

A photograph of a university campus. In the center is a large, silver, wireframe globe sculpture on a pedestal, surrounded by a circular garden bed. The pavement around the globe is painted a vibrant purple. Several people are walking on the path. In the background, there are trees and a building under a blue sky with light clouds.

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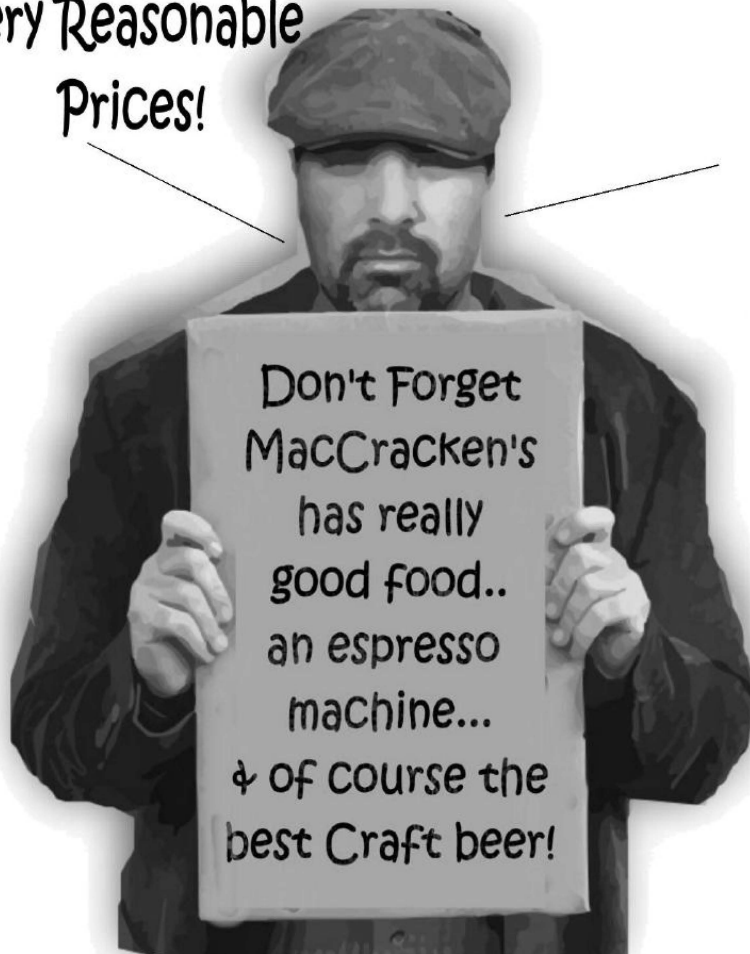


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The Graphic Art Student pushed his beer away in disgust. The Business Student fished the fly out of his beer, and continued drinking it, as if nothing had happened.

The Mechanical Engineering Student, too, picked the fly out of his drink, held it out over the beer, and started yelling, "SPIT IT OUT, SPIT IT OUT!"



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In an effort to provide the student body with a newspaper that is visually appealing, The Sting would like more photographs of events that relate to the articles inside our issue. If an article is submitted without a photograph or graphic it may be accompanied by ferrets. Here is an example of a photograph that captures a moment of student activity.

Sincerely,

Randy Brown Jr.
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A Call for Student Leaders

By: Randy Brown Jr.



On Saturday, October 12, members of SPSU student organizations will have the opportunity to speak with prospective students about their interests and possible future here at this university.

Members of SPSU Admissions are asking that student organizations get creative Saturday. They would like to see interactive tables similar to the ones at the CAB carnival a few weeks ago. While this year's organization fair will give students a chance to meet and greet, it also gives us a chance to try something fun and different.

In tribute to Breast Cancer Awareness month, The Sting has started a campaign: The Sting Cares. The goal of this campaign is to raise student awareness about breast cancer, how it affects families, highlight survivors of breast cancer here at SPSU, and what we can all do to contribute

to local breast cancer foundations.

The Sting is planning to chalk the concrete area surrounding the globe with a pink ribbon in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This event will take place this Saturday, October 12 during the SPSU Student Organization Fair. Members of the SPSU student body, administrators, faculty & staff, and prospective students will be encouraged to sign their names and/or leave a message on the ribbon.

As Editor-in-Chief of the student newspaper, the voice of the student body, I would like to encourage all student leaders of SPSU to attend Saturday's student organization fair. Let us all join together and show school spirit, supporting our organizations, prospective students, and this university.

I am looking forward to seeing you all there!

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CAMPUS NEWS

GAME JAM 2013

Games for Health

►Conner Cobb

“EDU-TAINMENT,” AS IT IS CALLED, REFERS TO THE USE OF ENTERTAINMENT MEDIUMS AS A TEACHING TOOL.

It’s a logical thought process: When educating, one wants to reach the largest audience possible, and almost everyone in the modern world plays games in some way or another. Trying to combine the two seems almost like a no-brainer, however the task proves more difficult than one might imagine. In the past, the operating principle for educational games seemed to be to hold the player down and beat them over the head with information, preferring instead to force learning, rather than facilitate it (not unlike many high schools). The challenge here lies in making a game that is both fun to play, and educates players, without leaning too heavily on one or the other. Enter the “Games for Health” Jam.

When I first heard that the CDC would be sponsoring the Game Jam, I’ll admit I did something of a double

take. Normal sponsors generally range from game developer associations to local companies like Hi-Rez and Tripwire, so

“Though I have yet to go to a bad Game Jam, I thoroughly enjoyed the “Games for Health” experience.

the Center for Disease Control, of all people, seemed out of place. With this in mind, during the Jam I managed to sit down with CDC representative, Dan Baden, to discuss their unlikely partnership. “We’re looking for new

and innovative ways to address public Health Issues,” he told me, “Like tobacco, obesity, nutrition, teen pregnancy, HIV, motor vehicle injuries, and healthcare-associated infections.” Taking that into perspective, it made much more sense, particularly after an impassioned presentation by Ben Sawyer from the Games for Health Project. One of the major takeaways from his talk during the opening ceremony, and an ugly reality of the situation, is that the status quo of preventative health education just isn’t enough. Despite continued efforts, pamphlets and public school seminars seem to do little to stem the tide of growing health problems plaguing the nation, so a new approach of through edutainment looks to be the best option.

Though the general theme

was “Games for health,” a more specific theme of, “Beat” was given at the opening ceremony, and with that, the event was underway. The Jam proceeded as it has in the past, with caffeinated participants chugging away at their computers, hoping to get as much done in the short 48-hour time period. However, this particular jam was different for two primary reasons: First, things were moving on a larger scale, as this gathering had an unprecedented turnout of over two hundred participants. Secondly, teams moved with a sense of vigor I hadn’t witnessed at a Jam before. With good reason, too, because unlike before, first prize winners would be walking away with more than just free passes to SIEGE. At the end of it all, five teams would be chosen to move on to another round of

judging, with a shot at a paid internship at the CDC.

So why SPSU? After all, the CDC is a federal organization, and there are several games Jams just like ours across the nation. According to Dan, “[SPSU] has a long track record of doing successful game jams. You were doing one in a timeline that worked for us, and you’ve got good facilities, good people doing it already, and it seemed like a natural partnership.” Natural is exactly the word I would use to describe it, because everyone seems oddly comfortable with the project. Of course, some of them have been to a Game Jam before, but I believe much of it comes from the reality of being a game designer. It’s not often designers get to pursue an idea of their own, as they’re often given an idea and told to make something of

it. The theme given at the beginning of Jam helps to simulate this experience, but there was never any strict obligation to adhere to those guidelines. Here the stakes are raised, as there is potential money on the line, which not only provided a great incentive, but made the experience as a whole feel much more authentic.

Though I have yet to go to a bad Game Jam, I thoroughly enjoyed the "Games for Health" experience, and I can say with absolute certainty that just about everyone involved with the project would like to do it again. That includes Dan Baden, too. "We're hoping to do this again," he told me, "This is really a Pilot project, and there's actually several people around the country looking at this and watching, and we can pull it off well, they hopefully will help support doing this again, or possibly scaling it up nationwide." Personally, that is something I'd very much like to see.



Photo by Conner Cobb

Dr. Rossbacher Rocks!

►By: Nancy Reichert

When I walked onto campus in 1999 as an English faculty member, I became immediately interested in Dr. Lisa A. Rossbacher, the President of Southern Polytechnic State University. She had been newly appointed as president in 1998 and (I'll be honest) I wondered what kind of woman wants to lead a polytechnic?

Since then I have found out a bit more about the type of woman who runs a polytechnic university, and I hope this interview gives everyone a bit more insight into the background of our president: her education, her leadership style, and her goals.

Let's begin with the fact that Dr. Rossbacher earned her doctorate in the field of geology. First of all, only 1.6% of the American population has earned a doctoral degree, according to 2012 numbers at the U.S. Census Bureau's website. Only 282 people earned a doctorate in Geology in 1983, according to The Digest of Education Statistics. Dr. Rossbacher earned her doctorate at Princeton University in 1983 where she studied the role of water and water ice on Mars.

Prior to completing her doctorate, she completed TWO masters' degrees in Geology: one at the State University of New York at Binghamton concerning sinkholes as a research interest and the second at Princeton University. Dr. Rossbacher truly rocks, doesn't she?

That's just the beginning of her story. Before coming to SPSU in 1998, Dr. Rossbacher was a finalist in 1984 for NASA's astronaut selections process; she engaged in NASA-funded research at the University of Uppsala in Sweden in order to study landforms at high latitudes on Earth that are analogs for features on the surface of Mars; she was the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of Geology at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona; she was the Vice president for Academic Affairs at Whittier College, and she was the Dean of the Faculty at Dickinson College. You may be thinking that in order for Dr. Rossbacher to do all of this she must have given up on a personal life, right?

Wrong. While in graduate school at the State

University of New York at Binghamton, Dr. Rossbacher met Dr. Dallas D. Rhodes, who at the time was an assistant professor of Geology at the University of Vermont. A few years later while at Princeton University, Dr. Rossbacher and Dr. Rhodes met again when both attended the same conference. Several years later they married. Some would say that such a marriage must be "rock solid."

"Dr. Rossbacher truly rocks, doesn't she?"

When Dr. Rossbacher took over the helm as president of SPSU in 1998, she became the first woman geologist to be the president of a university in North America. While serving as president she has earned the Woman of the Year Award from the American Association of University Women, Cobb County (2007) and the 2006 Glass Ceiling Award from the Cobb Executive Women (Cobb Chamber of Commerce).

What follows concerns what I learned from her in our interview.

NR: Dr. Rossbacher, when you spoke at an honors leadership workshop in the fall of 2011, you indicated that you were originally an English major at Dickinson College, but that you changed your major to Geology. You said that you chose to take that first class in Geology at the time because it was the only science class with an

the field?

LR: Well, I liked that geology as a discipline provides context for other things in the world around us. Geology provides a concept of time, since the planet has been around for over 4.5 billion years—that kind of puts life's minor annoyances in perspective. I also liked that I could leave class, walk outside, and understand something about the world around me that I didn't know before. Dickinson College is located in Pennsylvania and has a lot of interesting geology around it: It's in the Great Valley and located a short distance from the Appalachian Mountains and the Blue Ridge Mountains. That's really a diverse geological area.

opening.

I purposefully chose to take Geology as a college student (as a child I loved to take a hammer to the rocks in our driveway to see if there were shiny, pretty elements of quartz and feldspar within the granite rocks), BUT neither the splitting of rocks or the Geology class created an interest in majoring in the field. What did you learn in that Geology class that fostered your devotion to

NR: When I was living in St. Petersburg, Florida, I dated a man who loved to search for Indian artifacts and fossils. We would be driving down the road and he would spot a newly tilled field or a construction site, and the next thing I knew we would have stopped, gotten out of the van, and we would have started a search for arrow heads, pottery shards, and fossils. In your Geological

Column article for Earth Magazine "Let's All Go Play Outdoors" you explain the need for children and adults alike to get outside and "play." Do you ever find yourself stopping your busy life to find rock "treasures" in an area that looks promising?

LR: Absolutely, since I am married to a geologist, every trip is a field trip. I recently traveled to a conference in North Dakota with my husband. Since I had been to all of the states in the United States except for North

Dakota and Nebraska, we decided to take a car trip down to Nebraska from North Dakota. On the way back we had to visit Sioux Falls in South Dakota. The bedrock of Sioux Falls is the Sioux Quartzite, and it is quite resistant to erosion. I made sure

to pick up a piece of the bedrock before coming home. This occurred just last Sunday (September 15).

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To see the operational status of Zimbra during the upgrade, we encourage you to check the UITS System Status Indicator located at the bottom of the UITS web page. The indicator will show blue (maintenance) until the email system is completely upgraded and available to all users. The status will change to green (operational) when service has been restored. Until the status indicator has changed to operational, users might notice email service alternating between available and unavailable throughout the duration of the maintenance window.

As email services become available after the upgrade, some users will have access to their inbox before others. The upgrade will include a fresh look and user experience, but the core functions

will remain mostly unchanged. Various back-end fixes will also be applied during this maintenance window. Users will notice that the locations of some buttons/settings have moved, and some might see theme changes. The email quota will remain unchanged.

Please note that during this planned outage the RAVE alert system (Hornet Alert) will not be sending out emails, but it will still send SMS notifications to mobile phones. Campus phones will remain in operation during the outage.

To subscribe or check your Hornet Alert settings, please visit the Emergency Preparedness section of the SPSU web site. Students who are having problems after the upgrade should visit the UITS Help Desk located on the east side of the bottom floor of the H Building. Alternatively, students can visit the UITS Get Help Page to submit a ticket or chat live with a support representative.

We're excited to bring a new version of Zimbra to SPSU, and we hope everyone enjoys the experience!

Thanks,

University Information Technology Services

Editorial Response To A Letter Published In The Sting's September Issue:

**On August 26 I received a Letter to the Editor from an angry student. As Editor-in-Chief I have the power to read and consider publishing student letters. After review, I decided to print this letter in The Sting's September issue, which can be found online at readthesting.com/archives. The student was enraged by words used in my editorial. According to the student I am "misinformed" and should "do more research" before I speak. The following was written by me in response to the letter.*

Dear student without a SPSU email,

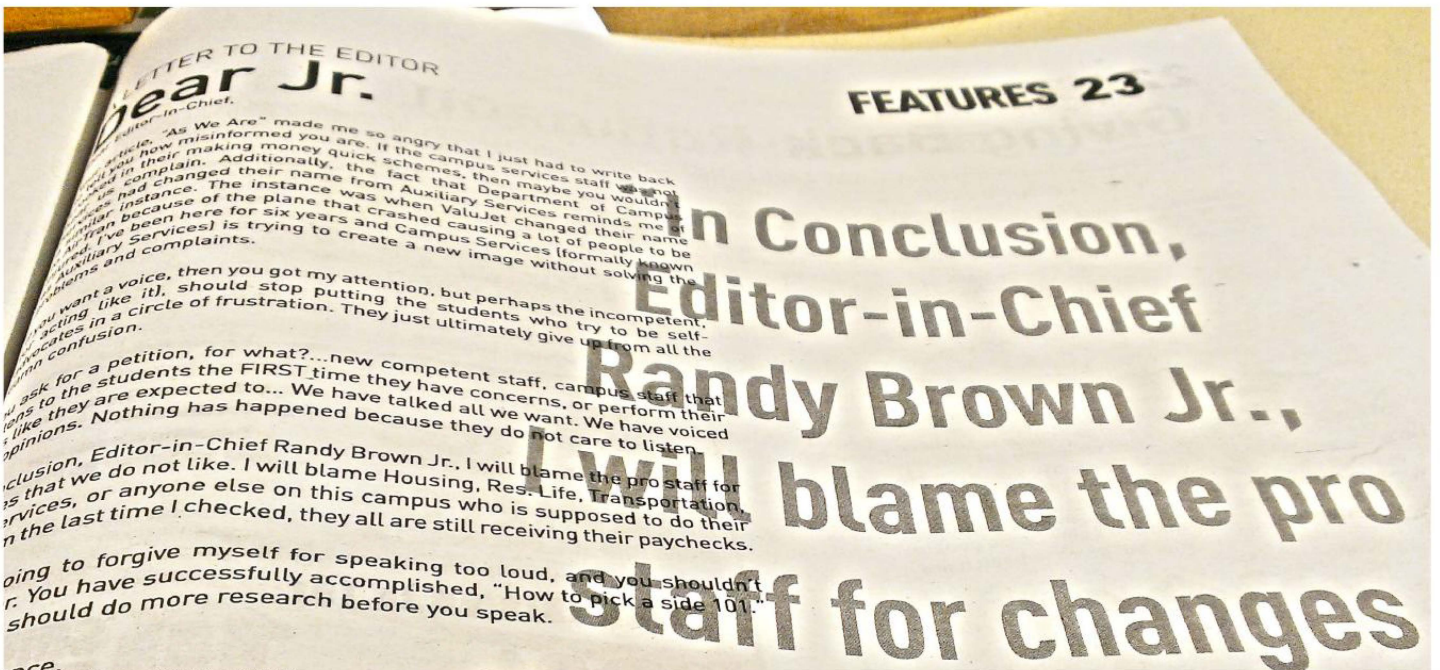
Thank you for your interest in The Sting. SGA meetings are every other Tuesday at 12 noon in the Student Center ballroom. The next meeting is on October 22.

Don't stop writing for yourself; keep up the enthusiasm.

With Appreciation,

Randy Brown Jr.

Editor-in-Chief of The Sting



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FEATURES

Meet Diana DePinto

►Shannon Hames

Dianna DePinto, a part-time non-traditional student at SPSU seeking her Business degree, had always been extremely close with her cousin John. They grew up together in New Jersey and considered each other the best of friends. When John's Lupus (an auto-immune disease which attacks healthy parts of the body) began to cause his kidneys to shut down, he had to go on 9 hour per day dialysis treatments. After a year, he decided to seek a kidney transplant.

Dianna, along with other family members, was tested to see if she would be a good match. She was a perfect match and made the decision to give him the gift of a healthier life. Shannon Hames sat down with Dianna to hear more about their touching story.



FOR JOHN

Shannon: What happened with your cousin, John?

Presbyterian Hospital to do a full-body tests that included a chest x-ray, CAT scans, more blood work... they tested me from head to toe. Then, we got the okay so I scheduled the transplant surgery after finals. I did it August 9th of 2012.

ute that my kidney was put into place inside of John, it started working right away. He was able to go off of dialysis and for the first time in 2 years, he could finally pee. When he was on dialysis, he wasn't able to pee because the machine removed all of his waste. He's very happy about it!

Dianna: I feel great. Noth

you've got to make the decision for yourself. I made the decision because I grew up with my cousin and we were like best friends the whole time. For me, it was my family, someone that I loved and I knew I was doing the right thing. You have to ask yourself if this would be the right thing for you to do. You never know what the future is going to be or if even you will need it. It's a lot of soul-searching...

Dianna: John has Lupus and in 2010, he started to have a lot of complications from it. He was in and out of the hospital towards the end of 2010 and all of 2011. The complications included shingles, a minor stroke, and some other issues. During that time, his kidney function started to slowly shut down and eventually, he had to go on dialysis. Every night, he would come home from work and hook himself up for 9 hours to a machine. After over a year of that, he went on the transplant list. When he did, his 4 brothers were tested and my sister and I also went and got tested. They look at a lot of factors to see what your compatibility factors are to decide if you would be a good match. He and I were an identical match. It made perfect sense for me to do it.

Shannon: What was it like when you had the surgery?

Shannon: Because he has Lupus, does that mean that eventually your donated kidney will be attacked?

Dianna: I remember waking up and I was really in a lot of pain. I stayed in the hospital for 3 days and then, I was able to leave. I stayed with my cousin for a few weeks after that. The total healing process took about 6 weeks. I came back to work full time after 6 weeks but I shouldn't have. By mid-day, I was really getting tired around noon. I guess it took me an additional 2 weeks to build my stamina back up to normal. At 8 weeks, I was back in the gym.

Dianna: There is a possibility that it might happen. But the good news is that my healthy kidney could put his Lupus into remission. For John, based on how his numbers have been over a year later, we can see that he is going down that path. He's doing great and they've been able to reduce the amount of medication he will have to take.

Dianna: There are a lot of Kidney Donation programs out there. You don't have to be a perfect match. There are also swap-programs. This is where you have a patient who needs a kidney but his donor has a kidney that is not a match for him. Somewhere else, there is another patient who needs a kidney who also has a donor who is not a match. The two donors who can't give to their own friend give to the stranger and get the other kidney back for their friend.

Shannon: What would you say to someone who had already made up their mind to donate a kidney? What advice would you give?

Shannon: What was the time period like from when you decided to donate your kidney until the operation?

Shannon: What was John's experience like?

Shannon: Did you have any side effects from the surgery?

Shannon: If someone were considering donating a kidney and worried that they or someone in their family might need it down the road, what would you say to them?

Dianna: Do some research prior and make sure that you are prepared. Mentally, I was completely ready. During the whole process, it never occurred to me that it was a big deal. I was doing something for someone I loved and it was my purpose. I felt like God wanted it to be this way because if He didn't, everything would not have matched so perfectly. I was at peace through the whole thing until I got to the operating room. Then it hit me what a big deal it was. I would tell anyone that this is a big deal and really be ready for it. There's no turning back.

Dianna: We started the process with basic blood work in February of 2012. In May, I went up to New York

Dianna: From the min-

Dianna: I would say

MEET SANA YASMEEN

► By Tabitha Robinson

SANA YASMEEN IS AN SGA MEMBER AND A STUDENT AMBASSADOR.

She is originally from Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, but her family moved to Georgia when she was nine years old. Her family lives in Marietta now and she lives on campus. She has two siblings, a brother and a sister who are much older than her. Sana went to Wheeler High School in Cobb County and was involved in a number of activities at school and outside of it. She was a member of the Spanish Honors Society, Indian Cultural Exchange, where she served as secretary one year and president another, she played violin in the orchestra, a part of the Magnet program, a student assistant for the Magnet office, a member of the Lacrosse team for three years and jointenrolled at SPSU her senior year. She also volunteered at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, and at graduation, received a service award for 60 hours of community service.

Sana decided to go to Southern Poly because, in her words, "it was the most bang for the buck." She also got accepted to Georgia Tech, Kennesaw State, and Georgia State. When Sana

first started attending Southern Poly as a college freshman, she was Biology major on the PreMed track. She changed her major to Industrial Engineering after taking

Something most people wouldn't know about Sana is that she is only 18 and a Junior in college.

Organic Chemistry and Genetics in the same semester, which she said, "killed her passion for science."

Sana's favorite thing about Southern Poly is that working on campus gives you an upper hand. During her time at SPSU, she has had several opportunities to work on campus. Currently, she is a student assistant for the UITS office, and works under purchasing and logistics.

In the past, she has worked as a student assistant for

the information desk in the student center and as a student assistant for the control desk at the REC center. Sana is also interning at a company called, TIG Hit Co, this semester. TIG Hit Co., makes thermal insulation for aerospace crafts. Sana also remains actively involved on campus. She is in the Honors program, a member of Alpha Xi Delta where she is the campus involvement chair. Sana is also the SPSU Live Hospitality chair, and she was on the Social Business Team for Southern Poly.

Sana says that in her future, she sees herself going camping a lot, and hopefully getting a beach house. She says if she could visit anywhere in the world, "it would be Tahiti, because it's a beautiful place, I really like beaches, and I really want to go diving over there because they have sharks."

Sana says her mom has been a major influence in her life because she never went to college, but is the smartest person she knows, gives amazing advice, is inspiring, and knows a lot about life. When Sana was

a child, she wanted to be a flight attendant when she grew up. She says that being really involved in everything makes her stray away from relationships, so she likes to catch up with people, hang out, and socialize when she has free time. Sana loves to draw, eat, go on long drives, and break dance.

Her favorite place to eat is a Thai food restaurant in Atlanta called Tamarind Seed. Something most

people wouldn't know about Sana is that she is only 18 and a Junior in college. Her favorite movie genre is action, and her favorite recent movie is Pacific Rim.

Mac or PC... Both! Sana says she prefers Mac for office work and anything that needs to get done quickly. However, she would rather work on a PC for schoolwork and anything personal use.



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THE STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Meet SGA President Austin Clayton

Tabitha Robinson

Austin Clayton is the SGA President. His hometown is Dallas, TX but he lives in Marietta now about two minutes away from the school. He grew up with his mom, dad, and two older brothers. One of his brothers graduated from Southern Poly with a Bachelor's degree in Information Technology and works at KSU. His oldest brother works for the Marietta Fire Department. Austin attended North Paulding high school where he played Varsity soccer all four years. His Junior and Senior year, he was also a member of DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America).

Austin says his dad and oldest brother have had the greatest influence on his life. Growing up, Austin really wanted to be a police officer, like his dad. But Austin's oldest brother started pushing him to go his own direction in life. His brother told him, "If you really want to do something, then you need to do it, don't just do it because you see us doing it." Austin decided to go to Southern Poly because it was closed to home.

Austin began attending classes at Southern Poly in Fall 2011 as a Busi-

ness major. At the time, he did not plan on getting involved on campus. As Austin put it, "I was originally going to be a typical commuter student, you know like high school, just go to class and go home." What caused Austin to go from a typical commuter student to SGA President? It started when he was offered a job as a desk assistant for housing that required him to live

on-campus. Austin was surprised to find out that there are so many ways to get involved on-campus, "there is more student life than you would expect... you have to actually go out and try and get involved. I really didn't expect there to be such an immersive student life."

Why did Austin go Greek? Austin says by living on-campus, he was able to meet more people and saw where the leadership opportunities were in Greek

life. The current SGA President at the time, Brian Ellison, was an SAE (Sigma Alpha Epsilon). He knew Austin wanted to be a leader and convinced him to go Greek. In Spring 2012, Austin began his SAE (Sigma Alpha Epsilon) pledgeship. Austin's campus involvement has continued to grow since then. He remained a desk assistant for the housing office the remainder of his

freshmen year. His sophomore year, he was an RA. Currently, he works in campus services (formerly auxiliary services) as well as the student life office. Austin is hoping to become a financial advisor once he graduates.

Something that surprises most people about Austin is that his usual facial expression is not representative of his personality. Austin says he always has a straight face and a blank expression

so when people first meet him, they assume he is really serious and angry. He isn't though, saying "that's really what surprises most people when they finally start getting to know me."

Austin would like to visit New Zealand one day. He says the landscape is awesome and he would love to hike there. His childhood hero was David Beckham. Austin said when he first started getting into soccer, David Beckham was pretty big and famous all over the world. Occasionally, Austin still plays soccer with a few other Southern Poly students.

Austin spends his Saturdays with his girlfriend. Since Saturday is the only day neither of them have to be at work or school, it is their chance to relax and hang out together.

Austin likes historical war movies; his favorite is Black Hawk Down. He is a PC person. His favorite food is cheesecake and his favorite place to eat is the Cheesecake Factory. Austin says his favorite quote is very applicable to this school, "What you put in is what you are going to get out."



"Austin says he always has a straight face and a blank expression so when people first meet him, they assume he is really serious and angry"

Poker for a Cure

► Christopher Harris

On October 12th, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) is hosting a Texas Hold 'Em tournament to raise money and awareness for Type 1 diabetes.

Two SPSU alumni are trying to make a difference in the world by raising money and awareness for Type 1 diabetes (T1D). Peter Hawkins, an alumni and brother of Pi Kappa Phi, met his now wife, and then SPSU cheerleader, in 1994. Hawkins spent a lot of time with his wife in the hospital since she was not able to control her blood sugar level due to T1D. Their relationship flourished into marriage in 1996, and their first daughter, born in 1998, was also diagnosed with T1D at age 2.

In 2009, Hawkins' wife began to show signs of diabetic kidney failure, and by November 2010, she was on dialysis and a kidney/pancreas transplant list. She received a new kidney and pancreas on July 6th, 2011, and she has made great progress. However, both Hawkins' wife and daughter still live with the disease.

In an effort to help find a cure, Hawkins partnered with the

JDRF to help raise funds for research. This year, the JDRF, and Hawkins' team, called Sugar Kids, is hosting a Texas Hold 'Em tournament at the Stars & Strikes in Dallas, GA. There is a \$50 donation to play, and the proceeds will go to benefit the team. If you would like more information about the event or how you can help find a cure for T1D, please visit www.teamsugarkids.com.



SPSU BOOKSTORE

B&N COLLEGE WITH KATELYN BAINBRIDGE

►By FalyN Eaden



Katelyn has been working at the bookstore for a year and a half and says she enjoys it. As Store Supervisor she is responsible for ordering food and supplies.

Katelyn Bainbridge is the Store Supervisor of the Barnes & Noble College bookstore of Southern Polytechnic State University. Katelyn was born and raised in Michigan before she moved to Georgia to attend college at Kennesaw State University. She is currently in her fourth year majoring in Human Services. Katelyn has been

working at the bookstore for a year and a half and says she enjoys it. As Store Supervisor she is responsible for ordering food and supplies.

The Barnes & Noble College bookstore has been at SPSU for 15 years. It was originally its own building on campus across the street of the Baptist Church Center

where the new parking lot is by the greenhouse. Barnes & Noble College is an outside company, contracted through the school to be our bookstore. Katelyn says the busiest days at the bookstore are "a couple days before the first day of school and a few days after" of each semester. However she says the fall semester brings in more people

than the spring semester for reasons that she can't explain.

The Bookstore is currently "in the process of expanding the convenient section." Ironically this is Katelyn's department. They are attempting to get more food. They have recently added the ice cream cooler and the fresh fruit cooler.

Katelyn's favorite item is the "Cucumber Lime Gatorade because you can't really get it from anywhere other than here." Some of her hobbies are sitting by the pool and playing with her Boxer, dog.

Unknown Warrior

►By Josh Reed

“Shinall started working full-time for SPSU in 2003, and around that time she was diagnosed with stage 1 breast cancer.”

Cheryl Shinall is currently celebrating her tenth year as a full-time instructor at SPSU, but she is also celebrating another milestone: her tenth year as a breast cancer survivor.

Professor Shinall started working full-time for SPSU in 2003, and around that time she was diagnosed with stage 1 breast cancer. Initially overwhelmed, she was able to overcome everything thanks to the support of her family and friends.

“I was shocked. I thought that there had to be a mistake, that there was no way this could happen!”

During her year of cancer treatments, she wasted

no time completing things she'd put off for a later time.

“I went into hyperdrive,” Shinall stated. “There could be no tomorrow, so I started living in the present. You shouldn't take time for granted.”

Shinall went through a year of aggressive treatments, including surgery, radiation, and chemo therapy. Now that she is cancer-free, she said that her success was thanks to early detection and perseverance.

“You can't let anything beat you. Just think through the problem, there's nothing you can't beat!”

To this day, Professor



Shinall is a strong supporter of cancer awareness.

“Awareness is the key. The more people who know about a problem, the more research can be devoted to it.”

Professor Shinall loves her work here at SPSU.

Teaching and interacting with students means so much to her, especially after her ordeal.

“There are people out there working at jobs they hate.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

By Sharon Roberts

Morgan Willis is SPSU's Google Glass Explorer

How did an SPSU student get chosen as one of 8,000 people nationwide to test a prototype of Google Glass, a tiny wearable computer that looks like a pair of high-tech glasses? According to Morgan Willis, a senior in the Bachelor of Applied Science in Information Technology (BASIT) program who transferred to SPSU in fall 2012, it's simple: You enter a contest.

I sat down with Morgan to discuss the how, what and whys to his purchase what I found was a very determined and driven young man- who above all had a vision. What started as a whim turned into an opportunity to live a life long dream- to work in a world of technology- a world creating apps. We spoke in lengths about how world he came from had limits, impossibilities and the mindset that the "streets" dictated the future. My curiosity went from wanting to understanding what this Google Glass was about to wanting to learn

more about the explorer behind the glasses.

First things first- What is this thing called Google Glass? Well it is a camera, display, touchpad, battery and microphone built into spectacle frames so that wearers can film, take pictures, search the Internet and translate on the go. The glasses have a small screen in the top-right corner that can display mapping information, pictures, phone contacts and more. Wearers can voice-instruct the glasses to take pictures or videos, provide directions, answer questions, etc.

This past February, Google launched its "#ifihadglass" competition, seeking "bold, creative individuals" to help test Google Glass as "explorers" or "developers" before it is made available to the public. Using the hashtag on Twitter and Google+, applicants wrote an essay of 60 words or less explaining what they would do if they had Google Glass Explorer. Winners were offered the opportunity to be among the first to purchase the spectacles at a hefty cost of \$1500.00. Over 200,000 people participated.

Willis was notified that he had been chosen as a Google Glass Explorer this past spring and had

to travel to Venice Beach, Calif., at his own expense in June to pick up the glasses and attend an introductory session on using them

It was apparent that no one understood Morgan's vision. An important quality resonated with me, you have to live your life and let others live theirs. He wasn't about to let the naysayers talk him of this...he believed in something greater. "I just entered never expecting to win because I never win anything," he said. "My family thinks I'm crazy for dishing out \$1500.00 for a pair of glasses. I see it as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

"This experience has been so great," he added. "I was asked to join the Google organization but told them I wanted to finish getting my degree. I have been offered a position with Microsoft after graduation, and I am now called a developer because of this experience."

Reactions vary, Willis said after wearing the device on and off campus for several weeks. "Some people think I am a spy, and others are intrigued and ask me questions about it."

For further details about Google Glass: <http://www.google.com/glass/start/>

Willis has an associate degree in applied science and computer programming from Atlanta Technical College and plans to graduate from SPSU in 2014. He plans to develop software and create apps and programs for the device before it becomes available to the general public in late November.

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NETFLIX SERVICES

By Brad Nichols



**From
Streaming**

Netflix may have started as a DVD rental service, but it didn't gain its popularity until it started offering its digital streaming service in 2007. With reports claiming that Netflix is 28% of North America's web traffic, it has secured rights with Starz Entertainment and even first-run rights with Paramount, MGM, and Lions Gate. In early 2011, though, Netflix decided to expand its services and strengthen the content it offers by producing their own television shows.

Their first show was called Lilyhammer, and they produced 2 seasons at 8 episodes each. Soon after they picked up the hit TV series, Arrested Development, and produced the 4th season of it. Since then, they have produced Orange is the New Black, Hemlock Grove, and House of Cards. House of Cards was nominated for 9 Emmy Awards including; Outstanding Drama Series, Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama Series, and Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama Series.

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Producing**

Netflix has been in talks about picking up canceled shows such as Jericho, a show that has been canceled by CBS twice. The shows themselves are very high quality and last from 50- 55 minutes. They are designed to be streamed and therefore are designed

for continuous play and not for 3-4 minute commercial breaks. They are also like Starz and HBO in the sense that some of the content is designed for adults.

There will be nudity in some scenes and foul language in

others. Overall, Netflix has done a wonderful job with their original content, and the fact that they are already being nominated for Emmy Awards just goes to show that a web only, full length TV series, can go toe to toe with the best that cable TV has to offer.

TV SERIES

Something to Watch: Jericho

►By Brad Nichols

If you're interested in post-apocalyptic stories, look no further. The show takes place in Jericho, a small town on the north western edge of Kansas. Jake, the protagonist, mysteriously returns from a 5 year absence, to speak with his father, the mayor, about his inheritance. After a nuclear explosion goes off in the nearby city of Denver, the town becomes

cut off from from the rest of the world. With no way to communicate with the rest of the world, and information about what happened outside the town is scarce. All sorts of questions are being asked: Who attacked Denver? Did anyone survive? Is anyone coming to help? Is anyone coming to finish the job? The town realizes that they must come together

and ride out the storm, or worse case scenario, rebuild what was lost. At first, the town people attempt to return any sense of normalcy that they can, but as the people of Jericho find out, the world has changed, and pretending it hasn't isn't going to do anybody any good. The rules of society have changed. Strangers aren't to be welcomed,

any one could be a bandit trying to take everything you have. Allies are a commodity, they could be the manpower you need to survive or the very people that destroy you from the inside. Supplies are scarce if you don't take what you can, when you can, you'll die, but if you do, someone else will go without and most likely die themselves. The show only

has 2 seasons, but is well worth the investment. The show covers a lot and the finale is satisfying, what more could you ask for from a show?



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INSIDIOUS 2

Chapter 2 Review

►By Travis Wood

First off, you're probably going to need to see the first movie (err, chapter) in order to understand what's going on here. The first movie was OK; it had a different kind of plot that wasn't "you/your house/your child/your dog is haunted" which involved astral projection into the world between life and death. Consequently, it's a very dark world, and if you

"It's a pretty solid horror movie, one that should make you jump once or twice.

venture into it, you attract ghosts and demon-like things because they're intensely jealous of what you have. Some just like to float about you like bugs to a flame, others enjoy trying to harm and cause misery. Anyway, one of the boys of the family gets into a coma because he can't find his way back, and the father uses his ability that was once sealed away to go after him. However,

at the end of the first movie (SPOILERS HERE) something followed him back and killed the woman who had helped them (END SPOILERS).

The movie deals with both the wife and the mother realizing that the weird things haven't stopped yet. As they desperately try to get help associated with the haunting, what's happening with the father is revealed. This of course leads up to a climatic conclusion and a venture back into the Astral Plane.

So, how is it for a horror movie? Actually quite good. I value *The Conjuring* for its lack of images to scare you, *Sinister* to use a repeating image to scare your brain, but *Insidious Chapter 2* actually uses 'jump and scare' tactics really well. They even use a single repeating element near the beginning effectively. Unlike *Sinister*, however, images don't cling to you after the effect, meaning if you're looking for something that doesn't settle quickly, this isn't it. The fear induced state ends quickly at the end, which purposefully is a cliffhanger, but a

disappointing one.

Acting is pretty good. I still feel that Rose Byrne is only in this movie because of her unbelievably large eyes she uses when she's scared. Everyone else does a pretty good job, although the actress who plays Aleese always seems so...uppity and happy for the atmosphere. Also, her younger self seems out of

sync with her voice, which means the original actress probably just voiced her lines which is simply silly.

Special effects? Not overwhelming and they fit the movie well. The plotline also kind of makes this the American Horror Story Part 2 of horror movies, as it incorporates not just hauntings, but possessions, cross-

dressing, serial killers, and time travel in it. Yes, you read that right, time travel.

So, ending statements? It's a pretty solid horror movie, one that should make you jump once or twice. Will it last after you watch it? No. Is it worth paying to go see it in theatres? Maybe not; it's worth more renting via Red Box or whatnot after it comes out.



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FALOsophy

WITH FALYN EADEN

WHO ARE YOU?

This week in class we talked about the Johari window. For those of you who don't know what that is, it is an exercise where you pick from a list of provided adjectives to describe yourself. You then ask other people to pick a few words that they feel describe you. After they return the list you look for words that they picked to describe you.

The ones that you both agree on make up your open self. The adjectives that they picked that you had no idea you showcased makes up your blind self. The hidden area consist of the adjectives you picked that no one else picked. And the unknown area is unknown because you don't think you exhibit

these adjectives and neither did anyone else.

Now I said all of that to say this. During this exercise I received three pieces of paper, listing adjectives they felt represented me. They were as follows:

Intelligent
Introverted
Friendly
Extroverted
Happy
Energetic
Cheerful
Quiet
Religious

If you're anything like me, when you look at this you become confused. For one Introvert and Extrovert are complete opposites. Antonyms! Much like quiet and energetic. This got me to wondering. Who am I? I didn't really agree with either one. How could one person see me in one light and the other completely different? If you know me you are probably disagreeing/agreeing with some of the adjectives listed above too. Does that make me fake? Does it mean I'm putting on a front around certain people? Or do they catch me on particular days?

The conclusion is that the earth has two sides. When it is day here, it is night in China. Does that make the

earth fake or different? No! It's the same earth, just a different day (See what I did there). It's the same with all of us. But hey, that's just my Falosophy. I challenge you to gather around some of your friends and do this exercise. You may be surprised at what you learn. Then leave a comment online at readthesting.com sharing your experience.

DAVE CONNIS

Looking for Joy in a Broken World

► Jason Ramaley

What are we supposed to do when we are occasionally hit with those uncreative gray areas in life? Sometimes, without really even thinking about it, we try hard to develop things that normally flow effortlessly out of our creative minds, which in many cases lead to doubt, unhappiness and frustration.

The harder you push, the quicker the ideas dry up. Singer/songwriter, musician, author, and Lookout Mountain resident Dave Connis knows all about trying get a drink of water from a well that is all but bone dry.

Dave Connis' new album "Hurts & Joys", which is available at Noisetrade.com, is a collection of eleven folk inspired songs that inspires the human spirit. Dave's vision on "Hurts & Joys" is to keep looking for the good, when all you can do is beat yourself up. Dave explains how exhausting our dreams can be when things don't turn out as we hope.



In the song "Collection of Dreams", Dave reminisces on the loneliness you feel when you struggle with the gift of creativity. Connis musical style is similar to artists such as Damien

"The harder you push, the quicker the ideas dry up."

Rice, Denison Wilmer and J. Tillman, and the Lookout Mountain songwriter keeps his folk songs simplistic, yet interesting.

And Dave is no one trick pony. In the literary world, Connis has been writing novels for about four years. Dave's has three completed manuscripts completed as we speak, and is in pursuit of getting his work published.

Dave's main goal as far as writing is to make others smile when it seems like the chaos of the world is too much to handle. Be sure to head over to Dave's website, Daveconnis.com for more information on music and writing projects.

SPORTS

LADY HORNETS BASKETBALL

One-on-One with Arnissa Galloway

By: Randy Brown Jr.



The living room was rather quiet when I walked in. Arnissa Galloway was slouched down, her hips sinking into the couch. Her teammate, Alex Prince, walked from one end of the apartment to the other. I am sure she was exhausted from the Friday workouts.

The women's basketball does everything together. Just outside of Arnissa's door, three of her teammates were discussing lunch.

I walk into Galloway's apartment with permission to sit wherever I liked.

RB: I brought pizza. I know you're hungry.

AG: I don't eat pork. Do you know how much salt is in it? I'm hungry, but not that hungry. I haven't slept. I've been up since this morning.

Arnissa and I were summer Resident Assistants (RA)

together; she knows I'll eat just about anything. I encouraged her to pick the pepperoni off if she is really hungry (which she did). It is always easy to have a conversation with Arnissa; she's very honest. During the summer I migrated towards her and a few others who spoke their minds. Plain and simple, Arnissa likes to keep it real.

I am up and running at 6:30 most mornings. Whenever I go to the gym the Lady Hornets are in there working out. Everyone is in there, players and coaches. I knew why she was tired, but asked anyway for assurance.

AG: Randy you know. Every day is weight room and gym. We also volunteered to dance in Madness at The Nest.

RB: That sounds like a lot of fun.

AG: (Laughs) We'll see.

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“On the court I’m fighting for everything. I’m such a sweetheart off the court, but on it...”

- RB:** Let’s talk about school. When do you graduate?
- AG:** My last semester is Fall 2014.
- RB:** What are your plans after graduation?
- AG:** I am going to pursue my Master’s in an area related to Fitness.
- RB:** Will you continue to play basketball next year?
- AG:** Right now, this is it. I need a break. I just want to be normal. Being a student-athlete is a lot of work.
- RB:** What would you do here at SPSU if you were not playing basketball?
- AG:** I would get more involved. My summer Resident Assistant job helped me realize what I was missing. The only friends are my teammates.
- RB:** Are there moments when you feel that you and your teammates spend too much time together?
- AG:** Yes, we love each other like sisters. We love being around each other but sometimes you need that break.
- RB:** I can relate to that. My freshman year in Alabama I felt the same way.
- AG:** What did you play?
- RB:** I ran Track and loved it. It was a small school, smaller than this. My teammates were all that I had, but you need your space from time to time.
- AG:** What did you run your freshman year?
- RB:** The 100, 200, 400, 800, 4x100 relay, and the 4x400 relay.
- AG:** I didn’t know you ran track, but I can see it now. Let me stop; this is my interview not yours. I’m asking you questions (laughs).
- RB:** Next Fall semester you will not be a SPSU basketball player. What are you going to miss most?
- AG:** The competition, the adrenaline; I like to see who’s going to give it everything they’ve got, who’s going to have my back.
- RB:** This is ironic, you know. I first met you before you met me. I attended a basketball game last year and you were getting into it with some of the players on the opposing team. I mean, you were getting physical; they were getting physical. All in the name of good sport. It was fun to watch. Everyone was really into the game. It was one of those ‘can’t lose’ games. Ever since then I thought to myself: I’m not messing with her, ever. Explain your intensity.
- AG:** That’s just how I am. On the court I’m fighting for everything. I’m such a sweetheart off the court, but on it... I’m the baby in my family. I like to get what I want.
- RB:** What is your dream opportunity in life?
- AG:** Get married. Family is everything to me, ultimately. I don’t want it to sound like I’m going to be lazy. I’m not. It’s just that I desire that family, just like the one I have back in Mississippi. We are all so, so close.
- RB:** What are your expectations for the upcoming season?
- AG:** I believe we’re going to be a force. Nice, fresh faces. They’re hustle players.
- RB:** And you have more teammates than last year...
- AG:** 20 players compared to last year. We’re going to make some noise.
- We were suddenly interrupted by one of Arnessa’s teammates. She was delivering sandwiches from Lenny’s Sub Shop. It gets really quiet for about 10 minutes.
- AG:** You can keep going...
- RB:** No, enjoy your meal. You haven’t eaten all day.
- I turn to Desmond Hilson, The Sting’s Creative Director, who accompanied me to the interview. We discussed the scenery for Galloway’s photo shoot. We agree that the photographs should be taken on the basketball court.
- We all head over to the gym after Arnessa’s meal. Coaches and several of her teammates greeted us as we entered the facility. Galloway is popular so it was hard getting her to stay in one spot. After several handshakes we resumed our conversation.
- RB:** Do you think that this team, the ‘13-’14 Lady Hornets, can compete for the conference title this year?
- AG:** Yes. We have to work hard. Yes; no doubt.
- RB:** Who is your biggest threat?
- AG:** Faulkner and Coastal Georgia. Those two had really strong teams last year.
- RB:** Who has improved the most this off-season?
- AG:** All of my teammates are really working. That’s a hard question. Alex is stepping up at point guard; all of them. My teammates have really put in the work.
- RB:** What will you remember most about your experience here at SPSU as a member of the Lady Hornets?
- AG:** My teammates. I love them so much. They’ve made my experience here remarkable. It is going to break my heart knowing I can’t play with them anymore after this year. That makes this season so much more special. We are going to leave our mark.

And Where You Go We Will Follow

By: Joe Thomas

"Is there even much of a soccer following in Georgia?"

I was talking to a guy I had just met in a bar in Columbus, Ohio, in town from D.C. for the same reason I was: the United States men's national soccer team was about to play a World Cup qualifying match against the national team of their bitter rival, Mexico. We were on the patio of the 4th Street Bar and Grill, and it was absolutely packed with people wearing red, white, and blue. Soccer fans from around the country had gathered for the match, wearing scarves and jerseys and shirts emblazoned with "Chicago", "Houston", "Boston", and a thousand other places.

"Sure", I said, "We've got cable and everything."

We both laughed and took a swig of beer, and then moved on to comparing notes on different regional seafoods.

I've been a soccer fan for as long as I can remember. My parents, who didn't have a lot of money when I was growing up, shelled out for cable in 1994 so

that we could watch the World Cup on TV. I started playing when I was old enough, and never played any other sport; baseball, football, everything else just got in the way of soccer. Once I graduated from high school and realized that the days of playing competitive soccer were pretty much over, I started to become a better fan. I had always had favorite players; I had a poster of the current US coach on my wall when I was a kid: Jurgen Klinsmann decked out in his German national team kit. But now I was able to watch the game with a critical and analytical eye. I paid more attention to World Cup qualifiers, and even friendlies, following the US team like someone else might follow the Falcons or the Braves (don't get me wrong, I can obsess over them, too.)

Meanwhile, the US national team was getting better, and soccer was getting more popular in the United States. Hosting the 1994 World Cup was instrumental in spreading the popularity of soccer throughout the country, and the US has performed well in some of its World Cup appearances since

then. National TV coverage of international and professional soccer has exploded in recent years; US national team games are regularly televised, even friendlies, and fans can watch multiple English Premier League matches every weekend.

Last year I finally got the opportunity to experience a national team game live. The US scheduled a game against Scotland in Jacksonville, Florida. The team hardly ever plays in the southeast, so it was an opportunity I couldn't miss. Me and some friends traveled down to the stadium and had the time of our lives, watching the United States thrash Scotland 5-0. I am not a wildly patriotic person, ordinarily. I love my country and everything, but I also recognize our faults and the "love it or leave it" attitude is nauseating. But supporting the US soccer team is different to me. There isn't another sport where our national team commands the kind of passion normally reserved for SEC football. Sure, we watch the US hockey team in the Winter Olympics and the Dream Team in the Summer Olympics every four years. But this

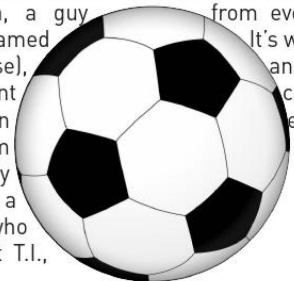
is different. This is people from all over the country following the same group of players for months and years at a time. We gather in places like the 4th Street Bar and Grill and laugh and drink beers and make fun of each other's hometowns, and then we pile into a stadium and stand and sing for 90 minutes for one team.

After going to Jacksonville for the Scotland friendly, I knew I needed more. The fates conspired this year that the US would play Mexico; the ultimate grudge match, the Red Sox-Yankees of our corner of the soccer world, two days after my birthday. It had to happen.

And that's how I found myself in Columbus, Ohio, after stops for barbecue in North Carolina and a family visit in Westerville, Ohio, drinking Bud Lights on a sun-drenched patio with my two buddies from Athens, Georgia, a guy from Boston named Patrick (of course), a fella in a giant black Stetson who flew in from Houston by way of Nashville, a girl from L.A. who we taught about T.I.,

and thousands of others, all there to represent their little part of America's soccer subculture. When we took over the streets to march to the stadium, we chanted and sang songs together. When the US scored we high-fived each other indiscriminately. And when the final whistle blew, we all sang together "We are going to Brazil!", for the victory all but guaranteed us a spot in next year's World Cup.

When I started thinking about writing this, I had grand aspirations about making it a long diatribe on the importance of sports in bridging cultural differences and political rifts. Maybe I implied it here and there. I guess all I really know, though, is that this game and this team do something to people that other teams and other games don't. It finds the best part of loving your country and joins it with the same part in other people from every state. It's wonderful, and I can't get enough.



NFL FANTASY DRAFT

Welcome to the Draft

By: Sampson Jenkins

Over the past decade online "fantasy" football has become one of the most played online sports games. Not only does it let you interact with your closest friends in a fun competitive environment, it also allows you to play competitively with people around the world. If you are up to the challenge you can also win some big bucks if you have the knowledge and luck of a true fantasy player.

What is fantasy football? For those that have never heard of the game, a simple explanation would be an interactive online game where a league of real people come together and have an online draft. Here you will pick your players from the NFL in a real pro draft style like you see on television. You have the choice of the greatest quarterbacks, running backs, wide receivers, tight ends, and defenses. After the draft, every week your team will face another team from your league and you will gain points based on how well the real players you drafted play in their NFL games that week.

At the end of the week the points between the

two teams are tallied. The team with the most points receives a win and of course the losing team receives a loss. After several months of weekly games between players, the teams with the most wins are chosen to participate in the playoffs.

Here the same rules are applied, but if you lose you are either out of the playoffs or you would go to the losers bracket to compete for third place. The champions are then crowned and the gloating now begins.

If you are more interested in making some money and are old enough, you can pay at the beginning of the season to be in a more competitive league. Here you will win money at the end of the season if your team does well and a lot of money if you beat every

other team in the league.

If you are interested in online football or any fantasy sport for that matter nfl.com/fantasy and yahoo.com/fantasy offer leagues for almost all sports. Good luck to

you and if you ever see the name Samsonite in your league remember to say hello and prepare to lose.

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two teams are tallied. The team with the most points receives a win and of course the losing team receives a loss. After several months of weekly games between players, the teams with the most wins are chosen to participate in the playoffs. Here the same rules are applied, but if you lose you are either out of the playoffs or you would go to the losers bracket to compete for third place. The champions are then crowned and the gloating now begins.

If you are more interested in making some money and are old enough, you can pay at the beginning of the season to be in a more competitive league. Here you will win money at the end of the season if your team does well and a lot of money if you beat every other team in the league.

If you are interested in online football or any fantasy sport for that matter nfl.com/fantasy and yahoo.com/fantasy offer leagues for almost all sports. Good luck to you and if you ever see the name Samsonite in your league remember to say hello and prepare to lose.

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