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CSC Hosts Honors Program

by Zamzam Syed
Staff Writer

There is a honors program in the works at CSC. Many institutions across the state and the nation offer similar programs for exceptional students. The program at CSC, which is proposed to begin in Fall of 1995, will have some apparently appealing aspects.

First, all students who are admitted to the program will be loaned a lap top computer and will have unlimited access to the InterNet. Second, the students accepted to the program will receive a \$500 honors scholarship.

An additional benefit of the program will be the personal interaction between students and instructors. The students will have guidance counselors from different fields of study to direct the student's ability and interest.

According to President Skinner,

however, the most important aspect of the program seems to be the real world connections it will provide for its participants. The honors students will have several opportunities to meet with executives from Delta Airlines, Georgia Power, and several other community and political leaders. This will provide the

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students with the type of training and experience to take on the job world after graduation.

Finally, the program will create an honors society on campus whose members will be able to represent the school to the community and act as ambassadors for the college.

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Staff Photo

Dr. Gene Hatfield heads the CSC honors program.

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SGA Election Results

President
Natalie Hynson
Yes-113 No-5

Vice President
Thomas Stafford
Yes-107 No-12

Secretary
Kristin Fowler
Yes-107 No-10

Treasurer
Clayton Vaughn
Yes-106 No-11

*Total Ballots-119.
Voter turnout @ 2.636%.



Special Photo by Lance E. Foster

Dean Bolander swears in (l-r) Natalie Hynson, Thomas Stafford, and Kristin Fowler

Your E-Mail Lacks Privacy

by

Melissa
R. Mayo

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Manager



The students of CSC are rapidly gaining access to their own personal e-mail accounts. In doing this, many of us are not realizing that these accounts, while personal, are not exactly private.

The Communication Privacy Act of 1986, while prohibiting "outside" interception of e-mail by a third party without proper authorization, does not vindicate electronic mail privacy within a governmental institution. Recent rulings show that the public has the right to review any documents created by government e-mail systems. Other rulings have also indicated that companies who own the media on which e-mail is implemented have the right to read anything created on that media.

Cheryl Garvin, the Network Supervisor at CSC, stresses "Anybody can come in and look at your e-mail. The public has a right to view all government documents. E-mail is not private--especially at a state college."

There is, however, a procedure that must be followed before anyone can gain access to your account through legitimate means. A network supervisor must be informed in the case of such an event and the approval of the account user must be secured. Yet in the case of wrongdoing on the part of the user, government officials (i.e. the police) can secure access through the supervisor without the consent of the user.

The official gaining of e-mail access is not the only trouble that an account user should beware of. In fact, it is one

of the lesser worries of those who are abiding by computer etiquette. According to a memo sent by Dr. Bob Siegmann of the Computer Services Committee, that committee "strongly endorses the view of the Division Advisory Panel of the National Science Foundation Division of Network, Communications Research and Infrastructure which, in paraphrase, characterized as unethical and unacceptable any activity which

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CSC Network Supervisor

purposely... compromises the privacy of users."

However, certain situations should be considered by every user while composing e-mail messages. For instance, you could accidentally send a message to the wrong user or group. Consider the ramifications involved if that message is received by someone that it is not intended for. Another unpleasant scenario would be leaving your personal computer on with Pegasus running while you go for a break. Anyone could read messages that you have received or stored, not to mention they could send messages from your account. You would be the one blamed for such messages.

Account users should also be aware that mail messages can get lost and redirected to the network supervisor. Ms. Garvin explains, "There are instances when e-mail comes to our

attention. If, say, you send an e-mail to an invalid address, the letter will bounce servers and come to a supervisor, either Abate (Zewide) or myself. We try to get them promptly to whomever they are for; but in that process, we may have to purposely or accidentally read the mail. We do not want to, but it just happens in this instance."

There are ways that students and faculty can protect themselves against invasion of privacy, whether it be malicious or innocent, within the network. Student lab assistant Cheryl Young suggests, "A second password to protect users while in the program is one way to prevent unwelcome circumstances. After gaining access to your account, go to Electronic Mail and choose Preferences from the menu. By selecting General settings, you can use the prompt to require a password for start-up. Choose a "y" for yes. This will make it mandatory for you to enter your password twice so that, in the instance that you accidentally leave your personal computer on while you are away from it, no one can use your account to send out bizarre messages."

Conan McCollum, a Computer Information Systems major at CSC, advises "You can ensure adequate e-mail security by utilizing a separate password for each e-mail sent. To use this function, press F9 while in e-mail and choose Encrypt Message. It will ask you for a password when you send the message. Only the person receiving the e-mail can read the e-mail if they know the password. This will ensure that only sender and receiver knowing the password can view the e-mail."

Cheryl Garvin has even easier guidelines for account users to live by. "Don't send anything that you wouldn't want published in a newspaper."



Think Safety: CSC Sergeant Offers Advice

by Sgt. Keith Rader
CSC Police Department

As the Sergeant at the CSC Police Department, it has occurred to me that many people on campus are not aware of who we are and what we can do.

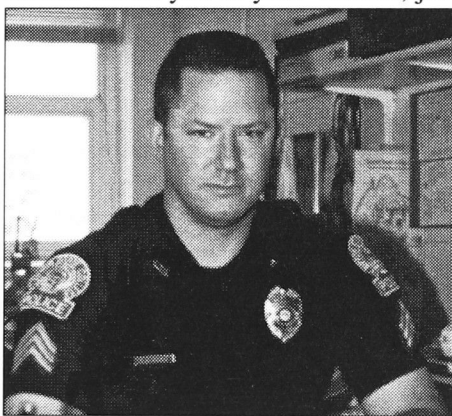
The CSC Police Department (a.k.a. Public Safety) is a state law enforcement agency with 12 officers and 2 dispatchers/office personnel. Officers are not security guards. Every one is a state certified law enforcement officer. Many officers have served at other police departments and sheriff's offices. Each attended and graduated from a state certified police academy, and is authorized to enforce the law.

The department is here to "serve and protect" the people at CSC through the enforcement of federal, state and local laws and ordinances. We provide traffic control, and investigate all incidents on campus. We do everything a municipal police department does. In addition, we secure buildings and provide services to the patrons at CSC.

If you have a dead battery, or have locked your keys in your car we will send an officer to jump start it, or

attempt to open your car door. These are free services, but you must provide a driver's license and student/faculty I.D. and sign a waiver.

If you attend night classes, or work late on campus, and feel unsafe walking back to your car alone, we will have an officer escort you to your vehicle; just



Staff Photo

CSC Sgt. Keith Rader

give us a call.

If you have lost something, or have found something someone else has lost, you may inquire, or drop off the item at our office in D-206. All items turned in after hours will be turned over to Lost and Found in D-223 (the Deans Office) the following business day.

Officers are assigned to many of the campus and off-campus events, includ-

ing movies, parties and social events. The officers assist with emergencies which may occur and help ensure the safety of the events.

The department sponsors safety seminars during the year, which serve to inform participants how they can make their time at CSC and away from campus safer.

Being new on campus can be confusing. If you have questions about how to locate buildings, or off-campus locations, our officers will try to assist you.

Conversely, there are a few things we cannot do. We cannot "fix" tickets you may have received. We cannot provide legal advice other than quoting the law. We cannot recommend lawyers, wreckers, taxis, mechanics, restaurants or hotels. We cannot give rides unless it is in the course of handling a call or emergency.

In addressing the issue of personal safety, I should point out that ultimately, YOU are responsible for your safety. As police officers we will do everything within our legal limits to make your time at CSC as safe as possible, but we cannot be everywhere all the time.



CSC Crime Statistics

Crimes	1992	1993	1994
Murders	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0
Rape (statutory/incest)	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0
Burglary	6	2	1
Auto Theft	1	0	1
Arson	0	0	0
Arrests	1992	1993	1994
Alcohol	4	1	1
Drug Abuse	0	0	1
Weapons	0	0	0

Safety Tips

1. Walk in groups or use the escort service.
2. Don't use the ATM machines at night.
3. If you parked in a distant parking lot, have a friend drive you to your car and stay until you have started your car.
4. Use the parking lot emergency phones to report suspicious people, car trouble or accidents. To use an emergency phone (there is one in every major parking lot on campus) open the yellow box and pick up the handset. Then press the red button and wait for the dispatcher to answer.
5. Lock valuables in your car trunk or glove box, including purses, CD cases, pull-out/removable face stereos, book bags, and books.
6. Lock your car when leaving it, look inside before entering it, and lock it once you are back inside it.
7. Take the self defense course of your choice and practice it. It is good for the body, mind, and spirit.
8. Finally, be aware of your surroundings and be positive in your actions. Show confidence and don't look like a victim.

Sage

Dear Sage,

I have a problem that may cause a great rift among my family, and my boyfriend's family, and I don't know what to do.

See, we are of different racial backgrounds. We are very much in love and we get along great, the only problem is dealing with our families. We have been told by a select few of them that if we are happy, then they are happy for us, but it is the rest of them that concerns us. My father has always been very against this and many of his family members find this "hard to swallow" also.

We only want to be together. We love each other more than either of us has ever experienced, and we want to be married. Please help us to know what we should do. I know that all of the family should know before we get married, I'm scared of what they will do. I want them all to be happy for us. Is that too much to ask?

--What is race anyway?

Dear "What is race anyway",

I like the name you chose, I think too many people get caught up in the past, and differences that are not really that different. Have you ever noticed that there are many different people on this small planet, and that beneath the different colors, there is the same blood, cells, and heart? We all have different toppings, but the inside is the same. There is a difference in having a grasp of where you came from, and denying everyone else because they do not fit into that group. Do you know how many people have missed out on the greatest friendships, business opportunities, and LOVE all because of color? That has to be the greatest misfortune of life.

I understand that you both are concerned about what your families think, because of all the people in the world, families are suppose to be a close bond. But sometimes others do not understand how others can be happier in something that they may not think is "right". Your families do need to be told. Do it gently, but firmly. If you believe in prayer, do that before you tell them. Be strong, let your families know how you two truly feel about each other. They will probably tell you how hard it is in society for a couple of different "racial" backgrounds. That may be somewhat true, but society is hard on any couple, not just you.

If the two of you are in love, and willing to make the sacrifices that any other couple would have to make, then I say go for it! Be happy and hold onto true love with every fiber of your beings!! (I know that when I find the kind of love you two have I will NOT let it go, I do not care if the man is black or white, as long as he loves me and we are happy!) True love is too rare to dispose of simply due to color. That would be the greatest tragedy of life, to lose someone that you truly loved that loved you, because of something as simple as pigmentation.

Don't let go!!! Always hold onto true love in whatever wrapping it comes in!

Sage

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

Letters to the Editor:

by Helen L. Brackett

Alumni and Part time Instructor

Regarding "Pot Party: Police Weed-out Includes CSC Student" in the April 12 issue.

First, please understand that I totally support your right to your opinion, although my opinion may not be the same. Perhaps you should reconsider a few things:

- 1 Marijuana is an illegal drug.
2. If you stand close to the fire, you might get burned--or, to put it another way, what was your friend doing at the pot festival in the first place? He may indeed have a legitimate complaint against the police, but you have to admit that circumstances were against him.
3. The most eloquent statements ever made either supporting or denying a position do not use name calling or degrading remarks to make their point. Instead, they rely on words and feelings from the heart that make a person think, and perhaps, reconsider their feelings. Your point was lost in your choice of words.
4. I hope that in a moment of true need, one of those cops will still be there. Perhaps then you too, will reconsider.

by Charles H. Huff

CSC Student

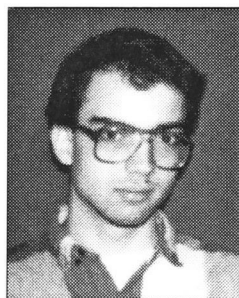
I am embarrassed by the childlike articles that have been written by my fellow students as of late in *The Bent Tree*. In particular those articles that have been written on the abortion issue.

We fellow students must learn to respect each others' opinions; not that we

— See *Letter* continued on page 5 —

The Trees Are Falling???

by
**Robert
Young**
Staff
Writer



The yellow ribbons seen near the library lately are not to remember the Gulf War or some missing child. These yellow ribbons mean that a death sentence for the tree encircled has been decreed. With a number of trees coming down in the past two years, one has to wonder whether the rich environmental legacy left by former CSC President Harry Downs is being eroded.

Harry Downs, the founding president of CSC, built a place of learning in the middle of the forest--a place with a peaceful garden atmosphere, where man can live in harmony with his surroundings. From the pristine lake front to the Bradford pears in spring, Downs was ahead of his time and left today's generation with a rich environmental legacy that must be protected.

Things have begun to change lately.

Last year, several stately pines were deemed too close to the Round and C-buildings; they were cut down. Next, it was determined that a wider plaza in front of the library was needed for assembly; several stately pines were felled. This was followed by the power company cutting several large oaks, pines, and poplars that were near (but not interfering with) the power lines. Finally, there was that unfortunate accident in March in which a tree was nearly toppled by a pickup that slid off the road as a result of bad weather. (Fortunately, the driver was not killed).

Now, Rob Taylor, Director of Student Activities, wants to put up a volleyball court by the library. He wants to use the space occupied by the present volleyball court to build a basketball court. This would, of course, require the removal of several large trees, as well as a Bradford pear. Trees aside (literally), one has to question whether a volleyball court would even fit in the space. The ball would likely go over the ledge next to the library frequently. Other sites should be looked at before any cutting takes place.

These separate cases by themselves are not too much. CSC still has plenty of

trees. However, taken together, these instances indicate a trend toward deforestation that could result if a long-range plan for the future is not carefully mapped out. Downs proved that development doesn't have to mean environmental destruction. God gave man dominion over the Earth; we need to protect and care for our planet, not destroy it. As we celebrate the 25th anniversary of Earth Day, we need to map out a plan for the future that takes both growth and environment into consideration. And don't forget to plant a tree if your yard doesn't have one.



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have to agree, but we must respect. I see no good that can come from attacking other's views; remember you can win others with sugar quicker than with salt and vinegar. Remember also that we can learn from one another, if we blind ourselves by being biased in our views then there is no way either side can come to an understanding of why the other side feels the way they do.

Also, in regard to Robert Young's article, I would ask that he and all fellow Christians remember that atheists believe the highest power of all is logic and reason, not God. Please remind any atheist that he is breaking this rule by not gathering all information before forming an opinion, even information that he does not in particular agree with.

To the Christians at CSC, I would like to remind them that Jesus tells you to love your neighbor as yourself and to turn the other cheek. This should be done even with those you do not agree with. Mr. Young failed to do this in his article. I doubt the god he believes in would have resorted to name calling such as this.



The Bent Vent

TELL IT LIKE IT IS

Is the computer lab supposed to be kept like a sauna?

Body piercing . . . please--no more!

Who has the time to go to the cafeteria to get a watered-down coke?

Why even bother to vent? Is anybody listening?

SGA elections . . . what a joke!

How about some lighting?

Do we really need faculty advisers?

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.

What Do I Do With My E-mail Account?

by
**Aimee
Ford**
Assistant
Editor



If you're one of those confused souls who has an e-mail address but honestly doesn't know why or what to do with it, here's your answer!

First of all, you really should check your mail every few days. Go back to the lab, sit down, make yourself comfortable, and turn that computer on.

This time when the prompt "enter your login name" appears on the screen, you'll enter your address. You don't need to put the "@S1.csc.peachnet.edu" though. That just says that your address is at Clayton State College and that's a little obvious to the computer.

Then enter your password (I told you that you'd need to remember it). If you

do this the right way, the computer, friendly little machine that it is, will even greet you. . . Now do you feel special?

The screen will then turn an attractive shade of turquoise and ask for your course name. Press enter. You don't need to type anything there.

Next, you'll see a menu with three choices (Sorry no bacon double cheese-burgers here). Choose #2 and that will get you to your e-mail.

At the next menu, press N so that you can check your new mail. Good news, Ed McMahon will not appear on your screen promising ten million. You may get some junk mail but then you can have the satisfaction of deleting that.

To read a message, use the arrows, highlight, it, and press enter; to get rid of the message, press delete.

When you are reading a message and you are ready to go back to your list of messages, just press Esc.

If you would like to send a message to someone, press Esc again and go back to the menu. Type an S for sending a mail message.

At the top of the screen, you'll type the address of the person you're sending the message to.

What?! You say you don't know their address? If they are a student here at CSC, no problem! Press F2 and type in the person's name. When their address magically appears, press enter and it'll move to the top of the screen.

Next you come up with some sort of title and press Enter. Then you type your deeply personal and meaningful message. When you're finished, press Ctrl and Enter at the same time. The computer will as if you'd like to Accept and Continue: press Enter again.

Well, now you've done it. You've checked your mail and sent some back. But there's even more excitement lurking around the corner. Just when you thought life couldn't possibly be better.

Be sure to check *The Bent Tree* again next issue and I'll tell you even more than you've ever wanted to know about e-mail. Is this better than the afternoon talk shows or what?!



Honors continued from page 1

To enter CSC's honors program, a student needs to have a 3.0 G.P.A. and score at least 1000 points on the SAT and be an entering freshmen. If you are an existing student, however, then you are not allowed into the program. "When Hope grants were first instituted, a certain number of students could not qualify due to the time they entered college. The same is true with this program," says Dr. Hatfield.

Dr. Skinner presented a similar reason for such an exclusion: "One of the goals of the program is to recruit new students. CSC has never aggressively tried to recruit students, and this program is a way to arouse student interest in the school." He then added, "The program may begin to expand as

soon as next year, and in five to six years the honors student body will resemble the student body at large."

Another aspect of the program, which caused some concern among the faculty was the presentation of lap top computers to honors students. In the March 3 Faculty Forum meeting concerns were raised about what the school is doing to provide such updated computer services for the faculty. President Skinner responded that all is being done to help the faculty despite limited resources.

"The purpose behind the program is to attract honors students, and it is very difficult and competitive to do so," Skinner added.

Mr. Hatfield asserted that meetings

were held after the March 3 meeting to address faculty concerns, and according to him, all concerns have been addressed, most of those concerns are no longer in existence, and the faculty is in full support of the program.



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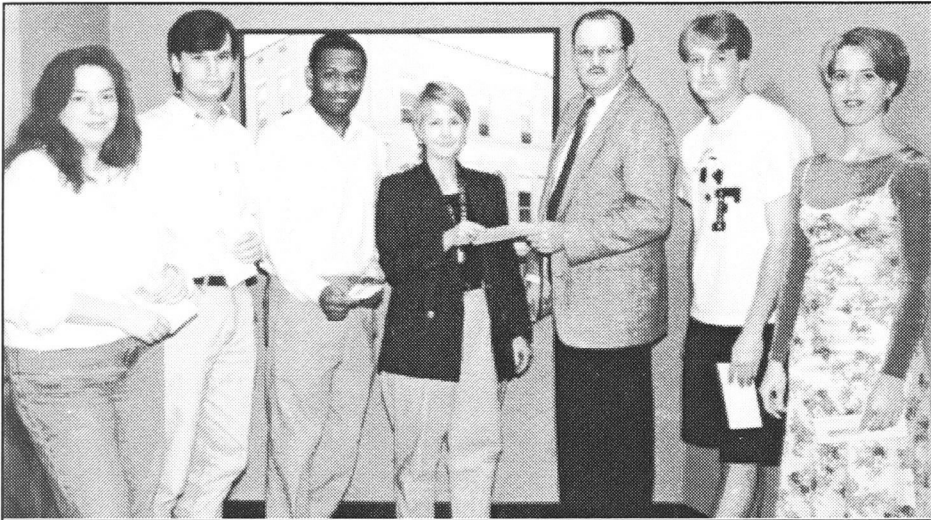


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SCHOLARSHIP--Shannon Austin (center), a second-year nursing major at CSC, received a \$516 full-tuition scholarship check from the Morrow Civic Woman's Club for her educational accomplishments. Making the presentation were Becky Sanders (right), recording secretary of the Woman's Club, and Mamie Jefferys (left), the club's corresponding secretary.



Photo Courtesy of Public Information

ART WINNERS--Winners in this year's Purchase Awards Art Competition at CSC were presented checks by Rob Taylor, Director of Student Activities, during an awards ceremony recently. Pictured from left are Claudia Flint, Lance Foster, Charlie Harris, Jeannie Holton, Taylor, Trent Allgood, and Kersten Mueller. Other winners not pictured were Leslie Lawrence and Matthew Daniel.



Photo by Jerry Atkins

Volunteers gathered at Lee Street Park in Jonesboro last month to complete a beautiful project on behalf of the Clayton 96 Coordinating Committee. Among the volunteers showing their community support of the upcoming 1996 Olympic Games were a number of dedicated CSC students such as Bernie Brown (shown here, poised for action). Cute hat.

GOING TO STATE--Jason Thorne (third from left) was named the top vocational/technical scholar in the south metropolitan Atlanta area at a recent meeting of the Clayton County Rotary Club. Thorne is a drafting student at CSC. Pictured (l-r) are Steve Rick, President of the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce; Gene Gullidge, President of the Rotary Club, Thorne; Tom Eddins, Associate Professor of Drafting Technology at CSC; Ron Pergl, instructor of drafting and design; and Dr. Wally Shakun, Dean of the School of Technology at CSC.

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by
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Stafford

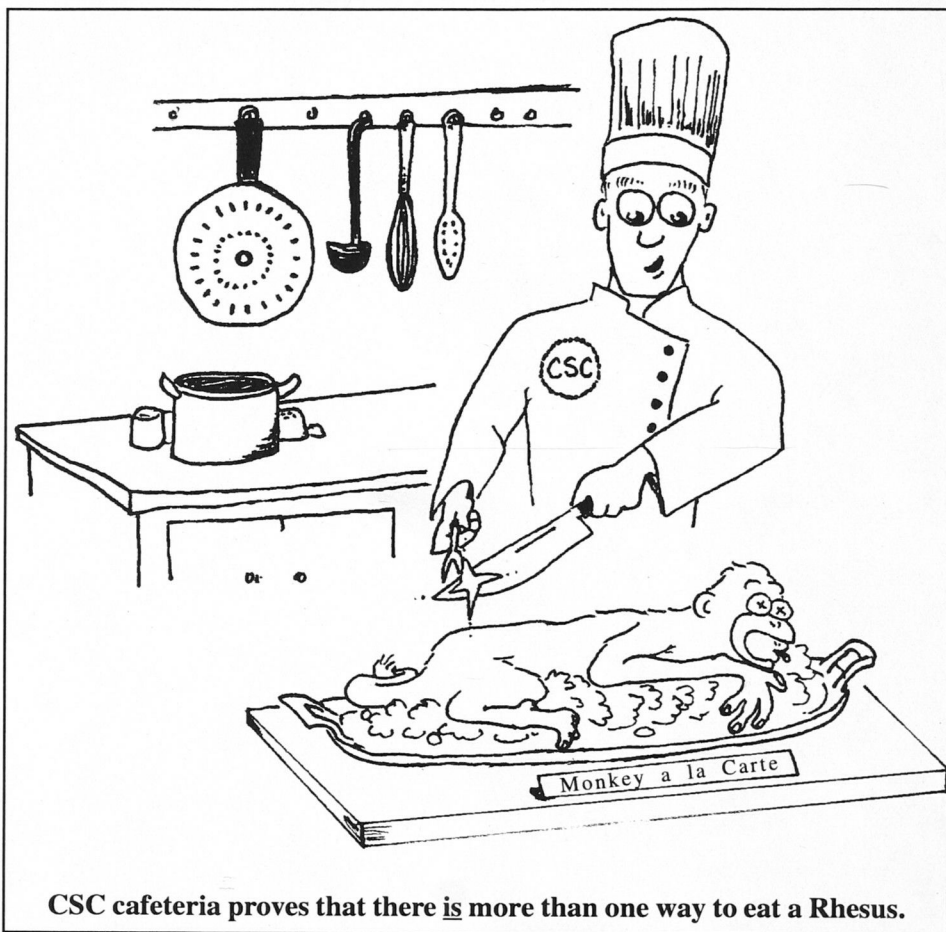
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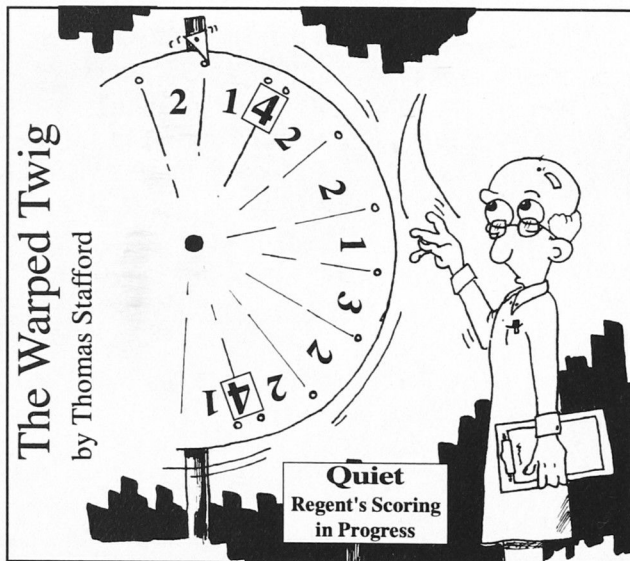
Don't Forget The Regent's Test!

You must register your choice of the date and time that you plan to take the Regent's Test. Register in the Counseling and Career Planning Center, room D-214, by Friday, April 28th.

Questions?
Call 961-3515



CSC cafeteria proves that there is more than one way to eat a Rhesus.



The Next Deadline For
The Bent Tree

is:

High Noon, Friday the 5th of May

Top Ten...

... things said about items on the CSC Cafeteria menu:

10. "Was that coffee?"
9. With sarcasm, "Boy, was that fresh."
8. "Have they ever heard of variety?"
7. "Now I know why the ducks are scared."
6. "Hello? Is there anybody here?"
5. "Do I get a refill?"
4. "Is this a bagel or a modified hockey puck?"
3. "I had no idea that there were so many uses for road kill."
2. "I never knew pastry had such a long shelf life."
1. "How much??!!!"