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Business In Review 1995: *CSC's Annual Job Forum*

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On Thursday, April 20, CSC will hold its annual Business In Review in the PE Building from 9 a.m. until noon. 127 businesses will be represented, and all students and alumni of the college are invited to explore career possibilities.

Participating companies include the DeKalb County School System, Southern Regional Medical Center, TDK Electronics, and the Clayton County Computer Center.

The purpose of Business In Review is to allow companies to share information with students about their organizations, while creating an opportunity for students to meet with



Special Photo Courtesy of Job Placement

Previous Business In Review sessions have proved advantageous to students.

some of the area's finest employers. The employers are able to provide those in attendance with information on career opportunities for the future, current career options available, and tips on employment trends that could affect future employees.

"Enhancement of networking skills and an increased awareness of job possibilities are the benefits of

Business In Review," commented Joan Leopard, the Administrative Assistant of Job Placement. "BIR is for all students, whether you are currently looking for a job today, or looking toward a future career. Where else can you go and have 127 different employers in one place, ready and willing to meet with you and answer all of your questions?"

While students should not come to Business In Review expecting to be handed a job, there are many current positions to be earned. For example, Roadway Package Systems, located a mere 10 minutes from the college, will be in attendance and recruiting students for several current positions.

Students are advised to come prepared by dressing professionally with their resume easily accessible. Students can also go to the Office of Job Placement before BIR day to re-

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Symposium Scheduled for CSC

by Alan Murphy
Editor-in-chief

On Friday and Saturday, April 21-22, CSC will participate with the Clayton County Greenways Council by hosting a symposium focused on local natural resources.

The symposium falls on the first day of the "Race to Protect Our Natural Resources," an event benefiting the Jesters Creek Trail, a bicycle and

pedestrian greenway off Morrow Industrial Boulevard to Tara Road.

The symposium begins at 2:30 p.m. Sessions include a review of the Jesters Creek Trail and discussions in land management and the environment. Carolyn Boyd-Hatcher of the Georgia Conservancy headlines the speakers.

CSC's Dr. Gene Hatfield is Vice Chairman of the Clayton County Greenways Council. For more information call Dr. Hatfield at 961-3662 or Dr. John Pratte at 961-3674.

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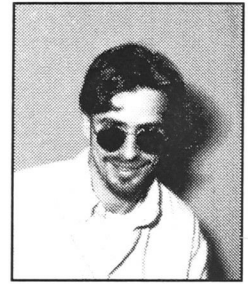
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SGA In The Works



SGA's upcoming agenda:

- Election of executive officers
- Pushing for the return of the activities hour
- Developing a workshop, involving Clayton County Middle School students, to help teach the need for team work (Scheduled for May 20)
- Planning a fund raiser for the week of April 24-28 to raise monies for the above mentioned workshop
- Preparing for the ever popular "Spring Fling"

***All of these items are on the current SGA agenda. Student input is greatly encouraged. The SGA meeting is on Friday at 12:30 p.m. All students are required to attend.**


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search companies to be included, thus being better prepared to speak with and question the employers.

"Speak clearly, ask informed questions, and show interest and enthusiasm. You only get one chance to make that first impression, so look sharp!" urges Ms. Leopard.

"What an opportunity for students! With student participation in the event, we are able to attract the quality and quantity of employers that will be in our gym Thursday," said Peggy Gardner, Director of the Job Placement. "For example, did you know that a teacher in the DeKalb County School System with a Bachelor in Education has a starting salary of \$27,408? Through Business In Review, you will be able to make such valuable discoveries as well as network for the future."

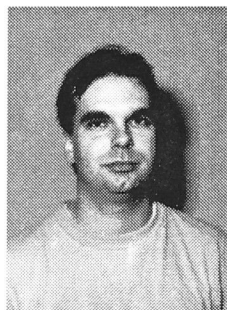
Success stories abound from past Business In Review days. Fran King, an alumni of CSC who holds a Bachelor in Business Administration, acquired her position as an internal auditor for the State Merit System while attending Business In Review '94. "It is so important for students and alumni to have their resumes on hand in case the employers are interested," Mrs. King said. "Dressing professionally and displaying courteous behavior are also respected in prospective employees."

Students and alumni having any further questions and concerns should contact the Office of Job Placement at 961-JOBS. Students interested in helping out during Business In Review should contact Joan Leopard at the same number. 

Pot Party: *Police Weed-Out Includes CSC Student*

by
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Many laws were broken two Saturdays ago at the Great Atlanta Pot Festival in Piedmont Park; but most of them were not broken by the festival participants.

Atlanta's finest were out in force that day; hundreds of little men wearing little blue hats and carrying big black nightsticks.

The Atlanta City Council tried to prevent the festival from taking place but couldn't, so they did the next best thing: They sent every cop on the force into the park in an attempt to strike down the evil drug-using villains who were running amok in our great city.

It was frustrating for the poor simpletons. They had worked so hard on their cheesy, yet unmistakably piquesque undercover garb and still the marijuana-crazed perverts

were not fooled. These fiends were in town to peacefully protest the bogus marijuana laws in this country and they must be severely punished.

I was about to leave the festival; there was nothing happening, there was no story. The vicious swine sent by the fat-cats of the Atlanta City Council had produced so much fear and loathing that it was useless to hang-around any longer. That is when the story turned weird.

A guy that I know from here at school recognized me and called out my name, just as I turned to see who it was, he was tackled to the pavement by some large scuzzy looking thug. The brute pounded our schoolmate's head into the asphalt repeatedly before finally pulling out his gun, pointing it, and announcing that he was indeed an undercover agent and that he had smelled marijuana burning.

Now it didn't seem to matter to the ruthless swine that our friend, who wishes to remain nameless, had no marijuana on him, nor that any could be found even near the scene of the travesty.

"He broke the law and he's going to jail. If he has been wrongly


accused the judge will decide", said the uniformed officer who escorted our friend to the local holding facility.

I talked to our friend the next day; he explained that the whole thing was a sham.

"When I got to jail and was being processed they asked me if I was brutalized by the arresting officer in any way. I said 'hell yes!'" He was then charged with resisting arrest as well as possession of marijuana.

After two hours of sitting in the holding cell with about 100 other people who were in for similar reasons, an extremely fat, bald man came in to make an announcement. "We have a special deal for all you people here on marijuana charges today", the obese pig explained, "pay a \$200 fine and leave right now. If you chose to go to trial, you will be held at least until Monday morning at which time you will be arraigned."

Our friend took the not so subtle advice and paid the fine; his charges were reduced to disorderly conduct.

This is truly a novel way to earn extra cash for the great international city of Atlanta. "Come Share Our Dream!" Yeah, right. 

Letters to the Editor:

I think that *The Bent Tree* is better than it has ever been. But, the spelling errors were terrible--there were three spelling errors in my editorial alone!

People are going to think that I submitted it that way!

I am not trying to "hassel" you guys because I think you are all doing a great job; however, please use the spell check!

Michelle A. DiMaio
SGA Secretary

Please try harder. An occasional misspelling happens to everyone, but when a word in a front page headline is botched you deserve to take some heat.

Your staff writer failed several times to spell correctly the name of former Vice President Dan Quayle.

I just had to let you know that I was disappointed. I know you can do better.

Jonathan Jay
Public Service Librarian

Abortion Article Rebuttal: *Staff Writer Speaks Out*

Robert Young
Staff Writer

I was astonished to read *The Bent Tree* article written by James Williams (March 27, 1995 edition, Vol. 26, Issue 11). His argument way off base, he even misspelled former Vice President Dan Quayle's last name ("Quale"). How is that for irony?

There is no excuse for the sorry content of his argument, either. References to "dogs that will latch onto your genitals" are mean-spirited, dumb, inane, unnecessary and totally uncalled for. Venting hate is not an argument. Mr. Williams claims to have a hard time understanding the "nasty" tone pro-lifers take. Ha! What hypocrisy! One does not have to look very far to find a nasty tone in Williams' editorial.

Trying to hide abortion behind a cloak of law is a transparent argument. Abortion was illegal for almost 200 years in this country, until January 22, 1973, when the Supreme Court handed down its Roe vs. Wade decision. Abortion is still illegal in the third trimester. Pro-life groups compare themselves to the Civil Rights movement of the 1960's, when blacks sought to overturn unfair voting laws. Most pro-lifers are Christians who look to a higher Truth than the one on paper: "For the letter [of the law] kills, but the Spirit gives Life."

Williams claims that the GOP has

never seriously attempted to have Roe vs. Wade reversed. Such a claim is blasphemous. It is the same logic used by the Pharisees who claimed that Jesus "cast out demons by Beezebul." As Jesus responded, Beezebul doesn't cast himself out: "And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand?" (Matt. 12:26).


"[That was] the worst and most appalling statement I have ever read in *The Bent Tree* Dogs are the people . . . who write this stuff."

Williams says, "The GOP has never seriously attempted to have Roe vs. Wade reversed, it's just a bone they like to throw to those blood-thirsty dogs and blind Jesus freaks who actually believe this conservative bull-sh__." This is the worst and most appalling statement I have ever read in *The Bent Tree*; it does a disservice to the whole college. Dogs are the people like Williams who write this stuff. Revelation 22:15 says, "Outside [the Holy City, New Jerusalem--see verse 22:14) are the dogs, and sorcerers, and prostitutes, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie."

Further, the insinuation that the

leaders who say this stuff do not mean what they say and the people who believe this stuff are foolish for believing is reprehensible. Is there something wrong with believing in conservative values? You are right, Williams, we "blind Jesus freaks" actually believe in Christ, God, and the sanctity of human life. Perhaps you are not a Christian, but if you are, then you have no argument against those who believe.

I do not claim to support the murders of abortion doctors committed by Griffin and Salvi, but Ralph Reed is no murderer. Your disparaging of him ("spewing forth his own little threats") is uncalled for. He is a true Christian, faithful to what the Bible says (you have probably never read it) and a better man than you. You should apologize for writing such things in your editorial. Sometimes we forget that we are talking about real people. Only when you realize the humanity of the other side can you come to terms with them.

Finally, I would like to mention there is nothing wrong with the Christian Coalition trying to influence the Republican Party. If it were not for our vote they would not have won back in November; they need to remember that. As for Governor William Weld, he, like most liberal Republicans, are more concerned with money than God. The Bible says the love of money is a root of all evil. They err in not putting God first. 

Do you have an opinion? Please send us any and all Letters to the Editor, Bent Vent submissions, questions for Sage, or free-lance submissions at *The Bent Tree* office, or contact any staff member at the *benttree* address on e-mail.

Sage

Dear Sage,

I have an extremely complex problem. I have a major crush on one of the professors here at the college. Every time he walks by, or he is working in his office and I catch a glimpse of him, my heart jumps to my throat. I know there are plenty of guys my own age, but this professor has them all beat. Help me please!

--"Speechless in Speech class"

Dear "Speechless",

Girl, we all know who he is! That man is the best thing to happen to this school since Keanu Reeves or Denzel Washington were in G-132. Mr. Prof. is so fine, every girl on campus dreams of his wavy brown hair and his sweet face! But get a hold of yourself, the last I heard he

had a woman, and if he didn't there is way too much competition for you to have a chance. So, get a grip, find a new man, and quit buggin'. If you think you have a chance, which you don't (because I am after him too), quit this school and go to him with your revelation.

Dear Sage,

There is this guy I am interested in, but I don't know if I should let him know to what extent. I know my parents would not approve because he is not from our same social circle. He is 27 and has already been divorced. The thing that bothers me the most is that he is a male exotic dancer. That little fact alone would send my mother to an early grave and have me exiled from my clique. I do not know what to do! He is so sweet and so exciting. But is getting involved with him worth the consequences?

--"To Tell or Not to Tell"

Dear "To Tell",

You are shallow! To be so concerned about what will happen because he is not of your "social circle" is low! Just because the man is not everything your friends think that he should be, should not matter. If you really care about him then it shouldn't matter what he does, or who he is! Some of the best people are not the ones everyone approves.

Your parents should get to know the person behind his image, and see him for who he is. If you really care about him and he treats you good, then they will probably like him.

Where does he dance at? We can all go check him out, maybe someone less pompous will give him the love he deserves!

Sage

Submissions to Sage can be submitted to the *benttree* e-mail address or *The Bent Tree's* mailbox in D-223

The Bent Vent

TELL IT LIKE IT IS

We ought to have a really nice, formal dance in the beginning of the fall quarter at an equally nice place.

There are never any activities here like there are at other colleges.

People here never socialize; they just go to class and then leave.

Where is the HIV education on campus?

Why don't we have any pool tables?

Where is our own radio station? Can we have one?

What would it take for the computer lab to be open more? The library open, too?

Hey, The Bent Tree . . . it's called spell check--use it!

The Bent Vent is an opinion-based column that expresses the candid views of the student body at large. No names are ever used but student status is verified. If you have something that you would like to "Vent" then please drop it in *The Bent Tree* mailbox (D-223) or slide it under *The Bent Tree* office door. You must be an enrolled CSC student. All submissions are verified by social security number.

Dolores Claiborne: Latest King Movie Predictable

by
Cynthia
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Staff
Writer



Kathy Bates and Jennifer Jason Leigh star in the latest big screen version of a Stephen King novel, *Dolores Claiborne*.

Bates, who won an Oscar for her role in *Misery*, plays Dolores. Leigh (*Single White Female*) plays her estranged daughter, Selena--a reporter for *Esquire* magazine.

In 1975, Dolores' abusive husband, Joe, was killed. Most of the

people in the small Maine town, including Selena, believe Dolores to be guilty of the crime. However, Dolores was never indicted, and the death was ruled an accident.


As *Dolores Claiborne* begins, 18 years after Joe's death, Dolores is once again in the middle of what appears to be a murder. Her longtime employer, Vera Donovan (Judy Parfitt), is dead, and Dolores was seen standing over her body holding a rolling pin.

When she is arrested, her daughter Selena comes to try to help unravel the mystery surrounding her mother and the alleged murder (though how Selena manages is another story, considering her drinking and pill popping habits).

Throughout the movie, Dolores

tells Selena stories of a horrid past, which Selena has blocked from her memory. The stories, shown by a series of flashbacks, show Selena's father, Joe, to be an excessive drinker, guilty of physical, verbal, and sexual abuse.

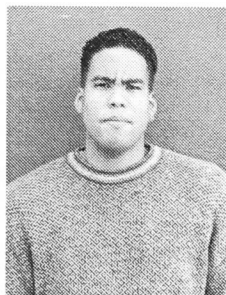
Selena, however, does not believe the stories until flashbacks of her own bring back the suppressed memories. At this point, she sees her mother in a new light. She makes attempts to defend Dolores and prevent her from being indicted for Donovan's murder.

Is she successful in these attempts? Well, if you are not looking for excessive gore, and you do not mind a sometimes predictable plot, perhaps you should check out *Dolores Claiborne* and find out the results on your own. 

Damn, That's Gotta Hurt!

by
James
Taylor

Staff
Writer



Are you interested in enhancing your sex life? Are you searching for that one way to really get back at you parents? Do you want lots of attention? Well, if you answered yes to any of these questions, and pain is something you enjoy, then let me welcome you to the world of body torture otherwise known as body piercing.

Now that I have piqued your interest, let me take you through the

whole process. The first step in body piercing is to find exactly where and what you want to have pierced. Your imagination is your only limitation. Piercings, in general, are usually in the tongue, lips, nose, eyebrow, and nipple. For some people, however, these mundane locations just aren't good enough. If you are a freak and are looking for that little extra sexual stimulation, then genital piercing may be what you are seeking. From what I have heard from women who have had their labia done--it is an experience. For them, walking is quite hard to do with out some sort of arousal. On the other hand, it is a very different experience for males.

Men can have more creativity with their piercings. Males can pierce the scrotum, the shaft or even the



Staff Photo

Even tongue-piercing is possible. "Now, this may sting a little." head of the penis.

Once you have decided where you want your ring inserted, the second step is to find a reputable piercer. I would personally recommend anyone practicing in the Little Five — *Pierce continued on page 7* —

E-mail: *Getting An Address And Living To Tell About It.*

by
Aimee
Ford

Assistant
Editor



If you've been a student here at CSC for even a very short period of time, you've no doubt heard about the InterNet and electronic-mail (e-mail) addresses. Feeling a little overwhelmed? OK, **very** overwhelmed? Does the mention of a computer make your skin crawl?

Let me make getting an e-mail address as painless as possible for you. During my first quarter here, I was told that as a member of the newspaper staff, I needed an e-mail address. I put it off for as long as possible out of my own "fear of the computer." Sounds like a topic for Oprah does it not, folks?: "Intelligent People Scared of Computers."

At any rate, I hope to make getting an e-mail address simple for you.

Let us start with where you need

to go: Go to the library; you need to go downstairs. Look to your left and you will see a set of double doors. Go through them (you will not be trapped--the doors will let you back out).

You will probably see a lady at a desk. If you would like to be friendly, say "hi." You will want turn to the right and go down the hall next to her desk. Go into either of the first two doors and . . . you have arrived!!! You are in the computer lab!

Pick any computer, sit down, relax. The power button is on the front of the computer; for the screen, it's at the bottom of the monitor. Turn both on. After a few tense moments, you will see a prompt that tells you to enter a login name. You will need to type "**getid**" (no spaces) and press enter.

The computer will ask you a series of questions to verify that you are a student (phone number, address, date of birth, social security number) and present you with a copy of an agreement (read this if you don't want to break any rules and make anyone angry).


Here is a hint for you: if the computer tells you that some part of your information was not valid--try substituting your work telephone number for your home number. In some cases this has fixed the problem.

After you have finished answering the series of questions, the computer will assign you an address. If your name is John Smith, for instance, your address might look something like this:

jsmi4q1@s1.peachnet.csc.edu

Okay, so it's not quite so simple as 123 Maple Street, but you will get accustomed to it. Write this address down. Also, write down your chosen password. *You will need it later.*

Now that you have gotten your address, you can turn that computer and monitor off and go back out through those double doors. When you leave the library, hold your head high, chin up. You have boldly gone where others have gone before. Be proud.

Be sure to check *The Bent Tree* next issue and I will tell you what you can do with your address now that you have it. 

Points area. Deann Cooper, located in the Urban Tribe shop, and Brian Skellie, of the Piercing Experience are two of the best around. They both are certified piercers and have sanitary establishments, keys to a good practice. They are also knowledgeable about the subject and welcome all inquiries.

Piercings run from \$40 to over \$100. This depends on the location and gauge of the ring. Just to give you something to go on, a tongue

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piercing runs about \$45 (the ring is about \$20 and the piercing about \$25). Or, if you are really hard-core, you could just buy the ring and do it yourself. I did my first time.

By the way, piercers do not use **any** local anesthesia.

After you have been tagged, the next step is to properly care your new piercing--because infections are not fun. For piercings of the body, a diluted solution of Hibiclens applied

twice a day is recommended. For facial piercings, Bactine should be applied two to three times a day to the wound. Hibiclens is highly poisonous and should not be applied to facial piercings. And for oral piercings?-- Listerine and Gly-oxide should be used.

To speed up the healing process keep hands, hair, and tight clothing away from your piercing. Avoid drug use, excessive tugging and pulling,

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