



The Clarion, Chiaroscuro staffs attend NC College Media Association Conference at UNCC

By Caroline Hoy
Co-Editor in Chief

On Saturday, Feb. 25 staff members of The Clarion and Chiaroscuro went to the North Carolina College Media Association Conference. For Clarion, Caroline Hoy (Editor-in-Chief), Isaiah Collison (Copy Editor), Oreo Ellis (column cartoonist), and Bailee Harding (staff writer) went. Then for Chiaroscuro, Caroline Hoy (Editor-in-Chief), Sara Laboe (genre editor) and Evey Perry (genre editor) went.

The North Carolina Media Association Conference consisted of different workshops and awards. The Clarion and Chiaroscuro each took home one award. The Clarion won 3rd place Cartoon and Chiaroscuro won Honorable Mention Poetry.

The conference had many workshops that the students attended. Some workshops included: Copy Editing, 5 Tips for Newspapers, and Podcasts 101. There was also a Q & A session with journalists from across the state of NC. All the students who went said they had a great time and hope to go again next year.

Sara Barnes, the winner of Honorable Mention Poetry, spoke on her poetry piece 'You Cannot Kill History' and she said, "...[the poem] was an assignment for my college writing class. We were writing poetry on things we were passionate about and one of the options was to write about your major. So I started thinking about history and how connected we are to all of the people who came before us, and that's how the poem got written."

She never expected her poetry to win any awards. Barnes chose to be a history major, loving to tell stories of people and bringing historical stories to life. Barnes says, "I learned how to write and tell stories from my

grandmother, Wanda Barnes, and she still teaches me something new every day."

Although the awards were an amazing part of the conference, the students who went loved the learning sessions as well. Sara Laboe said that the conference was a super positive experience for her and she loved the many options that were brought in from other people. Her favorite part was the questions that were asked in her breakout sessions and she hopes to go again.

Q & A with Collison about his experience:

1. What was the North Carolina Media Association Conference like?

The North Carolina Media Association Conference was an enjoyable learning experience where information and advice poured from the mouths of veterans. It was like a conference of free game; knowledge was everywhere.

2. What did you learn at the North Carolina Media Association Conference?

I learned we can compete with the other colleges no matter how small our staff is. We just need to realize how good we are.

3. Will you be changing anything that you do for The Clarion based on what you learned?

I, as copy editor, plan to raise headline standards in The Clarion in order to show more diversity and style.

4. What was your favorite part?

My favorite part was the award show, as tough as it was to sit through for reasons that shall fuel my Type-A drive.

5. Do you hope to go in the future?

Yeah, I want to go in the future and snag an award. Leaving empty handed is never the reason I go to competitions.



Bailee Harding, Caroline Hoy, and Sara Laboe



Isaiah Collison and Oreo Ellis

Come out, Come see, Bring your Thinking Caps to BC's 'You Must Wear a Hat'

This Saturday and Sunday, drop by the theater department to see an awesome student-led show called "You Must Wear a Hat" by C. Meaker and directed by Grace Dempsey. There will be a matinee on Saturday at 2:30 p.m. and an evening showing on Sunday at 7 p.m.

The show follows Tuesday and Weeks as they navigate their relationship, and wait for the end

of the world. You will also be enchanted by the rabbits and many many hats.

Learn what relationships and communication mean when all of your defenses are down. Figure out the intimacy of communication in loneliness.

This is an intimate cast of three people: Sarah Hajkowski as Tuesday, Rowe Davis as Weeks, and Sierethene Chepes as Rabbit.

This production of "You Must Wear a Hat" has been entirely student-led, from direction to technicians.

The show is free to see, so don't hesitate to come out and watch the art your fellow students have created.

-- Anna Ervin

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You Must Wear A Hat

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Written By Courtney Meaker
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Weekly Horoscopes

By Anna Ervin
Co-Editor in Chief

Aries, you are ready to roll, but you may need to slow things down a bit. Start thinking about what you do or say before you do it.

Taurus, it's always okay to ask for help. However, other people cannot be your sole source of happiness. They can listen, but they cannot solve all of your problems.

Gemini, you are allowed to dream big and keep a realistic view of your dreams. These two things are not exclusive.

Cancer, if you're making some big decisions, be sure to make informed ones. Look into all areas, and decide for yourself what you want.

Leo, things are scrambled right now.

Sometimes, an apology is necessary. Take accountability and have conversations about moving forward.

Virgo, don't rush good things in your life. Enjoy things while they're happening, and live in the moment.

Libra, don't tell everyone that you have accomplished something before you have actually accomplished it. Things can always change or fall through.

Scorpio, don't beat around the bush. People cannot always tell that you're upset if you're just insinuating it. Be honest and open.

Sagittarius, don't spread yourself too thin.

You are allowed to set boundaries and say no to people.

Capricorn, stop going down rabbit holes. You are causing yourself to spiral. Take things one step at a time.

Aquarius, if you get angry, don't bottle it up. You will end up exploding on the people you love in an unhealthy way.

Pisces, you can choose the people that you want to be surrounded with. If someone is not serving you in a healthy way, don't stress yourself with their presence.

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The Silent Rockstar

Vol. 8: Lasers in Vain

By Isaiah Collison
Copy Editor

The Silent Rockstar knows arrogance in nearly all its forms. He's been hovering around this planet for many generations. Tsr wonders why humans, a predator who sits at the top of the food chain under many pretty conditions, thinks they are so high and mighty. He does not pray they have their coats removed and are tossed into the wild, but that will happen to the ones with swelled heads.

Arrogance will sweep every loose-lipped person off their feet in no time. It has the unique power to bring a man to his highest heights before the roller coaster drops him down into a valley of his lowest lows. The ignorance in arrogance is that it surpasses supreme confidence and lacks all respect for fear. Confidence, on the other hand, comes when you outwork fear by improving at any task(s). Arrogant people act as if standing in the mirror is the work that needs to be done to make them better. I say step away from the mirror, and do not kiss yourself. Kissing oneself is a sign of obsession, not affection; notice that it eliminates the chance to learn. Only a fool stops learning, for learning brings water and growth.

If you think power is under your thumbs and not face to face, you do not know the real world. Stop joking about confrontation on live. There is no power in unregulated messaging. A woman should say what she has to say to another's face. If you think you're an adult because your driver's license says so, you should take care of your elders. Respect those that walked before you were even a thought, a mere watermelon in your momma's tummy with the brain of a walnut. You are not as big as you think, big baby.

Children do not believe consequences should be bad. Not only that, they believe good fortune should always sprout with their names on it. Don't blame children for thinking this. Teach them right or wrong comes with a unique set of consequences that differ from each other. But what little respect plagues the adult children of this world! Their immaturity cannot break their miserable cycles!

Physical puberty is inevitable, and I don't need contacts to observe puberty of the mind stays optional. I don't even have 20-20 vision! I will be the first to admit I, The Silent Rockstar, have volume issues I cannot control. Sometimes I'm loud, sometimes I just whistle. People's favorite responses to me are, "Go away" and "Would ya pick up, Wind? It's hot." It does not pain me to admit silence is my friend and that I'd rather be quiet. I shrug it off as one of my character flaws. But you, oh you. You've got hefty pride. Your pride wouldn't even let a friend tell you your shoes are untied. Or hear that you are not the intelligent master of the universe. If you were Yahweh, you'd be brighter than the Sun and the other One!

Stop shooting lasers at everything and you will find the good parts of character last forever. Quieting egotism and listening to reality is essential to living long. Claim good fortune and blessings by being humble. Do not beseech the Heavens in vain. Instead, lower yourself. Be modest and compassionate.

It is written that the conceited guest, the one who dines on themselves, will starve. The body is raw but the point is made. An appetite for personal glory leads to death. Therefore, we should all delay our instant gratification and

enjoy the water.

Not a lightsaber nor a lighter can be kept if you don't know the forces of the winds². When you lick the mirror³ looking at yourself or spit out arrogance, the moisture from your hot tongue evaporates and sits high above the clouds. When the rain comes, your days are flooded by your own vocabulary. Know that what comes will be by your own undoing. All of the accolades you received when you gifted them upon yourself by yourself, is the hate you will receive from others. Then, you will slain yourself with your own weapon and fall forever. The winds bring balance and judgment. Karma, as some call it.

¹ If you were Yahweh, you'd be brighter than the sun and the other One. ||Def. You are not God nor are you brighter than the sun or Jesus Christ

² Not a lightsaber nor a lighter can be kept if you don't know the forces of the winds. ||Def. You need to know how what you can't see affects what you say or do.

³ Lick the mirror ||Def. Won't stop looking at and thoroughly enjoying oneself in their reflection

