that was omitted was "What do you plan to do now that you have been elected to this office?"

Q: In running for SGA President, what was your platform in your candidacy?

A: My main platform has been to increase efficiency. I want to work closely with all of the committees and make sure they are working beyond what is just required of them. I want communication to increase between SGA and the organizations we deal with. I believe OrgSync will really assist us in this goal. Communication and awareness is important to me. As I begin my position as Student Government President I plan to use a web location to keep students current with what I will be learning in the meetings I attend. Most information from those meetings can be difficult to find so I would like to create one easily accessible place for students to access the information. Since many students don't have time to sit through General Body meetings, this will be a place where they can share their campus concerns and requests for action from SGA. With the input of the student body I can successfully bring our thoughts to the committees that I will serve on.

Q: What issues from the past administration are you planning to follow up on?

A: There seemed to be a disconnect between Student Government and our Judiciary Board during this year. (The Judiciary Board is the committee of people who deal with parking ticket appeals). I plan to work closely with whoever I appoint as the Chief Judge to make sure the board is running at its full potential and serves the students as best as possible.

Q: How did you come to the decision to run for Student Government?

A: Student Government is something I actually got into in Elementary School. I didn't realize the importance of it until I got to High School. I recognized then that you could put so much good use to your time and really make an impact at your school.

Q: How do you plan to work with the other elected officials?

A: Most of us are new to working with each other, so the most important step will be getting to know each other and assessing what each person's goal for SGA is. I plan on utilizing each of their personal strengths to provide the best service to the campus. I want to portray a mindset that Student Government is not



Christina Robinson
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about the meetings, it is about what we do for our campus outside of the meetings that we can bring back to discuss. And most importantly, I want serving on SGA to be a positive experience for all of them and something that they can take pride in.

Q: How do you plan to actively engage students in the SGA processes? in general?

A: In addition to the information I provided before I would like to publicize our organization more. I want students to know when the General Body meetings and understand what we do. I believe the implementing the SGA President's web page will be a useful tool in engaging students in the SGA process.

Q: What other elected offices do you currently hold?

A: I am currently the SGA Secretary/Treasurer.

Q: What other activities are you currently engaged in?

A: I am an Orientation Leader, Membership Vice President of Gamma Phi Beta, Vice President of Residence Housing Association, and Member of Northwest Crescent Leadership Alliance. Chase Carscallen, the Vice President-elect, is a sophomore and an Industrial Engineering major. In a separate e-mail interview, he answered some questions about being elected to the position. Also for a full disclosure, each person was asked if they wanted to provide any other information, such as other organizations that they are part of. This question is omitted for those who did not provide any other additional information.

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Q: What was your platform in running for your position? (What issues, once you are elected, did you want to address?)



Nicole Banks
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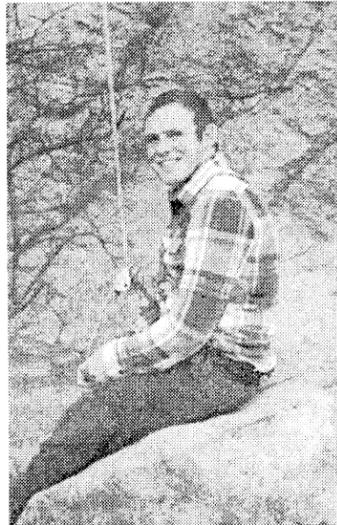
A: In running for Vice President of SGA, I wanted to push SGA to the students. Many students are commuters and don't even know what SGA is and I would like for SGA to become more well known by the student body. I want the students to understand what we do and for them to know that they can come to SGA with suggestions to help our campus grow and be better in the eyes of my peers.

Q: How will you address those issues that you stated in your platform?

A: I will hope to have some kind of information session on SGA throughout the year for current students and also have SGA recognized and spoken about during the orientations and open houses for upcoming freshmen.

Brian Ellison, council-member elect, is a sophomore and a Business Administration major. Answering the same questions as Carscallen, here are his responses:

A: I would like to address the issues of our current and future financial deficits that have been in the news here recently. Branching off from that, I'd like to see more campus organizations being awarded money based on participation and involvement through our school (promote the school, and



Chase Carscallen
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the school promotes you). Additionally, I believe that since SPSU has grown in every aspect in the past years, our students should want to be more active in our school and further promote its growth.

A: This being my first year on SGA, I would like to start off by learning the ropes and how it all is managed. How will I accomplish this? I am pushing to be a member of the Budget and Finance Committee and the Public Relations Committee so that I can promote SPSU in a positive manner and learn the inner workings of this system.

Trenton Anderson, a current council member that has been re-elected, is a Construction Management major. In his response to the questions asked, he stated he is one of two council members (Harrington, being the other) that have stayed on from the previous administration and he says this provides "consistency" between the new administration and the previous.

A: There is a drastic need to fully integrate the campus and SPSU student organizations with the new OrgSync program. This software will be heavily enforced both from the Office of Student Life and by SGA in the upcoming year. In order for an organization to remain 'active', it is required that they update



Trenton Anderson
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their OrgSync page regularly. Those groups that fail to update their OrgSync pages will be rendered inactive and will not be eligible to receive funding from SGA. This will put a challenge on the upcoming administration to bring awareness of the new requirements and offering workshops for leaders to fully understand the new features and capabilities of this software. OrgSync has the ability to revolutionize student organization operations and streamline communication across campus if it is successfully implemented and maintained.

A: One of the more fun projects that I want to bring to campus is a short film highlighting student life at SPSU. SPSU has a solid reputation for its academics, but not so much for its student life. Over the past few years, SPSU has evolved to a much more traditional University, and will continue to do so with the new construction on the west side of campus and our growing student enrollment.

This video will highlight some of the fun things on campus, such as Welcome Week, the annual concert, Greek Week, Keg Bowl, Powderpuff, Housing and Residence Life, varsity and intramural sports, among numerous other things. This will be shown at Open Houses, Orientations, and possibly placed on the SPSU website, after the footage is gathered over the course of the next year.

Anderson is the President of SPSU Constructor's Guild and a SPSU Ambassador.

Nicole Banks, a council-member elect, is a sophomore and a Mechanical Engineering Technology major. Answering all of the previous questions that the other candidates were asked, here are her responses:

A: The issue of allocating money to different organizations and making sure that everyone gets a fair share.

A: By making sure that every organization gets a chance to present why they need money and what they plan on doing with it.

Banks is a member of Gamma Phi Beta and she holds two positions in this sorority.

Christina Robinson, a council-member elect, is a sophomore and a Fashion major. Here are her responses to the questions:

A: I was running for SGA Council member. The issues that I plan to address are for the safety of our residents, I would like to have more lighting around campus. I would also like to see more of a sense of community throughout the school. This includes more organizations and different groups on campus joining together for their events.

A: My plan for addressing them is to use my role as a council member and speaks up in meetings, make suggestions and share my the voices of those who can not at the meetings.

The Sting also solicited the same information from the other council members and executive officers. A response to our request for information was not received from the other elected officials. For more information about SGA, please visit their website at sga.spsu.edu.

2010 NECA/EI Student Chapter Competition

The Green Energy Challenge

Cyle Cox

NECA Student Chapter President

Southern Polytechnic State University is one of the southeast's leading technological based upper education institutions and its student's are forging the way into this decade and beyond. Our school empowers every collegiate undergraduate and graduate within its umbrella to explore their knowledge base using all tools available. The SPSU School Architecture, Civil Engineering Technology, and Construction places emphasis upon each scholastic department encouraging their student body into local, state, regional and national competitions. A tool this university provides for its student flock, striving towards the degree programs and classes, is community & industry involvement and connectivity through student competitions.

The latest test brought upon our great university's threshold is the 2010 NECA/EI Student Chapter Competition: The Green Energy Challenge. The National Electrical Contractors Association and ELECTRI International are once again the main industries sponsors for this national event emphasizing sustainable design concepts leading towards energy efficiency improvements. This year's building design upgrades apply to a local community manufacturing facility developing quality power and lighting solutions.

Our SPSU team has narrowed down prospective project candidates surrounding the Atlanta metro area and decided that Kendrick Tool & Engineering, Inc. was the best 'client' fit that we can provide a distinct energy audit and retrofit. Kendrick Tool & Engineering Company is a family owned and operated small business located on the northwest side of the Atlanta metropolitan area. Kendrick Tool operates a twelve-thousand square feet (12,000 sf) manufacturing facility and office administrative support structure placed upon a nine acre site property. Steve Kendrick and his wife Leta help run this quality establishment that has been in business since 1964, founded by R. C. Kendrick, Jr.

Kendrick Tool & Engineering Company was selected by a deep and involved process including the following steps: contacting our local electrical contractor association (AECA) about any off-hand matches they could provide, researching AECA/NECA member company information for any possibilities, reviewing the local county Chamber of Commerce manufacturing business listings, professional or personal contacts in the electrical industry, asking our school and faculty adviser of any relative project sites, and web browsing looking at Georgia manufacturing facilities. Upon finding and confirming this company is a good fit for our 'client' we contacted Steve Kendrick about our student competition, provided him with the information we have about this event's challenge, and with his approval started our teams work.

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precision machine parts and assemblies manufacturer that also does tool and die, metal stamping, and aircraft tooling. Steve Kendrick continuously strives toward providing his clients the best solution with a high-end product on time and in budget. The Kendrick team uses the latest milling, drilling, sawing, grinding, sawing and welding equipment. A top of the line skilled labor force follows industry standards and safety measures fabricating precise elements filling any order and RFQ. Contact this fine Georgia group and see what they can do for you and your particular business needs. Ken-

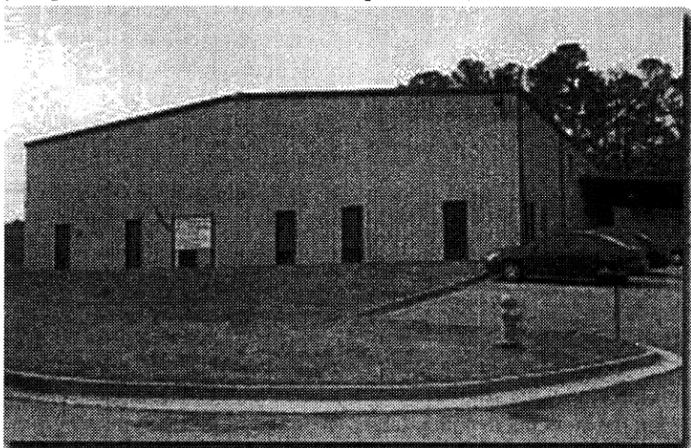


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The SPSU's NECA student chapter continues building support and now has a team working hard

Success Day

Jarrett Bell
Senior Staff Writer

The School of Engineering, Technology and Management (ETM) will be hosting Student Success Day on April 27th from 3pm to 8pm in the Student Center Ballroom. This day will be focused on the students and what projects they have been working on the entire semester. This event is open to both undergraduate and graduate students.

Different student organizations on campus will be at this event, such as Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE), National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), and other groups such as the Career and Counseling Center, which will be bringing their Wheel of Fortune. Mechanical Engineering Technology (MET) will be bringing their machine design project and their race car. NSBE will be bringing their virtual keyboard, and SIFE will be bringing information on improving and protecting your credit.

There will be many other organizations participating in this event. Tables will be set up and students are welcome to come in and browse. Students are encouraged to come and ask questions.

For more information about this event and organizations that will be attending, please contact Ann Lay, Secretary to the Dean, at 678-915-7234. You may email Ms. Lay at alay@spsu.edu or visit her office in J-353 for more information.

towards the final presentations at the 2010 National Convention where we are aspiring to bring home the first place prize. There are seventeen NECA college affiliations nationwide and Southern Poly is one of ten that will be participating in this year's competition. Through local chapter support, the Atlanta Electrical Contractors Association, is helping local metro Atlanta higher education institutions and each architectural, engineering, and construction student's future on-campus, off-campus, and in the workplace. These competition opportunities allow us to be hands-on

and allow the working world around us to see the great intuitive ideas the next generation can give them.

Southern Polytechnic State University's team consists of five individuals from a nice cross-section of our school's collegiate underclassmen. My undergraduate area

Errors

Sean Fine
Editor-In-Chief

You've probably noticed a string of little errors lately, mostly cause of oversights in trying to get the paper out. If these problems possibly negatively affected your organization or life somehow, then we apologize for them. The known mistakes are listed:

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•Page 5 is meant to be an Organization page, not an opinion page.

•David Sluder did not write the "Cognitive Biases Hindering Your Student Performance" article. Melanie Allen did.

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•The NAACP has nothing to do with Potholes. This one is particularly bad because it's such an obvious mistake. Sorry NAACP, we didn't mean to say your organization is responsible or anything

•In the "USG Students Rally at Gold Dome in Atlanta" article, there's a line saying 'please see the Tenstone Papers - Observation Deck article for opinion about the turnout'. You're probably wondering, 'What is he talking about?' Well, this was a mistake of the editor's part. Due to space constraints, some articles had to be pushed back, due to relevance and size. This particular opinion article was one I decided to push back, mainly because it's so big. It's included in this issue however, so if you still wanna read it now, feel free.

of study is a Specialty Construction Certificate; John Hand and Chauncey Gray are seeking Bachelors of Science degrees in the Specialty Construction and a Construction Management respectively; Chad Atcheson is a Civil Engineering Technology BA candidate with a Minor in Transportation Engineering; and a Bachelors of Architecture third year student, John Rivera rounds out are quintuplet. Apart of our competition submission into the 2010 NECA Student Chapter Competition does request us to provide team resumes coinciding with the project summary section. Our overall written proposal includes a technical content area listing each college team's resumes that also helps indicate each student's educational background towards team diversity. The team came together as this student organization was able to post solicitations and broadcast a campus wide email seeking any interested women and men towards this year's Green Energy Challenge. We did get some very good responses from a nice variety of academic curriculums and degree programs at SPSU. The group's background and skills we all bring into this project proposal are very helpful for us and our client.

Our NECA Student Chapter's goal proceeding onward this with competition is to provide our community, and ourselves, the opportunity with an integrated look into Green Energy and how it affects our everyday lives. This event allows us to explore electrical energy possibil-

Resident Housing Association

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For all of you that live on-campus- did you know there is an organization out there that is dedicated to making living on campus better? Resident Housing Association (RHA) is an organization that is a group of residents whose purpose is to serve the campus residents. You may be wondering exactly what is the difference between RHA and your RA. Your RA is not elected but rather is a position that is applied for. However, RHA is comprised of your peers that represents all of the residents to the staff.

If you have not heard of RHA, there is a reason why- RHA has existed in the past but has not been utilized or publicized. RHA was reorganized in August 2009 and has been working on getting itself out there and being seen and known by those who live on campus. There are six students that are currently participating in the group, according to its President, James Walker. Walker is encouraging those who stay on campus to get involved with the organization and help improve the quality of life for those who live on campus.

Despite being relatively unknown on RHA, the organiza-

ities in the manufacturing industry while representing SPSU and our local NECA chapter associations with dignity and professionalism. We strive towards furnishing the best quality solutions for our project 'client' not only on paper but hopefully into reality.

This year's Green Energy Challenge continues into the end of May with written proposals submitted electronically and hardcopies sent to NECA/EI culminating towards the 2010 NECA Convention & Tradeshow stationed in Boston, Massachusetts this upcoming October. Three finalist teams will be selected based upon tallied scores from the competition's technical content, process scoring, and outreach portions. These top three teams will be awarded travel and accommodation support so they can give oral presentations during the convention and strive towards that first place prize. Each university can also produce a poster presentation as well which will be judged separately.

Southern Polytechnic State University's NECA Student Chapter is proud representing our fine institution, local AECA national affiliates, and Kendrick Tool & Engineering, Inc. as we continue to work diligently so we can bring home that first place recognition this group deserves.

tion has done a huge event during the Fall semester. The group organized and conducted a ski trip to Cataloochee Ski Resort in Maggie Valley, NC. RHA took 65 people, 40 of which were residents. The other 25 were RAs, RHA members and staff. According to Walker, the trip was a great success. He stated that the cost was \$100 a person. The trip consisted of a 2 night stay in a cabin, transportation, lift ticket and equipment rental. Walker said "essentially you got 2 full days of skiing and all you had to pay for was your food." He also said "it was a great success." The trip is expected to be an annually hosted event by RHA.

RHA will be resuming their meetings in the Fall Semester. The meetings will take place on Monday evenings at 8:30pm in the University Courtyard room 1107. For more information about RHA and how you can get involved, you can contact James Walker at jwalker8@spsu.edu.

Forensics Team Holds Event in Community Center

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Two members of the Forensics Team, LaRon Bell, captain, and Sara Pace, conducted a short twenty minute event in the Community Center. The event was held on April 1, 2010 at 7pm. Approximately twenty people attended the event. Bell kicked off the event thanking everyone who attended. Both were equipped with their speeches in little small black binders. When the black binder was opened, the speaker was in character. While in character, the speaker acts as if they are the person they are speaking about. When their binder is closed, they are free to act in any way, even if it is not in line with the speech.

Pace, a freshman at SPSU, kicked off the event. Her piece focused on a woman trying to commit suicide at the gym by working herself out. She opened and closed her binder numerous times- each time to enhance the words as she told the story of the woman. The story that she told lasted for approximately ten minutes. After she was done, Bell, a junior at SPSU, told his story. His story came from Bill

Bryson's book, *Lost Continent: Travels in Small-town America*. This piece focused on a tired traveler who couldn't appreciate good old-fashioned human kindness. Just like Pace, he was in and out of character, signified by the opening and closing of the binder.

Active in speech competitions, both Bell and Pace participated in the Georgia State Forensics Speech Tournament. Bell landed in second place and Pace in fifth place. Given their stellar competitive record and performance at the event, the event was well received by those who attended.

The team advisor, Dr. Mark Stevens, who teaches English Composition and British Literature, was in attendance and addressed the crowd. The Forensics team will be holding an encore presentation of this event that is tentatively on April 27 between noon and 1 PM at Student Center. For more information, Bell can be contacted at lbell12@spsu.edu.

SPSU competes in SIFE Competition

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Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) is an international organization that is dedicated to students around the world working on projects that are designed to promote financial literacy and business. SPSU's SIFE team competed in the Regional Competition in Downtown Atlanta on April 6 at the Marriot Marquis hotel on Peachtree Center Avenue.

on a project that was started by former group members from the fall semester.

The project that was presented at the competition was a presentation that was given in Business Administration classes on the importance of credit. The goal of the presentation was to raise awareness on the importance of being financially literate, as well as being better stewards of their money. Some of the key points of

Student Life Committee Passes Budgets for Next Fiscal Year

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On April 15, the Student Life Committee heard proposals on three different budgets- the athletic budget, the recreation budget, and the student activities budget. Karl Staber, the Athletic Director, came to the meeting to discuss the two budgets he was proposing. The athletic budget that was proposed has a total dollar amount of \$1.2 million. This amount contains \$557,837 in general costs, which includes the salaries and benefits of employees of athletics, dues to be in athletic conferences such as the NAIA and the costs to run the office; \$127,050 for baseball, \$139,975 each for men's and women's basketball, \$83,325 for soccer, \$13,750 for training room supplies, \$111,00 for the championship budget, and \$27,088 for miscellaneous costs. For each of the sports, these include scholarships for athletes, transportation, travel, recruitment, referees and supplies.

The recreation budget request has a total dollar amount of \$504,000. This budget has the following components- debt service on the Recreation and Wellness Center building at \$198,600; personal services which includes the professional staff's salary and benefits, graduate assistants and student

staff at a total cost of \$181,250; operating expenses, which include supplies and materials, publications and printing, repairs, maintenance and leasing, all at a cost of \$57,705; equipment, which includes items for the weight room, cardiovascular equipment, picnic tables and sound system repair at a cost of \$56,500; Travel, at a cost of \$9,945. This budget passed the committee unanimously.

The final budget under consideration was the student activities budget. Fiscal year 2011 budget for student activities increased from \$365,500 to \$479,000, meaning there is more money for student organizations. It was observed at the meeting that each organization on campus saw an increase in their budget of some type. In addition, there is a new pot of money which is the Academic Fund. Expenditures from this fund will require a request that will have an impact on academics on campus. This fund starts off with \$30,000. This budget also passed the committee unanimously.

In general, the money granted to SGA budgets totaled \$155,000; Campus Service budgets totaled \$252,950; Competition Teams budgets totaled \$14,000; Professional Organization budgets totaled \$21,620; Club sports budgets totaled \$12,650; Special Interest bud-

gets totaled \$8,750; Greek organization budgets totaled \$15,000. The overall total of the money granted is \$479,970. The total amount of money requested, however, was not granted to many groups. The SGA budgets were completely satisfied as requested. However, Campus Services collectively asked for \$279,590; Competition Teams collectively asked for \$29,146; Professional Organizations collectively asked for \$109,205; Club sports collectively asked for \$20,737; Special Interest budgets collectively asked for \$26,811; Greek organizations collectively asked for \$74,122. The overall total of money requested was \$694,611.24, which is well over the \$480,000 allocated for student activities. This budget passed the committee 8-1.

For more information about the budgets and to obtain more details on the allocation of funds to organizations, contact Barry Birkhead, the Dean of Students at bbirkhe@spsu.edu.

Pie your Professor"

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Staff Writer

April 15th was "Pie your Professor" day. It was a charity event hosted by Hui Yui, Shanshan Su, Deborah Hamilton, Allison Feldman, Juntong Guo and Ronald Ellerbee. The students are from Dr. Haimen-Korn Small Group Communication class, and figured the best way to do an assigned action project is have a charity/donation event.

Students gathered at the Globe located at the student center, and either threw a pie or directly squished a pie in professors, administrative staff or student leader's face. The event could not have been a success without the help of the Chartwell's dining services located in the cafeteria in the student center. They were very willing and supportive in helping us and making sure we had adequate supplies and

equipment. The managers Ron and Fred were a delight to talk even helped us start the grill when we had trouble. A group thanks goes to Chartwell. Thanks Chartwell!

Students and Staff raised over \$150 which all donations will be given to Red Cross, which will be used for the Earthquake in Haiti. We really appreciate everyone that came and donated. All the friends that supported this event and volunteered to help the group, it could have not worked without you. And of course this event would have not been a success without the group host, students and staff who donated and especially the Professors! A special thanks to Ron Lunk, Arthur Vaughn, Scott Larisch, Ron Bell, James Werner, Barry Birkhead and Charlie from the Student Center!



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The SPSU SIFE team has two members, LaRon Bell, captain of the SPSU Forensics team and a junior, and Jarrett Bell, Student Life Committee member and a senior. Both prepared for the competition by working with the group's advisor, Dr. Muhammad Obeidat, professor in the Business Administration department, in working

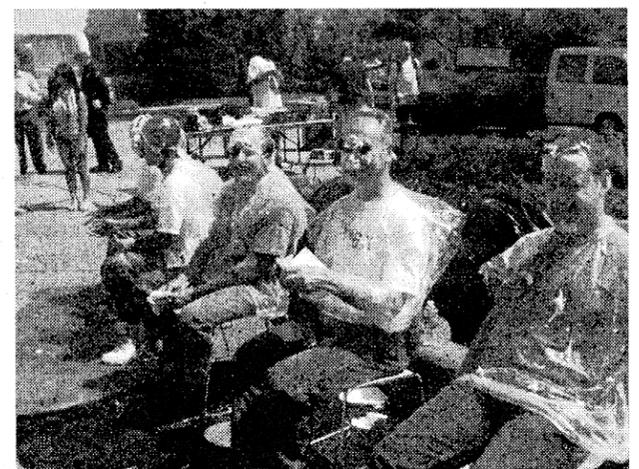
the presentation included reading all of the fine print associated with credit cards, maintaining proper documentation and keeping low balances on credit cards.

At the competition, there were 9 leagues with 6 schools in each league. When each group presented, there were 12 judges from various companies that examined

each project using a set of criteria. The group would make their presentation followed by a series of questions from the judges.

The winners from each league will be going to the National Competition held in Minneapolis, Minnesota in May. The winners from that competition will represent the United States against 39 other countries that participate in SIFE at the World Cup. The World Cup will be held back in the United States in Los Angeles in October.

The SPSU team fought valiantly but did not move on to the National Competition. The team, however, is looking for new members to join and make SPSU a larger presence at the regional competition next year. The team is open to all majors, not just Business Administration. For more information about the team and how you can get involved, please contact Dr. Obeidat at mobeidat@spsu.edu.



Most of the volunteers, covered in cream and still smiling

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THE TENSTONE PAPERS

THE OBSERVATION DECK: ISSUES WITH TEA PARTY IDEOLOGY

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As we all have been hearing in the news frequently in the last couple of months, there has been a Tea Party movement around the country. The people participating in this movement are angry at all levels of government, particularly the Federal Government, over the passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), which is colloquially known as the economic stimulus package. This movement has snowballed and gotten much larger and more attention after the passage of the health care bill by Congress and approved from President Obama. This movement has taken place in areas across the country, not just in Washington D.C. In the Atlanta area, there have been Tea Party rallies at the State Capitol in Downtown Atlanta, as well as in the suburbs, such as in Roswell and Peachtree City.

Recently, the New York Times (NYT) ran an article on April 14 about a poll that revealed that people participating in the Tea Party rallies are generally wealthier and more educated. No part of the article was really surprising, until I read the following statements- "Tea Party supporters said they did not want to cut Medicare or Social

Security — the biggest domestic programs, suggesting instead a focus on "waste." " This statement in the article was followed by the following line "Some defended being on Social Security while fighting big government by saying that since they had paid into the system, they deserved the benefits." Later on in the article, a person was quoted on saying they want smaller government and their social security. To further put this into prospective, the article states that the average person at the Tea Party rallies is a white male who is married and is older than 45. One could say that since the normal person at the Tea Party rallies is older than 45, they are likely to be utilizing Social Security and/or Medicare benefits. Not cutting Medicare and Social Security is diametrically opposed to the idea of having smaller government, since both are government-run programs. These people are not taking into account that while they paid into Social Security, younger people today are also paying into it and younger people are not guaranteed to have this program when they retire. (Further detail on this topic is out of the scope of this discussion.)

This is where the issue lies. The idea of smaller government is an idea that has merit. However, I fail to see how these

people expect to have both the cookies and the cake by enjoying these government run programs yet incessantly saying smaller government. The argument of being taxed too much people can relate to, as well as the idea of smaller government. The problem with the smaller government ideology that is being utilized at these rallies is these people are to the right of most conservatives yet they like having programs that go against the ideology they promote. After I read the article, it comes as no surprise that these people are very socially conservative as well as very fiscally conservative. In being this conservative, I wonder why these people were not screaming, yelling and going bananas when past Republican administrations and past Republican-controlled Congresses were passing increases in the federal government budget and increases in federal spending, such as President George W. Bush's administration and the Republican-controlled Congress from 2001 to 2006? Why weren't these people screaming, yelling and going bananas when the government is getting involved in legislating social issues if they support much smaller, much limited government? Why wasn't these people out there rallying in the streets when the Iraq War was being talked about before

military action commenced, knowing that the war would be a huge expense? These seemingly contradictory positions, actions and displays of anger exhibited by those participating in these rallies not only is baffling but waters down the credibility of the movement and the importance of the ideology in general. One can also argue that the timing is convenient in that these people are rallying at the time that Obama, a Democrat, is President and Congress is controlled by Democrats. Considering this and the idea that there were opportunities for these people and Republicans in general to right-size the federal government when they had control of Congress and failed to capitalize on executing their core principle, one must question what the real motive of this movement really is.

To be fair, the people rallying are further to the right than the Republicans that are currently in Congress. Therefore, perhaps these people are closer to being the real Republicans when we consider the core principle of the Republican Party than those in Congress. However, considering that these people are more socially conservative than Republicans in Congress, which means they would support government legislation on social issues, that is still an arguably

contradictory position to the idea of smaller, limited government, which would less hands on in the life of the citizens. Therefore, one can still legitimately question the credibility of the ideology being advocated at the Tea Party rallies.

Considering what we have said, it is possible to see the hypocrisy that is demonstrated at these rallies. Looking at what is said at these rallies and articles such as the one printed in the NYT, one can also see that as long as some program is convenient for someone, they will support it yet rail against the entity that created the program to start with. It is unfortunate that these people would denigrate a valid core principle to a matter of individual convenience and what benefits them at the expense of any and everyone else. Such an action is repulsive, reprehensible and detestable.

To read the full article for yourself, please visit the following link on your computer: <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/04/15/us/politics/15poll.html>

The Hands of Power

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Freelance Writer

The world around us is a complex and constantly changing place. Our own control of our environments lies in our freedom to express ourselves and portray our ideas to the people around us.

Our governments will not hear us unless we speak, and our peers will not see us unless we act. It is our responsibility to directly address the issues facing us and to not fall subject to the whims of our cowardice.

The ability to hold firm exists in a strong grip, but the lives of many will be jerked from a loose palm.

Let the truth of this matter be revealed to you:

Much of the government and mass media insist that the United States is transforming to a primarily service based economy, not manufacturing, and not an economy based on the production of genuinely usable goods. Rather, we will base our work on the business of other nations.

Let us be responsible for their menial tasks while they make the goods! Let us, a country whose grip on the world has previously been so powerful by the manufacture of exports that allowed us to afford to import only the finest of international wares, become tired and weak from such difficult industrial work, that now our only option is to import the overpriced "goods" that should fill our homes.

The hands of power in our own country are controlled by a body which has prioritized the strength of other countries before our own, in-

sisting we are too strong and therefore should loosen our grip on the means of production and true wealth.

Yes, let us loosen our grip on our industrial unit and let them jerk it from us, leaving no means of production. Let us take a loose grip on our economy and begin to service the needs of other nations.

I have to speak out against this and say it is completely irrational to defy the foundation of capitalist principles. If there are no goods, there is no money. If someone else has the means of production, soon enough they won't need your services.

In my business, I will always hold my means of production with a firm grip for sake of my own wealth. Outer Space forbid, if I must let some other country service my industrial unit, I would hope they use soft hands and a loose grip.

If there is anyone reading this which has a complaint with the world around them, hear this: It is your social responsibility to speak up! If left unused, your idle hands will become weak and worthless with which to defend yourself; your voice will shake when you speak, and no one will hear your protests. Find an outlet for the knowledge you absorb. I can hardly imagine the upper rungs of society learning so much and channeling so little! Join the newspaper and tell people what you know!

There is so much happening in the world around us being expressed by so few, and the only people I can trust to speak the truth are ones who are not paid to do it. Please, join the newspaper.

Global Whining

A Critical Perspective

Seth Snyder
Freelance Writer

In these days of increased scientific exploration into the idea of global climate change, I have to be skeptical of the motives of media to press so hard for an issue such as climate change with the use of intangible evidence. So many groups are lobbying for change of regulations of our environment in an effort to save the future, but they are only offering semi-solutions to our "problem." It seems like the problem is too large to offer real solutions that could prevent the meltdown of our planet. Scientists have reported we are on a strict deadline to a "breaking point." If by this time we don't correct the issue, there will be no future for us. It's a widely accepted viewpoint on the campus of SPSU that global climate change is real, and I'm not going to dispute that. There are bigger issues at hand, so why are we being sold memorabilia of an earth that isn't yet dead?

It seems our society's only efforts involve hybrid cars, windmills, carbon taxes, and recycling and reuse. Many private companies are taking big steps to reduce energy consumption in the production of their goods, food in particular. Much of their marketing is also based around this eco-consciousness, and shows genuine concern in the private sector for the condition of our earth. Or does it? Could an eco-face be just what a company needs for a competitive advantage

in a world of propaganda regarding our erratic weather? I think it is worth taking a look at the real benefits of saving the earth, instead of ourselves.

Let's explore the idea of a world for our children. Wouldn't it be nice if...

- Our children had an atmosphere below 150 degrees Fahrenheit?

- Our children didn't need landfills because they could reuse and recycle all packaging and materials?

- The glaciers didn't melt and drown our children?

- Oil was only used for cooking?

These are trite examples of the big pictures I've heard from larger eco-conscious groups. I'm still trying figure out how this benefits me.

Now, let's explore a world for ourselves. Wouldn't it be nice if...

- Cellphones didn't give off cancer causing radiation?

- Exhaust from our cars didn't cause lung cancer?

- Genetically modified foods didn't synthesize pesticides in our bodies?

- Landfills didn't leach deadly chemicals into our water supply?

Example: If a tree falls in the woods and all forests burn down and the earth floods from glacial melt after everybody is already dead from cancer, does it make a sound?

I'm sorry if this comes off as overly cynical or morose, but our government and media are missing the point. They're looking out for the earth before themselves. This must be a noble cause beyond my understanding. If private corporations jump on the message, it's usually in their best interests and because the cause is real, but it looks like advertising is king this year.

Who gives two flying squirrels if the earth gets hot after we're dead? We're still dead! If we want to change our environment, we have to address more pressing issues, and we have to do it today. The earth isn't going anywhere, it's only going to change. Granted, it could change into a literal melting pot, but that's beside the point. If you want to tell me to quit putting out hydrocarbons because they're heating this place up, you had better say it like you mean it! I can't handle this 5 year plan to get cars to 40mpg. That's not a solution! I ride my bike for transportation much of the time, and farther than many people drive. The Center for Disease Control lists gasoline and diesel exhausts as carcinogens which are harmful to humans. HUMANS! I have to breathe this crap, and I'm tired of hearing that the earth is getting bad. The earth is getting bad? To hell with the earth! I can't breathe!

THE TENSTONE PAPERS

THE OBSERVATION DECK: GOOD YET ABYSMAL TURNOUT AT RALLY

Jarrett Bell
Senior Staff Writer

The rally against budget cuts facing the USG that took place on March 15, 2010 in downtown Atlanta was powerful- powerful enough for the state legislators to cancel their session. One can speculate that these people cannot take the heat that the students who were rallying placed on them. The turnout was good enough to scare our legislators and for those proposing the cuts to not face the crowd directly. However, the effect of our rally was mitigated by the lack of large numbers which is abysmal and astonishing. This 'Observation Deck' installment will be a no holds barred opinion about how I really feel about the turnout and the attitudes of my fellow students. Some people will not like my assessment- but people will either take it or leave it. That is your choice.

As a student, I feel I have the standing to criticize my fellow students and other universities for their gross display of apathy to a cause that directly affects them. I am utterly mortified at the fact of the SPSU delegation consisted of ten people at best. I am aghast that Georgia State and Georgia Tech, the two largest schools in the Metro Atlanta area, did not turn out as many students as Georgia Southern and Savannah State did. Georgia State, especially, should be totally embarrassed given the location of the rally- right at the front door! I am astonished to the nth degree of the lackadaisical mentality of people not just at SPSU, but schools in the area.

I find it a damn shame that schools from remote areas like the ones mentioned were able to bring buses of people to the rally while schools that are closest to downtown Atlanta, including Georgia State, could not even produce the amount of students necessary to truly make it an even more memorable event. While a couple of hundred students is a good number, we must realize that the more people who are out there rallying for the cause, the bigger the impact of the rally and the significance. The people who attended the rally could of made a larger impact and would have forced the state legislators to realize how serious students are about these budget cuts if many more people turned out for this rally. Apparently that is too much to ask from students, not just SPSU, but other schools in the Metro Atlanta area.

Some of the excuses I have heard were "it's too cold outside" or "it's too early." These downright repugnant excuses burn me right to my core. I fail to understand how these people would function if they had a real job and had to get out in the cold early in the morning to make some money. These excuses are NOT valid excuses for not attending a rally where it deals with one's money. Perhaps some students don't care

because their parents are still feeding them with a gold spoon and they're not paying their way through school and thus does not bother them; Perhaps some of these people really don't give a damn about paying more- they have more important things to do. That exactly lies the problem and perhaps why America as a country may be going down the tubes- because too many people don't give a damn.

Georgia State and Georgia Tech, especially, should be ashamed of themselves. I find utterly tacky that these schools, being right in the heart of Atlanta, could not put out one hundred students apiece out of their thousands of students that constitute their respective populations. I fail to understand how these schools could not produce at least 5% of their student populations to participate. Such a minuscule percentage would of added a great deal of significance to this rally. These schools failed to do an adequate job on getting their own students out- and they did not even have to travel very far. On the march back to Hurt Park, we passed by one of the GSU buildings and there were students sitting in what was not a classroom but an open space. How come those students did not participate? The budget cuts affect everyone, not just smaller schools like SPSU or schools not in large urban areas like Georgia Southern. I believe these schools failed miserably at mobilizing their enormous base and did not contribute like expected to this event.

SPSU is not blameless either. With the highest ever population, there should have been more students out. I know of one professor that sent out messages about the rally to the students in the class. With such a huge turnout for the Town Hall meetings, one would expect that people would truly be interested in attending the rally. Information was disseminated through Facebook due to its high usage and one person expressed concern of possible ethical issues of using state equipment (e-mail system) to mobilize a rally. While the information of where people were gathering to go to the event was provided the day before the rally and disseminated through Facebook once it was received, the date of the rally was made known at the Town Hall meeting. It appears that people did not really take note of it, nor were they proactive in making sure when it was going to take place.

Perhaps more could have been done to ensure that SPSU students knew about what was going on. However, when something is as important as driving up the costs for education, why aren't students at this school (and other schools for that matter) not jumping on wanting to know information instead of waiting for someone to serve the infor-

mation to them? Such lethargy is not appealing nor is wanted when people begin to enter the corporate world. No corporation will want some person who is so reactive that they are not willing to put the slightest bit of energy in asking for information that could potentially make a difference in their situation.

Therefore, I have had quite enough of the careless attitudes of my fellow students- here and other campuses. If you don't care about what others in power do that affects you, then you deserve everything that comes your way. What will it take to get involved? Unless you had some family emergency, some test you had to take, you couldn't get off from your job, or something along those lines, there is NO excuse why you could not make it down to the rally. It is your money at stake- what part of that is too hard to understand? If the issue is you are "still" on Spring Break, I will have you know that people who attended this rally just started their Spring Break- but they felt strongly enough to attend, knowing that it will affect them.

What really puts students who did not attend to shame was the presence of high schoolers that attended this rally. I find it appalling that high school stu-

dents have more of an interest in the budget of the USG system than current college students do! There are no words to describe the problem with this situation is. The high schoolers that attended the rally were very articulate and knew exactly what was going on. These students were more motivated than the majority of college students that I've seen, minus those at the rally. What the hell is the problem? Perhaps I need someone to explain to me why we have such a sickening differential between high school students being active in something that will affect them later and the lack of interest from college students on the same issue that affects them now. How can we make a change and force the legislators to hear our thoughts and concerns if they can see that we have so many students who are too much involved with business that can be considered trivial and not interested in something that will heavily affect us? Marinate on that for a minute before you continue reading.

Perhaps I have too much of an idealistic view of people caring about their future; Perhaps I'm too involved in issues such as these; Perhaps I expect too much from my fellow students on issues that directly effect them. But hear me on this- until I have someone explain to me this dif-

ferential, I feel my criticism will hold water. Until some explains to me what was so important that people could not attend this rally (minus some of the reasons that I have already laid out), I feel that my fellow students are perfectly fine with whatever comes their way. However, I want to leave you with a parting thought- if you don't stand up and voice your opinion, when something happens later that you do not like, you have only yourself to blame. Lack of voicing your opinion will be the very undoing of those people who chose to sit on the sidelines.

Get it together people!

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THE FINALE - MY SPSU JOURNEY

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The sun is beginning to set- setting on my tenure at SPSU as a undergraduate student. The slightly more than 4.5 years I have been here at this school has taught me a great deal. I have learned many things, seen many things, commented on many things- this list can go on. Before signing off and closing the book on a chapter that can be characterized as exciting, turbulent and surprises at different corners, I'm going to use this piece to chronicle my travel during this experience. In chronicling this experience, it's through the thick and thin; through the sunshine and the rain; through the eye of the hurricane and through its eye wall.

As a Yankee transplant to Georgia from New York City, I aimed to go to Georgia Tech, as that was my first and only choice in Georgia. I was opting for schools up north, such as Penn State. When my parents decided they wanted to retire in Atlanta, I decided I wanted to see and learn something different by moving away from where I was born and raised. Thinking that my 90 average in high school and being on the NYC Chancellor's Student Advisory Council (CSAC) and many other boards and committees would help in getting into a school like Georgia Tech, I decided that Tech was the school I wanted to attend. Little did I know that I picked a major that at the time (and perhaps still is) one of the school's most competitive- Computer Engineering. That day came when the

envelope came- a small white one- from Georgia Tech. That day was a crusher, but it also brought about two life-lessons- you do not always get what you want and what you think you want may not be best for you. Looking back on that day- it actually was the start of a fabulous era in my life that I do not regret.

Going to my HS counselor's office, I flipped through her universities book and ran across SPSU. I had no knowledge about the school and never heard of it- but it was the only other school I found in Georgia that had Computer Engineering. I ended up applying and not knowing more details than what was inside the book. When I got the acceptance letter, I was more than thrilled and made the decision that I will be coming here than the other schools that I applied for. Since New York schools get out much later than Georgia schools (June 28 was my final day in HS), I took unexcused leaves of absence to join my parents in coming down to Georgia to not only check on our home that my parents purchased but to visit SPSU and make sure all of the paperwork was in order.

Starting the collegiate life was much different than anything in HS. Staying in the dorms was quite a different experience. Meeting new people has never been a problem for me- but now meeting people that were not subject to the ridiculous and petty adolescent cliques that ostracized others. The classes, however, reminded me of my beloved Robert F. Kennedy High School, which is a small high school in NYC- they were for the most part

small. The small, tight-knit campus reminded me very much of my high school, which was also a middle school that I went to as well. Being in the one building for 8 years, many students, including myself, knew every teacher- from middle school and high school, and knew many of the fellow students, even if they were grades behind us. The SPSU campus reminds me of that environment, where each person is not a number but in fact someone who is identifiable by name by others.

My freshman year was filled with a great deal of challenges. Galvanizing the freshman students to challenge the disastrous parking issue and the issue of the food services was a exciting challenge but a challenge nonetheless. Talking to more than half of Howell students and surveying them was a time consuming task yet a task that was completely enjoyable, resulted in meeting new people, and lead to some changes that was positively welcomed by all freshmen at the time. On the other end of the coin, I was facing the personal turmoil of ECET Fundamentals. I began to realize that Computer Engineering Technology (CET) was not what I expected when I made the decision to take up this major back in HS. The circuit building was killing me, as well as burning through two Digital Multimeters. Taking the final and being the last one in the room taking it and not finishing when it was over was the call to switch my major.

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Aside from the academic challenges, the first half of my freshmen year inside my dorm room was spent dealing with a roommate that was egregiously filthy. Any free time I had that was not taken by surveying other freshmen or work was used in keeping the door open and the windows open, as well as cleaning my half of the room. He eventually moved out and went to another school and I had the whole room to myself. At that point, I ensured that I kept it clean, as that was the only way I could function.

During my first year, I was attracted to many organizations on campus, particularly the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE.) I remember stopping at their table when all of the organizations were out and learning more about the organization. The mission drew me in and I started work on getting active. Being welcomed into the organization by Judith Atem, the President of the NSBE chapter at the time, I found myself completely immersed in NSBE activities and eventually won Member of the Year award. Attending the NSBE Regional Conference in Downtown Atlanta that year was phenomenal. Meeting new people and having new experiences, as well as the many workshops to attend taught me leadership, responsibility, and the importance of community. Attending the NSBE National Convention in Pittsburgh the following year was the ultimate experience that I will never forget, as it as extremely motivational and lit my personal fire to achieve, excel and give back to the community.

Lastly but not least in the freshman year, the Career and Counseling Center (CCC) I would be remiss if I did not mention them. In ECET Orientation class, Ms. Bridgette McDonald, the prior head of the CCC, came in and spoke to us about the importance of co-oping and internships. That day, I believe, was a major turning point in my collegiate experience. Hearing her words and how she stressed the importance of these opportunities, I found myself in the CCC office learning more. After attending the workshops, working hard on my resume and doing other necessary preparations, the CCC referred my resume and I eventually landed a co-op with Norfolk Southern Corporation (NS) in Midtown Atlanta. The involvement of the CCC and working to meet them half way has dramatically changed my future for the positive- in a way that is very difficult to express.

My sophomore year was marked by a dramatic ramp up in activity. At this point, I landed on SGA as the Parliamentarian, after spending considerable amount of time attending SGA meetings and learning the process. Sitting on SGA as Parliamentarian, I saw things that I liked and saw things that I'd prefer not to see again. Seeing, hearing and processing everything eventually led to campaigning for a position on the Council. To my surprise, I found myself on the Council and selected to be the Internal Affairs Chair. Unfortunately, I was only serving in this position for a short time, as the co-op kicked in at a time where it

was not possible to serve on the Council. Before resigning at the end of the summer of 2006, the Internal Affairs Committee created and instituted the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) which is still being used in some form today.

On the academic side, the change from CET to Software Engineering (SWE) was short lived, as I realized from taking the first level Java class that I was not interested in programming at all. I found little to no enjoyment toiling through code. While I realized that programming was not what I wanted to do, I started questioning my affinity for computers. While it was an unbreakable love in HS, the love affair was waning. Wrestling with this idea internally resulted in me deciding whether or not SPSU was ultimately a school for me, since it was technical. I had a flashback to what my father said about me in high school- he did not see me as anything else but a lawyer or a politician. I refused to believe him or even acknowledge the idea; perhaps it was naive adolescence, or simply being headstrong. I ended up taking with a friend who now goes to Georgia State in Norton where I lived during my sophomore year. She told me you will never be happy if you do not love what you do. Those words still continue to resonate with me to this day, as after that moment I needed to capitalize on my strengths and abilities.

In doing so, I applied and got in to Georgia State and Clayton State, with the intent on taking Political Science- a complete switch from anything technical. During most of my sophomore year, I wrestled with the pros and cons of leaving SPSU altogether and going down a different path. I ultimately decided against it. One may read this and ask why. I considered my background- I obtained my A+ Certification when I was a sophomore in HS; I was able to grasp many computer concepts easily (with the exception of programming); I still had a sizable interest, yet not unbreakable; finally, the monetary consideration- more money to start from the beginning. At that point, I made the decision that was tough for me- to stick it out but pick something that would have the least amount of programming- Information Technology (IT.) By the end of my sophomore year, I finally settled on a major that I have not changed since. At that time, I also decided what I wanted to do after my undergraduate career- to either get into law school or study public policy. This decision came at the conclusion of my co-op with NS, in which I realized that while I like the office, I have no interest in being in an office behind a desk everyday- that I preferred to interact with people personally.

The end of my sophomore year resulted in the end of my stay on campus. I had troubles with my '93 Toyota Camry- I ended up spending more money to fix the car than I purchased it for. Then I was presented with an option- to get a new car or to stay on campus. I ended up taking the new car and moving back home and spending the money on paying for my car. However, not being from Atlanta, I did not spend much time driving back and forth when I stayed on campus. This

dramatic change resulted in sacrificing 3 hours of my day to commute from Stockbridge to campus for the rest of my career here at SPSU. The loss of 3 hours resulted in a huge reconfiguration of my schedule, from sleeping patterns, the amount of time to get work done, and the level of participation that I have on campus. From this point on, some ingenuity was needed to accomplish what I needed to get done.

Despite the living changes, as a junior, I ended up joining more organizations. I ended up on the Student Life Committee and started writing for The Sting. Joining the Sting was mainly because I was tired of reading about games (sorry to all of the gamers out there.) The ultimate goal of mine was to write pieces that would garner discussion. While there has not been much discussion up to this point, I have been approached about pieces that I have written. The experience of being on the Student Life Committee reminded me much of my experience on CSAC- representing all of the students. Concerns such as fee increases, parking, lighting and having tests a week before finals were among many issues discussed. These meetings, along with writing for the paper, were some of the brightest moments of my junior year.

Just as the sun came out, a front with thunderstorms was ready to swoop in and wreak havoc on a nice day. Academic workloads increased, especially when I took my Database Systems class. Learning not only SQL code for the first time but also PHP code as well, we had to code a eBay-like website for our final project. One group member and I spent weekends working on the project- up to 12 hours straight. We skipped classes- even got caught skipping our Database class to work on the project. In the end, the project came out well for the team and I ended up liking PHP after the project. Nonetheless, this class, among other technical classes, required plenty of study time, which was expected but working it into a busy schedule which included working at Georgia Pacific and crazy commutes was a challenge.

Finally, the senior year- this is the most tumultuous, nerve-racking, yet most exciting and riveting of all. During the summer, I made a concrete decision to attend law school. While I was doing my research, I noticed that you could only get accepted during the Fall semester and I had 36 credits left. I calculated that if I took 18 hours each semester I would be able to graduate in May and be able to attend law school the upcoming Fall. Once again, this was a decision that required a great deal of thought. After I gave it much thought with consultation from my parents and really close friends, I made the decision to do it. I must say, it was quite a decision to make, as the crosswinds became heavy quickly. Having six classes in the Fall, I sought to make time by finding ways to reduce my commute time. I knew I could not reduce my commute time to less than 45 minutes each way but I could reduce it down from the 3 hours it was during my junior year. This was done by staying on campus later for traffic to die down and use the time to work on work. Getting on campus early was not

an issue since I began working for the Division of Information Technology (DoIT) in the middle of my junior year. Even with the best of calculations, the need for a contingency plan was necessary, as things always come up.

During my junior and now senior year, my level of activity off campus has increased also. In doing my part for community I live in, somehow I've managed to squeeze in time to attend the Henry County Commission meetings, Chamber of Commerce meetings, join and be on an executive committee of a political party and join professional groups pertaining to Henry County where I live. I have joined but have yet to find time to participate in the group Citizens for Progressive Transit, as the need for mass transportation in Metro Atlanta pushes my buttons to the core. Now in my senior year, I have learned perhaps one of the most important lessons in life- something that my mother has warned me about for quite some time- learning, acknowledging and knowing your limits. Now in my final semester at SPSU, I have realized my limitations and must adhere to them.

Not knowing my limits has resulted in thinking that everything must be done instantaneously and the bowing to the pressure to do everything; not knowing my limits has resulted in far less sleep to be truly productive; not knowing my limits has resulted in not having free time to unwind; not knowing my limits has resulted in doing a half job on things that I would prefer to do an exemplary job on. This list is not exhaustive. Nonetheless, I am now acknowledging the negative effects of attempting to be Superman. At this point in the final chapter of my undergraduate career, I have learned that no one expects another to be Superman or Superwoman and there is no need to feel the need to do everything. Moreover, the concept of slow is something that I have not yet fully adopted but realized the need to reach and understand. Not everything is made for a Lamborghini. I have finally come to this realization, after four and a half years of ever increasing involvement on and off campus.

Now that I know my limitations, the final semester has been stressful. Keeping up the level of energy is rather difficult with little sleep. My parents have been very accommodative in not asking me to do any household duties that I would normally do so I can get all of the papers, homework and projects done. Compounding the issue is looking for full time work after graduation. The thought of graduation is difficult, since its easy for the mind to look toward pleasant things, making concentration difficult. Moreover, the thought of graduation and leaving the school I have gotten well accustomed to is part of the reason for the self-imposed workload. Nevertheless, the exciting experiences of this final semester, such as being one of two representatives (LaRon Bell, my good friend and classmate being the other) from SPSU to compete in the Students In Free Enterprise Competition (SIFE) Regional Competition in Downtown Atlanta in early April and working with the Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (AUV) Team continue to make my experience at SPSU interesting

and worthwhile. These experiences, among many others, certainly work to neutralize the stress of classwork and meeting deadlines. These are the experiences, along with many others, I will cherish and truly miss once I and many others stroll across that stage and receive those wonderful degrees in those fabulous green covers on May 8, 2010.

As a result, I want to thank all of you for working, talking, meeting and dealing with me for the last four and a half years. To the many people I have come in contact with that have made a huge difference in my life during my collegiate career- I want to express my sincere gratitude for the impact you have made. There are some people that I especially want to thank for their efforts. I personally want to thank my parents, Johnny and Daisy, for being accommodative, understanding, and helping me through the toughest decisions and darkest hours; my brother and sister Jonathan and Kimberly- for being there when I needed them most; my best friend Brandon Johnson- a friend I can truly trust and one that I can have fun, candid conversations about any and everything possible; Dr. Patterson of BCP- the person I can come to for strong and clear advice, consultation, and candidness; Mr. Birkhead, Dean of Students- for being receptive, introducing and extending the opportunity to join different committees; to each and every person currently working in the Career and Counseling Center, Ms. Quick (formerly in CCC) and the former director, Ms. Bridgette McDonald, now at Clayton State University- for helping me get my foot in the corporate door, preparing me for my future, helping me decide my professional direction and helping me strengthen my professional skills; Judith Atem, former chapter President of NSBE- for introducing me to such a phenomenal group and helping me strengthen my sense of community; Jackie Panzica- for having that talk with me that was the catalyst for helping me determine my future; Ms. Haynie, CSE Advisor- for always having a smile, being pleasant and helping me avoid a complete disaster during my senior year; to the many professors I have had but especially Mrs. VandeVen and Dr. Karam both of the School of Computing and Software Engineering, for making class extremely hilarious, interesting and challenging; LaRon Bell- for being that partner in crime by joining in on the SIFE project and making the competition an awesome experience; Ms. Jenkins in DoIT- for being a warm, welcoming person to be around and chat with; Ms. Cosme in BCP- for being a fun, loving person to be around; finally, last but not least, Hadiel Jassim- for the comical relief we've had during the Database Project and all the hilarious times we had in the CSE lab from that point forward.

Upon the closing of graduation ceremonies on May 8, 2010, the sun will set on this chapter of my life. That day is fast approaching. This has been an exciting journey that has clearly established itself as the bedrock of my future. I thank you all for reading the all of the series of the Tenstone Papers. Until we meet again. Take care.

Why the term “Cage-fighting” is a bad one

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Some time ago, during the early demise of the New York Knicks (1999 - 2000), I found myself searching desperately for a sport that could fill the void left by my waning interest for all things basketball. I tried everything from Action Sports (known as Xtreme Sports at the time) to even yes, Professional Wrestling. These and all other sport highlighted under the ESPN marquee piqued my interest for quite some time, that is until one faithful winters' night. It was on a night where the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) and Spike TV presented, for my viewing pleasure, 16 mixed-martial artists who where to abscond themselves from society and vie for a lucrative fight contract against one another, all while living under the same closed quarters. This was the precursor to what would change the landscape of my sports viewing life forever.

The Ultimate Fighter was a television show that reintroduced me to something that I had grown up on: a love for full contact fighting. Whether it was through watching 1980's Saturday morning cartoons with a mouth chalked full of cereal or imitating Bruce Lee movies with a stomach full of day-old pizza;

I liked full contact fighting and couldn't get enough of it.

When the sport of mixed-martial arts (MMA) was first introduced back in 1993, it was dubbed by Senator John McCain and others as "human cock fighting" mainly because it held true to a no holds barred mentality at the time. While under the free-enterprise-wielding reigns of its previous owners, the UFC marketed MMA as a sport that willing embraced the theme of "two men enter and one man leaves" and tried to turn it into a viable combat sports alternative to its pugilist brethren. For viewers to look past the fact that two consenting adults were to step into an unrelenting, ominous, eight-sided steel cage enclosure known simply as the Octagon to settle their differences was asking a bit much. But to go one step further and to tell the two combatants that they could use any tactic carried out on the schoolyard -- outside of biting and eye-pokes was a giant misstep in the wrong direction.

Lying dormant within this brand of MMA was the untold story of well-conditioned athletes who traded blows with one another in a fistic mixed-martial arts rendition of human chess. What I and many other MMA enthusiasts saw was an outlet for these athletes who enjoyed training

in every known form of combat sport while still showing a level of human decency: Boxing, Judo, amateur Greco-Roman wrestling, Taekwondo, and Ju-jitsu are just a few of the many endeavors that this sport encompasses.

Moreover, what the sport of MMA really needed were better ambassadors for the sport and the UFC brand who could find an amicable alternative to its barbaric Ancient Greek predecessor, which dates back to 648 B.C. (known as Pankration Fighting). Thankfully, Zuffa LLC., the new parent company of the UFC, bought out the old owners (in 2001) and replaced their brand of high stakes blood sport with a safer alternative, which is now sanctioned in 41 states by state-run governing officials.

Having said that, you have now come to realize that going into such a long-winded diatribe every time someone asks, "What's your favorite sport?" can be quite exhausting. Unfortunately, more often than not I am left to break the sport of MMA down to its most common denominator: "I like to watch Cage-fighting". The blank stares, involuntary face twitches, and head scratching which accompanies such a response is by now to be expected.

What is off-putting to me about referring to MMA

as "Cage-fighting" is that it doesn't truly tell the full story that the sport and fighters spin so masterfully with each contest. "Cage-fighting" does little to tell novices about how a fighter who weighs 154-lbs soaking wet can reel together 24 wins, 14 by way of submission. To that, the term "Cage-fighting" also does little to describe the stoic expression of one certain heavyweight fighter from the Ukraine that could make Ivan Drago lose control of his bodily functions. The answer is simple for me; the term "Cage-fighting" conjures up wrong images and tells a paltry story at best about the fastest rising sport today. I will however concede that MMA is a mystifying sport to the disengaged because of its lack of coverage by the sports media mainly due to the no holds barred stigma that lingered over it for so long. But fear not, it is now expanding its presence to an ever-growing audience. MMA and the UFC currently carry telecasts in over thirty countries with more being added every month. As the current governor of New York has stated on several occasions, MMA and the UFC bring in wanted revenue that is something that an economically downturned state such as New York so desperately needs.

While I still seem to find time to cheer for teams like the

New York football Giants and the Yankees, at times my interest in those and other stick-and-ball sports can be quite perfunctory to say the least. When it comes to MMA, what is there NOT to enjoy? On any given Saturday there is enough going on in a fight for the average twenty-something male to enjoy. With the old adage of "styles make fights" you are likely to see a fighter with a background in boxing go up against a top-notch Ju-jitsu practitioner. It is a sport like no other where a practitioner from one background can best another. In an argument over which sports team is superior, the NFL's Dallas Cowboys or the NBA's LA Lakers, one is left to speculate, such is not the case in MMA.

In closing, if you were to ask me if I am a fan of "Cage-fighting", I would have to say, no! However, I am a fan of MMA, as it is a sport that piques my interests like no other.

An In Depth Look at the Arduino

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Previously, I introduced the campus to this powerful little microcontroller, the Arduino. I'd like to talk about the specifics of the hardware and software a little more exhaustively now so that if you're still thinking about buying one, this article should help you make your decision. I'll go into the hardware and then talk about its software.

So here's the technical stuff (if it goes over your head, take a breath, keep reading, I'll explain it all). The board is 2 3/4" by 2 1/8" by 1/2". It has fourteen digital input/output pins capable of passing 50mA of current. Of these fourteen pins, six are capable of PWM output (i.e., analog output). It has six more pins that are capable of being analog input pins, but can also be digital pins. It has three ground pins, one 5V pin, a 3.3V pin, a Vin pin, reset pin, and AREF pin. It also has an ICSP header, but I'm not sure what to do with it, so I'll leave that alone. It has a DC barrel jack for a power supply, as well as a USB port to act as power supply and communication cord.

So now I'm going to tell all you non electrical folk what digital and analog mean. Digital means that the input or output is "represented in discrete numerical form" (thanks dictionary.com). For our purposes, this means that the digital pins process data as 1's and 0's. When

you look at what this means in physical voltage, a 1 means it is receiving 5V and a 0 means it is receiving 0V. So when you tell your digital pin to output a HIGH signal, it will output 5V.

Analog means that you have a continuous scale that is used to represent a value. So we have a high value, a low value, and a certain number of steps in between. The total number of steps is called its resolution. The analog input pins on the Arduino have a 10-bit resolution (i.e., 210), so there are 1,024 possible values (0 - 1023). The PWM pins, which are basically analog output pins, have an 8-bit resolution, making their range 0-255.

So how can you put these guys together? Here's a simple example that should join these concepts. Let's say you have a temperature sensor that outputs a voltage that changes as the temperature changes. Since this sensor has a wide array of voltages it can produce, you'll want to use an analog input pin to accurately capture them. Now, we also have an LED, and we want the LED to light up once the temperature reaches 75°. This is a good time to use a digital pin because only want the LED to be on or off-- nothing in between. So we play around with the sensor and find that when the temperature is 75°, it outputs a value of 625. Now we've got all the data we need; we just have to write the program. It'll follow this simple process: read the sensor value, if

it is above 625, then turn the LED on, if not, leave the LED off. And that's it -- replace the LED with a relay and you've got your own little thermostat!

To communicate with the Arduino and send it more programs, you just plug in the USB cord. There are a couple hoops to jump through in order to get your computer to recognize it correctly, but that's explained online and isn't difficult. The awesome part here is that your Arduino is capable of both receiving and transmitting information to your computer, so it's incredibly easy to write a program on your computer with Flash, for example, and have it control your Arduino. This means that you could put your program on a Web site and have it controllable by the users on the site, which means the possibilities are ENDLESS for this little guy (or gal).

Now let's talk about software. The Arduino is programmed using the Arduino programming language, which is based on a language called Wiring, and the Arduino development environment, based on Processing. Wiring actually builds on Processing, which was born out of MIT's Media Lab (look that place up when you get a minute). All of the software is free and available on the Arduino Web site. It's accompanied by reference materials, as well as some tutorials and examples. Since the software is so small (relatively speaking), you can run it off a thumb drive,

your hard drive, or a CD. Here's a small introduction to how the programming works:

When writing a program for the Arduino, you will always have at least two functions to write. This first, void setup(), is used to declare which pins you plan on using, as well as setting their initial values. The second, void loop(), is where the bulk of the program would lie. This function loops as long as the Arduino has power. Past this, you could write thousands of functions having thousands of variables and do thousands of things. That is just the bare minimum. So now, to give you an idea of what an Arduino program looks like, I'll show you the code for the thermostat program we talked about earlier.

```
int tempSensor = 0;
void setup(){
  pinMode(12, OUTPUT);
  digitalWrite(12, LOW);
}

void loop(){
  tempSensor = analogRead(3);
  if (tempSensor > 625){
    digitalWrite(12, HIGH);
  }
  else{
    digitalWrite(12, LOW);
  }
}
```

So you can see that we first set up a variable called tempSensor that we will use to store the analog sensor value. Then we initialize pin 12 as an output pin, followed by giving it an initial

value of LOW (making sure it's turned off). The loop starts with reading the value of analog pin 3 and storing it in our variable tempSensor. We then use an if-statement to see if the value is greater than 625. If it is, then it writes a HIGH value to pin 12 (turning the LED on), and if not, then it writes a LOW value to pin 12 (turning the LED off if it was on or just keeping it off). And then it loops through again and again until there's no more power.

So that's it for this article. In future issues of the paper, I'll do some tutorials on how to do some more complicated things with the Arduino, but I hope this article has whetted the appetites of some of you bit bangers out there. The board only costs \$30, and then the sky is the limit (as long as you've got the right components). If anyone has any comments or questions about this, please feel free to send me a message at dsluder@spsu.edu.

Retrospect Review: Parasite Eve

AKA: Much Ado about Mitochondria

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Genre: Action Adventure-Survival
Horror-RPG
System: Playstation

With the release of Final Fantasy 13, Roleplaying games in general continue to advance in complex battles, plot (arguably), and needless to say, graphics. It's almost surprising note that Square, the company behind Final Fantasy for those unaware, has made more franchises than just Final Fantasy: Brave Fencer Musashi, the just as popular Kingdom Hearts franchise, the Mana series, and lastly, Parasite Eve.

Here's a little history of Parasite Eve to me: About 12 years ago, 1998, I got my PlayStation, as well as a demo disc that contained sample of games like Metal Gear Solid, Ninja, and MediEvil. On it, there were also a few videos, one of which was Parasite Eve. Note, I was about 9 years old so the images of people bursting into flames and an unidentifiable ooze bringing things like dinosaur bones to life and transforming a simple rat into a grotesque demon from hell, really scared the crap out of me. It didn't help that it was accompanied by the most haunting opera choir I ever heard.

It's been 12 years, but even now, that trailer is still relatively creepy and finally, I decided to sit

Preview: BlazBlue 2

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With the release of Super Street Fighter 4 just around the corner, a lot of fighting game enthusiasts are getting very excited, myself included. Later on this year, fighting game fans will get another big title, BlazBlue: Continuum Shift, the more or less sequel to the original title, BlazBlue: Calamity Trigger. While the game isn't out on consoles in the U.S. quite yet, the arcade version of the game has been released.

Including numerous changes to the current roster of characters and system, Continuum Shift sports a lot of interesting changes, the biggest of which would be the inclusion of 2 brand new characters, Tsubaki Yayoi and Hazama.

These two characters are amazingly fresh additions to the game with styles unique to the cast of the game. Tsubaki plays a lot like Holy Order-Sol from the Guilty Gear franchise, while including a lot of moves and moves that makes combos very easy to pull out. To make them effective requires some practice.

Meanwhile, Hazama works very uniquely with the ability to strike from afar only to pull his self in to continue his attacks. He requires a bit of a strategic keep away game but ends up being incredibly satisfying after completing a combo.

Changes to the cast are in-

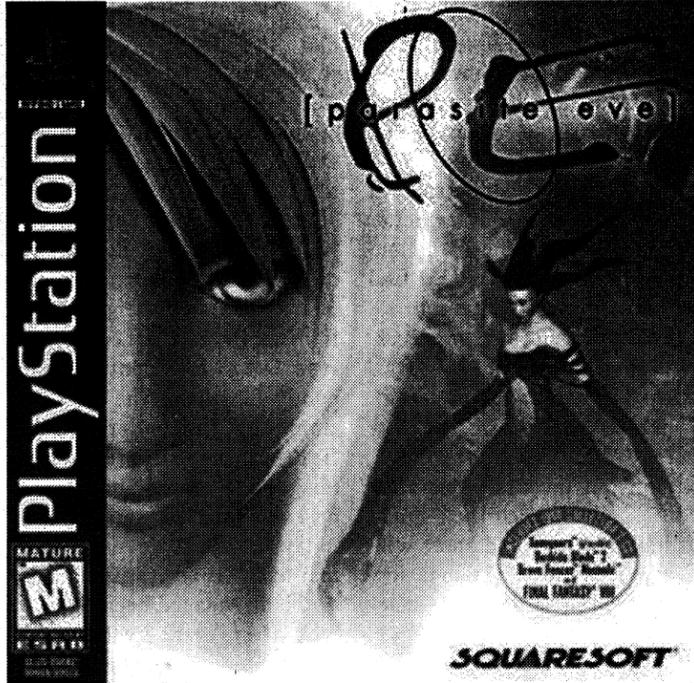


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down and play through it. However, after acquiring a copy of Parasite Eve, I was surprised to ask around and find that no one's actually played the game, so open up a can of 7up and let's have a retro review of Parasite Eve, just to be informative.

Story: Set in New York City, players take control of Aya Brea, a rookie cop who starts the game on a blind date to the opera. Shortly after the main actress begins her piece, everything goes to hell, with all the other actors and the audience

triguing too with some characters like Noel and Arakune having their entire game and combos completely changed, while characters like Tager and Hakumen have been giving new tools to allow them to fight against the stronger characters of the game.

Furthermore, the barrier bursts from the first game have been changed to not be so damaging just to get someone off of you. One can burst and still be able to use their barrier to prevent damage and if a player doesn't use their burst, they're instead reward by having an extra burst the next round.

Besides the changes to gameplay, Continuum Shift provides a bit of graphical and musical updates to backgrounds and character themes, as well as further the plot of the franchise, which surprisingly is pretty good for a fighting game, better than most plots given these days, if a bit ridiculous at times.

The console version of the game sports even more features than the arcade, including an exclusive character, more gameplay features, and online play. A exact date isn't known yet, but the game is expected this summer.

randomly bursting in the flames as the actress proceeds to levitate. Being unaffected by the extreme case of spontaneous combustion, Aya proceeds to confront the floating actress and thus feels a change in her body as she's told her mitochondria are awakening.

During a brief chase through the opera house, the actress changes into a strange monster, calling herself Eve, and begins affecting various creatures, changing rats into monsters and setting every human she comes across on fire. What follows, as Aya probably best puts it, is 6 days of terror, as she, her partner Daniel, and a Japanese scientist Maeda go around finding out the goals of Eve as well as stopping her.

Being a very cinematic game, the game's presentation is one of its strong points, with characters constantly moving in cutscenes and does not have them appear overly stiff. The characters are also interesting with a contrast between Aya



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and Eve and their relation to each other, and realistic representations of humans in such a scenario. The plot is also relatively interesting, as you find out why Aya isn't affected by Eve's powers of 'setting people on fire' and 'turning people into goo' and how Eve came to being as well as her ultimate plan. However, there is one main drawback to the game's plot: it's short, at least for a RPG, it's short. With the main plot clocking in at about 8 to 10 hours, one could play this for a week and then put it away, but the game does

present a side plot that builds on the main plot, which can add on several hours on its own.

Despite the shortness, the plot for Parasite Eve is good and the characters likeable and while your mileage may vary about the senses of relief when you find certain characters are alive and shock when other characters die, one thing is certain: you get heightened levels of disturbing scenes that builds on the game's presentation, especially with a haunting soundtrack that rivals the classic Resident Evil titles.

Gameplay: Parasite was a very unique title as it wasn't just a RPG. It took elements of Action-Adventure and Survival Horror and combined the three into something unique. As Aya, you drive to various locations that have reports of Eve activity and go through the equivalent of 'dungeons', solving puzzles, fighting monsters, and progressing the plot.

The battle system is where the gameplay becomes interesting, where the player controls Aya alone, which adds to the survival horror aspect of the game, the sense that you're by yourself in the middle of all this danger.

Following an active battle time system, players can move Aya around while her action bar fills up, dodging enemy attacks as well as positioning Aya so that she as a direct line of sight to her target. When her action bar is full, an attack bubble of sorts surrounds Aya, showing what enemies are in reach of her current weapon, as well as an ammo count. From here, Aya can shoot a single target multiple times or divide her shots among her targets. Add in a regenerating magic system, simply called Parasite Energy, as well as the abilities to use items and change your equipment in the middle of battle, and you add further elements to the game's combat.

One of the game's more interesting systems comes in the form of the ability to modify the various guns and armor you find throughout the game. Each gun carried a base attack power, range, and bullet while armor carries a base defense, Parasite Energy boost, and critical hit protection, as well as bonuses to all these stats and special traits such as auto-healing or fire damage. The intrigue comes from taking the bonuses weapons and armors get and stack them onto other weapons and armor, eventually making your favorite gun.

This becomes especially interesting as each gun type can work completely different to what you previously used: rifles are slow to fire, but they can deal high damage and have excellent range, while a machine gun can fire the most bullets at once and it fires the fastest of the types, but the damage for each bullet is low and in some cases you don't have a choice of what you're aiming at. It ends up becoming a personal preference to what the player wants and enjoys.

Overall, the battle system in the game is unique and the out of combat managing becomes rather enjoyable as you work to make the best gun to your play style.

Graphics: As stated earlier, presentation is the game's strong-point and while it may not hold up to today's graphics, Parasite Eve demonstrated advancement in displaying realistic models on the Playstation and it's interesting to note that the game was actually a tech demo for the graphics system used in Final Fantasy 8.

Despite the game's dated look, the character designs have a normal, modern, yet unique look to them. Even one of the most normal looking characters, Daniel stands out in his appearance and presentation as a veteran officer. The creativity of designer Tetsuya Nomura really comes out in his design for the many creatures you come across and fight, especially with the main villain, Eve.

Sound: With a soundtrack that constantly give a haunting atmosphere to the hell that Aya and her comrades are thrust into, composer Yoko Shimomura can really set the mood. While the feeling of loneliness and hopelessness are prominent throughout the game's soundtrack, sending chills down your spine and consistently places you in a state of fear and tension. Themes of various characters have several unique versions, including special pieces that combine two character's themes into something even more unique. The soundtrack is splendid.

While there's no voice acting, each gun has unique sounds that represent their real life counterparts so it's nice to see that attention to detail in a relatively old game.

Overall: Parasite Eve is a very unique and very creepy game that can really set you in the mood to lie in bed at night and hope that if you fall asleep that you will wake up not on fire and not transformed into goo.

While the game is short and its graphics compared to games nowadays leave something to be desired, Parasite Eve is a very unique game with an interesting plot, battle system and haunting music that still creeps me out to this day. If you manage to find a copy, and why not, Amazon has at least 25 copies for under 30 dollars (a steal considering the game is out of print) and I'm also sure that the game will eventually come to the Playstation Network if you have a Playstation 3, then pick it up and check it out, I guarantee that the game will certainly have an effect on you. 9/10

Kick-Ass

Super-hero movies, eat my shorts

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It's amazing that a movie title can both be a name, and a description. I say this because, in short, Kick-Ass was kick ass! And no, I'm not going to use this opportunity to use every four-letter word imaginable. Though, don't let my ability to limit my language fool you, Kick-Ass is not some ideal world where everyone solves their differences through plots of world domination and convoluted revenge. When something goes wrong, you're going to hear it in the form of an F-Bomb. This movie is rated R for a reason. Actually it's rated R for MANY reasons, so I guess what I'm saying is don't bring your little sister or brother to this movie if they have a hint of wholesome family values.

Kick-Ass is as real as any super-hero movie I've ever seen. If Batman Begins was built on the question, "What if Batman was realistic?" Kick-Ass was built on the question, "How come nobody's ever tried to be a super-hero?" Unlike Batman however, Kick-Ass answers that question pretty much immediately. Super-humans don't exist, no one is so special that the world steps out of their way, or in other words, "If anybody did it in the real world, they'd get their ass kicked." If that doesn't set the stage for the rest of the movie then you need to get your head checked.

The story of young Dave Lizewski isn't something you'd expect from a comic book super-hero. He's not an orphan of a wealthy family out for revenge for their deaths. He's not that awkward kid who finds ways to be a part of the in-crowd. Dave is as normal as you or I could have been back in high-school. He's got a set of close friends, he's got trouble catching the attention of the girl he likes, he's got an internet connection with too much time on his hands (be prepared for uncomfortable groans in the audience), and he spends his free time reading and talking comics with his friends. But that's

going to change, not suddenly as he hears the cry for help, but slowly as he plays with that same question, "How come nobody's ever tried to be a super-hero." How hard could it be? Throw on a mask, get a cool name, catch a few purse-snatchers and car thieves and the people will call you a super-hero right?

The truth isn't that simple, it never was and probably never will be. But even through all the hard answers and slow nights where it would just seem so easy to go home and quit, Dave doesn't give it up. Beaten and bloodied but victorious, he hears someone say "Thank You", not the girl Dave always wanted to hold in his arms, not the person whose respect he's always wanted, but a complete stranger. Now imagine that thanks to video-phones and You-Tube the whole world see's his moment of victory in the form of a viral video. Now imagine that Dave Lizewski, or the green and yellow vigilante Kick-Ass, isn't the only one.

Don't let me paint this movie as heart-warming or inspirational, ultimately this movie takes the super-hero formula and staples 'Real' to its forehead and we watch the screaming, bleeding and cranial trauma that goes with stapling anything to anyone's forehead (don't try this at home kids). I laughed with the audience as we realized Big Daddy talks like Adam West's Batman and then cheered as he fights like the Punisher. I'd be lying to say I wasn't a little scared of Hit Girl, all three and a half feet of pure sugary sweet genocide that she is. I'll be very upset if there isn't a Red Mist sequel, the red and black crime-buster who reminded me why I love Jack Nicholson's Joker the best deserves it. The music was spot-on funny in a way Watchmen only dreamed to be. If the movie suspends disbelief, it's because it's funnier when a microwave works that way. It's an action flick, it's a comedy, it's a super-hero movie with everything super-powered taken out but left everything super-fun in.

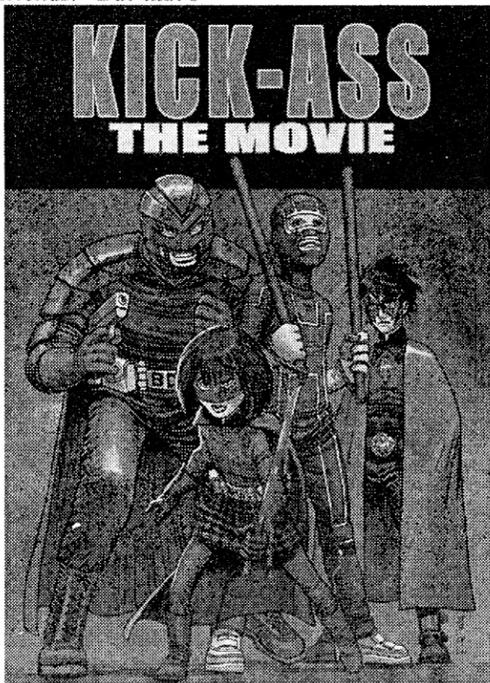


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Scratch

Your Kids' Programming Language

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As I stumble around the Internet, I find these little gems that scream "MORE PEOPLE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THIS!" Scratch, by the MIT Media Lab's Lifelong Kindergarten Group is one of those things.

Most of you at SPSU know a little bit about how to program things. Maybe you're writing a macro for Excel, playing around with physical computing on your Arduino, or building a new game in C#, but you know about the different kinds of variables, the ins and outs of Boolean logic, how to nest if statements and the like. But when you start to play around with graphics and sound, the learning curve gets a lot steeper. So we have a problem: children are becoming more technologically savvy as the days go on, but learning how to program is still beyond what many of them are capable of (both in terms of skill and focus). The answer is Scratch, a programming environment that makes it foolishly easy to create games, interactive art, and animations.

If you've ever played with Lego Mindstorms®, you've been exposed to a programming environment where you drag and drop different graphics to create

a program. Instead of writing the code line-by-line, you have these pre-made blocks, whose characteristics can be edited, that stack together to form a program. Scratch is a lot like that, but geared more to a younger generation than a college freshman.

When you open the program, you have the scripts windows in the middle, the different commands on the left, and a viewing window on the right. The commands are separated into eight different groups: motion, looks, sound, pen, control, sensing, operators, and variables. There are a number of commands within each group, allowing you to do everything from play a sound bite of a cymbal for 2 seconds to picking a random number.

When you want to connect a series of actions, you just stack them, one on top of the other. It has a way to say "when the space key is pressed, do this:". It has most of the commands that anyone would ever need to create a small game or animation. And whenever you want to test what you've made, you just click on it and the viewing window will show you. There's no need to compile or build it. Just click and go.

Now it's never going to make anything that Xbox will

want to sell, but that's not why they created the program. They wanted to find a way to introduce kids to programming that is interesting, will keep their focus, and creates a final product that you want to show off.

Their Web site is a testament to this – there are over 800,000 projects uploaded. The top three mean ages for project creators are 17-20, 12, and 13, in descending order. These projects aren't just a cartoon cat jumping up and down either. There's a Sonic clone, music videos, and more stick man animations than you can (gulp..) shake a stick at.

So if you've got a brother, sister, niece, son, daughter, or anyone else who is even mildly interested in computers, download Scratch and see what they create. Heck, download it yourself and see what you can make. Or just get on the Scratch Web site (scratch.mit.edu), and see what other people have made. It'll make you hopeful about the upcoming generation.

Get Wrecked!!

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For about several months now, on a bi-weekly basis, gamers across the campus and even some that don't even come to campus gather together to play games. What kind of games? Why, fighting games of course. This event is called 'Get Wrecked' and is hosted by CAB's own LaRon Bell. To get a further detail about 'Get Wrecked', the Sting has interviewed the fighting game advocate.

What is 'Get Wrecked'?

Is an event for people who enjoy playing fighting games. People who don't play games are welcome as well

What games are played there?

Right the current game list is: Street Fighter 4, Smash Brothers Melee/Brawl, BlazBlue, Street Fighter 2, and recently we've planned on incorporating n64s

How did you get the idea?

A gaming store in Diluth called Waba has been Gas main area for Smash Tournaments and word got out that they were going out of business. So I decided to turn SPSU enter the new spot for smash and other games.

When does it happen and how often does it happen?

Every two Weeks on thursday night. However it really starts

when people show up, generally around 8 or 9 in the evening.

Where does it occur?

Howell Lobby, but soon we will have to change locations to the new community in courtyard so we don't have to move our TVs all the time

Did any issues arise in setting this event up?

The main issue was the outlets in the lobby are weak and some don't even work. So even though we have 7 tvs, we can only hook up 5 or 6 due to the number of outlets

How late does it go?

Fortunately, the Howell Lobby doesn't close at a certain time so gamers can literally play all night. There has been a couple times where games were played until 6am!

Is there an appeal for people who don't normally play games?

For those who don't play, we have spare tables for cards. The most popular game that people is Yugioh.

If there's something you could ask participants to bring, what would it be?

The most important thing I want people to bring is their own controller. Next, would be more systems but we don't have the power to support more than 7 systems. Once we move loca-

tions, we'll be able to hook up maybe 10 tvs

How long do you intend to keep this event running?

I plan to run this event for as long as possible. I think people at Southern Poly will ALWAYS have a strong gamer community. And as long as I'm here, I will do my best to keep the gamer community goin strong

Any other statements you'd like to give about 'Get Wrecked'?

That I want to go one more step and turn this group of people into a club on-campus.

And There you have it. So if you like the competitive scene, gaming in general, or just want to hang out and have fun, then check out 'Get Wrecked'. Every two weeks, with the next one being on April 29th.

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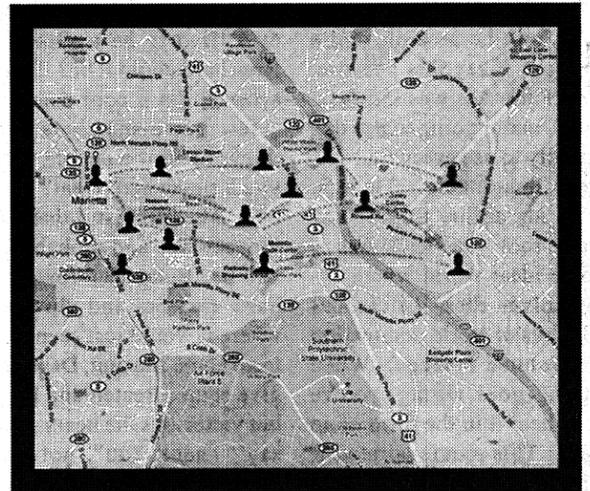
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