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# Dragon\*Con

I'm sure you didn't realize it was possible but there was a hot chick seen on campus. For more details, see Adam Myer's special report on: **Page 3**



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# Zelda

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## Southern Polytechnic goes "blue"!

**Eric John**  
*Environmentalist Extraordinaire*

SPSU announced this week that our campus has decided to take steps towards becoming a completely blue campus. This leap forward comes during a period of heightened environmental awareness in our country. "As Georgia's technology university, we feel that Southern Polytechnic needs to pioneer future technology, and offsetting our carbon footprint is a wonderful step in that direction," said Jon Daugh. Daugh is an environmental consultant from Future Analysis Keeps the Environment, a company partnering with SPSU to make our campus blue.

You might be wondering what a "Blue" campus looks like. If you're thinking of paint, you're not far off. The majority of Blue consists of not only being environmentally conscious, but being proactive. Instead of only preserving nature, Blue aims to replenish nature. According to Mr. Daugh, FAKE is a consulting company that employs a unique line of ultra-environmentally friendly products to

increase environmental preservation forty-fold. When pressed for more information, he could only present more fliers and brochures, but no technical documentation of the product line. But the mythological products that FAKE sells should be appearing on campus soon.

When the SPSU campus has finished converting in September of 2012, the school's effect will be very noticeable. Through different recycling synergies, the very fact that our SPSU campus exists will close the hole in the ozone by 10 square feet every hour, and every 74 minutes over 45 gallons of crude oil will be generated underground. According to FAKE, the exact process by which these impressive numbers are earned is the trademarked EnviUs, which is currently unpublished.

The downside is that everyone on campus will be inconsolably depressed. Much like Picasso's blue period, we will do our best environmental work while we are utterly depressed. The interior of all buildings on campus will be painted either slate gray, midnight blue, or dark brown. The new couches and

chairs on campus will be replaced by high-back metal stools, and the buildings will be kept a 62 degrees constantly. [This temperature change might not be noticeable in all classrooms.]

In a special Sting exclusive, we take a look at just one of the items used in the EnviUs process: the DisposaCollator 8000 LRX. It's outward appearance is that of a regular gray trashcan, but it features what appears to be a computer motherboard duct taped to the side of it. FAKE assures the reader that this highly sophisticated LRX uses "solar compression applied to the plastic container-matrix to collect unrelated waste into one entity," explains Mr. Daugh. These entities look suspiciously similar to a normal trash bag, but Mr. Daugh again assures that the differences are astronomical, much like the 8000 LRX's 462,000 dollar price tag.

When asked, student reactions varied. Many felt the new changes were a step in the right direction, and support SPSU's attempts to combat global climate change. Others were completely opposed, citing that the potential

for the world climate to be utterly destroyed was not within their rational self-interests, and they deserved their tuition back. Still some are of a slightly different opinion. One particularly outspoken student, who prefers to remain anonymous, had

this to say on the subject. "They spent 2.6 billion dollars to buy into a stupid marketing scheme? [SPSU] just threw its money at a company which duct tapes random pieces of [junk] to normal trashcans! I think I need to transfer schools now."



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The new DisposaCollator 8000 LRX - coming to a corner near you.

## Budget cut on utilities President approves budget for extreme sports

**Twila McConnell**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

As you may have noticed, the Student Center is currently a whopping 80 degrees on a daily basis. Why the extreme temperature? I questioned students to see what they thought it might be.

Most students shared the opinion of freshman Gerald Jenkins: "It's cold outside, so I guess they think it has to be an inferno inside."

However, this is not the case. It seems that there was a dramatic budget cut on utilities

that took effect immediately.

The results of this are a pro-fuse shortage of water and actual fainting of students attempting to study in groups with laptops. The added heat of group interaction and computers has simply pushed some students over the edge. Currently three students have fainted as a result of the extreme temperature.

While there isn't an official statement as to why the air conditioning was cut from funding, most students point to the recent announcement of the approved budget for extreme sports.

**Jessica McNally**  
*Extreme Roller Skater*

Last Friday the Southern Polytechnic State University president signed a contract which approved extreme sports for the SPSU campus. Starting this summer, you can expect to see construction happening near the soccer field and the Health and Wellness center.

Already, students have begun to sign up for the two new sports teams that will be offered: Skateboarding and Roller Derby. Already construction has begun on the giant skateboarding park, which will be in front of the Health and Wellness center.

By July, construction will begin on a giant indoor roller-rink, where both men and women teams will host competitions with other schools. Currently, Georgia Tech and UGA have Roller Derby rinks, while Valdosta State and Alabama are boasting skateboard parks.

The decision came about based upon popular demand for more modern sporting activities. I promise, the mega million dol-

lar check the Georgia University System received from the insurance company collaboration of Humana One, Bluecross Blueshield, Kaiser Permanente and Trusted Choice have absolutely nothing to do with this decision; nor does the new sponsor contracts with clothing line Mossimo or Dell.

All students involved in either sport receive a full ride scholarship, including tuition and housing. The minimum GPA requirement is a 3.3. The president explains "we are looking for individuals who may be just a little intelligent in the classroom." Apparently, many students fit this description. Of course, some may not be stupid, so much as aggressive and/or trigger happy.

Coaches will be announced in the fall. In the mean time, local roller rinks and skate parks will be used to host student-led practice sessions. The goal is to have construction completed on the new sports facilities by Fall 2009.

Be sure to come out later this fall and cheer for the SPSU Roller Hornets. Also, if you are thinking about joining one of the teams,

please go to [www.extremehornets.org](http://www.extremehornets.org) for more information.

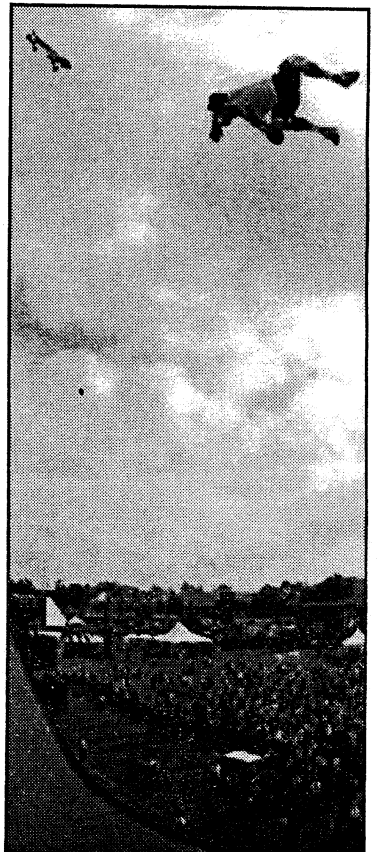


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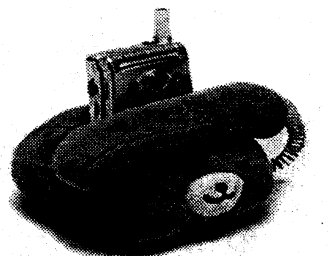
Some students have likened the Student Center to a blazing inferno.

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...hate filling these boxes out. They are pretty much the worst part of layout. Especially when the entire issue is fake and there's only four pages. It's difficult. Very. :-;  
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It's an amazing article by Jessica McNally. You should read it sometime.  
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**You love your cell phone**  
But if you want it warm and buttery, check out this article by David Spivak to learn the hazards of this desire.  
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# No graduating seniors in 2008/09?

**Christiaan Funkhouser**  
Fact Writer

In a shocking announcement from the Dean of Students, with admittance by President Roslin, no seniors will be graduating in the 2008–2009 school year. Reports say that this is due to the juniors this year failing all of their important classes.

During an interview with the new Dean of Students, Larry Durkee said, "It's something never before seen in SPSU history, I can't believe that all of them would fail." He later went on to say that these figures are based on projections due to the new mid-term grading system where students are scored on performance halfway through the semester by being given either an "S" for Satisfactory or a "U" for Unsatisfactory. All of the juniors in this academic year have "U"s in their major classes.

President Roslin in commenting on the problem said, "I'm so embarrassed; not only do I start the same time as the president of Kennesaw and his school grows at a much faster rate, but now I won't

have a graduating class of 2009."

I got a chance to talk to current junior, Chris House, who had expected to graduate in the fall, but now is putting it off, "I have this twenty page paper to write, but I can't seem to center myself. I went out and washed my car instead... I never wash my car!" Another student questioned responded, "I want to graduate so bad, but I just can't concentrate."

I went to interview two students from The Sting and they appeared to be wearing empty twelve pack boxes on their head. I quickly became equipped with one and wore it on my head. I entered a near state of euphoria. I understood the song, "I am the Walrus" and realized that I was one of the coolest people ever. Aside from the euphoric state wearing the box on my head caused, I quickly noticed all the four girls, including the married one and the girl approaching 50, came and started hitting on me.

When I approached members of the leadership of the school about this, I was not granted an interview. Could it be that the leadership at

Southern Polytechnic State University is sabotaging the students?

I was able to speak with Psychology professor, Dr. Roosterrun. She mentioned that it's an on going psychological syndrome called, "Tetris Block Syndrome." She said it is caused by severe seniorities caused by juniors. One of the 5 girls at our school, mentioned, "[I think it's sexy because] they could build on each other like that."

In other news President Roslin used this as an opportunity to show the strengths of going with a new letter grade system the entire semester. The letter grade "A" will be replaced with "S" for Satisfactory, "B" will remain the same but now mean, "Better than Georgia Tech grades," "C" will be replaced with "G" meaning, "Average Greek Grade," "D" will be replaced with the letter grade "G+" signifying "Better than every University of Georgia grade," while "F" will be replaced with "K" for, "I can't do anything Scientific, I'm transferring to Kennesaw."

Lastly, a new student was over heard saying, "And that's why I hate homosexuals."



Photo courtesy Christiaan Funkhouser/Sting Archives  
Eric John was only a semester away from graduation, while poor Sean Fine may not even make it to his junior year.

## Upcoming Events Calendar

- Fri. Apr 4 - 8:00 p.m.  
Student Center  
Heavy metal band Metallica performs
- Mon. Apr 7 - 7:33 p.m.  
Between the Dorms  
Screen on the Green: BASEketball
- Wed. Apr 16 - 4:18 p.m.  
Student Center  
Pirate Ping Pong tournament
- Thurs. Apr 17 - 12:14 p.m.  
Cafeteria  
When Harry met Sally restaurant scene redone
- Tue. Apr 22 - 7:42 p.m.  
Student Center Ballroom  
CAB DATE NIGHT, speed dating rounds

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## Hot chick sighted on campus; people shocked

Adam Myers  
*Desperate SPSU Male*

In a stunning development that could have wide-reaching implications on campus life, an attractive woman was seen walking across the main lawn in front of the Atrium building yesterday.

At least twenty-five Southern Polytechnic students, faculty, and staff have confirmed to have seen this female, whose identity is shrouded in mystery. Despite numerous eyewitness accounts of the hottie's presence, it seems as though no one who saw her had the confidence to initiate a conversation. At this moment, sketch artists from the FBI are scheduled to arrive on campus tomorrow to make a composite of the unknown woman.

Many theories exist as to the origins of Southern Poly's miniscule female student body, which is notable for its distinct lack of desirable individuals. Some say that a curse was placed on the land currently occupied by SPSU by the Ah-ni-wo-di clan of the Cherokee Indians during the latter half of the seventeenth century after the leader of a rival clan raped the daughter of the tribal chief: according to legend,

all women to live off of this land are doomed to possess a plain face and barren womb. Others claim that the campus' soil was subject to contamination during World War II, when it was occupied by the U.S. Army: a classified chemical compound was tested on American soldiers stationed in Marietta, with the intent of acting as a repellent to the voluptuous blondes utilized by Nazi intelligence for spy work.

The commotion caused by this event has elicited enthusiastic reactions from SPSU students.

Said a fourth-year mechanical engineering technology student: "If you took Jessica Alba, Jessica Biel, and Jessica Simpson, and combined them into one person, you'd have to extract every hot gene from their DNA to create someone as hot as (the mystery woman)."

"You know that blond girl from that chick hospital show (presumably Katherine Heigl)?" asked a third-year construction student. "Yeah, well my friend told me that this gal makes her look like Eleanor Roosevelt!"

Not every student is smitten, though.

"I saw her, but I don't see what the big deal is," said a first-year software engineering student.

"I mean, she's a foot too tall, her skin is way too dark, and she doesn't even have pointed ears! Call me when an elfish nymph stumbles upon these grounds."

Should this woman turn out to be an SPSU student, she stands a very likely chance to inherit the title of Hottest Girl on Campus. The current HGOC, a third-year architecture student, is considered to be at risk due to the factors of chronic sleep deprivation, physical inactivity, malnutrition, and other quality of life maladies derived from the architecture curriculum on human appearance. When reached for comment, she replied: "You know, I haven't been outside the architecture building in, like, five weeks, so can't really offer any insight about what's going on around the rest of the university. Hey, do you think you can run out and get me some Chik-Fil-A?"

This Jane Doe's appearance is the first confirmed sighting of a woman possessing beauty by contemporary standards on campus since 2003, when French news reporter Melissa Theuriau was mistakenly sent to SPSU rather than California Polytechnic State University to cover the Laci Peterson murder case.



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The mystery chick has the power of three. How much hotter could you be?

## Microwaves pose serious threat to cellular phones

David Allen Spivak  
*Cell Phone User*

Everyone loves their cell phone. Even I have joined the bandwagon, late as I am, and I too have discovered a strange affection for this little electronic device. I wanted to take care and read all of the instructions that came with my phone, so I could learn to pirate songs illegally with my phone and change the core programming to use the device for "other than intended" purposes. We all like to have our own personal touches.

On page 7 of the instruction manual, I discovered something truly amazing. It clearly states, "Do not try to dry your phone in a microwave oven." Could this be serious? What would have happened if I hadn't read this warning in time? I had to find out.

My immediate response was to laugh it off. It's on page 7. If were truly serious, it would have been on the front cover, right? They're just trying to cover themselves because the phone doesn't have the warning, "Warning: Contents may be hot," printed on its side. But I had to be sure.

I went to the mall, and asked the proprietors of numerous cell phone kiosks if they had any knowledge of individuals putting their cell phones into a microwave. Most were reluctant to comment on any personal accounts, although several postulated that the phone would "blow up". To what extent "blow up" might occur, few could agree. Perhaps this threat was greater than I had realized. One sales associate who asked to remain anonymous stated that she would laugh in the face of anyone who had microwaved their phone. Obviously

they were hiding something. Could there be a threat of serious personal injury? This sort of thing could put cellular phone companies out of business. I knew I would not get anything from them. I had to go to the one scholarly resource that would surely have the answer: YouTube.

On YouTube I found numerous examples of the kinds of damage that can result from putting your cell phone into the microwave for just 30 sec. on HIGH. Several videos showed blinding white light and flames. Although there were many flashing lights and sparkles in a dazzling array of colors, it was not a pretty sight. Each phone was demonstrated to no longer be working. One cell-phone emerged from the microwave partially molten. Perhaps when the microwave was invented in the 1790's, it was unclear what a profound effect the device would one day have on Verizon customers.

So until better safety features are in place, I urge all cell phone users not to microwave their phones. Not even on MEDIUM. Not even on DEFROST. There are other ways to dry your phone, such as putting it in the sun, or next to a space heater, or using a blow-dryer. You can put the phone on the center rack of your oven or heat it in a small skillet. The Mo-

torola RAZR will fit in your toaster. There's simply no reason to heat your phone in the microwave. As my exhaustive studies show, the "Popcorn" button will not transform any make or model cellular phone into popcorn. I'm now out several thousand dollars in cell phones, as well as dozens of ruined microwave ovens because, apparently, the "Popcorn" button works best when the item is already popcorn. The manual that came with the oven could have been a little more descriptive. That's all I'm saying.

If you were to ruin your phone in the microwave, you would discover (as I have on numerous occasions) that your warranty and the insurance plan on your phone will not cover the damages. You will have to purchase a brand new phone at the full retail price, unlike the phone that was free with your contract. That means you could pay over \$169.99, more than seven times the cost of a free phone. Over time, your misguided efforts to transmute popcorn from cell phones could become far more costly than simply purchasing popcorn.

Throwing your cell phone into the microwave for a few seconds, like 50 anytime minutes a month plus no nights and weekends, simply isn't a good plan.



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Not as tasty as popcorn.

## Dem. candidates to undergo procedures

Twila McConnell  
*Concerned Democrat*

It has recently been announced that to gain the favor of the U.S. public, both Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama will undergo some drastic surgical procedures. Already their campaigns are seeing an increase in approval among white middle class men.

Barack Obama, currently going by the name William Johnson or "Billy" until its legal change next month, is undergoing a highly controversial skin whitening process. In a press conference this morning, his assured fans that this process would not interfere with his campaign.

When asked, many students seemed pleased about the changes. "I just feel less threatened by him now. He seems like someone who would go to my church," stated sophomore Alex Whitmore. Alex continued: "I still don't think I'd vote for him, but at least he wouldn't destroy this great country. He can't be racist against white people now that he is one!"

Hillary Clinton isn't having quite as much success as Obama with her sex change - presumably because the media is slanting her as transgendered. However, she is also seeing an increase in approval, primarily among voters in the South East.

Bill Clinton has yet to release a statement on his feelings about this sudden change.

If you haven't heard it yet, the most famous quote circulating the Clinton campaign now is that by Rodney Marsh: "I just don't think a woman could be president. They're

just not cut out to perform on that level. If they were, why hasn't there been one yet? Now, a sex change has got to be at least as painful as breaking your leg playing football. I can respect that."

Yet, some students do seem upset over these recent developments. One student who wished to remain anonymous due to the controversy of the subject said, "I'm glad that America claims to be all about individuality, if you're a white man. I was happy with the difference in candidates this year. I'm so frustrated I just don't think I'm going to vote."

A student was overheard commenting as he walked by while I was interviewing people: "That kid's just a racist! He probably wanted 9/11 to happen!"

Overall, this election is certainly shaping up to be the most interesting in history, especially now that the Democratic candidates have a chance.



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Clinton has already begun to hide her breasts and wear more masculine clothing.

## Zelda CD-i

I can't wait to bomb dodongos

Sean Fine  
Game Editor

Gee, in the gaming industry today, it sure is boring around here. I wonder what that Zelda franchise is up to? No big releases since *Twilight Princess*, so lets look back; faaar back! What's this? *Zelda CD-i*? Holy crap. This game is absolutely amazing! How could anyone have missed this game? Probably because it was on the legendary, hard-to-find Philips CD-i game system. Well, lets check this one out.

**Story:** In *Zelda CD-i*, you get not one, but two, Two, TWO stories to play through, one as Link and the other as Zelda, and they're both mind-blowing adventures! You know how *Earthbound* had that effect of being cheerful at first but being a absolute terror filled struggle against the apocalypse itself? Take that and multiply it by 10. That's how epic this adventure actually is.

Details of the story may seem simple at first, but it quickly becomes deep and complex as you'll venture to many temples, defeat legions of evil beasts and finally bring light into Ganon's lair. It's amazing

**Gameplay:** This game is old, but when you're playing it, you're not going to give a flying crap, because you'll have a blast with your Master Sword cleaving through your foes with amazing skill and finesse. The action may be two-dimensional, diverting from what *Zelda* was originally known for, but it's done so well and skillfully that you won't care about what perspective it's from.

Gameplay is difficult, that much is true, but that only adds to the satisfaction when you defeat a boss. It's awesome, just stick with it. And you'll go to the temple sage and acquire the key to the temple and you'll conquer the dungeon, and complete the puzzles, and defeat the boss up to the very final and epic battle of the game.

Still don't get it, Einstein? Let me spell this out for you. You can slash forward, you can flip the eff backward! No one's judging

your crap! Am I? Hell no! You meet a crap ton of old people and those guys are wise as hell! Great gods of the world, I could play this game all day and not give half a crap! I am going out of my freaking mind just thinking about this game; I want to set this thing on fire and inject the ashes into my eyes!

**Graphics & Sound:** The graphics in this game are your standard *Zelda* fa-Oh, who am I kidding? They're the BEST graphics for a game of its time and the cut

scenes are presented at top quality! It's absolutely amazing!

Sound-wise though is the real treat because, this is the first time (unless you count the *Zelda* American cartoon), that Link actually gets to talk. In fact, all the characters talk and these characters are absolutely amazing.

**Overall:** This game is freaking amazing! It's worth buying a whole new system just to play! Why are you still reading this thing?! Go!!! 15/10



You've definitely want it.

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## Why I play air guitar better than you do

Dani D'Abo  
Air Guitar Expert

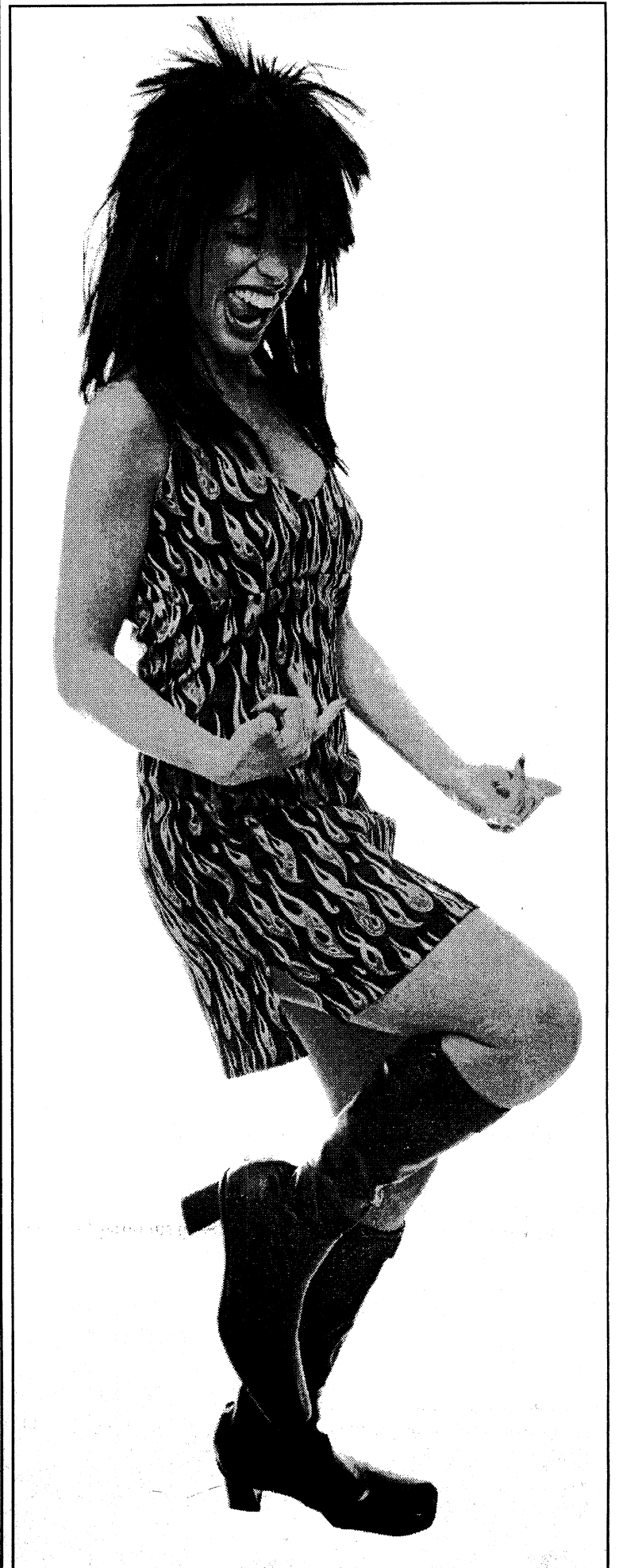
Often misunderstood, so not well respected, and perhaps the only saving grace when you need an instant rock band: air guitar. Many of us have been playing the chords or banging the drums for years, long after our parents confiscated the kitchen pots and pans and ukulele from our three-year old hands. Believe me, I feel your passion about the subject radiating throughout the campus as you read this.

Now this is why I play air guitar better than you: I am to air guitar what Garth is to Wayne's World. Schwing! As you may

recall, while Wayne was running around being a jackass the whole time, Garth got his home girl after much wisdom gained from simple observation, time and time again.

It doesn't matter that I have been playing for well past two decades now, or that I once worked in rock and roll and partied with some of the best, no, it's that I have perfected my movements while being able to lip sing.

So take karaoke night and shove it where the sun don't shine! The amount of electrical pulse I release while playing *Cradle of Filth* is enough to blow you and your "Build me up Buttercup" impression right off the stage. So there!



She RAWKS.

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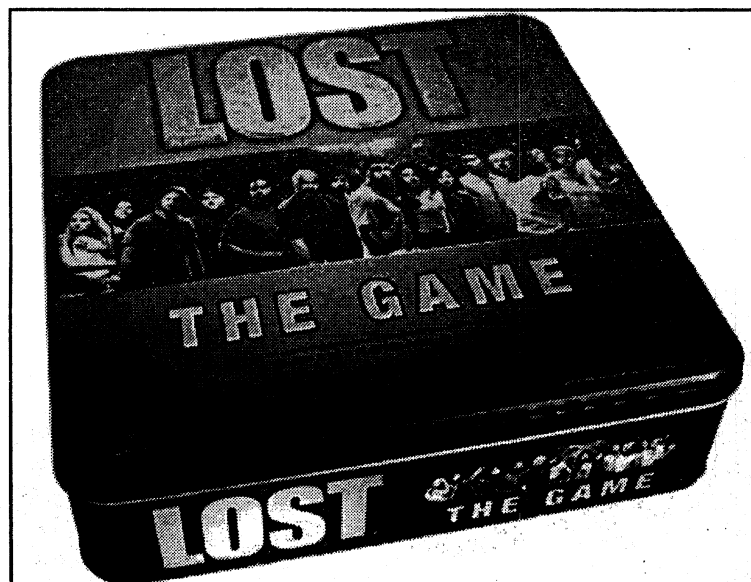
## Immortality - possible afterall?

Sean Fine  
Game Editor

It's amazing what enough research and some investigation will bring you.

There have been recent reports about how doctors and physicists have discovered the secret recipe for the long-desired human trait of immortality!

It has taken over 20 years in research, but from this point on, all humans will have the chance to live forever, and to think that it would be such a simple thing to do that anyone could do to retain their youth forever. That secret just so happens to be... You just lost the game.



Oh yes, this picture does make sense. =)

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