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Two Director Positions Filled in Department of Information Technology Services

Courtesy of Public Information

Two positions in the Department of Information Technology Services at Clayton State College have been filled as of July 1. Robert E. Fox, Jr. has been named as Director of Library Services and Ronald Barden has been named as Director of Administrative Systems.

Fox, who joined the Clayton State faculty in July of 1991 as the Reference/Bibliographic Instruction Librarian, had served as the Interim Director of Library Services since August of 1992. Fox manages and evaluates the effectiveness of all aspects of library operations, including fiscal, personnel, and collection areas. He supervises a staff of 14 and administers an annual library budget of \$730,000. In addition, he represents Clayton State at statewide library meetings and workshops.

Fox earned an Associate's degree in busi-

ness from Brunswick Junior College and both his bachelor's and master's degrees in finance and business administration from the University of Georgia. He earned a second master's degree in library science from Clark Atlanta University.

Prior to joining the Clayton State Faculty, he held positions with the United States Treasury Department in Atlanta before taking a part-time position as a reference librarian with the Atlanta University Center's Woodruff Library while completing his master's degree.

As Director of Administrative Services, Ronald Barden assumes leadership of all phases of planning, design, technical implementation, maintenance, and upgrading the College's computer information systems. He will direct a team composed of programmer/analysts, database specialists, and operations personnel.

Working closely with all offices on campus,

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Clayton State Students Find Slow-Going on the Information Superhighway

By Cheryl Young, editor in chief

Since Clayton State College started providing electronic mail accounts for its students in the 1994 Fall Quarter, over 1,200 students have activated e-mail accounts.

Now a growing number of these students are expressing an interest in dial-in services and World Wide Web (WWW) access.

Dial-in services would allow students who have a computer and modem to access their e-mail accounts from off campus. The WWW electronically links computers throughout the world, allowing users to browse and access information on virtually any subject.

According to CSC President Richard Skinner, Clayton State is presently considering the implementation of such services for students in the future, however the College must first resolve logistical problems. One of the major concerns is budget constraints.

"Computing is not a frill anymore," said Skinner. "I can't promise we'll have the service by this fall. I don't want to frustrate students anymore. But, I can tell you that we are committed to providing these services for students."

According to Dr. Jim Davis, Interim Direc-

tor of Information and Technology Services, the College will first have to allocate funds to purchase a file server and remote server with enough ports and lines to support student access.

"The pie doesn't get any bigger," Davis said. "We can only slice it differently."

According to Davis, the Board of Regents' Office of Information Technology is currently looking into alternatives so the students can have internet access without the colleges providing it directly.

One alternative would be to have outside cor-

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Off-Campus Computer Access

- 66.4 percent of CSC students have access to a computer at home
- 51.5 percent of CSC students have access to a computer at work
- 36.3 percent of CSC students have access to a modem at home
- 16.4 percent of CSC students have access to a modem at work

Information compiled by CSC Department of Institutional Research. Survey had 220 respondents.

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porations provide internet services to the students at a reduced cost. The schools will have to decide who will absorb the expenses and how much of the cost will be passed along to students.

Another concern for the college is the bandwidth, or the processing capabilities of the cabling, needed to allow access to the WWW. Without the proper bandwidth, people accessing WWW on campus may slow the network down for all those using it.

"My only concern is that the dial-in service would slow down the system that some find slow already," noted Marc Zieg, a Clayton State student.

Dial-in access to e-mail, however, would not need excessively large bandwidth. The implementation of dial-in access to e-mail alone would therefore be less expensive according to Davis.

Many instructors on campus have incorporated the internet into their courses by encouraging students to use WWW for information gathering and to use e-mail to turn in assignments and communicate with their instructor regarding class material. Dr. Rebecca Halyard, professor of Biology, is among many CSC faculty members who encourage students to take advantage of e-mail.

"Students are catching on to the fact that if they have a problem or something they don't understand, they can just e-mail me and get it cleared up right away rather than wait to see me in class or in my office," said Halyard.

Dial-in service could greatly improve communication between faculty and students, enhancing the learning environment. According to Skinner, however, it may be next year before the College makes a definite decision.☒

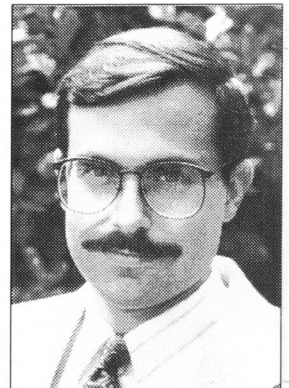
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personnel in the new Office of Administrative Systems will coordinate access to computer information with users representing diverse areas with equally diverse needs.

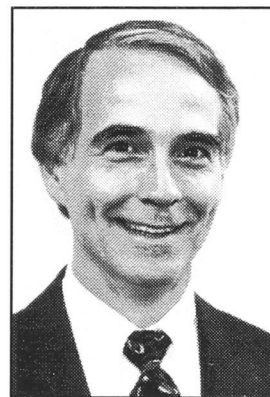
Barden earned an Associate's degree in data processing from Darton College in 1974, and ten years later received an associate's degree in business administration. In 1986 he claimed a bachelor's degree in management from Albany State College, and in 1991 completed a master's degree program in computer information systems at Georgia Southwestern College.

Starting as a programmer in the computer center at Darton College in 1979, Barden assumed increasing responsibilities for analyzing information needs of various offices and departments.

Under his direction, the computer center at Darton evolved from totally central processing to distributive data processing, using networked microcomputers and peripherals.☒



Bob Fox



Ron Barden

Early Registration for Fall Quarter Credit Degree Classes

Courtesy of Public Information

Early Registration for returning students enrolling in credit degree classes offered by Clayton State College during the Fall Quarter will begin on Monday, July 24, and continue for two weeks through Aug. 4.

Currently-enrolled or former students should contact their advisors to schedule an appointment.

New students should contact the College's Office of Admissions at 961-3500 to take advantage of special orientation and registration programs scheduled prior to the start of Fall Quarter classes.

Students seeking financial aid information should contact the College's Office of Financial Aid at 961-3511.

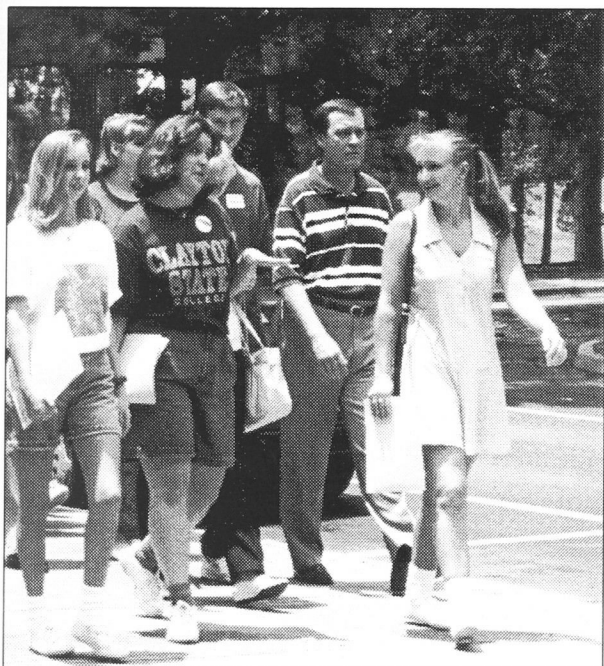
Fall Quarter classes will begin on Sept. 18 and conclude on Nov. 27, with final examinations scheduled between Nov. 28 and Dec. 2.

All questions dealing with college credit classes offered by Clayton State should be directed to the Office of Admissions, located in the Administration Building. Admissions is open between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Fridays, and between 8 a.m. and noon Saturdays.

New Orientation Points New Students in Right Direction

Courtesy of Public Information

Clayton State has expanded its new student orientation program to better familiarize incoming students to the College's campus and the school's policies and procedures.



SGA President Natalie Hynson (in dark shirt) works as one of 23 CSC Orientation Assistants

From late July through the middle of August, CSC will offer three day-long sessions and two evening sessions where students can meet with their advisor and register early for fall classes, take guided tours of campus and meet with CSC staff members and student leaders to learn about student life on campus.

Much of the sessions are led by orientation assistants - student leaders and young CSC staff members.

"This way new students hear about the College from their peers; they're not being forced to sit through lectures," said CSC's Director of Counseling, Patty Martin.

After new students meet their orientation assistants, the early part of the session focuses on student life outside of the classroom. A panel of current students invites and discusses questions from incoming students while the Director of Student Life and the coordinators of Multicultural Affairs and Job Placement also lead

discussions on what their departments offer.

After a picnic lunch, accompanied by skits and a video on student life, new students tour the campus and then meet with their advisor for class scheduling.

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Near the end of each session, students are issued identification cards, parking permits and a complimentary Clayton State T-shirt from the College's bookstore.

The orientation sessions, offered by invitation only, are divided by academic majors. Sessions I and I-A, held July 26 and 27, will include Arts and Sciences and Technology students, while Sessions II and II-A, held August 2 and 3, are for Business and Health Sciences majors. Session III on August 12 will welcome all students who missed the earlier sessions. ❧

CSC Hits Record Enrollment for 1995-'96

Courtesy of Public Information

Current CSC enrollment figures indicate that Clayton State College will remain as the fastest growing college in the 34-member University System of Georgia.

The unofficial enrollment for the 1995 Summer Quarter at Clayton State College stood at an all-time high of 2,678 on July 6, a 14.6 percent increase over the 2,337 who enrolled in the summer session last year.

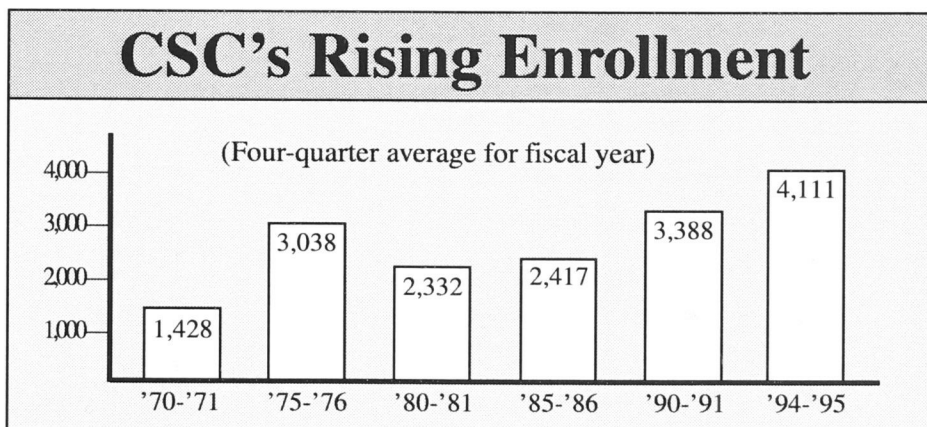
The College had anticipated another increase in enrollment this summer, continuing a trend established during the 1994 Fall Quarter. When the current Summer Quarter total is official, it will mark the fourth consecutive quarter for Clayton State to post record enrollments. CSC enrolled 4,895 students last fall, a 2.8 percent increase over the previous year and a slight increase over the previous high of

4,866 recorded in 1992. A 5.5 percent increase followed in January, 1995, when 4,680 students enrolled in Winter Quarter credit degree programs, erasing the previous record of 4,540 set in 1993.

Then, the Spring Quarter brought a 10.1 percent increase while the University System as a whole grew by just 0.9 percent. Clayton State vaulted to the top as

the fastest growing institution within the System with 4,532 students, clipping the previous Spring record of 4,284 set in 1993.

Spring Quarter totals also placed Clayton State atop System-wide increases in equivalent full-time students (16.1 percent increase) and quarter credit hours generated (up 17.0 percent). ❧



CSC'S FOOD CHAIN

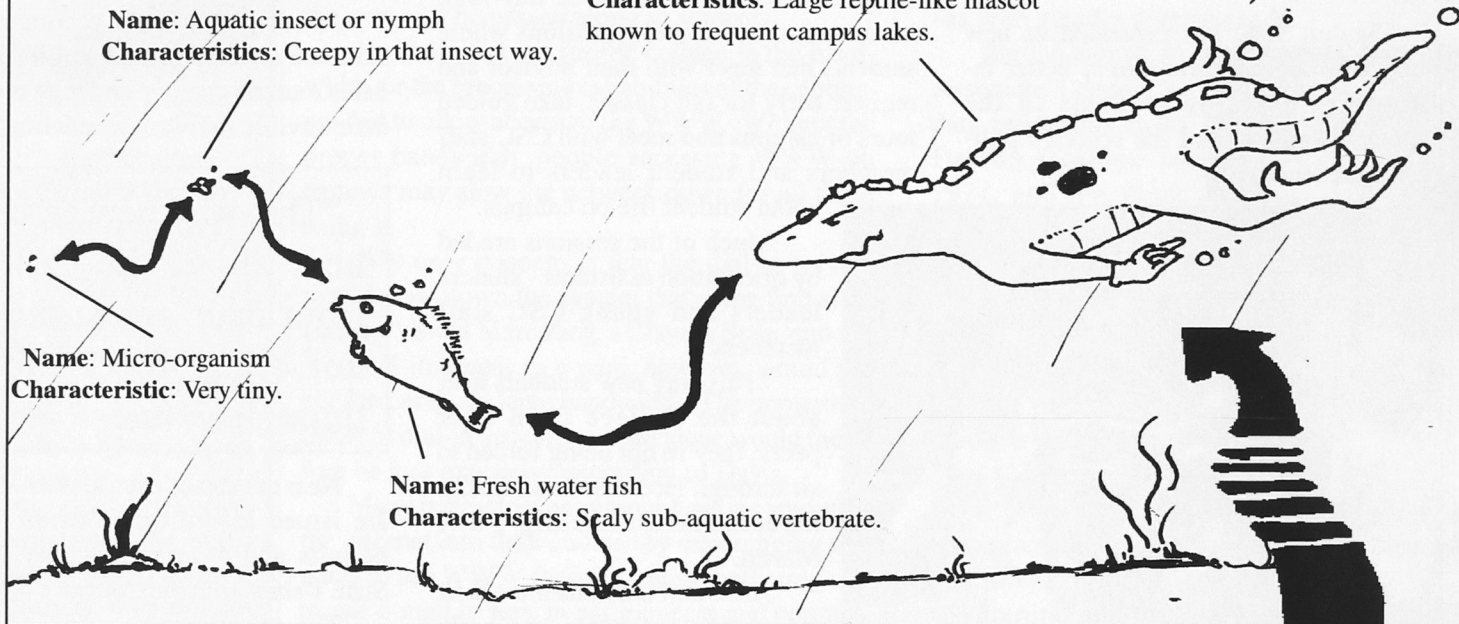
Name: Aquatic insect or nymph
Characteristics: Creepy in that insect way.

Name: Loch "The Lucky Laker"
Characteristics: Large reptile-like mascot known to frequent campus lakes.

Name: Micro-organism
Characteristic: Very tiny.

Name: Fresh water fish
Characteristics: Scaly sub-aquatic vertebrate.

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CSC Calendar

Monday and Tuesday, July 24 and 25

Regent's Testing

Monday, July 24 — Friday, August 4

Early Registration for Fall Quarter

Wednesday, July 26

New Student Orientation (by appointment only)

Thursday, July 27

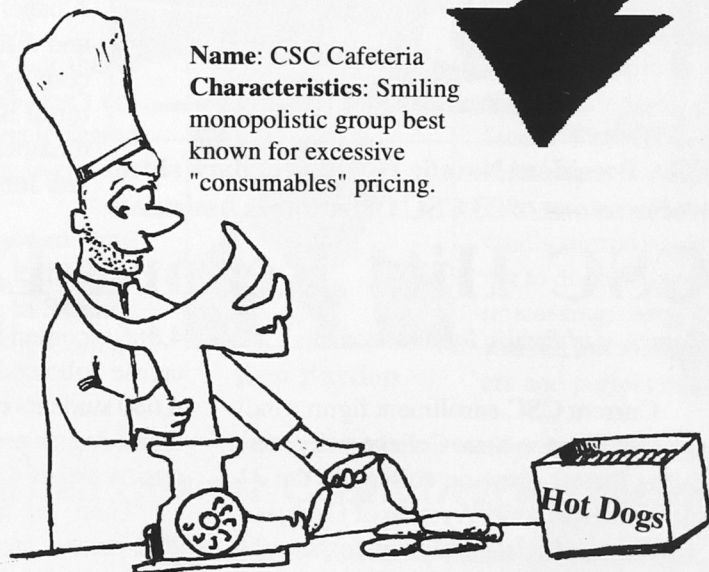
Fayette County Registration (at Fayette Co. High School)

Monday, July 31

Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)

Tuesday, August 1

Rockdale County Registration at the Rockdale Center for Higher Education



Name: CSC Cafeteria
Characteristics: Smiling monopolistic group best known for excessive "consumables" pricing.

By Thomas Stafford

Admissions Deadline:

August 25 is the **deadline** for new students to get their application and credentials (transcripts, etc.) for the 1995 Fall Quarter to the Admission's Office. Questions? Call 961-3502.

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