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University Center: Opening in October

By Redd Horrocks

I'm standing in the middle of a construction site, not the place I would usually be on my lunch hour. My hard hat is slipping off my head and everything looks blurry from beneath my protective goggles, but wow! I don't even have to try very hard to imagine how it is all going to look. What I'm standing in is the atrium of our new building, the new University Center that will be the signature building for the Clayton State campus once it is finished. It's hard not to notice the construction around campus, and it's also hard not to notice the progress they have made. Walking around the building, I can see everything take shape. The new classrooms are starting to get their tiers put in for the seating on the top two floors of this four-story building. The 18 separate glass roofs are all going up, and most of the glass should be in by April. The building is filled with audio and visual equipment, with a large amount of wireless technology so that we can finally use the infrared ports that the information technology majors are always raving about. The building includes a new food court, new seating areas, a new bookstore, a new President's Suite, new offices for the clubs and administration... the list of features goes on and on. With the central corridor through the building being put into place, it seems that it may be easy to park at Spivey Hall and walk through the new building to get to the main campus, and I know how much you all love hearing those golden words, "New Parking Spaces".



The Grand Hall of the University Center.
Photograph by Kevin Dixon.

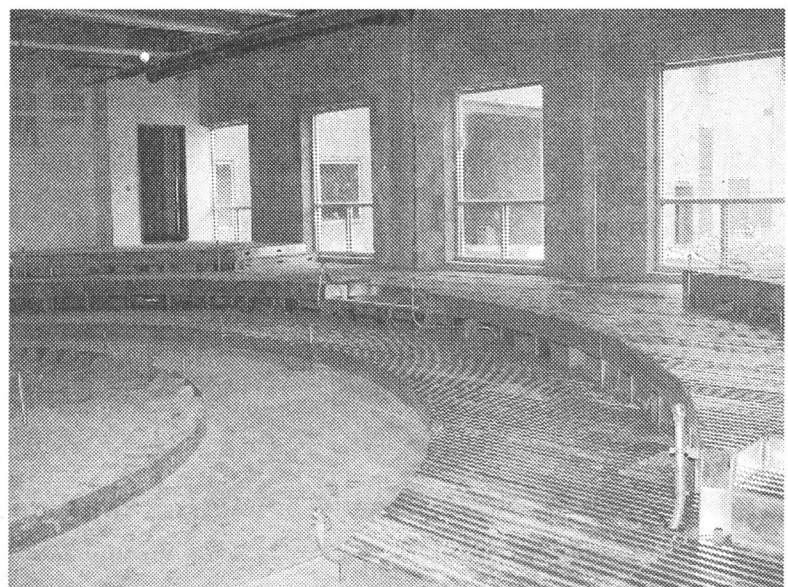


Pictured: P.J. O'Hare and Redd Horrocks
Photograph by Kevin Dixon.

Mr. P.J. O'Hare (Vice President of Operations, Planning & Budgets & Interim Vice President, Campus Life), was kind enough to show me all the highlights of the new building and discuss with me the planned schedule for the ribbon cutting. He came out of retirement to help out on this and other projects around school, and he is obviously very excited about what will soon be a beautiful building. He told me that the reason that there is a delay was because of piping problems that they had in the initial stages of the building. That and the problems of rain creating swampy ground can make the heavy machinery hard to move. That may sound bad, but don't worry. It's all taken care of now. In fact, the building is approximately 72% complete, and the ribbon cutting is scheduled for around October 6th of this year! It may be a little while away yet, but from what Mr. O'Hare was kind enough to show me, it's going to be worth the wait. So, what about the construction outside the Business and Health Sciences building? What is it there for and when will it be gone? Well, back in 1969 the central heating and air conditioning system

was built at CCSU and the seven main buildings of the campus were run off of it. In 1990, it was officially declared dead, and for ten years the brilliant technicians have held it together with "chewing gum and pieces of wire." It was well overdue for a new system. Once completed, the new cooling system will have capacity to run all of the main buildings with room for another in the future. It's bigger, better, and noisy, which is why it has been moved to a more isolated area of the campus in the hopes of not disturbing the students. The really good news is that they are almost finished, and if all goes according to plan, it should be done by May. It was planned to be built at this time so that we wouldn't have to risk being without air conditioning when the temperature rises at the end of Spring. And yes folks, do not fear, Herman the Sculpture will return.

Looking towards the future at CCSU, Mr. O'Hare told me that he would love to see a science building, a new physical education center, or a conference center. There is even rumor of a privately funded theater.



One of the new tiered classrooms that will be located on the third and fourth floors of the University Center.
Photograph by Kevin Dixon.

Thoughts Under Glass

Clayton Place Students' Complaints (almost) as Loud as the Noise

By: Jonathan Gillespie

One thing that continually strikes me about Clayton Place apartments is that every time the subject comes up, it's usually followed by the kind of complaints that would make even a seasoned bank teller or fast food worker a little edgy if they were directed at them.

As I don't live in Clayton Place, I can't provide my own opinion on the subject. So, this month's topic won't take the form of my usual editorial. Instead, I'll be focusing on some of the complaints I've heard tenants of the apartments make.

First, let's look at a quote from one of the students living there, who asked that their name be kept anonymous. Draw your own conclusions:

"Ok- Family Man (who lived with his girlfriend, her son, and a dog) moved out and stole my toaster. I was glad to see him go, so I bought a new toaster. [The room across from me] has been vacant since I moved in. Well, last month it got filled. I sent 2 e-mails to the guy saying this place is horrible - move out.

[The new tenant] has his stereo playing gangsta rap between the hours of 8:00am and about 4:30am, and sometimes he leaves it playing.

He's also smoking something that I can't identify.

I've asked him to turn down his music and smoke outside. Now I've been labeled "the stupid guy". When I was signing my lease, if I knew half of what I would have to put up with here for \$365/month I would have lived in my car or a fridge box on the street."

These complaints are typical of the comments coming from students living at Clayton Place. Perhaps the most glaring point is not the comments themselves, but the fact that I've *never* heard a positive comment about Clayton Place.

Public Safety is doing their best to try and help safeguard the property of the students living at Clayton Place; in fact they deserve our continual thanks for their vigilance and hard work. But they can't be everywhere at once, and despite the fact that they have such constant patrols, incidents continually occur.

Last fall, one of my friends had his apartment broken into. Well, I shouldn't say *broken* into, as the perpetrator used a room key to enter the apartment. No one my friend talked to at Clayton Place was able to discover how the person acquired the key.

One of his roommates was in the apartment at the time. Whoever broke in beat the guy up so bad that he wound up in the hospital for a while.

The entire apartment was looted. All told, two game consoles, a DVD player, and a laptop computer were stolen.

Other than the criminal activity and roommate problems, the next most-common complaints concern parking issues and access to the apartments' high-speed network.

The chief complaint with the apartment network is the lack of speed. Some have said it's completely unavailable during peak hours; others have said that when it is accessible, it is slower than dial-up access. Again, draw your own conclusions.

The other complaint is lack of parking. I wrote about this problem *last year* in an editorial, and the students at Clayton Place are still waiting for it to be addressed.

Students. That word needs to be remembered by those in charge both at Clayton Place and at the campus. Yes, we may be here to learn, but we're also customers, and in the case of Clayton Place, there are a lot of unhappy tenants.

If anyone has any comments about these issues or suggestions for improvements, feel free to send them to me at

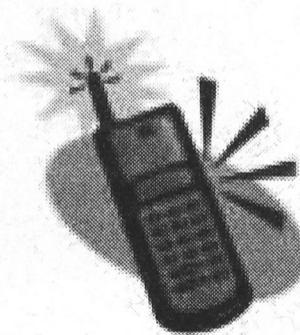
csu12323@student.claytonstate.net.

The Exhaust Pipe

Idiots on Cell Phones

I can't stand people that walk around in the lobby talking on their cell phones while people are trying to study. Take your stupid phone outside and talk where no one can hear you. I don't care about how drunk you got last night or how many people you kissed. Just shut up and take it outside!

_Jill B.



Stop Complaining About Homework

I have a few classes where people complain about too much work or that "this is too hard." Stop crying. If you can't handle the class, drop it. If I were a professor I would laugh in your face and silently pray that you would drop my class.

_Anonymous Jerk

Did You Really Just Throw Garbage on the Ground?

The next person I see throwing garbage on the ground is going to get a swift kick in the butt. Look, you're not in the third grade. Walk to the trash can and throw it away.

_Stephen H.



Get to Know Your Professors

Featuring Dr. Charles Hubbard

By Ashley Spillers

How much do you know about Dr. Charles Hubbard? Did you know that at one time, he owned one-third of the interest in a hog-raising company? Didn't think so. Other than the fact that he is a Professor of Marketing at Clayton College and State University, you may not know much else about him. Read on to find out more about Dr. Hubbard.

Dr. Charles Hubbard was born and raised in Houston, Texas. He describes his childhood as being "normal": his father worked, and his mother was a stay-at-home-mom until his early teenage years. He went to school, and in his spare time, he played ball with his friends. Dr. Hubbard said that "it was a far simpler time then." In high school, Dr. Hubbard was a self-described "good student." He was on the yearbook staff, and he also worked part-time jobs: sacking groceries, stocking shelves, or working at a drugstore. He used his part-time jobs as a teenager to pay for the things he wanted to do, such as having extra money, or buying and maintaining a car. These part-time jobs ultimately led Dr. Hubbard to have an interest in business.

Dr. Hubbard remained in his hometown for college. He attended the University of Houston, Texas. He obtained a bachelor's degree and then moved on to a job in sales at the Lipton Tea Company. Shortly after taking the position, he enlisted in the Army. His choice was fueled by the war in Vietnam and the impending draft. After returning back to the United States and his job at the Lipton Tea Company, Dr. Hubbard decided he wanted to return to school and receive his M.B.A. While in school, Dr. Hubbard's department head asked him if he would like to teach a Principles of Marketing class in the school's night program in the downtown district. Dr. Hubbard accepted the assignment for one semester, and ended up really enjoying the experience. He told his department head that he would be interested in teaching as a career and was informed that he would be more successful in this endeavor if he pursued a Ph.D. He then applied to various Ph.D. programs and was accepted into the University of Arkansas. Shortly after he graduated, he took a job at Bowling Green State University in Ohio as faculty. He stayed there for two years and then moved on to Kansas State University in Kansas for an additional two years. For the ten years that followed these two positions, Dr. Hubbard owned and operated his own business in Arkansas. He owned a moving and storage business and describes himself as "the only truck driver in America with a Ph.D." After a while, Dr. Hubbard decided that he would return to teaching. He joined the staff at the University of Arkansas, and became the Associate Dean of the Business School at the University. He kept the position for about six years

and then stepped down from the position to continue teaching for another three years at that university. He was granted another chance to work in administration at Southwest Texas State University, and relocated to Texas. He spent four years at that university and was presented with a chance to be a Department Head at Clayton College and State University. He applied and has worked at CCSU since 1 July 1993. Since then, he has served as the Head of Marketing and as acting Dean for a period of time in the Business School. He believes that CCSU "improves all of the time" and is in the process of gaining accreditation for the Business School here at Clayton State.

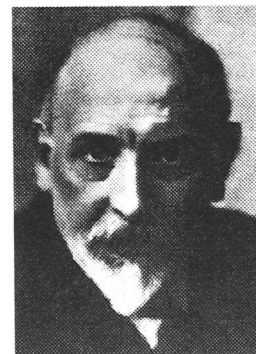
During his time at Southwest Texas State University, he met his current wife. At the time, she was a Journal Editor at the university and presented him with a journal entry to review. The contact sparked a friendship and ultimately a romance that became a marriage. Altogether, they have four children: a set of twin boys together and two girls that were from her previous marriage. They also have five grandchildren. Most of their family still lives in Texas. He says jokingly that he and his wife "ran away from home."

In his spare time, Dr. Hubbard enjoys watching spectator sports, keeping up with current events, reading, watching the news, and traveling. Dr. Hubbard strongly emphasizes the Study Abroad Program in the University System of Georgia. His wife, a professor at the State University of West Georgia, was selected as a member of the European Council at one time and Dr. Hubbard joined her with a group of students in the Study Abroad Program. They spent five weeks in London, England teaching and traveling to Berlin Germany, Paris France, Scotland, and Ireland. The pair has also been selected to take another group of students to Russia this summer. They will spend five weeks in St. Petersburg and Moscow. Dr. Hubbard and his wife have also traveled to New Zealand, Australia, Switzerland, Germany, and Italy.

Dr. Hubbard considers his twin sons his proudest achievement and his most profound life event. His greatest sense of accomplishment comes from watching them as the men that they have turned out to be and knowing that he is their father. Dr. Hubbard has learned many things over the years, but he especially has noticed that people take themselves too seriously and that most people need to set loftier goals and aim higher. His personal goal is to have a positive outlook on life and to continue to excite students in the classroom.

In conclusion, Dr. Hubbard would like the student body to take what is written about him and use whatever wisdom he has to offer to their advantage.

Clayton State Theater
presents



Luigi Pirandello's

Six Characters in Search of an Author

March 20-22 and 27-29, 2003

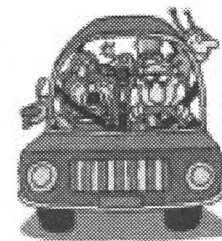
Free Admission with Linx Card

\$8.00 General Public

with Ben Hopkins, Celeste Greene, Wyatt Lowe, Krystal Jackson, Felicitas Connell, Sarah Baggett, Kyle E. Pinion, Molly Martin, Destinee Townsend, Ken Cowart, Ahsan Huda, Ivey Lowe, and Caleb Terrence

Carpool to Campus!

Come to the Transportation Fair to Find Out More



On Wednesday, April 16, 2003, Clayton College & State University will be holding the second Transportation Fair on campus from 11 am to 6. This event is held by the Department of Public Safety's University RideShare Program and emphasizes how to take care of our environment and how each person can be part of the solution instead of part of the problem. Since smog season begins May 1, there should be more interest in this topic.

As an extra attraction to this event, we will invite an automobile dealer to bring alternate fuel vehicles to exhibit on campus and also bring more attention to Atlanta's transportation and environmental concerns. You can look at the web page from last year at: http://admins-services.clayton.edu/ps/RideShare/Special%20Events/TransFair02/trans_fair.htm.

For more information or to volunteer, call Joan Murphy, Public Safety, 770-961-3540.

Your club's ad could be here. If you would like to advertise a campus event, e-mail the Bent Tree!

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Thank the Soldiers: You Owe Everything to Them

By Brian Gardiner



Each and every time you take advantage of anything this country has to offer, you owe it to the United States military. Every word you speak that is against our government or is insulting to our president, you owe to the United States military. Each time you gather for an anti-war rally or an anti-capitalism rally, you owe it to the United States military. All of the celebrities, rock stars, and rappers, that say our country is a disgrace and speak out against our president, owe that right to United States military. Each and every day that you follow a dream or realize one, you owe it to the life of a fallen soldier.

Really, there is no way to escape it. Whether or not you support military action in Iraq or are simply opposed to military action in general, the only reason that you are allowed the opportunity to voice your opinion is because of the United States Military. Throughout history, those countries that have amassed great wealth have done so as a result of their military strength, not necessarily through invasion, but through the ability to repel invaders. Without military strength, foreign invaders will undoubtedly (if history is any indicator) attempt to take control of a country's wealth and will use that wealth to establish their own form of government. Whether you consider the Romans or the Mongols, you must understand that these powerful nations did not simply retain their wealth by luck or diplomacy. They have all retained their wealth and their culture as a result of their powerful military.

Consider our current situation. As we speak, there are countless numbers of Islamic fundamentalists that would love to see our way of life completely destroyed. Why do you think that we are not currently being overrun by foreign governments? The answer is simple, our military. Our military is the one reason that our country has been able to grow and prosper with a minimal amount of interference from outside influences. Sure, some would say that because of our military policies we have enraged many in the Middle East and have created the hatred that they have for us. But people who say that forget that we have also helped countless numbers of Middle Eastern people. Many people have forgotten the cheers our military received when they entered Kuwait, and many have chosen to ignore the countless numbers of Iraqi defectors that have publicly said that the people within Iraq are silently waiting for a U.S. invasion only to have the opportunity to be free. However, no real logical argument will ever convince the anti-war zealots that sometimes war is necessary and just. The fact of the matter is that those who attend anti-war rallies and cry for peace at all costs, are simply frightened and do not want to risk some of their luxuries. Notice how the majority of the talking heads that speak out about the horrors of war are rich celebrities that haven't lived in the real world for quite a long time. So the next time you consider whose side you are on remember, your choice is between a celebrity that lives on your entertainment money and a soldier who is willing to die so that you can be free.

The Iraq Attack Song

Sing to the tune of "If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands."



IRAQ



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If we cannot find Osama, bomb Iraq.
If the markets hurt your Mama, bomb Iraq.
If the terrorists are Saudi
And the bank takes back your Audi
And the TV shows are bawdy,
Bomb Iraq.

If the corporate scandals growin', bomb Iraq.
And your ties to them are showin', bomb Iraq.
If the smoking gun ain't smokin'
We don't care and we're not jokin'
That Saddam will soon be croakin',
Bomb Iraq.

Even if we have no allies, bomb Iraq.
From the sand dunes to the valleys, bomb Iraq.
So to hell with the inspections
Let's look tough for the elections
Close your mind and take directions,
Bomb Iraq.

When the globe is slowly warming, bomb Iraq.
Yay! The clouds of war are storming, bomb Iraq.
If the ozone hole is growing
Some things we prefer not knowing
(Though our ignorance is showing)
Bomb Iraq.

So here's one for dear old Daddy, bomb Iraq.
From his favorite little laddy, bomb Iraq.
Saying no would look like treason
It's the Saddam-hunting season
Even if we have no reason,
BOMB IRAQ!!!

-Anonymous

War: Iraq's Only Hope for Freedom

By Brian Gardiner

To make the case for going to war with Iraq, I could make many logical arguments using facts, figures, and examples of how Saddam has crapped all over the policies of the U.N. But I realize that those individuals who are against the probable war with Iraq do not care to be bothered with logic and facts. These are the same people who thought it was a good move for three House Democrats to go to Baghdad and call President Bush a liar. So rather than mentioning the parallels between Saddam Hussein and Adolf Hitler, or sighting the findings of British intelligence that shows Iraq having massive stores of biological and chemical weapons, I decided to take the emotional, personal perspective and speak to an Iraqi who spent the majority of his life living under the terrible regime of Saddam Hussein. The individual that I interviewed requested not to be named in this article due to the possibility of being discovered by the Iraqi secret police. I know that sounds a little bit odd, because the person I spoke with does currently live in the United States, however, this individual is no mere refugee. He spent years going to college in Iraq, and after he had completed college in Baghdad, he was expected to join the military for a mandatory service period. However, being an educated individual and having a clear state of mind, this gentleman refused to join the military to serve as a puppet for Saddam Hussein. Instead he joined the Kurdish opposition in the northern portion of Iraq and began working with them in order to create a strategy for the removal of Saddam Hussein. According to my source, the removal of Saddam is "a necessary step in order to restore life and the possibility of freedom to the Iraqi people." The reason is simple; it is not at all possible for anything to change for the better for the Iraqi people unless Saddam makes it so. The Iraqi people currently have no ability to control their lives in a meaningful way. If they do attempt to create change, or even speak a word of dissent against Saddam, they will be killed.

Saddam currently controls all of the wealth of the Iraqi people. At anytime he can take or give whatever he would like. The system stays relatively simple; 85% of the wealth of Iraq goes towards developing weapons

(including biological and chemical weapons, as well as developing a nuclear program), 5% goes toward maintaining infrastructure, 5% goes toward the Iraqi people, and the final 5% is kept by Saddam himself. By using that amount of wealth on creating weapons Saddam can insure that he will be able to quell any insurgency within his own country and will also be able to kill a great number of invaders when that day

comes. At the same time Saddam can enjoy the wealth that has been created by the industrious and intelligent Iraqi people. Often we as a country become so comfortable with our satellite T.V. and our fancy new vehicles that we forget that reality is occurring all around us, and that not everyone has the luxury of electing their own representatives. The prime concern of the Iraqi people is not who will take power when Saddam is gone or the stability of the region. Their main concern is simply having the ability to face a new reality, a reality that would be filled with uncertainty, and through that uncertainty, hope. We as a people cannot understand what that feels like, and I believe that it is extremely arrogant of us to pretend that we understand or know what the Iraqi people deal with day in and day out. While many of us can sympathize, there is absolutely no way that any of us can truly empathize. My Iraqi friend explained to me that in his country the main hope for the future is the possibility of having choice, not *having* choice, but merely having the *possibility* of having choice. Under the current regime there is no possibility of a brighter future, and there is no hope. Only by causing a period of uncertainty can the Iraqi people even begin to dream again. No matter how hard we try, we can never understand what it is like to see hundreds of our friends gassed to death. Nor can we understand what it would be like to come home to find that your wife has been raped and your children killed because someone heard that you called Saddam Hussein irresponsible.

You know, it seems funny to me that the political party that cries the loudest about wanting to be humanitarian, and wanting everyone to be equal, thinks it is just fine and dandy to let Saddam Hussein oppress minority groups and kill women and children. I for one do not believe that the U.S. should intervene in Iraq simply because of the horrible living conditions that the Iraqi people live under. I believe that we should intervene because of the threat that Saddam Hussein poses to the civilized world. But like I said, I did not want to fill this article with empirical figures or arguments about how much of a threat Saddam really is. Instead, I would just like you to consider the freedoms that you and I enjoy everyday and realize that the people in Iraq do not have them. Maybe then, and only then, those of you who think everyone should be equal would agree that we should remove Saddam Hussein. Oh yeah, but then we would still have to fight a war. Nah, maybe we should just stay home where it's safe, at least for now.



Fear and Helplessness: The Effect War Has on Children

The following is a transcript of a speech given by now 13-year-old Charlotte Aldebron at a peace rally in Maine.

When people think about bombing Iraq, they see a picture in their heads of Saddam Hussein in a military uniform, or maybe soldiers with big black mustaches carrying guns, or the mosaic of George Bush Senior on the lobby floor of the Al-Rashid Hotel with the word "criminal." But guess what? More than half of Iraq's 24 million people are children under the age of 15. That's 12 million kids. Kids like me. Well, I'm almost 13, so some are a little older, and some a lot younger, some boys instead of girls, some with brown hair, not red. But kids who are pretty much like me just the same. So take a look at me -- a good long look. Because I am what you should see in your head when you think about bombing Iraq. I am what you are going to destroy.



If I am lucky, I will be killed instantly, like the three hundred children murdered by your "smart" bombs in a Baghdad bomb shelter on February 16, 1991. The blast caused a fire so intense that it flash-burned outlines of those children and their mothers on the walls; you can still peel strips of blackened skin -- souvenirs of your victory -- from the stones.

But maybe I won't be lucky and I'll die slowly, like 14-year-old Ali Faisal, who right now is in the "death ward" of the Baghdad children's hospital. He has malignant lymphoma -- cancer -- caused by the depleted uranium in your Gulf War missiles. Or maybe I will die painfully and needlessly like 18-month-old Mustafa, whose vital organs are being devoured by sand fly parasites. I know it's hard to believe, but Mustafa could be totally cured with just \$25 worth of medicine, but there is none of this medicine because of your sanctions.

Or maybe I won't die at all but will live for years with the psychological damage that you can't see from the outside, like Salman Mohammed, who even now can't forget the terror he lived through with his little sisters when you bombed Iraq in 1991. Salman's father made the whole family sleep in the same room so that they would all survive together, or die together. He still has nightmares about the air raid sirens.

Or maybe I will be orphaned like Ali, who was three when you killed his father in the Gulf War. Ali scraped at the dirt covering his father's grave every day for three years calling out to him, "It's all right Daddy, you can come out now, the men who put you here have gone away." Well, Ali, you're wrong. It looks like those men are coming back.

Or I maybe I will make it in one piece, like Luay Majed, who remembers that the Gulf War meant he didn't have to go to school and could stay up as late as he wanted. But today, with no education, he tries to live by selling newspapers on the street.

Imagine that these are your children -- or nieces or nephews or neighbors. Imagine your son screaming from the agony of a severed limb, but you can't do anything to ease the pain or comfort him. Imagine your daughter crying out from under the rubble of a collapsed building, but you can't get to her. Imagine your children wandering the streets, hungry and alone, after having watched you die before their eyes.

This is not an adventure movie or a fantasy or a video game. This is reality for children in Iraq. Recently, an international group of researchers went to Iraq to find out how children there are being affected by the possibility of war. Half the children they talked to said they saw no point in living anymore. Even really young kids knew about war and worried about it. One 5-year-old, Assem, described it as "guns and bombs and the air will be cold and hot and we will burn very much." Ten-year-old Aesar had a message for President Bush: he wanted him to know that "A lot of Iraqi children will die. You will see it on TV and then you will regret."

Back in elementary school I was taught to solve problems with other kids not by hitting or name-calling, but by talking and using "I" messages. The idea of an "I" message was to make the other person understand how bad his or her actions made you feel, so that the person would sympathize with you and stop it. Now I am going to give you an "I" message. Only it's going to be a "We" message. "We" as in all the children in Iraq who are waiting helplessly for something bad to happen. "We" as in the children of the world who don't make any of the decisions but have to suffer all the consequences. "We" as in those whose voices are too small and too far away to be heard.

We feel scared when we don't know if we'll live another day.

We feel angry when people want to kill us or injure us or steal our future.

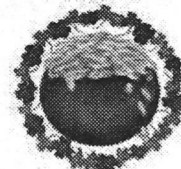
We feel sad because all we want is a mom and a dad who we know will be there the next day.

And, finally, we feel confused -- because we don't even know what we did wrong.





Luck O' the Irish



In Celebration of St. Patrick's Day: Irish Cocktails

Irish Coffee

1/2 to 2/3 cup strong, hot coffee
1 teaspoon sugar
2 ounces Irish whiskey
2 ounces heavy cream



Morning with the Leprechauns

1-1/2 ounce Bailey's Irish Cream
1 ounce Irish Whiskey
2 teaspoons Cherry Brandy
3 ounces cold, strong coffee
crushed ice

Irish Flag

1 ounce green Crème de Menthe
1 ounce Bailey's Irish Cream
1 ounce Brandy

Everybody's Irish

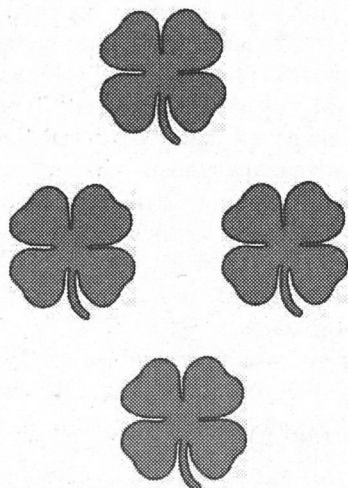
2 ounces Irish Whiskey
1 ounce green Crème de Menthe
1 ounce green Chartreuse

Irish Rose

1 ounce Brown Crème de Cacao
1 ounce Bailey's Irish Cream
1 ounce Tequila Rose liquor

Celtic Mix Cocktail

1-1/2 ounces Scotch
1 ounce Irish whiskey
1/2 fresh lemon (juice)
1 dash bitters



Compiled by Ashley Spillers

It's Not Just About Leprechauns! The Origin of Ireland's Holiday

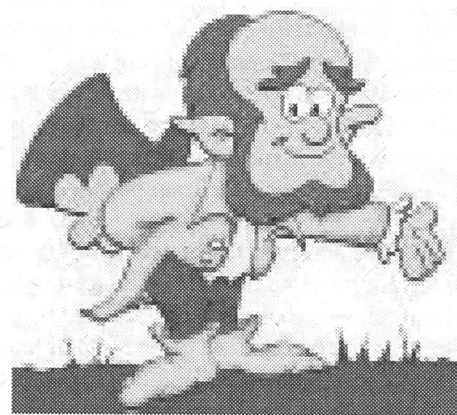
By Ashley Spillers

St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was born in Wales in A.D. 385. His original name was Maewyn. He did not have proper schooling and came close to being denied the position as bishop of Ireland. Until he was sixteen years old, he considered himself a pagan. At the age of sixteen, he was sold into slavery by a group of Irish intruders. He became close to God during his captivity. After six years, he escaped from slavery and went to Gaul to study in the monastery. He studied under St. Germain, the bishop of Auxerre, for twelve years. He realized during this time that he had a calling to bring pagans to Christianity. Patrick was



appointed as the second bishop of Ireland by his superiors. Patrick was arrested many times by the Celtic Druids for being so successful at

converting, but he escaped every time. He established many monasteries all over Ireland, and set up schools and churches that would aid his conversion of the Irish Country to Christianity. His mission lasted thirty years. After that, he settled in County Down. He died on March 17 in A.D. 461. This day has been celebrated as St. Patrick's Day ever since.



Get Your 'Jig' On

By Matt Schilling

St. Patrick's Day is a great excuse for us to eat corned beef and cabbage, drink green beer and watch *Riverdance* without being made fun of by others. For centuries, the Irish have been celebrating this day with Celtic pride and happiness. If you thought that only the Irish could get down during this season of shamrocks and leprechauns, well, you should be smacked with the Blarney Stone. Here is a lowdown of some of the cooler things to do around town (without making that long drive to the British Isles) that still hold fast the spirit of St. Patrick.

Our own Spivey Hall is hosting Celtic: Anuna, a performance ensemble that has gained worldwide recognition with "Cloudsong," which is a contribution to *Riverdance* that spent 18 weeks at #1 on the Irish pop chart list. This entertaining group has performed with many of the greats, including Barry Manilow, Elvis Costello, and Sinead O'Connor. The performance is March 14 at 8:15 PM. Tickets to non-CCSU students are \$25.

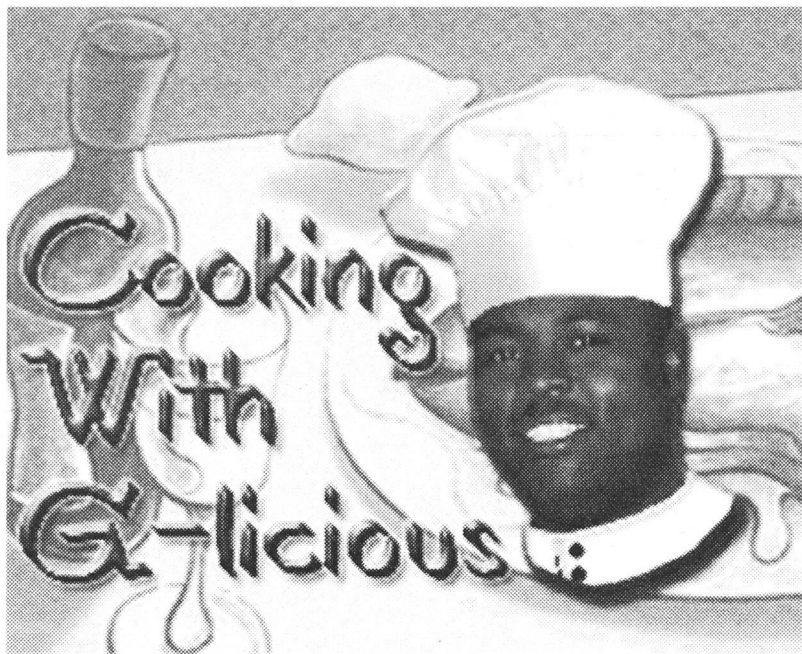
Atlanta's premier Irish pub, Fado, will be hosting its 7th annual St. Patrick's Day Block Party. Starting on March 15 and lasting until the 17th, Fado will have live music, games, rides and Guinness by the pint from 10:30 a.m. until 4:00 a.m. daily. The cost is \$10 a day. For more information call 404-841-0066.

If you consider yourself a hard core St. Patty's day enthusiast, there is always the four-hour drive to Savannah for the biggest festival of the year. Complete with green water fountains, parades, and live music, this is the place for people of all ages to come together and party. I've been, and nothing comes close to the unity and fun that is to be had for the three days that the peaceful city dons its shamrocks and buckled shoes. Starting on March 14th and going on until the wee morning hours of the 18th, this no cover blowout will widen the eyes of anyone wanting to see what Irish spirit can do.

Intimate Insights

Q: My boyfriend keeps getting jealous because I talk to other guys. I keep telling him that I would never cheat on him, and I think he believes me, but he still gets upset if any of my guy friends call me. How do I handle this?

A: Well, you could take it as a sign that he loves you and wants to be with you if you are the 'glass is half full' type of person. I don't pretend to understand everything men do, in fact I can barely understand about ten percent, but if I turned it around and there were girls calling my boyfriend, then I know I would be pretty upset. There must be some other factor here. If you have cheated before, then heck, you are never going to be able to convince him to let your guy friends call you; it just won't happen. If he has been cheated on before, then again, probably not going to happen. But there are ways to make him feel more comfortable. If a guy friend calls you and your boyfriend is there, tell the friend you will call him back in a couple of minutes, then tell your boyfriend who it is and ask him if it is okay if you call them back quickly to find out what they wanted. Or you can call them back when your boyfriend is not around... though that is a little deceptive and I don't completely encourage that. Your boyfriend has to know that he comes first, and that although your friends are important to you, he is still number one. If the person who is calling you is an ex that you are still friends with... switch to emailing, you will never win that argument. Just put yourself in your boyfriend's position and make sure that you aren't asking him to be comfortable with something that you yourself would not be comfortable with if the roles were reversed.



Ingredients:

3 cans of tuna
1 cup of diced onions
1 cup of diced green peppers
1 can of cream of mushroom soup
1 bag of egg noodles
Colby (sliced) cheese (optional: shredded cheddar cheese—mild or sharp)
Salt
Pepper

Directions:

First, boil a pot of water for your noodles. Do not cook noodles completely. After noodles are ready, drain them. Pour noodles into a big bowl. Turn oven on 350. Add your tuna, onions, peppers and soup into the bowl. Now add seasoning to it. At this point, you could add the shredded cheese if you want a "cheesier" dish. Pour mixture into a casserole dish. Lastly, cover top with sliced cheese (sliced american cheese is NOT a good substitute!) and place in the oven. Cook for 20 minutes or until cheese is melted (kind of like macaroni and cheese). Serve with red kool-aid (or your favorite beverage of choice), and you are ready to eat!

REMEMBER: Making a mistake is only bad when that same mistake is never corrected.



A Review

By: John Maruyama and
Matt Schilling

If you have ever watched that episode of the Osbournes and wondered where Ozzy bought his overstuffed, Western style burrito, then you may want to read this article. The Western burrito, which originated in California, has made its way into Morrow at a place called Gecko Grille, named after a type of lizard that has suction pads on its feet. It is located between Toys R' Us and Best Buy, along Mt. Zion Road. Howard and Anita Hsu, the owners of Gecko Grille, have mastered the way of the Western burrito, training long years in isolation trying to get it just right.

Accordingly, anyone who eats at the Gecko Grille will taste this mastery in the form of a reasonably priced burrito.

The menu of Gecko Grille caters to both meat lovers and vegetarians. Among the items on the menu are the "Meat-atarian," which contains steak, chicken, and ground sirloin; the "Veg-head," which, as you may guess, contains a variety of grilled vegetables; and the "Tofu D'lite," which contains tofu. All food is prepared in front of the customer like a sub-shop, so you can direct the burrito maker as you go. This enables the customer to choose what toppings—like rice, beans, sour cream and a variety of vegetables—he or she would like on one's customized burrito.

Every item comes with chips, and you can choose amongst several types of salsa, all of which are prepared fresh everyday. In addition, Gecko Grille also makes nachos, tacos, and quesadillas. Students who present their ID get 10% off.

Besides their food, the artsy and eclectic atmosphere of Gecko Grille gives it a unique and refreshing character—as opposed to the drab and uniform environment you might find in a more corporate restaurant, like Taco Bell or McDonalds. The bright green gecko motif can be found everywhere inside the store. The walls are covered in colorful, graffiti-like art and geckos. Their Ikea ceiling lamps, having a shape reminiscent of the curved contours of a gecko, shine a green light on the Ikea furnishings, which include perforated green and orange chairs. The owners of Gecko Grille are dedicated to providing a "cool" atmosphere by surrounding the customers with different types of art. Gecko Grille wants to expand their collection by purchasing art from students at the college; they encourage interested art students to bring their creations to the restaurant. In the future, and when the weather warms up, Gecko Grille plans to have live Caribbean style music, along with bongos, played on their patio. The restaurant is also in the process of getting its liquor license.



WAR: WHAT IS IT GOOD FOR?

CCSU Students and Faculty Members Voice Their Opinions

I am really tired of liberal hippies stating that war is not the answer. As sad and as devastating as war can be, when diplomacy fails, there often times is no other solution. I really struggle to understand how people can say that war is not an answer, when it is war itself that has granted them the freedom to say just that.

Aaron Bailey

I tire of hearing those who do not really keep up with what goes on in this world say, "It's all about oil." I would like President Bush to tell the UN, "You failed to do your job. Now we are going to do ours." I am proud of our country and our service men and women. When given the chance, as I am when withdrawing the deployed, I try to take the opportunity to tell them how much I appreciate them and wish them well. GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Bobbie Busby

My belief is that Iraq is an active supporter of world wide terrorism activities, that requires somebody to stop it. Saddam Hussein is a dictator of the first magnitude, and has caused his people to be subjected to the most dehumanizing and vicious acts of terror in history. This includes testing new chemical and biological weapons on whole villages, and wiping them out. Who is better qualified to stop him than the U.S.A.?

Victor Winebrenner

I would prefer that we not go to war against Iraq. However, I do want to support our president, and I want to believe that he knows what is best for our nation. I believe that we should all pray for this situation to come to a quick end. We know that terrorism is alive and well. I do not like to hear "Hollywood folks" say that "war is never the answer." If you read your bible, there are times when war is the answer.

Pam Hyaduck

Sometimes you have to fight for what you think is right. Sometimes war is the only solution. Sometimes war is the only answer to freedom. So damn right I feel that the US should go take care of some business so cowards like you and me can feel a little safer in our own damn country.

Kosal Chan

I don't think war is the answer. If the U.S. is that concerned about Saddam then they should train a group of green berets or delta force units to go in there and take out Saddam and his sons and generals. A War is not necessary because all that leads to is extreme casualties, and there is no way for the US army to go to Iraq and get Saddam and dispose of him. What makes the government think they can go in and find him this time? He has supposedly hidden from our satellites and forces for almost 12 years now. Are they going to destroy everything until they find him? Leave Iraq in ruins? That doesn't seem like the answer to me. I think we have bigger issues with North Korea or the inhumane way that the Palestinians are treated at the hands of the Israelis. Whatever happens, this will be a good lesson in history.

Tariq BinHindi

We must all realize that the little bit that we think we know about the situation in Iraq, is actually just a fragment and front by the government to leak only the information they want you to hear!! Passing judgment based on limited intelligence seems so easy to some. Trust those whom you have empowered!!

Mike Minc

I truly do not trust the people from the Middle East. They are like Twin brothers and sisters that argue and fight all the time but would turn against anyone that touches one of them. Iraq may betray the U.S. during war time. The Islamic and Muslim world believe in coming together during difficult times. If the U.S. could find another route or base, it would be a lot safer for our devoted soldiers.

Evelyn Tankoh

Our way of life here in the States is more than worth fighting for. The issue at hand should be to find out exactly IS that way of life under attack? I saw the speech that Colin Powell gave a couple of weeks ago, and I believe that they are in the midst of planning something really serious against the States and like Bush said, "we will not sit around and WAIT to see what terrorism can do, as we have already experienced that on Sept. 11."

Mellanie N. Triplett

The war on Iraq is a burning issue that can be addressed in many ways. I personally don't know how I feel about it. I try to have an opinion but it's hard to when it seems that the American public is not being told all the information. Why are we in such a big hurry to go to war? I understand that Saddam is our evil nemesis or whatever, but what is so important that it can't at least wait until the public and the United Nations agree? I guess I missed the point when the bombing of the trade towers and the overtaking communism in North Korea got put on the back burner to these "possible" nuclear warheads. So when asked how I feel about the war on Iraq I would have to respond that I don't know. I don't understand why some of the older people think that we should just kill everybody, but I guess that's because my generation hasn't experienced the brutality of war. Why should we? I mean what's wrong with everything being o.k.? Why do we want to push this war? to kill a man? We are going to risk sons and daughters and boyfriends and parents within our own country. Why? why can't we just live peacefully and let the weapon inspectors do their jobs? Maybe when I feel that the United Nations is with us, I'll feel better about it, but I won't allow myself to agree with a war that is avoidable. War—
—What is it good for? Absolutely nothing.

Ashley Floyd

I think war with Iraq would be unfortunate but necessary. Bush and his administration has shown plenty of proof that Saddam is a threat to our national security. If we were to disarm Iraq we would be one step closer to "winning the war on terrorism." I also think the government knows more than they have told the people, and I completely trust our President to lead the nation.

Jason Walker

I think we're c - r - a - z - y. We will be in another Vietnam War - soldiers not knowing why they are there. As a country, we should regroup. We should heal from the 911 tragedy before we try to go to war. Besides does President Bush actually think that every country that has missiles will tell the United Nations or him? He needs to get real. Every country has some secret. I just hope our secrets don't destroy the world. President Bush has a lot on his agenda to deal with concerning war and our economy. It will be interesting to observe how he deals with it all. Good Luck Bush!!

Lavonia Hayes

Try to remember how you felt on the morning of 9/11/02. The war in Iraq will not be blood for oil. It will be a just cause to remove an unstable Dictator who has already used chemical weapons on his own people.

David Lane

I don't think we should go to war, I think we should annihilate Saddam Hussein and the Iraqi government and make factories for little rubber ducks. Cause I mean think about it, nobody really takes baths with those yellow rubber ducks anymore. As a peace offering we should allow the Iraqi people to benefit from this (unbeknownst to them) useless undertaking, making them feel significant after so many years of oppression by this sick tyrannical shell of a man. The vision of that man shall haunt my dreams every day for the rest of my life until I draw my last breath.

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