

# THE BENT TREE

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## Stevens Signed As First Clayton State Cager

### Top County Prep Star To Be A Member Of First CSC Basketball Team

Adrian Stevens, Clayton County's 1989 Basketball Player of the Year, became the first player to sign as a member of CSC's inaugural basketball team. The signing took place during a press conference held on January 10. Stevens is currently enrolled as a Clayton State student.

As a point guard for North Clayton High School, Stevens helped lead the squad to the Sub-Region 4-AAAA North Championship in 1989. During his senior year he averaged 14 points per game. He is also strong defensively, having averaged 4 rebounds and 4 steals per game last season. A team player, he contributed six assists per contest, as well.

Stevens, named as the County's Player of the Year by the News-Daily, Clayton Sun, and the Clayton Tipoff Club, was also named to the All-Clayton County Academic Team. He was named the Most Valuable Player and top defensive player for North Clayton last year. An honor student at North Clayton, Stevens graduated with a 3.5 GPA and was nominated for the Governor's Honors Program in French.

Athletic Director and Head Basketball Coach, Mason Barfield, was excited about the signing, stressing that this was an "ideal beginning." Stevens' academic successes should "...set a tone for what is to come in the months and years ahead," according to Coach Barfield. He added, "Adrian is the type of person we are trying to attract to Clayton, to help us build an athletic tradition that will match the tradition of academic excellence Clayton State is known for."

Coach Barfield first noticed Stevens in a pickup basketball game in the CSC gymnasium. His skills were obvious and when they talked after the game Coach Barfield realized who Adrian was. Barfield in commenting on his good fortune said, "Sometimes you just get lucky. It's amazing what is right there under your nose."

Stevens' high school coach, Rick Moore, currently coaching at Mt. Zion High, was on hand for the signing. He stated that, "Adrian was our leader on the floor. He was our stabilizing force, our go-to guy when we need a spark."

Also present at the signing, were Stevens' mother, Sharon McGlothan, North Clayton coach James Gwyn, and Robert C. Bolander, CSC Dean of Students.



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Adrian Stevens, former Clayton County Basketball Player of the Year, made history when he signed to be the first player on the College's beginning basketball team. Stevens (seated, left) is pictured with his mother, Sharon McGlothan (seated, right) at the signing. Standing (l-r) are Robert C. Bolander, CSC Dean of Students; North Clayton High School Coach James Gwyn; Clayton State Athletic Director and Basketball Coach Mason Barfield and former North Clayton High School Coach (presently at Mt. Zion High School), Rick Moore.

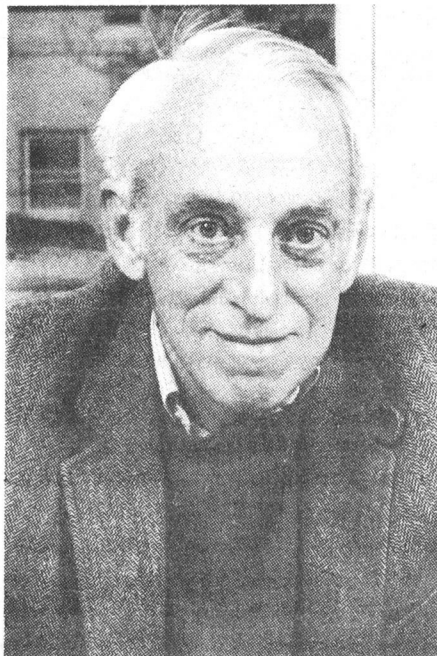
## Nobel Laureate Will Speak On Economic Policy

### Award-Winner's Topic Is "Economics And The Current Controversies Over Economic Policy"

by Joe Digby

Dr. James Tobin, recipient of the 1981 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences, will be on campus next week to speak on "Economics and the Current Controversies Over Economic Policy." Dr. Tobin will speak on January 31, at 7:00 p.m., and February 1, at 11:05 a.m. Both lectures will be in D-223.

Dr. Tobin is considered to be



one of the most respected economists of today. He is Sterling Professor of Economics Emeritus at Yale University and has been on the Yale faculty since 1950.

Dr. Tobin has been a member of President Kennedy's council of Economic Advisors. He has served as a consultant to the Federal Reserve System, the U.S. Treasury Department, the New York Port Authority, and several other governmental agencies.

Dr. Tobin has published several books. The first of his three-volume, *Essays in Economics*, entitled *Macroeconomics*, was published in 1971. The second, *Consumption and Econometrics*, published in 1975, and the third, *Theory and Policy*, in 1982.

Dr. Tobin was awarded a full scholarship to Harvard University in 1935. See Economic Policy (page 4).

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# Ratajczak Predicts 90's Economic Picture

by Grady Holt

Dr. Donald Ratajczak, one of the nation's top econometric forecasters, gave his predictions for the economy through the next decade to a packed house on January 10. "I see I've saved eight professors the trouble of holding class today," Dr. Ratajczak quipped to the turnout.

Surprisingly, Dr. Ratajczak's economic crystal ball was much less cloudy than those of others in his field. He comes nowhere close to the "struggle for day-to-day survival" themes the old "world of tomorrow" movies of the 60's and 70's predicted for the days ahead. Dr. Ratajczak assured the audience that the 90's will not be the "Depression Decade."

"I see misgivings peeling away with the international scene settling down somewhat," said Dr. Ratajczak.

The bad news is that the freeze of December damaged both Texas and Florida fruit and vegetable crops, driving up prices in the supermarket. This, coupled with an increase in gas provides us with short term domestic consumer ills.

Dr. Ratajczak was also unsurprised by the Governor's education cutback: "The reforms are the third in twenty years to be stopped by the one who initiated them. Historically, there is good evidence that we never follow through on our education reform programs."

Internationally, Dr. Ratajczak claims that the 90's won't be the "Asian Decade," although, he does admit that Japan's growth will continue to be dramatic, and Taiwan and Thailand are the fastest growing countries in the world, thanks to Japan's influence.

"It remains to be seen how far the walls have come down in Eastern Europe. If East Germans can live in East

Germany and cross into West Germany to work during the day, then we will have a truly integrated system. There is great potential for growth there," said Dr. Ratajczak.

"We overlent to Latin America, and now we want our money back, but will probably leave them for a bit while we play in Eastern Europe."

"With Eastern Europe freed from its repressive regimes, American defense spending should decrease from its current \$170 billion needed to maintain its mili-

tary watch over East Europe. That may be one of the crucial steps back toward a more balanced budget. This maybe the decade we come closest for the first time since 1969. All the forces are moving in that direction," said Dr. Ratajczak.

Comparing himself with the other Lyceum program speakers, which include Nobel prize winners, Dr. Ratajczak said: "Economic forecasters never get Nobel prizes. Either they're right and everyone is mad at them, or they're wrong and don't deserve one."

## BSU Announces Council

by Shannon Swanson  
Student Freelance Submission

The Baptist Student Union is proud to announce the new Executive Council. Among the Council are Michael S. Wilder, President; Jason E. Fowler, Vice-President; LeAnne Stowe, Summer Missions Director; Aaron McBerry, Outreach Minister; and Jennifer Brown, Social Minister.

Our speaker on January 18, was Dr. Danny Akin. Dr. Akin is the Dean of Students at Criswell Bible College in Dallas, Texas. The BSU had a wonderful meeting during Dr. Akin's talk. Rev. Sam E. Wilder, Jr., who is the Pastor of the Vidette Charge, South Georgia Conference of the Methodist Church, will be speaking on January 25. The following week, February 1, Rev. Brantley Harwell will be our guest speaker. Rev. Harwell is

the Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Morrow in Morrow, Georgia.

join the BSU in room G-101 every Thursday from 11:05 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The next few weeks promises to be exciting as we hear from the speakers listed above.

The Impact Team, a small branch of the Baptist Student Union, attended Jonesboro First Baptist and put on a performance there. The performance proved successful as each skit, song, and speaker touched many people's hearts. As just mentioned, the Impact Team is invited to many different churches and colleges to perform. Performances include skits, songs, testimonies, and a message/Bible study.

Try to be a part of the BSU, and if you already attend the weekly meetings, then join the Impact Team and get to know the Council. Let the members of the Executive Council know that you are glad to have them as your leaders.

## High Museum Assistant Curator Speaks On Contemporary Art

On January 24-25, Lyceum will present Ms. Carrie Przybilla as a lecturer in the "Contemporary Art In The Southeast" lecture series. Her lecture on January 24, will take place at 7:00 p.m. and she will speak again at 11:05 a.m., on January 25. Both lectures will be presented in D-223.

Ms. Carrie Przybilla is Assistant Curator of Twentieth Century Art at Atlanta's High Museum of Art. In this position, she researches the permanent collection, plans and executes exhibitions and writes catalogue articles and materials to accompany exhibitions. Earlier this year, she was co-curator of the Southern Expressions: Points of View exhibit at the

High Museum of Art at Georgia-Pacific Center.

She has served as a visiting assistant curator at the Chicago Museum of Contemporary Art and was Curator of Art at the University Museum of Illinois State University. She has lectured at colleges and museums in Alabama, Minnesota, Illinois, and Georgia.

Ms. Przybilla received her B.A. in art history from the University of Minnesota and her M.A. in art history and museum studies from the University of Southern California. She is a member of the American Association of Museums and the College Art Association.

## Clayton Clean And Beautiful

**Sponsors recycling drives the last Saturday of Each Month:**

January 27 February 24 March 31 May 26 June 30  
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Highway 138 and Tara Boulevard - Jonesboro

**Time:**

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## THE BENT TREE

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# Recycling - It's The Thing

## SGA Helps Campus Get Involved In Recycling

by Rachel Matthews

Unless you have been on another planet recently, you have heard of recycling. According to environmental authorities, our natural resources are becoming scarce and our environment is becoming sick. These same authorities say that recycling is not only a way to help reserve these natural resources but also is a way to help keep our environment cleaner. President Bush has even designated an Earth Day.

The Student Government here at CSC has found a way to combine recycling with charity. They have obtained

cardboard boxes which will be used for collecting aluminum cans. The cans will be taken to the Jonesboro Fire Station in downtown Jonesboro. The first delivery was on January 8. The profits from the recycling of the cans goes to benefit the Atlanta Fire Department's Children's Burn Unit.

You may have seen these boxes. They are located in the upper-level of the G-Building next to the drink machines and in the E-Building (Gym) next to the drink machine. If you have any empty cans, please put them in these boxes rather than in the trash. You can also bring in cans from home. You could be doing a child a big favor.

## SGA Is On The Move

by Rachel Matthews

The Student Government Association would like to welcome everyone at CSC for the Winter Quarter. The SGA is the organization that represents the student and to provide for the general welfare of the the student body by: providing appropriate student activities; providing the student body with necessary information that may be of its concern; and providing in and of itself a means for student input and opinion in the organization and operation of student affairs. All students are welcomed to the SGA meetings which are always held on Mondays at 3:30 p.m. in the Student Lounge located in the lower level of the D-Building.

Fall quarter, the SGA was very active. We started the quarter off with the "Fall Bash." We tried something different with a casino where we played Blackjack, Craps, Wheel of Fortune and other games. We also had a DJ, dancing, and a lot of food. Student were given \$25,000 in play money to gamble with and at the end of the evening we started the auction. The participants used their winnings to bid on prizes such as CSC T-shirts and sweat-shirts, posters, salad dressing and food coupons for local restaurants and lots of other prizes. (Yes, I said salad dressing! Don't ask.) All students were admitted at no charge and were able to bring a guest with their I.D. It was a blast! It was the biggest crowd in three years to turn out at an SGA social. There were about 275 people there.

We also sponsored Club Awareness Day where many of the campus clubs and organizations came out to recruit new students. The SGA hasted the event and provided refreshments. We also provided refreshments for the Halloween Reception which was held in the Office of Counseling and Testing (D-208). It was held there so new students could become aware of the office and the services that

they provide to help students.

With this year being historical in that CSC is finally beginning an athletic program, the SGA held a reception to welcome Coach Mason Barfield. He was appointed the first Athletic Director at CSC during the fall quarter. He will also be the Head Coach of the men's basketball team which will start playing fall quarter of 1990.

We also felt that there were a lot of students who were being ticketed in the E-Building parking lot (Gym) due to parking in faculty spaces. We looked at the situation and felt that the spaces were inadequately identified. We sent a proposal through the Dean of Student, Dean Bolander, which went through the bureaucratic system. We received word November 29, 1989, that it has been approved and clearer identification of the spaces has recently been made. Hopefully, this will help students who are unfamiliar with the parking in that area of campus.

The SGA also held election for Representatives. We had several returning representatives and a few new faces. They are a good bunch and really work hard. They are really trying to set things straight and get some school spirit going here at CSC.

We also began collecting aluminum cans. (See recycling article on this page.) We tried hard and are still trying to promote a smoking policy on campus. It involves having designated smoking areas so that all people can be accommodated.

The SGA welcomes all students who want to get involved with campus life. There are several vacant student committee positions available. Please review the Student Handbook for a description of the various committees. If you are interested in participating in the decision-making process, you can contact us at our weekly meeting or by leaving a message for us in our box in C-57.



The Student Government Association recently made its first deposit of cans at the Jonesboro Fire Department. Several SGA leaders made the delivery. Pictured are (front row, l-r) Diane Shubert, SGA Representative; Jennifer Myers, SGA Secretary; and Ty Croke, SGA Representative. SGA President, Rachel Matthews (top), helps to guide the first of the bags into the bin. Collection boxes are located in the vending machine rooms in the upper level of the G-building and in the P.E. building.



Anthony Salandy, President of Clayton's Black Cultural Awareness Association, presented Robert C. Bolander, Dean of Students, with a birthday card honoring the late Dr. Martin Luther King. Mr. Salandy, Dionne Mack, and Donna Martin recently attended the King Center's National Student Leadership Conference in Atlanta.

### Reception Server Needed

A person is needed to serve the evening Lyceum lecture presentations, during the Winter and Spring quarters. The Salary is \$6.00 (and six fresh-baked cookies) per reception. If interested, see Rob Taylor in C-57.



# Channel 5 Anchor Speaks On Motivation

by Jason T. Black

On Thursday, February 1, the Clayton State Black Cultural Awareness Association (BCAA) will present Mrs. Brenda Wood, WAGA-TV5 Eyewitness News anchorwoman. Her speech, entitled "Motivation and Self-Confidence," will begin at 11:05 a.m., in room B-15.

Mrs. Wood has had over a decade of success as a television journalist. Early in her career, she had an eight-year stint in Memphis, which included anchor-

ing the top ranked WMC-TV News. In Memphis, she spent two years covering a story about the discovery of an enormous statue in Egypt. Additionally, she traveled back and forth from Memphis to Atlanta to cover the Atlanta Child murders.

When anchoring for a television station in Huntsville, Alabama, she hosted a confrontation between representatives of the Ku Klux Klan and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. This program was later aired nationally on "20/20."

Mrs. Wood joined WAGA-TV5 in August, 1988. Atlanta ranks as the nation's 12th largest television market with more than 5.9 million viewers.

Outside of work, Mrs. Wood and her husband, psychologist Keith Wood, are the parents of two daughters. She has been honored by Memphis State University and Lemoyne Owen College, along with being named as one of the Outstanding Young Women in America in 1978, 1980, and 1986.

Recently Mrs. Wood was in the news as well. She received a threatening letter from a racist group that claimed to be responsible for the bombs that killed a judge and an attorney. The letter threatened to kill a Channel 5 employee if the station didn't broadcast its message.



## Art Programs Offer Diversity

by Dwaine Eidson

On January 8, art was on campus in the form of David Butler, a goldsmith. Mr. Butler was the first Lyceum Artist-in-Residence for the Winter quarter. He had slides and pictures of his various works. He is involved in fabricating all types of jewelry. He has even made a ring for the Archbishop of Atlanta. Mr. Butler has a studio in Atlanta.

One student in attendance at his residency came up to him and said, "If it don't hurt, it's not worth it." She was referring to the fact that the bigger the better, with regard to the size jewelry she likes.

The next artist to be a part of this series is Susan Duncan. She is a clay sculptor and works with both thrown and hand-built pieces. This is the fourth time she has participated in the artist-in-residence program at Clayton State. She has been on campus since Monday, January 22, and will continue through Friday, January 26. All students are invited to the art room (G-100) to see her work and to interact with her.

The artist-in-residence program has been going on for over five years. Mr.

Tommy Daughtry, Associate Professor of art and coordinator of this program, feels that the program has been most helpful to students. They are able to see a wide variety of art and the different ways in which to use it.

There will be five more artists coming this year. Mario Petirena will be on campus on Monday, February 5. This clay sculptor will then spend four days in the Clayton County public schools as part of the Arts Clayton/Lyceum Artist-in-Residence program. This program is funded by the Lechmere Corporation. Laura Mills (April 30) and Woody Jones (May 7) are also part of the joint Artist-in-Residence program.

Phillip Carpenter, a painter who specializes in very realistic portraits, will be a week-long artist-in-residence from February 19-24. The final week-long residency will feature Alison Baker, a basket weaver.

In addition to working with art students, many of the artists that have participated in this program have spoken to students in a wide variety of academic courses, including humanities, art history, and history.

## Economic Policy (continued from page 1)

and in 1939, received his B.A. summa cum laude in economics. He did graduate study at Harvard and in 1941, received an M.S. in economics. During World War II, he served four years as gunnery officer, navigator, and executive officer aboard the destroyer USS Kearny.

Following the war, Dr. Tobin returned to Harvard as a teaching fellow. The following year, 1947, he was awarded

a Ph.D. in economics with his dissertation entitled "Theoretical and Statistical Study of Consumption Function."

Many of Tobin's contributions have to do with policy implications of macroeconomic theory. His portfolio model of many kinds of financial assets provides a much richer policy model than previous ones. This model has been used to study the effects of fiscal policy on the economy.

If you are interested In writing for

*The Bent Tree*

contact Rob Taylor in C-57.

We need new staff members  
and freelance contributors.

## Born On The Fourth Of July Is A Big Disappointment

by Jason T. Black

Stars: Tom Cruise, Jerry Levine, Kyra Sedgwick, and Willem Defoe

Written by: Oliver Stone and Ron Kovic  
Directed by: Oliver Stone

*Born on the Fourth of July* is the second installment of Oliver Stone's Vietnam War trilogy. His latest effort is high geared and powerfully acted, but can not overcome the plot gaps and the rigid, almost episodic development of the main character, Ron Kovic. Kovic is played emotionally by Tom Cruise, who finally proves that he does have talent.

Ron Kovic was raised on the All-American ideal that fighting in a war is the highest sacrifice a man can make for his country. Even as a small child, Kovic watched war movies and played war games in the woods with his friends. As he matures, he develops into an overachiever who will not settle for anything but the best, for himself and those around him. He plans to channel this youthful enthusiasm into the Vietnam War effort.

His best friend (Jerry Levine) warns him of the war, and the impact it might have on the rest of his life. His girlfriend (Kyra Sedgwick) feels the same way, but she wants Kovic to be happy.

Kovic goes to war, and learns that it is not the way he imagined it. In his second tour, he inadvertently kills a member of his platoon. Saturated with this guilt, he continues to fight, trying somehow to relieve himself of the guilt. In a sudden Viet Cong attack, he is shot twice in the chest.

He awakens in a Vietnam hospital, paralyzed from the chest down. He is determined to walk again, but after four months of intensive therapy, he realizes that he will never walk. So he returns home, without a true identity.

When he arrives at home, he is

not greeted with a parade or festival in honor of his heroic duties. Instead he learns that there is a civil war raging in America between the civilians (anti-war protesters) and the war backing government. His ultimate shock comes when his brother admits that he is against the war. Kovic explodes and says, "Love it or leave it, man, love it or leave it." His brother says, "Yeah, look what it did for you."

This sends Kovic spiraling into a drunken stupor as he searches for some answer as to why he lived to endure all the pain and hatred that American society seems to direct toward him and other veterans. His father forces him to go to Mexico, where there is a town especially designed for paraplegic veterans.

It is in this town that he comes to the realization that the war in Vietnam is not right. He leaves Mexico, and tries to make the best of his life by demonstrating against the war.

The movie's conclusion has reservations, and doesn't answer all of the viewer's questions about Kovic's life. The story has basic tools for an excellent film, but somewhere in production they were lost. The film's continuity is choppy at best, and the only thing holding it together is Cruise's performance.

*Born on the Fourth of July* supplies Tom Cruise with the vehicle that he needed to launch a serious acting career.

His performance has "Academy Award" written all over it, but unfortunately his talents were wasted. "Love it or leave it," is about the only way to describe this film, and personally, I'd leave it.

The deadline for the next issue of *The Bent Tree* is Monday, January 29, at 10:00 A.M. If you have submissions, turn them in at C-57.