



# The Bent Tree

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## CSC Heats up Two Degrees

by Melissa R. Mayo  
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The Board of Regents recently approved two new baccalaureate programs for CSC. A Bachelor of Science Degree in Health Care Management and a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Marketing are now available at our college.

According to President Richard A. Skinner, the Health Care Management degree is the first of its kind in Georgia. It will spawn from the offerings of both the School of Business and the School of Health Sciences, drawing from the existing strengths of our Nursing and Management programs.

Brad Rice, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, stated "The Bureau of Labor figures show a significant job growth anticipated in this field and a bachelor's degree provides a good opportunity for openings at the middle management level in this field."

The curriculum for Health Care Management will consist of eighty

hours, divided between health care management core courses, specialized courses, a practicum, and electives from business, health sciences, and other related disciplines. Since this B.S. is built upon the foundation of already existing bachelor's degrees, we have adequate faculty in place to offer many of the courses needed. However, Dr. Rice added, "We anticipate implementing faculty for the field component. We will also need to add extra materials and journals to the library, but we aren't starting from scratch."

Our new Marketing bachelor degree will also draw life from the current resources available at CSC. Faculty within the management department of the School of Business are armed with marketing expertise. Again, the library will be fortified with the extra materials needed, but a strong foundation currently exists.

Dean Oglesby pointed out, "Entry-level positions in this area are not only plentiful in the College's service area,

but they offer above-average starting salaries and minimal entry barriers."

In order to bring these programs to CSC, our administrators had to provide evidence of community need, student demand, and existing resources on which to build. According to Rice, this included proof that the college was "starting from a base and going in logical directions."

"These are the best of times for higher education in Georgia. CSC should therefore concentrate on continuing quality growth. This means increasing our admission standards, offering baccalaureate programs which define who we are as a college, and also looking to collaborate with surrounding colleges in courses which lead to degrees," stated Dr. Skinner.

Students interested in entering these programs should contact Admissions at 961-3500, the School of Health Sciences at 961-3701, or the School of Business at 961-3410 for more information.

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## Successful Interview Techniques

by Cynthia Watkins  
Staff Writer

Worried about how to act or what to wear for an upcoming job interview? CSC's Lyceum program hosted Ms. Kathryn Dunn on Feb. 21 to answer that question and others like it in a workshop entitled "Presenting Yourself--In Person and on Paper." Ms. Dunn, the Director of Human Resources at Six Flags Over Georgia, provided many helpful hints and tips for those in the job market.

"You are being assessed from the minute you walk in the door to pick up an application: how you are dressed, how you treat the receptionist, how you act while filling out the application, and everything you say," said Ms. Dunn.

Ms. Dunn had suggestions for presenting yourself on paper, as well as how to handle that interview. When sending a resume by mail, a cover letter is "absolutely essential. An employer

will read the cover letter before looking over your resume. This letter is your first impression." Never use form letters. Employers are more likely to read a personalized letter, not ones addressed "Dear Sir or Madam." Take the time to call the company to ask for the name of their Director of Human Resources.

Also, "name-dropping" is helpful, 90% of getting a job is referrals, but do not misrepresent your relationship with the person whose name you are using. (Are you *really* best friends with the president of the company just because you mowed his lawn when you were 12 years old?)

You should deal with possible objections: if the job requires a certain educational background that you lack, but you have experience in the area, tell them this in the cover letter.

Finally, demonstrate knowledge of the company in the cover letter. Let them know you took the initiative to familiarize yourself with their establishment. And let them know why you feel



Staff Photo /Rich Mason

**Ms. Kathryn Dunn Speaks To A CSC Student During Her Seminar on Interviewing Preparation.**

you will be an asset to their company.

In interviewing, Ms. Dunn states "it is not just what you say, but how you say it, and, more importantly, how you act

while you say it." Always speak clearly;

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# The Perfect Mate?

by Tahlata Hasan  
Staff Writer

A man that respects, trusts and loves makes the perfect man for the young women here at CSC. That is the consensus of a seminar held on Feb. 21 in room 212 of the D-building. The seminar was entitled "What Qualities Make the Perfect Mate For Women?"

Deborah Greer, CSC's Coordinator of Multicultural Affairs, and several students came together to take part in a discussion that involved religion, children, respect, trust, love, and physical attraction.

Present were five men and five women. The men began by asking the women questions such as: why do women say that they want to be friends at the beginning of a relationship? Yvette Webb, a sophomore here at CSC, responded by saying "It would make the relationship go bad if you move too quickly."

Mr. Diallo Jones, also a CSC sophomore, asked the women in the panel "How come the first time [a woman] sees us [men] talking to another girl, you get mad?" The question caught the women panelists off guard. None had a response.

Other concerns voiced by women were centered on men who already had

a family. Many women felt that they were not ready for a family. Kim Webb, a CSC freshman, talked about that point: "I know that's right. I don't want to take care of no other woman's kids." The women in the group felt that the child's mother would always interfere.

The question of mixing religion also was raised. The majority of the group agreed that religions should not be mixed. They also believed that a woman and a man must have the same religion to date one another. A minority of the students whom were present felt that religion should not matter.

As far as looks were concerned, both the men and the women agreed that looks are not everything. CSC student Todd Holts stated, "I would chose a pretty girl over an all-right looking girl at first, but then, if she didn't have a personality and she wasn't smart, I'd choose the other girl."

Overall, what summed up this meeting was that men and women both need love. They also need to respect someone who is caring and understanding. A potential mate must have a decent personality and must be able to use their brain. Good looks do not hurt, either.

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## SGA IS ON THE BALL

by Andrea Fann  
SGA Representative

Basketball to be exact!! SGA is organizing a basketball clinic targeted to 6th graders. We need your suggestions on which 6th graders to invite. Should we devise a contest and let the winners come, or should it be open to all? The SGA will be doing a car wash fund raiser to provide lunch for these kids. We will let you know when this is. . . treat you and your car: let SGA wash it for you.

DO A GOOD DEED FOR THE COMMUNITY, VOLUNTEER!!!!

Be a part of the Olympics. We need volunteers to help with the Olympic Project, *Grass Roots--Sprucing up at Lee Street Park* in Jonesboro, March 11. We will be provided with the equipment. You can sign up in the SGA office or just show up, we need you.

Volunteers needed for the American Heart Association. The volunteers will be calling and checking up on other volunteers over a 3 week period.

We are still circulating the petition to reinstate the Activity Hour. Petitions are available in the SGA office and with your SGA reps and BCAA members.

We want to see you. . . at SGA meetings. These are *your* meetings and your absence can be detrimental to what is going on with your school. Get involved! SGA meetings are every Friday 12:30-1:30 in D-108 (lower D-building, past the lockers on the left).

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use positive words; be brief and concise; and have your thoughts well organized in your mind. And while you speak, retain your confidence; maintain eye contact. The employer watches your gestures, facial expressions, and posture, as well as listens to your tone of voice, not just the content of what you say.

In preparing for an interview, prepare yourself mentally: research the company, go over common interview questions and how you want to answer them, and visualize the way you want to employer to see you and strive for this image.

Always dress professionally when going for an interview, or even just going to fill out applications--no more

jeans and wrinkled tee-shirts. "The best look is a matched suit in one of the power colors-black, navy blue, grey," Ms. Dunn said. For women, she also suggested that "no matter what you wear, practice sitting down. Be sure what you're wearing is not too short. You don't want to reveal too much of yourself on an interview!"

Iris Harris, a CSC graduate attended the workshop and replied it was very informative. "Interviewing is the thing I'm most insecure about. [The workshop was] very helpful. She's very insightful. I'm a CSC graduate." Iris went on to speak about her own interview concerns, "I have an associate degree in early education and I'm back on the market."

### SGA Office Hours

Monday  
8AM-9AM  
5:30PM-7:30PM

Tuesday  
8:15AM-9:50AM  
1PM-3:30PM  
6PM-8PM

Wednesday  
8AM-9:50AM  
4PM-6PM

Thursday  
8:15AM-9:50AM  
1:30PM-3:30PM

Attention!!!

Magicians Ventrilquists  
Clowns Mentalists Etc.

If you are a closet (or any room) magician or magical arts artist, we would like you to consider performing in the 14th Kinda-Sorta-Annual Spring Magical Extravaganza on April 28th and 29th. For Details contact Dr. Jim Braun, G-110-S, 961-3665.

Fun for Everyone!



# Smoking Laws Stink!

Charlotte Locklear  
Staff Writer

Smokers are finding it more and more difficult to find a place to smoke. Southlake Mall added to the ever-growing list of smoke-free areas when they recently banned indoor smoking.

As a nonsmoker I am sympathetic to the smoker's plight. After all, in this society do we have "No Stinking" signs posted? No, and I would much rather deal with a little cigarette smoke in my face than someone severely in need of a bath.

All these smoking bans begin to stink, themselves--a stink of too much regulation in the government. Come on! This is America. . . we have the right to slowly destroy our bodies if we desire. Since when are we regulating each other's health habits?

The experts will argue back and forth as to whether second hand smoke is detrimental to health. Hey, crossing streets in Atlanta is dangerous. Are we going to pass "No Driving" laws next? The air around here is scary anyway. How about a "No Breathing" ordinance?

So please. Let us give the smokers a place to smoke and if you do not like it, then do not go over there! I like my freedoms and I do not want anyone imposing new regulations on me. It is a matter of respect, liberty, and freedom.

# The Bent Vent

TELL IT LIKE IT IS

We need lights at the tennis courts.

There are not enough pay-phones.

Why are the desks at CSC so small?

This is a college isn't it? The gym and library should be open 24 hours a day.

How about some more sports: racquetball, swim team, football, softball?

There is NO excuse for the women's rest room to be dirty! Why can't students respect other students who have to use it, too? Don't parents potty train you not to pee on the seats?! People, don't you have some class?

There needs to be a vending machine in C-Building.

Why can't we operate out of Windows on the computers?

Have you ever noticed that all the professors seem to get together and schedule every project for the same due-date?

Is this campus some kind of sanctuary for squirrels?

The Bent Vent is an opinion-based column that expresses the candid views of the student body at large. No names are ever used. If you have something that you would like to "Vent" then please drop it in the Bent Tree mailbox (D-223) or slide it under The Bent Tree office door. You must be an enrolled CSC student. All submissions are verified by social security number.

# FASTING BINGING PURGING

ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT YOUR EATING HABITS? WOULD YOU WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH OTHERS LIKE YOU?

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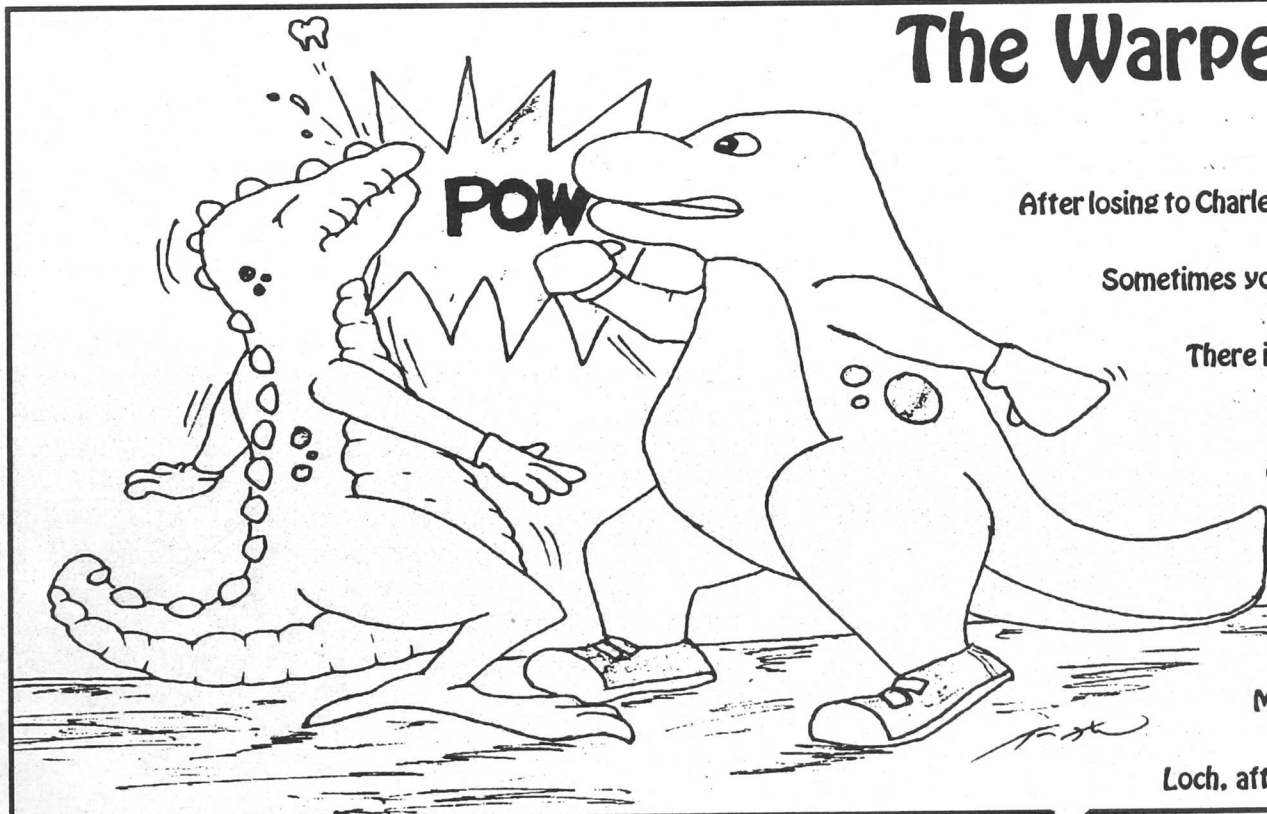
CONTACT MENDEE ROCK OR CATHARINE MCCLARIN  
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SGA  
MEETINGS

12:30 PM  
D-108

Fridays



# The Warped Twig

by Thomas Stafford

Choose your favorite title:

After losing to Charles Barkley, Barney decides to take on a lesser opponent.

Sometimes you just know when your mascot has lost the edge.

There is more than one way qualify for dental patient parking.

Gordon College surprises everyone with its mascot choice.

Things got a little out of hand last week when Loch volunteered to answer phones at the PBS fundraiser.

Mascot tryouts were a little rough this year.

Loch, after careful consideration, cancels children show idea.



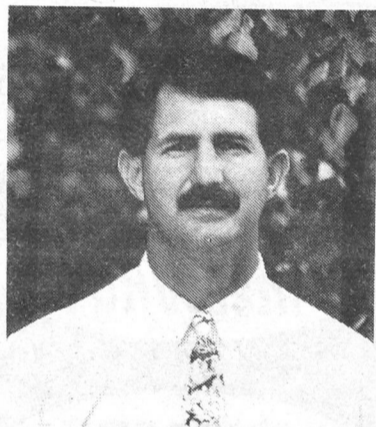
## Barfield to Be Full-Time Athletics Director at CSC

*Sports Information Courtesy of Public Information*

Clayton State's men's basketball coach Mason Barfield has announced he will step down at the completion of this season as Lakers coach to become the school's full-time director of athletics. Barfield, the Lakers's only head coach in the program's five-year history, was asked by CSC president, Dr. Richard A. Skinner, earlier this year to take on the director of athletics position full-time.

Barfield has served in a dual role as men's head coach and director of athletics since arriving at Clayton State in 1989. Hired to head up CSC's first endeavor into intercollegiate athletics, he built the school's first intercollegiate team — men's basketball — into a competitive program within four years.

His inaugural 1990-91 squad recorded a 3-24 record. But by last season, the Laker program made its mark by posting a 25-7 record, won the first GAC regular-season title and received a No. 20 national NAIA Division I ranking.

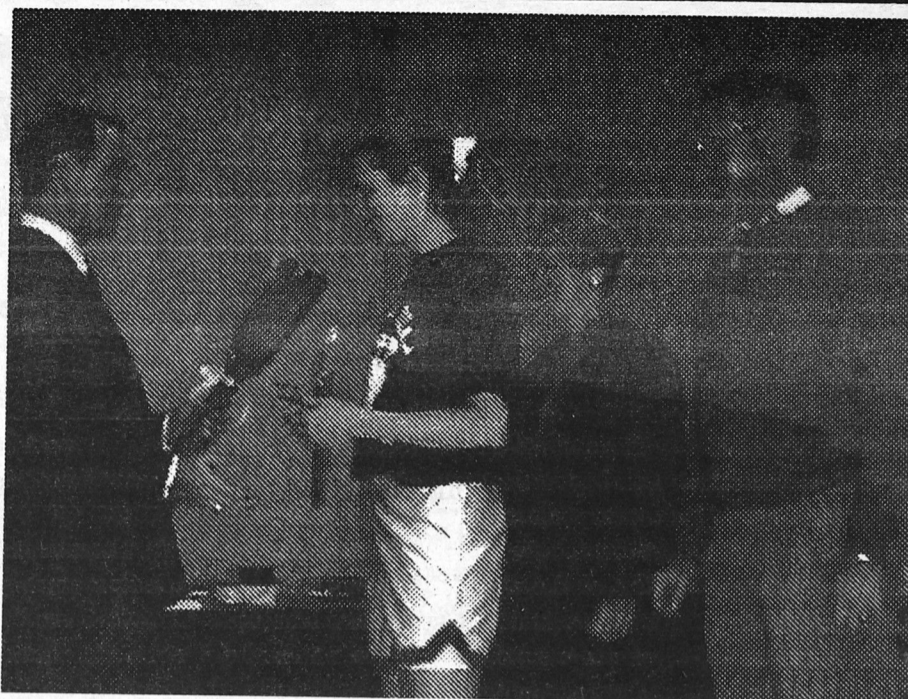


CSC coach Mason Barfield

For his efforts last year, Barfield was named the GAC men's "Coach of the Year" and was honored by the Atlanta Tipoff Club with the "Whack Hyder Coach of the Year Award." After the 1992-93 season,

Barfield was also honored as the NAIA District 25's "Administrator of the Year."

CSC currently fields men's and women's basketball and men's soccer. Anticipating the addition of several sports for the fall of 1995, Barfield will oversee the continued growth and development of CSC's athletics program.



Lady Lakers seniors Natalie Taubert (above, with parents Suzie and Earl) and Candi Wyatt (below, with parents Eddie and Lurene).



## Lady Lakers's Senior Night

*Sports Information Courtesy of Public Information*

The Clayton State women's basketball team's win over Piedmont on Feb. 22 marked the final regular-season home game for Candi Wyatt, Natalie Taubert and Dee Dee Barnett.

CSC coach Chris Nastopoulos honored the players with roses and commemorative plaques in a pre-game ceremony.

Wyatt and Taubert stand as the program's only remaining players from the program's inaugural 1991-92 season. Barnett transferred to the team from Reinhardt College as a junior.

Aside from being the only Lady Laker to break the 1,000-point barrier, Wyatt will retire as the school's all-time leader in games played and started, assists and steals.

Taubert will retire as CSC's all-time rebounder and the leader in 3-pointers made and 3-point shooting percentage.

## Lady Lakers Advance, Lakers Eliminated in GAC Tournament

*Sports Information Courtesy of Public Information*

Clayton State's Lady Lakers won their first playoff victory in the program's four-year history with an 85-69 win over North Georgia on

Saturday. The No. 4 seed Lady Lakers advanced to face top-seeded Shorter College Monday night in the second round of the Georgia Athletic Conference Tournament.

The Clayton State men's team didn't fare as well. After nipping Berry 90-87 in the first round of the GAC Tournament, they fell 87-66 on the

road to Brewton-Parker. Saturday's loss ends the Lakers's season at 19-15 and marks Mason Barfield's final game as the team's head coach.

CSC and BPC split the regular-season series, with the visiting team winning each game. But history wouldn't repeat as the host Wildcats built a 48-42 lead at halftime and outscored CSC by 15 points in the second period.

Specialty shooting killed CSC. They couldn't hit from long range, missing all 14 three-point attempts in the second half. And they couldn't hit from the free throw line, finishing 3-12 for the game, including a 2-9 performance in the second period.

Senior Dell Lewis led the squad with 22 points while freshman Ben Amestoy added 11. Center Jason Scott recorded a team-high six rebounds and

four blocked shots.

The Lady Lakers managed to turn the tables on the league's highest-scoring team in their victory. Leading 37-33 at the half, they started the second period with a 27-12 run to open a 19-point lead.

North Georgia's Julie Crowe tried to get her team's vaunted offense in gear, scoring 10 of her game-high 27 points over the next five minutes. The Lady Saints cut the deficit to 70-62 with 3:43 remaining, but Clayton State regrouped and finished the game with a 15-7 run to seal the victory.

Candi Wyatt's 24 points led four Lady Lakers in double figures. Freshman Chlandra Benton stepped up her play. The 5-foot point guard scored all 12 of her points in the second half, with six of them coming in the final 1:31 of the game.

