

THE BENT TREE

VOLUME XIV Issue 8

Clayton State College — Morrow, Georgia 30260

March 9, 1988

“H.M.S. Pinafore” To Sail Forth This Week

by John Beaubien

On March 10, Clayton State Theatre will debut their production of Gilbert and Sullivan's “H.M.S. Pinafore.” The stage direction is by Dr. Larry Corse and the musical director is Mr. Brent Weaver, who reports that “There will be a good cast, colorful stage, and a lot of movement.”

Free tickets are available now in C-57. Because of the high demand for seats for the Friday and Saturday performances, theater-goers may have to defer to another performance. Production dates are March 10-13. Curtain times are at 8:15 p.m. except for the Sunday matinee, which will begin at 2:00 p.m. All performances will take place in G-132.

All of the action takes place on the docked H.M.S. Pinafore, with the stage full of colorful sails. The costumes have been designed particularly for this production. There will also be a professional orchestra performing the music. Mr. Weaver goes on to say that the musical play is “hilariously funny and the music is delightful.”

The players are as follows: The Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph Porter K.C.B., First Lord of the Admiralty, will be played

by Michael O. White. Captain Corcoran, Commander of the H.M.S. Pinafore, will be played by Phillip Lefevre. Able Seaman Ralph Rackstraw will be played by Danny Cook. Dick

Deadeye, another Able Seaman, will be played by Tommy McDaniel. Jeffrey Johnson will be playing Bob Becket, the Carpenter's Mate.

Darrell Morris will play Bill Bobstay,

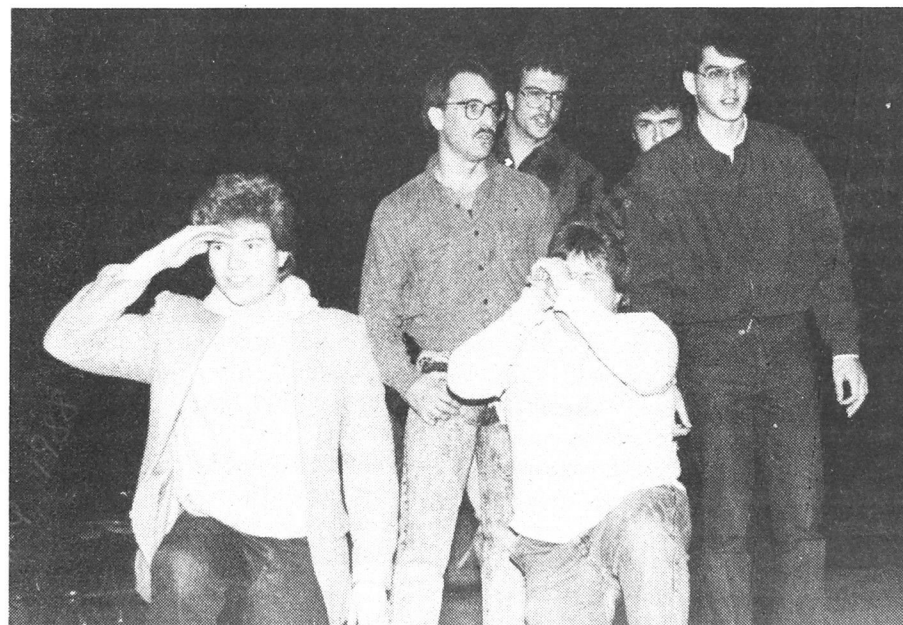
the Boatswain's Mate. Josephine, the Captain's Daughter, will be played by Heather Phillips. Rusty Giadrosich will play Cousin Hebe, Sir Joseph's first cousin. Donalyn Harris and Melanie Lyle will portray Little Buttercup, a Portsmouth Bumboat Woman.

The first Lord's sisters, cousins, and aunts, as well as sailors, marines, etc., will be played by Kyle Barnes, Chris Montgomery, Keith Humphrey, Terrence J. White, Shawn Treadway, Lenor Hough, Tracy Dunlap, Tracy Lieb, Jenny Elmore, Shannon Donahue, and Angela Phillips. The lighting is being done by Roger Benson.

Dr. Corse, when commenting about the play, said, “Gilbert and Sullivan is always fun.” After careful calculation, he also mentioned that this will begin the 223rd performance Clayton State College has done.

H.M.S. Pinafore is a spoof on the British class structure. It includes a surprise ending.

Mr. Weaver says, “It's going to be great. I think people should turn out. I think it is going to be a delightful entertaining production.”



Rehearsing a scene from Gilbert and Sullivan's “H.M.S. Pinafore” are: (left to right kneeling) Chris Montgomery of Jonesboro and Jeff Johnson of Forest Park. Standing left to right are Tommy McDaniel of Fayetteville; Keith Humphrey of Conyers; Kyle Barnes of Rex; and Terry White of Forest Park. The Clayton State College Theatre will present the musical comedy beginning Thursday evening, March 10 and continuing through Sunday, March 13.

SGA President Challenges Students

by Lanier Sammons, SGA President

The Student Government Association (SGA) executive officers election will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 19-20. I would like to challenge the student body to run for one of the four offices available.

The four offices to be contested are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. To qualify, a student needs to complete and submit a petition to run (available in C-57) and have a 2.5 cumulative grade point average.

As a member of the SGA, you will have an opportunity to develop and use leadership, management and communication skills. The SGA works in a variety of areas.

One such area in which the SGA works is the planning and implemen-

tation of the Orientation Dance held each Fall quarter. Also, the SGA works in appointing students to the various committees on campus. Student Affairs, Lyceum, and General Entertainment are just a few of the committees. The President and Secretary automatically sit on the Student Affairs Committee.

The President also represents the College at all Student Advisory Council meetings. This council reports directly to the University System's Board of Regents. The President may also appoint other delegates to attend.

One may also keep in mind that these positions will enhance a resume. One important aspect to remember is that these positions require a good bit of time. I ask those individuals who seek these positions to be willing to sacrifice the time needed to do a successful job.

FINAL EXAMINATIONS WINTER QUARTER 1988

Under extenuating circumstances, it may be necessary for the College to alter the Final Examination Schedule. Notice will be given should a change become necessary. The schedule listed below includes three-day classes.

Tuesday, March 15, 1988

7:50 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.
12:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
8:25 p.m. - 10:25 p.m.

All 7:50 a.m. classes
All 12:15 p.m. classes
All 6:00 p.m. TuTh classes
All 8:25 p.m. MW classes

Wednesday, March 16, 1988

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
2:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
8:25 p.m. - 10:25 p.m.

All 10:00 a.m. classes
All 2:15 p.m. classes
All 6:00 p.m. MW classes
All 8:25 p.m. TuTh classes

Thursday, March 17, 1988

8:50 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.
1:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

All 8:50 and 9:25 a.m. classes
All 1:15 p.m. classes

Friday, March 18, 1988

11:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

All 11:15 a.m. classes

Views Of The Great Debates '88

by Kathy Bala and Dusti Loomis

As members of the Georgia College Press Association, we were invited to attend the 1988 Presidential Primary Debates at the World Congress Center in Downtown Atlanta on February 27-28. Much to our surprise, we found ourselves in complete agreement on the outcome of both debates.

Saturday, the Democrats squared off in The Thomas B. Murphy Ballroom to argue for their policies and argue they did!

Michael Dukakis, Richard Gephardt, and Albert Gore seemed more comfortable tossing irrelevant comments at

each other and Gary Hart than they did confronting the issues.

Jesse Jackson, on the other hand, took a strong stand pleading for party agreement. He seemed to be the only candidate to show concern for the average American. High on Jackson's agenda, was a proposal for a "major" war against drugs. Measured by applause, Jesse Jackson was obviously the most favored Democratic candidate.

Looking past the bow tie and the school boy image, Paul Simon conducted himself in a strong and determined fashion. Simon defiantly

changed some opinions of his "wimpy" image.

Despite public opinion, Gary Hart had some of the best ideas and realistic views. Had there not been such a controversy with Donna Rice, Hart would probably be the number one Democratic candidate. The negative publicity did not effect his strong stand on the issues.

The one issue that all six Democrats agreed on was that taxes would be raised in order to cut the budget deficit.

Sunday, the Republicans took the stage. All four candidates basically agreed on the issues; however, they all seemed to have their own solutions to

control the budget deficit. A tax increase was out of the question at this point in the game.

Contradicting his "wimpy" image, George Bush surfaced as the top candidate. He was strong and convincing. If graded by applause, Bush was the most favored Republican candidate.

On that same note, Jack Kemp was truly the positive aggressor of the four. He managed to reach the hearts of Republican voters.

Bob Dole, on the other hand, presented himself as a potentially dangerous Republican candidate. He continuously accused Bush and Kemp

Continued on page 4

The Decline Of Students' Common Courtesy



Dear Editor:

As a returning student to CSC, I have wondered what has happened to the courteous people I remembered. This is not to say that there aren't considerate people on campus. It just seems there were MORE of them before.

For instance, CSC is a pedestrian campus. That is, the buildings are located close together, letting people walk with ease between them, enjoying the weather. I thought, the drivers would be more careful going to the parking lot. WRONG.

I was tailgated by a large black Camaro (or Trans Am, same car it seems) onto campus. As I turned into the G-building lot, the driver expressed her displeasure by extending her dainty

middle finger. The lot was full, with cars parked in strange fashions. Some were straddling 2 or 3 parking places, some sideways, or even two in one space. After driving for 20 minutes, one opened up finally and I parked, thanking the Almighty that I had time for a snack before class and to read and talk to my friends in the lounge. Maybe even play a hand of spades. WRONG.

Entering the lounge, I discovered that the occupants (unfamiliar ones at the time) had forgotten what a trash can and ashtray were for. Cups were left where they were placed when emptied. Smokers flicked ashes onto the floor, sometimes into the spilled drink left there to dry. Those who used a discarded cup for an ashtray, left it there when they were through. Plates and utensils were scattered about (Hey guys, ever think to take them BACK?). Magazines were ripped and missing (That new Time was there yesterday...). Newspapers had whole sections gone

(Now we can't blame the negligent student body for this. The newspaper sections in question were found in the bookstore) or in disarray. Hey, class HAD to be better, right? WRONG.

I'll give my professor this much, he is very knowledgeable in his subject, has a good sense of humor, and is a likeable guy. what I fault him with is his patience. After what happened there, it would have been justifiable homicide!

I enter class just before he does. Does the talking and general nonsense cease? NO! It gets worse. He closes the door. Forcefully (Ah! A HINT!). No luck. He says, "Class has commenced." No luck.

"I really would like to start now." No luck. I turn around and say, "Would you kindly SHUT UP?" I get a dirty look and a female talker says under her breath, "Rude SOB..."

After class (I heard part of it...) I stop by the Men's room. Suffice to say, nothing is sacred.

Sincerely,
Roger Benson

P.S. All the above events really happened. Although not in one day, but during this academic year. Is it asking too much for a little courtesy?

Thank You For Your Support This Year



by Kathy Bala

On behalf of the staff, I would like to congratulate and thank the student body for their support of *The Bent Tree* and their submission of freelance articles.

We have received a number of great literary submissions, general interest articles, and student opinion pieces. We appreciate and welcome contributions of all types—drawings, photos, short stories, poems, articles, letters to the editor, etc.

We are operating with a small staff. We do not have the capacity to produce a paper that covers as much campus news as we would like. Thanks to freelance submissions, however, we can produce a more interesting paper than would be possible with a staff of four.

I urge the student body to continue to contribute to the success of the paper. Since *The Bent Tree* is the student paper, it is important to the staff to know what the students want from their paper.

I encourage any further submissions and suggestions on improving *The Bent Tree*. I further encourage you to become a member of the staff. The support that has been shown needs to be continued and, even better, increased.

THE BENT TREE

Editor Kathy Bala

Advisor Rob Taylor

STAFF

John Beaubien

Dusti Loomis

The views expressed in *The Bent Tree* are not necessarily the views of the student body, administration, and faculty of Clayton State College. Signed editorials represent the opinion of the writer and may or may not reflect the opinion of the staff. Unsigned editorials are presumed to represent the opinion of *The Bent Tree* staff.

The Bent Tree welcomes opinion and commentary from members of the college community in the form of "Letters to the Editor" or "Freelance Submissions." These submissions should be sent to the Editor by depositing them in *The Bent Tree* mailbox in room C-57. All submissions should be typed, double-spaced, and are subject to standard editing based on space availability. All "Letters to the Editor" must be signed, but names may be withheld for valid reasons. Unsigned letters will not be published. For further definition of "Letters to the Editor" or "Freelance Submissions" see the Editor or Faculty Advisor of *The Bent Tree*.

The Bent Tree is published under the direction of the Editor and the staff of *The Bent Tree*. *The Bent Tree* is published four times per quarter during the fall, winter and spring quarters.

Clayton Sponsors "Business In Review" Program

Business in Review

Clayton State College students will have an opportunity to meet with representatives of 73 businesses in the area during a three-hour "Business in Review" program on campus Thursday, April 14.

The annual business and industry event has a two-fold purpose:

—It will expose the College's 3,500 students to career, occupational and employment information; and,

—It will serve as an on-campus recruitment period for businesses.

Invitations were extended to over 200 companies in the metro Atlanta community. Scheduled between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, the April 14 program will be held in the College's Gymnasium.

Business and industry participants will share organizational brochures, prospectus, and selected product and/or service sample information with students. Employment projections, trends, job requirements, salary scales, and present job openings also will be topics of discussion.

The following is a list of companies that are planning to participate:

- Atlanta Gas Light
- Atlanta Marriott Marquis
- Autistic Group Training Home
- Averitt Express, Inc.
- Barfield Instruments
- Big Star Foods
- Chick-fil-A, Inc.

Be Your Best During Interview Process

The following is a list of guidelines that will help when preparing for interviews—from the first phone call to the actual interview.

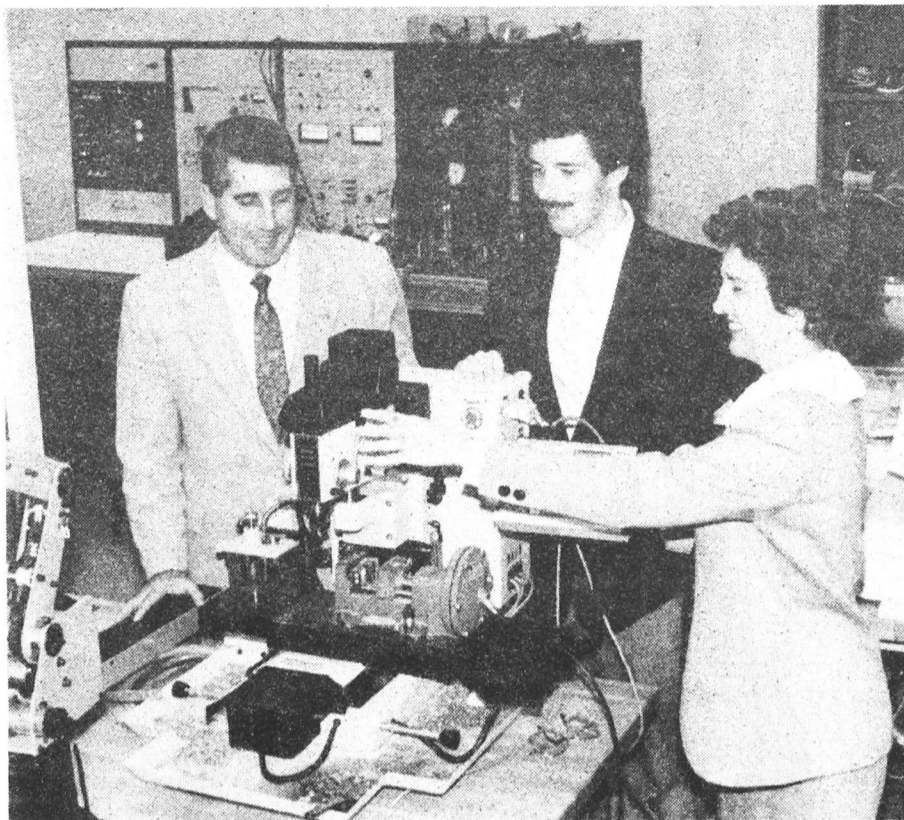
Be assertive and confident. Make a good impression by being conscious of an interviewer's time—set definite goals and be decisive.

Be courteous during initial telephone contact. Portray a positive attitude by being patient and courteous.

Be prepared for the interview. Research the company in advance—know what they do, for whom and for how long. Read annual reports for vital information.

Be self-aware. Be aware of your strengths, and regard your weaknesses as points to begin learning—communicate this awareness to the interviewer.

Be certain that you are qualified for the job. Research the position in advance



BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY DAY — Peggy A. Gardner (right), Director of Placement and Cooperative Education at Clayton State College, discusses the April 14 "Business in Review" day scheduled at the College with Allan Vigil (left), President of Allan Vigil Ford, and Melvin Wages (center), Employer Representative with the Georgia Department of Labor.

- Citizens & Southern National Bank
- Clayton Co. Chamber of Commerce
- Christian City Convalescent Center
- Clayton County Computer Center

- Clayton Business Insurance Service
- Clayton County Schools
- Clayton General Hospital
- Crawford Long Hospital
- Clorox Company
- Coca-Cola Company
- Delta Air Lines, Inc.
- Douglas General Hospital
- First American Bank
- First Atlanta Bank
- Footlocker
- Fulton County Board of Education
- Gardner Spencer Smith Association
- Georgia Baptist Medical Center
- Georgia Dept. of Corrections
- Georgia Dept. of Labor
- Georgia Federal Bank

- Georgia-Pacific Corp.
- Georgia Power Co.
- Grady Hospital
- Governor's Intern Program
- GSU School of Nursing
- Henrietta Eggleston Hospital
- Humana Hospital-Newnan
- Hyatt Regency
- Ivan Allen
- Kentucky Fried Chicken
- Kinny Shoe Corp.
- Lewis Welch Oldsmobile
- Life of Virginia
- Metropolitan Life Insurance
- NCR Corp.
- NEC Home Electronics
- Mutual of Omaha
- New York Life Insurance
- Northwest Airlines
- Peachtree Sheraton
- Piedmont Hospital
- Resources Trailer Leasing
- Rich's
- Rockdale Hospital
- Scottish Rite Children's Hospital
- South Fulton Hospital
- Southlake Ford
- Stuart-James Co.
- TDK Magnetic Tape Corp.
- Temp Force Temporaries
- Temp World Temporaries
- TRC Temporaries
- Truitt & Company, CPA
- United Parcel Service
- U.S. Air Force
- U.S. Army
- U.S. Marines
- U.S. Navy
- U.S. Office of Personnel Mgmt. (Civil Service)
- Wang Laboratories, Inc.
- West Paces Ferry Hospital
- Winners Corp. (Mrs. Winners)
- Wal-Mart Stores Inc.
- Zavre Corp.

The program format will feature a listing of our program majors in comparison with the industrial employment projections. All currently enrolled students are urged to attend.

SCHOLARSHIPS

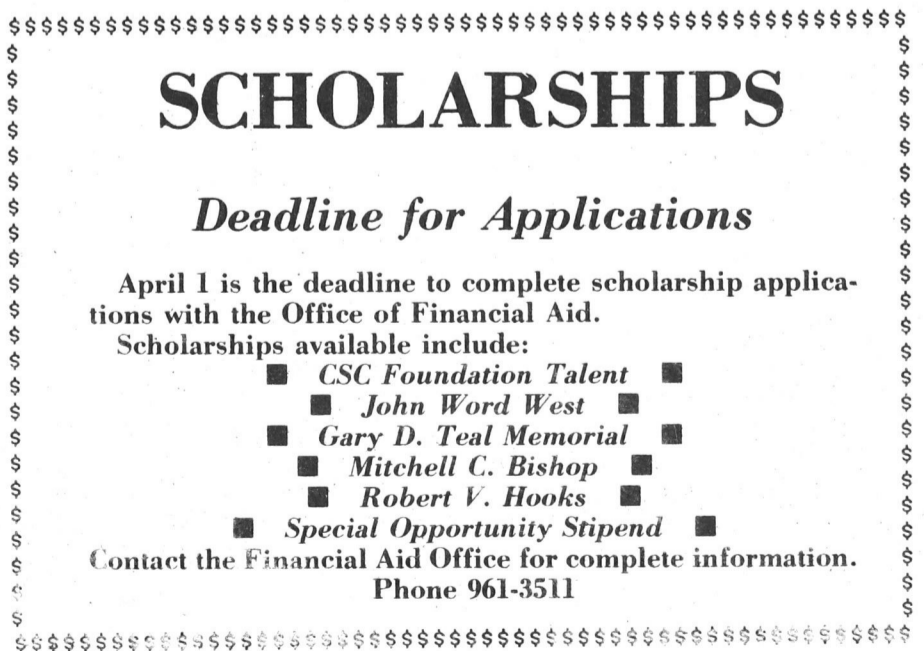
Deadline for Applications

April 1 is the deadline to complete scholarship applications with the Office of Financial Aid.

Scholarships available include:

- CSC Foundation Talent ■
- John Word West ■
- Gary D. Teal Memorial ■
- Mitchell C. Bishop ■
- Robert V. Hooks ■
- Special Opportunity Stipend ■

Contact the Financial Aid Office for complete information. Phone 961-3511





International Badminton At Clayton?

by John Beaubien

On March 25 the intramural badminton doubles tournament was held at the Clayton State College gym. Approximately 24 students competed.

A fascinating fact was learned by this reporter. Most world championship badminton players come from China. China has won the world championship for the last six years. Who better to win the Clayton State College Championship than a team led by Richard Truong from China and Corbett Holmond, a black American?

Badminton attracts international competitors, even here at Clayton State.

Losing in the semi-finals was Thomas George, of Indian descent, and Chul Yun, from Korea, in a close third game

by a score of 17-15. Thomas George showed his sportsmanship when he said, "It was a very good game, we gave them a good fight."

Losing in the final round were Yonas Kebede from Ethiopia and Darren Buchanan. They were no match for the amazing shots and defensive lobs from Truong and Holmond. "I freaked out," exclaimed Yonas Kebede at the end of the match.

Winning in two games by the score 15-8 and 15-3, Truong was astounding in his ability to slam the birdy from his baseline and make it drop three feet in front of the opposers side of the net.

Maybe the Chinese would like to compete against Truong and Holmond. The Chinese would not have a chance.

Superhoops Contestants Decided

by John Beaubien

The Clayton State College 3 on 3 championships were held March 26 in the College's gym. Only four players reigned supreme. They were David Glass, Scott Barnett, Richie Bolton, and James Mack. All games were called by members of the Atlanta Basketball Officials Association.

Tony Williams, just getting his cast off that day, coached these four to a 35-31 victory against a team that had no back-up players.

Chuck Ford, Wendell Smith, and Andre Pittman lost in the final game. At halftime of the twenty minute game

Andre Pittman said, "We're kind of tired. We've only got three people."

David Glass, captain of his team, affirmed that they "played good" and won because of a "team effort." Teammate, Richie Bolton said, "It proves what everybody can do."

Although the winning team got together for the first time just before the game, they had been practicing in the gym for months.

The champions have competed at the Schick Superhoops Competition held at Georgia State University on Saturday, March 5. Results were not in by deadline time.

Creative Arts Festival Is Also For Clayton Students

Are you an aspiring poet, essayist, painter, sculptor, fiction writer, composer...? If so, you may want to consider entering some of your work in the CSC student division of this year's Creative Arts Festival.

The following areas of competition are open to currently-enrolled CSC students: poetry, short story, art, music composition (classical or popular), and non-fiction essay. At the request of a number of CSC students, the essay contest will focus on the topic of peace in the world. Although the other contests (art, poetry, short story, music composition) will not require entrants to address

the peace theme, those entrants may do so if they wish.

All entries will be critiqued by professional judges. Prize certificates will be awarded to all winners, and trophies will go to first-place winners in each entry category. Special Creative Arts Festival activities will also be scheduled on campus for Thursday, April 21.

The deadline for submitting entries is April 1. Copies of entry blanks are available in the Dean of Students' Office (C-57). For additional rules and other information, please contact Dr. Bill Pasch (office G-110L, phone 961-3661).

AIDS Lecture Presented Much Information

by Carol Moseley,
Student Freelance Submission

On Wednesday, February 17, students of all ages attended presentations that affects their daily lives. Dr. Joseph Wilber, a graduate of Harvard Medical School and Medical Director of the Georgia Life Insurance Company, spoke to the group on the subject of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome or AIDS, as it is commonly known.

Being the full-time Medical Director of the Georgia AIDS Program, Dr. Wilber presented a wealth of information on the deadly AIDS virus, its symptoms, and its method of transmission.

Dr. Wilber immediately grabbed everyone's attention when he began his presentation by telling of patients, real people, that he had encountered, including a heterosexual man who had been tested and found positive for AIDS during a routine exam for his insurance company.

Dr. Wilber then began to discuss the AIDS virus itself. The virus attacks the white blood cells and keeps the immune system from fighting invaders. This is why the AIDS virus is so destructive. The virus itself doesn't kill, it is the other diseases that occur and flourish because of the weakened immune system.

Taking from two to seven years for symptoms to appear, one can be dying before his own eyes without any knowledge of what is happening. Most people eventually succumb to a rare pneumonia; Kaposi's Sarcoma, a rare cancer; or wasting away often accompanied by dementia.

Next, Dr. Wilber began to discuss AIDS Related Complex, or ARC. A person with ARC is infected with the AIDS virus, but does not show the severe symptoms of AIDS.

The audience was most attentive when Dr. Wilber began to discuss how the AIDS virus is spread. Mainly, the AIDS virus is spread through sexual contact involving the exchange of infected body fluids.

A second method of transmission is through blood, either through transfusions or sharing hypodermic needles. Since 1985, all blood donated has been tested for the AIDS virus, and today's blood supply has been declared safe. Sharing needles when injecting drugs, however, can never be declared safe. Transmission occurs when an infected person uses a needle to inject drugs into his bloodstream and then allows someone else to inject himself with that same needle—in effect, injecting the other person's blood into his system.

A third method of transmission is from mother to child, either before birth, during birth, or after birth through nursing.

Dr. Wilber stressed that AIDS cannot be spread by casual contact. Casual contact includes the sharing of food and the preparation of food, which caused a sigh of relief to escape from the room. One also cannot contract AIDS by shaking hands, sharing towels, or even from toilet seats.

Current research shows that people in high-risk groups, such as homosexuals, are being more careful in their lives. It is the everyday person who is playing Russian Roulette with his life, and this fact will show as more cases of AIDS are documented. It has been speculated that one-third of the carriers of the AIDS virus will develop AIDS within five years. It has also been speculated that by 1991, AIDS will cause more premature deaths in America than any other disease. It could be mankind's next Black Death.

(This article was submitted as a "Writing Across the Curriculum" assignment for Biology 112.)

Great Debates

Continued from page 2

of undermining President Reagan. In fact, it seems plausible that Dole should be running as a Democrat; not a Republican. Coincidentally, Kemp directed an accusation toward Dole, saying "You sound like Richard Gephardt."

It was hard to take Pat Robertson seriously with his "happy go lucky" attitude. He had some good ideas; however, it is apparent that he is not a politician, but an evangelist. Although

Robertson did not receive any direct shots from the others, it does seem that he was left alone because he was not a threatening contender.

After attending both debates, we strongly feel that a Bush/Kemp ticket would coincide with American interests. We both went into the debates as Republicans leaning toward a George Bush candidacy. In listening to the candidates, we found no compelling reasons to change our opinions on this.