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Southern
Polytechnic
Georgia's **Technology** University

2004 President's Annual Report

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According to the Atlanta Regional Consortium for Higher Education (ARCHE), "Higher education prepares Georgians for career success and building an educated work force makes Georgia more attractive to growth industries. In fact, job growth is highest among educated Georgians."

The value and the financial return of a college education is documented and recognized locally, nationally and internationally. Bringing that value home to Southern Polytechnic, it has been documented that those graduating with an SPSU degree earn approximately \$17,000 more annually, than do those with a high school degree.* Southern Polytechnic graduates also receive higher than average starting salaries in their fields.

That additional income benefits communities and the state of Georgia in a powerful way. Beyond student success, the return on investment for education at Southern Polytechnic is multiplied over many areas of economic development. In a study completed in late 2004, Southern Polytechnic's impact on its regional economy was placed at \$110 million, with an employment impact of 1,172 positions. SPSU joined seven University System of Georgia institutions in the metropolitan Atlanta area alone in accounting for \$2.9 billion in economic impact, and an employment impact of 37,239 jobs. The additional earning power of graduates is reinvested in housing, transportation, food, clothing, entertainment and tax support.

The investment process of educating students is an economic engine with SPSU graduates strengthening the economy throughout their careers and into retirement. However, it means much more than that. Investment in education is life changing for students.

*2003 study: "Value of a University System of Georgia Education," commissioned by the University System of Georgia's Intellectual Capital Partnership Program (ICAPP)



Return on investment is a term usually seen in the business and finance reports of newspapers, websites, investment and real estate firms, and financial centers. This term is linked in our society with increased financial and business success, good decisions, quality of life, and quantifiable outcomes. Southern Polytechnic State University believes the term should be more widely linked to the environment of higher education, and that a sizeable return of value and quality must be part of the bottom-line results.

A university makes careful financial decisions to allocate limited resources from both the public and the private sectors wisely in order to attract and maintain strong faculty, provide facilities that stimulate excellence in education, and to support programs that build knowledge, character and career success. The true measure of the return on these investments is their value and quality.

Quality is not a one-size-fits-all concept at SPSU. Quality is as unique as our academic mission. It is a way of life for our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and – importantly – for the employers of our graduates. Quality is what ultimately distinguishes our graduates as a result of the education and the experience they receive here.

We are pleased to share the value of investment in education in 2004 by the University, our faculty and staff, private donors and public support systems, board members, volunteers, employers, alumni, parents and students. We are proud to share the qualitative and quantitative return on those investments. We are grateful to, and honor, those who have played a part in these outcomes that change and build students' lives.

Lisa A. Rossbacher, Ph.D., President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

February

Phase two of privatized apartment housing on campus was celebrated as “University Courtyard” was officially begun with a groundbreaking ceremony attended by visiting dignitaries, faculty, staff and students. Thomas E. Meredith, chancellor, University System of Georgia, was among the participants. Construction was underway.

Engineering Week was celebrated the week of Feb. 23 with a luncheon honoring student achievement and the profession. The special guest speaker was Dr. Donna M. Havrisik of Lockheed Martin.



March

The Men’s Basketball team, the Runnin’ Hornets, was named the Georgia-Alabama-Carolina-Conference (GACC) Regular Season Champions for the 2003-2004 season.

January

The 2004 Edition of *America’s Best Architecture and Design Schools* listed SPSU’s Bachelor of Architecture Program in the top ten schools in the south.

Dr. Khalid Saddiqi, chair of the Construction Department, served as Teacher of the Year at SPSU for the fiscal year 2003-2004.

Dr. David Dayton, assistant professor, Humanities and Technical Communication Department, is SPSU’s Teacher of the Year for fiscal year 2004-2005.



April

The first annual Diamond Baseball Alumni Reunion was held on campus, bringing together former and current players, alumni, and friends.

May

The Enterasys SPSU Foundation and Alumni Association Golf Tournament, held May 17, raised \$35,102 for SPSU, making it the most successful golf tournament ever for the University.

The annual Alumni Association and SPSU Foundation Crawfish Boil was held in May following Commencement ceremonies. Unexpected stars of the day’s events were the Blue Angels of the U. S. Navy whose exhibition show at nearby Dobbins Air Force Base led to considerable attention — and the question of whether President Lisa A. Rossbacher had been able to arrange this coincidental timing.

After a year of careful consideration of the advantages and disadvantages of expansion through acquiring land and facilities owned by neighboring Life University, the parties ended discussions between the Limited Liability Corporation of Southern Polytechnic’s Foundation and Life University’s Board of Trustees. SPSU moved forward in presenting proposals for a new Mathematics and Engineering Building on its campus to the University System of Georgia’s Board of Regents.

SPSU became one of five University System institutions that are offering the University System of Georgia’s first fully on-line undergraduate degree for information technology—the WebBSIT. This Bachelor of Science in Information Technology represents a collaborative effort among SPSU, Armstrong Atlantic State University, Clayton College and State University, Georgia Southern University, and Macon State College.

Benjamin DeCosta, aviation general manager of the Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, and member of the Southern Polytechnic Foundation, spoke to the 276 graduates at commencement ceremonies, May 8.

The SPSU Steel Bridge Team won 1st place at the Southeast Regional Conference of the American Society of Civil Engineers competition, held at South Florida University. SPSU students won in stiff competition among teams from such schools as Tennessee, Florida, Miami, Auburn, Vanderbilt, and Alabama-Birmingham. At this same competition, members of the Southern Polytechnic Concrete Canoe Team brought home 5th place honors.

June

The Board of Regents approved the University’s request for a \$30 million Mathematics and Engineering Building, putting the much-needed new facility on the approved priority list for major capital outlay construction projects for the University System of Georgia.

July

The winds of change hit Southern Polytechnic’s Recreation and Wellness Center when severe thunderstorms passed through Cobb County in July, causing damage to the roof and exercise room. There were no injuries.

The high-achieving SPSU Steel Bridge Team didn’t rest on their laurels after winning 1st place in the American Society of Civil Engineers Steel Bridge Regional Competition earlier in the year. The team went on to the National Competition and brought home a third place trophy in heated competition with the top 44 teams in the nation. These 44 teams were drawn from among 214 schools that competed throughout the U.S. to achieve representation at the National ASCE event.



August

Phil Jacobs, president, Georgia Operations/BellSouth, addressed the 132 graduates at the 80th commencement exercises at SPSU in August.

C. Wayne Unsell, Ph.D., P.E., joined SPSU as dean of the School of Engineering Technology and Management. Dr. Unsell came to SPSU from Indiana-Purdue University at Fort Wayne, where he served as chair and associate professor of Civil and Architectural Engineering Technology and as an interim dean and interim director of the School of Engineering Technology and Computer Science.

On time. On budget. Beautiful. The University Courtyard apartments opened on campus, increasing residential housing to enable a third of the student population to live on campus.



September

Northeast Normal University (NENU) in the city of Chang Chun, China, and Southern Polytechnic signed a Memorandum of Understanding that formalizes the development of a unique Dual Degree Program between the universities. The program is a 2 + 2 model in which Chinese students will study at NENU for two years and will then transfer to SPSU for the final two years of their B.S. degree program in Technical and Professional Communication. This program is one of only 136 to have received such approval between Chinese universities and foreign universities worldwide. It is the only such approved program in the state of Georgia and one of only a few with any university in the United States.

The fledgling SPSU Underwater Robotics Team competed for the first time in San Diego in an international competition sponsored by the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI). SPSU was the first and only team to enter from Georgia, competing in the good company of teams from MIT, Cornell, and Duke University.

Chief Jackie Gibbs, SPSU Alumnus (1997- Management), was named Georgia Fire Chief of the Year by the Georgia Fire Chiefs Association.

The new SPSU Community Center was opened during ceremonies that featured President Lisa A. Roszbacher, SPSU Foundation Treasurer Gordon K. Mortin, and SPSU Foundation Chair Sherri Scyphers Hungate, shown above cutting the ribbon.

October

The Faculty and Staff 2004-05 Campaign officially closed with a 5.6 percent increase in contributions over fiscal year 2003-2004, and a 76 percent participation level. \$48,105 was raised by the campaign completion date of October 31.

SPSU's Information Technology Division received the University System of Georgia's top "Best Practices Award in Information Technology" for the conversion of the campus telephone service to Voice Over Internet Protocol. The project was selected through a peer-review process by chief information officers throughout the University System. As the top award-winner in this category, SPSU received \$15,000 that will be applied to technology programs at the University.

Chief Warrant Officer and former Iraq POW Ron Young visited Southern Polytechnic, sharing with President Lisa A. Roszbacher memories of his time as a student here, his plans for the future, and his experiences over the past year, including working with CNN in Atlanta.

The 2nd Annual Georgia BEST Robotics Competition was held on campus October 23, and 'bots ruled. A crowd of cheerleaders, bands, parents and coaches accompanied high school students from 14 Georgia schools and their prized possessions — robots painstakingly created during six weeks of intensive preparation for this event. Corporate sponsors who helped make Georgia BEST happen were Higginbotham & Associates, (a Platinum Sponsor) and Siemens (a Premier Sponsor).

November

Southern Polytechnic's impact on its regional economy was placed at \$100 million, with an employment impact of 1,172 positions for the 2004 fiscal year, according to a study commissioned by the Intellectual Capital Partnership Program (ICAPP®) of the Board of Regents Office of Economic Development.

December

The 81st Commencement exercises featured speaker Judge A. Harris Adams, a chief judge of the Court of Appeals of Georgia, who spoke to the 241 graduates.

SPSU announced the appointment of Ron D. Dempsey as executive director of Advancement, effective in January of 2005. Dr. Dempsey will join SPSU from his role as vice president for Institutional Advancement at Shorter College in Rome. He has also served as director of Foundation/Corporate Relations and Major Gifts officer, and as an associate dean of Academic Affairs for Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC.

Dr. David Hornbeck, interim vice president for Academic Affairs, received the prestigious honor of being named a Fellow of ABET, one of only three such awards made by the organization for 2004. ABET, Inc., the nationally-recognized accrediting body for college and university programs in applied science, computing, engineering and technology, recognizes those individuals who have given sustained quality service to the ABET-related professions in general, and to education within the ABET disciplines in particular.



Southern Polytechnic continued its annual tradition of collecting stuffed animals and toys for children through the Toys for Tots Program of the U. S. Marine Corps, represented by Lt. Col. Kenneth Cross, shown above with President Lisa A. Roszbacher. SPSU also cooperated with the Cobb Christmas Stuff-A-Bus campaign this year, a collaboration of the Cobb Community Transit and the Cobb County Department of Transportation, to assist families in need during the holidays.



SCHOLARSHIP

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— Tina Kinser**

RETURN ON INVESTMENT

The investment made by individuals, businesses, and organizations in scholarships for deserving students, and by the State of Georgia’s HOPE Scholarship program, is a vital and valuable gift to the future of individuals and of the state of Georgia. Such scholarships recognize excellence in achievement and make possible the financial support that allows many students to meet their higher education goals.

Tina Kinser began her journey for a bachelor of science degree in 1989 and recently returned to the Southern Polytechnic Construction Department on a fulltime basis to achieve that goal after 15 years in the work force as a commercial master carpenter. She is a recipient of the Golden Hammer Scholarship for merit, extra curricular activities, and service to the profession.

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“I went to work immediately after high school graduation, but soon learned that I needed a college degree for any real earning power and fulfillment. I began working on a Bachelor of Science in Construction at SPSU in 1989, working full-time and attending night classes for five years. Then I withdrew to accept a job that, ironically, I would not have been offered without the courses I’d had at SPSU. Again, the lure of a salary took me away from higher education.

“After working 15 years, I realized I still could not reach my goal of becoming a Construction Project Manager without a degree. I went back to school at Southern Poly. I am where I belong. I once thought it would take a three-year recovery period to get back to my previous salary level after I graduated. I now know it will be under a year, and that there will be no future cap on my potential earnings as a college graduate in the summer of 2005. I already have companies showing an interest in hiring me. That’s a great return on the investment of my parents’ encouragement, the Golden Hammer Scholarship that came at the perfect time to give me the confidence to help keep me going, and the investment I’ve made in myself.” — **TINA KINSER**

“Because of their professional success, people with more education contribute more to the state’s tax base. Educated Georgians provide the heart of funding for our state’s operations and programs.”

Source: Atlanta Regional Consortium for Higher Education (ARCHE)



HONORS PROGRAM

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— Nate Griffith

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“The Honors Program continues to add value and quality to the educational experience at the University. Offering seminar-size classes, increased opportunity for critical and creative thinking, intellectual rigor, and more student involvement in curriculum, the program builds leadership, self confidence, and a satisfying sense of community among its participants. We watch academically-talented students literally blossom as they take advantage of the opportunity to develop their talents in an interdisciplinary approach that merges the technological mission of the school with the classical training of the arts and sciences. Students in the program share goals and participate in special projects with faculty members that greatly broaden the concept of education in the classroom.” *Dr. Nancy Reichert, Assistant Professor, Humanities and Technical Communication*

Nate Griffith entered Southern Polytechnic in 2004. He based his college choice on two primary factors: The investment of the State of Georgia in providing the HOPE Scholarship to Georgia students was a major influence, and a recommendation from a high school counselor led him to consider SPSU when he narrowed his interests to the engineering and technology fields. Once at SPSU, he was quickly accepted for the University’s Honors Program where he finds added value in his educational and social experiences as he works toward a civil engineering technology degree.

“The Honors program invests in you as a potential leader and provides opportunities to broaden your way of thinking. You look at things in a more critical way. Classes offer more interaction and less lectures. The program builds self-confidence and helps you learn to make decisions. I’m using those benefits as vice president of the Honors Council.

“Freshmen going away to college often find they don’t know anyone and it’s difficult to get a sense of belonging. The Honors Program provided a quick outlet for meeting new friends with whom I have shared interests and goals. Through the Honors Program you meet people you identify with and form friendships in a real community atmosphere. It is easier to do well academically when you are socially and professionally involved.

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INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

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— **Qianqian Wang**

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“Programs that attract international students to our campus and send our students abroad bring an array of different traditions and cultures to our entire student body. American and international students discover the similarities and the differences in people around the world and experience fresh perspectives in history, religion, social and cultural issues, and political and philosophical viewpoints. Deep and lasting friendships are created across national boundaries.”

Dr. Richard A. Bennett, Associate Professor, Social & International Studies

Qianqian Wang came in 2003 to Southern Polytechnic from the city of Shenyang in the Province of Liaoning in northeast China, where students live with their families and follow very traditional lifestyles. Most know the United States through print and broadcast media and the Internet. Qianqian wanted to learn about the U. S. through her own eyes and personal experiences. Today, Qianqian lives in her own apartment on the Southern Polytechnic campus with roommates from Nigeria and Mexico. She is studying mathematics and plans to pursue a master’s after graduation. Qianqian is living a new life in which she incorporates and shares her traditions and cultures while she is planning her future.

“I came here because I wanted to grow through independent living and to be exposed to foreign culture and economics. Here, I find advanced facilities and a totally different environment to help me know more about the world and get a good education. China’s entry into the World Trade Organization opens many doors for the future if you are prepared and I will be.

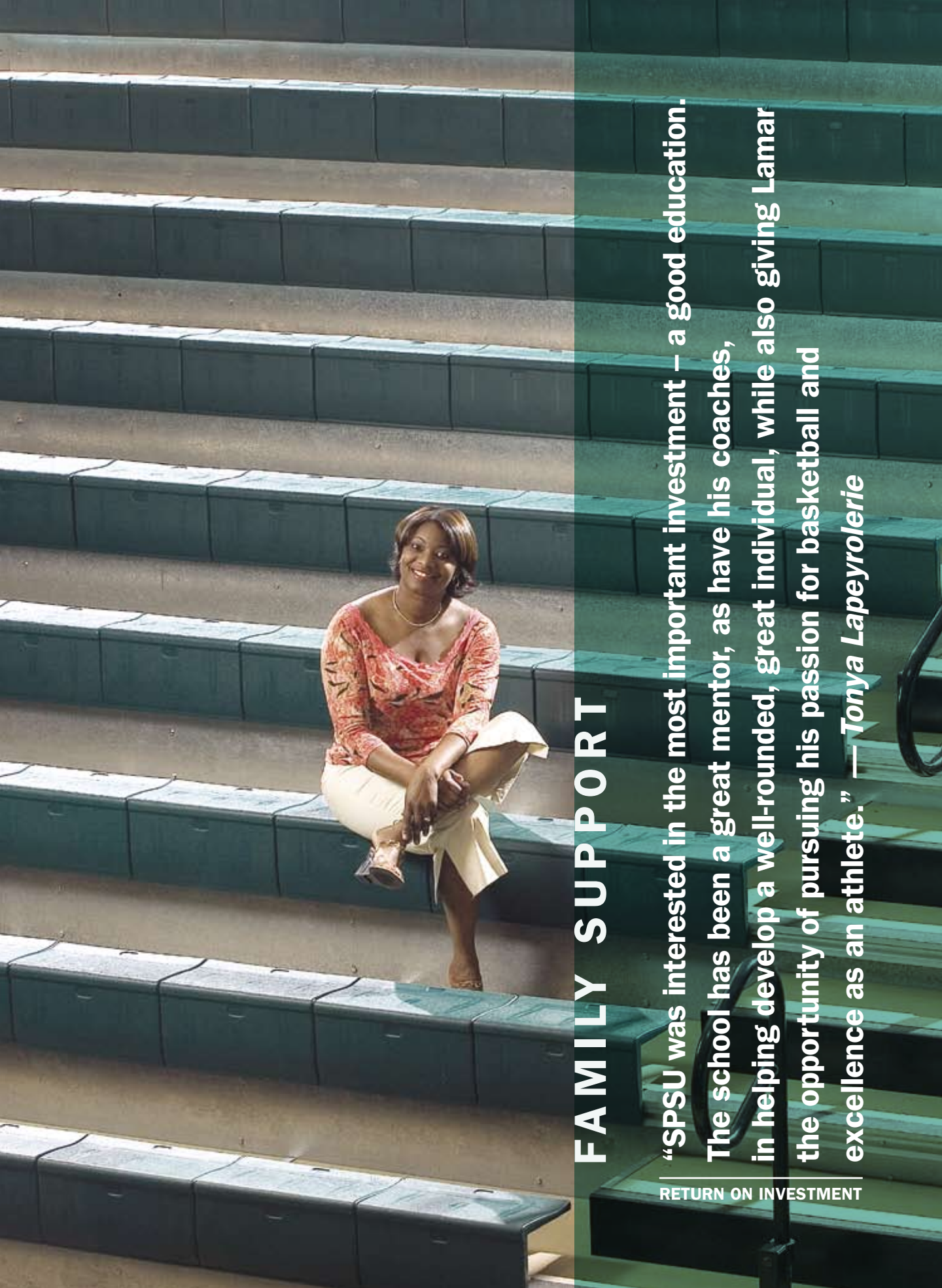
“It is a big investment to go to another country for education. But the value is so great. If I’d stayed in China, I would only believe what I read or heard. You need to see the truth to know the truth. There are difficulties and challenges, but that helps you grow.

“As president of the Chinese Association on campus, I’ve learned how to communicate with people and to organize activities. Our American lifestyle includes trips to Ruby Falls, the Tennessee Aquarium, and the American spring break in Florida. But, we also keep our traditional activities like celebrating our Spring Festival for the New Year.” — **QIANQIAN WANG**

Southern Polytechnic shares in the exchange of students through several programs that enrich lives and broaden diversity. In 2004, there were 24 SPSU students who studied abroad in Germany, Spain, and China, through either collaborative programs or a consortium of cooperating schools, FORSPRO. Their studies included management, architecture, social and international studies, and the engineering technologies.

SPSU’s educational focus on engineering technologies is perfectly suited to many countries outside the U. S., providing SPSU the opportunity of maintaining and expanding our distinctive type of education by sharing it more broadly.

In 2004, SPSU began a unique dual degree program with the N.E. Normal University in Chang Chun, China, in which students in China will complete their last credit hours of University work at Southern Polytechnic State University, and earn dual degrees. In September of this year, 53 students had entered the new program in China.



FAMILY SUPPORT

“SPSU was interested in the most important investment – a good education. The school has been a great mentor, as have his coaches, in helping develop a well-rounded, great individual, while also giving Lamar the opportunity of pursuing his passion for basketball and excellence as an athlete.” — Tonya Lapeyrolerie

RETURN ON INVESTMENT

The investment of parents in their children’s education means more than financial resources. Parental investment also involves supporting and encouraging students to help them choose the right educational path.

Lamar Karim is majoring in Information Technology at Southern Polytechnic. He is also one of the star players on the SPSU Runnin’ Hornets Basketball team. After he completes his degree program in the fall semester of 2005, he is thinking about playing professional basketball and perhaps pursuing a master’s degree. Whatever path Lamar takes, his mother and father, Tonya and Michael Lapeyrolerie, feel he is well-prepared to make good decisions and succeed.

“Southern Polytechnic has had a huge impact on my son in helping him mature and become very focused on his future. And, the basketball scholarship he received has been a big help in his receiving this education.

“When Lamar graduated from high school, we researched the best schools in technology-related fields. Southern Polytechnic was ranked in the top ten. Since my son was an athlete, I did have concerns about the emphasis that would be placed on education by a college. We soon learned that Southern Polytechnic invests in a child’s future, and that means having a student academically well-prepared. We became very comfortable that education was number one. The school has been a great mentor, as have his coaches, in helping develop a well-rounded, great individual, while also giving Lamar the opportunity of pursuing his passion for basketball and excellence as an athlete. He is on his way to a good life path with his goals in order.

“Lamar is the 2nd oldest of 20 grandchildren and he is the first grandchild to go to college. As parents, we are firm believers that education comes first and, while it is financially hard sometimes, it is so worth the investment. We’ve already begun a higher education fund for our three-and six-year old children.” — **TONYA LAPEYROLERIE**

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BUSINESS & INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT

“The investment in the students’ futures is an investment in our futures.”

— Gary Royal and James C. Scott, Jr.

RETURN ON INVESTMENT

Businesses and industry are the ultimate beneficiaries of the education provided to students at Southern Polytechnic. They also invest in that education through financial contributions, involvement with the school as members of advisory boards, and through partnerships, which provide co-op and internships for current students. Two such businesses are C. W. Matthews Contracting Company and Southwire.

“C. W. Matthews Contracting Company invests its financial resources and time in support of Southern Polytechnic and its students. This university has meant so much to our company as a tremendous resource for the kind of employees we need and want. Graduates of Southern Polytechnic want to work and want to learn. They become contributors to our organization very quickly. The same is true of the students who are in co-op programs with the company.

“More than 50 percent of our current middle management and some upper level management employees are Southern Polytechnic graduates – a very high percentage from any one educational institution. That speaks to the excellence of their educational preparation and how we value them. We receive a real return on our investment in human capital. Good employees are good business.

“Personally, beyond my own financial contributions, I invest time in the University and its students. I have served on the Southern Polytechnic State University Foundation Board of Directors for many years. It is the only board

on which I serve. I do it because I believe in what the school does, and it is important to help and be a part of it.”

JAMES C. SCOTT JR. —
Executive Vice President, C. W. Matthews Contracting Company

“Southwire has had a consistent and long-term partnership of more than 20 years with Southern Polytechnic. I believe it has been of great value to both Southwire and to the University. Over the years, we have found SPSU offers a rigorous academic curriculum that is magnified in value for a company like ours by the strong hands-on skills philosophy of the education. Graduates require far less initial training and orientation than do those graduating from other institutions. They come to the job prepared to do the job. Further, they are capable of upward mobility within the company. Two of our current vice presidents are Southern Polytechnic graduates and several others hold key leadership positions. As a company, we are able to invest in the preparation of students as future employees while they are in school. We have co-op programs with SPSU and find a

number of our co-op students will join the company as full-time employees after their graduation.

“Over the years, we have also had our company representatives serve on advisory boards for the development or modification of programs in which our company has significant interest, such as industrial, mechanical and electrical engineering technologies.

“Southern Polytechnic has also developed over the years into one of the most diverse educational institutions. It is of real value that they provide high-quality minority candidates for positions within business and industry.”

GARY ROYAL — *Director of Compensation and Benefits, Southwire*



VALUE OF A DEGREE

“My framed diploma hangs on the wall of my office and reminds me of how fortunate I was to have received my undergraduate degree from SPSU, a university where you will receive a fine education and also the valuable tools that enable you to successfully meet the challenges of the future.”

— Christopher Peardon

RETURN ON INVESTMENT

The value of a college degree increases over time and is key to the professional growth and options available to a graduate. According to The Atlanta Regional Consortium for Higher Education (ARCHE), most of those who begin their own businesses are college graduates, as is the case with 1993 Southern Polytechnic graduate Christopher Ray Peardon, president of Go Forward Inc, who now lives in Anderson, South Carolina with his wife and three children.

“I cannot emphasize enough how valuable my degree from SPSU has been to me through the years. I was a non-traditional student, working during the day and going to class at night. It was definitely challenging. However, I would not trade that experience, and I could not do what I now do without my degree. I continually draw from my educational experience at the University.

“After graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering Technology, I worked with Milliken and Company for four years. In 1997, I began my own business, Go Forward Inc., the parent company of three subsidiaries. Because my industrial engineering degree emphasized methods efficiency, our business became profitable very quickly. In our corporation and subsidiaries, I constantly draw upon the knowledge gained in courses such as “Principles of Team Dynamics” and “Work Place Design.”

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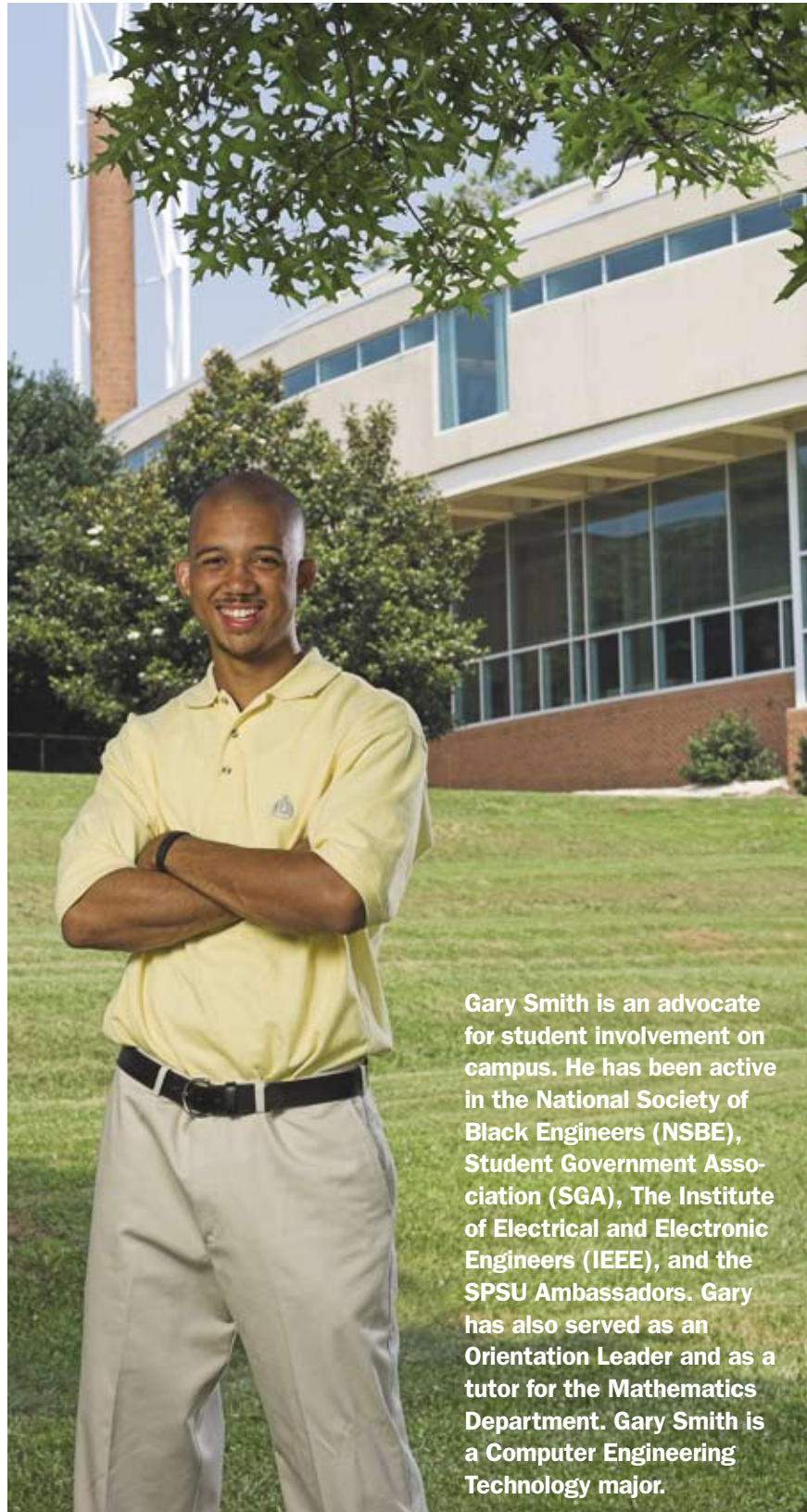
— CHRISTOPHER PEARDON

“New businesses are more often started by people with college degrees than people without a degree.”

Source: Atlanta Regional Consortium for Higher Education (ARCHE)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

“There are many values gained from being active in organizations on campus. Involvement helps you grow as a person, introduces you to new friends and interesting people, increases your networking, builds your resume, and helps you invest in your community.” — Gary Smith



Gary Smith is an advocate for student involvement on campus. He has been active in the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), Student Government Association (SGA), The Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE), and the SPSU Ambassadors. Gary has also served as an Orientation Leader and as a tutor for the Mathematics Department. Gary Smith is a Computer Engineering Technology major.

Student activities, clubs and organizations, professional societies, and athletics offered a thriving campus experience for students at SPSU in 2004.

Student Organizations

- Aerial Robotics Team
- Alpha Phi Alpha
- Alpha Xi Delta
- Amateur Radio Club
- SPSU Ambassadors
- American Association of Textile Colorists & Chemists
- American Institute of Architecture Students
- American Institute of Constructors
- American Society of Civil Engineers
- American Society for Quality Association of Computing Machinery
- Beta Sigma Chi
- Campus Activities Board
- Caribbean Student Association
- Chinese Friendship Association
- Concrete Canoe Team
- Delta Mu Delta Business Honor
- Delta Sigma Theta
- Entrepreneurship and Venture Capital Club
- Forensics Club
- Gamma Phi Beta
- General Builders
- General Engineering of Autonomous Robots
- Georgia Society of Professional Engineers
- Human Powered Vehicle – SAE Super Mileage Team
- India Club of SPSU
- Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers
- Institute of Industrial Engineers
- Institute of Transportation Engineers
- InterGreek Council
- International Student Association
- Japanese Friendship Society
- Kappa Alpha Psi
- Knights of the Realm Chess Club
- Ladies of Beauty and Grace
- Mathematics Association of America
- Muslim Student Association
- National Association of Home Builders
- National Organization of Minority Students
- National Society of Black Engineers
- Outdoor Recreation Club
- Paintball Club of SPSU
- Phi Beta Sigma
- Phi Alpha Delta
- Phi Psi Professional Textile Fraternity
- Pi Kappa Phi
- SAE Race Car Team
- Sexual Acceptance for Everyone
- Sigma Lambda Chi
- Sigma Nu
- Sigma Pi
- Soccer Club of SPSU
- Society of Automotive Engineers
- Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers
- Society of Manufacturing Engineers
- Sparkling Emeralds Dance Team
- Speech Team
- Specialty Contractors
- SPSU Pep Band
- Steel Bridge Team
- STING Newspaper
- Student Government Association
- Student Physics Society
- Surveying and Mapping Society of Georgia
- Tau Alpha Pi
- Tau Kappa Epsilon
- Ultimate Frisbee Club
- WGHR Radio Station
- Women in Architecture
- Zeta Phi Beta



Intercollegiate Sports (NAIA)

- Baseball
- Basketball (Men's & Women's)
- Tennis

Intramural sports

- Badminton
- Basketball
- Football
- Golf
- Racquetball
- Soccer
- Softball
- Tennis
- Volleyball

The Southern Polytechnic State University Foundation, Inc. was established in 1976 to promote the cause of higher education, expand educational opportunities, and to acquire, invest, and administer private gifts devoted to the mission of the University. As Southern Polytechnic’s legal entity for receiving private gifts, the Foundation helps meet institutional needs not funded by the State of Georgia or by tuition and fees. Such special needs include academic scholarships; classroom technology equipment; research opportunities; and faculty, staff and student recognition and development programs. In addition, the Foundation supports the development of facilities that add quality and value to the University’s educational programs.

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 Wasson, Sours & Harris, PC.
 Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of Georgia
 The Winter Construction Company
 Robert E. Wolf
 YWCA of Northwest Georgia

Gifts of \$5,000 to \$9,999

Ambling Development Company, LLC.
 Barbra Barker-Brown
 The Coca-Cola Company
 Enterasys Networks
 Georgia Department of Transportation
 Georgia Utility Contractors Association, Inc.
 Linda and Luis Henao
 Cathy Henson
 Daryle J. Higginbotham

Juneau Construction Company
 Ron and Gerre Koger
 Matsco, Inc
 Gordon K. Mortin
 Brent Scarbrough & Company, Inc.

Gifts of \$10,000 to \$19,999

Ralph W. Johnson TTEE
 Lockheed Martin
 Aeronautical Systems
 Rochester & Associates, Inc.
 Shaw Industries
 Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice

Gifts of \$20,000 plus

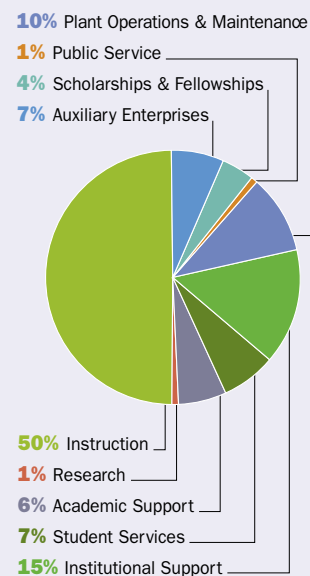
Paul T. Martin
 Siemens Energy & Automation
 Woodbridge Foam Corporation

Matching Gift Companies

The following companies matched gifts of alumni and friends from July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004. Southern Polytechnic deeply appreciates their support.

AGL Resources, Inc.
 BellSouth Telecommunications
 The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation
 Robert Bosch Tool Corporation
 Chevron USA, Inc.
 The Coca-Cola Company
 Darden Restaurants Foundation
 General Electric Company
 Georgia Power Company
 Hewlett-Packard Company
 IBM Corporation
 Lockheed Martin
 Aeronautical Systems
 Lucent Technologies
 Norfolk Southern Corporation
 Norfolk Southern Foundation
 Savannah Electric & Power Co
 SKF Industries, Inc.
 Sprint Foundation
 Summit Financial Solutions
 SunTrust Bank of Georgia
 Towers Perrin
 United Space Alliance
 UPS Foundation
 Vulcan Materials Company

Breakdown of Expenses by Activity



Statement of Net Assets		June 30, 2004
		<i>(in thousands)</i>
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,010	
Accounts receivable net		
Federal financial assistance	330	
Other	3,544	
Prepaid Items	933	
Total current assets	5,817	
Noncurrent assets		
Investments	2,998	
Notes receivable	561	
Capital assets, net	46,665	
Total noncurrent assets	50,224	
Total assets	56,041	
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Salaries payable	135	
Accounts payable	400	
Deferred revenue	2,483	
Funds held for others	907	
Compensated absences	636	
Other liabilities	431	
Total current liabilities	4,992	
Noncurrent liabilities		
Compensated absences	256	
Total noncurrent liabilities	256	
Total Liabilities	5,248	
Net Assets		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	46,665	
Restricted for:		
Nonexpendable	1,401	
Expendable	1,868	
Unrestricted	859	
Total net assets	50,793	
Total liabilities and net assets	\$56,041	
	<i>FY 2004</i>	

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets

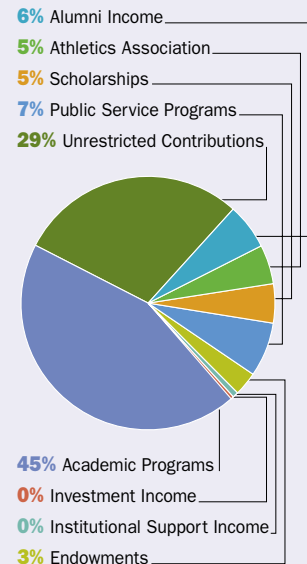
June 30, 2004
(in thousands)

OPERATING REVENUES	
Student tuition and fees	\$11,316
Less scholarship allowances	(1,282)
Grants and contracts	
Federal	1,730
State	120
Local	5
Nongovernmental	397
Sales and services of educational departments	917
Auxiliary enterprises	
Residence halls	787
Food services	720
Parking/transportation	197
Health services	207
Intercollegiate athletics	613
Other organizations	204
Other operating revenues	172
Total operating revenue	16,103
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Salaries	
Faculty	9,275
Staff	11,630
Employee benefits	5,201
Other personal services	-
Travel	192
Scholarships and fellowships	1,686
Utilities	1,373
Supplies and other services	6,418
Depreciation	2,272
Total operating expenses	38,047
Operating income (loss)	(21,944)
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	
State appropriations	18,728
Grants and contracts	-
Federal	219
Nongovernmental	85
Gifts	876
Interest and other investment income	153
Other nonoperating revenues	(546)
Net nonoperating revenues	19,515
Income (loss) before other revenues, expenses, gains or losses	(2,429)
Net assets - beginning of year as originally reported	64,718
Prior period adjustment to capital assets	(11,496)
Net assets - beginning of year restated	53,222
Net assets - end of year	\$50,793
	<i>FY 2004</i>

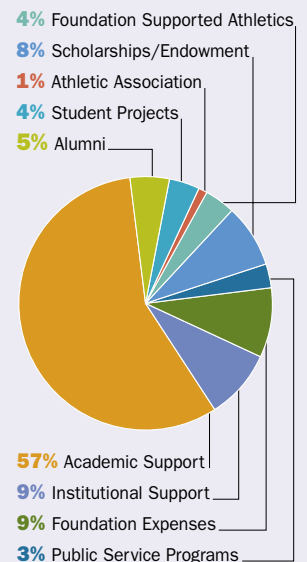
Expenses by Activity reflect total University expenditures. This includes expenditures from all funding sources in addition to Education and General Operations. Of the \$28,471.255 expended for Educational and General Operations, it is important to note that \$17,215.151 or 60.47 percent was expended for the activities of Instruction, Research, Public Services and Academic Support in direct support of Instruction.

FOUNDATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FY04 SPSU Foundation & Alumni Association Funds Raised



Foundation Expenditures & Support of the University



Southern Polytechnic State University Foundation, Inc. Consolidated Statements of Financial Position (Unaudited) June 30, 2004

ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$574,281
Cash - security deposits payable	91,744
Pledges receivable	83,024
Accounts receivable	6,976
Deposits	520,089
Prepaid expenses	83,616
Due from SPSU	143,857
Investments	1,911,060
Bond issue costs, net of accumulated amortization of \$40,574	711,530
Plant, property and equipment, less accumulated depreciation of \$214,685	21,901,853
Assets limited as to use	14,876,470
Total assets	40,904,500

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Accounts payable	2,039,650
Accrued interest	479,783
Security deposits payable	91,744
Revenue bonds premium, less accumulated amortization of \$10,846	423,496
Revenue bonds payable	35,690,000
	38,724,673

NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	858,577
Unrestricted - board designated	132,376
Temporarily restricted	405,006
Permanently restricted	783,868
	2,179,827
	\$40,904,500

Consolidated Statements of Activities

Support and revenues	
Contributions	\$556,975
In-Kind contributions	297,222
Donated services	225,495
Rental property income	1,306,575
Net investment income	(66,743)
	2,319,524

EXPENSES	
Program services:	
Aid to Southern Polytechnic State University	591,428
Scholarships	59,612
Athletics fund	20,525
Total Program services	671,565

Supporting services:	
General and administrative	304,101
Fundraising	11,443
Rental operations (including depreciation of \$214,685, amortization of \$40,574 and bond premium amortization of \$10,846)	1,360,969
	1,676,513

Total Expenses	2,348,078
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	(28,554)
Net assets at beginning of year as restated	2,208,381
Net assets at end of year	\$2,179,827

FY 2004, and unaudited

ACCREDITATION

The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)
The Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering Technology (ABET)
The National Architectural Accreditation Board (NAAB)
The American Council for Construction Education (ACCE)
The Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP)

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School of Engineering Technology and Management
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