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Council takes on racial problems

New committee formed

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In a response to recent student concerns, Student Council initiated steps they hope will help solve some of the racial problems on campus. As prior issues of the *Scarlet* reported, a Black Student Union dance ended in violence and gunplay on the night of September 25th. Both the administration and Student Council, as well as the BSU, responded by organizing several discussions focused around campus aggression and ethnicity.

During last Sunday's meeting, Maywood Hall Representative Rob Leeman made a motion to establish the African Peoples' Subcommittee "for all African-type people." This committee is designed to replace the BSU, which Council feels had too much power.

President Condon stated "De-

mocracy as a system is always built on a foundation of centralized control. Minorities must come to that authority to appeal for their interests. We are enthusiastic about providing a traditional environment for members of the former BSU to operate." Both he and Vice President Tom Roy hoped that the committee would let the former BSU members "get their stuff done."

This decision is very popular among the new Council representatives and nearly passed by acclamation. Abou Fall was the only member who voted against the motion, arguing that "this is insane. You are all insane." He left the meeting shortly after. Quorum was lost, and Council will vote on the measure after vacation.

The BSU was unavailable for comment, as we were too scared to contact them.



Chris Condon relaxes after a stressful Student Council meeting in which many major decisions were made, all of which will be voted down at next week's meeting. "Whitebread" Condon is enjoying extremely high popularity ratings, and analysts suggest only a major PR blunder, such as mishandling the BSU, could sink his 90% approval rating.

IDRISI celebrates 25th year with reception

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A reception honoring the 25th anniversary of the IDRISI project was held last Saturday. Many of Clark's faculty and staff attended the event, held at Dana Commons.

The quarter-century-old IDRISI project, located at 921 Main Street, is affiliated with the Clark Labs for Cartographic Technol-

ogy and Geographic Analysis, and the Geography Department. Since its inception in 1971 and subsequent public opening in 1981, it has received praise and numerous grants from benefactors around the world.

The current director of the IDRISI project, Ron Eastman, held a speech later in the evening. He emphasized his gratitude to the Clark community and administration for its support over the one score and five years.

A highlight of the speech occurred when Eastman proudly presented his Resident Alien card, which much of the audience found to be a very humorous gesture.

Among the attendees were Jack Foley, Executive Assistant to the President and Physics professor Chuck Agosta. Also present in a ravishing backless dress was Annie Sullivan, Resource Coordinator for the Sackler Science Center. First to cut the cake was

John Balcunas, HVAC Technician for Physical Plant. Tom Wall, Project Manager of Physical Plant, arrived fashionably late with Provost Roger Kasperson.

The catering was arranged by Bon Appetit, which was found by many to be better than they had expected. Most of the food was devoured: only some elderberry muffins remained uneaten.

"I'm glad Bon Appetit was given this chance to prove itself, and I feel we coordinated the din-

ing orchestration precipitously and with amicability," said Chris Moos, Director of Bon Appetit.

The evening concluded with a demonstration of some of the technological innovations associated with the IDRISI project that have been produced over the years.

"Woah, that's cool," commented Hogarth Hansen, a graduate student involved in the

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President comments on his continued health and new work-out plan

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Long after multiple bypass surgery that left Clark University President Richard Traina bed ridden for several weeks last Spring, the President has instituted a new exercise regiment. Train returned to the driving range last June, was walking 18 holes by July, and was getting thrown into fits of rage by insolent students ringing his doorbell by late August.

Traina is now back to his regular exercise schedule which consists of 36 holes of golf, three sets of tennis, two full hours of badminton with Jack Foley, and an hour in the new fitness center in the Kneller. While this regiment does not leave much time for work, Traina is not concerned, "Now that I have my house and a fitness center, what else do I have to raise money for? I'll have clear slate until Polly wants a new bedroom set."

While all this exercise is doing the President good, he admits that there have been a few problems. Recently, he has been accosted by a number of Clark students with questions during his hour in the fitness center. Traina was a bit surprised by their casual attitudes and expectation that he acknowledge their presence.

Traina said that if all Clark students brought questions to him while he was exercising, "Life would be madness." Traina also

noted that he would never think of running onto a soccer field to ask a student a question concerning organic chemistry, much less ever directly speak to a student unless there were at least four perspectives watching.

Furthermore, when he worked on other college campuses during the height of student confusion, students would not have approached him even if he had been doing jumping jacks naked in the middle of the student

union. "I had them completely 'whipped..." said Traina.

President Traina said that there were many reasons for his new exercise schedule, but the main one was that he could mooch as much as possible from the university in new and inventive ways. He also mentioned that if students were ever looking for him, he can be found at home during his office hours every day.

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