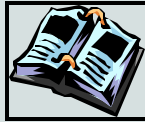


# AROUND CAMPUS *ONLINE*

## DATES OF INTEREST



### June 8

#### Noon

#### Bach's Lunch

Music: Lance Crimm  
Architecture Gallery  
Sky Terrace

### June 22

#### 2-4 p.m.

Retirement Reception  
for David Hornbeck  
Ballroom

### June 23

#### 2-4 p.m.

Retirement Reception  
for Regenia Doyle  
Ballroom

### June 27, 28

Freshmen Undergraduate  
Orientation

### June 29

Transfer Student  
Orientation

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## Southern Polytechnic A happening place

A number of events have taken place over the past weeks that brought together faculty and staff, alumni, and friends of the University to learn, celebrate, enjoy, and re-connect. This issue of *Around Campus* spotlights these occasions with a photo scrapbook of Commencement, the Annual Foundation and Alumni Golf Tournament, the Annual Foundation and Alumni Crawfish Boil, and a reunion of Computer Science alumni. We hope you will enjoy re-visiting these highly successful occasions or sharing them for the first time.

## Lockheed-Martin and the University System of Georgia

SPSU President Lisa A. Rossbacher recently joined members of the University System of Georgia in a visit to Lockheed-Martin Aeronautical Systems as part of a working team to discuss the company's workforce needs and how the University System can help to meet them. Included in the discussions were USG Chancellor Thomas E. Meredith, Lockheed Executive VP and General Manager Lee Rhyant, Georgia Tech President Wayne Clough, USG Senior Vice Chancellor Dan Papp, and ICAPP Executive Director Joy Hymel.

Others attending included Lockheed's Engineering Site Director Karen Albrecht (spring Commencement speaker at SPSU) and Research Engineer Principal Ray Morrison,

The outcome of the meeting was a commitment to explore two major initiatives. The first is a "visiting professor" program in which faculty would take a leave from their teaching responsibilities to work at Lockheed for a finite period of time during which they would learn more about what is happening in the industry and the knowledge expected of our graduates. Another initiative to be explored would be a rapid response approach to dealing with the immediate needs of the workforce, with response times of weeks rather than years.

The next step will be a meeting of key people from Lockheed on campuses to discussion implementation.

***View photographs of the day at Lockheed in Snapshots, page two***

## Snapshots



### A day at Lockheed

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Above: With a backdrop of a C-130 J, meeting participants gather at the production line for Lockheed's cameras. From left: Ray Morrison, Dan Papp, Karen Albrecht, Stan Wise, Chancellor Thomas Meredith, Lockheed's Brian Johnstone, Dr. Rossbacher, and Joy Hymel. Right: Chancellor Meredith is having a thumbs-up kind of day in a cockpit demonstrator, under the watchful eye of a pilot who flies the real thing..

*Photos courtesy of Lockheed-Martin*

The Computer Science Department welcomed its Industry Advisory Board to campus in May. Board members completed their reports on the students' Senior Capstone Project presentations. Shown from left to right: Dr. Abi Salimi (Scientific Games International), Dr. John Hammer (Applied Systems Intelligence), Mark Abramson (Message Technologies), Phil Feibish (Independent Consultant), and Doug Chambers (State of Georgia – Department of Transportation).



*Photo courtesy of Dr. Venu Dasigi*

# Around Campus: faculty and staff news

**Dr. Daren Zywicki**, Civil Engineering Technology, authored an article entitled "Mitigation of Near-Field Effects for Seismic Surface Wave Velocity Estimation with Cylindrical Beamformers" that will be published in the August 2005 edition of the American Society of Civil Engineers *Journal of Geotechnical and Geoenvironmental Engineering*.

**The Construction Department** welcomed Joe Strack, SPSU alumnus and owner and president of Strack, Inc., as guest speaker at the spring 2005 Capstone and Graduate Dinner in April. Mr. Strack's family is a two-generation SPSU alumni family. In other department news, **Dr. Khalid Siddiqi** reports recent contributions to support the Construction program. Bob Chambers, Smith Currie & Hancock, presented a \$4,500 gift for scholarships in memory of Overton Currie, a Smith Currie and Hancock founding partner. John Sours, partner in Wasson Sours and Harris, continued his support with another gift of \$500 for the program.

**Dr. Hassan Pournaghshband**, Computing and Software Engineering, presented and published his paper "Evaluation of CASE Tools for Educational Purposes" at the Information Resources Management Association Conference held in San Diego, CA in May.

**Dr. Bernice Nuhfer-Halten**, International and Social Studies, received a grant to attend the Faculty Development in International Business (FDIB) seminar in Spanish this summer at the University of South Carolina. She also recently attended the Leadership Discussion with Mimi Met, acting director of the National Foreign Language Center at the University of Maryland, and well-known leader in foreign language teaching and learning at the national level.

**Drs. Richard Bennett and Bernice Nuhfer-Halter**, Social and International Studies, went to Spain to discuss establishing academic relationships between SPSU and La Universidad de Coruna, La Universidad Politecnica de Valencia, and Colegio Mayor Galileo Galilei.

**The Advancement Office** welcomes two new members this summer. **Nelwyn "Kit" Trench** will join the department July 5 as director of development. She comes to SPSU from the University of Georgia, where she has served as the Athletic Association's director of development, and as a consultant to the associate athletic director of external affairs. **Pierrette M. M. Maillet** joins the team June 1 as the coordinator of annual giving and special events. She has been with SPSU since 2004, serving in the department of Residence Life and Judicial Programs. For more information on the new Advancement members, please see the News pages of the Public Relations website.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**Dr. Khalid Siddiqi**, Construction, was awarded the Outstanding Educator Award during the Associated School of Construction (ASC) 41st Annual Conference in April. The recognition was based on his significant contributions to Construction Management education.

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## First Annual Computer Science Alumni Reunion

The Computer Science Department welcomed alumni and other special guests to a reunion held in May that was sponsored by the SPSU Foundation and the Alumni Association. Shown from left to right, bottom left, are Leslie Kendrick (BSCS-1988), the alumna who graduated earliest among those attending, and Foundation member Sharon Perry (MSCS-1996). At bottom right, President Lisa Rossbacher is pictured talking with Dean Michael Murphy.



*Photos courtesy of Dr. Venu Dasigi*

## SPSU Foundation and Alumni Special Events

*May was an active and enjoyable month for members of SPSU's Advancement and Alumni offices who held events that offered the opportunities of eating crawfish and playing some serious golf.*

Once again, the annual Foundation and Alumni Golf Tournament was held at Towne Lake Hills Golf Club. Proceeds from the tournament benefit SPSU's general fund that supports academic scholarships, student awards, faculty research, student activities and competitions, the L. V. Johnson Library, department projects, athletic programs and more.

Foundation member Clark Hungerford appears to be tipping his hat to President Lisa Rossbacher, or perhaps he's just punctuating a lively story.



Foundation immediate past chair Mark Graham is ready to head for the greens after registering with Advancement consultant Deborah Minor.



From Left, Sandra Patterson (Recruitment), Betty Wooten (Recruitment) and Melissa McGarity (Planning and Assessment) encourage business at the raffle table.



Advancement Executive Director Dr. Ron Dempsey kicks off the shotgun start with a welcome and last minute instructions.

EVENTS, *continued*



The lobby and the patio of the normally technology-related Apparel and Textile Building were turned into a kitchen extraordinary and a music-filled Casino at the Annual Foundation and Alumni Association Crawfish Boil and Casino Night. Once again, Alumna Sharon Perry and her husband, Doug Alexander, (pictured left) were the chef-masters of the evening's main attraction.

**Seen Visiting were** .....1.) Harris Adams and Wayne Brown. 2) Ray Pinkerton, Max and Carolyn Wilson. 3) Wayne Brown, Chuck Clay and Kit Trench. 4.) Linda Pinkerton, Mary Grace and Snuffy Smith.



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President Rossbacher, shown at left with her husband, Dr. Dallas Rhodes, is a master at conquering crawfish, so Chuck Clay sought her help for a little lesson in getting to the meat of the matter.



**Meanwhile, inside the Casino....** Ron Dempsey, Bob Adams, and Scott Orr discover play money is more fun to lose than the real thing, while (far right) Jim Cooper's daughter, Molly, shows real promise as a lucky (and skilled) young lady.



## Commencement – May 7, 2005

Commencement speaker Karen Albrecht, engineering site director for Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company, addressed 202 graduates of Southern Polytech- and a packed house at spring commencement ceremonies.

Among those receiving diplomas, was top graduate Julia Raykin, who received dual degrees in mathematics and physics. She also minored in computer science and and biology and still managed to earn a 4.0 GPA.

Of special note, four SPSU staff members graduated this spring: Leigh Ann Holton, Student Services, and David McKoy, Facilities, both received Master of Science in Quality Assurance degrees. University Police staff members Steve Bennett and Bradley James received a Bachelor of Arts in International Technical Communication and a Bachelor of Science in Apparel and Textile Engineering Technology, respectively.



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From Left. President Lisa Rossbacher, Julia Raykin, and Karen Albrecht enjoy the moment before the start of Commencement ceremonies.



Happy SPSU graduates Leigh Ann Holton (above) and David McKoy (below).



*Photos courtesy of Jim Cooper*