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Meet your online adviser DegreeWorks

By Vicki Nix

You can put away the compass and map and access SPSU's latest GPS for a successful journey to graduation. This summer the registrar's office rolled out DegreeWorks, an advising software that interfaces with the existing Banner Web system. DegreeWorks allows both the student and advisor to track required courses, elective options and completed courses according to actual transcript records.

Steve Hamrick, Registrar and Assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs, was motivated to help students find a faster and more orderly way to manage their education tract. He indicated the message from State and Federal levels to increase Graduation rates in Georgia has been ringing loud

and clear. DegreeWorks is a program made available to SPSU through the State of Georgia which made its implementation for SPSU quick and efficient.

Over the summer, Dr. Rutherford (professor of IT, and SACS liaison), sent an email that launched the initial look at DegreeWorks. This soft opening has given students and faculty time to wander about the pages and discover the tools available. Mr. Hamrick stated, "It is important for students to check the accuracy of their degree declaration and catalog year." The course record in DegreeWorks is the record used by the graduation auditor.

Students are responsible for reporting errors and can petition for substitutions.

Changes and corrections are made and can be viewed online in the system upon review and approval. It is important for students to recognize that DegreeWorks is the most accurate and up-to-date source for tracking courses toward graduation. While faculty can explain how things should be and can be, if course work and profile information are not reflected correctly in DegreeWorks, students may get off track during course planning.

Using the information of your catalog year, transcript, degree and concentrations, students will be able to manage course selection with a snapshot view of where they are and graduation. "Minor" degrees (different from a concentration) can be managed as well.

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Maralee Clarke is the primary contact for DegreeWorks at mclarke@spsu.edu. Happy trails to you for a journey without hearing the word "re-calculating."



Photo by Elizabeth Garner

The globe collapses, has quick repair

By Elizabeth Garner

If you were not on campus over the summer, or even if you were, you may have missed one of SPSU's most important landmarks break apart.

In a freak accident, the globe snapped partly off its base and leaned 90 degrees over to the side. The globe broke due to a combination of strong winds and a rusty base. Despite the damage, the globe was fixed within a matter of days.

The globe, a focal point of our university, is used for gatherings and occasions of all sorts. It was definitely odd to see it broken, and I am glad they got it fixed quickly. So, that's what you missed over the summer at SPSU! You may have never known . . .

SPSU awarded \$455,000 Airforce grant

By Ronald Ellerbee

Dr. David Veazie, director of the SPSU Center for Advanced Engineering Materials and Education (CAMRE), and a professor of mechanical engineering technology, has been awarded a grant of more than \$455,000 by the Air Force Office of Scientific Research in the 2011 Defense University Research Instrumentation Program (DURIP) Competition.

I interviewed Dr. Veazie about the amazing news and what this means for SPSU.

First, I asked him how he felt about winning this award and beating out over 700 other proposals for the same award. He said it was a terrific feeling. He submitted a few proposals to other agencies such as NASA and NSF but fine tuning this proposal specifically for the Air Force Office of Scientific Research's DURIP program led to winning the award. He also credits participating in Air Force Research Laboratory summer faculty fellowship program in the summer of 2010 at Eglin Air Force Base.

The main reason for submit-

ting the proposal was so SPSU could purchase equipment to do nano-materials research. Dr. Veazie explained that SPSU will be purchasing the state-of-the-art ultra high resolution thermal field emission Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM), which will foster materials research and research training for students by allowing high-magnification (higher than 1,000,000X) observation of specimen surfaces.

So what does all this mean for SPSU students in general?

Dr. Veazie explains "The advanced Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) will serve as a 'campus-wide' instrument, regularly used by faculty and students from several departments including science (chemistry, physics, and biology), engineering (mechanical, construction, civil and electrical) and engineering technology (mechanical and electrical).

"I will ask the faculty and student researchers to become researchers in the CAMRE (Center for Advanced Materials Research and Education), with a mission to

bring together experts in science, engineering and technology to establish integrated research, education, and student-mentoring in an effort to understand and improve engineering materials by controlling the composition, structure, and properties from the microscopic to the macroscopic.

"The CAMRE will meet the increasingly stringent requirements of cutting-edge materials technology by fundamental research, education, innovation and improved methodologies in the fabrication, processing and synthesis of advanced materials and structures; characterization, durability, and failure analyses of materials; and the education and research training of students, as well as outreach to the community."

SPSU has already received the money from the grant and are awaiting the arrival of the equipment which will take a few weeks.

Dr. Veazie also mentioned "As an indispensable tool for student research training in materials, the SEM provides an understanding

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In Memoriam: Professor Jack Haley

By Mark Stevens, Ph.D.

Professor Jack Haley will no longer be answering his email. For those of us who knew Professor Haley when he taught Speech at Southern Polytechnic between 2001 and 2010, that would come as no surprise, as he was notoriously “old school” and would have little to do with computers. What does come as a surprise—and a much regretted one—is that William “Jack” Haley, 74, died in Birmingham in late June. Having retired in May 2010 from SPSU, he was suffering from a Parkinson’s disease-like illness and had been unsteady on his feet. He had just gotten out of his car on a visit to his hometown when he fell and hit his head on a concrete driveway, fracturing his skull.

Professor Haley had a significant impact on students during his nine years at SPSU. Besides teaching speech classes, he also founded the Golf Team (which he coached while his swing held up) and the Forensics Team (which he continued to coach until retirement; his voice certainly never failed him). And had he figured out a way to do so, he probably would have also organized student activities around dogs and the game of bridge, two other passions he had.

LaRon Bell, who was a captain of the Forensics Team under Professor Haley, remembers how he was recruited. “On the first day of our

first presentations,” Bell said, “I just so happened to be the last presenter. After we had all finished speaking, Professor Haley gave feedback to everybody except for me. Now, I was certain that I had done well, but the fact that I didn’t get a grade worried me a little bit. So after class, I made sure to stop and ask, ‘Professor, I noticed I didn’t get a



rubric back from you. Did I do all right?’ He took a step towards me, placed his hand on my shoulder, and said ‘Actually, I think you should consider coming out for the speech team.’” A couple of years later, Bell placed second in his event in the state collegiate speech tournament.

Another student—Bryan Sartin, who was another Forensics

Team star—recalled Professor Haley’s teaching method, which “was not what I considered textbook traditional. He motivated us to pull from areas where we had some expertise and give presentations in those areas so that we were more comfortable when delivering the speech.” Sartin, who like Bell was also recruited for the team by Professor Haley, added, “I view Professor Haley as someone who not only had the credentials when coaching the team and teaching speech class, but someone who was wise.”

While traveling with the team, Professor Haley often paid for student tournament trips out of his own pocket. While on these trips, he’d often amaze students by recounting experiences such as having spoken to Dr. Martin Luther King when King was in the Birmingham jail (Haley’s father was the City of Birmingham jailor in the 1960s) or having shared an office at Georgetown University with Secretary of State-to-be Madeline Albright when they both taught there.

Jack Haley leaves behind him a daughter in graduate school at Arizona State University, a new baby granddaughter, and fond memories of many of us here at Southern Polytechnic.

Simplyhired.com

By Victoria Allen

When I first stumbled upon the job search web site simplyhired.com, I was taken aback. SimplyHired was the fourth link from the top of my job search results on Google. I had no clue what to expect once I clicked on the link. The home page was very simple in design and it clearly advertised facebook on the page. As I skimmed over the very shallow homepage, the first thing that jumped out at me was the fact that the site allows you to log into it by using a facebook account.

Before I made the decision to sign up for their service, I took a closer look at the items that were on the home page. It had two job search description boxes: Keywords and Location. These boxes allowed me to put in a specific job title and city so I could search for any job I wanted to pursue. After I dug into the site itself, I discovered that once I selected a job that interested me, I was automatically sent to another website that was affiliated with the company I selected. This was a confusing process and it almost discouraged me from using the site until I saw the option of creating a job alert.

The job alert allowed me to select only the jobs that interested me, and they would be emailed to

me as often as I wanted them to be. With this option I could decide if I needed to log into the site or just wait a few days and check back. Most job sites don’t give you an option of having a job alert, but Simpledhired.com does have that option and I am grateful. That is the main reason I signed up for their service.

Having a job alert feature is a convenient way for SimplyHired to give its users a sneak peek at the jobs that they are interested in. With the job alert feature, I am able to see the current jobs and click the link or just delete the email altogether. If I see something interesting, all I have to do is click on the link and it automatically directs me to the company website. From that point, I can read the job description and apply for the job immediately. The job listings usually have a brief description connected to the email so it is easy to know right away if you want to click on it.

Looking at the job titles are easy to see as soon as you open the email. Some of the positions that are listed with SimplyHired are Civil Engineering, Tutoring, Technical Communications, Registered Nurse, Psychologist and Accounting to name a few. Also,

some of the companies listed with them have jobs that are affiliated with telephone companies, computer related, and even truck driver companies. SimplyHired makes it easy to find jobs anywhere.

SimplyHired has job listings for numerous states across the USA. If you are in the process of relocating to another state, this is a great place to start. I must mention, since the links take you directly to the company web site that the job is being offered through, you will be able to get more information about the company, which should aid you in making an immediate decision.

If you can’t find a job that suites your needs or desires, at least you will get a good idea of what the industry is expecting your experience level to be.

On this site you will get an option to log in using facebook, link directly to the company that you are interested in, get a precise job alert emailed to you, complete job expectations, and attain a long list of nationwide job availabilities.

You may be able to find your next job or career at

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of materials at the microscale, where novel investigations for multi-scale bridging, fracture, inelasticity, nucleation events, crystallization and phase transformations can be applied and design optimization synergisms expedited. The SEM will be the foundation of the equipment for the CAMRE, and will complement other equipment such as mechanical test frames for material characterization, rheology and processing, thermochemical analysis, etc., and will be infused in the curriculum.

“Students will utilize the SEM to acquire skills in multiple material related disciplines such as mechanical characterization, microfabrication, nanostructured and multifunctional materials, and material synthesis, covering material research topics ranging from low density materials, hierarchical, multi-constituent composites and nanocomposites, as well as aerogels, zeolites, organosilicates, and electromagnetics.

“The SEM will have significant broad impact on the CAMRE and SPSU’s infrastructure for materials research, research training, and education, as well as strengthen the capabilities and give a competitive edge to SPSU to perform materials research and development for and with industry and government agencies.”

This means a lot to SPSU because we were the first school outside of Georgia Tech to ever be awarded a DURIP. Dr. Veazie also added SPSU is on the verge of doing great things in novel research areas such as the programs that the Department of Defense is interested in.

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SPSU gets five new degrees

By Elizabeth Garner

Beginning fall 2011, SPSU is proud to offer five brand new undergraduate degree programs recently approved by the Board of Regents.

In a very exciting addition, the School of Arts and Sciences will now be offering programs that lead to secondary teacher-certification through bachelor of science degrees in biology, chemistry and physics and a bachelor of arts degree in mathematics. The fifth new degree program is the addition of a bachelor of arts in new media arts to the ETCMA department.

The teaching degrees are a great asset to SPSU. I know many students have been waiting a long time for a teaching program. Some students have started out here, but subsequently had to transfer to another school to pursue teaching. Now that will no longer be the case – those interested in teaching middle or high school math, biology, chemistry or physics can stay right here.

Being an English major, the new media arts degree is closely related to my degree program. According to SPSU Public Relations, “The new media arts degree will provide students with an opportunity to develop the technical and artistic skills needed to serve as practitioners in the fields of multimedia development and design, web design and video production. The degree incorporates elements of the fine and applied arts with technology and as such encourages both creativity and practical application.”

Just since 2006, SPSU has added 19 new degrees giving us a total of 41 undergraduate degrees and 12 graduate degrees.

Article about the new SPSU polytechnic journal will be in the September issue.

Our cartoonist had to move away, so we are looking for a replacement (big shoes to fill here). If you're interested, email sting@spsu.edu.



Opinion

Modern war is not a board game

By Robert Barnard

On June 22, President Barack Obama ordered the withdrawal of 10,000 troops from the battlefields of Afghanistan by the end of the year. He also wants to pull out another 23,000 by the summer of 2012. The president wants to have all the troops home and the country turned over to Afghan security forces by 2014.

The president's advisors have warned against this withdrawal, stating that it is too risky. I have to agree with the advisors. As an 11-year veteran of the military, I understand that war is a horrible

thing. I also understand that you cannot just end a war; you have to actually win.

I would love to see all of our troops come home, but they understand why they are there. We have a volunteer military service. I wonder how many people actually remember what sent us to Afghanistan in the first place-- the attacks on September 11, 2001. I was still in the Navy at that time so I have a very vivid memory of that day.

I want to be there to welcome our military home, at the end of the war. When we win it, not when we

declare it is over.

This is not a board game like RISK where you can quit when you get tired. You have to actually win the war. I know what you are all thinking; we killed Osama bin Laden so our mission is complete. I would have to say that you are wrong. Yes, we did kill Osama but I believe there is someone in Al Qaeda to take his place. To think that Al Qaeda will stop when we kill one of their top people is absurd. There are other people that hate us as much as bin Laden did if not more.

I do not think the people of

Afghanistan are ready to take over control of their country. It has always been the policy of the United States to rebuild the countries you attack. If you doubt this, take a look back at the end of WWII. We helped Japan rebuild after the dust had settled. So my question is why should things change in the policy just because we think it should? I was there to see the bombing video when we destroyed the country. We should rebuild it.

As a Navy veteran, my opinion is that the President of the United States is flat wrong on this decision

to bring the troops home. They were sent there to complete a mission so let's allow them to do it to the end. The generals on the ground know where we are in respect to the plan that was originally laid out by President Obama. Even the chairman of the Joint Chiefs thinks this move to withdraw the troops is a risky one.

I have the highest respect for all of our troops both at home and abroad. I encourage you to thank a veteran for their service every opportunity you get. I say let's bring the military home after we win!

The fiasco referred to as Operation Fast and Furious

By Robert Barnard

There is now another government foul-up in the books. The evidence is still coming through as I write this article. Operation Fast and Furious was supposed to catch the cartels, not arm them. What it has actually done is the exact opposite. We were actually and probably still are arming the cartels in Mexico with guns to not only kill their own citizens but our tourists in Mexico as well.

Where did this brilliant idea originate? You got it—the Department of Justice of the United States of America. The ATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, & Firearms) then put everything into play. A customs agent was killed by the guns that

we gave to the cartels. Also, U.S. Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry was killed by two guns that were supplied to Mexico in this operation, according to ATF reports.

What they did was allow guns to knowingly fall into the hands and the possession of people that were supplying criminals and narco-terrorist groups. Then they just started counting bodies on the other side of the transactions, hoping that they were going to get to a cartel. They were willing to climb over dead bodies and play God with the ATF and with the laws of the agency in order to try to catch a cartel.

Currently, the Department of Justice and the ATF are pointing

fingers and assessing blame for this tremendous political disaster and disgrace to our country. From my point of view, we should start at the top and work our way down holding everyone that has knowledge of this operation accountable. No one should be above our laws regardless of their place or position in our government.

If you are the Attorney General and you endorse a program as disgraceful as this, you should be forced to resign immediately. That, however, is not the case. While two federal agents and numerous other citizens of the U.S. and Mexico have been killed during this fiasco, Attorney General Eric Holder still

holds his position in the U.S. Department of Justice. The management of the ATF are circling their wagons and trying to figure out who they can point the finger at to avoid any personal accountability for what they've done.

Eric Holder has been very careful about his words. To say that he approved it—he's denied his approval of it. Also, to think that something like this is going on to the scale and to the volume that it did, as the Attorney General, as the leader of the Department of Justice, how did he not know about it? That's a lose lose for Holder. So he both knew about it and did nothing, or he didn't know about it and

it shows that he's incompetently running the Department of Justice!

In any case, I believe it is time for Attorney General Eric Holder to look for another job and leave the position of Attorney General to someone that is more suited and prepared for the position.

I hold all of our leaders in the Federal Government accountable for their actions as they are appointed to their positions based on their qualifications.

I welcome any other opinions on this topic.

Did you watch that TV show?

Firefly

By Corey Jones

Rolling over from last issue's topic of science fiction, "Firefly", filmed in 2002, makes it to the top of the pile of TV shows. Though "Firefly" does not have quite the allure in the television industry as other TV series do, it is still an amazing series.

"Firefly" is based around a human society that has moved out into space. In the wake of a civil war, many ships are in disrepair. The state of disrepair helps to define the atmosphere of the series. There is also a little apprehension in the background as a result of the somewhat oppressive government that won the civil war; a government that does not tolerate the business that the protagonists often conduct.

Sometimes, characters make exclamations or comments in Chinese, since the writers of the series figured that if humans moved into space, China and the U.S. would be the surviving nations. The Chinese in the series is not prolific enough to keep the meaning from the viewer, for those of us who don't know Mandarin.

Mal, the captain of *Serenity*, a *Firefly*-class ship (and thus the name of the series), is a veteran of the civil war, as well as a few crew members. Typically, Mal takes jobs from whomever so that the crew can eat and re-fuel the ship. The series begins with Mal taking on passengers that turn out to be fugitives and the ensuing trials and tribulations define the series. Characters work their way through arguments among themselves as well as through jobs that they take to stay afloat.

But, why is "Firefly" so amazing? While the series gives an outward appearance of science fiction, it is clear that there are other genres at work in the series. Action and adventure, of course, play a strong role in keeping the audience interested as well as drama and romance. There is even a distinct western feel to many of the episodes. It is also worth mentioning that horror can work its way in from time to time.

Reavers, an off-shoot of the human race are extremely violent and will attack just about anything that comes in their sights. These humanoids show up in a handful of episodes. So there's a little bit of something in "Firefly" for everyone.

However, "Firefly" is not perfect. The biggest problem with the series is how long it lasted. There are only fourteen episodes. The Pilot is an hour and a half, and there is a movie (*Serenity* – made in 2005) that follows the series. The reason that the show only lasted as long as it did is supposedly because Fox ran the episodes out of order so the reviews were bad, prompting Fox to terminate the series that would have run for seven years.

But, don't let the duration of the series deter you from watching. I found this series to be very fun to watch and the movie provides a satisfying conclusion, so the series is not left open-ended. If you are interested in watching the series, Netflix does have it on instant play.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2

By Neisha Holliday

Well, it's over. Whether or not you have been a diehard fan of the series from the beginning or someone who merely watched the films because your friend poked and prodded you into the theater, there is no doubt that this last Harry Potter movie is a great summer film.

Even though I have read the books (an embarrassing amount of times, I must say), I promise you I will not be one those reviewers that compares the books to the films because in my view, they are two very different mediums of entertainment that deserve their own treatment. So onward we go to "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2."

At the very beginning of the film, if anyone was hoping for a quick recap of events, they were out of luck, as the second half of the film picks up right where the last film left off with no hesitation. Harry (Daniel Radcliff) and his two trusty companions, Ron and Hermione (Rupert Grint and Emma Watson) immediately continue their search for Horcuxes (dark magical objects that have parts of a dark wizard's soul) in order to defeat Harry's archenemy, Lord Voldemort (Ralph Fiennes).

If there is one thing that can be said about this film as opposed to Part 1 it is that there is enough action to rival Michael Bay's "Transformers." Well, maybe that is a bit of a leap, but you get my point. There's no camping in forests for 40% of the film at least.

Moving on, Harry and his pals basically get into one fight after the next, until the final battle that lasts well over 40 minutes. In an effort to not spoil anything, there are more than a few intense and emotional scenes that required acting chops that I doubted Daniel Radcliff could handle (if anyone remembers the crying scene in "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban," then you know what I mean). But I am happy to write that both Radcliff and all of the other child (excuse me, adult) actors that we have come to see grow up on film acted phenomenally.

Long gone are awkwardly long pauses between sentences (see 1-5 of the Harry Potter films for an example) or the emotion the directors seemed to have to force out of the actors (most notably, see the Chris Columbus directed films). After this movie, I

can honestly see all three of the leads participating in some serious acting gigs and overcoming the shadow the Harry Potter series has cast over their current lives.

If I have anything bad to say about this film it is that some of the scenes that you expect to be longer are purposefully cut (and I am willing to bet that it is because Warner Bros. wants to release a long and expensive director's cut DVD), and certain character's deaths don't exactly get the treatment or attention that they deserve.

Anyway, I give this film an A-, as the cast and crew really put their all into this last film and delivered a great conclusion to a story beloved by millions of people around the globe. And chances are by the time you see this article, you'll already have seen it at least twice.



From the game lab

Duke Nukem Forever

By Jared Sanchez

In the 90s, gaming culture was filled with iconic characters some of which are prevalent even today. While most enjoyed the adventures of Mario, Link and Sonic; the slightly older audience enjoyed the escapades of Duke Nukem. Duke is a walking parody of famous action heroes with the machismo cranked up to the max.

He debuted in 1991 in "Duke Nukem" as a modest 2D shooter (Contra-like), his franchise took off when 3D age of gaming rolled around and The Duke took up the mantle as a 3D first person shooter. Duke finally got his chops in "Duke Nukem 3D" with the help of voice actor John St John, further solidifying the icon of Duke with his cheese ball one-liners.

To the delight of fans, 3D Realms (formally Apogee Software) announced in 1998 that Duke will make a comeback in "Duke Nukem Forever." Fans were eagerly awaiting the next chapter in The Duke's journey but were disappointed the find that it was cancelled. This was the start of a long battle for The Duke. The franchise was in twelve years of development, rife with cancellations and lawsuits.

Duke Nukem turned from iconic hero to being a mythological being in those twelve years, often known for coining the term "vaporware." Until 2010 when Gearbox Software surprised everyone by announcing that Duke Nukem Forever is real and is in production. The Duke was back and all of the fans of the franchise resurfaced once again filled with excitement.

A lot of things can happen in a span of twelve years, and the fans were kept on the edge of their seats for the longest time. Everyone was expecting another game full of Duke being awesome and Gearbox was doing a great job in building hype. However, hype is a powerful thing, most of the time it can make or break a game when reality sets in.

Unfortunately for Duke, this falls in the latter.

"Duke Nukem Forever" takes place twelve years (tip of the hat for the joke there) after Duke defeated the invading Cycloid race in "Duke Nukem 3D." He spent those twelve years reveling in the spotlight as savior of the human race and retired as a proprietor of the Lady Killer Casino in Los Angeles. With his ego breaching critical mass and still full of shameless machismo, Duke continues to be the womanizing man's man the only way he knows how: as obnoxiously as possible.

Long story short, aliens invade once again and take all of our women, which pulls The Duke right out of retirement. Unfortunately for us, retirement did a number on ol' Duke. The gameplay takes unusual shape in which it clearly picked up elements of first person shooters throughout the twelve years of development. Somehow Duke lost his ability to carry an arsenal of weapons and we are stuck with the 'two-weapons-only' rule of modern day shooters, but even then the weapons don't have the same powerful feel that they had back in the day.

The combat sequences are very shallow enter-room-shoot-guys-until-door-opens sequences that you will experience multiple times. It is also unusual to see how fragile Duke has gotten; long gone is his health because it has been replaced by a hilariously named Ego bar, which you can increase by doing things like admiring yourself in the mirror. However what are also gone are the health pick-ups, which has been replaced by the regenerating health method of today's shooters.

I find it very unusual to have a Ego bar that can only be restored by running away and hiding for a few seconds (not Duke-like). It seems like the only thing they kept in the game was the interactivity of the world itself. In fact I had more fun messing with using the microwave and playing the arcade games in the game than I did with the actual combat; to be honest I think Duke was feeling the same.

Duke Nukem's persona this time around is really a parody of himself as opposed to being a parody of action heroes. His machismo and egotism is so far-gone that he appears to be more like a sociopath than that of a hero and even then it seems like the characters that surround him completely accept and borderline worship him. While it's acceptable to the fact that he did save the world twelve years ago but most of the time Duke has made me feel very uncomfortable by what he says in certain situations. Even John St John, the iconic voice of Duke, sounds bored and phoned-in with every one-liner that he throws around.

I like to think that there are two types of Duke Nukem in the world: one that exists in this game and the one that everyone is still waiting for. The one that we are all still waiting for is the macho, world-saving, cheesy hero that we all know and love. Twelve years seems to do a lot to a character, I would think that it actually broke The Duke, twisting his image into something unsettling. The modern day rules of mainstream FPS's constricted what could've been an amazing (and in my opinion, long overdue) traditional FPS.

I hope that someday there will be a return of the tradition shooter that I think everyone would find refreshing in this mire of gritty and dull FPS genre. Unfortunately this time I'm not betting on Duke. 4/10.

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Thoughtful thoughts

By Alexander Hartel

Hello, fellow students of Southern Polytechnic State University! (After typing all that, I can understand why everyone just calls it “Southern Poly.”) Let’s face it, we can’t be studying and learning *all* the time.

It’s a little-known fact of college that sometimes textbooks can be boring—and if you spend too much time with them, the dullness can become contagious. That is why I want to write a column full of jokes, unusual stories and other trivialities. Think of it as a resource for laughter, entertainment and relief from ABS (Academic Boredom Syndrome).

It should be fun, but I’m not sure if I’m up to the task of writing this column. Perhaps a better ques-

tion would be whether you all are up to the task of reading it; but I’ll give it a shot. Anyway, since most of you don’t know me, I should start by introducing myself. Here are just a few quick facts about me: **Name:** Alex(ander) Hartel **Age:** Old enough to know better. **Birthplace:** Cincinnati, OH **Academic Major:** Accounting **Occupation:** Distribution Specialist **Preoccupation:** Telling jokes

Don’t let that part about my preoccupation fool you. I actually take my job as distribution specialist very seriously. You might not realize it, but being a distribution specialist is a very important, challenging job. As a matter of fact, all of us who work in distribution are a lot like brain surgeons. Or

dermatologists. Or otolaryngologists. How? We are all specialists. Anyway, all joking aside, let’s get down to the humor.

Since I was born in Ohio, and I lived about half my life in Wisconsin, I am what you might call a “Yankee.” So, in this issue, I decided to put together a list of jokes called “Yankeeisms.” Actually, Yankeeisms don’t really have anything more to do with northerners than they do with Americans in general. What these jokes all have in common is that they are all based on wild, sometimes irrational, exaggeration. They are quintessentially American. The first few I found in a book called *Witcracks*, written by Alvin Schwartz (published in 1973).

- There was a man who was so tall that he had to get on his knees to put his hands in his pockets.
- On the day he was born, he was such a huge baby his parents couldn’t name all of him at once.
- In the same town there was a family that was so lazy that it took two of them to sneeze. One would throw his head back, and the other would say “Ah-choo!”

Okay, now that you have a taste for Yankeeisms, let me add a few of my own:

- I once knew a boy who was so short that, when he walked around, his feet didn’t even reach the floor.

- His sister, however, was so tall that she had to stand on a ladder to change her mind.
- Unfortunately, their dad was so lazy that he never sleep-walked. He only sleep-sat.
- He wasn’t the only one with sleeping problems, however. His cousin was so skinny that he couldn’t sleep on his side, for fear of losing his balance. Enough about that strange family. Let me tell you about my own. I have a dog that is so friendly that he never met a man he didn’t lick. And I have an uncle who is so reclusive that he never met a man. And as for me ... well, I am so crazy that ... you can fill in the blanks.

Did you know . . .

IT has equipment for check out

By Judy Garrard

I bet many of you are unaware that there is equipment for check out at the IT Help Desk in the H Building. This equipment is provided by our tech fees, so you may as well use it since you’ve already paid for it.

There is quite an assortment of items available—from still cameras (HD and SD) to pro-grade cameras to palmcoders and camcoders. There are also tripods to make setting up those shots even easier. Other equipment includes audio recording, light kits and mic kits.

Did your laptop die and you’ve got a paper due? Check out a laptop. They come preloaded with MS Office, but it’s possible other software is available to be loaded for your special project—just ask.

In addition to faculty and staff, projectors are available for student organizations only, but it’s good to know that the next time your organization needs to hold a meeting in a location that doesn’t have a built-in overhead projector, something is available.

So how does this work? Go to the Help Desk and request an item for up to three days. It’s free—like I said, you’ve already paid for it. It is on a first-come, first-serve basis, but if you know you will need something special on a certain date, you can reserve that item (subject to availability).

If you don’t bring something back in time, you will receive a warning and a hold on your Banner account, so be careful. If you do not clear this up and you receive a second warning, you will have to talk to Dr. Koger, Vice President for Student and Enrollment Services, to get it straightened out.

So it doesn’t matter if you do not personally own the equipment you need to complete a class project—chances are you will find exactly what you need at the IT Help Desk.

Am I the new Picasso?

By Pedro N. Hoyos

I go by Pedro Nicanore. I am an artist and I do have the humble aspiration to be on the level of Picasso one day, but right now I am trying to become the first Pedro Nicanore through my “Net Art” movement. I believe that my story is important because our popular American culture has given up on art due to the fact that nowadays art has become “too abstract.” Some people would even say that art is death, but I do not believe art is death—I believe it just had a heart attack.

My work brings back that once known art excitement through

my “Net Art” movement. An original counter-renaissance style of religious and inspirational art combined with the language of technology and the ethos of today expressed through memories and thoughts I write to myself.

Net Art is also a green movement. I do not use wood on my canvases. I nail the canvases to the wall, and work from there. I package them professionally and I ship them.

Why? because 10 trees are destroyed in the Amazon every 10 seconds, 3 million acres of the Ama-

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zon’s rain forest are destroyed each year, 20% of it has been burned, razed and shipped to U.S., and it is now gone forever. This is why I do not use wood, because I come from South America and using wood for my canvases makes me feel like I’m stealing money from my mother’s purse.

Visit me at <http://www.pedronicanore.net> or <http://www.facebook.com/nicanoregallery>.



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Whatcha doin' this fall?

By Ronald Ellerbee

What are your plans for the fall semester? These students know what they have to do. Regardless of what your plans are, take it from the students here that starting a new semester still means hard work whether you're a freshman or a senior.

Laken Garver (Technical Communications): Taking Senior Project Portfolio, and she'll be doing an internship for Jackson Associates Marketing firm working with client services.

Katrina Lancaster (Molecular Biology and Biochemistry): Katrina says she'll be driving to school twice a week and because she has a car now she will be able to take more credit hours. She wishes her major had better options to choose from. Specifically she wishes there was more than one genetics teacher and more flexible school days/ hours.

Mike Harris (Technical Communications): Mike has a busy schedule this semester. He is also taking Senior Project Portfolio. He'll be taking 2D Animation, Intro to Drawing and the History & Principle of Design. He also plans on leading a few Bible talk meetings for our campus Christian group Alpha Omega.

Connie Godfrey (Social Work): Connie says she is going to be in her second semester of getting her Master's degree. She will be looking after her newborn son and interning at an adoption agency.

Catina Demary (Technical Communications): Catina is looking forward to taking McCool's "Problem in Language" course. Especially since it may be the only TCOM class she likes in the fall. She'll be focusing on courses such as math and science to fulfill general requirements.

She also says that towards the end of the semester she will be heading back to New York to spend time with her family. She hopes to go ice-skating at Rockefeller Center since last fall she was snowed in and not able to go.

Debra Porbeni (Technical Communications): "Taking 12 hours and living in my books."

I am what some may call a super woman!

I do it all . . .

By Victoria Allen

A mother, lover, provider, dependable friend.
I do all the things a man is supposed to do.
I work, solve problems, and pay all the bills.
I build, take out the trash, and cut the grass.

A lover, child bearer, confidant, supplier;
Of life, of death, of food, an ear, an advisor.
To give, to receive, to achieve, to believe.
One time, tomorrow, forever, for eternity

A provider, barterer, presenter, giver;
Of ends, bags, opportunity, shelter.
To purchase, carry, get ahead, move up.
For family, self, work, and living.

A dependable friend;
Taking away the burden of issues.
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A Super Woman! I do it all...
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Did you know . . .

You can forward your school email

By Judy Garrard

You can forward your school email to your personal email account so that you never have to worry about missing anything important again. The only downside that I have seen is that you have more than one email box to clean out if you choose to keep copies in both locations.

SPSU (Zimbra)

1. Sign into your account.
2. Click on the **Preferences** tab.
3. Click on the **Mail** tab.
4. In the **Receiving Messages** section, you will see options for "When a Message Arrives." Check the box for "Forward a copy to," and fill out the email address where you would like to start receiving your messages.
5. There is an option to check the box "Don't Keep a Local Copy of Messages." I suggest waiting until you feel comfortable that messages are forwarding properly.
6. After you have finished making changes, click on the **Save** button.

Georgia View Vista

1. Sign into your account.
2. Click on the **My Settings** tab.
3. Click on the **My Tool Options** tab.
4. In the **Mail** section, you will see an option for "Mail Forwarding." Check the box for "Forward all mail messages to the e-mail address in my profile."
5. Click on the **My Profile** tab.
6. Click the **Edit Profile** button.
7. Where it is labeled "E-mail," type the email address where you would like to start receiving your messages.
8. Click the **Save** button.

(Article reprinted from an earlier issue.)

The cheap and tasty Marietta dining guide

By Andrew Hurd

What's for dinner? This eternal question has plagued humanity since the dawn of time. We Hornets here at SPSU are actually pretty fortunate when it comes to on-campus dining options. Many seniors can attest to the fact that we have not always been nearly as lucky. Regardless of on-campus options, sometimes a person just has to get out and chow down on something fresh and exciting. So what are the best options around campus? Allow me to share a few of my favorite cheap and local spots.

Jerusalem Bakery: 585 Franklin Rd Ste 160 Marietta, GA 30067. Located just over a

mile from campus on the corner of Franklin and 120, this little bakery offers up the best, freshest pita in the metro area and has a fantastic connected deli. The Jerusalem bakery offers up traditional Mediterranean and Middle-Eastern fare such as shwarma, falafel and kabob. Also offered are more traditional American/Italian items such as cheesesteaks and pizza, but I would recommend sticking with the Middle-Eastern foods. The beef shwarma is a personal favorite- served wrapped and grilled in a flatbread with a curry based sauce; this is one of the best deals around at under \$8 bucks. Be sure to grab

some fresh baked pitas and pies to go on your way out.

Starlight Café: 166 Roswell St NE Marietta, GA 30060. Hands down my favorite burger joint in the area. Located on the Marietta Square right by the courthouse, this place serves up a variety of well-dressed, well-portioned burgers for prices barely higher than the fast food joints littered around campus. There are well over a dozen different 1/3 pound grass-fed black angus burgers to choose from, with 100% organic toppings ranging from pineapple to jalapenos to fried eggs to blue cheese. Best of all, not a single burger comes out

over \$8 bucks even after tacking on fries and a drink. Also offered up are chicken sandwiches, fish tacos and Chicago style dogs- though in all honesty I've never been able to pull myself off the burgers long enough to try any of these offerings. Only downside here is that they are not open past 3pm or on Sundays, so make sure you drop in during lunch hours.

Baby Tommy's Taste of New York: 497 Cobb Pkwy S Marietta, GA 30060. Now it wouldn't be a college dining article without pizza would it? Pizza is the stereotypical college food, and Baby Tommy's serves up the best pie in Marietta.

Right across the street from campus, Tommy's offers up proper NY style pizza by the pie or by the slice. Some personal favorites are the buffalo chicken and the chicken parm. While Tommy's gains the majority of its accolades from the pizza, the cheesesteaks are phenomenal as well. Also coming in under the \$8 mark, the cheesesteak is roughly the size of a small moon and can easily be stretched out for two meals. It is the real deal with a soft bun loaded with piles of thin-sliced meat and cheese. Also be sure to ask about SPSU specials when you drop by. Only downside—not open on Sundays.

SPSU Organizations

SPSU has over 100 active on-campus organizations. Examples of categories are Greek, competition teams, spiritual and honorary. There's an organization for every student on campus, and if any student feels like there just isn't an organization that sparks his/her interest, then he/she is welcome to start a new one.

On this and the next four pages, you will find organizations that responded to our call to include their information in this issue. If you don't see an organization listed here that you are most interested in, please visit <http://orgsync.com> to obtain further information (see page 10-11 for a complete list of SPSU organizations). If you are not currently signed up on OrgSync, it only takes a few minutes to get started.

Accounting Club

The purpose of the SPSU Accounting Club is to provide the students an opportunity:

- To promote accounting as an area of concentration and also as a profession.
- To increase knowledge of accounting theory and principles and of current practices and procedures.
- To promote social interaction with business professionals in the community.
- To promote social interaction with students in the College of Business and Technology.
- To gain a better understanding of the problems and potentialities of the business world.
- To facilitate an opportunity for membership in the external professional societies.
- To provide students with an educational and social organization that promotes accounting knowledge and opportunities to develop education, research, leadership and networking skills in the field of Accounting.

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Vice President: Joelle Day, jday@spsu.edu, 678-571-4718

Director of Education: Saazid Lalani, slalani2@spsu.edu

Tentative Meeting Structure:

Bi-Monthly, preferably a Wednesday or Thursday.

Two scheduled meetings at meeting times (12pm & 5pm).

(The schedule is decided after each meeting).

Aerial Robotics

The Aerial Robotics Team is a group of international, volunteer, undergraduate students that have an interest in autonomous aerial robotics. The main focus of the team is to design, prototype, and compete with a student aerial platform for AUVSI's International Aerial Robotics Competition. Through this competition, the team members will gain practical engineering design knowledge, real-world experience, and skills that will enable them to excel later in life.

If you have any questions, please email Maleesha Butts, our secretary and treasurer, at mbutts@spsu.edu, and she will be more than happy to answer any inquiries you may have. If you would like more details, feel free to visit our Aerial Robotics Team website at <http://spsu.orgsync.com/org/aerial>. We are constantly working on the platform and welcome guests to visit our picture albums on the website to see updates on our platform. We hold bi-weekly meetings every Tuesday and Friday from 4:00pm to 7:00pm in building O, room SL-105. We encourage interested new-comers to attend and check out what we have been up to. Hope to see you at our next meeting!

Alpha Chi National College Honor Society

Admittance is by invitation only. Every August, we review transcripts to find the top ten percent of SPSU juniors and seniors and then send them a letter of invitation. Those who accept become members during our October initiation ceremony. In the spring, the call goes out for the submission of student research projects, two of which will be chosen to be presented at the national convention, this coming year in Baltimore from March 22-24.

For more information, contact Alda York in the Honors Office in D-103.

Alpha Xi Delta

Alpha Xi Deltas love to have fun! We have mixers with all of the fraternities on campus. We also have Date Nights, Crush Parties, Formals, and more. Every year we participate in Greek Week and Goat Night, special Greek events at SPSU.

Whenever we're together with sisters, we have a great time! We go bowling, putt-putting, and shopping. Sometimes we go to the movies or out for ice cream. We have sleepovers, spa days, and cookouts. And sometimes we just hang out! After all, what are sisters for? Alpha Xi Delta sisters are some of the closest friends you'll ever have.

The Alpha Xi Delta Foundation makes it possible for sisters to receive scholarships. Scholarships are given on a basis of need and academic achievement. We encourage study hours, give rewards for good study habits, and give awards every semester to the sisters who have earned academic recognition.

Alpha Xi Delta proudly supports Autism Speaks. The world's largest autism advocacy organization, Autism Speaks is dedicated to increasing awareness of autism spectrum disorders, to funding research into the causes, prevention and treatments for autism, and to advocating for the needs of individuals with autism and their families.

Alpha Xi Delta college chapters and alumnae associations across the country are committed to raising autism awareness in their communities and fundraising in support of Autism Speaks. In particular, our chapters and associations work to support Autism Speaks' signature fundraising and awareness event, Walk Now for Autism. With one in 150 children diagnosed with autism and no known cure, Alpha Xi Deltas are committed to improving the lives of children and families affected by autism.

Are you the next Alpha Xi Delta? Do you like to have fun and socialize? Want to meet new people? Strive for academic success? Want to get involved on campus? Need to enhance

Alpha Xi Delta (Cont.)

your time management skills? Enjoy giving back to the community? Want the friendship of supportive sisters? We are Alpha Xi Delta and you are what we can become!

For more information, please contact:

President: Daphne Wright, dwright7@spsu.edu

Membership VP: Jackie Bennett, jbennet9@spsu.edu

Or check us out at our website: <http://www.spsu.alphaxidelta.org>

American Institute of Architecture Students

Students can get a free t-shirt with AIAS logo, AIAS Drafting Club glass cup, discounts on conferences, free AIAS workshops, discounts at local art supply stores like SamFlax, Blinks, and Hobby Town, and a free subscription to CRIT Journal.

Contact any AIAS Board Member at <http://aias.spsu.edu/>

Meetings are usually held twice a month, not in the Summer.

American Society of Mechanical Engineers

The purpose of the organization is to emphasize and promote professional, social, and fraternal aspects of student activities on campus. Also, to enlarge chapter members' understanding of the current and future scope of Mechanical Engineering and fields tied to it.

For more information contact:

Mir M. Atiqullah, Ph.D., 678-915-7428

Josue Campos, Chair, 404-454-7618

We have regular meetings but are yet to be announced for the fall semester.

ASME is always involved in many competitions, tours, and community activities.

ASME currently has two design teams—one is the Human Powered Vehicle Competition and Student Development Competition. We are also involved in an annual Engineering Day with local high schools.

Army ROTC Club

The purpose of the Army ROTC is to prepare students for commissioning as officers in the Active Army, Army Reserve, or Army National Guard. The overall program is designed to aid students in developing the abilities and attitudes that will make them academically successful and to develop well-educated junior officers.

Who to contact:

Sergeant First Class James Glenn, Cell: 770-362-0897, james.r.glenn1@us.army.mil

Sergeant First Class Charles Stills, Cell: 770-362-9829, charles.stills@us.army.mil

Cadet Andrew Miller, Cell: 678-896-9449, amiller4@spsu.edu

Atlanta Linux Enthusiasts

This fall the Atlanta Linux Enthusiasts (ALE) <http://ale.org/> will be conducting monthly meetings on the SPSU campus. The meetings will be centered around Linux: a free, open source, community-supported operating system. No prior knowledge is required, attendance is free, and we will help everyone get started with this secure and easy-to-use operating system.

Come and learn about Linux from other students and working adults who use this OS for their jobs every day.

Our first event will be an install-fest held the last week in August. An "install-fest" is where we will help attendees set up Linux on their computer and give a brief overview of how to use the system for common tasks. We can do this in a way that doesn't harm the existing operating system.

For more information on the group or on the install-fest please contact:

Joshua Roberts: jrobert3@spsu.edu

or Dr. Orlando Karam: okaram@spsu.edu



Gamma Phi Beta Sorority

The Delta Omicron Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority welcomes you to become a part of her 31-year tradition. During this time, Delta Omicron has welcomed over 250 members into her sisterhood and many of her sisters are still to come. Our sisters are involved in a vast variety of organizations on campus, and this helps get every member involved in a more diverse campus life. There are several opportunities in college to get involved, however there is one option to become a part of a sisterhood that will grow with you throughout your time here at SPSU. Gamma Phi Beta Sorority promotes the highest standards of womanhood which include academics, leadership, and philanthropy. As you take steps into her future, it will become easier with the help of Gamma Phi Beta's standards, values, and friendships that will last a lifetime. The Sisters of Delta Omicron Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta look forward to meeting you! Welcome to SPSU!

For more info, contact Jessica Harrington, presidentgpb@gmail.com

We hold meetings every other Sunday night during the school year.

Invent

Basic Info: Invent is an organization that is designed to invent and enhance new technology and then to market our products to companies and consumers. By joining Invent, students will acquire leadership and teamwork qualities, network and market with other organizations, and fulfill their dream creations through an engineering discipline! All majors and students are welcome to join!

For more info or if you have an interest to work on the latest project, contact:

Marcus Herndon (President), 404-645-6633, mherndon@spsu.edu

Rainah Khan (Secretary), rkhan@spsu.edu

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Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity

Achievement, the word that best describes our Fraternity since its founding on January 5, 1911 on the campus of Indiana University by ten great men, and we at the Pi Iota Chapter continue this legacy of achievement here at SPSU. Chartered on May 11, 2007 the Brothers of the Pi Iota Chapter continually volunteer and stay active not only on our great campus, but also in and around the city of Marietta from being featured in the 2009 Atlanta Greek Picnic Stroll Off to our volunteer work with other organizations such as MUST Ministries. We have also received numerous awards within the Fraternity, including Undergraduate Chapter of the Year three years in a row.

You can find more information at <http://www.kappaalphapsi1911.com>.

For more information about the chapter you can email us at PiIotaNupes@yahoo.com or talk to one of the brothers on campus.

Mathematical Association of America

The MAA aims to promote mathematics, foster mathematical learning in and out of the classroom, and give students an enjoyable and social way to discuss mathematics. Also the MAA sends a jeopardy competition team to the regional section meetings.

Contact Trevis Elser (telser@spsu.edu) or Sarah Holliday (shollida@spsu.edu) for more information.

Regular meetings are held on the first and third Thursday of each month at noon.

The Runnin' Hornets that Run

The purpose of The Runnin' Hornets that Run is to RUN! We operate like a cross country team; by getting together as a group we push and motivate each other to improve, whether "improving" means running faster, longer, or just getting started. This group is great for people who ran Cross Country or Track in High School and for new runners interested in getting in shape and making new friends on campus.

Where: We meet in front of the Recreation and Wellness Center

When: Please check our page on facebook or on OrgSync; the times will be posted there when they are determined!

Find us on facebook: Search "SPSU Runnin' Hornets that Run" and "Like" our page. And follow the link on Facebook to join us on Orgsync!

For more information please contact Drew Bell at abell2@spsu.edu

Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, Georgia Omega Chapter

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Georgia Omega Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon is to:

1. Cultivate high moral standards and improve the intellectual and leadership faculties of its Members,
2. Surround each Member with friends who support and encourage one another in all of their honorable ambitions,
3. Solicit the advice and guidance of alumni and other advisors to continually improve the operational excellence of Georgia Omega,
4. Embrace a social environment that serves only to strengthen the bonds of brotherhood and that promotes good will through service to the local community, and
5. Dedicate the resources of Georgia Omega to the preservation and promotion of those virtues advanced by the Fraternity's creed, "The True Gentleman."

Contact: Matthew Gosa, President, 404-358-0768, sae288931@gmail.com

Meeting Times: Chapter is held weekly on a set day. We meet for an hour on average.

Other Information: Sigma Alpha Epsilon is one of Southern Poly's most active fraternities. Throughout the semester, we hold numerous charity and social events along with brotherhood activities ranging from rafting trips to meals together. For the 2010-2011 academic year, Sigma Alpha Epsilon was honored by Greek Life as the Chapter of the Year. We look to continue to strive for excellence and develop our members as leaders.

Society of Manufacturing Engineers Student Chapter (S016)

This organization is related to manufacturing engineering, one of the leading engineering fields in the world. The chapter was founded in 1956, making it one of the oldest student chapters in SME. It is one of the largest and more popular student chapters on campus. Our goal is to get students familiarized with new technologies and help them get suitable jobs in this field. This is done by arranging tours (e.g., a tour of Lockheed), organizing special presentations, attending technical conferences and exposition, setting up certification exams (e.g., the Certified Manufacturing Technologist exam), and lots of other activities (e.g., competitions, cookout, demonstrations).

There are many benefits for SME members:

- Members can download free technical papers from SME library of over 17,000.
- They can, at no charge, seek answers to technical questions or find information needed by contacting SME on-staff librarian.
- They receive reduced prices when purchasing SME's vast collection of leading publications in manufacturing, e.g., free video program from our METV page.
- They learn from peers sharing the same technical interests by joining a Technical Community (reap the benefits of having access to a collective knowledge of professionals in the specialized manufacturing niche—worldwide).
- They can search and download free back issue articles from Manufacturing Engineering magazine, the foremost authority in manufacturing.
- The SME membership entitles the members to free access to keynote papers of several previous CIRP General Assemblies, as well as papers presented by a number of the CIRP Scientific and Technical Committees.

Who to contact for more info:

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Meeting-Event officer: Brad Caudill, bcaudill@spsu.edu

Fund raising officer: Diego Pinilla, dpinilla@spsu.edu

Marketing officer: Zachary Ganster, zganster@spsu.edu

We have one general meeting per semester and many officers' meetings. We don't have a set schedule for our meetings.

Society of Women Engineers (SWE)

SWE SPSU is a support and networking group consisting of mostly women aspiring to be engineers. The motto for SWE is Advance, Aspire, and Achieve. Together we can advance by building each other up, aspire by teaching young girls and other women that engineering is something to love, and achieve all that we desire.

We have workshops, study groups, outreach, speakers, conferences, and loads of fun! This year's national conference will be in Chicago, IL. As always, SWE SPSU is open to all majors and genders.

Meetings this fall are going to be held:

August 25

September 8

October 6

November 3

Check our Calendar for updates on OrgSync, facebook, or our website.

Contact:

President: Audrey Curtis

Vice President: Kassandra Carman

Advisor: Vickie Deakins (ETC)

email: swe.spsu@gmail.com, website: spswe.spsu.edu

The High Museum of Art is offering students free admission at any time by showing their SPSU ID. For more information on other programs with the High, contact Zvi Szafran at zszafran@spsu.edu

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Speech Team

The SPSU Speech Team travels to universities across the region, where we compete in public speaking and dramatic reading events. We believe in every student's ability to improve his or her research, speaking, and networking skills through intercollegiate competition.

For more information contact: Prof. Misty York, myork2@spsu.edu
Fall meetings will be held on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. in Atrium J212.

Student Government Association

General Information: SPSU Student Government Association is first and foremost the "voice" of the students. Serving as the governing power of the student body, its members uphold the outlook and standards expected by the students. The association is devoted to both improving the university and exercising the lawful rights concerning student education, safety, and allocation/expenditure of service and activity money.

Standing Committees and Duties:

Public Relations - The purpose of this committee is to handle any publicity of SGA, SGA meetings and SGA-sponsored events that the SGA Council shall deem necessary.

Budget and Finance - The purpose of this committee shall be to receive all requests for funds. Review the requests, and recommend an acceptance, denial or partial acceptance of the request to the SGA. It will be the decision of the SGA Council to appropriate funds.

Internal Affairs - The purpose of this committee is to follow and enforce the material outlined in the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) manual. This is the committee that reviews the new campus organization requests and ensures that all required material is received.

Elections - The purpose of this committee is to determine the exact time, place, and date of all SGA elections. They shall conduct the elections, count the ballots, and prepare Teller's report for submission to the Dean of Students listing the number of votes each candidate received.

Judicial - This committee is vested with the Judicial Power of the Student Council. The Judiciary Cabinet shall have exclusive original jurisdiction over cases and controversies involving questions of constitutionality.

Major Past Projects of SGA

2009-2010: Disc Golf Course, New Mascot

2010-11: New Campus-Wide Grill

Major Events Hosted by SGA

President's Luncheon, Awards Banquet

How it Works:

Decisions - All of the decisions made by SGA take place in the meetings. The different topics or projects are proposed and put to a vote—then approved or denied.

Organization Budget Requests - All of which can be submitted through OrgSync. They are then reviewed and then approved or denied at the next meeting.

For detailed information on budget requests and all other requests attend the:

Student Leader Training Workshop

Student Center Ballroom

Friday, September 9, 2011, 3-5pm

Who to contact for more information:

Leighton Anglin, SGA Public Relations Chair, langlin@spsu.edu

Meeting Time:

Every other Tuesday - Noon in the Student Life Office. Check the SGA website for confirmation of exact dates: <http://sga.spsu.edu>



From left: Trent Anderson, John Greenage, Brian Ellison, Antonio Sample, Jasmine Johnson, Leighton Anglin, Julie Blakely, Nicole Banks, Alex Harrington and Adam Thomas.
Not pictured: Kevin White, Chase Carscallen and Matt Kimbell.

The Sting

The Sting is Southern Poly's student newspaper—produced by students and for students. The Sting serves two main purposes—to give students a voice and to provide information to all students. This voice can be literally in the form of opinion articles or many other formats such as features, news, art, and sports.

There are no requirements other than being a student at SPSU. You can be in any major and you do not have to have any prior experience. We pay stipends for all work, and your participation is a great way to boost your résumé!

We have a kickoff meeting prior to the publication of each issue. The primary function of these meetings is to brainstorm for the next issue and to answer any questions that you may have. The next meeting will be this Friday, August 17 at noon in the Student Center, conference room A-216 (we'll have pizza, too). All meetings are announced via Ron Lunk's weekly email, posted on OrgSync, and will be on our page of the new SPSU website <http://spsu.edu/thesting>.

For more information, send email to sting@spsu.edu. We look forward to hearing from you soon.



Calling all actors! Be Sting!

Ever had any experience being the character? Ever wanted to really show your school pride? No lines necessary!

We are currently on the lookout for mascots and handlers for the 2011-12 school year.

If interested, email langlin@spsu.edu



Swimming Club

The Southern Polytechnic State University Swimming Club aims to advance the athletics available at the college, as well as promote further student participation in extracurricular activities at SPSU. In a team atmosphere, members will acquire leadership skills, as well as experience the benefits of working together for a common goal. The club aspires to bring Southern Polytechnic students (as well as Georgia Highlands College students) together at an organized practice to improve stroke techniques, times, and swimming skills, which the swimmers then utilize to compete against other area schools to represent SPSU's diverse athletic department and talent. Everyone, regardless of swimming experience, is encouraged to join!

Please contact Co-Presidents Megan Linsmayer or Elizabeth Cook at mlinsmay@spsu.edu or ecook@spsu.edu for more information.

Practices and meets have not yet been determined for the Fall 2011 semester, but please stay posted for an announcement about a team meeting at the beginning of the semester to go over goals and decide practice times according to availability of the Recreation Center at SPSU.

Ultimate Frisbee Team—"Pure Bliss"

Southern Poly's Ultimate Frisbee team is a competitive club team that promotes camaraderie amongst its teammates and trains to compete in tournaments against schools from all over the nation. The team works with players of all experience levels—teaching throwing and catching technique and the overall fundamentals of the game.

The team meets for practice every Monday and Thursday night starting at 7 p.m. Practices are held on the campus's lighted softball field and are completed no later than 10 p.m. Athletic shoes and clothing and plenty of water are all you need to join us.

Contact of the team's captains (Alex Bragg, Jeremy Dinkins, and Jordan O'Loughlin) can be sent to the team's email address: ultimate@spsu.edu.

Pure Bliss, founded in 2000, has steadily grown in skill and exposure and competed in the championship game for a bid to Division III Nationals last year. The team is always looking for new players, so if you are interested, intensity and commitment will be the best two things to bring to the field!

Complete list of SPSU organizations

ASCE Concrete Canoe Team
ASCE Steel Bridge Team
Active Military Personnel and Veterans Organization
Aerial Robotics Team
Alpha Chi National Honor Society
Alpha Omega
Alpha Xi Delta
Alternative Power Vehicle Club
American Concrete Institute SPSU Chapter
American Institute of Architecture Students
American Society of Civil Engineers
American Society of Mechanical Engineers
Army ROTC
Arts Appreciation Society
Associated Builders & Contractors
Associated General Contractors
Association for Computing Machinery
Association of the Advancement of Cost Engineering International
Athletics
Autonomous Underwater Vehicle Team
Banzai Anime
Baptist Collegiate Ministries
Bathtub Racing Association
Campus Activities Board
Campus Crusade for Christ

Complete SPSU org list (Cont.)

Choi Kwang Do
 Construction Management Association of America
 Constructor's Guild
 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc
 Designers For A Purpose
 Drama Club
 Emerging Leaders
 Encounter SPSU
 Fashion Designers Outspoken
 Game Design and Development Club
 Gamma Phi Beta
 Georgia Society of Professional Engineers
 Giving Back to All
 Green Hornet Radio
 Here and Now Expectations
 Indian Cultural Exchange
 Initialization of New Variants in Engineering Networking and Technology
 Institute of Electrical & Electronic Engineers
 Institute of Industrial Engineers
 Institute of Transportation Engineers SPSU Chapter
 InterGreek Council
 Interfraternity Council
 International Society of Automation
 International Student Association @ SPSU
 Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc
 Kappa Sigma
 Kappa Upsilon Chi
 La Tertulia -- Spanish Club
 Math Association of America
 Muslim Student Association
 National Organization of Minority Architecture Students
 National Pan-Hellenic Council of SPSU
 National Society of Black Engineers
 Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.
 Open Diverse Tolerance Group
 Order of Omega
 Orientation
 Panhellenic Council
 Peach State Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation
 Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
 Pi Kappa Phi
 Pure Bliss: Ultimate Frisbee Club
 Recreational Sports - Intramurals
 Residence Hall Association
 Resident Assistants
 Runnin' Hornets that Run
 SPSU ACCOUNTING CLUB
 SPSU Ambassadors
 SPSU Band
 SPSU Biology Student Organization
 SPSU Cheerleaders
 SPSU Chinese Friendship Association
 SPSU Club Soccer Team
 SPSU Dance Team
 SPSU Fishing Club
 SPSU NAACP
 SPSU Paintball Hornets
 SPSU Secular Freethinkers
 SPSU Society of Physics Students
 SPSU Speech Team
 SPSU Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society
 SPSU Undergraduate Research Club
 Sigma Alpha Epsilon
 Sigma Nu
 Sigma Pi
 Skydiving Club
 Society of Hispanic Engineers
 Society of Manufacturing Engineers
 Society of Women Engineers
 Southern Poly Motorsports
 Southern Polytechnic Amateur Radio Club
 Southern Polytechnic Information Security Association
 Southern Polytechnic State University Swim Club
 Southern Polytechnic Students For Liberty
 Student Enhancement Training
 Student Government Association
 Student Honors Council
 Student Psychological Association
 Surveying and Mapping Society of Georgia
 Talented Tenth
 Tau Alpha Pi National Honor Society
 Tau Kappa Epsilon
 The Davidic Generation
 The Department Housing and Residence Life
 The Sting
 Young Americans for Liberty
 Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc

Honors—what you need to know

By Dominic Fredo

Naturally, the first thing that comes to mind at the mention of an Honors program is a bunch of bookworms all silently hunched over study material for tests that aren't going to be given for another week; however, the University Honors Program at SPSU is a different animal entirely. That's not to say that it's a constant party, but this is not your father's Honors program. If it is, then you have a pretty cool dad.

There are two paths to take to graduate with honors from SPSU. The most common is to be a University Honors Scholar, where students are required to complete 18 credit hours of Honors coursework, and of those 18 hours, at least six must be upper-level courses.

For students who feel that they are too far along in their core classes for the University Honors Scholar route, there is also the Departmental Honors Scholar option, which only requires the six hours of upper-level coursework. Either way, earning an Honors seal on your diploma looks great in the professional world.

Being in the Honors program has several major advantages. For starters, Honors classes are capped at 15 students. This is because Honors classes are discussion-based, which encourages students to take a more active role in learning, but does not necessarily equate to being harder classes.

The Honors program maintains

restricted-access study rooms in the Mathematics building and the Courtyard apartments for when Honors students need a quiet place to study away from their rooms. These study rooms also contain copies of textbooks used by Honors classes and several other core classes, as well as movies relevant to classes you might encounter.

Honors students also have special housing placement in the residence halls, the Courtyard apartments, and the University Columns special interest housing. This is a major advantage because not only do you have your classmates right next door to you for homework help, it's also a quick and easy way to make friends.

Honors students from out of the state are eligible to receive a waiver to pay in-state tuition rates.

Saving the best for last, Honors students get priority registration and advising. Sign up for the exact classes you want before anyone else has the chance to bump you out of them.

To paraphrase the wonderful Spiderman cliché: with great benefits comes great responsibility.

Honors students are required to maintain a cumulative GPA ranging from a 3.2 for freshmen and sophomores to a 3.4 for seniors; juniors must maintain a 3.3. Failure to maintain the proper GPA will result in being placed on probation for the following semester and the student

must bring his or her grades up in order to keep from being dropped from the program and losing the privileges of the Honors program.

Honors students are also required to provide at least ten hours of volunteer service around campus each semester.

There are ample opportunities to earn service hours through the Student Honors Council, which is the student-led side of the Honors program's governing body. Students can either choose to serve on the SHC or in one of the committees led by SHC members, which include fundraising, mentoring, tutoring, social event planning, or writing for the Honors newsletter, among others.

Service hours can also be earned through certain student organizations at the discretion of the Honors director.

Finally, Honors students are required to complete a research project complete with presentation and written report, which will be bound and placed in the library.

It may seem like a lot is being asked of you, but the rewards of being in the University Honors Program far exceed the requirements of membership.

It's never too late to sign up, so either drop by the Honors office in room D100 or go to <http://www.spsu.edu/honors> to fill out an application.

Fashion at SPSU

By Tiane McKoy

Yes, I said it: FASHION. You know that M building next to the J building on the left? Well, that is the Apparel and Textile Building. It not only houses the IET major but also ATT or Apparel and Textile Technology Program. The ATT student's degree is called Fashion Design and Product Development. It is a *real major* at Southern Polytechnic State University contrary to what some may think.

A few classes we take are Principles of Merchandising, Fashion Forecasting/Data Analysis and Apparel Computer-Aided Design. Along with major classes we also take a few business classes. In order to earn a minor in Business Administration only one more class is needed! It's pretty awesome.

By this time you should know that I am a Fashion Design and Product Development major here at SPSU. I love my major and the professors that come along with it. Our classes are closely knit together and most of the time you will have the same people in your class which makes it more comfortable because you are all going through the same classes to meet the same goals.

Guys, if you really want to know where all the girls are, check out the M building.

In addition to the Fashion Program itself there are also a few organizations catered towards

expressing your fashion creativity. The first organization is DFAP or Designers for a Purpose. This organization is open for every major that has an interest in creativity. DFAP does events like the Paper Doll competition and most recently the Institution fashion show. They are planning to make things bigger and better this year so look out!

Contestants competed in the Paper Doll contest by using recycled items to make a full outfit. This winner used soda cans for the dress and newspaper for the jacket.

FDO or Fashion Designer's Outspoken is an organization that uses recycled materials to contribute to the fashion world. They are a new organization but are looking to grow each semester. This group has an awesome display in the M-building. The clothing is made from recycled items and they have been

Tiane McKoy with her design being modeled by Rainah Khan



Photo by David McKoy

displayed in a wonderful manner!

All in all you should check out what is going on in the fashion world here at SPSU!

DFAP members after fashion show



Photo by David McKoy

We have a radio station?

By Eric Monroe, WGHR General Manager

The answer to this question is yes, and that station is WGHR (AKA: Green Hornet Radio), SPSU's completely student run radio station. WGHR has existed in some form or another since 1968, when it first started out as local AM station WSTB (Southern Tech Broadcasting).

At the time, it was run out of several dorm rooms in Norton Hall using handmade equipment,

including its transmitter at the time. Several years later, they made the switch to FM, celebrating this change with the song "It Looks Like We Made It" by Barry Manilow (it was the 70's and the song fit, too bad it had to be Barry Manilow though).

Throughout the years, WGHR has been through many different phases, with a new group of excited students always coming along to

rescue it from death when it needed it most. The last time that the station was as active as it is currently was between 2001 and 2003, which were, coincidentally, the final years that the station broadcasted over the air.

In January 2001, WGHR was kicked off the air by what would soon become Q100 on 100.5, while WGHR resided on 100.7. Since that time, the station has been broad-

casting online, hoping for laws and regulations to change and allow it to be back on the air.

The radio station is one of the few groups on campus that prides itself on how much it changes and evolves each and every semester, as the management staff and DJs change. Everyone in the group has their own idea of what it should be, but we all want one thing: to see it continually grow to become

something great.

If you would like to share your music with others or think that you would like to be a part of the WGHR staff, pay us a visit and feel free ask us some questions and get a DJ application. We are always eager to add to our ambitious staff.

The station is located just inside the student center to the left with the big clear windows. Come find us!

Mixed martial arts versus boxing

By Brandon Woods

In the sports world there are two major competitive contact sports that don't require a ball—boxing and mixed martial arts (MMA). MMA, though very young, has received a huge following and a constantly growing fan base since its early start in the early 1990s, while boxing has dated back to 600 B.C.

Nowadays, if you ask a moderate fan of boxing who the world champion is, no one would know. They probably wouldn't even know what you were talking about or respond with something ridiculous like Rocky or the guy from Cinderella Man.

So why is MMA taking command of the sports world? Well there are lots of things—accessibility, frequency of matches, and entertainment. Let's face it, Pay-Per-View boxing matches aren't cheap, but you can pick up an Ultimate Fighting Championship

(UFC) fight about every month. Not only do you get more fights, but it's actually with fighters you want to see, and they go at it! If you randomly channel surf and find a UFC fight, chances are you are going to see someone get punched in the face or kicked within the first five seconds.

Not only can you not channel surf for a boxing match, you probably would not even get that satisfying of a match. Plus boxing matches are not only few and far between but well planned; they aren't fought for entertainment but for a match where the boxer has a strong belief that he will win.

While on the on the hand, MMA works a lot differently with matches. In MMA you are thrown to the wolves. An emerging MMA fighter can go against some of the toughest players in the game, and this provides some great pros. When an emerging MMA fighter

loses, unlike when an emerging boxer takes a loss, they can still rise to fame. Examples are Georges St-Pierre and Brock Lesnar, though the latter did have a WWE wrestling background as well.

Another difference between the two sports is the organization behind it. UFC is run by Dana White and just Dana White. At the end of the day he calls all of the shots. He is the Vince McMahon of MMA, while boxing has about 47 different divisions combined across 8 organizations. It is really difficult to find a foothold in boxing and even then be able to make your name for yourself especially since there are no matches across different organizations.

Boxing has grown to be too complicated. At the end of the day the masses just want to see a brawl between two really strong people; heck, I would like to see one too, but boxing just doesn't make that

as easy to view as MMA.

I am not a MMA fan. The whole point of learning martial arts is so that you don't have to fight—you can defend yourself. Yes, there is a reason why it is called a self-defense class. Going into MMA is like being that fat kid that says "I am going to learn karate and beat you guys up." You don't do martial arts to get ready for a fight, you do it in hopes that you never have to fight again.

Now this isn't saying that MMA fighters have no respect for martial arts—I am sure many of them do. It is just that practicing it for the sake of a fight is rather frowned upon.

Boxing is a tad bit different. Boxing started out as a sport in which you are trying to repeatedly punch someone in the face, or gut, or kidney, or wherever you can land a blow. Boxing has been such a sport for centuries, and despite

MMA coming into the scene, it is still going rather strong.

There is a chance boxing may even move to the forefront of competitive sports again. After all, a well-paid professional MMA fighter gets paid hundreds of thousands of dollars, but a well-paid boxer gets millions. That is a huge leap! But if the boxing world doesn't make a drastic change, it may soon become a dying sport. MMA is still on the rise—consistently growing every week. For every one boxing match you see, you can tune into four different UFC events.

More and more boxer's names are fading away while more and more MMA fighters are making a name for themselves. Only the future can tell what will happen. Both sports may even thrive, but in this competitive world I can't help but believe that MMA has boxing's number, and it may very well be down for the count.

Men's soccer schedule fall 2011



Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Aug 17 Wed	Bryan College (S)	Away	7:30
Aug 20 Sat	Young Harris College (S)	Away	4:00
Aug 22 Mon	Talladega College	Home	5:00
Aug 27 Sat	Union College	Home	6:00
Aug 30 Tue	Emmanuel College (CM)	Home	5:00
Sep 4 Sun	Warner College	Home	5:00
Sep 7 Wed	Faulkner College (CM)	Away	4:00 (CST)
Sep 10 Sat	Montreat College	Away	4:30
Sep 14 Wed	Belhaven University (CM)	Home	3:00
Sep 18 Sun	Spring Hill College (CM)	Home	3:00
Sep 22 Thur	Reinhardt College	Away	4:00
Sep 28 Wed	Mobile University (CM)	Home	3:00
Oct 4 Tue	AUM (CM)	Away	3:30 (CST)
Oct 11 Tue	Truett-McConnell College (CM)	Home	3:00
Oct 15 Sat	Lee University (CM)	Away	TBA
Oct 22 Sat	Brewton Parker College (CM)	Away	3:00
Oct 25 Tue	Southern Wesleyan University (CM)	Away	7:00
Oct 29 Sat	Shorter University (CM)	Home	2:00
Nov 1 Tue	William Carey University (CM)	Home	2:00

S = Scrimmage

CM = Conference Match

Greeks made easy

ΑΞΔ Alpha Xi Delta (Sorority)

ΓΦΒ Gamma Phi Beta (Sorority)

ΚΣ Kappa Sigma (Fraternity)

ΠΚΦ Pi Kappa Phi (Fraternity)

ΣΑΕ Sigma Alpha Epsilon (Fraternity)

ΣΝ Sigma Nu (Fraternity)

ΣΠ Sigma Pi (Fraternity)

ΤΚΕ Tau Kappa Epsilon (Fraternity)

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