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Student Activity Period Resumes at CSC

by Melanie M. Hill

Do you need a moment in your hectic college day to grab a bite to eat, meet with friends or just take a breather? As of January 2, you can; the student activity period has been reinstated at Clayton State. College President, Dr. Richard Skinner, approved the 40 minute activity period after plea and petition from the Student Government Association (SGA). The period lasts from 12:20 to 1:00 p.m. every day, a time during which no classes are scheduled.

According to Natalie Hynson, the SGA president, the initial motivator for bringing back the activity hour was a group of complaints by student organizations. The Black Cultural Awareness Association (BCAA), for example, had difficulties planning weekly meetings around their members' class schedules. Becky Alexander, the president of the organization, sought the help of the student government, and it was not long until the plans for bringing back the period were underway. Deborah Greer, coordinator of multicultural affairs at CSC, helped the students design a petition that would eventually prove to be effective. The SGA solicited signatures for the petition at information table in the Student Center and the C-building lobby, explaining to students that this

Regents Approve New Degree

On January 9, the University System of Georgia's Board of Regents approved a new Bachelor of Applied Science degree for CSC and three other colleges in Georgia. The program has been targeted to begin in the fall of 1996, though students already enrolled will be able to begin some course work in the spring of '96. The program will include four majors: Administrative Management, Allied Health Administration, Dental Hygiene Practice & Administration and Technology. Watch for more details in future editions of The Bent Tree.

allotted period of time would serve first and foremost as an incentive for students to get involved in clubs, activities and events on campus.

Hynson and other SGA officers submitted the 500-signature petition to Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Elliot McElroy, and a board of CSC deans. "They asked use to devise a matrix plan for the proposed activity period," Hynson said, but after battling with a complex plan, the SGA gave the responsibility back to the administration. It was not long until Dr. Skinner intervened and made the activity hour his top priority. "[The students] were the motivators, and when we needed him, Dr. Skinner stepped in and made it happen," the SGA leader commented.

For more information regarding campus activities and organizations, contact Rob Taylor in the Office of Student Life (room D-223).

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Clayton State Continues Fast-Growing Pace

College Relations Staff

CSC has been named the fastest growing college in the University System of Georgia, according to a recent report from the System's Office of Research and Planning.

Clayton State not only increased its student headcount totals during the 1995 fiscal year, but also the number of quarter credit hours taken by those students. The College enrolled 16,444 students during the four quarters of the fiscal year, starting with the Summer Quarter of 1994 and ending with the Spring Quarter of 1995.

The 4.2 percent increase in head count totals helps boost the College to a System-wide lead in total credit hours taken. CSC students took 164,422 credit hours during the quarter, increasing by 9.2 percent over the previous year. The next closest percentage increase was 5.6 percent reported by Valdosta State University, one of two regional universities in the 34-member University System. West Georgia College reported a 4.5 percent increase to rank second behind CSC among the 13 four-year colleges.

Clayton State's enrollment exceeded the 5,000-student level for the first time during the Fall Quarter with 5,020 students attending credit degree classes. Comparison figures with other University System institutions are not available, but CSC's fastest growing trend is sure to continue.

JANUARY at CSC

Jan. 12 and 13, 8:15 p.m.

Suor Angelica
Capitol City Opera Company
Spivey Hall
Admission: \$12

Jan. 14, 3 p.m.

Music in a Parisian Cafe
Clayton State College faculty recital
Spivey Hall
Admission: \$12

Jan. 17, 12:30 and 7:00 p.m.

An Introduction to the Internet
Presentation by Dan Newcombe of CSC's Office
of Information Technology
Room G-132
Admission: free

Jan. 18, 3 p.m.

Just So (a children's musical based on four of
Kipling's *Just So Stories*)
Clayton State Theater
Spivey Hall
Admission: free

Jan. 19, 8:15 p.m.

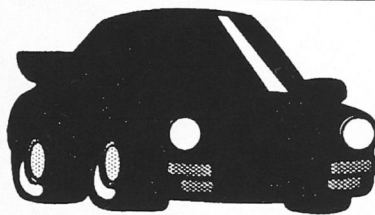
Pianists Lsitsa & Kuznetsoff
Spivey Hall
Admission: \$15

Jan. 28, 3 p.m.

Georgian Chamber Players
Featuring Awadagin Pratt
Spivey Hall
Admission: \$20

Jan. 29-30, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Nell Sprague, drawer/printmaker, Artist-In-
Residence Program
Room G-132
Admission: free



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Dr. Jane Thompson

Thompson Named Dean of Student & Enrollment Services

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On the December 12-13 meeting of the Georgia Board of Regents, Dr. Jane Thompson was named dean of student and enrollment services at Clayton State.

Currently the assistant dean of students for special programs at Georgia Southern University, Dr. Thompson will assume her new duties on February 1, 1996.

"I am pleased to announce that Dr. Thompson has accepted our challenge to become dean of student and enrollment services," Dr. Skinner said. "She has strong commitments to serving students and working closely with and in support of faculty and the academic program of the College."

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The views expressed in the Bent tree are not necessarily the views of the student body, administration or faculty of CSC. Signed editorials represent the opinion of the writer and may or may not reflect the opinion of the staff.

The Bent Tree welcomes opinion and commentary from members of the College community in the form of letters to the editor or freelance submissions. These submissions should be sent to the editor of The Bent Tree by depositing them in the Bent Tree mailbox in D-223 or given to any member of the newspaper staff.

Submissions are subject to editing based on space availability. All letters to the editor must be signed, but names may be withheld for valid reasons. Unsigned letters will not be published. All submissions should also include the author's social security number (for complete identification purposes).

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Organizations

SGA Welcomes Student Response

by Natilie Hynson
SGA president

Okay folks, now that you've been here for a quarter, SGA wants to know what you think. What's SGA? Glad you asked! SGA is the Student Government here at Clayton State.

Now you're curious as to what we do, right? To start with, SGA is there to listen to student concerns. There are committees that handle different concerns such as parking and the cafeteria. Each school on campus (i.e.- School of Business) has a representative that reports back to SGA. The main concern of SGA is making sure the students are happy with campus life at CSC. .Everybody needs to know how to contact an SGA representative. There are many ways and they're all painless! You could drop a letter in the suggestion box in the G-building, e-mail or find a rep and talk to them in person.

If you want to see how SGA works as a whole, drop by a meeting. **SGA meets Thursday mornings at 8:30 a.m.** The office is in the student lounge, downstairs in the student center. So now you haven't got an excuse for not contacting us. If you have a concern or a great idea for Clayton State, let SGA know.

E-mail addresses for SGA Representatives:

SGAPRES - SGA president
SGA-VP-- SGA vice-president
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SGA ART - School of Arts & Sci.
SGA-BUS--School of Business
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CIST Club Sponsors Graduation Cruise

The Computer Information Systems and Technology Club is sponsoring its first Graduation Cruise. The seven day Carnival Ship "Sensation" is scheduled to depart on Sunday, June 9, at 4:00 p.m. Ports of call include San Juan, St. Croix and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Rates range from \$462.50 to \$899.50 per person, and a special airfare is being offered by Delta Air Lines for \$161.00 round-trip from Atlanta to Miami. The cruise is scheduled to return on Sunday, June 16, at 8:00 a.m. All students are welcome to sign up.

For more information, please contact Debra Goddard at 507-6684, or Glenn Oliver at 228-0733.

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HELP WANTED

The CSC College Relations Department is seeking a part-time student assistant . For more information contact John Shiffert at:
(770) 960-2109.

Voices & Visions

A prayer.
by Matthew Robinson

Give me the STRENGTH to accept
good and bad with humility and honesty.

Give me the RESTRAINT to know what's what
and how to live with it.

Give me the COURAGE to believe in my
convictions and to fight for them.

Give me the INTELLIGENCE to know when a
fight's not worth fighting, and to make peace.

And lastly, give me the LOVE
I need to face every day I live and to know who I
am and where I came from.

**"Always bear in mind that
your own resolution to
success is more important
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--Abraham Lincoln**

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Thoughts

by Bryan Turner

*Standing at the turning point, we gaze at the
horizon in search of direction.*

*We can never look through the eyes of yesterday,
but we can feel tomorrow through the heart of
today.*

*Through wisdom, love, cherished memories and
hope may we see ourselves.*

Our planet is only one hand of the great clock.

We deserve love for no other reason than life.

God's definition of love is the essence of woman.

*We will no longer see our Sun as a great
spotlight, but as energy, strength and life.*

*With the golden Sun and silvery Moon, the breast
of life catches the heart of man.*

*The ache in my soul that longs for her touch is
far more than physical.*

In the land of dreams, we will find dreamers.

In the heart of love, we will find lovers.

*Peace and serenity lie deep within the vastness of
terror.*

*On a mountain top in the middle of fall,
preparing for winter's rein, I became aware of
the beauty of spring.*

A girl.

Does no one see the treasure inside?

*Is everyone blind or merely asleep or perhaps
they are all dead.*

*The essence of love contained in such pretty
wrapping paper: open it and discover yourself.*

*Watching from a distance, I saw her splashing in
a spring.*

I crave her.

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

HOLLY CHATHAM



by Melanie M. Hill

Twenty-year-old Holly Chatham is proof that Clayton State College students really perform.

Already a senior at Clayton State, Holly has accomplished more in twenty years than some do in a lifetime. At an early age Holly traveled to New York to study dance with the Geoffrey Ballet, one of the most prestigious dance companies in the world. Soon finding that music was her passion, she began studying the piano, organ and harpsichord.

Since then, Chatham has been chosen as a finalist in the Stravinsky International Competition, won the State Literary Competition for piano and performed in the "Pianorama" at the Fox Theater in Atlanta. In 1992, she was chosen by her high school teachers to be the recipient of the esteemed Steinway Scholarship.

Upon receiving the Steinway Scholarship, Holly made the decision to skip her senior year and join the Clayton State College music program. "I chose to skip my senior year because George Lucktenberg was teaching piano at the time," Holly says of her decision. "He was

instruments that I couldn't pass up the opportunity...I made that decision and haven't regretted it for a minute." Lucktenberg, who no longer teaches at Clayton State, is an internationally-recognized performer, scholar and curator of keyboard instruments. An expert in historical keyboards, Dr. Lucktenberg now serves as director for the Southeastern Historical Keyboard Center. Indeed, Holly says one of her favorite aspects of the Clayton State music program is the exceptional teaching staff.

After Holly graduates in May, she plans to either attend graduate school or travel to Europe to study forte piano. She hopes to eventually teach in a conservatory or on the college level. Presently, she continues to perform in a variety of venues, and is an outstanding example of Clayton State College excellence.

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*Grieving is love's taunting and life is love's understanding.
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Complete surrender is a gift of love.
Only love can release the bonds of fear, and only Fear can release the gift of courage.
As the seas' tides seduce the shore, my souls whispers to your heart.
Hear me, fair maiden.
Should my soul be denied your tender voice or my body your gentle touch.
An angel with wings which separates left from right, night from day, future from past and light from darkness.*

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Wednesday, February 7 10:00 — 12:00 Building C
Lobby 6:00 — 8:00

Saturday, February 10 10:00 — 12:00
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Wednesday, February 14 10:00 — 12:00 Building C
Lobby 6:00 — 8:00

Saturday, February 17 10:00 — 12:00
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Wednesday, February 21 10:00 — 12:00 Building C
Lobby 6:00 — 8:00

Saturday, February 24 10:00 — 12:00
Library

Wednesday, February 28 10:00 — 12:00 Building C
Lobby 6:00 — 8:00

Saturday, March 2 10:00 — 12:00
Library

The Club will also provide similar services to elderly clients of the Clayton County Aging Program in Morrow, Georgia.

DATA PROCESSING MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

Student Chapter Enrollment
Wednesday, January 24
Room T-100, 12:30 p.m.

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Networking
Programming Contests
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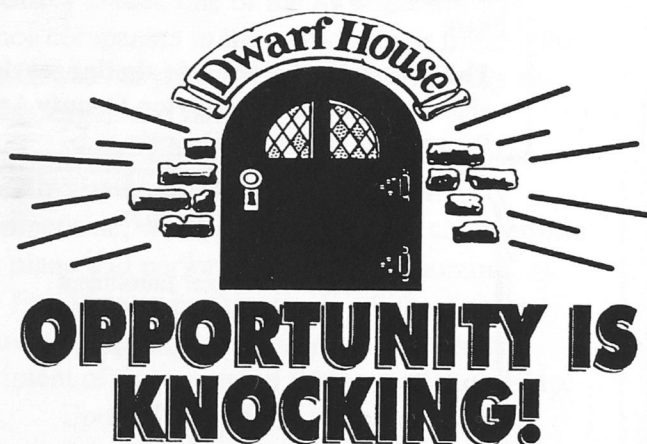
a college-wide plan to improve recruitment and retention efforts. The office includes admissions and records, student life, counseling services, career services and financial aid. As a senior executive of the College, Dr. Thompson will be responsible for all areas of the new organization. "My personal approach to leading the enrollment management process at Clayton State College is based on a respect for the knowledge and work of the specialists in the various function areas," Dr. Thompson said. "By bringing together these services, you integrate related functions to achieve the optimum recruitment, retention and graduation of students."

Dr. Thompson has served Georgia Southern as assistant dean of students since 1984, where she is administratively responsible for judicial affairs, drug abuse, prevention programs, new student and parent programs, off-campus programs, multi-cultural programs, volunteer services and student publications. She also is an assistant professor in the Department of Student Development Programs.

Prior to joining Georgia Southern, she served as the associate dean of students at Berry College (1980-84), and held a number of positions as a graduate assistant and counselor at the University of Georgia (1976-80). Earlier she taught English in Glynn County and served as counselor and panhellenic advisor at Georgia Southern.

Thompson earned a bachelor's degree from Wesleyan College and both a master's degree and an education specialist's degree in guidance and counseling from Georgia Southern. She received her doctorate in counseling and human development services from the University of Georgia in 1980.

Thompson replaces Dr. Faye T. Barr, Professor of sociology, who has served as acting Dean and head of the search committee since the reorganization.



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Clayton State and Hartsfield Train for the 21st Century

by College Relations Staff

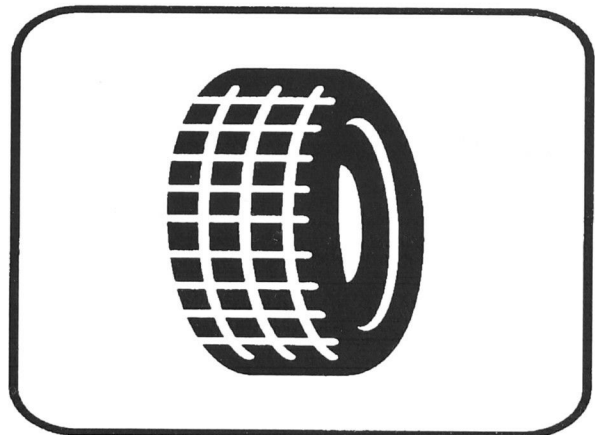
Clayton State College and Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport have united to create what is to be the "largest continuing education course ever offered in a defined time frame," according to the Washington D.C. -based National University Continuing Education Association (NUCEA). The CSC Continuing Education Center has created a unique customer service training program for the 38,000 employees of Hartsfield. The course will cover such topics as: the fundamentals of customer service, listening and communicating, and dealing with conflict and special customer needs, as well as employee-related issues such as managing stress, team building and creating excellence in the workplace. The program was designed to train employees for the eight month period leading up to the Summer Olympic Games, however the program will allow the nation's busiest air hub to better serve both its Olympic visitors and future passengers well into the 21st century.

"Our goal is to install a renewed spirit of customer service, so that passengers can be afforded a high level of service no matter who the employee works for," adds Angela Gittens, aviation general manager at Hartsfield of the "Customer Delight is the Heart of Hartsfield" program.

"This program will be a long-term Olympic legacy for both the airport and millions of visitors to Atlanta," says Dr. Bryan Edwards, director of the CSC Continuing Education Center. "It's also the first effort by a world-class airport to systematically train all its people to serve its customers more effectively."

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LakerFest VI Preview

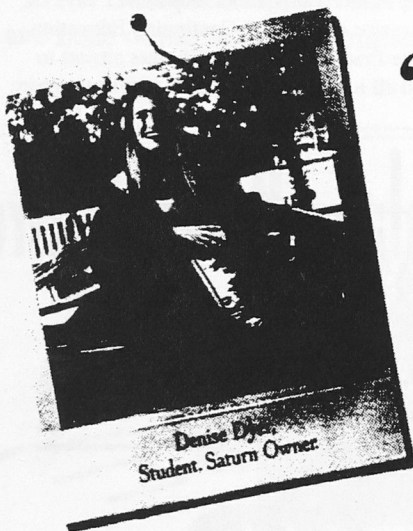
Student Government Association presents LakerFest VI "Party Gras"! A week of good old fashioned fun to celebrate our Clayton State Lakers' homecoming! On Monday Jan. 29, wear your wackiest and craziest hat for "HAT DAY" to show your school spirit! On Tuesday Jan. 30, don't worry about being in style; pull out your tackiest clothes for "TACKY DAY"! For Wednesday Jan. 31, come to cheer your favorite club to victory at the Annual Club Olympics! The games continue on Thursday Feb. 1 as clubs compete in the Scavenger Hunt. Friday Feb. 2, wear your Clayton State College clothing during the day. Then dress to the nines as Lady Luck calls your name during Casino Night. Grab the family on Saturday afternoon and come to the carnival. Let the whole family join in the games, prizes and fun!!!! It's a family affair. To end the week join the Laker cheerleaders in leading the Lakers to victory. So don't miss out on the fun. For more information, contact your local SGA Representative!

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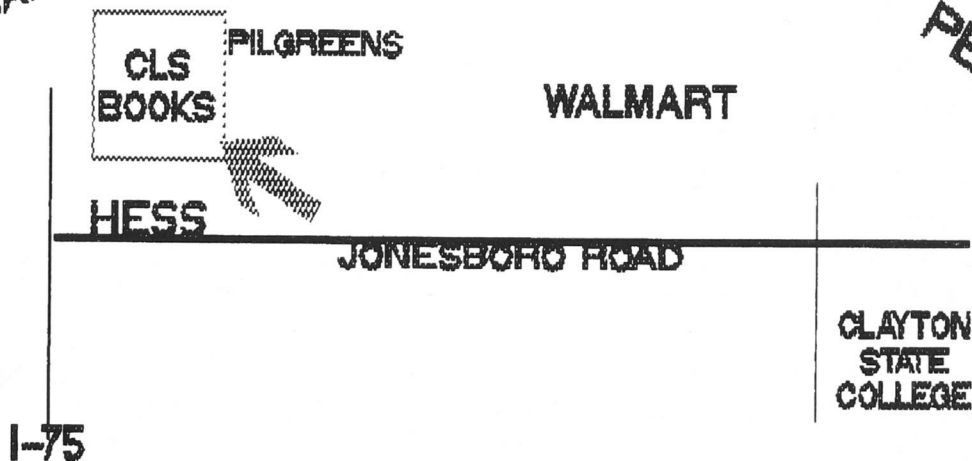
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Distinguished guests will include Alicia Ostriker (The Imaginary Lover, Stealing the Language), Philip Lopate (Bachelorhood: Tales of the Metropolis, The Rug Merchant), and Joy Williams (Breaking and Entering, Taking Care). These three writers will give public readings, judge finalist entries in the festival competition, and conduct private workshops for contest finalists.

The Writers' Festival competition in poetry, short fiction, and the personal essay is open to anyone currently enrolled in a graduate or undergraduate program in a Georgia college or university. Works submitted must be previously unpublished except in campus literary magazines. Finalist entries will appear in the festival magazine; authors retain all rights to their material and may publish it elsewhere after the competition.

Each entrant may submit up to five poems, up to two short stories, and up to two essays. (The editors define the personal essay as a form of nonfiction rooted in the author's experience but extending to topics or issues of general interest.)

Entries must be typed, and entries in short fiction and the personal essay must be double-spaced. Stories must be no longer than 100 lines. A prize of \$100 will be awarded for the best work in each category.

Submit two copies of each work; the author's name must not appear on either copy. With each work include a standard 3 x 5 index card bearing the author's name, address, phone number, and

school, the contest category and the title of the work. Manuscripts cannot be returned.

The deadline for receipt of entries is February 7, 1996. Submit entries to

**Writer's Festival
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Individual artists must be legal residents of Georgia who are not full-time students. Groups can be incorporated or unincorporated, but they cannot be student organizations, and they must be based in Georgia. Guidelines and applications, which will include reference forms, are available from the GCA by calling (404) 651-7920. Applications will be reviewed on the basis of artistic excellence and sufficient staff and experience to manage a tour.

The application process selects groups and individuals which offer high-quality arts programming for listing on the state Touring Roster from which potential presenters may select. Listing on the Roster does not guarantee selection by a presenter. Potential presenters in this program must select an artist or group from at least 40 miles away, because this program is designed to share the artistic resources of one community with another.

The GCA is a state agency whose mission is to encourage excellence in the arts, to support its many forms of expression and to make the arts available to all Georgians by providing funding, programming and other services.

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Features

Foundation Honors Trustee Born

by College Relations Staff

Harmon M. Born, Chairman of the Clayton State College Foundation Board of Trustees, was honored during day-long activities on Friday, January 19. Friends and relatives gathered to honor this Rex, Georgia and Clayton County native on the CSC campus.

Born, who celebrated his 50th anniversary with Beaudry Ford, Inc. on Monday, Jan. 15, not only was honored for his dedicated service to the downtown Atlanta Ford dealership, but also for his many contributions to the College and his community. Friday was proclaimed "Harmon Born Day" in the City of Morrow, Clayton County, City of Atlanta and State of Georgia.



Activities began with a reception and luncheon attended by 150 people in Room 101 of the Continuing Education Center. Following an afternoon break, family and friends returned for a reception in the CE Center's elegant Spivey Room before adjourning to Spivey Hall to attend a concert dedicated to Born's honor.

CSC President, Dr. Richard Skinner, presided over the luncheon program that featured gifts and testimonials from a multitude of friends. Born's Eagle Scout grandsons, Jacob and Joshua Brackett of Troup #297, opened the program with an impressive flag ceremony, followed by the invocation by Dr. Ronald Spillers, Pastor of Born's church, The Rock Baptist Church.

Then, following lunch, the parade of dignitaries began.

Mr. Ivan Born, Harmon's brother who is Secretary-Treasurer of Beaudry Ford and a 47-year employee of the company, represented the employees of Beaudry by presenting a \$10,000 check from the company to establish a special Harmon Born endowment fund within the Clayton State College Foundation.

Testimonies followed from dignitaries of the following: Ford Motor Credit Corporation, Ford Division of the Ford Motor Company, Metro Atlanta Ford Advertising Association, The Rock Baptist Church, Atlanta Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Clayton County Chamber of Commerce, Southern Regional Medical Center, State of Georgia, CSC Foundation Board of Trustees, CSC Faculty, CSC student body and Chick-fil-A.

The reception and luncheon featured "bookend" Ford cars that symbolize Born's fifty-year relationship with the auto maker. On display outside the CE Atrium was a 1946 Ford, courtesy of the Early Ford V-8 Club, along with a 1996 Ford, courtesy of Beaudry Ford. *(please turn to pg. 15)*

"The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing !"

- Harmon M. Born

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Born began work at Beaudry Ford on Jan. 15, 1946, as a billing clerk and worked his way through the ranks to the top. He became President and Owner in 1966, and continues to lead the nation's largest Ford sales and leasing agency, 50 years from the day he joined the company. He was the 1973 national winner of Time Magazine's Quality Dealer Award and entered the distinguished Automotive Hall of Fame in 1994.

Among his many community activities has been a lifetime involvement with the Boy Scouts of America, along with his work on the local, state and national levels with his church. At the young age of 31, he became the fifth President of the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce in 1958.

Born's affiliation with Clayton State College dates back to 1974 when the College chartered its Foundation. He has served as the Foundation's only Chairman, being reelected to the position each year by his fellow Trustees.

Regents' Exam

The Winter '96 Regents' Exam will be February 12 and 13 at 2:30 and 5:30 p.m. on both days. If you have 45 quarter credit hours you are required to take the exam and you will be notified by mail that you need to take it. If you have not reached 45 quarter credit hours you can take the exam as a volunteer. Sign up begins on January 29. Please contact the counseling office in D-214 (961-3515) to sign up for the exam.



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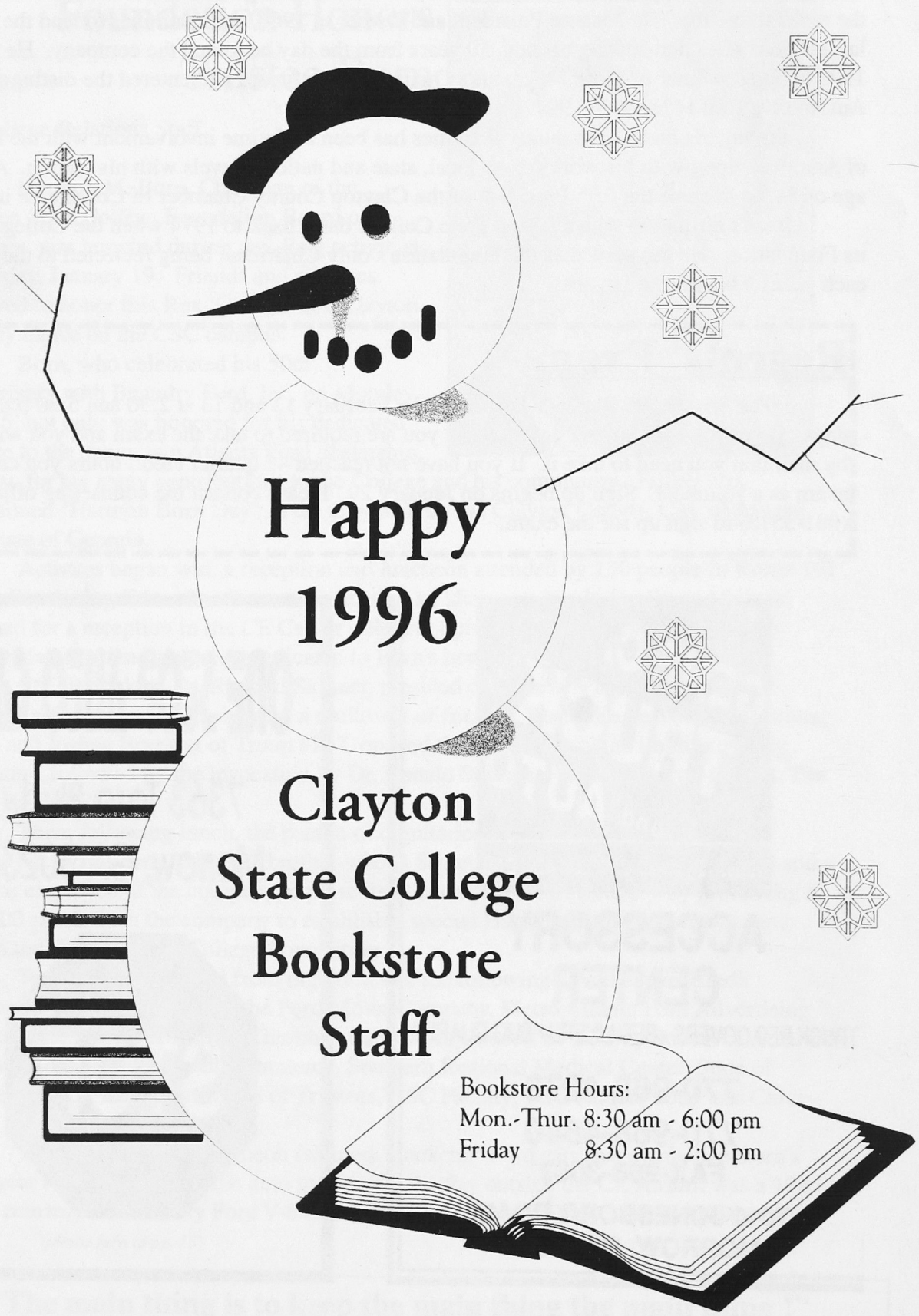
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