

Black History Month

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In 1926, Carter G. Woodson, an American historian and founder of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, proposed something that would become history. Woodson proposed for Negro History Week; Woodson believed that black people should be proud of their heritage.

The celebration was chosen in February for two reasons. One was because it was the same month as Abraham Lincoln's birthday, Feb. 12. Lincoln's birth month was chosen because he issued the Emancipation Proclamation. The second reason was because February is also the supposed birth month of Fredrick Douglass, a famous black author, statesman and abolitionist.

Today we know this celebration as Black History Month, which did not come around until the 1970s. Kent State University in Ohio first celebrated the season as Black History from Jan. 2 to Feb. 28 in 1970. In 1976, President Ford officially recognized February as Black History Month.

Since then, other countries have begun their own celebrations of black history, though not always in February. The United Kingdom started celebrating in October 1987. In 1990 Germany started celebrating Black History Month in February, as did Canada in 1995. Lastly, in 2010 the Republic of Ireland joined in by celebrating Black History Month in February.

This is a brief overview of the history of Black History Month, and there are so many more influential men and women who helped create it, as well as an intense amount of injustice that followed.



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Photos above and below: Students from the Black Lives Matter (BLM) protest held on Sept. 2, 2020 on the Brevard College campus.



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Senior profile

Kellen McGeorge to graduate

By Caroline Hoy
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Kellen McGeorge is an integrated studies major with a focus on education, from Jacksonville, Florida. McGeorge will be graduating in May from Brevard College.

While McGeorge has been at Brevard College, he has been a part of CAB (Campus Activities Board), work study in the admissions office and The Clarion staff. In his free time he enjoys reading and video games.

McGeorge came to Brevard College because he thought the campus was beautiful and somewhere he could see himself learning. He said his favorite memory while he has been at Brevard is “probably be the time I got to work my first visitation day for Brevard. I felt incredibly proud of myself.”

McGeorge is very excited about graduating. He plans to start applying for jobs during the summer and see where he falls.

Originally McGeorge was coming to college to work with animals, but his goals have

changed a bit. He enjoys working with children and plans to teach as of now. McGeorge is known for being a kind person and he tries his best to uphold that in his daily life and future career.

In his free time, McGeorge spends time playing video games and writing many video game reviews and delimitias in the video game industry for the Clarion. He has been on the Clarion for multiple semesters now and anyone can find his work throughout old issues.

McGeorge is known for having a sarcastic and happy attitude. He also enjoys reading and walking around the campus.

From Florida man to soon to be Brevard College graduate Kellen McGeorge has enjoyed his time at Brevard College and is encrusted to graduate in May. He has put hard work into everything he has been a part of at Brevard College and will very much miss Brevard College.



Kellen McGeorge

What not to wear in winter

By Cat Keenan
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The cold air has not disappeared as we enter a new month within the school year. Although it does feel as though it is getting warmer, the early morning and nights stay frigid. As someone who has adjusted to the winter time on the East Coast, I feel as though I should let you know what should and should not be worn within this season. This time, we'll be focusing on the latter.

Having statement pieces is important in the colder seasons, however, getting the wrong one can set you up for uncomfortability. Pieces such as light sweaters or thin coats can be nice to look at, but when it comes to layering, they won't be much help.

It's important to invest in a good, sustainable

but cute coat. However, this does not mean to get one with fur around the edges. Fur coats can easily fall apart and are not sustainable whatsoever. They look cute, but they are not realistic.

In theory, skirts are quite the piece during the winter time. It definitely makes a statement to pair a pleated skirt with a pair of nice tights, however, with the winds that take over this campus during this season, it might not be realistic either.

Bright colors and floral patterns are better worn in the warmer seasons. As the days are cloudy, it can sometimes be a day-brightener to wear colorful pieces of clothing. However, in my

personal opinion, I find earthy tones and darker shades to feel more comfortable and look more pleasing to the eye.

Wearing thin layers of clothing can also be a mistake during the chillier days. Although the weather app may call for it to be less cold than the rest of the days, the wind can be absolutely killer. Obviously, you can wear whatever you want, but it's important to be comfortable during these chilly days.

Anti-Valentine Spotify playlist

1. "I Hate Love Songs" by Keleasa Ballerini
2. "Good 4 u" by Oliva Rodrigo
3. "Shout Out to My Ex" by Little Mix
4. "Prom Dress" by mxmtoon
5. "Truth Hurts" by Lizzo
6. "You Should Be Sad" by Halsey
7. "Mad at Disney" by Salem Ilese
8. "Moral of the Story" by Ashe
9. "Problem" by Ariana Grande and Iggy Azalea

10. "What the Hell" by Avril Lavigne
11. "NO" by Meghan Trainor
12. Out of Love by Alessia Cara
13. "FRIENDS" by Marshmello and Anne-Marie
14. "Bad Romance" Lady Gaga
15. "Since U Been Gone" by Kelly Clarkson
16. "Bad Blood" by Taylor Swift
17. "Smoke and Fire" by Sabrina Carpenter
18. "This Is Not an Apology" by Bea Miller
19. "Not Your Barbie Girl" by Ava Max
20. "Potential BreakUp Song" by Aly and AJ



How to cope with Valentine's Day with no Valentine

By Anna Ervin
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It's easy to wallow in self pity when you're single on Valentine's day. Never fear though! Here are a few ways to get through Valentine's with no Valentine.

If Valentine's is a day for love, this applies to self love too. Buy yourself your favorite food, and have a spa night. Enjoy some movies you love, and take a break from the stress of life.

If you are sad about being alone on Valentine's, avoid triggers. This means no sad music, no cheesy rom coms and no shutting yourself in. This is especially crucial if you are in the midst of a recent breakup.

Have a date with your friends! Go out to dinner with them, and do something you all enjoy. You can even get each other Valentine's day gifts. Let some of the people you love show you what it means to be loved and reciprocate that.

You can also ignore the day completely. You have a routine, so stick to it. Why should this one day feel any different than the rest.

If you know seeing other happy couples is going to make you upset, take the day off of social media. Don't let what you don't have at the moment haunt you.

Do something you have always wanted to do. Create your own adventure. You have to be your own person to be with someone else, so discover more about what you like and try something new.

Whether you are long distance, recently single, or casually single, Valentine's Day is something that you can (and will) get through. If love is what you want, it will eventually come your way. Don't let one day of the year get you down,

Weekly Horoscopes

By Anna Ervin
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Aries, this week you should learn to appreciate the quiet moments. Life is hectic, and you of all people know this. Life can be lived in the quiet moments too though.

Taurus, life may be making you feel apathetic right now. Sometimes it is a good thing to chill out, but that can't be all that you do. You are allowed to feel, and you should accept that.

Cancer, your ideas and dreams are not small. Stop trying to talk yourself down. Dream big because those goals are absolutely achievable for you.

Gemini, let people in. Intimacy is hard, but people aren't always out to hurt you. The people you trust are willing to listen. Open yourself to the world around you, and people will also open to you.

Leo, when something isn't right, you don't

have to stand for it. You have to know the rules to break them, so decide what you want before you take action.

Virgo, look at your priorities. You are draining yourself over trivial matters. You don't have to give until you have nothing left; take some things for yourself.

Libra, your window for greatness has not left you. You have much life to live. Now is a time for growth; your time to shine will come.

Scorpio, things aren't always what they seem. Stop comparing your life to others just because you feel like they have it better. Enjoy what you have, and if you want something better, work for it.

Sagittarius, waiting for the opportune moment is good, but don't wait so long that the opportunity passes you by. It's okay to take

risks and jump for what you want immediately. Don't be rash, but don't always hesitate.

Capricorn, you don't always have to be the strong one. You have emotions too. It is exhausting to constantly take on other people's burdens; support your loved ones, but don't carry the weight of their problems for them.

Aquarius, don't conform to other people's standards of what they feel like you should be. Make your own decisions and stand by them. You should be proud of who you have become.

Pisces, sometimes people don't take things as seriously as you do. You deserve to be given the same importance and priority as you give others. Regroup and find the people that support you best.

Game review

Deep Rock Galactic brings mining to space

By Kellen McGeorge
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When we finally make intergalactic travel a thing, it will probably come as no surprise that we will use this as a means to collect resources to continue living our lives. Space mining is a well known science fiction trope that continues to be used in many forms. A prime example of what this process could be is the game, Deep Rock Galactic.

In Deep Rock Galactic, you take control of a miner sent out to take part in mining operations on the fictional planet of Hoxxes, during your time out there, you will mine, extract, and salvage anything you can to improve your gear and ensure that you are paid a well deserved salary for the dangers you will face. You will

choose between 4 different classes to help you explore the caves: Gunner, Driller, Scout, and Engineer, each class has a different strength that will help with exploring. Before you head into the mines, you will start off at the Space Rig, a space station in orbit over Hoxxes, where miners can go to rest, customize their gear, and choose which job they wish to take part in. You can either explore alone, or join up with 3 other miners to take on a job.

Mining operations on Hoxxes are taking place all over the planet, so you will be expected to explore different cave systems as well, from the Salt Flats to the Magma Core, each region will have different dangers waiting for you to overcome. The caves are filled with dangerous fauna you will have to face while you are performing mining operations, so make sure you are well prepared for swarms to appear while you are mining.

I recommend this game as a fun way to spend your time. It doesn't matter if you are playing alone or with friends. So get digging, and good luck miners.

Poetry Reading and Q&A

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