



Is Clayton Place Really "The Place to Live?"

It may be a Good Cents community, but does it make sense to live there?

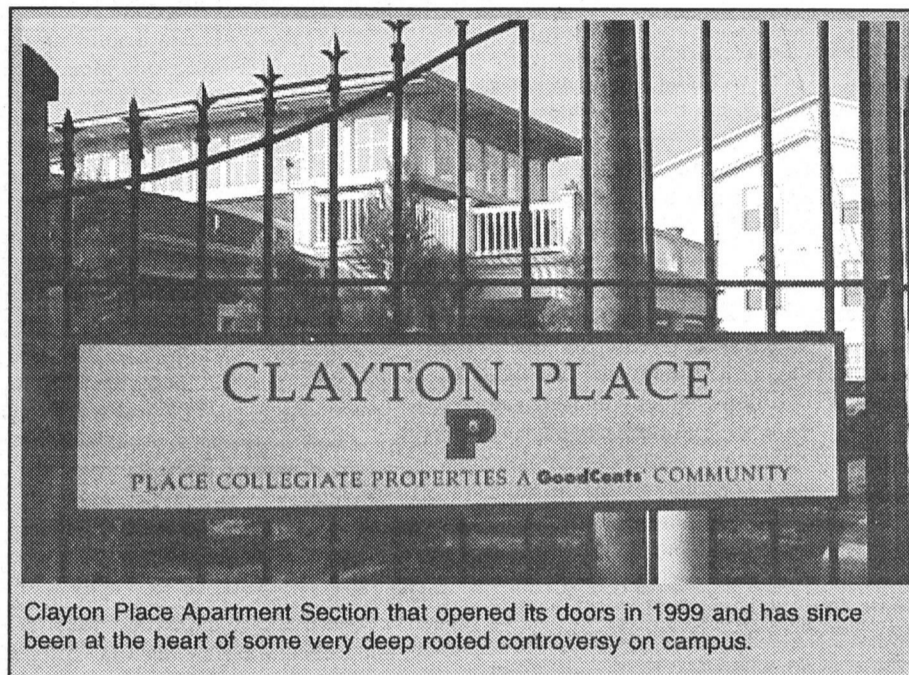
By Scott Taylor
Editor-in-Chief

In 1999 Clayton College & State University added a brand new addition. For the first time in its 31 year history, Clayton added student housing to its impressive resume. Well, actually Clayton added the closest thing to student housing, Clayton Place Apartments. Clayton Place, located just outside the main entrance to campus, provides Clayton students affordable housing in a dorm-like atmosphere.

To give you a better description of Clayton Place the words right from their brochure will be used. "Designed for Students with individual leases by bedroom, private full bathroom off every bedroom for total privacy, full-size washer and dryer in every apartment, 9-foot ceilings with ceiling fans in all bedrooms and living room, air conditioning, and bedrooms are wired for private phones, cable TV, Ethernet. There is a luxury kitchen with microwave, dishwasher, refrigerator/icemaker, oven/range, garbage disposal, pantry, and dining counter with barstools. All bedrooms are furnished with a full-size bed, dresser, desk, shelves, and chair. The living room is furnished with a sofa, easy chair, tables, and an entertainment center.

There is wall-to-wall carpeting, ceramic tile, balcony/patio, mini-blinds on all windows. A private key unlocks your bedroom door so your room is secure and there is even a roommate matching service if you need roommates. Every room is equipped with very high-speed Internet access on our PlaceNet T1 data network, and there is tons of living space!"

What you just read is what every



Clayton Place Apartment Section that opened its doors in 1999 and has since been at the heart of some very deep rooted controversy on campus.

incoming freshman to Clayton, as well as every person who receives a copy of the brochure for Clayton Place sees. What they forget to mention, is that many of the apartments have not even been finished, the leasing office is more mixed up than the federal government, there are a number of non-residents and non-students living there, there is a constant barrage of parties, the cable and internet access might work and you have to pay for it no matter what, and you probably won't be able to park anywhere near the apartment complex. Basically there are more problems with Clayton Place than the managers know how to deal with.

To get the complete picture of what is wrong, the story must start from

the beginning. The complex opened its doors to residents in August of 1999. Construction began for the complex in April of 1999. The complex went from broken ground to "standing" in just under five months. Now, construction methods may have improved over the past several years, but you cannot build ten buildings in just five months and expect everything to be perfect. Needless to say it has been anything but perfect. Upon opening the managers had the entire list of tenants make a list of what was wrong so that they could fix it. There were so many things wrong that they could not figure all of them out.

For the first several months,

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IT Program, Brings Students More Questions than Answers

by Concerned Student
Student Writer

If you were fortunate enough to be one of the first students to enter the Information Technology Degree Program back when it began in 1998 you are most likely still here. The IT program at its inception was outstanding, but now seems as if it needs a jump-start. Over the past two years many IT majors have become frustrated because it seems as if they have gone from the head of the class, as the college's brain child, to the rear of the class, as the college's forgotten child. Has the program fallen from grace?

This question is posed in response to the feelings of frustration, ambivalence and the growing pain of abandonment that many IT students share. After asking several students their opinion of the situation, the ever-evident consen-

sus seems as if the students need some type of open forum to respond to the ever-increasing points of view. There needs to be an open dialogue between students and teachers, but that has yet to occur and comments seem to be heard and then dismissed.

Students in the program seem to actively complain, but obviously tone avail. A student in the program states, "I have been in the BIT program since 1998. The concept of the ladder program is excellent in my opinion. This enables the student to become exposed to the technical classes so they will be able to gain employment before completing the entire program. The problem is that I can't complete the program." The program, which was to be one of the premier degrees at Clayton, appears to be structured mainly for the Certificate and Associate level degrees at this point, since the majority of

classes are only offered one section each year, and are not particularly convenient for the day students or night students since they are offered in the mid-afternoon. The recently released "IT Matrix of Classes", shows that only six 4000 level classes will be offered for spring, none for summer, and many will not be taught again until next fall.

One student commented, "As more students enter the final stage of the program it is important that the class availability match the growing students needs." And another student had these thoughts, "I am concerned with the way the upper level classes are scheduled for Spring 2000. Most of the upper level classes are scheduled for late afternoon, which makes it difficult to take the required courses needed for graduation. This problem can be solved

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Where Has Our School Spirit Gone?

Gone?

Why does student apathy exist on our campus

By Ayana Wiadom-Johnson
Staff Writer

I have one question to ask of all students. "What is school spirit?" Since I never actually got around to asking anyone, I am going to do my best to try and answer this question myself. But, unfortunately this is not an easily answered question. So consequently I don't have a definite answer. But, I can give you an indefinite one.

Clayton has always been considered a commuter college. Now, I had to ask, "What defines a commuter college?" When I posed this question, I was given various kinds of answers and after they were all sifted through, I came out with this: "Any college that does not have on campus housing or where the majority of your students commute is considered a commuter college." It never occurred to me to just look it up. Most of our students travel to campus everyday and of course, they also leave campus. There is no student housing. We have the Clayton Place Apartments, but they are not technically student housing.

Being a commuter campus has also caused Clayton to have a high number of nontraditional students. These people are the students who work full-time, and then come to school at night. Statistics show that many colleges have a much younger student body than Clayton. The average age of a student at Clayton is 27. This means that we do not have a young constantly enthusiastic student population.

Just in case you want to know what all of this and school spirit have to do with each other, well I'll tell you. These things and school spirit have absolutely nothing to do with each other. And in my humble opinion, you can look at our campus and see that this is the case. This cannot be at all good for a school that happens to have very talented athletes, on campus housing, and a ton of school sponsored events. When you have all of these, you usually end up with at least a little school spirit.

My first theory is this, "Our students are so wired we don't have the need to see each other in person." In giving every student a laptop computer, we seemed to have created drones. Students now walk in herds to class and in unison all plug in their laptops. Instantly they are on the

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Every Votes Counts Is Our Spirit Gone?

The seventh of November marks another election year and another poor turnout at the booths.

By Kevin Dixon
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The United States has called itself a Republic for over two hundred years, and certain obligations come along with being a Republic. One of those blessed obligations is that the people get to choose and vote for who will honorably serve their country. Although, it seems that this nation we call free and independent, is taking for granted everything that our patriots fought to give them?

Every four years citizens in this free country get a chance to voice their opinions, but seldom do they show up to be heard. It is embarrassing to think that only 30% of registered voters actually show up, but everyday on television sets across America people can be seen complaining about a country their doing nothing to help. The problem is that a large portion of the United States is ignorant to what really happens in Washington. What this country needs is more educated voters, and that is exactly what makes up all

colleges and universities. Ninety-five percent of all post-secondary students are the legal voting age, but how many are actually registered voters? The more involved people become in daily politics the more they will know come election day. This does not mean that only post-secondary educated people are the only ones qualified to vote, but statistics show that most registered voters are in college or have already graduated from one. If you are one of those who are in college and are registered to vote, don't be lazy and go vote. On the other hand, if you are in college and not registered to vote, take a stand and register to vote, and be ready for the next election. That is just the tip of the iceberg of where political involvement can lead. This country needs more young people to become involved in government because they are the future of this country's government. So, when next week rolls around and November 7th is upon us, stand up and make your mark, and make a difference. Remember, every vote counts. ■

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web, surfing and chatting and never once thinking about what is happening on this campus. They become so focused on the "cyber world," that they forget about the real world.

I feel it's hard to display spirit, much less enthusiasm, for anything when you're sitting in front of a computer screen. Our school is so wired that I end up tripping at least twice a day. Ok, that was a bad joke. But anyway, we all have laptop computers; thus we all have email accounts. So if anyone needs to say or tell anyone anything, all you have to do is write a little note on your computer, post an address and press send. You can go like this for weeks, months, or even years. All the while never seeing the person who you have been writing to. You no longer need to speak to a person or gather at public events to get the latest news on anyone and everyone. You no longer feel that you need to see or talk to real people. This in my opinion has led to smaller group meetings for those that do show up for athletic events and on campus activities. No one comes because they feel they can get the info on what went on later by email. This was my original theory on why our school spirit was nowhere to be found, but I found out that there were various parties, just no one bothered to e-mail me.

Now, here is my next theory, "maybe our diversity as a student body stops us from attempting to act as if we are totally possessed fools when trying to display our school spirit. We have the most diverse campus of any college in Georgia. Look around and see if you can find two people that are alike. It is nearly impossible.

I truly think that our diversity as a student body is keeping us from really displaying our school spirit. You hardly ever hear about people running around in their birthday suits with a splash of our school colors on. Nope, we are just too diverse for our own good. Lets face it, if you don't have a campus full of 18 and 19-year-old fools running around, then you don't have as much fool worthy spirit. And then the excuse of, "We don't have a football team." So!!! You can have groupies with basketball and soccer just as easily. It maybe a bit too late for the soccer group-

ies this season, but you still have the basketball season. Look at our diversity for a moment. The age difference on our campus seems to present a problem with showing your school spirit. Most people just don't go running around yelling GOLAKERS at the top of your lungs if their over 40. They believe that is not good for their health. And the younger crowd believes that since no one else is doing it, why should they. Then, we have students from everywhere imaginable. And, not everyone is crazy about the same things, especially when you're from different countries, and not just different cities. This diversity is what makes Clayton a great school. We all get along so well. The new with the not so new, the familiar with the not so familiar, we all are contribute to our school in different ways except one. No one is willing to give just a little spirit. I know you have to work, and other people have kids. But can't you come for me? Well, if you cant come for me, do it for the school. Bring your kids, show them what college life will be like, if they should ever decide to go. Let your boss know that you are doing community work with the local college. You can stretch the truth just a little. But come and be a part of a community.

All of what I have been saying boils down to the word apathy, the lack of emotion or feeling. Our student body seems to have a large quantity of this. I have tried to look at it from all the sides that I can imagine, and then think up ways that I can help to change the situation. But I have found myself realizing that it is not up to the school to change the atmosphere, but it is up to the students. To many people, CCSU is a place to come and learn, and for others to come and expand on what they already know. But I have yet to encounter one person who came here to "live". Lets face the facts; this just is not a party school. Because of this and other circumstances you don't find many wild parties or really hyped school spirit. Still that doesn't give us a reason to have an air of apathy surrounding all school events. College must be more than just classes and computers. College is a part of life and must be lived and experienced. So lets all go looking for our school spirit. I can't say that we have honestly lost any, but I can say that we are truly in need of some. ■

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DECISION 2000

by *Eve Kochanska*
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Tomorrow, November the 7th, a lot of our CCSU students will enter the voting booth and pick their candidate for the president of the United States. We'd like to sum up some of the most important issues that young voters should take under consideration.

Until just few weeks ago, the presidential race was pretty much led by the Vice President Al Gore. His main rival is George Bush from the Republican Party. This situation is now changing, and the most recent polls show both of the presidential nominees running 50/50. The other two candidates are Ralph Nader, the Green Party candidate, and Pat Buchanan from the Reform Party.

Al Gore has served as vice president since 1993. The theme for his campaign is protection of the environment, and support of affirmative action. In the past he served as a US congressman in Tennessee, senator, and vice president. He's the son of a prominent politician, the late U.S. senator AL Gore Sr. He attended private school before heading to the Ivy League. He graduated from the St. Albans School of Boys in Washington, D.C., and then Harvard University. He served as an Army correspondent in Vietnam, and later an investigative reporter with the Nashville Tennessean. Gore is 52, married to Tipper with three daughters, son and a grandson.

George W. Bush, the republican nominee for president, is the son of former president George Bush. He grew up in relative wealth in Texas. He attended a private boarding school and went to college at Yale. Bush was a former managing general partner of the Texas Rangers baseball team and was elected governor of Texas in 1994, despite having never held political office. At the Phillips School in Andover, Massachusetts, Bush was commissioner of stickball. The theme of his campaign is "compassionate conservatism." By this phrase he defines the connection between his traditional values and caring for underprivileged people. He has a wife, Laura, and 9 years old twin daughters.

Some of the most controversial issues between the two leading candidates are: death penalty, abortion, gun control, education, and environment.

DEATH PENALTY

Bush has a very firm stand on death penalty. He's been quoted that "No innocent person has been put to death under my watch." Since he took office in 1995, he signed-off on the execution 135 people - about one death every two weeks.

Gore supports the death penalty, but just recently he stood by a GOP bill in the House that would prohibit the execution of a pregnant woman on death row. Even though Gore has never had the authority over condemned inmates, the Clinton administration has postponed the first scheduled federal execution in 40 years, pending the outcome of a Justice Department investigation into charges of racial bias in sentencing. If those charges of bias are founded, Gore has said he would support a moratorium on federal executions.

ABORTION

Gore supports a woman's right to an abortion and supports Medicaid funding for abortion for underprivileged women. He opposes parental notification in the case of minors, and opposes partial-birth abortions except to save the mother's life.

Bush opposes abortion, except in cases of rape, incest or to preserve the mother's life. He opposes taxpayer funding of abortions for underprivileged women, but supports parental notification for minors and a ban on partial-birth abortions.

GUN CONTROL

Gore was one of the original co-sponsors of the Brady Bill that was defeated in 1991. This bill was later revived and eventually passed under the Clinton administration. Gore favors licensing and registering handgun owners and restoring the three-day waiting period under the original Brady law.

Bush, right after taking office as a Texas governor, signed a law that ended 125-year ban on carrying a concealed weapon. In 1997, he signed another law allowing people to bring concealed guns into churches, hospitals and amusement parks unless there was a sign posted that prohibited the weapons. Bush has said that he does not support federal legislation allowing cities to sue gun makers.

EDUCATION

Gore proposed a \$500 million Accountability Fund to provide support and extra resources for children in failing schools. He also proposes expanding charter schools and providing competitive grants for school districts with failing schools.

Bush's education reform proposals have not been clearly outlined, but he has indicated that he would support a policy that would fund federal educational programs that show measurable results.

ENVIRONMENT

Gore's activity in environmental issues dates back to 1979 while still in Congress. He held hearings on toxic waste dumping and played a major role in creating "Superfund" cleanup legislation. In 1997 he pushed for cleanup of various urban areas. He has also been a vocal advocate in the fight against environmental racism.

Bush proposes turning over significant authority for environmental issues to state and local communities. His policies include market-based incentives (tax breaks, for example) for maintaining environmental standards.

There are still many questions about each candidate. First, Gore has taken a hit for his defending of President Clinton during his indiscretions with a White House intern, fund-raising practices, and more recently Gore's tendency to embellish his record - most common example - stretching his role in Congress as the creator of the Internet.

The most recent development about Bush is his drinking and driving incident that took place 24 years ago. A lot of voters feel that Bush has talked a lot about being an honest man, and hiding his DUI is certainly not a good example of honesty.

Bent Vent

Frustrated? Aggravated? Irritated? Do these words describe how you feel? Well, now is your chance to let your angst out! This column is dedicated to you, the students of CCSU to express yourself through words. This is the place to air your grief and beef with society and of course our beloved campus.

Ever see those red signs with the white letters that spell out S-T-O-P on our campus? They are usually placed near crosswalks and intersections. Wonder what they mean.

Can you potty train geese? Or at least teach them to use a pooper-scooper.

Warning! Run-A-Way golf cart on the loose!

Should I register my Tweety Bird key chain as a lethal weapon?

I spent almost 2K for my bike and you want me to chain it to a post? Umm, I don't think so.

My family keeps asking when I will graduate, I can only shrug and say I don't know, I am an IT major.

I long for the days when Galileo was just another dead guy and the card catalog was a great invention. Bless the creator of the Dewey Decimal System.

I had a dead battery the other night, so I decided to use the emergency phone. After walking around in the dark for 20 minutes (since the light posts seem to be only for decoration and not lighting the parking lots) I found the post. Alas, there was no phone attached, simply a dangling wire. Guess Loch got hungry.

Where oh where has my tuition gone, oh where oh where can it be?

Napster Good. Lawsuit Bad.

The class list is not your personal soapbox! Editor's Note - The Bent Vent is your personal soapbox.

Why are there Christmas decorations up before Halloween has come?

Life Lesson-If you plan to cut people off with your car, don't get mad when I give you the finger.

Can a college student consume too much caffeine? I think not.

Mocha, Frappa, Latte, Tall, Short, Double Shot, Single. What ever happened to a cup of coffee and creamer?

Dropping my child off at elementary school is always an ordeal. The hustle and bustle of the children and teachers is always chaotic. Last Tuesday was no exception. As I checked my daughter in, I noticed that the secretaries, teachers, and a few older students were staring at this little girl who ad just arrived with her flushed mother in tow. I smiled as they walked by only one thought came to mind. That child used a Flowbee over the weekend.

Is it wrong to giggle while I watch cars get towed away from the Clayton Place Parking Lot?

T-Shirt Logo- "I do IT at CSSU" Is this the message we want to send to our prospective students?

I was driving through ATL last night. I stopped at a red light and looked to my right. There was a construction/demolition site beside me. It looked like someone had dropped a bomb in the middle of it. Hanging on the fence was a white sign with red letters stating "Not Hiring". As I drove by, I thought to myself...Maybe they should be.

Email your rants to ccsu12112@libertybay.com

Respectfully,
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Bent Vent Editor

Stupid stuff you will not believe...



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"A confusing political billboard was seen in Charlotte, N.C., on Saturday, October 21, 2000. The billboard reads "Gore 2000", but the picture is of Republican presidential Texas Gov. George W. Bush. Charlotte advertising executive David Oakley would't say who hired him and partner John Boone to create the billboard. He said it was a mistake that slipped past the proofreader and will be fixed next week. (AP Photo/Rick Havner)"
Source: Associated Press and Yahoo News line.

Editor's Question: What type of idiot do you have to be to misproofread a sign that has one word, "Gore", four numbers, "2000", and a picture of George W. Bush. This is one of the main reasons that the college system is so important to America's youth. With billboards like this it is no wonder that half of the electorate is undecided. They have no idea who is who. HA!!!

Remember to Vote November 7!!!

Campus News

Clayton Place

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residents endured the constant barrage of construction that was still going on around them. Crews were still painting and finishing pieces of building that residents were already living in. This cannot be legal.

The problems did not stop there. In the first year of operation for Clayton Place, nine of the ten apartment buildings were actually occupied, and not every apartment in those buildings was actually filled. Never the less parking became a very obvious issue. With only nine buildings in use, many tenants were being forced to park on the college campus when they returned home at night. Knowing that this was a problem the management promised tenants that additional parking would become available in March of 2000, but as of yet nothing has been added. The complex simply relies on Clayton to provide this additional parking for its tenants. Now the question that must be asked is: "If Clayton Place is a corporately owned and operated complex, why must Clayton, a college, be forced to provide parking for its tenants?"

It does not take a doctor's degree in advanced psycho mathematics to see that the parking is going to be a problem. Considering that every room only has one occupant, and that every apartment has only four tenants living there, Clayton Place provides room for a potential occupancy of 480. The complex currently only has 256 parking spaces. Six of which are handicap designated. Now if the math has been correctly, that means that 224 of the 480 tenants that live there, cannot actually park at the complex. When asked about the parking issue management simply states, "They are working on it."

Part of this problem can be associated with the lack of parking itself, but it can also be linked to the numerous non-residents and live in boyfriends and girl

friends that adorn the complex. These are the individuals that live in the complex and share rooms, but do not actually pay rent. These individuals only add to the problem with parking as well as many other issues. With 480 plus tenants, there is only one garbage bin, and it is only picked up weekly. Most weeks, one can drive by and see piles of garbage amassing outside the dumpster. This is not a particularly attractive sight.

Now, when proceeding down the list of problems, one must look at the issue of cable and Internet access. Every resident is given a connection to the community cable channel line-up. Clayton Place uses Direct TV and offers every tenant more movie channels than one could dream of. The only problem is that you might not get half of the channels.

Now, using Direct TV is great and is inexpensive to the company, but in order to allow every resident to be able to change to different channels the complex must use a network of connection boxes. One box is needed for every cable connection. This means that the complex must use roughly 600 connection boxes in order to offer the full range of service to every connection. Eventually when you take on signal and you stretch it out over many connections you lose the signal. Those rooms that are closest to the receiver are fortunate enough to have only minor problems, but those at the end of the chain, are fortunate enough to sometimes get three chan

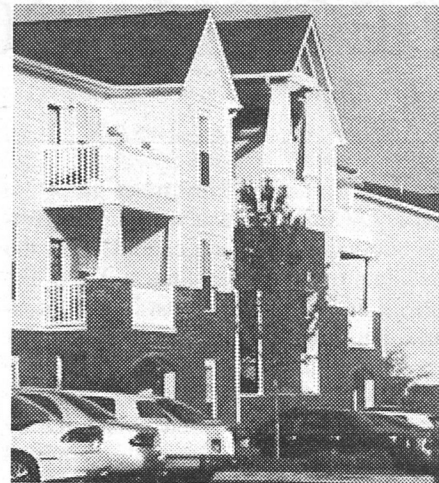
The Internet connection does not improve much. Every individual room is supplied with a "Fast Fiber Optic T1 Internet Connection." What this means is that instead of having to dial into an Internet Service Provider to use the Internet, you just plug it in and it is 100 times faster. The Internet connection is extremely fast, fast to come and fast to go away. The connections in the rooms have been shaky since August of this year. Most residents have not had connections

at all this school year. The problem is that the support personnel have no clue what they are doing. They look at the equipment as if they are looking at the latest development in cryptology. To top off all of this most tenants are having to use their phone lines to dial out and are still paying for the Internet access and cable. Clark Howard, where are you?

The lease term for Clayton Place is one year, with an option to resign at the end of that year. In that one year most of the residents live a lifetime of experiences. Every tenant receives a constant barrage of letters, stating new policies that were actually original policies and were just never enforced. These are done so that the management appears to be doing their job. By the looks of things, it would appear that the management spends ten hours per day writing memos. Most of these letters have been at the behest of the College, due to the number of calls made to the campus police department. There has been more police activity at Clayton Place in the last year than on Clayton's Campus in the last ten.

The biggest issue yet with Clayton Place has to be the fact that not all residents there are Clayton State students. Many of the residents that occupy the complex are students at other local colleges and some are not students at all. With Clayton Place built in an area to serve Clayton College & State University, should it provide housing for just anyone? And not to mention, have them park on Clayton's Campus? The management does not seem to take any action on this issue. As long as the rent is paid, who cares? Right?

What has Clayton State done to battle many of these issues? Clayton has placed Community Advisors at Clayton Place. These individuals, who are students, meet with the management and try to solve issues that affect students. The problem is that none of the students that live there



know who these people are. The management has not informed the residents of these students and continues to keep most of the community as confused as they are. If one would like to see this chaos first hand simply walk into the leasing office and look at the stacks of leases sitting on the floor.

Earlier this year, Place Properties fired the old manager for Clayton Place and has since filled the position. The new manager is taking an active role to try and fix many of the problems that went unchecked by the former management. The new manager has met with Clayton to discuss many issues concerning the complex.

So, will these problems ever be solved? Will Clayton Place ever be the "Place to Live?" Who knows? The one thing that must change is that CCSU must take an active role in solving these problems. One must ask, "How can a corporately owned complex be allowed to park its residents in Campus parking lots that are paid for by Clayton State student fees?" Do students really want to pay for someone else's parking?" This is an issue that affects all students and must be solved. It has been rumored that Clayton Place may be adding some new apartment buildings in the very near future. The question then is, "Are they ever going to finish the ones that they have?" ■

Questions About IT Program still linger

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by providing each class in the morning and in the afternoon to afford all the students opportunity to get the class they need."

Over the two years of existence the program has given students more false hopes than facts. The program originally promised students four possible degree tracks by the fall of 1999, only to shorten this list to one, "General Information Technology." As another student commented, "The program seems to generally forget to that they eventually have to graduate some students." In the fall of 2000 the department announced the newest of its promises, the e-commerce degree track. The only problem was that, no students were ever informed of this developing degree option. Many students had been taken lower level classes in different areas preparing for a degree in networking or software development, not e-commerce.

Another student stated his opinion with, "I feel the E-commerce degree classes pushed the upper level networking classes down the ladder. New professors were hired to teach E-Commerce classes. Resources were spent on E-Commerce

classes and taken from networking. These resources include: teacher's salaries' classroom spaces, and classroom time. This is unfair to students who joined the IT program early on before E-Commerce."

Clayton State has an approximate enrollment of 4459 students. 874 of them are IT students, making the IT Program the largest major on campus. There are also about 193 seniors and 172 juniors currently in the program. With these facts how can the IT department justify only offering six sections of upper level classes over two semesters. These courses are all taught in the late afternoon and evening times leaving no flexibility whatsoever. The inflexibility or unavailability of courses is possibly the reason that there has only been two graduates from the Bachelors of Information Technology program.

When one of the top professors over the IT program was asked why this is the case, he had no legitimate response. Many students have discussed transferring to other colleges in order to complete their degrees. However, many of the IT students state that they have a profound love for Clayton and its atmosphere, and want

to finish here.

The program staff and faculty continually boast and rave about the future of the program and where it will be in one or two years. They seem to forget about the here and now of the program.

It seems that in its two years of operation, the IT program has provided more headaches than graduates. It also appears that little has been done to answer the questions of so many students, and why? With the majority of Clayton's students enrolled in the fastest growing major in the college's history one would think that something would have to be done. This problem seems to be best summed up with one student's comment, "You do not graduate from the IT program. You retire." ■

Editor's Note: The IT program will move into the ULC once it is done in about two years and will get some relief when the lecture hall is finished next semester.

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Science Club

You say you aren't a science major, you say you haven't got the time, but do you realize what you are missing? The CCSU Science Association is not just for science majors and everyone can come join in the fun. The following programs will be presented in the next three weeks...

The Science Association and Mr. Harold Banke, CCSU Physics, will be hosting a night of Star Gazing on November 3rd from 8pm-10pm at the school's lake. This is free and open to anyone interested in coming out to see our Milky Way.

Come enjoy free pizza and find out about the U.S. Army's Health Profession Scholarship and what it can do for you. From 12:00 to 1:00 on November 13, Captain Moten from the U.S. Army will be here to discuss scholarship opportunities for those interested in the health care professions. For more information contact the Science Association or stay tuned for the exact classroom.

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by
Mae West

Clayton State Theater

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Clayton State Theater's 200th production

featuring Jon Turner, John Swofford, Allison Chambers, Chris Morrow
Mischa Hess, Matt Schilling, Will W. Rogers, Krystal Jackson
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When the New York Police closed this show in 1926, it vanished from the stage and became a thing of legend. Now, Clayton State Theater brings to the stage one of the first productions of **SEX** since its 1996 publication.

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"Sex" to be Clayton State Theater's 200th Production

by Stephanie Giles
University Relations

Some of the most amazing stage performances even seen have come throughout the prestigious history of Clayton State Theater. The performances have ranged from the most intense dramas to some of the most humorous musicals, such as "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Forum." Now The Clayton College & State University Theater will add to its illustrious resume with its 200th production, "Sex" by Mae West.

"Sex" is about a strong-minded woman who has been driven to prostitution. She seeks an escape from her lascivious life by becoming romantically involved with a young playboy. To keep her lover she must hide her lewd lifestyle. Finally she finds unconditional love with a man who is aware of her lifestyle, but doesn't care.

Mae West wrote "Sex" in 1926 and it ran for 366 performances on Broadway. She opened a second play called "Drag" which included a number of female impersonators. "Drag" and "Sex" were shut down when New York City police raided the productions. They arrested every one involved and West was convicted of presenting obscene shows for which she spent a couple months in jail.

Sex vanished from the stage and was not produced again until a recent publication of the play made it available to contemporary audiences. Because it was written by West and was strongly censored by the New York legal system, the play has re-

mained a thing of legend, says Corse.

Clayton State Theater's production of "Sex" is one of the few productions since the play's re-publication in 1996. "Though it belongs to the 1920's, this legendary play speaks to the hypocrisy, especially concerning sex, that is still very much a part of our society", comments Corse.

The production will be directed by Dr. Larry Corse, director of the Clayton State Theater, and will feature an all-Clayton State student cast. Alison Chambers (Peachtree City, Ga.) will play Margy, a prostitute; John Swofford (Rex, Ga.) portrays an English naval officer; Jon Turner (Hampton, Ga.) is Rocky, a pimp; Mischa Hess (Stockbridge, Ga.) plays a wealthy society woman; and Matt Schilling (Jonesboro, Ga.) will be a rich playboy. The rest of the cast includes Chris Morrow (Williamson, Ga.), Will W. Rogers (Jonesboro), Krystal Jackson (Evans, Ga.), Sohail Shah (Peachtree City), Jackie Provau (Sharpsburg, Ga.), Sarah Baggett (Griffin, Ga.) and Crystal Wade (Jonesboro).

The play will run in Room 132 of the School of Arts & Sciences from Nov. 9 to Nov. 18, Thursdays to Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for general admission, but CCSU faculty students and staff can receive one free ticket with their Linx Cards.

Tickets are available in the Office of Student Life beginning Oct. 30. Call (770) 961-3519 for ticket information and reservations, especially since seating is limited ■

SGA Student Services Committee Seeks Ways to Improve Collegiate Atmosphere

by Sherrie DeMond
Business Manager

The Student Services Committee of the Student Government Association (SGA) met Thursday, October 19, to discuss issues of importance to students on campus. Chair Heather Starr led the meeting which included discussion on topics such as the introduction of a CCSU mascot, lighting in the parking lots, the purchase of bike racks, childcare for students, student space in the Student Center, and recycling efforts throughout the campus. Other discussion included the implementation of Campus Television Network in several buildings on campus, and student concerns about safety at the Technology building crosswalk.

After the meeting, Ms. Starr took a few moments to answer some questions concerning her committee's work on campus.

What issue do you feel is the most pressing on that SGA should deal with as far as Student Services? "The most pressing issue that has been presented to the Student Services Committee this year is the issue of lighting in the parking lots. Our students are concerned with the lack of lighted areas in all of the parking lots. They have the right to be; we all should be. Student safety on this campus is a top priority and will remain to be one."

Concerning the bike rack issue, which will now be voted on in the Student Government Senate, how many bike racks will be purchased, and where can they be expected on campus? "SSC has discussed

purchasing a minimum of three bicycle racks. They will be placed between the Student Center and BHS, the grassy knoll between TEC and A&S, and under the overhang in front of the library for inclement weather. These locations were selected because that is where the majority of student's classes, meetings, and study sessions are held. These are also the places where we are seeing the bicycle's chained too. There are many places on this campus where additional bicycle racks can be placed when the need arises."

Is there anything you would like the student body to know about SS activities or issues? "I believe that the student body should know the Student Government, not just SSC, is here to serve their needs. Each of our members is sworn in at the beginning of his/her term. They stood before the rest of the members and swore to uphold, protect, and fight for the students' needs, wants, and concerns. As far as SSC is concerned, I believe that the students need know that we are working for them on many issues. To name a few: we worked with Public Safety on the Anti-Stalking Campaign, voter registration; and most recently bicycle racks, better lighting in our parking lots, and we walked in the 10th annual Aids Walk Atlanta. We are actively seeking new issues for the SSC to tackle, so the student body should know that they can drop by (room D-206), email sga@mail.clayton.edu, or call the SGA office (770-961-3740) at any time with their concerns." ■

Famous People on Campus?

by Eve Kochanska
Staff Writer

Do you ever wonder if our professors at CCSU have a life outside of this school? How many times have you sat there in a classroom with your fellow students wondering if the teacher had anything else to do but make our lives miserable? They give us homework up the nose, expect us to study for their one class pretty much 24-7, and get all upset if we dare to complain. Could they possibly understand that we do have things going on aside from schoolwork?!

Well, it might be a surprise to find out that some of our professors actually have a career outside of this school, and some of them are actually very successful in it, even famous.

Dr. Michiko Otaki is a full time music teacher at CCSU. She's also a professional, highly successful pianist. She was born, and got her early education in Japan, and in 1977 moved to US. After getting her doctorate from University of Miami, she has been a teacher and a professional musician. She has toured most major U.S. cities and abroad, including concerts at Washington's National Gallery, Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall, the Chamber Music Hall of the Warsaw Philharmonic, Pick-Staiger Hall at Northwestern University, and festivals including "Music in Old Cracow" in Poland.

Just this past summer, right after the Spring semester she left to Central Eu-



rope. She performed in Czech and Slovak Republics, Germany and Switzerland. Accompanied by Russian-Slovak violin virtuoso Alexander Jablovok their concerts drew audiences from all over Europe, and brought a lot of attention from local media.

The most impressive part about Dr. Otaki is that she manages to teach and tour at the same time. During the Fall 2000 semester she toured East part of US while teaching three classes full time. She traveled all the way from Florida, to Kansas, Lake Superior, and Long Island, New York.

So try to think of professor Otaki next time you feel like you have no time for your schoolwork... ■

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Sports

Lakers Win 1-0 in OT to Advance to PBC Semifinals

Casebeer scores goal with two seconds remaining in OT

Morrow, Ga., November 1, 2000-- Two seconds left on the clock and one goal on the scoreboard was a sweet sight for Clayton College & State University soccer fans as the Lakers defeated Augusta State University 1-0 in overtime in the first round of the Peach Belt Conference soccer tournament Wednesday.

With two seconds remaining in "sudden-death" overtime, sophomore Barry Casebeer took a pass from freshman Garrick Bassill, dribbled past a defender and slid a shot past the outstretched arms of ASU keeper Ryan Robinson for the game-winning goal. The score was Casebeer's team-leading 19th of the season, one shy of tying the school record.

The win, CCSU's first-ever PBC tournament victory, propels Clayton State (16-3, 4-3) into the semifinals of the tournament against the winner of the match between No. 2 seed Lander and No. 7 seed the University of South Carolina Aiken. The match is being played Wednesday (tonight) at 7 p.m.. Francis Marion, the PBC champion, will host the semifinal and final matches. With the loss, the season comes to an end for ASU (14-7, 3-4).

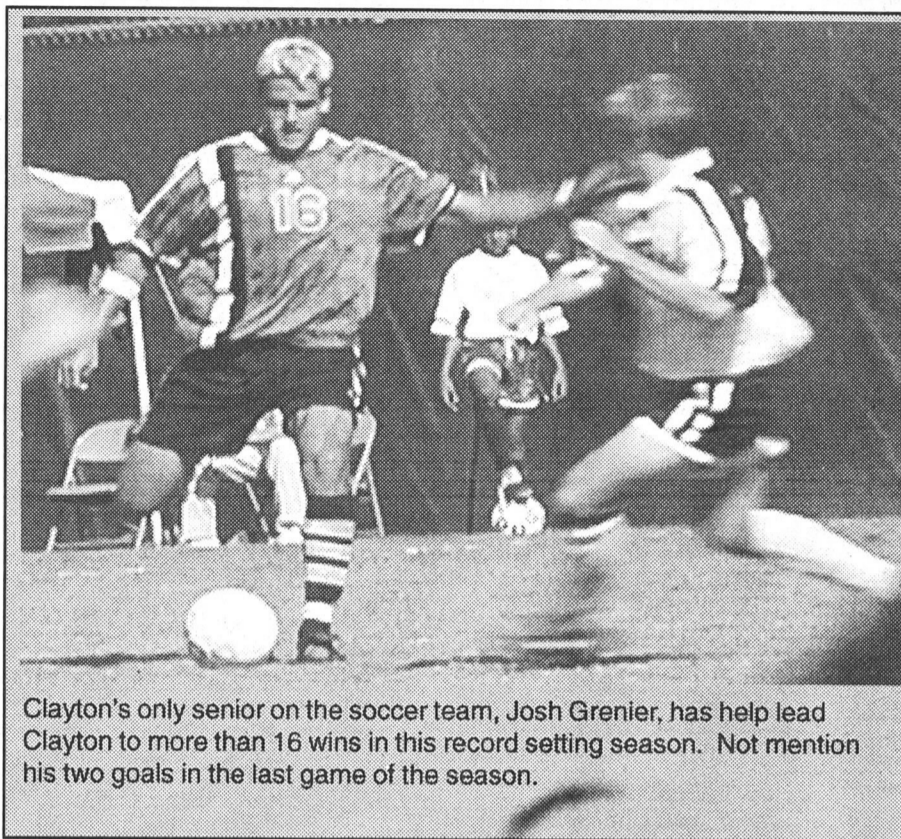
In a game long defensive struggle, Clayton State had an opportunity to score during regulation, but was denied on a penalty kick when goalie Robinson stopped a shot by freshman Shaun

Baddock. No matter what our Lakers still managed to pull off the victory.

The Clayton State defense, which is the country's third best in goals allowed, provided another stellar performance, posting its 12th shutout of the season. CCSU goalie Warren van der Westhuizen recorded six saves and his 12th shutout as he continues to rewrite the CCSU record book for the number of shutouts in a season. Overall Clayton State is currently fourth in shutouts for NCAA Division II Men's Soccer.

Offensively, the Lakers took 15 shots on the ASU goal, and were led by Casebeer with four shots and a goal, and Baddock with three shots. Augusta State finished with 11 shots in the match and was led by leading scorer freshman Jason Schultz with four shots, followed by sophomore Keith Borthwick with three shots. ASU goalie Robinson finished with nine saves.

The win, which was only Clayton State's second all-time victory over Augusta State, increases the team's record win total this season to 16 and gives them a 5-game winning streak, entering Saturday's match. The team's last loss came at the hands of, ironically, ASU 2-1 in overtime on Oct. 14. ■



Clayton's only senior on the soccer team, Josh Grenier, has helped lead Clayton to more than 16 wins in this record setting season. Not mention his two goals in the last game of the season.

Lakers blank UNC Pembroke 3-0 in PBC

Morrow, Ga., October 28, 2000-- It was senior day for the Clayton College and State University men's soccer team, and the team's lone senior gave fans plenty to cheer about.

CCSU senior Josh Grenier scored two second half goals, leading the CCSU team to a 3-0 victory over Peach Belt Conference foe the University of North Carolina Pembroke. The win closed the regular season for Clayton, giving them 15 wins, entering the Peach Belt Conference tournament Wednesday.

Grenier, who usually anchors the Laker defense, moved up front late in the second half for the opportunity to score in his last regular season match. In less than a minute, he converted, heading a shot in the net with 12:28 remaining in the match on an assist from freshman Liam Oddie, his third of the season. Grenier's second goal came seven minutes later on an assist from freshman Brad Havenga, his first of the year.

After a scoreless first half, the Lakers got on the scoreboard 66 minutes into the match on a goal by Michael Lynch, his first of the season. Junior Marco Capazario was credited with the assist, his first of the season.

The Clayton defense, which is the country's third best in goals allowed, provided another stellar performance, holding Pembroke to only one shot in the contest, enroute its 11th shutout of the season. CCSU goalie Warren van der Westhuizen recorded one save and his 11th shutout as he continues to rewrite the Clayton record book for the number of shutouts in a season.

The Lakers finished with 20 shots in the match and was led by sophomore Barry Casebeer with four shots, followed by freshman Shaun Baddock, Oddie and Grenier with three shots apiece. UNCP goalie Alex Hall finished with six saves, allowing three goals.

The win closed out the regular season for Clayton, improving them to 15-3 overall and 4-3 in the conference. If Francis Marion, the No. 1 ranked team in the country, defeats the University of South Carolina Spartanburg in PBC action on Saturday night, the Lakers will be the third seed and host a first round game Wednesday in conference tournament. UNC Pembroke fell to 2-14 overall 0-7 in the conference and will travel to Francis Marion for its first round game of the PBC tourney Wednesday. ■

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Clayton Runners Prepare for Regional Meet, Lady Lakers Fall to USCS in PBC Tournament

Laker Cross Country team pulls off record setting meet.

MOUNT BERRY, Ga., October 28, 2000 -- While most of their NCAA Division II counterparts took the weekend off heading into next week's South Region championships, the Clayton College & State University cross country squads ran in one final tune-up meet on Saturday. Competing in the Southeastern Classic at Berry College, Joni Guffey flirted with a school record to lead the Lady Lakers to a sixth place showing while the men's team set four individual career-bests to finish seventh.

Guffey came within four seconds of the Clayton State women's 5K mark, after missing last week's conference meet, with an eighth place overall finish among 165 competitors in a personal-best time of 18:50.6. The mark of 18:47.0, set in 1996, is still held by former Lady Laker Mary Schwerdt. The Frankfort, Ky. junior's time was the second-best 5K in Clayton State history.

"Joni had a big breakthrough race, heading into next week's region meet," said head coach Mike Mead. "She bettered her PR by 34 seconds and challenged for the school record! In addition to her run, the team turned in its best performance of the season. We're definitely ready for next week."

The Lady Lakers finished sixth among the 21 scoring teams represented with 180 points. Belmont University, an NCAA Division I program, won the team title with 26 points while Malone College (Ohio) was second with 55 points, and host Berry was third with 93 points.

"the team turned in its best performance of the season..."

Besides Guffey's efforts, the Lady Lakers got solid finishes from sophomore La'Keshia Hayes, junior Candy Ard, freshman Stephanie Wesley and sophomore Cathy Wasserleben. Hayes, from Lithonia, finished 32rd in 20:43 while Ard, from Atwood, Ill., was 37th in 20:57.2. Wesley, from Bonita Springs, Fla., ran a season-best 21:29.3 to finish 47th while Wasserleben, from Summerdale, Ala., ran 21:57 for 57th place.

In the men's 8K race, the Lakers

finished 7th among 17 four-year scoring teams. Like the women's team finish, Belmont (33 points) and Malone (47 points) went one-two, followed by Cumberland College (Ky.) with 93 points. The Lakers scored 261 points, just 19 points behind sixth place Campbellsville University.

Senior Luis Monge turned in a career-best time to lead the Lakers. The Palmdale, Calif. Resident ran 27:10.5 to finish 31st out of 145 finishers. His time ranks seventh best among CCSU 8K times. Freshman Tony Juarez from East Hazel Crest, Illinois, not only ran a personal-best time, but also established a new Clayton State freshman record with his 27:30.8 and 38th place finish. Also setting personal-bests were sophomore Jon Heil (30:08.6, 84th) and freshman Chris Gruwell (30:49.5, 96th).

The Lakers' No. 1 runner, junior Mike O'Donnell, ran 27:24.2 to finish 36th overall while junior Jake McLemore ran 29:31.8 for 72nd place and sophomore Jarvis Jones ran 30:10.5 for 86th place.

"We were anticipating a little bit of a letdown following last week's conference meet, but our guys responded well," said Mead. "As planned, we'll be ready for peak performances next week in Jacksonville." ■

SPARTANBURG, SC---University of South Carolina Spartanburg freshman Leslie Logwood knocked home a rebound in the 36th minute to lead the Lady Rifles (8-11-1) to a 1-0 win over the Clayton College and State University Lady Lakers (5-12-1) Tuesday night in the first round of the 2000 Peach Belt Conference soccer tournament.

The contest was a defensive struggle throughout as both defenses held firm. Logwood found the net at the 35:18 mark after Jennifer Walsh's shot bounded off the right post.

For Clayton State, the team had eight shots and was led sophomore Julie Washo and freshman Jill Kowalczyk with two shots apiece. The Lady Laker defense held Spartanburg to only 11 shots and goalie Dana Peterson finished with three saves.

The loss closes the season for Clayton State, while USCS will travel to Jacksonville, FL for the PBC Tournament semifinals on Friday, November 3. USCS will face top seed North Florida. ■

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