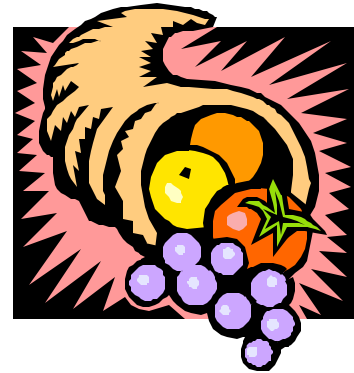


# AROUND CAMPUS ONLINE

## NEWS AT A GLANCE

- Dr. David Stone, graduate adjunct faculty, will speak in February at the University of Hawaii. His topic will be “Globalization of e-Learning: How Linguistic and Cultural Obstacles to Global e-Learning can be Overcome.”
- President Rossbacher spoke recently at the Georgia Commission on Women, Economic Summit for Women and Girls. Her topic was “Women & Technology: Jumping the Digital Divide.”
- 250 potential students attended a very successful Undergraduate Open House on November 16. Included in this group were 90 gifted students brought to campus from Augusta where SPSU recruitment staff have built a relationship with the county coordinator of the gifted program.
- Jackie (Gilpin) Isaacson is conference coordinator for the Association of Fraternity Advisors Annual Meeting to take place December 4-8 in Ohio. About 1,000 people attend the conference, which is held in conjunction with the North American Interfraternity Council annual conference.
- The student branch of IEEE celebrates its 40th anniversary on January 3, 2003.

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO SPSU FAMILIES AND TO OUR FRIENDS



### ABET ACCREDITATION TEAM SALUTES SPSU

“The students at Southern Polytechnic State University are exceptional.” With this opening statement, ABET Accreditation Team Chairman Michael Fink set the tone for a very positive report covering engineering technology education at SPSU. In the report, the team noted that the reputation of this institution as a leader in engineering technology education preceded their assignment. “This can be either a bad or a good thing,” they said, “since if our expectations are not met, then we may show our disappointment, however subtly, in our review documentation. I am pleased to report that the evaluation team remains as impressed with SPSU after our on-site review as we were prior to coming on campus.” Fink continued, “The consistently high quality you have displayed in all areas of the engineering technology education experience here is a model for other ET institutions.” The report praised SPSU students as “demonstrating clarity, insight and communication skills that are refreshing.”

### DR. ROSSBACHER INTRODUCES PORTAL PROJECT TO CITY OF MARIETTA

President Rossbacher recently introduced members of the Marietta City Council to the Portal Plan at SPSU – a new gateway to the campus and a new beacon of a high-tech university. The privately funded \$1.5 million campus portal will feature a 50-foot tall tower that projects information and images through fiber optics and a giant video screen. Other plans to transform the curbside appeal and visibility of the university include moving the main entrance to campus on South Marietta Parkway, burying all electric power lines, creating a pedestrian foot-bridge spanning a new driveway, and providing a computerized information kiosk for visitors to the campus. The Board of Regents has approved funding for these projects built in tandem with the portal project. The Legislature will vote on the Governor’s budget in January.

## ERIC HANEY TO SPEAK AT DECEMBER COMMENCEMENT

Command Sergeant Major, U. S. Army (ret.) Eric L. Haney will address SPSU graduates at the December 14 commencement, at 2 p.m.. Haney's major life's work has been confronting terrorists, personally. His 20-year career in the most elite forces of the U. S. Army, particularly the counter terrorist unit Delta Force, has prepared him to knowledgeably address what lies ahead for Americans in the new war against

terrorism.

Haney's background covers personal experience in the Middle East and North Africa. He has slept in the tents of Bedouin tribesmen, and stayed at the Paris Ritz protecting the Saudi Royal Family.

Since his military career, Haney has negotiated for the return of hostages and protected princes, presidents and CEOs alike. He provides security for international compa-

nies operating in dangerous regions around the world.

Today, Haney is a speaker and commentator for national radio and television news networks.



Eric Haney

## NEW WEB DESIGN TO MAKE DEBUT



A new web site design is being installed that updates the look and the format of the university's online presence. Created by Stein Communications Web Division, in concert with input from departments across campus,

the site introduces new navigation and design for all first tiers of web pages, and some new features. The IT department has created a calendar of events that will also be part of the more comprehensive SPSU site.

## CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

The Georgia Utility Safety Conference and EXPO hosted a trade show in which SPSU participated. Construction program volunteers Brandon Higginbotham and Aaron Stanley manned the booth that was visited by construction professionals, engineers, contractors and city, county, state and federal officials.

A highlight of the conference for SPSU was the presentation of a check for \$4,000 to Khalid Mukhtar Siddiqi. The contribution to the SPSU Foundation's Construction Program Scholarship Fund will cover two student scholarships selected from a pool of 11 SPSU applicants. The winners were Brandon Higginbotham and Aaron Stanley. Criteria for the awards were student goals, academic achievements and leadership qualities.

For food, fun and fellowship

The SPSU Holiday Party

December 5  
11:30 a.m. to  
1:30 p.m.

Donations of canned goods will be accepted to share our season's blessings.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION AT SPSU: WORTH SHARING WITH FRIENDS

Staying abreast of new programs and adapting to the rapid changes in engineering and technology is essential for both employers and employees. SPSU's Continuing Education program has more than 50 years of experience in training Georgia's business and technical leaders.

There are many success stories generated by its programs for individuals, companies, and the state of Georgia. For example, The Intellectual Capital Partnership Program (ICAPP) is an economic development program that funds projects uniting business with schools in the University System of Georgia.

ICAPP has funded the Software Engineer Re-training Program, or SERP, a program SPSU developed two years ago with Lockheed Martin. The program meets the company's needs for new software engineers by re-training current employees in more traditional engineering fields. Over its two-year history with SPSU, SERP has graduated 64 newly-trained software engineers.

Another example of a Continuing Education success story is Georgia's economic development program, Yamacraw. The initiative was developed by the State to draw new high tech industries to Georgia by providing a highly

skilled workforce. Yamacraw programs at Southern Polytechnic focus on embedded systems, optical networks, wireless systems, digital signal processing and high-speed access devices.

The Continuing Education Office can customize programs that provide theoretical knowledge and applications-based training for the public or for a company. There are dozens of professional development and certificate programs currently available. During the recent fall semester, some 1,074 students participated in 183 programs for a total of 17,827 hours of instruction.

According to Melissa Vickery, director of Continuing Education, a recent survey indicates that a primary source of students to Continuing Education is personal referral. Students heard about the programs from either being SPSU alumni or from knowing alumni, or from co-workers at their jobs who had taken training. So, tell a friend.....There is much to choose from, including foreign languages, communication and writing, database or land surveying. You may help a friend obtain training they need and also produce talented new students for Continuing Education. For more information, contact 770-528-7240, or visit [www.oce.spsu.edu](http://www.oce.spsu.edu).

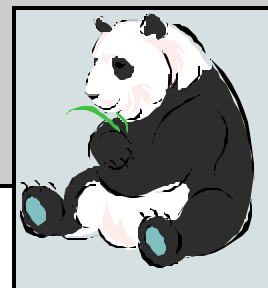
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Send information to share with *Around Campus* to the Public Relations Department, c/o [awatson@spsu.edu](mailto:awatson@spsu.edu). or via campus mail. There is no newsletter without your news. Thanks!



### The bears are back

Once again, the President's Office encourages faculty and staff to participate in the gathering of stuffed bears during the holiday season. Each donated bear will find a loving home in the arms of a child who needs bear-hugs all year-round.



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## THE FIVE ROCKS

Viable Academic  
Programs

Enrollment to  
Support Mission

Strong Customer  
Service

Private  
Resources to  
Support  
University's  
Mission

Strong Sense of  
Place

## What have we done lately to support the five rocks?

### Customer Service

The 528-7200 general information line has been switched to the I.T. Department where students are being trained to personally answer the line and direct callers to the appropriate department. In most cases, this will eliminate people calling and getting a recorded message.

SPSU's new web site will be easier for external audiences to navigate, making it possible to obtain needed information more quickly and more attractively. There is a link to a full section geared specifically for potential students to look, learn, and like SPSU.

### Resources

The faculty and staff campaign raised a record \$57,040 with 81 percent participation by October 31. The campaign officially continues until the end of the year for those who would still like to be included in this supportive effort for the university.

### Viable Academic Programs

A new master's degree in systems engineering has just been approved by the Board of Regents.

### Sense of Place

The first faculty and staff "start the day" coffee was well attended. The morning visits are being hosted in different buildings around campus. The next coffee is scheduled in Building H at 9 a.m. on November 26.

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