



# Our Own Homecoming Heroes!!!

*School Spirit Soars as Lakers and Lady Lakers Soccer Teams Produce Homecoming Sweep!!!*

20 years from now, when you are looking back on your collegiate years and remembering all of the wonderful experiences that you had, Homecoming 2000 at CCSU should definitely rank high on that list. Those who attended Clayton's first ever fall season homecoming experienced an amazing spectacle of events. The day however, despite the festivities, belonged to our own homecoming heroes, the Lakers and Lady Lakers Soccer Teams.

As with any homecoming anywhere the fans that attend want one thing and one thing only, victory, and our teams did not disappoint. The men took on Catawba College. Freshman Shaun Baddock scored two goals and assisted on another to lead Clayton to a 3 to 1 homecoming victory. The win improved the Lakers to 10-2 on the season and left the squad one win shy of tying the school record for most wins in a season (11) that was set in 1992.

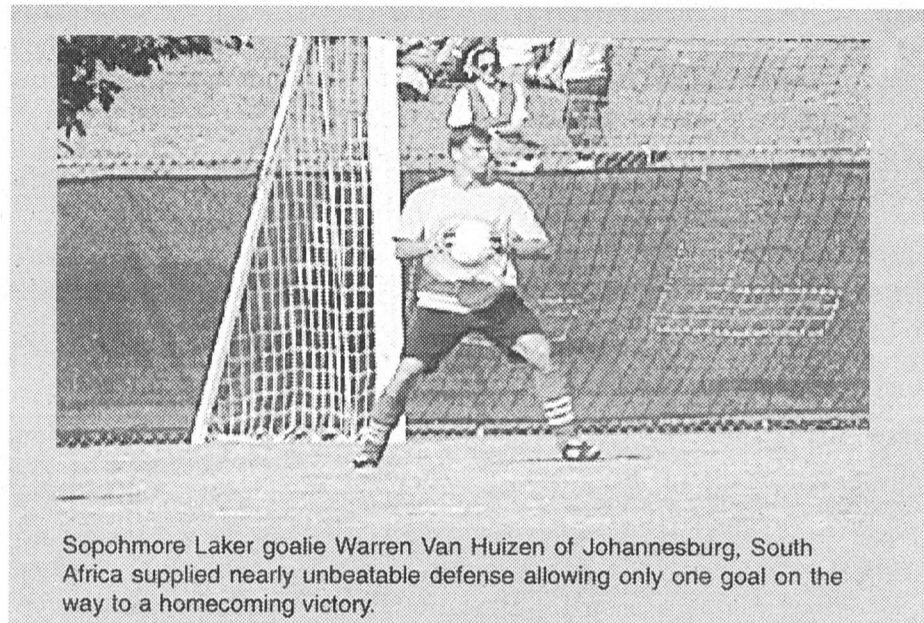
Sophomore Barry Casebeer (Austin, TX) got the Lakers on the scoreboard 28 minutes into the match with a goal, followed by Baddock adding two more goals in the first half to give the Lakers a 3-0 lead. A native of Randhurst, South Africa, Baddock

scored his first goal off an assist from Casebeer with 11:25 remaining in the first half, followed by scoring his second goal with 31 seconds remaining in the half on an assist by freshman Stuart Carter (Augusta, GA). Unfortunately the Lakers' shutout attempt was stopped short when Catawba Sophomore Mike Delabar (St. Louis, MO) added their first and only goal of the game midway into the second half making the score 3 - 1 where it would remain the rest of the game.

The Catawba squad did not want to give up without a fight, but tough defense on the part of the Lakers held Catawba to only eight shots on goal. Sophomore goalie Warren van der Westhuizen of Johannesburg, South Africa, allowed only one goal and finished with five saves. In retrospect, the Lakers would make life hard on sophomore Catawba goalie David Durham (Wallingford, PA) who had to fend off the Lakers 18 shots on goal.

For Clayton, Casebeer fired five shots, followed by freshman Garrick Bassill of Johannesburg, South Africa, taking four shots.

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Sophomore Laker goalie Warren Van Huizen of Johannesburg, South Africa supplied nearly unbeatable defense allowing only one goal on the way to a homecoming victory.

## ULC Promises Bright Future at Clayton

*President Harden Holds Open Forum to answer campus concerns about the new ULC*

*By Scott Taylor  
Editor*

October 6, 2000 - A four-story building with lots of space, the newest technologies, Starbucks Coffee, and a glass atrium covering the food court, which will overlook the lake, sounds like the newest shopping mall in Georgia. But, what is it, you ask? It is the new University Learning Center at Clayton College & State University.

The new Learning Center will be the largest undertaking in Clayton's 31 year history. Spanning the campus from the Administration building to the largest lake on campus the building with house virtually ever service and office on campus and provide the resources that will help to give this campus a sense of life.

On October 6<sup>th</sup>, President Thomas K. Harden held an open forum for the students, faculty, and staff of Clayton so that concerns could be heard and questions could be answered. The main cafeteria on campus was filled to its extent as the forum opened. The

guests viewed a short video presentation about the new building and were given an architectural walk through of what is to come.

The building will stand four stories tall and be the pinnacle of collegiate construction. It will contain 17 classrooms, 1 lecture hall, 27 offices, conference rooms, and smaller seminar rooms that can be used by small classes or by students wishing to do group work. Every part of this building except the lecture hall, which holds roughly 150 students, will be wired with networking capabilities, so that every class held in this amazing complex can take full use of the World Wide Web.

The presentation was the easy part, but then came the questions. Everyone on campus seemed to have some concern one way or the other. Will there be any adverse affects on the environment? Will student organizations be given space? What is to be done with the current student center? When will construction begin? When will it

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## The Bent Tree Is Back

*After Nearly four years of silence Clayton Has a Student Paper Again*

In 1996 The Bent Tree Student Newspaper closed its doors and stopped the presses, never to be heard from again. In the four years that the paper has been non exisitant, campus life has dwindled. The fire of student participation and a sense of an involved campus has all, but been extinguished. This can go on no longer. The Bent Tree is back. In 1969 The Bent Tree began its print run informing the students of campus activities and updating them on issues that affected their lives, now it will again. Nothing gives a campus a sense of life like a school paper does and nothing can replace it. As the articles are perused and thoughts provoked a new sense of spirit develops that no one can

stop. A paper like this one is at the heart of everything that affects and matters to students.

A paper not only gives a sense of life to students, but a chance at life to there ideas. A paper is a forum for thought. Through the words and print of a college paper, those who dare to write for it, can express their ideas and feelings. Stories that college students need to hear, ideas college students need to have, and spirit that can be inspired, can all come from a college paper.

Now Clayton College & State University may not be a school like the

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# CAMPUS LIFE

## Over Two Hundred Lives Saved in Just One Day

### Honors Student Association Sponsors Blood Drive on Campus

October 4, 2000 – The number is actually two hundred and one, and that is an amazing number. The Honors Student Association in cooperation with the American Red Cross hosted the first blood drive this academic year and the results were astounding.

As seasonal music played the student body of Clayton lined up to give a little of themselves to a good cause. Many people do not know that in America over 80 percent of the blood that the Red Cross collects every year comes from college students just like you. Further there is a shortage of blood in this country due to the increasing number of auto accidents that occur each year. The thought must come to mind, what if I get in an accident and there is no blood available for me. As many students saw the drawings around campus posing that very thought.

A bit of information that many people do not know is that when the American Red Cross collects blood it stays in this country. It does not go to

foreign aid as many think. It is also broken into three components, red blood cells, platelets, and plasma. These three products are used for many different things, thus every pint of blood saves three different lives. The blood is not only used to help those who have been injured, but also those who suffer from blood diseases, such as anemia. Those individuals must have blood transfusions or they will die.

Clayton students answered the challenge and stepped up to the plate, as the Red Cross was able to collect 67 pints from our campus. That may not sound like a lot, but multiply it time 3 lives for every pint and you get 201. That makes the difference. The Honors Student Association has sponsored several blood drives over the last 3 years and has done a wonderful job. They are planning to have another come this spring, and are hoping for an even a bigger turn out.

In the 3 years of blood drives on campus, Clayton has helped to save over 1,000 lives. ■

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Now Clayton College & State University may not be a school like the University of Georgia or Georgia Tech, with news churning every hour on hour, but we are a school that grows more each day. Clayton is a young school and things are going to happen fast especially in the next 2 years as we add an entourage of new academic programs and with the construction of our new University Learning Center.

In this time of development and

new intellectual growth at Clayton the students need a voice and a forum that they can always turn to. The Bent Tree is back and will be that voice and that forum for current students and future generations. The people have spoken, the voices heard, and the Bent Tree is the answer. ■

For More information about the Bent Tree or how to become part of the new era in campus life contact the Bent Tree Student Newspaper at [benttree@mail.clayton.edu](mailto:benttree@mail.clayton.edu)

## Walking With A Cause

### Clayton Students participate in 10th Annual Aids Walk Atlanta

October 15, 2000 - The Clayton College & State University Student Government Association and others marched in the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Aids Walk Atlanta on Sunday. The event helped to raise over 1.74 million dollars to benefit HIV/AIDS research. Over the past nine years the event has helped to raise funding for AIDS research to a multi-billion dollar level and has also raised awareness of the disease. The event promotes abstinence as well as safe sex.

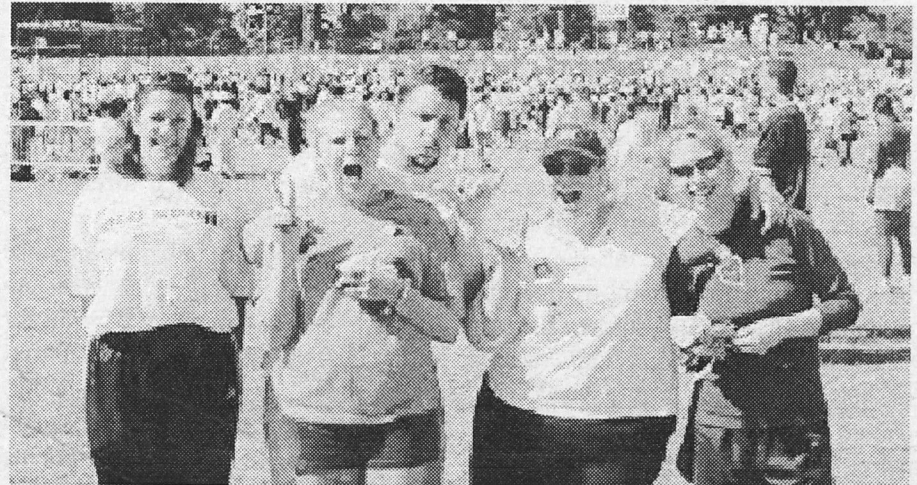
HIV/AIDS is a disease that affects so many Americans today. Many do not even have any control over contracting the disease. They received it through blood transfusions, and some are even born with it. Many often forget about the thousand of children born every year with this disease,

and many do not believe that it could happen to them.

Those who took part in the 10 Kilometer Walk (6.2 Miles) through downtown Atlanta, were constantly reminded of what they were walking for, as hundreds of event volunteers cheered and offered encouragement to weary walkers. Organizations who work with patients and conduct research also lined the streets and offered their thanks and gratitude for the effort of so many.

The trek was long and hard at times, but those who walked will never forget the experience and the cause, which was foremost on their minds. Those who walked will also be sore for many days, but will be able to say that they gave their part for a cause that they believe in. ■

Members of Team CCSU at Aids Walk Atlanta prepare for the long road ahead



For more information on Aid Atlanta or Aids Walk Atlanta, or even to get information about this terrible disease please visit:

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# ULC Offers Bright New Future at CCSU

*New University Learning Center to bring new life to campus*

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end? What will it cost? And, How will we pay for it?

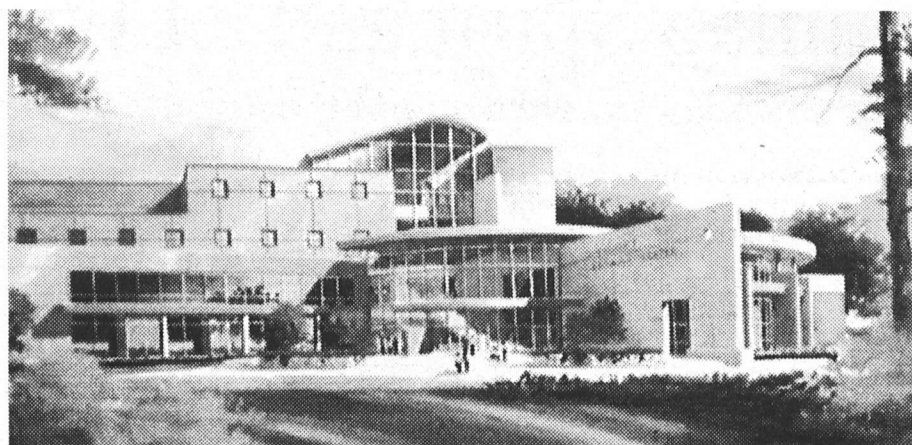
To put some of these questions to rest, the only environment effect that will cause any disruption on our campus is the loss of the beloved "Bent Tree", no not this wonderful paper, but the actual "Bent Tree" landmark. Students will be given offices for organizations. In the plans there are 8 offices and a conference room that can be used by student organizations. As far as the current student center there have been no decisions made yet, but everyone is thinking what could we do with that much empty space?

Now the plan for the construction and cost of the ULC is far more complex. For the past year students have waited to see ground be broken and construction begin, but they will have to wait until early next year before anything will happen. The building will cost roughly 25 million dollars

to construct with one million of that going to its own central chilling system. The ULC will tentatively be completed in 2003 and will be welcomed with open arms.

**"it will be the pinnacle of collegiate construction..."**

Now the forum answered many questions, but left some things lingering, such as "How are we going to keep paying for this building?". Clayton is expecting an enrollment of close to 7,000 students by the time this building is finished. Now on a campus of currently a little over 4,500, this will be a huge increase. So the question is, will Clayton, a school that has had



This is a conceptual drawing of the new University Learning Center

problems trying to meet enrollment quotas for a couple years now, be able to pull off the insurmountable task of acquiring another 2,500 students in 2 years, we will just have to wait.

Overall the ULC shows a great deal of promise and will be a wonderful place to work and study. The life of students will be bettered, the environment will survive, and somehow we will pay for it. The biggest ques

tion, though, is yet to be answered. When Clayton has 7,000 students attending this institution, where will we park? ■

**Possible Timeline:**

- Construction to begin on or about January 15, 2001
- Construction to be completed about mid year 2003.

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# Homecoming Review: Lakerfest 2000

## Human Spirit and a Lot of Luck

*Club Olympics prove two things, when we figure them out, we will let you know...*

by Brian Magill  
Staff Writer

On October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2000, the holy clans of Clayton College & State University gathered on the sacred grounds of the CCSU Soccer practice field to engage in what has become a rite of passage for student leaders on campus. With brazen war paint and the ritualistic chanting of each clan's name, these student organizations were ready to do battle. Each were armed with various items to help the win the ultimate prize, the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Club Olympics Trophy.

Each team gathered a crew of their finest representatives and marched onto the field to compete in the games. With more than a dozen clubs and organizations present, a large crowd of spectators cheered and hollered for their favorite team.

The first event, the Sack Race, required participants to leap their way to victory and tag their teammates until all five members had finished the race. The SGA took a commanding lead and



Student Government Team Members Brad Dacus and Brian Magill celebrate after a victory over Honors in the sack race, proving that brains don't always pay off.

eventually won this race. The second event, the Four-Legged race required two teams of three people to run down the field and come back before tagging their next team to repeat the race. BCAA took first while DEX And SGA took second and third place respectively.

The third event was the sleeping bag race. Each team member had to run down the field and change into a pair of clothes which was already in the sleeping bag. Each member would repeat this until the last team member had changed clothes and ran across the finish line.

The sleeping bag race was by far the most entertaining and revealing event of the games. Several members of the Honor's Organization received tips and phone numbers for their outstanding performance in this event DEX took 1<sup>st</sup> place, with SGA and Honors taking 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

The fourth event was the egg

toss. Each organization supplied two teams of two people who were required to toss an egg back and forth while taking one step back after each heat. Forty feet later and after much disappointment from other teams, the Honor's Organization *clinched* the victory from BCAA, and International Awareness, who also placed in this event. The final event was the Tug-of-War Tournament. Few teams had superior strength compared to that of the Honor's Student Association. Many teams tried but had great difficulty breaking the HSA of their winning streak. After all was said and done the Honor's Organization took first with the Black Cultural Awareness Association (BCAA) taking second and the Student Government Association placing third.

After more than an hour of teeth clenching, muscle aching action, the winners were announced for all to witness and pay homage to. The

Photo: An unnamed member of the Honors Program participates in the sleeping bag relay.

## A Crown and a Scepter

*King and Queen coronation brings shocking results.*

October 7, 2000 - The pinnacle event of the homecoming weekend had finally arrived. The crowd erupted as the nominees took the field and then it happened. They announced the winners of the 2000 homecoming king and queen.

Over the past 2 weeks the various clubs and organizations on campus had nominated members to the 2000 homecoming court. Those selected participated in grand tradition in all of the days festivities, from the Olympics, the parade, and now the defining moment. The crowd cheered as each of the court was introduced.

First came the nominees for queen. Irma Harris arrived in fine fashion as the representative from the Black Cultural Awareness Association. Next came Jennifer Hyder, of the Spirit Club, she was followed by Cora Johnson of the Student Life Activities Committee and Julia Radmann of the Honors Student Association. Finally the last representative for queen was Ms. Melissa Smith of the Drama Club.

Next up were the nominees for king beginning with Charlie L. Frazier, Jr. representing the Teacher Education Club. Next was Jonathan Gillespie from the Student Life Activities Committee. Brian Magill of the Student Government Association strutted up the walk way in high style, followed by Jay Richardson of the Black Cultural Awareness Association and Robert Stevenson of Drama. The final nominee for king was Scott Taylor of the Honors Student Association, who bounded across the field with the enthusiasm of a 10-year-old child.

After all of the fan fare and

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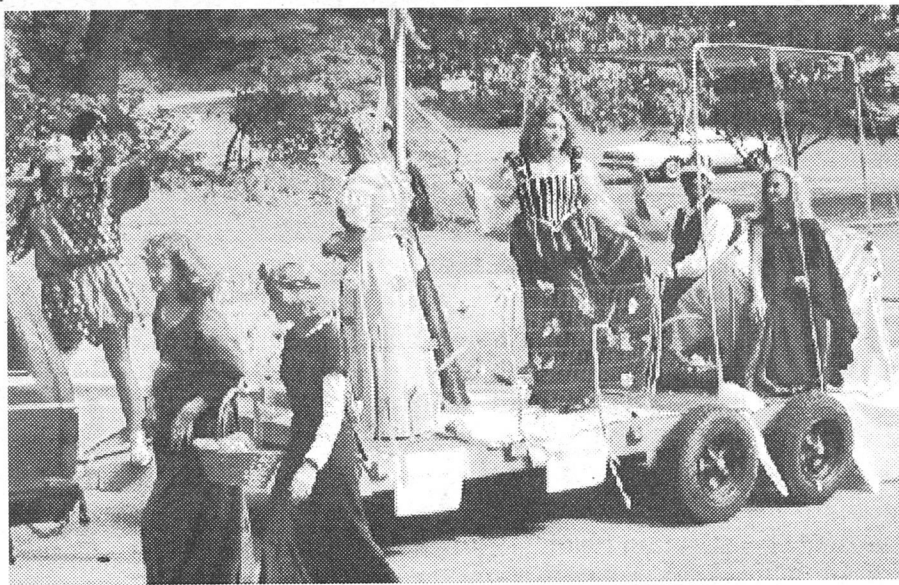
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# Hey, Everyone Loves a Parade!!!

*CCSU's First Annual Fall Homecoming Parade Proved A Huge Success*

It was a beautiful day for a parade, no rain in sight. The parking lots surrounding the Arts & Sciences building were full of cars carrying dignitaries, convertibles of every style and color with the 2000 Homecoming candidates perched atop them, floats filled with orange, yellow, and brown leaves, and, of course, the standard parade fare of police horses and a fire truck. Not to mention the World Famous Student Enrollment Services (SES) Kazoo Band, the Morrow Middle School cheerleading squad, and the Millennium Mustangs of Atlanta car club.



Countless spectators lined the parade route, which began in front of A&S, continued past the Athletics & Fitness building and then circled the parking lots at Spivey Hall and Continuing Education.

Led by Grand Marshall, Elizabeth Marshall, a professor emerita and member of the Board of Trustees, were a plethora of eager participants. Among them were the mayors of Morrow and Lake City, Dr. and Mrs. Cathy Harden, Ralph the Clown (what parade would be complete without at least one clown?), members of the Alumni Association, the CCSU Athletes, Atlanta

Mounted Police, CCSU Continuing Education, and even the Chick-Fil-A cow.

The processional of student floats and presentations included banners made by the Black Cultural Awareness Association (BCAA), Delta Epsilon Chi, the Drama Club, the Honors Student Association, the Spirit Club, the Student Life Activities Committee (SLAC), and the Teacher Education Club. Floats varied from the Drama Club's Medieval theme, complete with King and Queen candidates dressed in appropri-

ate attire, to the Teacher Education Club's rendering of Harvesting the Future, also featuring the organization's King candidate. Others included the Honors hayride, the Spirit club, Delta Sigma Theta and the Medical Assisting Club.

Upon reaching the grandstands set up in front of the lake outside the Athletics & Fitness building, the participants posed for pictures, performed a cheer, or otherwise proclaimed their spirit. The students especially liked the SES Kazoo Band, who performed,

among others, *When the Saints Go Marching In*, *The Hokey Pokey*, and (my favorite) what has been affectionately termed the "Jeff Jacobs" cheer (named for the member of the SES team who didn't participate in the Band).

Before the parade began judges moved through the crowd and rated the effort of so many students. Honored for their efforts in the banner portion of the parade competition were the Honors Student Association (HSA) who took first place, followed by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority who placed second, and the Teacher Education Club who captured third.

The float portion of the parade competition was won by the Teacher Education Club, with the Drama Club taking second, and the HSA taking third.

The members of the Alumni Association and the office of Alumni Relations deserve a huge round of applause for organizing what is sure to become a huge Homecoming tradition.

A full assortment of pictures can be found online at <http://studentorg.clayton.edu/benttree>

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parade the moment was upon us, the announcement of the winners of the weeklong voting poll. First were the second runners up. Mr. Scott Taylor of the HSA walked away with this honor and for the women Miss Jennifer Hyder of the Spirit Club. First runner up followed suit, with Mr. Charlie Frazier, of Teacher Education, and Miss Julia Radmann, of Honors, taking home the prize.

Now for the king and queen. The crowd sat in silence and the announcement came. Mr. Jay Richardson and Miss Irma Harris, both of the BCAA took home top honors in this battle of the ballots. As the court left the field, cries of joy were heard and tears of sorrow were seen. This was Clayton's first fall homecoming court and it was truly memorable. ■

## Homecoming 2000



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Honor's Student Association swept the games with a strong finish, with the Student Government Association (SGA) finishing a close second and Delta Epsilon Chi (DEX) placing third.

With the winners pronounced and the screams of victory heard high into the heavens, one could hear the shouts of redemption promised for next year's fight to the finish. One thing is now certain, those who will attempt to dethrone the HSA as King of the Games will have train hard and recruit new members to claim their stake for this holy title. Come watch next years Club Olympics as the clans once again come together to fight for the ultimate prize. The Holy Grail will be up grabs and it's anyone's game. Be prepared. ■

Photos: Top: Jay Richardson and Irma Harris receive their crown and scepter. Bottom: The teams participating in the Club Olympics prepare for battle.



# Sports

## Homecoming Heroes

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The Lady Lakers followed up in fine fashion as Sophomore Leah Pharr performed a homecoming hat trick (three goals) to lead the Clayton College and State University women's soccer team to its second win of the season, defeating Spelman College 6 to 2. The win improved Clayton to 2-9-1 on the season.

The game started off on a sour note with Spelman's Erica Jenkins putting the Lady Jaguars on the scoreboard early. Clayton would not stand by for long though, as the Lady Lakers answered with three straight goals to take a 3-1 lead. This scoring attack began as Pharr, (Macon, GA) scored her first goal 22 minutes into the match. This was followed quickly by freshman Jill Kowalczyk (Conyers, GA) adding another goal one minute later. Freshman Jocelyn Okoro (Stone Mountain, GA) added another goal with 12:11 remaining in the half. Spelman's Jenkins would keep the Jaguars in the game by adding her second goal with 7:23 remaining in the half only to have Pharr score her second goal of the match one

minute later and closeout the first half the Lakers ahead 4 to 2.

In the second half, Clayton added two insurance goals as sophomore Caryn Carpenter (Hoover, AL) scored on a header off a corner kick that was sent into the box by senior Madeline Spaugh (Cumming, GA). Pharr, who could not settle for a mere 2 goals, scored her record tying third goal of the match with 28 minutes remaining. The three goals by Pharr tied a three-goal game by Nicole Kirkland in 1997 and Jamie Goetz in 1996.

In addition to her three goals, Pharr finished with 11 shots also a new record, breaking Kirkland's mark of 10 shots in 1997. Freshman Sisse Kirkland (Stockbridge, GA) finished with two assists, while Kowalczyk had an assist along with her goal. Okoro, Spaugh and junior Tiffany Cavin (Kennesaw, GA) finished with three shots.

Clayton's defense held Spelman to only two shots in the match, while Clayton finished with season high 26. ■

## Lakers Fall to ASU Thanks to Overtime Penalty Kick

**Augusta, GA, October 14, 2000**— The match went 103 minutes and in the end came down to an Augusta State University penalty kick goal, lifting the Jaguars to a 2-1 overtime victory over the Clayton College and State University men's soccer team in Peach Belt Conference action Saturday.

The win dropped Clayton State to 11-3 overall and 1-3 in conference play, while Augusta State improved to 12-4 overall and 3-2 in conference play.

The game-winning goal came on a controversial call in the CCSU box with two minutes remaining in the first overtime period. ASU sophomore Keith Borthwick converted the sudden death, game-winning goal to give Augusta the victory.

The Lakers trailed most the match before freshman Shaun Baddock (Randhurst, South Africa) headed a shot into the top left corner of the net,

knocking the score at one apiece 86 minutes into the match. The goal was Baddock's fourth of the season, second best on the team.

Augusta State took an early lead at the 6:22 mark of the first half when Scott Montgomery scored a goal off an assist from Borthwick.

Clayton State outshot Augusta, who was a man short more than 65 minutes of the match, 13-7 but had a difficult time converting opportunities. The Lakers had seven corner kicks compared to only two for the Jaguars. CCSU did, however, rack up the fouls committing 21, while ASU was whistled for only 18.

Clayton State will return to action Wednesday, traveling to USC Aiken, while the Jaguars will host USC Spartanburg on October 18 for a 7 p.m. match. ■

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## Guffey Earns All-State Honors as CCSU Runners Improve

**Decatur, Ga., Oct. 7, 2000** — Near ideal conditions for cross country running resulted in personal and season-bests times for Clayton College & State University runners on Saturday during the 35<sup>th</sup> running of the Georgia Collegiate Cross Country Championships Saturday morning at Panthersville. The men's team, led by junior Jake McLemore, finished sixth out of 12 teams while a short-handed women's team only fielded four runners but got an all-state effort from junior Joni Guffey.

McLemore ran the fastest Laker time of the season for 8K with a 16<sup>th</sup> place finish in the college division. The Indian Springs, Nev. native ran 27:13 for a personal-best effort. Finishing two places behind McLemore was junior Mike O'Donnell who ran a personal best time of 27:18. Also scoring for Clayton State were senior Luis Monge in 26<sup>th</sup> (28:14), freshman Tony Juarez in 32<sup>nd</sup> (28:31) and sophomore Jon Heil in 54<sup>th</sup> (30:26). Also running for the Lakers were freshmen Chris Gruwell (31:37) and Jarvis Jones (32:11).

The Lakers finished with 146 points to finish six behind Valdosta State. Life University won the team title with 21 points while Berry College took second (69 points) and Emory was third (72 points). Morehouse rounded out the Top five finishing fourth.

"Our men's team ran well among a tough field today," said head coach Mike Mead. "Jake and Mike ran career-bests which rank among out Top 20 best 8K times. Jon, Chris and Jarvis ran personal records while Luis ran a season best."

With three runners sidelined by injuries, the Lady Lakers ran only four and did not score among the 10-team field won by Emory University. But

"We took advantage of the conditions and ran our best today,"

Guffey finished fourth in the college division to earn all-state honors for the second time in her Clayton State career. The Frankfort, Ky. native covered the 5K course in a career-best 19:24.

In addition to Guffey, junior Candy Ard ran a season-best 20:59 for 18<sup>th</sup> place, sophomore La'Keshia Hayes ran a personal-best 21:14 for 25<sup>th</sup> place and sophomore Cathy Wasserleben ran a season-best 21:44 for 33<sup>rd</sup> place.

"We took advantage of the conditions and ran our best today," said Mead. "It's too bad our freshmen (Candis Gardner, Lydia Muttai and Stephanie Wesley) missed this meet due to injuries. We were feeling a little down this week, but this meet was a pick-me-up. We still have plenty of time to regroup and be ready for our late-season meets. I was well pleased with the efforts by all of our folks today."

Both Clayton State squads resume action on Friday when they compete in the Oglethorpe Invitational. The Lakers hope to continue building for a strong showing at the Peach Belt Conference meet on Oct. 21 while the Lady Lakers hope to be back with at least five runners for this Friday's Oglethorpe meet. ■



## Lakers Tie Record With Win Over Tusculum

*Victory gives Lakers 11 wins this season*

GREENEVILLE, TN— October 10, 2000— The Clayton College and State University men's soccer team tied a school record while blitzing Tusculum College Pioneers 2-0. The win improved Clayton to 11-2 on the season, tying the school record for the most wins in a season (11) that was set in 1992.

Sophomore Barry Casebeer's shot off the left post and into the net was all the offense needed as Clayton State got its third win in a row, while the Pioneers fell for the fourth time in a row giving them a 4-10 record for the season.

Casebeer (Austin, TX.) broke a scoreless tie 16 minutes into the second half when he took a cross from freshman Shaun Baddock (Randhurst, South Africa) and banked a blast off the post for a 1-0 lead. Sophomore Stephen Hughes (Hampton, Ga.) added an insurance goal with 1 minute left to put the match out of reach. For Casebeer it was his team-leading 14th goal of the

season, while Hughes notched his first goal of the season.

Clayton out shot Tusculum 18-10 in the match and was led by Casebeer firing six shots. Freshman Garrick Bassill (Johannesburg, South Africa) finished with five shots, while freshman Liam Oddie (Johannesburg, South Africa) was credited with an assist.

In addition to the team tying the record for the most wins in a season, sophomore goalie Warren van der Westuizen, recorded his eighth shutout of the season, breaking his record of seven shutouts by an individual goalie in a season set last year. Currently the Lakers are ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the nation in shutouts according to NSCAA polls for NCAA Division II men's soccer.

Up next, Clayton will return to Peach Belt Conference action, traveling to Augusta State University Saturday, October 14, for a 3 p.m. The team's next home match will be Oct. 25th against USC Spartanburg. ■

## CCSU Women's Tennis Players advance to finals of GCSU Fall Collegiate Championships

Milledgeville, Ga., October 9, 2000--- CCSU's Natalia Koulechko and the doubles team of Leah Brownell and Tanya Semenova advanced to the finals of the Georgia College and State University Fall Collegiate Championships in Milledgeville this past weekend.

Freshman Koulechko (Moscow, Russia) won 6-1 and 6-1 in the semifinals of the "C" Singles division before falling in finals 6-2 and 6-2. Natalia advanced to the semifinals with two straight set victories. Seniors Brownell (Penticton, British Columbia) and Semenova (Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan) advanced to the finals of the "A" Doubles division before falling to the top seeded team from GCSU 8-2 in the finals.

Clayton State won a total of nine matches in the tourney. Other winners in singles action were: Brownwell, one match in the "A" Singles division; Jacqueline Nieto (Caracas, Venezuela), one match in the "A" Singles division; and Maria Zurita (Guayaquil, Ecuador), one match in the "B" Singles division. The doubles team of Zurita and Koulechko won two matches in the "B" Doubles division before falling in the quarterfinals.

The GCSU Fall Collegiate Championships ended the fall schedule for the women's tennis team. The squad will return to action February 9 at Georgia College and State University. ■

## Lady Lakers blank Brewton-Parker 2-0

*Women's Soccer team produces first shutout of season*

Coming off of an amazing homecoming victory, the Lady Lakers took on Brewton-Parker this past Thursday. Sophomore Leah Pharr continued her incredible streak by scoring two first half goals to send the Clayton College and State University women's soccer team to its second straight victory and its first shutout of the season, blanking Brewton-Parker Barons 2-0. The win improved the Lady Lakers' record 3-9-1 on the season.

Pharr (Macon, GA) scored her first goal on a breakaway eight minutes into the match and then scored two minutes later on an assist by freshman Jessica Grenier (Bedford, NH). The two goals by Pharr give her seven on the season and five in the last two matches.

Despite an ankle injury that sidelined Pharr late in the first half, she led the squad with six shots. Sophomore Zulynette Olivo (Ellenwood, GA) finished

with three shots, while freshman Sisse Kirkland (Stockbridge, GA), senior Madeline Spaugh (Cumming, GA), freshman Jocelyn Okoro (Stone Mountain, GA) and freshman Jill Kowalczyk (Conyers, GA) all had two shots. Goalie Dana Peterson (Stockbridge, GA) finished with five saves enroute to her first shutout of the season.

The Clayton offense fired almost three times as many as shots as Brewton-Parker, finishing with 19 shots compared to only seven for the Barons.

Up next, Clayton State will play Spelman College at 2 p.m. on Sunday, October 15 at the Henry County Soccer Complex. The team's next match on the CCSU campus will be Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> against USC Spartanburg. ■

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# History of the Bent Tree

*The Bent Tree is back, but where did it come from*

by **John Shiffert**  
*Director of University Relations*

Before the University Learning Center was planned, the Bent Tree stood on the Clayton State campus.

Before Clayton State College became Clayton College & State University, the Bent Tree stood on the Clayton State campus.

Before Clayton Junior College became Clayton State College, the Bent Tree stood on the Clayton State campus.

Before ground was broken for the Clayton State Library, the Bent Tree stood on the Clayton State campus.

Before the citizens of Clayton County bought an old dairy farm in Morrow as the site for a new junior college, the Bent Tree stood on that dairy farm.

Before the idea of a unit of the University System was even proposed for the Southern Crescent, the Bent Tree stood east of the railroad tracks in Morrow.

And while it isn't known if the Bent Tree was here before Scarlett O'Hara, it is true that the a Tree shaped like an inverted question mark has been a symbol in Clayton County, and of Clayton State, for a long time.

When the College first opened as Clayton Junior College in September 1969, a local newspaper noted the event with a photograph of what was referred to as the "Question Tree," noting that the Bent Tree reminded observers of the eternal search for truth. And while you would probably have to stand on your head to see the question mark shape properly, the questioning process is equally a part of the enteral search for knowledge — an appropriate symbol for an institution of higher learning.

**"the Bent Tree reminded observers of the eternal search for truth."**

The Bent Tree was quickly adopted by Clayton State students as a symbol for the student newspaper — fittingly enough for an era of great questioning (the late 60's and early 70's). According to Emeritus Director of Student Life Rob Taylor, after a couple of abortive attempts to start a student paper, the first issue of The Bent Tree "came off

the mimeograph machine" (those were the good old days) in December 1969.

After changing names five or six times over the next three years, says Taylor, the "Bent Tree" name stuck for the student newspaper which lasted until the paper went into hiatus in 1998. (Dr. Bill Pasch in Humanities is now working to revive either a newspaper version or an on-line version of the Bent Tree.)

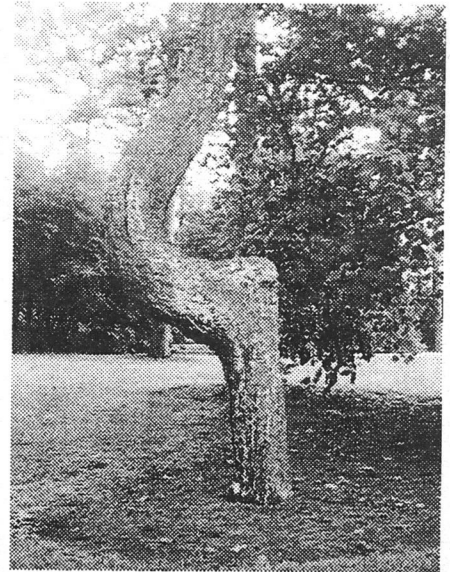
As for the Bent Tree itself, the misshapen pine tree was a prominent feature in the early (circa 1973) Clayton State yearbooks, quickly becoming enough of a symbol for the College that special plans were made for its preservation when the Library was built. Taylor noted that the original artist's renderings of the Library did not show the Bent Tree, so he persuaded Dr. Jack Bennett, director of Learning Resources, to take the plans back to the drawing board (and the architects) to make sure the Bent Tree was preserved.

Later, during the College's 25th anniversary celebration, the Bent Tree was the only logical place to bury a time capsule for future posterity.

"The Bent Tree is an original," says Taylor. "Airborne seeds landed in the

woods of the one-time dairy farm that the College once was and trees sprang forth. No one knows why the tree bent and then straightened. If there is a way to see that it survives, then please do so."

While the University Learning Center will soon be built on the site of the Bent Tree, Clayton State President Dr. Thomas Harden has ensured that the Bent Tree will survive, both in the name of the Bent Tree Society that will help carry forth the University's eternal search for truth and knowledge, and in reality — plans are being made to preserve at least the Bent Tree's unique "question mark" section in a display in the University Learning Center. ■



## Letter From the Editor

**To all those who are reading and have taken the time to read the first issue of the Bent Tree Student Newspaper in over 4 years:**

As a student, I was here as the last issues of the old Newspaper were published and now have the opportunity to be at the forefront of the next generation of the Bent Tree. This is a time in which the paper is needed most. Our campus is growing rapidly with new ideas booming everyday, and new students, faculty, and staff to help these dreams become reality.

In 1969 Clayton opened its doors, and with it a new gateway to learning. In its 31 years history this university has grown from a small community school to a recognized four-year institution offering bachelors degrees an anything from nursing to information technology, dealing with issues that span the globe.

CCSU has been on the cutting edge of technology with the implementation of the Information Technology Project, putting a laptop in the hands of every student on campus. This bold move has placed Clayton at the top of list and has made us a model school for the Board of Regents initiative GLOBE, Global Learning Online for Businesses and Education.

Now as Clayton moves into this new era of development, physical and academically, the students need a forum to further their thoughts and expand their horizons. I do not believe that the paper will establish world peace, but I do believe that it can make a difference in the lives of Clayton students.

In the last year so many events have occurred that have actually affected the lives of our students and most people did not even know that they happened. I personally believe that in order to create a sense of life on a college campus you must first awaken the life that is there. I know and am sure that the Bent Tree Student Newspaper will do that.

The goal of the Bent Tree Student Paper is to carry on the eternal question of learning and education posed by the actual Bent Tree. I hope that this first issue will have you anxiously awaiting the next issue, and if it does not, let us know what you would like to see and read. I always welcome suggestion, because it is not my paper, it is the students' paper.

Thank You,

**Scott Taylor**  
Editor and Chief  
Bent Tree Student Newspaper