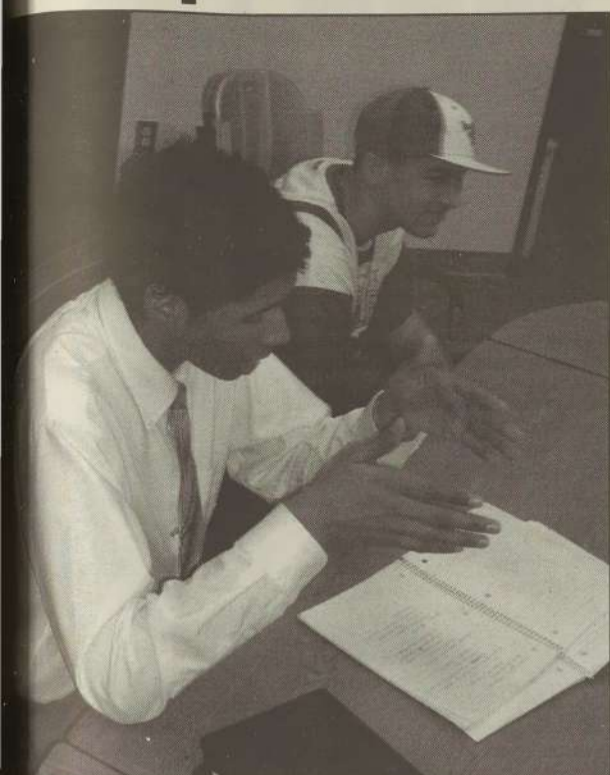


# Campus' first Black Student Union



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Black Student Union President Brendon Campbell (left) presents the group, including Josh Spirtin, with ideas for raising money.

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Black students, and students interested in sharing and learning about black culture, have joined to form Clackamas' first ever

Black Student Union.

Observing that there was no sort of organization for black students on the Clackamas campus, student Brendon Campbell decided to take the matter into his own hands and bring students together to celebrate their African-American and black

ancestry by creating a BSU here at Clackamas.

"I noticed, demographically, that we had an increase in black students this year," said Campbell, who is now the club's president, "and I wanted to actually get to know some of those students and actually get to do some things with them in the community."

The BSU began last term at Clackamas, and has increased in the past few weeks from having one member to around 10 members who have been actively attending weekly meetings. Members of the Union have each been trying to bring one new person with them to each meeting.

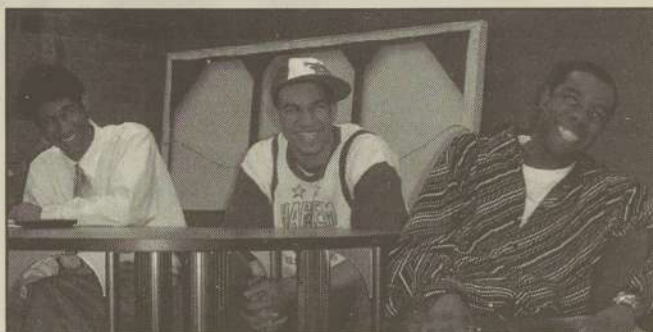
"My friend was in it and she was really excited about it, so I decided to get into it and help," said BSU member Lauren Vallespir.

The effort by members to bring in more students seems to be paying off, as numbers are steadily increasing.

"I'm actually really excited about it because it's momentum," said Campbell. "It's showing that we're being active and bringing together the black students on campus and some of the people that want to spread the black and African-American heritage."

The goals of the BSU are to create an interest in the community, and become active within it.

"[We want to] be able to unite the Black Student Unions across the state and to be able to do things totally different from all the other clubs on campus," said



(From left) Black Student Union members Brendon Campbell, Josh Spirtin and Kareem Walcott attend meetings actively.

Campbell, who would also like to see some scholarships created for the black students on campus.

BSU member Kareem Walcott became interested in the club after seeing flyers and wondering what it was all about.

"I'm hoping for scholarship opportunities and to get some knowledge on African-American history," said Walcott.

The BSU is currently creating interest within students by planning events to involve the people on campus.

The group recently held a soul food cookout on March 9 in the courtyard to earn some money that, aside from food included some entertainment.

A concert is also being planned for April 14, from noon - 3 p.m., which will present singers, local rappers, hip-hop dancers, and African dancers and drummers. Further in the future, the BSU is also getting a step-dancing contest together, which will hopefully involve steppers

from Washington and California, which they hope will be "a really big community event."

"[We want] a huge turnout, uniting a lot of the student unions and a lot of the community together at Clackamas Community College," said Campbell. Movie screenings are also something the BSU is hoping to host on a monthly basis.

The BSU would love to gain members of all skin colors and races.

"We want people to know that it's all-inclusive," said Campbell. "That's what we want to show in Clackamas Community College, is that it's not just for black students. We're not trying to become a multi-cultural club, but it's to bring in other people that feel that they want to spread out the black heritage and want to talk about African-American heritage."

The Black Student Union meets every Wednesday from 1-2 p.m. in CC124.

## How to change your own brakes

**Joe Piazzi**  
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It is really simple for you to change out your own brakes if you have the correct tools.

You will need a jack, lug wrench, socket wrenches, screw driver and the optional jack stands and needle-nose pliers.

**Step 1:** Go to your local auto parts store and buy new replacement parts for the job you are about to perform.

**Step 2:** Loosen the lug-nuts of the wheels that you are going to service while the vehicle is on the ground.

**Step 3:** Raise the vehicle high enough to have the tires off the ground. (Make sure to do this on level ground. Also use some type of block on opposing tires so your

vehicle doesn't roll. If you are only using a jack, lift only one side of the vehicle at a time.) If you have jack stands place them under support areas and lower the vehicle down on them slowly.

**Step 4:** Remove tires from vehicle. Remove and place all lug-nuts together or else you will lose them.

**Step 5:** Remove the clips from the back of the retaining pins located on the caliper.

**Step 6:** Slide out the retaining clips. In doing so, the anti-squeal springs should come out.

**Step 7:** Pull out the old brake pads (they will slide out from where the anti-squeal springs were located).

**Step 8:** Inspect the rotor; if the rotor is not smooth you will need to remove it and get it re-surfaced or possibly replaced.

**Step 9:** Loosen the master cylinder reservoir cap. Force the pistons back into the cylinder to accommo-

date for the greater thickness of the new pads.

**Step 10:** Apply a light coat of grease to sliding surface of the caliper.

**Step 11:** Install new pads and anti-squeal shim. Shim arrow must point in the same direction of forward rotation.

**Step 12:** Install anti-squeal springs and retaining pins, secure them in place with their clips.

**Step 13:** Depress and release brake pedal several times.

**Step 14:** Put wheels back on and tighten lug-nuts. Also tighten master cylinder cap.

**Step 15:** Lower vehicle to the ground and re-tighten lug nuts.

You are now done with a basic brake job. While going through this process you should make sure not to breathe in brake dust; wearing eye protection and gloves is highly recommended.



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