SPSU has new minor: Aerospace Engineering

By Daniel DeBusk

Beginning this semester some very exciting new classes are being offered that you may not have heard about. Fall 2011 marks the first semester SPSU students can take classes toward an Aerospace Engineering minor for their degree. This is the first step in a journey that has high hopes. As major developments happen in the Engineering Department, Systems Engineering professor Dr. Adeel Khalid is pushing forward an educational track that has a major local investor’s interest piqued. Why wouldn’t Lockheed Martin be interested in having to cross South Cobb Drive to find new potential employees?

With a minor in aerospace, anyone can find a niche in the aerospace industry, including majors like Business, EE, EET, Mechanical, or even Physics. Lockheed Martin, NASA and Boeing are all major names in aerospace. How would you like to work at any one of those companies? I was able to sit down with Dr. Khalid and ask plenty of questions about this new initiative and he was more than happy to answer. Stepping into his office is like stepping into a small air and space museum. Dozens of miniature aircraft and spacecraft take up an entire wall in his office. It is quite apparent that Dr. Khalid is passionate about aerospace.

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The minor is comprised of five classes totalling fifteen credit hours. The class rotations are scheduled to begin every fall with an aerodynamics class. The final class of the series is a senior design project, the first of which Dr. Khalid is hoping his students will rebuild a small aircraft and then set it for display on the school grounds.

If there is enough interest in the Aerospace Engineering minor, then there is a chance to open an Aerospace Engineering major in as early as two years, according to Dr. Khalid’s early estimates. SPSU is already taking the appropriate steps to get the program going. The only question is, are there interested students out there? From just a few of the students I have talked with, it seems the answer is yes.

Robot donation to benefit SPSU students

By Julie Hill

Recently, Southern Polytechnic State was fortunate to have Sancoast Post Tension Ltd., located in Texas, donate $4.5 million worth of new Kawasaki robots. The donation of robots will give students the opportunity to use the same equipment used in the industry. Kawasaki Heavy-Duty Robots will be useful for students in robotics and mechatronics courses.

Glynn Mitchell, a 1984 graduate of SPSU’s electrical engineering technology program, was essential in helping the school receive the donation. One of the robots has been installed in SPSU alumni Dale Heatherington’s mechatronics lab. A local company can prepare the space on campus for their installation. SPSU’s mechatronics engineering degree is unique in Georgia and one of the largest in the nation. It had 13 graduates in May 2011, and the program has grown to approximately 250 people this fall. According to Dr. Chan Ham, Mechatronics program director, “The mechatronics program is a multidisciplinary engineering of Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, and Computer Science and produces graduates who are able to work effectively in all aspects of robotics, automated manufacturing, and the design of mechanical devices with embedded intelligence.”

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The goals are coming—see page 3

Teacher of the year: Rotnem

By Elizabeth Smith

Dr. Thomas Rotnem, Professor in the Department of Social and International Studies, has been named SPSU’s Teacher of the Year by the Cobb Chamber of Commerce. Each year, the Cobb Chamber of Commerce honors Cobb County teachers and recognizes their good work educating students in this region. Post-secondary institutions have been included in this celebration of teachers since 1995.

Dr. Rotnem earned a BA and an MA at Ohio State University and an MBA at Georgia State University. He has a Ph.D. from Ohio State University. He also received a graduate certificate in Russian Area Studies at Ohio State University. He spent much of last year living in Latvia as a Fulbright scholar grant award winner teaching and doing research. This is his eleventh year at SPSU.

Dr. Rotnem will give a public presentation on campus in spring 2012 as part of his role as Teacher of the Year.
Georgia government careers

By Victoria Allen

Being that we live and work in the state of Georgia, it is important that I give you a resource for local government careers. This particular website reference that I will inform you about is one of the leading web sites that will inform, guide, and connect you to a potentially new employer. The State Personnel Administration is a website of the State government that provides links to many job and career oriented institutions. The web address is http://www.spa.ga.gov/agencyservices/index.asp. My main focus is to give you a glimpse of the types of jobs the Georgia State government has to offer newly graduated and currently working adults.

There is no reason that a newly graduated individual should think that they cannot find a job. In my opinion, the most difficult part of any students’ career search is overcoming the fear and anxiety of the process. As a new college graduate from college. This is where the easy part starts and the ease of the task is totally up to you, the job seeker. You have more drive and determination, over many of the individuals who don’t have a two, four, or six year degree and have graduated from college. And thank you to everyone that has helped me to fill you in on our accomplishments, and there is put onto the list:

- The location and company
- The job title

The location and company selection can be a determining factor when you include your personal situation into the equation of finding new employment. When you click on the “Job Search” option under the “Job Application” tab on the SPA website, it will take you to the web address https://www.careers.ga.gov/. On there, you will have to create a free user account to apply for the listed jobs. Within this information, it has informational tabs at the top of the page that will provide you with more details about the state, benefits and rewards, the different counties within the state you can apply for jobs, veteran preferences, recruiter resources and the job search link. As you look at the job options, you will see the agency name, what county it’s in, the salary being offered and the closing date of the job advertisement. Here’s a list of a few job types that the State of Georgia has to offer you:


This list is mainly meant to show you how wide the employment level goes. Check out the site for yourself and see if there is something that may interest you. But don’t forget, within these organizations are other departments that may have a job that you are educated in like, Communication, IT, Engineering and a long list of other degree fields. Just don’t give up because you don’t see a specific title. Do some research and find out more about the company or organization, don’t follow the cliché by judging a book by its cover.
BRING ON THE GOATS

By Elizabeth Smith

SPSU’s annual Goat Night is coming up on October 19! In this annual tradition, fraternities and sororities of SPSU gather for a fun-filled night of competition called Goat Night. The competition consists of many different activities including choreographed dances, live entertainment and a skit including a real-live goat.

Legend has it that SPSU’s property used to be a goat farm, and the administration building was the location of the goat shed. There are also swirling stories of a time when a student long ago put a goat in the President’s office. Goat Night always packs the Student Center Theater, and faculty members judge the competition. Last year, Sigma Nu was awarded first place, Sigma Alpha Epsilon took second and Gamma Phi Beta took home third place. The free event is open to the SPSU community and promises to be an exciting time. Goat Night starts at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Center Theater on October 19.

By Vicki Nix

As Goat week approaches, it is a time to pass down the stories of days gone by. Eavesdropping on campus conversations started off with a story of Goat week being so named because someone heard from the brother-in-law of someone else who used to live across the street from SPSU who said that the campus was built on an old goat farm.

Another story is revealed as a casual gathering of alumni lets the laughter erupt when relaying the story of a brave pledge and his amazing feat where dumb luck and opportunity collided. Research and resources then brought forth another, more innocent and believable story.

The 1980s bring us a story of a pledge who found himself with a way into the administration building after hours. Being resourceful and ready to make his own mark on history, he let a goat into the luxurious interior of the administration building for the weekend as the rest of the Greek week. A guy or a goat?

By Daniel Silver

There is one thing that Greeks at SPSU look forward to during fall semester. That one thing is Goat Night! Originally called Goat Day back in 1972, its purpose, according to an article in the October 1972 edition of Southern Tech’s student newspaper, “The Engineering Technician was to promote fraternityization between Southern Tech students, faculty, and administration as well as the metropolitan Atlanta public.”

It has evolved into a competition between the Greeks and Goat Day becoming today’s well-known Goat Night. This year for Goat Night, almost 39 years later, the competition between the Greeks still goes on. A few changes have been made for this year. The theme will be McDonald’s because the charity for Tab Wars will be the Ronald McDonald House.

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Nov 11 Fixed Wing Blue Angels – A year in the Life

International film series

Where: Student Center Theater
Time: 6 p.m.
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The Sting October 2011
Meet Butch Walker

By Elizabeth Smith

There are so many musicians in the world you could go your whole life without hearing great songs and knowing about great artists. I would like to introduce you to Butch Walker, a famous though generally unheard of musician.

Walker, who grew up in Cartersville, Georgia, is presently playing with a band called The Black Widows. They just released their second album called “The Spade” which they are currently taking on tour.

Walker’s exact genre is hard to nail down. Songs on this album, unlike music Walker has made in the past, tend to have a rock base with folk flair and light pop influences. What’s best, the music is fun, relatable and catchy. It’s a perfect antidote for everyone who could find a song to like. I think my favorite song is Bullet Belt.

Perhaps you haven’t heard of Butch Walker because he does a lot of behind the scenes work. Walker is a successful producer and songwriter, and has worked with the likes of Katy Perry, Avril Lavigne, Taylor Swift, Fall Out Boy, Panic at the Disco, The All-American Rejects, Pink and The Academy Is. He even appeared on stage with Swift at the Winter 2010 Grammy Awards, where they joined Stevie Nicks for quite a performance.

Walker was also part of a thriving Atlanta-based band called Marvelous 3 which disbanded in 2001, who had hits like Freak of the Week and Sugarbuzz.

Check out some of Walker’s other great songs, like Maybe He’s Just Developed a Sense of Humor, or You Never Had, or Hot Girls in Good Moods, all from previous Butch Walker albums.

To find out more about Butch Walker, visit butchwalker.com, follow him on Twitter, or check him out on Facebook. He’s an amazing musician and you won’t be sorry!
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**FRIDAY**
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POKER AT 8 & 10:30
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Science lab vespa
By Daniel DeBusk

GRAIL: Monitoring the Moon

Even though the moon has been with us as long as human history, there still is quite a bit about Earth’s moon, Luna, which we still don’t know about. It’s almost as if by being so close we have skipped over it and began studying other solar objects in more detail. NASA’s Apollo missions sent people to the moon and a lot of your everyday items were first developed for use in the moon missions, including the sports bra. While many scientists were studying the moon from earth during that time, and many still, only twelve men set foot on the surface for precious few minutes at a time to study the moon. These missions, while limited in time and carrying capacity, brought back a wealth of data about the moon that is still being sorted out, like carrying capacity, brought back a wealth of data about the moon. These missions, while limited in time and carrying capacity, brought back a wealth of data about the moon that is still being sorted out, like the fact that the moon is falling away from the Earth at a rate of about one inch per year.

NASA is once again going back to the moon—not with astronauts, but with GRAIL (Gravitational Recovery and Interior Laboratory). Launched on September 10, the system consists of two twin spacecraft that will separate from each other during the trip to the moon. Since NASA used a lower-powered Delta II rocket, GRAIL-A isn’t due to arrive in lunar orbit until New Year’s Eve 2011 and GRAIL-B on New Year’s Day 2012.

Together, according to NASA’s fact sheet, they will create the most detailed gravitational map of Luna. Each about the size of a washing machine, NASA’s JPL will be constantly monitoring the careful dance these spacecraft will be doing to keep accurate readings during the mission.

With the Data that GRAIL returns next year, NASA expects scientists to be able to increase their understanding of how the inner solar system’s rocky bodies developed. It is possible that the data we gather may inspire more missions to the moon.

Disabilities in transportation (part 1)
By Dominic Fredo

I’ve never found navigating the grounds of SPSU to be a difficult task until I began riding a bicycle around campus. The campus poses a much different challenge when you’re unable to use stairs to get where you need to go.

It occurred to me that if the campus is this difficult for me, as a 22 year old able bodied male, I can’t begin to imagine what it must be like for someone who is disabled and may not have the same capability of movement.

Luckily for me (and for you who are currently reading this article), I was allowed the privilege of speaking with Robert Barnard, The Sting’s sports editor, who had knee surgery and was using a wheelchair to get around, and Dr. Nancy Reichert, English professor and director of the University Honors Program, who has Multiple Sclerosis (MS). They were gracious enough to sit down with me and enlighten me about the difficulties faced by people with physical disabilities on campus.

**Dominic:** Take us through an average day around campus. What obstacles do you have to deal with just to be able to get where you need to go? Do you face any additional challenges when you get there?

**Robert:** An average day for me when I was in my wheelchair would be having to arrive at campus at least 45 minutes before my first class. I would have to push myself from class to class. There are really no direct routes for people in wheelchairs like there are for those who can walk.

**Dr. Reichert:** So much of parking depends on where you have to park. The J building, for example, has handicapped parking on the south and east side of the building, but getting through the door at that end has its challenges. There’s nothing that is truly accessible to the J building. There are handicapped entrances in the center atrium, but the entrance to the second floor is not handicapped accessible. The spiral staircase also poses a problem for me as a result of my MS. My body isn’t able to perform the calculations to adjust to the difference in step width. A lot depends on the level of disability as well as wheelchair capability. Nothing beats a wheelchair or scooter at showing problem areas in disabilities services.

**Dominic:** Are any of the campus’ disability-friendly entrances, paths, or elevators noticeably out of the way or confusing to someone who wouldn’t need to use them?

**Robert:** I did not really notice any of the disability friendly entrances to be out of the way.

**Dr. Reichert:** What the school has done is make sure there is a disability-friendly entrance on every building. The entrances are not necessarily convenient, but they do have access. Some buildings do require that you have to take the long way around to get to that entrance, including the bottom level of the B (Administration) building.

**Dominic:** Is there anything lacking from the campus’ current disability accommodations?

**Robert:** On the stepper hills there needs to be a rail. For example, once you get to the library from the atrium there is no assistance other than raw will and determination.

**Dr. Reichert:** Overall they do a decent job, especially with the ATICC, and Facilities has accomplished a good deal this year. Every year there is a new group of issues that shows up on account of different disabilities being represented. There is a solid attempt with ensuring that students are handled well. The campus is in much better shape today than it was in the past. It really needs to be, with over 2500 members of returning Iraqi and Afghan veterans going to school under the GI Bill.

**Dominic:** Have you ever had any issues with non-disabled people using equipment designed for disabled people (for example, elevators or ADA-compliant restroom stalls)?

**Robert:** I had many times gone into the restroom to use the handicap stall to find a perfectly able-bodied person who just wanted the extra space and question whether or not I was truly a person with disabilities. They think I’ve thrown out a hip or something. My main reason for using the scooter is to save energy to be able to teach once I get to class.

**Dominic:** In general, how accommodating are people at SPSU? Will they go out of their way to try to assist you?

**Robert:** Most of the people on the SPSU campus were very helpful and some that would see me struggling to get up some hills would ask if they could help me. I did have a few students that made sure I got where I needed to go. Sometimes they did not even have a class near where I was.

**Dr. Reichert:** So much of it has changed based on my hair color <laughs>. People used to think it was a sports injury, now they think I’ve thrown out a hip or something. My main reason for using the scooter is to save energy to be able to teach once I get to class. People think when I use the cane that I’m doing better, and I don’t want to have to tell them that that’s not the case, but...

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**Dr. Reichert:** By and large, people are good, especially here in the South, about opening doors for people. You’re never going to go wrong helping people. If I’m struggling with a door, I won’t complain about getting assistance.

**Dominic:** Any final thoughts?

**Robert:** I definitely have a different perspective on life after spending four weeks in a manual wheelchair.

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**Supernova saddens the SPSUSPs**

In late August, astronomers at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (Berkeley Lab) discovered a type “la” supernova and named it PTF 11kly. According to Berkeley Lab, PTF 11kly “is closer to Earth—approximately 21 million light-years away—than any other of its kind in a generation.” The remnant of this dead star was so brilliant that it could have been seen, for some with exceptional vision, with the naked eye while the rest of us needed only binoculars. It was estimated that it would be visible in the northern hemisphere for several weeks, roughly until September 21 for those of us in Georgia.

According to the SPSU’s website, PTF 11kly was found by the Palomar Transient Factory (PTF) survey, which is designed to observe and uncover astronomical events as they happen. Berkeley Lab’s Peter Nugent was noted as crediting the supercomputers at the National Energy Research Scientific Computing Center (NERSC) for being able to discover the celestial event.

At SPSU, the Society of Physics Students (SPSUSSP) and Professor Eric Smith quickly scheduled a viewing of PTF 11kly for Thursday, September 15 hoping to use SPSU’s telescopes. However, atmospheric phenomena, heavy cloud cover, prevented any viewing that evening. Scrambling even faster, SPSU rescheduled the viewing for Monday, September 19 hoping that the sky would clear up before PTF 11kly was no longer visible. Again, nature tormented the students by obscuring the skies over Georgia. While viewing PTF 11kly was not always possible in Georgia because of cloudy skies, there are plenty of photos available online to view the phenomena. You can read more and see early stage photos at Berkeley Lab’s News Center (http://newscenter.lbl.gov/feature-stories/2011/08/25/supernova).
Thoughtful thoughts

By Alex Hartel

If you are a college student—and chances are you probably are—if you are reading this paper—then you will probably be in the market for a job in the near future—if you are not already. And, when you are in the market, you have to face an unpleasant fact: you may be in that market for a long, long time. I know that from experience. As if I would land my first full-time position (as an Accounts Payable Associate at Ryder), I had to apply for over 150 jobs. Only a handful of those applications even resulted in interviews. That’s how I found out that, when you finally land that interview, you better make the most of your golden opportunity. To do so, you better come prepared.

Fortunately, Alison Doyle, a career development expert who writes for About.com, has provided a great way for job-seekers to make sure they are prepared. She wrote an article delineating common interview questions, along with some suggested sample answers.

But I’m not going to give you the hyperlink to her article until you get to the bottom of mine. Just going straight to her article would be too easy for you. I want to give you a challenge. Who ever said job searching was going to be easy?

In the remainder of my article, I will present paraphrased versions of several of her common interview questions. After each question will be three suggested answers. In each group of three, only one reflects the sage counsel of Alison Doyle. The other two do not. They are the types of answers you might want to use if you actually enjoy searching for jobs and couldn’t bear the thought of your search coming to an end. So here’s the challenge: after reading each question, I want you to guess which answer is the one suggested by Doyle. It may not be a word-for-word quotation from her article, but it will be based on what she wrote. At the bottom of the article are the correct answers. Ready?

**Question #1**: How well have you learned from your mistakes?

a. I don’t make mistakes.

b. I have come to the realization that, in order to take significant steps toward continuous self-improvement, I must adopt a new perspective on circumstances and situations that allow me to conquer the learning curve and maximally utilize opportunities for development.

c. I have learned the importance of persistence. When I’m dealing with a problem, I shouldn’t give up too soon, because the solution is very likely right in front of me.

**Question #2**: What did you like most about your previous position?

a. I enjoyed my coworkers. The atmosphere was friendly and positive, so I actually was glad to come to work every morning. I also appreciated my supervisor’s leadership style—she interacted personally with each one of her employees.

b. I really enjoyed the lunch hour, as well as the breaks.

c. The paycheck.

**Question #3**: What did you dislike most about your previous position?

a. I didn’t like the fact that annoy ing people kept bringing more work for me to do. I like having a job, but not with so much work involved.

b. I didn’t like that my supervisor was an LSIU fan.

c. Even though I value the skills I learned from my former company, I felt that I wasn’t challenged enough in that position. I am looking for opportunities that will help me move forward in my career.

**Question #4**: What were your starting and final rates of pay?

a. [Just give them the bare facts.]

b. None of your business.

c. I’ll tell you mine if you tell me yours.

**Question #5**: Tell me some of your greatest strengths.

a. I am a very intelligent person who works hard and gets the job done right.

b. I have good time management skills that help me perform my job efficiently. I also have excellent customer service skills.

c. I am really good at video games, especially Mortal Kombat.

**Question #6**: What is your biggest weakness?

a. Chocolate! Don’t leave any lying around when I come to work.

b. I am a bit of a kleptomaniac, but I am working on this problem. At my last job, after I was confronted about stealing company property, I committed to a plan where I would limit myself to stealing items worth less than $10.00.

c. I am a perfectionist, which means that I sometimes spend too much time triple-checking little details. However, I have developed a system that helps ensure everything is right the first time.

**Question #7**: Tell me about yourself.

a. Well, I was born in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1989. When I was three years old, my family moved to Rome, Georgia. We lived there for four years, and then we moved to Wisconsin. While living up there, we had a large farm where we raised ducks, chickens, rabbits, and a goat. In high school, I was involved in debate, soccer, and piano. After I graduated, I—wait, don’t go away! Don’t you want to hear the rest? I’m getting to the exciting part! I have two dogs, I love mystery novels, and I am a Green Bay Packers fan. So, what about you?

c. I’m a seasoned Retail Manager strong in developing training programs and loss prevention techniques that have resulted in revenue savings of over $2.3 million for (employer’s name) during the past 11 years. [If that’s really true about you.]

**Question #8**: What motivates you?

a. Well, I was born in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1989. When I was three years old, my family moved to Rome, Georgia. We lived there for four years, and then we moved to Wisconsin. While living up there, we had a large farm where we raised ducks, chickens, rabbits, and a goat. In high school, I was involved in debate, soccer, and piano. After I graduated, I—wait, don’t go away! Don’t you want to hear the rest? I’m getting to the exciting part! I have two dogs, I love mystery novels, and I am a Green Bay Packers fan. So, what about you?

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c. I’ll tell you mine if you tell me yours.

**Question #10**: Are you willing to travel?

a. No, I only work from home.

b. Sure, I’ll drive to work every morning.

c. I could go ahead and do it the wrong way, just like she told me to. You have to keep the boss happy.

**Question #11**: How would you handle a situation in which you know your boss is 100% wrong?

a. I’d ask him how he ever got to be supervisor.

b. It depends on the exact situation and the supervisor’s personality.

c. I would assume that he has given me the job, and I will do my best to make him happy.

**Question #12**: How much travel is involved?

a. None, I only work from home.

b. Sure, I’ll drive to work every morning.

c. I could go ahead and do it the wrong way, just like she told me to. You have to keep the boss happy.

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a. No, I only work from home.

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a. None, I only work from home.

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b. Sure, I’ll drive to work every morning.

c. I could go ahead and do it the wrong way, just like she told me to. You have to keep the boss happy.
Dragon*Con labels itself as the largest multi-media, popular culture convention focusing on science fiction and fantasy, gaming, comics, literature, art, music, and film. However, Dragon*Con is more commonly known as the largest convention in the Southeast. The 40,000-plus-member convention encompasses five hotels in downtown Atlanta and spans four days over Labor Day Weekend.

The convention activities include approximately 3500 hours of panels, seminars, demonstrations, and workshops, with over 30 specialized programming tracks. The convention also features many musicic talents that have performances, panels, and booths throughout the weekend.

This year, Dragon*Con celebrated its 25th year anniversary and made it to over 46,000 attendees. I happily report as one of those attendees, and I am proud to say this is my fourth consecutive year in attendance. Conventions are a specialized space reserved for a specific time and place on certain focus points.

If you’ve never been to a convention, imagine it like this: take your favorite sport or hobby, and imagine a mall filled with people that also enjoy that same favorite sport or hobby. Now imagine you have the mall reserved for activities specifically related to that sport or hobby for either a whole day or a whole weekend. This is what a convention is on a very small scale; it is about immersing yourself in activities and with other people that have the same favorite hobbies, multi-media and popular culture interests.

Dragon*Con is on the more expensive side when it comes to membership registration in comparison to other local conventions such as Anime Weekend Atlanta (AWA) and Momocon. My best advice on that is to register for a membership pass as early as possible, they start selling memberships for the next year almost immediately after the event. As it gets closer to the event date, pre-registration closes and you’ll have to wait to register on-site. This is often a better option for those that only wish to buy a membership pass for a day or two. But as an insider, it is still almost just as expensive versus pre-registering the year before and you get the full four-day pass.

I have to say as a regular convention attendee, even with the high price and often packed areas, Dragon*Con is definitely worth it. The convention is huge so you’re going to have to deal with a lot of slow traffic flow, long lines, and overpopulated areas. On the upside, because the convention is so huge, the activities are much more involved and you get a lot of well-known celebrities/guests of honor. Just to name a few more recognizable celebrities/guests of honor from this year: Anne McCaffrey, Laurell K. Hamilton, Terry Brooks, Leonard Nimoy, William Shatner, Misha Collins, Eliza Dushku, James Marsters, Sean Patrick Flanery, J. Scott Campbell, George Perez, Cruxshadows, and Lips Down on Dixie.

Part of the convention experience is that many attendees will wear costumes or have specific themed outfits throughout the weekend. The range of these costumes/outfits is incredible because of the broad topics/interests covered by this particular convention. You’ll also see many different variations adapted from popular characters, television shows, and themes. Dragon*Con is unique in the variety of fan bases it specializes in and caters to, in comparison to other conventions. The span of five hotels has a lot to do with the space for all the convention activities available.

The best part of attending this kind of convention is the people. You will meet people from all over the world/country that attend Dragon*Con and you will be surprised at all the common hobbies, interests, topics, and fan bases. While waiting in line for registration, the elevator, a panel, or a workshop it is easy to start a conversation with your neighbor. In my opinion the largest appeal to attending a convention is that you’re in a reserved space and you’re surrounded by people that get you. It doesn’t matter whether you label yourself as a geek, nerd, dork, fangirl/fanboy, brony, trekkie, supporter, otaku, gamer, groupie, or anything else. I can guarantee you’ll find others that are just as interested (or even more interested) in the same culture, television show, music, book series, etc. as you.

Attending any convention is an experience, but Dragon*Con is its own experience. From the Zombie Parade, to the Guest Hall, to a fantasy writing workshop, to even just plain people watching, you are bound to have a good time. So even if you don’t have the funds for a whole-weekend or even a day-pass, just stop by the area and look up the parade (it’s early Saturday morning). Or maybe if this seems like the kind of experience you’re looking for, browse through the Dragon*Con website, it is a great background resource. All I can say is that it is a ton of fun and I can’t wait for next year!

Welcome to Dragon*Con 101
By Anastasia Russo
Did you know . . . License plates can be emotional

By Judy Garrard

You may not have realized it, but there was a contest this summer for a new Georgia license plate. I learned about it from my friend Joy Bosth. Her husband, Don, was one of eight semi-finalists. These eight were chosen from a pool of approximately 500 entries by a panel of university art professors.

Unfortunately, Don was not the winner, but it is still quite an accomplishment and deserves recognition. I ask you, “How much do you usually think about the Georgia tag?” It’s been so plain for so many years that unless you get a special tag (like the future SSUP tag), they really don’t warrant much notice.

This is the first year that Georgia has had this contest and Don learned about it through a co-worker of Joy’s. “Once Joy sent me the information, I had about a week to develop and create my proposed design—no rush,” said Don. He created it by making “several pencil sketches to get the composition where I wanted it. Then I scanned in the final rough sketch and used it as a guide layer in Adobe Illustrator.”

I asked Don what the prize would be and he said he believes the winner received “a commemorative license plate and an official contest winner certificate.”

Don’s Georgia license plate entry

Don is a graphic designer by profession—his days are spent as a Senior Designer for a Fortune 500 company where his “projects can range from designing various layouts of brochures, magazines and multimedia communication to complete branding for meetings and conventions.” As a graduate of The Art Institute of Atlanta, he certainly has the appropriate background to design most anything.

Don and Joy, “also do freelance projects on the side for small to medium sized companies” through their company Fuelmoon Design. “The work we do typically includes branding, advertising and all the associated material for clients in both print and web,” said Don.

He is the 2011 winner of the Gainesville Spring Chicken Festival art contest. “That was fun because it got me back to using pen and canvas skills,” said Don. “Over the past several years I have won a few Graphic Design U.S.A. awards, along with being a finalist for an AIC editorial cartoon contest.”

When Don entered this license plate contest, he probably didn’t realize that it could become as emotional as it did. You see, the contest was actually held twice.

The first time, the semi-finalists’ tags were each different in the little rectangular space at the bottom where the county sticker is placed. There is an optional sticker that costs $1 which says, “In God We Trust” (IGWT). Some of the contestants put the actual county where they are from in this space, some (like Don) left this space blank, and a few used layout designs. Don’s entry had the IGWT.

When the contest ended after three weeks of on-line voting, the three finalists were the three tags with the IGWT stickers. According to Don, “The Department of Revenue, along with the Governor’s office, decided the initial results from the public voting may have been influenced by the addition of ‘In God We Trust’ on a few of the entries. That seemed unfair to the other semi-finalists, including myself. So, it was decided to reopen the voting to the public, only this time eliminate any text in the area reserved for the county sticker on each design.”

The voting started all over again for three more weeks, but unfortunately Don was not one of the three finalists; however, he learned later that his design was in fourth place—so close.

One of the things that Don was mindful of when designing his tag was all of the different colors and types of vehicles that it would be placed on; therefore, he required theme that it must contain peaches—after all, we are the peach state—but other than that, he opted for no additional color. At least two of the three finalist’s tags had a much busier design. But it was either one of two things that got those tags into the final three—in this voter’s opinion—they had more friends voting (or spent a lot of time voting for themselves) or Georgia is just full of one extremely plain tags and went for the exact opposite instead of something that was much more versatile.

I asked Don if he would enter again if they have another contest in four years, and he said, “I would consider giving it another shot. I really enjoy the different design challenges each opportunity has given me. That’s what keeps it interesting.”

Don’s winning entry for the Gainesville Spring Chicken art contest
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I nearly bunged my head on the steering wheel in front of me. A diet of caffeine and working into the wee hours of the morning can take its toll. I seriously thought that tonight would be different. I was told that there were no new leads and that I could go home for the day. I was home free, diving for the sheets when my phone rang. All that I could hear on the other end was the chief blaring, "Anderson, Anderson! We need you in here immediately!" My face didn’t even have time to make an impression on the pillow.

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SGA: What do they do?

By Brian Ellison

Maybe you know it, maybe you don’t, but SPSU does have a Student Government Association (SGA). Our main goal is to be the voice of the students across the campus. We lobby for change, work with the faculty and staff, and help out fellow organizations. The Student Government is proud to have hosted the 2011 President’s Luncheon on October 4th for all campus organization presidents and is now looking for student help on a variety of projects.

We are open to ideas, comments, concerns that you have about SPSU. In addition, SGA is always looking for students that want to get involved or have ideas for where our campus should be heading. Also, check out our website at http://www.spsu.edu/sga.

The International Society of Automation (ISA)

The International Society of Automation (ISA) is a remarkable club for anyone trying to improve their marketability to employers. This professional organization has guest speakers with valuable industry information. The club is also a great way to get involved in philanthropic work by participating in BEST robotics and First, organizations that allow you to use your leadership and engineering skills to mentor youth in the field of robotics. ISA also takes tours of plants with advanced operations such as the Kia plant in West Point, Georgia. Coming this spring, ISA will be hosting a robotics competition. The remaining ISA meetings will take place on Oct. 20, Nov. 1, Nov. 17 and Dec. 1 in room Q202. Food is provided at the meetings. The club is currently seeking people to be on event and fundraising committees. All majors are welcome to join ISA. It’s axiomatic that ISA has something that can help you excel in the professional world. For more information, join ISA on orgsync or contact Nicholas DiAngelo at ndiang20@student.spsu.edu.

Opinion

SPSU parking woes

By Sharon Roberts

I am from the city that is plagued with parking woes. We are required to wake up in the wee hours of the morning to move our cars for the street sweepers to clean the dirty NYC streets. This was an every Wednesday event that carried a hefty $150.00 penalty if neglected. I was extremely obedient because who wants to pay traffic tickets? Certainly not me! I have always been obedient to traffic signage so when I looked at my student account and saw an entry stating a $25 parking fine I was furiously confused. I wasted no time going to the auxiliary department to inquire. I was told that I had parked my car in the visitor’s parking lot and that I had failed to pay.

It was at that moment my blood pressure skyrocketed to levels that could have had me dropping to the floor like a fish out of water.

My first response was “I never received a citation!” I really wanted to scream, “Hey! I’m the girl who woke up in the wee hours of the morning to move her car to avoid getting a ticket, that’s how dedicated I am!” Something was wrong, I felt it was a true fact that I never received a citation.

So I asked, “What do I do next? This is incorrect.” She told me that the next step was to appeal but the window to do so had already passed. Are you kidding me? I was more furious. I was determined to take this all the way if necessary. My next question was, “Where do I appeal the appeal?”

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I reached the second level to discover there is no parking available because who wants to pay traffic tickets? Certainly not me! I chalked it up for another SPSU parking woe story and I was not alone and there is comfort in numbers. I realized in some way, shape or form we have all had some SPSU parking issues.

Another issue: it’s 8:40 a.m. and I am rushing to get to my 9 a.m. technical writing class. There is construction directing us to the other side of campus which is adding 5 minutes to my countdown. No parking is available because you are prohibited from entering on the J building side, so getting to the commuter garage via the opposite side is best. Eventually, I manage to pull into the commuter garage with two fellow commuters in front of me. They are racing like we are in the Indy 500. The frustration begins to build as we climb up to the second level of the garage dodging cars that are coming in the opposite direction and navigating around the protruding fronts of the monster trucks that take up a portion of the roadway.

I was on a mission. I told my story to whoever was willing to listen, and even heard some stories that were worse than mine. One guy received a parking ticket for using a friend’s car after his broke down in route and he left his parking permit sticker on his car but parked in his regular parking spot.

Another student parked in visitor parking to quickly drop off a document and came right back out to a citation on the window. Half of the people I talked to did not even know there was an appeal process.

Autonomous underwater vehicle team

From left to right: Travis Prather, Tim Zuspan, Christine Hilley, Jake Robinson

Started in 2003, the AUV team prepares students to compete in the Annual Robosub Competition hosted by UAVSI (Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International). During the school year, students build a submersible that is fully autonomous. This sub navigates a course to complete certain tasks. Other parts of the competition include a website, presentation and information video.

While the team’s main goal is to win the competition, there is much more that the team provides to students. Another goal for this year is to host an outreach program for youth between the ages of 11 and 17 in the Marietta area. We hope to become well known within the community and provide an outlet for students to serve others. Ultimately, the AUV team prepares students for life after graduation. No matter the major, employers want to hire people with skills and knowledge. Knowledge is learned in the classroom, but what about the skills? Internships and co-ops are not the only avenues to learn how to apply the lessons learned in the classroom. This is where the AUV team fits in.

This year, AUV is really pushing for a more business-like and professional team. Because of this, we do not hold meetings that are open to non-members. In the future, we plan to hold an info-session for persons interested in learning about the team.

You may email us at spsu.auv.team@gmail.com if you have any questions. If you are interested in filling out an application, please visit our Orgsync page and look under the forms section. We are always looking for hard-working and dedicated people to join the team.
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The NBA lockout

By Randy Brown Jr.

It is early October and already the NBA has canceled all of its pre-season games courtesy of the Lockout. In previous situations, the fans would throw up their hands in frustration, the owners would stand idle as greedy spooks, and the players (at times the victims) would bemoan the cause and not afford to go months without a pay check.

Fast forward to 2011 and not only are players not willing to budge, they are also getting offers to play overseas. However, the owners are definitely losing money this time around and nearly half of all NBA franchises are seeing red (usually not a good sign).

At the same time, nobody told all the big wigs to go out and spend millions on unproven talent.

In the end, either we fans are going to see basketball in January (Anything before then is just false hope) or not see basketball this year at all. Players have never been offered contracts to return during a lockout before. New Jersey Nets superstar Deron Williams has already accepted an offer to go play in Turkey and other NBA superstars are far behind.

Future Hall of Famer and Lakers superstar Kobe Bryant has been offered over $6 million to go play in his home country of Italy. NBA owners are going to have to come up with a plan and execute soon. Their franchise players are not sitting around anymore complaining about getting paid. These NBA stars are about to literally get paid. Imagine if one of these icons got injured while playing abroad; they are not easy to replace, and then who would put butts in the seats?

Lady Hornets are ready to run

By Robert Barnard

The Lady Hornets basketball team will begin their season November 1st against Kenyon State University. I had the pleasure of interviewing our Lady Hornets head coach, coach Laquanda Dawkins. Since the team captains for this year’s team were announced, I thought it would be appropriate to seek their thoughts before the season begins.

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New intercollegiate sports at SPSU

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Football is back

By Zachary Duncan

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Sports

Mayweather vs Ortiz: Give and you shall receive

By Randy Brown Jr.

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Anyway, Ortiz goes on this huge ‘apology campaign’ around the ring while the referee tries to sort through what just happened. Ortiz hugs and kisses, trying to make up for what he had just done. I hear some say it was intentional and others say it was accidental. Personally, I believe the guy was frustrated because he could not get a clean shot off.

After all was settled, the referee gave both boxers the signal for the fight to continue. Mayhem ensued with Mayweather delivering to quick blows to the face and down went Ortiz for the count (And yes, they were legal punches). I was standing in Buffalo Wild Wings Sports Bar in Kennesaw when Ortiz was knocked down and that place went bananas! I did run into three or four people that believed that Floyd gave Ortiz two cheap shots. Nonetheless, the majority agreed with me, that Ortiz got what he deserved.

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Then out of nowhere, Ortiz jumps from his feet and lunges forward with a head butt. Now people, I witnessed the infamous Tyson bite on national TV and that head butt was right there with it. Most people will disagree, mainly because of their views on Mayweather (most fans do not like him). However, I would love to see their reaction had the head butt been delivered by Floyd instead.

Anyway, Ortiz goes on this huge ‘apology campaign’ around the ring while the referee tries to sort through what just happened. Ortiz hugs and kisses, trying to make up for what he had just done. I hear some say it was intentional and others say it was accidental. Personally, I believe the guy was frustrated because he could not get a clean shot off.

After all was settled, the referee gave both boxers the signal for the fight to continue. Mayhem ensued with Mayweather delivering to quick blows to the face and down went Ortiz for the count (And yes, they were legal punches). I was standing in Buffalo Wild Wings Sports Bar in Kennesaw when Ortiz was knocked down and that place went bananas! I did run into three or four people that believed that Floyd gave Ortiz two cheap shots. Nonetheless, the majority agreed with me, that Ortiz got what he deserved.

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The first student to identify the person in the mask, holding the shield and sword (pictured in photo to the right), will win a prize (to be determined). You must send an email to sting@spsu.edu, and this contest is not open to any of our staff.

Student Profile

The Sting would like to find and feature students that are:
- the oldest
- the most degreed
- the youngest
- the farthest from home
- the most unusual hobbyist
- the most “ranked,” etc.

If you know of anyone that may qualify, email their contact information to sting@spsu.edu.