

Extra - Mascot Issue

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Athletic Committee Seeks Input On Mascot Selection Process

Desires Nominations From Campus Community

Clayton State College is in need of a mascot. Next year the College will begin intercollegiate athletic competition and a mascot that will truly represent our institution is needed. The mascot selection process will be coordinated by the newly appointed Athletic Committee. This committee is working with the SGA Mascot Committee to implement several proposed activities.

The mascot selection process and guidelines have been established by the Athletic Committee and are listed in the article to the right. Please review this process and use it in the completion of the "Mascot Nominating Forms" that is attached to this Special "Extra" edition of The Bent Tree.

Mascot nominating forms will be distributed in early January and need to be submitted by January 22. These should be turned in at the Dean of Students Office (C-57) by 6:00 p.m. that day. The Athletic Committee will conduct a first review of the suggested mascots and rationales in early February and the "forums" and opinion polls will take

place in mid February. The committee will make their recommendations to President Harry S. Downs in late February.

First edition CSC mascot T-Shirts will be awarded to

up to six persons who submitted the mascot chosen. If there are more than six persons submitting the chosen mascot, T-shirts winners will be chosen by a random drawing.

Process/Guidelines For The Mascot Nominating Process As Established By The Athletic Committee

The newly appointed Athletic Committee has established a process and guidelines for the mascot selection process. They are as follows:

1. Input will be sought from individual students and faculty (for both mascot name and reasons why CSC should have that particular mascot).
2. Establish appropriate rationale for the selection of the mascot. In particular the mascot should reflect/symbolize what the College represents (e.g., symbolize the beauty of the campus and the academic quality, excellence, and strength of its programs). Furthermore, in so far as possible, the mascot should not be identical to the major 4-AAAA high school mascots in our service area or those colleges and schools within the state that CSC is most likely to compete against (see listing on the reverse side of this special edition). The mascot should be one that is easily marketable and in good taste.
3. The top six-twelve selections will be determined by the committee, from the suggestions submitted (using the above rationale).
4. Further input from students and faculty will be sought through "forums" as to which of these are the top selections and rationales.
5. An opinion poll on these top selections, to come up with the top three choices, will be conducted among the student body and faculty.
6. The committee will review all the suggestions and submit three-six mascot suggestions and rationales to the President.

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Mascots of Other Institutions

Georgia Colleges and Universities (G.I.A.C. Conference and University System Schools)

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College ... Stallions
Albany State College ... Rams
Armstrong State College ... Pirates
Augusta College ... Jaguars
Berry College ... Vikings
Brewton-Parker College ... Wildcats
Brunswick College ... Mariners
Columbus College ... Cougars
Dalton College ... Roadrunners
Darton College ... Cavaliers
DeKalb College ... Patriots
Floyd College ... Chargers
Fort Valley State College ... Wildcats
Gainesville College ... Lakers
Georgia College ... Colonials
Georgia Institute of Technology ... Yellow Jackets
Georgia Southern College ... Eagles
Georgia Southwestern College ... Hurricanes
Georgia State University ... Panthers
Gordon College ... Generals
Kennesaw College ... Owls
LaGrange College ... Panthers
Macon College ... Mustangs
North Georgia College ... Saints
Piedmont College ... Conquerers
Savannah State College ... Tiger
Shorter College ... Hawks
Southern College of Technology ... Bumble Bees
South Georgia College ... Tigers
University of Georgia ... Bulldogs
Valdosta State College ... Blazers/Dragons
Waycross College ... Swamp Fox
West Georgia College ... Indian Brave

High School Mascots

Benjamin E. Banneker High School ... Chargers
Benjamin E. Mays High School ... Raiders
Brown High School ... Jaguars
Campbell High School ... Bears
Cedar Grove High School ... Saints/symbol Crusader
College Park Campus ... Bulldogs
Columbus High School ... Eagles
Fayette County High School ... Tigers
Forest Park High School ... Panthers
Frederick Douglass High School ... Astros
Fulton High School ... Red Birds
George Washington Carver High School ... Panthers
Griffin High School ... Bears
Henry County High School ... War Hawks
Heritage High School ... Patriots
Jonesboro High School ... Cardinals
McIntosh High School ... Chiefs
Meadow Creek Academy ... Chargers
Morrow High School ... Mustangs
Mount Vernon Christian School ... Crusaders
Newnan High School ... Cougars
North Clayton High School ... Eagles
Palmetto High School ... Raiders
Riverdale High School ... Raiders
Rockdale High School ... Bulldogs
Russell Campus ... Bulldogs
Stockbridge High School ... Tigers
Therrell High School ... Panthers
Westlake High School ... Lions
Woodward Academy ... War Eagles

Mascot Nominating Form

Clayton State College is seeking an appropriate mascot to represent the College and its athletic program. The Athletic Committee, with the assistance of the SGA Mascot Committee, is coordinating the search for a mascot. To participate in this process fill out the form below and submit it by January 22 (6:00 p.m.) at the Dean of Students Office (C-57). Boxes for submitting nominating forms will be placed at various locations on campus.

According to the Athletic Committee guidelines, the mascot should be one that reflects/symbolizes what the College represents (e.g., symbolizes the beauty of the campus and the academic quality, excellence and strength of its programs). Furthermore, the mascot should not be identical to the major 4-AAAA high schools or those of colleges and schools within the state that CSC is most likely to compete against (see list on back of *The Bent Tree* - Special Edition). Also, the mascot should be one that will be easily marketable and in good taste. After a mascot is selected, all entries that were submitted suggesting that particular mascot will be entered in a random drawing. First edition CSC mascot T-shirts will be awarded to up to six persons who submitted the mascot chosen. If there are more than six persons submitting the chosen mascot, T-shirt winners will be chosen by a random drawing.

Suggested Mascot and description _____

Why do you feel that this mascot would properly represent the College ?

Your Name _____ **Soc. Secur. #** _____ - _____ - _____
(Please Print)

