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Committee Established To Investigate Intercollegiate Competition

by John Beaubien

President of the College, Harry S. Downs has called for a special committee consisting of faculty and students to investigate the potential scope of intercollegiate competition for Clayton State College.

The committee first met on February 12, and will meet again on February 26. The students are represented by Ms. Gayle Kelly, SGA President and Mr. Lanier Sammons, SGA Vice-President.

The faculty will include Mr. Jerry Atkins, Director of Public Information, Mr. Robert Bolander, Dean of Students, Mr. Thomas Eddins, Assistant Professor of Drafting and Design Technology, Dr. William Fisher, Professor of Chemistry, Dr. Avery Harvill, Professor of Physical Education, Dr.

Terry Jackson, Assistant Professor of Physical Education, Dr. Harold Jackson, Head, Department of Accounting and CIS/Business School Representative, Mr. Robert Koermer, Vice President of Fiscal Affairs, Dr. Benita Moore, Assistant Professor of Business Education, Ms. Deborah Curlette, Instructor of Marketing/Management Technology, Ms. Jeannine Morrison, Professor of Music, Dr. Bradley Rice, Professor of History, Mr. Robert Taylor, Director of Student Activities, Mr. Elliot Wasserman, Assistant Professor of English, Drama and Speech, and Mr. Willie Williams, Director of Financial Aid.

President Downs, in a memorandum to the appointees, wrote, "In studying this area of possible involvement on the part of the College, I hope that you will

first review and discuss the primary purposes and responsibilities of this institution. Considerations of potential involvement in intercollegiate competition should always be made from the perspective of our purposes, responsibilities and aspirations. If you determine intercollegiate competition may have some potential for contributing to or adding to the quality of the learning experiences of our students and faculty or in other ways may significantly enhance the institution and community, a comprehensive study of intercollegiate competition should follow."

Chairman of the Committee and Dean of Students, Robert Bolander, stated that there are three different types of student competition. These consist of academics such as the

business club, Phi Beta Lambda, and the marketing club, Delta Epsilon Chi, or even a debate team; recreational, such as chess, backgammon, or spades; intramural and extramural sports; and athletics consisting of NCAA or NAIA competition.

There will be "a major decision [to be made] on the part of this College", asserts Dean Bolander.

Dean Bolander asked, "Does the college mission include these activities?" He went on to say, "Whichever way we go, either yes or no, the meetings [will allow us to] find out about the vision of the school, what it is about, and why we are here."

The intercollegiate competition committee is due to complete their investigation and submit a report no later than June 10, 1988.

Two Faculty Members Publish New Text Book

Clayton State College faculty members, Dr. Peggy Capell and Mrs. Martha Wood, have published a new textbook, their fourth since 1977.

Entitled "Arithmetic," the 550-page paperback was placed on the market early this year by PWS-Kent Publishing Company of Boston.

The new book, designed for the one quarter or one semester developmental course in arithmetic, stresses the use of arithmetic to improve a student's critical thinking skills. In fact, every chapter contains at least two enrichment sections that focus on thinking skills.

Multi-skill exercise sets in the textbook require students to choose the appropriate operation, and word problems are integrated throughout. Chapter 3 on "measurement" includes geometry and statistics topics, plus content for word problems that have meaning to students. Numerous pedagogical features in every chapter include self checks and answers, important terms, a mastery test and cumulative reviews.

Earlier contributions by Dr. Capell, Ms. Wood and former Clayton instructor Dr. James W. Hall, included

"Developmental Mathematics," published in 1977; and "Introductory Algebra" and "Intermediate Algebra," both published in 1982. Their first textbook is now in its third edition of printing.

Dr. Capell, a Professor of Mathematics, has been on the Clayton State faculty since 1972. A native of Alabama, she holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics from the University of Montevallo in Alabama, a master of arts degree from Louisiana State University, and a doctor of philosophy degree from Florida State University.

Mrs. Wood, a native of Memphis, Tennessee, earned an associates degree in mathematics from Mars Hill Junior College, a bachelor's degree from Mississippi College, a masters degree from Emory University, and has completed all course work at Georgia State University toward a doctor of philosophy degree in educational psychology. Mrs. Wood held a number of temporary and parttime positions at Clayton State, beginning in 1969, before being named an Assistant Professor of Mathematics and assuming a full-time faculty position in 1984.

The two authors began their textbook writing during the spring of 1974

after being unable to locate an appropriate mathematics book for a review course they were teaching.

They wanted a text with a two-fold purpose: first, one with a section for students who had not studied algebra,

or who needed a review in elementary algebra; and second, one with a portion devoted to a basic arithmetic review.

Two books dealing specifically with algebra followed, and "Arithmetic" contains sections that focus on thinking skills using arithmetic topics.



TEXTBOOK AUTHORS -- Reviewing their new book, "Arithmetic," are Clayton State College faculty members, Dr. Peggy Capell (left) and Mrs. Martha Wood.

Willingham Honored By General Assembly

Paula Willingham of Fayetteville, a sophomore at Clayton State College, was one of 34 students honored at the second annual Academic Recognition Day in the Georgia General Assembly.

A University System-sponsored event honoring the top college students in Georgia, Academic Recognition Day was held on Thursday, February 4, in the House and Senate chambers of the State Capitol.

A computer information systems major, Ms. Willingham was selected as Clayton State's recipient on the basis of her grade point average and her outstanding leadership abilities, according to Dr. Jack K. Carlton, Vice-President for Academic Affairs.

Returning to college after 20 years



Paula Willingham

in the workforce, Ms. Willingham has made the Dean's List for five consecutive quarters. She was recipient of a Scholastic Achievement Award in 1987, and a cash award from the Clayton State College Foundation for earning a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

Academic Recognition Day honorees are chosen by committees at the 34 institutions operated by the University System of Georgia. Each school selects one student as a representative of academic excellence.

Ms. Willingham and others chosen were honored at a dinner in the home of University System Chancellor H. Dean Propst. They were also recognized in the House of Representatives

and the State Senate, and met with Governor Joe Frank Harris, House Speaker Tom Murphy and Lieutenant Governor Zell Miller.

"We are extremely pleased to sponsor this second annual Academic Recognition Day," Dr. Propst said of the event. "These individuals represent the entire concept of dedication to learning and serve as living inspiration to those uncertain about whether to make the leap to higher education in Georgia.

"By casting a spotlight on them, we illuminate the chief mission of the University System, that of providing a sound, affordable and accessible education for all."

FREE DENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES

The Clayton State College Department of Dental Hygiene offers free dental hygiene services to the student body and the public. Services available are oral examination, x-rays, tooth cleaning and tartar removal, and referral for other dental or medical treatment indicated. Particularly desired are patients with obvious tartar or gum problems.

Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 12 noon and 2-5 p.m. Appointments may be made in person or by calling 961-3441. The clinic is closed from early June through late September, and during the Christmas holidays.

A Student's View Peacework

by Sandra Valente
Student Freelance Submission

On January 27 and 28, a speaker for world peace, Ms. Betty Williams, challenged this student and other students to see the ugliness of hunger on our streets, the poverty in our backyard, and the pain and suffering that we as a nation are experiencing.

In addition to that, a message was heard. This message was that we, as students, faculty members, and parents, can change the opinion of others by advocating knowledge for peace. To do this we must reach and receive research material, not only from the U.S. Government, but from other governments also. We should hear what is going on in the world from different and sometimes controversial leaders, as well as hearing what Peter Jennings, Ted Koppel, and Dan Rather report as news.

Due to Betty Williams and her visit to this campus, a new club, Peacework, has formed. By keeping an open mind, this organization hopes to establish PEACE as a tool for understanding. Also, this association wants to go beyond the classroom lectures and core requirement classes to learn.

We want to be educated in current events, as well as past events. By ex-

amining the past and the present, the mistakes and the triumphs, our future may be one that establishes PEACE as a weapon of war if our needs are not met at the negotiation table. Why not use PEACE as the threat: Someday, we may all awaken to see how asinine war is.

Peacework invites anyone from Clayton State to come, to listen, and to communicate with us. Our goal is PEACE, and we stand on the pro-knowledge platform.

Since this club has formed, there has been slurs of communism along with other misconceptions. Those who have spouted and labeled some of the members are the ones we extend our invitation to the most because we are for knowledge of peace. We are not a political party.

L-102 is the room in which we will be meeting on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. If you would like more information concerning our organization, please contact Laurie Henson, Sonya Henson, or Sandra Valente.

Peacework will be marching for the homeless in downtown Atlanta. There will be students from other colleges marching, too. All Clayton State College students and faculty are encouraged to march with us. The day of the event is scheduled for Saturday, February 27.

"H.M.S. Pinafore" Set for Four Performances

by John Beaubien

Clayton State Theater will present the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta "H.M.S. Pinafore." The production dates are March 10-13, 1988. Curtain time is 8:15 p.m. on March 10-12. There will be a 3:00 p.m. matinee on March 13.

Free tickets are now available in the Dean of Students Office (C-57). There is a limit of four (4) per person.

The stage direction will be by Dr. Larry Corse. The musical direction will be by Mr. Brent Weaver. According to Dr. Corse, "This should be a wonder-

ful show. We have a very fine cast. This will be the fifty-ninth show Clayton State College has done."

The costumes, designed by Costume Architects, are being made particularly for this production. There will also be a professional orchestra performing the music.

This musical play is a satire on the British class structure. There is a surprise ending to the play.

According to Mr. Weaver, "It's going to be great. I think people should turn out. I think it's going to be a delightful, entertaining production."

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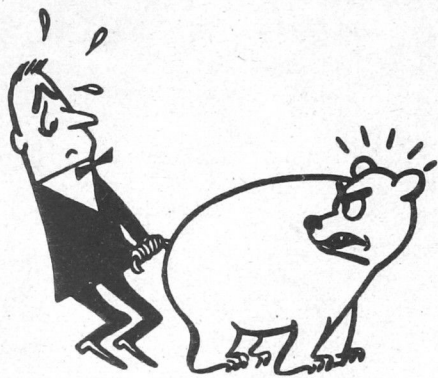
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Literary Corner.....

On Motherhood

They handed me the baby
And said to take him home
They said that I was ready
To face this task alone.
They said he was sweet natured
And I would love him well.
They said that I was ready
But only time would tell.

*Cathy Chvasta
Student Creative Contribution*



Odd Ball

I've known that I was different for
A very long, long time.
I've tried to integrate myself
Time after time.

I seem to feel things differently,
Certainly more than you.
Am I so different,
Or are you lost, too?

*Cathy Chvasta
Student Creative Contribution*

A Message To My Young Friend

I've sat on the couch
And humbled my ambition.
I've sat on the couch
And squelched my intuition.

I've sat on the couch
To support my husband's mission.
I've sat on the couch
And seen him reach fruition.

I've sat on the couch
And done the things I felt I had to do.
I've sat on the couch.
Don't you.

*Cathy Chvasta
Student Creative Contribution*

On Propagation

My son he tells me frequently
That children are a burden.
Why did I go keeping him?
Why did I not return him?
He says that kids are messy
And take up all your time.
He says they are self-centered
But sometimes they are fine.
He says he doesn't want them
When he becomes of age.
What has society been saying
To get him to this stage?

*Cathy Chvasta
Student Creative Contribution*



Reluctant Genius

There's a rock in my presence
Blocking my way.
I can't seem to get around it,
No matter the day.

It obstructs and inhibits
And obliterates my view.
There's a rock in my presence
No matter what I do.

I've chiseled and struck
At that granite, cold rock.
But it stays in my presence
Like an endless, ticking clock.

I've scraped it
And shoved it
With all of my might.
It impedes all my efforts
And prohibits my sight.

There's a rock in my presence
That will overpower me
If I give up on being
The best that I can be.

*Cathy Chvasta
Student Creative Contribution*

He's Forty

He's forty today
By his own admission.
He's forty today
A deplorable condition.

He's lived through war
And he's lived through birth.
Why is it that
He is lacking mirth?

He's forty today
And he's beginning to squirm.
How much more time
Has his body earned?

He's lived through war
And death and despair.
He is forty today
And he's losing his hair.

He's forty today
And he's coming to terms
With the fact that he's forty.
There's a lot to be learned.

He's forty today
And his life is unfolding.
Thirty-nine no more
Circling and holding.

*Cathy Chvasta
Student Creative Contribution*

IMPRESSIONS

by *Dusti Loomis*

It was a rainy day and my hair was flat and damp. I walked into the record store intending to buy a tape, but I came out with not a single tape.

His long hair tassled on his shoulders; his long earring blended very well. No, his hair was not flat and damp at all. In fact, I remember very well that I was jealous of his hair.

He approached me and asked if he could assist me. I said yes, because I was having trouble finding the tape I wanted. His voice was quiet and masculine, and when he spoke I could sense a feeling of cheerfulness.

When I first saw him, I had an automatic impression. It was an impression that I had been acquainted with before. As I began to talk with him, my impression began to be altered somewhat. I was blending the old impression with a newer one.

He told me that he had gone to Georgia Tech for a while, but he didn't

fit in. My impression changed even more when he told me that he wanted to name his child "When". I guess, subconsciously, I was connecting Georgia Tech (because of his hair and earring) and "When" into a generally "different" kind of person.

Time went on and we talked more. I already admired him for being different than most others in his same category but when he told me about his fondness for Stryper (a Christian rock band), I admired him even more.

Suddenly, the remainder of the first impression was no longer and a whole, new complete impression was intact. It wasn't just an impression, I was very interested in his ideas and personality. His liking of Stryper supported my feeling of his difference.

Believe me when I say that Stryper wasn't the first thing that came to mind when I first met him! I feel very intrigued by his desire to be different in a society where stereotyping happens very easily; just as my first impression did.

Homeless Nights

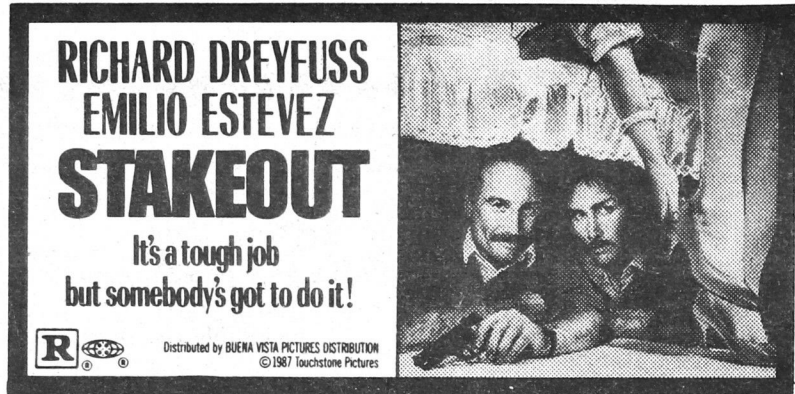
Outside the cold wind blows,
as if to tell them that there
won't be any fire tonight.

And with the coming of the
night, the smell of sadness
seeps through the cracks in
the ground,
always reminding them there
is nowhere to go.

With a meal of crumbs and
a cover of cardboard,
they sit on their hands to
smother the numbness.

And as if they were in a
dream of black silkiness,
their eyelids shut, in
a moment of quick comfort,
only to awaken with the
dead feeling of the cold.

*Sonya Henson
Student Creative Contribution*



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in Dining Hall at 7:30 p.m.,

and in G-132 at 1:15, 8:30 and 10:30 p.m.

Box Office Hits Booked For Spring

by Kathy Bala

In an effort to save students money, the General Entertainment Committee has announced two of the Spring quarter's films. These two box office hits are "Three Men and a Baby" and "Fatal Attraction." They are both on the top 10 hit list, and "Three Men and a Baby" was the top grossing movie of the holiday season.

Tom Selleck, Steve Guttenberg, and Ted Danson star in the hilarious comedy "Three Men and a Baby", which will be showing April 15.

Michael Douglas, Glenn Close, Anne Archer, Ellen Hamilton Latzen, Stuart Pankin, Ellen Foley, and Fred Gwynne star in the terrifying drama "Fatal Attraction", which will be showing

April 29. This film was the third highest grossing film of 1987.

General Entertainment, in an effort to respond to student desires, is showing the hottest films available for campus screening. In the past, "Platoon" and "Beverly Hills Cop II" have been screened. They were the top two films in terms of box-office receipts, for 1987.

"Three Men and a Baby" and "Fatal Attraction" are currently showing all over the Metro Atlanta area. Mr. Rob Taylor, Director of Student Activities, explained that he booked these movies within 30 days after they were available for college screening. He expressed, "This gives the students the option to save their money and view these box office biggies." He went on to say, "I am looking forward to seeing both these films myself."

"Wintermural" Are Now Underway

by John Beaubien

As reported earlier, Clayton State College will have a full schedule of intramural competitions this quarter. Basketball intramurals seem to be the big sports attraction on campus this Winter.

The 5 on 5 competition was held on February 18 at 1:15 p.m. The 3 on 3 tournament will be held on Thursday, February 25 at 1:15 p.m. The money for the replacement of the broken backboard was allocated a few weeks ago. "Hopefully, we will have everything installed in time," affirmed Intramural Director, Dr. Avery Harvill.

The athletes who come out on top of the 3 on 3 games will be awarded the opportunity to attend the Schick Super Hoops competition. These winners will play at Georgia State University on Saturday, March 5, instead of Georgia Tech, as previously mentioned in an earlier edition of this paper.

The other "wintermural" sports events include the badminton, and the bench press competition.

The badminton doubles tournament begins February 24 at 10:00 a.m. Dr. Harvill informed that Emory University has invited our badminton competitors to play theirs. Dr. Harvill added, "People interested in forming a badminton club should see me."

The bench press contest remains scheduled for March 2 at 10:00 a.m.



Dreyfuss And Estevez to "Stakeout" CSC

by Dusti Loomis

"It's a tough job, but somebody's got to do it." "Stakeout," released by Touchstone Pictures in 1987, will be showing February 26, in the dining hall immediately following the spaghetti dinner. Starring Richard Dreyfuss, Emilio Estevez, Aidan Quinn, Madeleine Stowe, and Dan Lauria, the movie will run one hour and 55 minutes. While the film is free, tickets for the dinner are still on sale in C-57 or can be purchased at the door.

In addition to the 7:30 p.m. show in the dining hall, there will be screenings in G-132 at 1:15, 8:30, and 10:30 p.m. The Kiddie Film, "Sleeping Beauty" will be shown at 7:30 p.m. in D-112 and

again at 8:30 p.m. in G-101.

Dreyfuss and Estevez portray two cops who have been assigned to work undercover staking out a woman's apartment. The woman's boyfriend had just escaped from prison. Contradicting his partner's advice, Dreyfuss becomes romantically involved with the woman.

According to Richard Schickel, Time magazine film critic, "Dreyfuss is terrific in his role, abrupt and vulnerable; Estevez is adroit as a man comically appalled to see his partner surrendering a cop's honor to human need. And Director John Badham (War Games) shows an unsuspected gift for comedy, ranging from the raunchy to the romantic, with some nice pensive side glances in between."

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