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Profiles of SGA Executive Officer Candidates

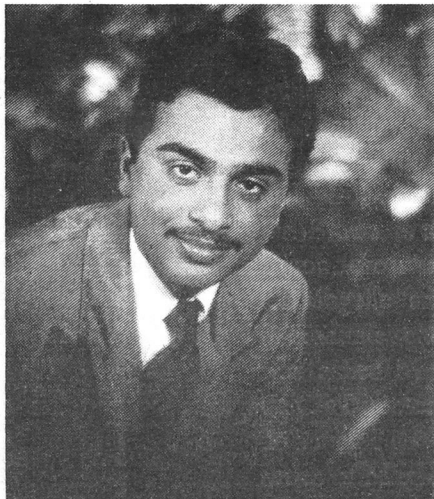
Michelle Di Maio
Candidate for President



My name is Michelle Di Maio, I am 21 years old and am a Fayette County resident. I am in the process of wrapping up my freshman year here at Clayton State College. I have been involved with the Student Government Association (SGA) ever since I began attending Clayton State College in the winter of 1993. Last fall I was elected Secretary of the SGA and due to vacancies I was appointed as Acting President last quarter. I am involved in SGA because I believe that students need to take an active role in the way that their college or university is run. We students invest a lot of time and money here on this campus and we should take active interest in all aspects of our college.

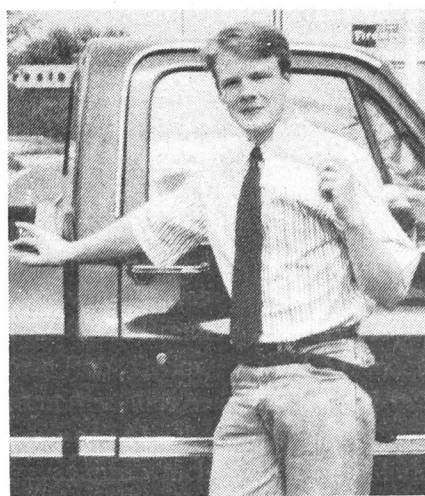
If I am elected President of the SGA, the two most important goals that I will strive to achieve are for all of the decisions, all of the activities, and all of the money spent on this campus to reflect the wants and needs of Clayton State College Students and secondly to create a sense of unity and pride among us.

Suleman Hooda
Candidate for President



Hi. My name is Suleman Hooda. I am running for the office of President of the Student Government Association. I have been at Clayton State for almost two years. The first quarter I was here I was appointed as a Representative for the body at-large and the Public Relations Director. Later I was elected to the office of Treasurer. At present I am serving as the Vice-President of SGA. In addition to all this I have also served on Student Services Committee and Publications Committee. I was also elected chair of a subcommittee at the University System's Student Advisory Council. I have spent as much time as required to make SGA an outstanding organization on campus. I would like to continue doing this and for this purpose I would like you to elect me as your Student Government President. My goal in life is to become a doctor so I can help other people just as I am helping Clayton State College students in making their stay here a comfortable one.

Mark Jarrett
Candidate for Vice President



Enter Mark Jarrett (long drum roll, blare of trumpets).

I was born on Columbus Day, in the year of grace 1975, in Marietta, Ga. I lived there until I was nine, when our family established our small farm in the wilds off south Fulton. When I was ten, my parents sent me to Argentina to learn the language. They had home-schooled

me, and when I went to a regular Christian high-school, I was already years ahead, so I was able to graduate when I was sixteen. In my senior year my father lost his job with Eastern, so we all had to go out and work to support the family, until he found another permanent flying job in Holland. I moved there after graduation, working and learning of life and Dutch. When I had enough money, I studied German in Bavaria. Thereafter, I traveled the ex-Eastern bloc, finally returning to work and live on our farm this fall quarter.

I intend to support to the utmost the Student Government Association and approach each and every issue with an open mind and a sense of integrity. These are the years of CSC when we are establishing traditions and I hope to play a constructive part therein.

I have experience as the editor of my high-school paper, and as a member of the Lyceum Committee. My interests span the breadth of Clayton's programs, from music to weightlifting to language and more.

Kristin Fowler
Candidate For Treasurer

No picture submitted.

As a young college student, I realize the importance of good money management. If elected as the Treasurer of the Student Government Association (SGA), I will commit myself to being a good manager of the money for which I am responsible. Being an active member of my church gives me a chance to deal with money. For instance, I have been the secretary for my Sunday School

class for seven years. Also, at my job with the Morrow Branch Library, one of my responsibilities is to handle incoming money. These opportunities will assist me in being a good Treasurer. Since the fall of 1993, I have been the SGA Representative for the School of Arts and Sciences. During the winter quarter of 1994, I was elected to the Academic Affairs Committee. I have been the President and an active member of the Baptist Student Union since the spring of last year. I feel all of these experiences give me the background necessary to perform the duties of Treasurer in a highly competent manner.

**Student Government
Executive Election
April 19-20**

**Vote for President,
Vice President, and Treasurer
See Signs For Times And Locations**

Tuition Goes Up Three Percent This Summer

The University System of Georgia Board of Regents voted last week to increase tuition for CSC and the other schools in the System. This three percent increase will go into effect beginning summer quarter. The Regents also created a committee to make sure a much larger increase in tuition for out-of-state students does not harm the System. The out-of-state increase, expected to be about 25%, is meant to charge non-Georgia students all of the instructional cost. The committee is expected to present its findings at the Regents' September meeting. Any increase in this area is scheduled to take effect for the fall quarter of 1995.

VIEWPOINT

Readers Respond To Article On Atheist Club

In Defense Of Campus Christians

After reading the article concerning Charles Huff and his plan to create a club for the atheists on campus, I feel there should be something said in defense of the Christians here at Clayton State College. In these times, it is easy for Christians to become discouraged. It seems as though they are looked upon as ignorant, or as Mr. Huff puts it, not being aware of "real knowledge." Unfortunately, we have become a society in which the idea of faith is almost nonexistent. People do not want to believe in Jesus Christ unless they can see him with their own eyes. It always amazes me how many of these same people manage to believe in intelligent life on other planets without ever seeing such beings.

I could continue to argue against several points, but that is not the purpose of my article. Despite my strong belief in Christianity, I do feel that Mr. Huff and other atheists have the right to form a club. It is a privilege that goes hand in hand with being an American citizen. On the same token, however,

Journalists Should Be Unbiased

Dear Mr. Zachary A. McCarley:

After reading your article "Atheist Student Wants to Form Student Group" in the April 1, 1994 edition of the Bent Tree, I decided you are a horrible journalist. I always thought journalists to be unbiased. From reading your article, I gather you are against forming the Nietzsche Society. Maybe it is atheism that scares you. Whether you agree or disagree your job as a reporter for this or newspaper is to report the facts. If you do not agree, that should remain in the editorial section where opinions are printed.

I believe Mr. Huff is not rocking

Christians have the right to form clubs also. Unfortunately, many students are not aware that there are already several on campus. One of these in which I am personally involved is the Baptist Student Union (BSU). Though membership is small, time is still spent in fellowship and prayer. Some members are also involved in community organizations, such as working with inner city children in Atlanta. If anyone is interested in visiting the BSU, we meet on Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m., in room 216 in the D-building. If you are a Christian looking for a club, or if you would like to come and discover the Lord, I welcome you to try the Baptist Student Union. Remember, just as Mr. Huff and his supporters have the right to express their atheistic beliefs, Christians also have the right to express their beliefs in the Lord and His son, Jesus Christ. Please come and help the members of the BSU do just that.

Natalie Hynson

the boat, he is just giving people of different beliefs a chance to gather and share thoughts. There are several Christian clubs that meet on campus-- why should there not be an Atheist Club? In fact, as long as the criteria is met, I am a strong believer that any kind of club can and should be formed. College is indeed a place to grow and learn, these clubs allow people to expand their mind and choose their beliefs. The only thing controversial in this, is the fact that you, as a close-minded individual, would actually object to this or any kind of club just because you don't agree.

Jeri Carpenter

JOB PLACEMENT AND COOPERATIVE EDUCATION RECRUITMENT SCHEDULE FOR APRIL - MAY

4/21	Business In Review 1994 123 Businesses Represented	Gym 9:00 am - 12:00 pm	All Majors
4/26	Cracker Barrel	C-Lobby 8:30 am - 2:30 pm	Cashiers, Servers, & Cooks
4/27	Roadway Package System	Cafeteria 9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Package Handlers \$8.00 hr
5/3	United Parcel Service	C-Lobby 8:30 am - 2:30 pm	Loaders/Unloaders \$8.00 hr
5/4	Roadway Package System	Cafeteria 9:00 am - 2:30 pm	Package Handlers \$8.00 hr
5/17	United Parcel Service	Cafeteria 8:30 am - 2:30 pm	Loaders/Unloaders \$8.00 hr

NEW CSC BOOKSTORE REGULAR OPERATING HOURS

8:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. MONDAY-THURSDAY

8:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. FRIDAY

REMINDER

Students who would like to voice their opinions directly to President Skinner may do so by submitting their comments to *The Bent Tree*. All properly submitted articles will be printed with a response in our new feature column

The Direct Link.

THE BENT TREE

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The Financial Aid Forms For The 1994-95 Academic Year Are Now Available In The Financial Aid Office (Room D-217)

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CAMPUS NEWS

Lyceum Presents Date/Acquaintance Rape Seminar

by Grant M. Richter
Staff Writer

What happens when a simple good-night kiss is taken the wrong way, when harmless flirtation becomes dangerous, traumatic, or even life-threatening? What happens when, at the end of a date, the male party decides that he's going to get lucky, despite whether the female party is willing or not? The answer is date/acquaintance rape, a violation of trust and self-esteem that, sadly, occurs far too often. At noon on April 21, in room G-132, Ms. Nikki Sard will conduct a seminar that will answer some of the questions, and put to rest the myths, surrounding date rape.

Legal liaison for the Grady Memorial Hospital Rape Crisis Center (RCC), Miss Sard received her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology in 1988. Three years later, she earned her Masters in Counseling Psychology. From there, she went on to work for the Grady RCC.

Beginning at noon, Ms. Sard will discuss in detail the services and history of the Grady Rape Crisis Center. She

will include in her speech the facts and statistics of date rape, in order to hopefully dispel any misconceptions her audience may have.

The main focus of Ms. Sard's seminar, however, will be precaution and awareness. Among the specifics to be covered will be what signs to watch out for that may indicate that a guy has date rape on his mind. Another specific area she will cover is what makes some guys think that they "deserve" sex on a date, a complex problem that often leads to date rape. Other topics to be covered will be the medical and legal procedures which can follow when date-rape occurs.

In addition to the lecture, audience members will be encouraged to ask Ms. Sard questions concerning date rape that they feel are not covered in the seminar.

Date/acquaintance rape is too pressing a problem to be simply swept under the rug and forgotten about. With the proper knowledge, however, it is a problem that can be dealt with and, perhaps someday, brought to an end. Nikki Sard's date rape prevention seminar is one that can not afford to be missed.

CSC Students Win Honors at State Career Development Conference

by Stacie Haight and Jack Johnson
Student Freelance Submission

On February 25-26, 1994, ten students from CSC attended the Delta Epsilon Chi State Career Development Conference in Gainesville, Georgia. These students, under the advisement of Dr. Deborah Curlette, Assistant Professor of Marketing at CSC competed in various categories in the marketing and management fields.

Delta Epsilon Chi is an organization for those who are interested in the field of Marketing and Management. A division of Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA), DEC has 3,000 members worldwide. Students are expected to complete a comprehensive test, take part in role plays, devise marketing and advertising plans, and give presentations, depending on which events they choose.

The State President and Student of the Year for the 1993-1994 term, Stacie Haight, from Jonesboro, placed second in the Full Service Restaurant Management event. Stacie worked in the food service industry for over eight years.

Jack Johnson, from Williamson, was recently elected as the Western Region Vice-President for the state and second in the Food Marketing event.

Michelle Di Maio, the current CSC Student Government President, was a member of DECA and competed on the high school level. At this year's competition, she took first place in the Full Service Restaurant Management event, Michelle has also worked in the food service industry for several years.

Isabel Wagner, the 1994-1995 Georgia Epsilon Chi Student of the Year, placed first in the Sales Manager Meeting event. Isabel is currently employed with the Coca-Cola Company and placed first in the nation in the Finance and Credit Event in Orlando in 1993.

Bruce Beck, of College Park, placed third in the Hospitality and Tourism event. Bruce currently is employed in the reservations department at Delta Air Lines and is pursuing a career as an amateur comedian.

Sandra Kinney, a CSC employee and student from Stockbridge, placed

Regents' Test Alert

1. What is the Regents' Test?

The Regents' Test is a test used by the University System of Georgia to determine students' competence in reading and writing. A certain level of competence in these areas as demonstrated on this test is required for graduation. Thus passing this test is a milestone toward graduation just as passing a course is a milestone toward graduation. The test takes less than three hours to complete and consists of an essay and a reading section.

2. Who needs to take the Regents' Test this quarter?

All students who plan to graduate with a two- or four-year degree from Clayton State College must take and pass the Regents' Test at some point in their academic career. Students who have completed their English and speech requirements are eligible to take this test.

Students who have 45 or more quarter hours and have not taken and passed both parts of the Regents' Test should plan to take it this quarter. Students who are required to take it will receive a card from the Counseling and Career Center notifying them of the dates and times for the tests. This card also acts as their ticket for admission to the test.

Contact Dr. Diane Sauers in D-208, or call 961-3515 for more information.

3. When is the Regents' Test offered this quarter?

Students are asked to choose the test session (date and time) that they plan to attend, and to register their choice in D-208 (phone 961-3515), by April 24, 1994.

Test Requirement	Test Dates/Times	Location
Both Parts	May 2 2:00 - 4:30 PM	G-132
	May 2 6:00 - 8:30 PM	G-132
	May 3 2:00 - 4:30 PM	G-132
	May 3 6:00 - 8:30 PM	G-132
Essay Only	May 2 2:00 - 3:30 PM	G-132
	May 2 6:00 - 7:30 PM	G-132
	May 3 2:00 - 3:30 PM	G-132
	May 3 6:00 - 7:30 PM	G-132
Reading Only	May 2 2:00 - 3:30 PM	L-200
	May 2 6:00 - 7:30 PM	L-200
	May 3 2:00 - 3:30 PM	L-200
	May 3 6:00 - 7:30 PM	L-200

NOTE: Students may attend a Regents' Test Review session on Wednesday, April 27, 1993. Sessions will begin at 11:00 a.m. or 5:00 p.m. in L-141. Registration for this review session is not required.

third in the Entrepreneurship event.

Dawn Richardson, from Marietta, placed first in the Management Decision Making Human Resource event.

Pam Ragsdale, of Fayetteville, placed first in the Finance and Credit event. Pam works for the Atlanta Postal Credit Union.

Chris Richardson, from Jonesboro, placed first in the General Marketing event. Chris, after completing an A.A.S.

in Marketing is currently working on a B.B.A. in Management.

John Bottoms, from Carrollton, placed second in the General Marketing event.

All of these students are eligible to compete at the National Career Development Conference, April 30-May 4, 1994, in Detroit, Michigan. Students will compete against winners from every state.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BENT TREE IS NOON ON MONDAY, APRIL 25. PLEASE TURN IN ALL SUBMISSIONS IN D-217.

CAMPUS ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTS

Magical Extravaganza Set For April 29-30

by Zachary A. McCarley
Staff Writer

The 13th "just about annual" Spring Magical Extravaganza is almost here. It will take place in G-132 on April 29-30. The show will begin at 7 pm each evening.

Although the show's organizer, Dr. James Braun, is an associate professor of chemistry, chemistry will not be the focus of this show. This "night of delightful entertainment," according to Dr. Braun, is to be one of magic. Dr. Braun, who is himself a magician, started learning the "art of magic" while he was in graduate school. In 1978, Dr. Braun was asked by the great Rob Taylor, CSC's Director of Student Activities, to do a magic show to be presented by the series of Magical Extravaganza which started in 1980.

Dr. Braun said that the magic show has always been entertaining. There has always been a wide variety of tricks, as there will be this year, ranging from sleight of hand tricks to professional quality illusions. He told of some classic tricks from the past. A car was made to disappear on stage along with its human driver. On another occasion, Dr. Braun recalled, a woman was sawed in half on the stage.

While there may be dozens of high-

lights in this years show, Dr. Braun mentioned specifically that there will be a magician who will sit on a board with nails through it. The magician told Dr. Braun that this is more impressive than lying on nails because all of the body weight is concentrated on fewer nails. Another trick will be done with the board of nails. The magician will put bricks on the board while it is on his chest. A person will break the bricks with a sledge hammer. An illusion that will be presented is one in which a person grows out of an empty box. Dr. Braun mentioned that David Copperfield uses a light box in his show and that he probably got the idea from the CSC magic show. All of the other tricks will be a surprise, even to Dr. Braun.

If a student or anyone else would like to perform in the show, it is not too late yet, but Dr. Braun says to see him immediately. One does not have to be of professional skill to perform, although those people should feel free to participate. Some may even be doing tricks on a one to one basis in the audience before and after the show. You can contact Dr. Braun at 961-3665 or you can leave a message for him in G-110.

While the show starts at 7:00, Mr. Taylor says to get there early if you want to get in, much less have seats. In the

Cynthia Watts Talks About Animals And Other Folks In Her Storytelling Concert

Pernita Andrews
Staff Writer

The art of storytelling was demonstrated by the multi-talented Cynthia Watts, in a one woman show, on April 5, 1994.

For the spring quarter students who were fortunate enough to attend this storytelling concert, there was entertainment, as well as participation in, animal folk tales and other tales.

Ms. Watts graced the audience with such tales as the "The Snake and the Opossum," where the slippery, sly snake convinces the opossum to help him escape from a snake pit. After the rescue, the snake turns on the opossum and tries to eat him.

"The Buzzard and the Squirrel" is a tale of the old hungry buzzard, who tricks his unsuspecting victims to a ride

high up in the sky, kills them by forcing them to fall, and eats them. The monkey was not as naive as some of the other animals in this tale.

My favorite was the story of "The Eagle." He was raised on a chicken farm and did not know he was an eagle, but when he was introduced to flying, he left the chicken farm and flew high up in the sky with the other birds.

Through storytelling, Ms. Watts has passed on family traditions and folk tales, along with encouraging others to do the same. She travels six months out of the year telling tales and conducting seminars. The remainder of the year she teaches at Atlanta Metro College.

Ms. Watts has been a freelance actress, a theater critic, an editor, and an assistant professor of speech. She has been a professional storyteller since 1977.

past G-132 has filled up to capacity on more than one occasion. This event is free and open to the public. In the words of Dr. Braun, "It is a great place to take

Aerobic Fitness Program Is In Progress

by Candi Wyatt
Staff Writer

Clayton State's intramural sports program is sponsoring a competition in aerobic exercise. On April 10, the program enthusiastically began with competitors trying to earn aerobic points for that week.

Coach Lynn Jarrett, the intramural athletics director, has a copy of a book entitled *The Aerobic Way* that explains how points are earned from participating in activities.

Each participant has to earn a minimum of 30 aerobic points each week for the seven week period. Points

a cheap date." He corrected himself and said, "It is a cheap place to take a great date."

earned for the previous week must be recorded on the point chart located in the Physical Education Building by Wednesday in order to receive credit.

Jarrett says that it is not too late to sign up as long as the minimum amount of 30 points can be made up for each week. Failure to earn the specified number of points or failure to record points on the chart by Wednesday disqualifies an individual from receiving a T-Shirt.

The competition ends on May 28. T-Shirts will be awarded on Friday, June 3. If you are interested in participating, please sign up in the physical education office.

Baseball Returns With A New Look

by Josh Pearson
Co-Editor

Being a very conservative individual, I was at first opposed to the idea of realigning the American and National leagues. Baseball's playoff system made it unique to any other sport, it had been that way for years. I thought it was just fine like it was.

After thinking about it, however, maybe it does have its good points. With 14 teams in each league and 28 teams overall, 24 of them were left out in the old playoff system. This made for a lot of disgruntled fans as they realized that their teams were not going to win their respective division and therefore have no shot at the world title. Now, with each league divided into three divisions, three teams plus a wild card team will make it to the playoffs from each league. The pennant races will involve

twice as many teams and be twice as exciting.

The Atlanta Braves join the Philadelphia Phillies, New York Mets, Montreal Expos, and Florida Marlins in the new National League East. The Braves are once again picked to not only win their division but win the world title as well. Perhaps this will be their year. They certainly have the tools and the means to do so. Their pitching staff remains outstanding, their offense juiced by the veterans and rookies who often play like veterans.

The Braves have started the season winning ten of their first eleven games. Their fifth starter has already thrown a no-hitter and nearly every player on the roster, excluding pitchers, have contributed offensively. October is a long way off, though, and many things can happen to a team.

Upcoming Student Recitals

The Following Student Recitals will Occur Soon. All are free.
Come Hear Beautiful Music At Beautiful Spivey Hall.

Tuesday April 19

12:00--Alice Kim--Jr.--Soprano

12:35--Phillip Shepherd--Jr.--Tenor

Monday April 25

8:15--Wendy Baker--Sr.--Soprano

Friday April 29

8:15--David Saffron--Sr.--Tenor