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Co-Operative Education Program Can Give Students An Advantage

by Heather L. Echols
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In today's world it has become increasingly difficult for new college graduates to enter the work force in the field of their study. To combat this difficulty, colleges, have made available to students a chance to get a competitive edge in the job market. Through cooperative education (co-op) programs, which began approximately 85 years ago, students can combine work experience with their classes to strengthen their knowledge in a particular field of study.

According to Ms. Beverly Kirchner, CSC Career Placement Counselor, the business community now demands not only a degree but also work experience of prospective employees. The Cooper-

ative Education approach to college provides that training sought by many employers.

Internships and co-ops are offered in various fields including (but not limited to) air traffic control business management, accounting, office administration, business, and technology. Internships are also available with companies such as Georgia Public Television and Southern Bell, the Democratic Party and others.

Some of these internships and co-ops are not paid positions, but do count for course credit. Others offer moderate to average salaries for the positions. Ms. Kirchner explained, "In every respect, the emphasis is on learning."

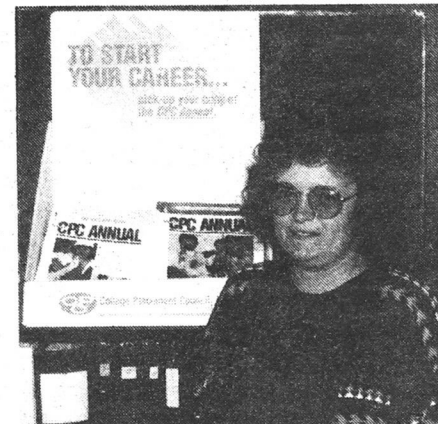
Once the students are placed in a particular position, they must register for the appropriate course in order to receive credit.

Grading is based on assignments from the advisor and performance evaluations on the job site. Not all positions qualify for academic credit.

An average of 40 positions are generally available each quarter. Competition is steep for each placement. Students from colleges like Georgia State, Georgia Tech, Oglethorpe and others compete for the same positions.

A minimum GPA of 2.0, set by CSC, is needed to be eligible for the co-op or internship programs. However, the employer reserves the right to set a higher GPA requirement for these positions.

The Job Placement Office is located in D-208. Students who wish to gain more information on specific positions available should check the Co-op/Job Placement "Job Book."



Photo/Rob Taylor

Ms. Bevetly Kirchner, CSC Job Placement Counselor, offers assistance to students interested in internship and cooperative education experiences.



Photo/Rob Taylor

FIRST CIRCLES GROUP MEETS- At the end of February, the first Circles group held their first activity. Those in attendance were (front row, l-r) Seyed Hasan and Kevin Johnson, (back row) Irene McSwain, Sherry Daugherty, Jeanette Holbert, Beverly Kirchner, Glenda Williams, Michelle Settle and Sandra Hawley (Circles coordinators). Not pictured were Imran Ahmed, Carlos Dixon, Carol Hayes, Mike Huang, Marguerite Richardson, Lillie Stewart, and Florence Weston. If you are interested in becoming a part of the Circles program or finding out more information about Circles, pick up an interest form and/or a brochure in the Student Activities office (D-217).

Free Tickets For *Patience*

(To be performed on March 12-13 in Spivey Hall) are now available for students, faculty, staff, and the public. Just stop by or call Spivey Hall's ticket office (961-3683) to get the best seats available for this Clayton State Theater Production. A non-ticketed "preview" performance is also scheduled for 12:05 p.m. on Thursday, March 11.

Student Advisory Council Represents Students Before Board Of Regents

by Jeff Bradley
Staff Writer

At the winter 1993 Student Advisory Council (SAC) conference, the officers of the CSC Student Government Association (SGA) represented the student body in voting on many issues. According to Steve Byrd, Clayton State SGA Vice President, these issues, "are very important to students in the University System of Georgia."

Students from all the institutions in the System convened at Georgia State University to discuss issues ranging from health care to the environment.

Steve Byrd presented a bill concerning the academic standing of returning students, which he feels would "hopefully make it easier for students to return to school after a long period of time and become participating members of the campus community, even though their academic standing from their past educational performance would have kept them from being full participants.

Other bills introduced concerned the academic calendar, AIDS testing, the Environmental Policy Bill, lab safety, multicultural awareness, rape awareness and prevention, the residency Polipy, and student health insurance.

SAC meets every quarter, at differ-

ent host schools, to go over the needs of students in the University System. Their recommendations are then sent to the Board of Regents for consideration.

Before any moves can be made towards presenting a bill, a problem has to be recognized and a solution found. One way this can begin, on campus, is to bring the problem to the attention of the Student Government Association.

As Byrd pointed out, "We (SGA) have suggestion boxes everywhere, lying empty because people think their opinion won't make a difference." He said students can make a difference if they are willing to stand up and be counted. Next time you have a problem that the SGA might be able to help solve, don't forget that the SGA is here for all students.

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VIEWPOINT

Editorial

A New Flag Must Blow In The Wind Of Change

by Cameron D. Barham
Staff Writer

Once again, we, the people of the state of Georgia, find ourselves embroiled in another controversy which appears to be defined in terms of black and white. The question placed before us and our legislators is should the current state flag be declared unrepresentative of the people of Georgia and changed or should it be declared a symbol of the Confederate history of Georgia and allowed to fly from here on out? This appears to be a question that could easily be answered with a little research. However, as is usually the case with the members of our legislature and the more vocal members of our state, it has not been an easily resolved issue.

The situation has turned into a gauntlet with the Sons of the Confederacy, those who oppose change, historians, and racists on one side and Zell Miller, minority groups, and proponents of change on the other. Anyone who is brave enough to run it will get pummeled by one side or the other.

Get the gauze pads and Tylenol 3 ready, because here I come.

First and foremost, I think that the history of the current flag should make it a very simple issue on which to make a decision. It was first flown in 1956, after its adoption by the Georgia legislature that same year. The reason for this according to the *Macon Telegraph* in "Georgia Newspapers Praise, Criticize Flag Proposal" in the February 7 edition of the *Atlanta Journal and Constitution* was "to

block, defy, and go on record against federal desegregation orders." The *Macon Telegraph* article also stated that "what was being said and done by the legislators and the governor in weeks when the flag was changed in 1956" nullifies any claims that the flag was "to honor the Confederate dead and take part in the Civil War centennial celebration." This sentiment has printed many more times and is concurrent with the historical data from that period. I tend to agree with this based on my knowledge of what Georgia was like as well as the character of the Georgia legislators. I think that it is time that we rebuild the fences that have been torn down by the mistakes of those in the past. The flag certainly appears to be a break in the fence that needs mending.

I do not agree with the current proposal to return to the pre-1956 flag that has Confederate origins as well. I think a completely original flag needs to be designed. The state of Georgia could use it as a rallying cry for change and unity. We need something to pull the people of Georgia together and start establishing new trends for the sake of us all. It could be a symbol of prosperity that the old flag fails to symbolize. When I look at our current flag, I think of a lost war, poverty, a backwards educational system, the "good ol' boy" system that is rampant in business and government, our rise to the top in crime statistics, and the abyss that separates us at every difference that we have. I think the wind of change should blow and that a new flag should ripple in its strength.

Editorial

We Need You To Be A Sports Fan

by Lori B. Cohen
Editor

The Lakers and Lady Lakers basketball teams had winning seasons this year. Does this mean better turnout at home games next season? I would certainly hope so. The average attendance for the inaugural season was 385 people. I fully understand the excitement of the first year, but if sports fans expect to come out district champions in the first season they are being totally unrealistic. The average attendance this year was 274, down from the first year, but hopefully this will increase with both teams finishing with a winning season and competing in the district playoffs.

We used to have a "ROWDY CROWD" that came to all home games, but that attendance has dwindled down to nearly nothing. We have good players that work hard and good people involved in our sports program. The members of the college community (students, faculty, and staff) are not taking advantage of the fun and excitement of a good sporting event.

I have been to almost every game this season, both home and away, working for the teams, keeping their scorebooks, and I have been somewhat disappointed at the turnouts for most games. This is one of the many programs that students help fund, but fail to take advantage of.

JOB PLACEMENT AND COOPERATIVE EDUCATION RECRUITMENT SCHEDULE FOR MARCH - APRIL

3/9	American Frozen Food	D-208 Submit Resume	Sales/Manager Trainee All Majors
3/10	U.S. Army	C-Lobby 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Army Band and Warrant Officers
4/1	United Parcel Service & Department of Labor	C-Lobby 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Loaders and Unloaders
4/14	U.S. Army	C-Lobby 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Career Opportunities and Skill Training
4/23	Annual Business In Review Program	CSC Gymnasium 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	All Majors

BEYOND THE DREAM V

A CELEBRATION
OF
BLACK HISTORY

*The Writers,
The Stories,
The Legacy*

This special video presentation will be screened during Black Cultural Awareness Association meetings on Thursday, March 11 in D-221 (PART I) and on Friday, March 12 in D-223 (PART II).

Both screenings will take begin at 12:05 p.m.

This program was funded by Lyceum as a part of the 1993 CSC Black Awareness Celebration.

RUN FOR SGA

To be a candidate for SGA President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer you must submit a petition. They will be available in the Student Activities Office (D-217) beginning Monday, March 15. The election will take place on April 19-20, 1993.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Dr. Cyrus Adds African-American Thrust To Humanities Course

There is a new option open to students at Clayton, an option represented by Dr. Stanley Cyrus, a well-known scholar and professor whose background in the humanities, social sciences and languages blend to make his courses interesting and challenging at once.

During winter and spring quarters, Dr. Cyrus is teaching a humanities course. Its content is the African-American writings and art work of the 19th and 20th centuries. The approach taken by Dr. Cyrus in the class is multidisciplinary. That is to say that in a humanities course, one often expects a great deal of literature, but this course also includes sociological, political, and historical considerations. The interest of the student is taken into account, and some choice is given in individual work, but the content of the course includes more African-American themes and writers.

Dr. Cyrus' background lends itself well to a multi-disciplinarian emphasis. Born in Grenada, he received his primary

and secondary education there. His advanced degrees are from Howard University, where he earned a Master's degree in Spanish (his father was Spanish-speaking) and a PhD. in Latin American History. At the same time he was working on his degrees, he began teaching, traveling and working in Latin America. His many international professional experiences include work for the Latin American Central of Labor, the Organization of American States and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation. He has presented numerous papers, most concentrating on the contributions of black writers to Latin American literature, but he has also written on Caribbean political affairs and foreign language curricula. He also founded and serves as editor of *The Afro-Hispanic Review*.

Dr. Cyrus visited the Clayton Campus as a Lyceum speaker, most recently in 1984 as a part of the annual Black Awareness Celebration. Any student interested in talking with Dr. Cyrus is invited to drop by G-226.



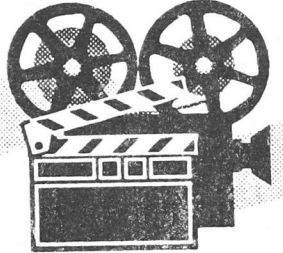
Special Photo /CSC Public Information

Dr. Stanley Cyrus, seen speaking to his Humanities 212 class, has a background which brings a new dimension to this subject.

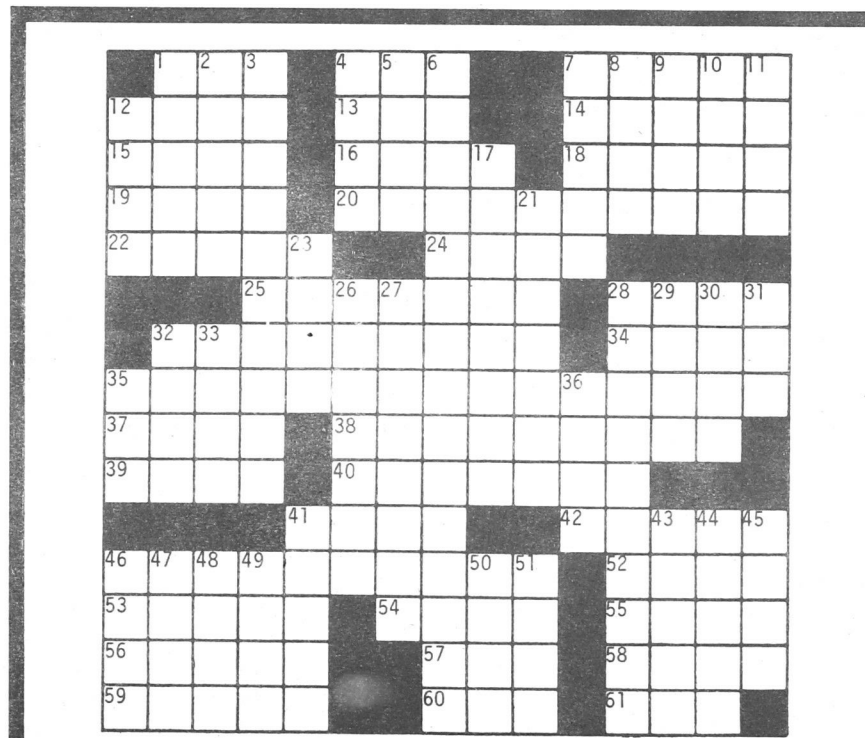
Second Annual
SGA BOOK FAIR
Hundreds of FREE books to choose from.
These books have been donated
by CSC faculty members
Monday, April 5 5-6:30 PM
Tuesday, April 6 10:00 AM - Noon
and 5-6:30 PM
In The Student Study Lounge
(Upper Level of the Student Center Building)
Limit of five (5) free books per student.
A Validated Student ID Must Be Presented To Claim Your Free Books

Are You Interested In:

- Directing?
- Screenwriting?
- Editing?
- Special Effects?
- Cinematography?



Come to the organizational meeting of the Video Production Club.
The meeting will be held on Friday,
March 12 at 12:45 p.m. in room L-125.



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| ACROSS | 41 Skeletal | 10 — impasse |
| 1 — Mahal | 42 Big shot | 11 Called up |
| 4 Title of respect (abbr.) | 46 Over and over | 12 Sharp projection |
| 7 Groucho's trademark | 52 Mere's mate | 17 Engage in combat (2 wds.) |
| 12 Nota — | 53 Pertaining to birds | 21 Changes chairs |
| 13 College in Brooklyn (abbr.) | 54 Debauchee | 23 City in New Jersey |
| 14 Miss Bryant | 55 Scheme | 26 Played a better game of basketball |
| 15 Mimic | 56 High IQ society | 27 Large beer glass |
| 16 City in Oklahoma | 57 Nothing | 28 Fish dish (2 wds.) |
| 18 Commenced | 58 Slangy food | 29 Blue-pencil |
| 19 Bring up | 59 Anaheim athlete | 30 German numbers |
| 20 Making mechanical | 60 Parapsychologist's field | 31 Beer container |
| 22 Green mineral | 61 Type of whiskey | 32 Pink wine |
| 24 Scrooge, for short | | 33 Suffix for usher |
| 25 As — a goose | | 35 Arrest |
| 28 Smell strongly | | 36 Rhineland refusal |
| 32 Change the attitudes of | DOWN | 41 Commonplace |
| 34 Miss Adams | 1 Wigwag | 43 Fasten down |
| 35 Despite | 2 Lend — | 44 Make a speech |
| 37 — spumante | 3 Half of movie team (2 wds.) | 45 Vereen and Casey |
| 38 Dirt analyses (2 wds.) | 4 Type of school (abbr.) | 46 Hindu deity |
| 39 Apiary dwellers | 5 — Japanese War | 47 — Steven |
| 40 — one (golf aces) | 6 Requiring little effort (3 wds.) | 48 Half of a table game |
| | 7 Ship room | 49 Facility |
| | 8 Don Juan's mother | 50 Ex-pitcher liant |
| | 9 Parisian musical | 51 Kennel sound |

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SPORTS AND CAMPUS NEWS

Twins Have Different Plans For Their Education At CSC

Heather L. Echols
Staff Writer

For identical twins Debbie and Paige Gilbert Clayton State College is providing the foundation for two different careers. Debbie and Paige graduated from Stockbridge High School in Henry County last Spring after both received scholarships to CSC. Their scholarships pay full

tuition for three quarters out of the year. Debbie is planning to receive a bachelor's degree in data processing. She plans to become a flight attendant for a large airline after she graduates from CSC. Debbie will use the data processing degree for a back up should no openings with an airline become available for her immediately after graduation. "I look forward to completing my education at

Clayton State," said Debbie, in anticipation of the opportunity to travel with the airlines.

Paige, like many other CSC students, plans to complete her core classes here and then move on to another college to receive her Bachelor's Degree. She intends to graduate from CSC with an Associate's Degree and then transfer to a school which offers a strong department for journalism and broadcast communications majors. Paige also wants to study public relations. "Public relations is a field full of opportunity. I don't want to limit myself by committing to any one area," explained Paige.

Both Debbie and Paige were very involved during high school. Debbie was a

member of DECA, and Paige was editor of the *Tiger Times* during her senior year. Both were officers in the Beta Club for two years, members of the drill team and honor graduates. Presently Debbie is a bookkeeper for Bruno's Inc., and Paige is a receptionist for a family practitioner in a Henry County.

Each of the twins have different goals and different reasons for attending CSC, but they will both receive what they need during their stay. CSC provides a strong core curriculum for students like Paige who plan to transfer into other schools, while also providing degrees for students like Debbie who want to be sure they have a well-rounded education when seeking employment.



Photo by Heather Echols

Paige (l) and Debbie (r) Gilbert chose to attend Clayton State for different reasons.

FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOPS

Financial Aid Workshops will be held to assist students in completing the 1993-94 Financial Aid Form. The workshops will be held on:

Monday, March 15, 1993 7:00 p.m. in CE-101

Monday, April 5, 1993 7:00 p.m. in CE-101

BRING YOUR 1992 TAX RETURNS

Crossword Puzzle Solution

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New scholarship information has recently been added to the bulletin board outside Student Services (D-217). Stop by and check it out.

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE - WINTER QUARTER

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 1993

7:30-9:30 a.m. All 7:30 a.m. MF, M, W, MW, MTWTF; 7:55 a.m. MWF; 8:05 a.m. MW; 8:10 a.m. MW, MWF classes

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. All 8:30 a.m. MW, MWF, W, MTWTh, MTWTF; 8:50 a.m. MF, MW; 9:00 a.m. W classes

3:30-5:30 p.m. All 3:45 p.m. MW; 4:00 p.m. W, MW classes

6:00-8:00 p.m. All 5:00 p.m. M; 6:00 p.m. M, MW; 6:15 p.m. M, MW; 6:30 p.m. MTh classes

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1993

7:30-9:30 a.m. All 7:30 a.m. TuTh, Tu, Th; 7:55 a.m. TuTh; 8:00 a.m. Tu; 9:00 a.m. Th classes

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. All 9:45 a.m. TuTh classes

1:00-3:00 p.m. All 1:00 p.m. Tu; 1:10 p.m. TuTh; 1:20 p.m. Tu, Th, TuTh, MTWT classes

3:30-5:30 p.m. All 3:45 p.m. TuTh; 4:00 p.m. Th; 5:00 p.m. Th, TuTh, Tu; 5:05 p.m. Tu classes

6:00-8:00 p.m. All 6:00 p.m. TuTh; 6:15 p.m. Tu, TuTh; 7:00 p.m. Tu classes

8:30 -10:30 p.m. All 8:15 p.m. Tu, TuTh classes

FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 1993

8:00-10:00 a.m. All 8:30 a.m. TuTh, Tu; 8:50 a.m. TuF, TuTh; 9:00 a.m. Tu classes

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. All 11:05 a.m. W, MF, MW, MWF, MTWTF classes

1:30-3:30 p.m. All 1:20 p.m. MW, MWF, MTuWF classes

MONDAY, MARCH 22, 1993

8:00-10:00 a.m. All 9:30 a.m. MWF; 9:45 a.m. W, MW, MWF, MTuWF, MTuWTh, MTWTF classes

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. All 11:05 a.m. Tu, TuTh, MTWT classes

1:00-3:00 p.m. All 11:20 a.m. M; 12:05 p.m. MW, MTuWF; 12:35 p.m. MWF; 12:40 p.m. MW, MWF; 1:15 p.m. W classes

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. All 8:15 p.m. M, MW classes