

# The Scarlet

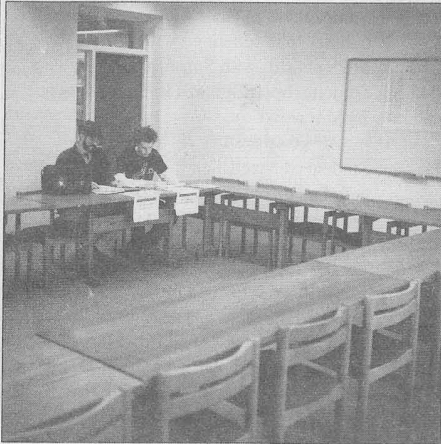
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## Transition Time for Council



Deciding our fate. Michael Gibson, Trustee Liaison, and John Spelman, Chair of the Budget Committee, attend another lively Student Council meeting in which quorum was not met. In the background, one can make out ROC-U's semi-permanent 'StudCo shanty-town.'

## Food services enter final crucial stage of bidding

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In February, 1996, six competing food service companies were invited to Clark after Clark abruptly announced they were putting DAKA's food service contract up for bid. Clark had apparently exercised this option after two years into a ten year contract, which was signed in 1994.

DAKA has been with Clark for twenty-two years, since 1974. In March, the seven food service providers including DAKA were invited into the next stage of bidding. It required them to attend a proposal conference where their attendance was an expression of their interest to continue bidding for Clark's food service contract.

All seven companies including Flik International and Fame Associates displayed their presence at the meeting, and successfully The food service

companies currently interested in bidding include Aramark, Sodexo, Marriott, Bon Appetit, DAKA, Flik International, and Fame Associates.

"The bidding is very important to Clark since it gives us a chance to get Clark's money's worth," explained Cove.

The final stage of bidding begins next week, according to the Business Office. This has been the most competitive of bidding procedures since DAKA first got the contract. DAKA's contract has been up for bidding 3 times since they started working with Clark.

The last round of bidding is the most intense because it involves a new procedure, and it is the most competitive part of the process.

"We were very impressed by certain new initiatives that we saw on campus," said Jim Collins, Executive Vice-President of Administration and Fi-

nance, "Especially the election process of this year's Student Council. We don't understand the fuss about the Debate, especially. Especially, because it worked so finely."

Next Thursday, representatives from each of the food services will meet at Tilton Hall. ROC-U, *WheatBread*, and *The Scarlet* will then ask questions of each of the candidates, although *The Scarlet* will get confused by boneheads on Council and then act all snippy about it. There will be a 5 second Lightning Round between each series of questions. The audience will be encouraged to ask questions of the candidates, as well as throw things.

The event will not be hosted by the Chair of the Government Department, Brian Cook, as he has been sacked for "unprofessional conduct" by the Dean of the College for associating with undergrads.

## Administration releases plans for near future and beyond

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In a statement released earlier this week, President of the University Richard P. Traina announced to the campus that, "It is our delight to announce that the Board of Trustees and the Senior Administrative Committee have agreed on a comprehensive 10-year plan to promote the interests of the University."

The statement continued with "We strongly feel that this plan will provide the framework for the vision of Clark University in the 21st Century." Traina's letter went on to say "In times of growing uncertainty about the economic and social condition of our welfare, a comprehensive plan such as this is vital for the continued cultural and educational growth of a small community yet worldly community such as ours."

The statement was issued last Thursday. It said, in part, "The plan, which is formally entitled the Clark University Basic School Criterion Outreach Un-

dergraduate Tethering Scenario, contains many innovative new measures which we are sure will make Clark the financially and morally monolithic institution that it can be. When CUB-SCOUTS is fully implemented in Fall of 1998, we hope other institutions will follow our lead in providing this kind of ethical and economic leadership for their student bodies."

The Administration's new Plan has five distinct stages. "The five-stage plan radically redefines the relationship between the Administration and the Student Body," said Traina's statement. "We are very proud of its implications, and we feel that the Student Body will learn the virtues of obedience and loyalty once the details of CUB-SCOUTS are discussed in a mature and rational manner."

"The first stage involves the fiscal viability of the University," said the statement, "which we feel needs to take priority if the academic agenda of the College is to survive uncompromised. Clark University is go-

## Professor Fox to begin exciting new Biblical adventure

BY JONATHAN HOAG  
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Clark professor Everest Fox is embarking on a new project. His translation of the Koran complete, Professor Fox is now searching for God's phone number. So far, he has made some progress, but says that he has hit a few obstacles.

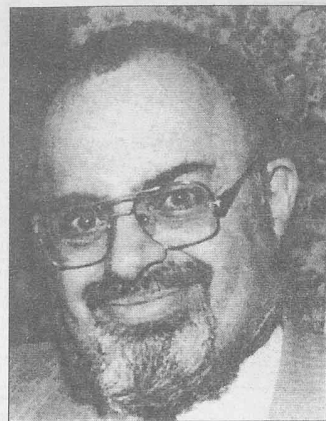
"I've managed to reach a few of the apostles, but they won't give me any clues." An apostle who wishes to remain anonymous did confide to Professor Fox that God's area code has a 5 in it.

Professor Fox remains undaunted, and he's got several upcoming meetings with people who may shed some light on God's whereabouts. One of these contacts is a Julius

Flatulus, a second-hand furniture dealer whose shop contains several tables and chairs built by Christ.

Mr. Flatulus told this reporter: "Yeah, I knew the Guy, used to knock down a few pitchers of wine with Him. His Dad was a real nice Fellow."

When asked why he decided to search for the Almighty, Professor Fox remarked, "Well, I've heard so much about him. I think it would be interesting to sit down and have a cup of coffee with him." The professor also dropped a few sly hints regarding the possibility of bagels or strudel. "Nothing fancy, of course, just a small spread," Fox added.



Professor Fox told this reporter that he plans to have this project complete within ten years. This is surprising, considering that his Koranic translation took nearly three decades to complete. "This God stuff gets easier and easier every year," said Fox.

As a side note, a rumor has been spreading around campus that Professor Fox has been able to convince Lazarus to return for Spree Day. The Spree Day Committee declined to comment.

**The Book of Shadows comes to Clark!**  
—check out Living Arts, p. 5