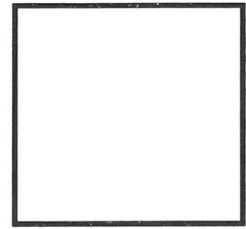


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Is there a race problem at CSC?

WHITE

~~Black~~ Cultural Awareness Association
at
Clayton State College
invites you
to
Our First Winter Meeting
on
Wednesday, January 31, 1996
12:20 p.m - D227
Be there to celebrate
"People of Color"

Who
cares?

WHITE

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CSC Public Safety Office Asks for Help

by Nick Loadholtes

Crime is an everyday occurrence, but society is fortunate to have people who will fight injustice. The members of the Clayton State College Office of Public Safety are some of these people, and they perform well. A spirit of cooperation between all staff members is demonstrated in the kindness and expediency they have toward the college community. To help them combat crime, the Office asks for the assistance of students, faculty and staff.

In order to help the Public Safety officers respond more efficiently, Director Bruce Holmes asks that people who call the Public Safety office follow these guidelines:

- Give your name and exact location
- Give specific information about the type of problem you are reporting

Following these basic procedures will allow officers to respond more efficiently to the calls they receive. Holmes also stressed that during odd hours, the department uses a radio-telephone system to answer calls.

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thoughts in mind:

CSC Public Safety Officer Saves the Day

adapted from an article by Wayne Parham
Clayton News/Daily

An off duty police officer noticed a suspicious-looking man walking away from a house on Burton Circle, counting money as he walked. Allen Brazel, a CSC public safety officer, knew no one was home at the residence, so he followed the suspect, identified as Achmud Rashad Harrington. Harrington allegedly disappeared around the corner of the residence, and he returned carrying a gray canvas bag, according to Brazel's statement to Clayton County police. Brazel followed the suspect, who was counting money and discarding unwanted items as he walked, and confronted the suspected thief as he walked along Flemming Road. Brazel identified himself as a police officer and attempted to detain Harrington until police could arrive, but the alleged thief continued to walk toward his home. When police arrived at the scene of the burglary, Brazel told them what he had seen. He led the officers to the home Harrington had gone into, where they took the suspect into custody. Harrington was taken to the Clayton County Jail in Lovejoy following his arrest.

News From The School of Business

by Carla Justice

The School of Business has recently approved some significant curriculum changes. These changes, once approved by the Academic Affairs Committee and the Vice President of Academic Affairs, will have a significant impact on student assessments. These changes are in keeping with the college's overall enhancement of assessment procedures and, if approved, will become effective in the Fall of 1996.

The School of Business is very pleased that many students are entering its new BBA program in Marketing. This major is taking off on a fast track, and new classes are being added. For the first time ever, MKTG 312 (Services Marketing) will be offered Spring Quarter. Another new class is MKTG 407 (Sales and Sales Management), which combines two formerly separate classes. Other marketing offerings include MKTG 301 (Principles of Marketing), MKTG 302 (Consumer Behavior) and MKTG 403 (Public Relations). Due to the increased demand, the school is offering more upper level classes during the day and evening hours.

The School of Business (through the Marketing Department) is currently

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CSC Students speak out on BCAA sign...

When asked about their reaction to the sign in our front page article CSC students said....



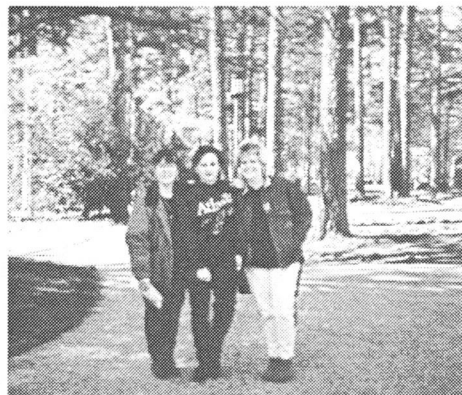
Erica--"I knew people were still prejudiced, but this is college now. I thought people had overcome this kind of behavior."

Trina-- "I think we the people as a whole should come together and unite as one...Can't we all just get along?"

Update on Conflict and Consensus

Clayton State College will again host the Conflict & Consensus program, an opportunity for discussion and debate on contemporary issues. WSB-AM radio's Neal Boortz and Atlanta Constitution Editorial Page Editor Cynthia Tucker will be participating in this forum, which will be held on February 22 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Continuing Education Building (room CE-101). The presentation is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Dr. Greg Hampikian at 961-3621.

Philomena-- How can any person no matter the color of their skin, be so insecure by the gathering of people looking to educate themselves, be offended by the word Black. To change it to White can only display ignorance. I personally would like to meet the person who changed this word, if only to see if they can carry on a conversation.

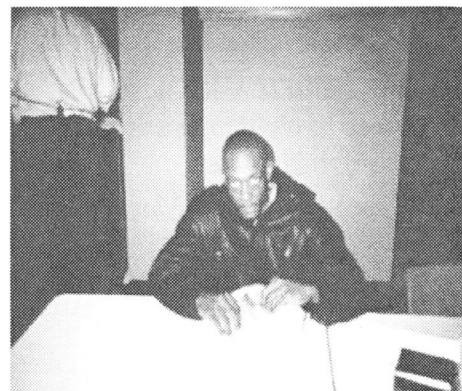


Patricia -- "It disgusts me to think that I am surrounded by such ignorance. I do have the confidence that most people at CSC are intelligent enough to realize that one closed minded individual's opinion does not represent everyone."

Eloise-- The person who wrote "white" and "who cares" on the flier doesn't belong hear at CSC. We live in a society that accepts all cultures and races. To do this race bashing is to take us all back a hundred years. I take pride in myself and my ability to accept any culture as a diverse and new experience, all as a positive. This is a negative action and brings all of us down. Shame be on the one who did this."



Wendell-- "I think that the person who wrote that would not have the guts to say it in person. They would rather do it to something inanimate, so their is no accountability for their opinion."



Bryan -- "Ignorance shows itself ignorant."



Ramblings

As-Salaam-Alaikum

February. . . Black History Month. It is a time of year when black people, whether we call ourselves black, Afro-American, or New Afrikaans, revel in our "afrocentricity."

It is also a time when others standby and observe, walk on eggshells or ask a lot of questions. They may even actually be interested in the answers. More often than not, they stand around and wonder what the hell the big deal is. I admonish you, brothers and sisters. Let's not worry about what the others do or don't do, but let us pay particular attention to our own actions lest we repeat the misfortunes of the past. It is wonderful to lift up the names of Martin, Malcolm, Marcus and Muhammed in the name of black history but don't forget to honor those lesser known names—the names of your own family.

In case you've never thought about it, these are the people who did what was necessary to get you where you are today. We are their celebration of black pride and accomplishment. Honor that celebration. Black history is not only a function of our past; it is how we prepare for our future. Will we be a generation of heroes or villains? That is solely your decision. What have you done to ensure the safety of what our mothers and fathers worked, fought and died for? Do we vote? If not, what's our sorry excuse? Have we given back to our community? If not, we are more vile than the European colonists and slave traders who raped our ancestors and pillaged our lands. Harsh words you say? Well it's a cold, cruel world.

Wake up Black Man! Respect your woman. Your mother's a woman, and no nation can rise any higher than its woman. She is the nurturer and first teacher of every Black Man, and she requires our respect for that. We have a responsibility to those who came before us to honor the work they've done. We also have a responsibility to those that will come after us to give them the best available raw materials to work with.

Learn Black Man! Whether you believe in making changes from within the power structure or in rising up to challenge a corrupt structure, and whether you worship God, Jehovah or Allah, there is but one truth—knowledge is power.

Act Black Man! Today we are in the best of all places. We cannot change yesterday, and tomorrow belongs to our children. If you have never thought like this it is because you were never taught like this. Now you have no excuse. Go make HIStory!!

I leave you as I came, in the spirit of truth and peace.

As-Salaam-Alaikum,

Salomah Nuri Ali

Ramble On...

Kids will be Kids

by Melanie Hill

What has happened in American politics? Most of us have known for quite some time that Washington is corrupt in its ways, but I think we can now justifiably call it all a big joke. It is absolutely amazing to me that

we elect so-called educated, well-read spokespeople to represent us as a nation when they stoop to smear tactics to get elected.

The race to the 1996 election has already been a dirty one. Most of the hype has centered around the negative advertising tactics posed by millionaire Steve Forbes. Forbes, running on the Republican ticket, has poured almost six million dollars into a campaign that smears his opponents (Senator Robert Dole in particular). Forbes has made claims that Dole pulled the term limits bill by claiming that the bill was clearly an ad hominem circumstantial case. The ads suggest that Dole obviously would want to ignore the term limits issue since he has a vested interest. But Dole's ever so professional response to this accusation was that Forbes was an "untested leader" who was "not truthful" and had "risky ideas" Now, none of these claims may seem to be all that defamatory, but it is the way in which they were advertised that gives us as citizens reasons to ask why we elect whom we do and how much these negative campaigns affect us as voting citizens.

What is amazing to me is that these politicians are spending money on these completely irrelevant, childish stabs at one another. Aren't these supposed to be highly educated individuals? Forbes, a millionaire, is name calling like he is playing in the sandbox. That's proof that any idiot can be a millionaire.



Dole, though, has chosen to be the bigger person by saying that he "won't pull his negative ads until Forbes apologizes to him". Come on, gentlemen, are you trying to run a government here or a little league team? (Of course, they're one in the same if you ask me.) And political scientists wonder why this generation has such apathy for becoming politically involved. Can you really blame us?

Fortunately, however, not all of America is buying into these smear campaigns. When votes were counted at the Iowa caucus, Steve Forbes only took 10% of the votes,

while Dole led with 26%. Interestingly enough, Lamar Alexander, a lesser-known candidate, wound up in third position and never once aired a negative advertisement. Perhaps one could conclude that Forbes' television commercials helped Dole win this significant primary. Perhaps that is proof that the negativity really doesn't pay off in the end. Perhaps it is those in Washington who need to put their egos aside and reassess their promotional tactics.

. In the meantime, on to New Hampshire.....



Organizations

Help Is On The Way

An Introduction to the CSC Learning Center

by Christine Corneilson and Kerry DeWolf
Learning Center Staff

The quarter is well underway, and your professors have your head spinning. Before you decide to withdraw from a course, change your major, or maybe drop out of school, consider getting some academic help in the Clayton State College Learning Center, located on the lower level of the library. With both day and evening hours, and with communications and mathematics professionals on staff at all times, the Center can provide assistance for every type of student.

The main goal of the Learning Center is to help people learn as effectively as possible. The staff has sought to continually update its wealth of computer software, audio-visual materials and print resources in order to provide easy access to the best in supplementary instruction. Resource sheets listing the Center's offerings are indexed by coursenummer for ease of use. The Center also provides workshops on the TI-82 graphing calculator each quarter.

The Learning Center is home to the Assessment Center, which conducts most of the testing for the college. Students may take diagnostic tests in math, reading and writing to pinpoint areas needing further study. Study materials and practice tests for the CPE and Regents' examinations are available as well.

The Learning Center provides an atmosphere for independent learning, where students can study at their own pace and choose from a variety of instructional approaches. While many students use the Center for study groups or to ask a specific question, others simply find the materials they are interested in and work on their own. No appointments are necessary, and all should feel free to visit the Center to see how it can improve the college experience.

The Learning Center is open from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday. If interested, there is also a page on the World Wide Web with information about the materials and staff of the Center: <http://www.csc.peachnet.edu/offices/LC>.

BCAA presents Black History Month

Feb. 17

New Orlean's Moses G. Hogan Choir -- Spivey Hall at 8:15 p.m.

Feb. 21

Our Black Men are Dying (a play) -- G132 at 12:30 p.m.

Feb. 23

Jazz Vibist Jay Hoggard -- Spivey Hall at 8:15 p.m.

Feb. 25

Nokuthula Ngwenyama, Violinist-- Spivey Hall at 3:00 p.m.

Feb. 28

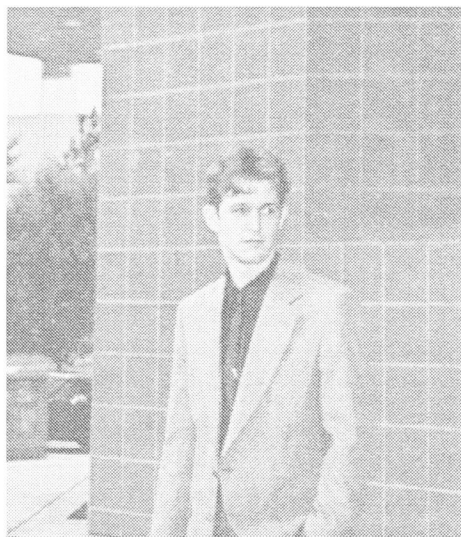
BCAA Meeting -- D226 at 12:20 p.m.

Mar. 2

Clark Atlanta University Choir -- Spivey Hall at 8:15 p.m.

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



CSC Student Brad Fairchild

By Matthew Robinson

The realm of the theater is filled with many stories. Some are utterly tragic, while others are completely inspirational. The story of CSC student Brad Fairchild might be classified as one of the most brilliant. The 26 year old, who has lived in the Atlanta area for seven years, is a published playwright, and one of his works (What Rough Beast Slouches) has been performed at the 14th Street Playhouse to wide critical acclaim.

So how did such an articulate wordsmith end up at Clayton State? Fairchild arrived at CSC in the fall of 1993. "I came here just wandering," he says. "I didn't have any direction." Through the assistance of Dr. Larry Corse, though, Fairchild found a niche. "When I wrote [Rough Beast], everything seemed to fit. I felt passionate about it."

Passionate is a good adjective for Fairchild. His creative process involves much work. "Something will catch my attention," he states, "then I plunge my entire being into that subject until I channel it in some way.

"I gather everything I can, and the final product quells my desire."

That desire takes several forms, from full length productions and librettos (like the recent Clayton State Theater production *Just So*) to shorter works. The writer aims to leave his audience with a tangible message. "I would like to say some things and hope...that people can take something away." And people are listening; local reviewer Michael Kape states Fairchild's "talents and facility for language are clearly remarkable." His writing style in *Rough Beast* has been called "surprisingly mature" by critic Brandon Judell, and German film director Rosa von Praunheim feels the play should be made into a major movie!

While *Rough Beast* is Fairchild's proudest accomplishment to date, he hopes it is only the beginning of a great career. He has applied to graduate school at the University of Texas, and he believes "if I get in, the experience I acquired while at CSC will be what gets me in. I'm very grateful for that."

For someone who describes himself as "abnormally lazy," Fairchild keeps himself busy. When he's not taking classes or working on manuscripts, he enjoys collecting compact discs and old He also has

He also has an interest in reading. He even has time to spend time with friends on the weekends. He is a very accessible, personable and humble individual. When asked about what sets him apart from other students, he responds, "I just happen to be lucky, and I found a lot of helpful people willing to support me. I have a lot of friends and family who believe in me." With the support and success he has received, the future definitely looks as bright as the mar-quees that will advertise his next production.

The Accounting club will again be offering free tax assistance this tax season. Volunteers will be available on campus during the month of February to help fill out forms, answer questions and provide any forms needed. Listed below are times and locations where volunteers will be set to offer help.

Wednesday, Feb. 21
Building C Lobby 10:00 — 12:00
6:00 — 8:00

Saturday, Feb. 24
Library 10:00 — 12:00

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

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

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

Voices & Visions

To Cry
by Josh Irwin

The tear falls from my eye
Where do you come from
Are you a cause of the bright sun
Or the cold a blowing
May be you come from a lost friend
Or you signal the beginning or the
end
You came from who knows where
And back you go, there

You fall slowly and slowly you go
Are you for joy or for pain
Or maybe you're just a drop of rain
You tell me nothing, but you let me
know
How I feel or that I feel and that
I am real.

Women
by Alice Walker

They were women then
My mama's generation
Husky of voice—Stout of
Step
With fists as well as
Hands
How they battered down
Doors
And ironed
Starched white
Shirts
How they led
Armies
Headragged Generals
Across mined
Fields
Booby-trapped
Ditches
To discover books
Desks
A place for us
How they knew what we
Must know
Without knowing a page
Of it
Themselves.

You

You watched and cared for me
helped me in my young years
go from man to manhood

You loved me when no one else
would or could in only a way
that you could

You have been there to watch me
grow cared for our children
and helped us to care for their
children

You have stood with me, and helped
me to stand.

You have been my consort and my
consultant.

You have fought with me back to
back and some times toe
to toe, because you
understood that we were
worth fighting for.

You have told me your secrets and
listened to my troubles.

You have made my heart ache and
my soul fly.

You have been my friend.

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(Down hall behind Student Govn't Office near cafeteria)

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(Down hall behind Student Govn't Office near cafeteria)

Who are we? We are a Christian campus ministry sponsored by the United Methodist Church and open to *all* students. In the Wesleyan tradition, we value Scripture, tradition, experience, and reason as we try to grow in our faith. Believing that God's love and grace are available to all people, we seek to serve others. We seek fellowship with one another that we may help each other along our spiritual journeys.

What do we do? Meetings on Wednesdays and Thursdays are times we can eat together, sing, have a short devotion, share prayer concerns, and get to know one another. There are also dinner nights, a retreat FEB. 16-18, 1996, service projects, Bible Studies, and opportunities from camping and hiking to bowling or Spivey Hall! Come join us!

****If interested, you may contact Laura Jordan, our campus director, at (404) 378-4943, or see our faculty sponsors Mrs. Charlcie Neal or Mrs. Kathy Garrison in G-210.**

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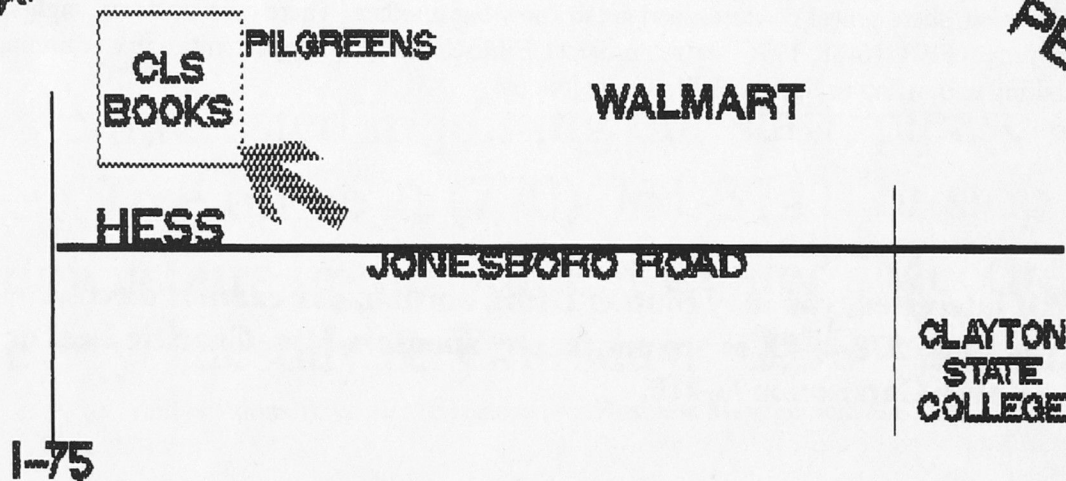
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SAFETY FROM PAGE 2

This system links the Public Safety telephone to an officer's hand-held radio, which allows calls to be answered away from the office. If you call after hours (before 8:00 a.m. Or after 10:00 p.m.), please keep these thoughts in mind:

- When you call the Public Safety Department, wait for a beep. Since this call is being relayed over a radio link, only one person may speak at a time.
- Speak slowly and clearly. Radio transmissions are not always as clear as a phone call, so clarity is a must.
- Expect delays in the call, since only one person may speak at a time.
- Keep the call brief and to the point. Other officers are using the same frequency and may not be able to communicate with each other if the line is occupied.

The Public Safety office is also doing other things around campus. The staff will be considering advanced medical training; last year about 80% of incidents were medical related (mostly minor injuries). The Office is also working with local cellular phone providers to prevent phone fraud. Many CSC students use cellular phones, so this topic is definitely of interest to the officers.

The Office of Public Safety has a World Wide Web page with information on crime prevention and protection. Included are tips on spotting suspicious behavior and protecting valuables. To view the page, set your browser to the CSC homepage (<http://www.csc.peachnet.edu/>) and click on "Office of Public Safety." If you would like more information, you can contact Public Safety by telephone (961-3540).

BUSINESS FROM PAGE 2

engaged in a project to help the City of Morrow develop a promotional plan for a Fourth of July festival.

Be sure to check out the School of Business' own newsletter. This newsletter is directed toward recent graduates, area business professionals, and local Chambers of Commerce. The newsletter contains significant information about the School of Business and Clayton State College, entertainment and humor pieces and items of interest to alumni and other business professionals. The newsletter was first published in the Fall of 1995 and promises to offer a variety of useful information.

The School of Business is searching for five new faculty members. The positions to be filled for the 1996-97 academic year include: Dean of the School of Business, Assistant Professor of Computer Information Systems, Assistant Professor of Marketing, Assistant Professor of Management, and Conklin Accounting Professor.

Accounting Club Meeting Dates

March 5 - Graduation Party

April 9 - Nominations for next year's officers

May 14 - Officer Elections, Graduation Party

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