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## Laker Soccer Season Ends With Overtime Thriller

*Record breaking season ends in penalty kick shootout*

If you did not see any of the men's soccer games this year, then you missed out on one of the most awesome, adrenaline pumping, nail biting, heart pounding experiences in this college's history. Laker Soccer took fans to new heights as it surpassed everyone's expectations to set numerous school and NCAA records. This season in CCSU soccer will be hard to beat, and for those who had the chance to experience it, the memory will last a lifetime.

This season has been given fans nothing, but excitement and more than a handful of surprises. For the first time in CCSU soccer history, the team not only won the Peach Belt Championship, but also did it in three straight shutouts, beating Augusta State, Lander University, and University of South Carolina Spartanburg all 1-0. Then to top it off, by winning the PBC the team earned its first ever trip to the NCAA National Tournament.

The Lakers seemed to still have a few more surprises up their sleeves as they entered the first game of the NCAA Division II Tournament. Clayton and Francis Marion University, two of the top defensive teams in the nation, battled for 150 minutes and four overtimes, and it still wasn't enough to

decide who would advance to the NCAA Elite Eight Soccer Championships.

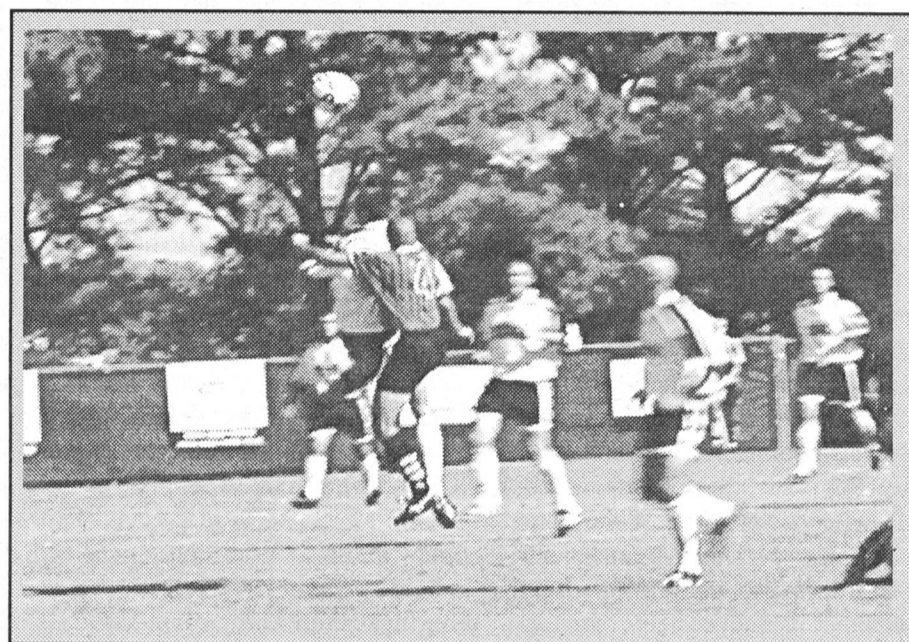
The match had to be decided by penalty kicks and third-ranked Francis Marion broke a 1-1 tie, defeating the 15th ranked CCSU Lakers 5-3 in the shootout.

The match, considered a tie for both teams, closes the Lakers season with an impressive 18-3-1 record. "The fans got their money's worth," said CCSU coach John Rootes. "I am very proud of the way our guys competed. It was a very even match with two of the best defenses in the country. It was just a shame that it couldn't be decided in regulation."

In the penalty-kick shootout, FMU chose to go first. Patriot sophomore Ricardo Montoya scored, as did Clayton State sophomore Michael Lynch in the first round. FMU sophomore Dennis Salomon scored into the right side of the goal, before FMU junior goalkeeper Mike Frazee dived to his right and stopped the shot of CCSU freshman Liam Oddie in the second round, giving the Patriots a 2-1 advantage.

The two squads then traded goals in

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## IT Students Voice Concerns in Seek of Answers

*IT Department hosts forums to hear student concerns about program*

By Scott Taylor  
Editor-in-Chief

November 16, 2000 – The IT Department, in response to concerns expressed by students over the Information Technology degree track, hosted two open forums to listen to and hopefully bring answers many of these issues. Dr. Elliot McElroy, Vice President of Academic Affairs for Clayton, and the Student Government Association worked to help coordinate these forums so that as many students as possible could attend. IT classes were even put on hold, so students could attend the forums, and many students took advantage of the opportunity to have their voices heard. Many concerns were heard and the IT department and the University did their best to respond.

Students argued that they did not get what they were promised by the program. Many stated that in the beginning many promises were made and have never been granted. Many of the IT students that entered the program in 1998 when it was first initiated were already students at the college and had finished many of the core re-

quirements for the university system. Thus entering the program those students were looking for the classes that were specifically major related. Many students that entered the IT program initially came from other majors at the university. A great number of them were business majors. Those students expressed that they were promised a major entitled "Management of Information Technology," that has never even been established since they entered the program. Other students brought up the original career ladder brochures that showed degrees in network management, database administration, software development, and multimedia development. Currently the only degree tracks available for IT students are General Information Technology and E-Commerce.

Students also stated that classes are offered at odd times, thus making it hard for a student to work and go to school. Many of the students that are in the upper division classes and that are getting ready to graduate, are seeking to find full-time jobs and work to establish themselves in the field.

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## Was it Good For You?

*SEX is all the rage with CCSU Students*

By Brian Magill  
Entertainment Editor

Get your mind out of the gutter. Yes we are talking about SEX, but no we are not talking about *s-e-x*. For all those I have disappointed and are about to move on to the next article, I do apologize. But if you would like to hear about the hippest and most entertaining production to hit CCSU since the last one, read on.

This year, CCSU's theatre department has worked hard to come up with new, original, and exciting pieces from both the Modern 20<sup>th</sup> century and productions written and directed by stu-

dent actors at Clayton. This writer believes that local theatre mastermind, Larry Corse, and his production staff have far outdone themselves this time.

SEX is Clayton's 200<sup>th</sup> performance and was originally written in the mid 20's by Mae West. A legend in her own right, Ms. West's attitude was well known on and off the screen. SEX is a reflection on her own life and the perceived women's role in the early 1920's. Dr. Larry Corse directed CCSU's production of SEX and was proud to stand among the elite few who have dared to put on this provocative

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# What Difference Would My Vote Make, Anyway?

*Current election controversy shows why your vote truly does matter.*

By Ian Adams  
Staff Writer

As this year's presidential election remains unresolved, I am wondering what people across America who could have voted and chose NOT to vote must be saying and thinking to themselves. Are they kicking themselves? This is one of the closest elections in our nation's history—if it does not turn to be THE closest. This election should be an eye-opener to non-voters. Do they realize that their votes would have made a difference?

The election now hinges on the outcome of Florida's 25 electoral votes. More than likely, the outcome will be resolved with legal battles in the courtroom. With such a slim margin of popular votes between George W. Bush and Al Gore, it has never been more apparent that EVERY vote counts. There were other very close races in other states that were within five or six thousand votes, but with all the controversy surrounding the ballots and recounts, Florida is indeed the most controversial and the closest.

I am not writing to make comments on the presidential election but rather the attitude that some people have that "My vote does not count."

With an attitude like that, not only will that person not make a difference in an election, but that person will not make a difference in their life or the lives around them. It is all in the attitude.

Why do some people choose NOT to vote? I am curious to know why people CHOOSE not to vote. Or better yet, maybe these people curious for themselves why they do not vote. I do not expect or demand an explanation, but the ones who choose not to vote should demand for themselves an explanation. They should ask themselves why they do not feel obligated to vote. Let me make this clear, I am NOT referring to those people who did not GET to vote because they may live somewhere else, or, because of some underlying circumstances, but I AM referring to those chronic non-voters—people who made a decision NOT to vote? In the following paragraphs, I have tried to sum up the three main excuses I have heard from people who choose not to vote.

Some people think that since there are no candidates that suit them, that somehow they are ABOVE government and politics. They may think, "Well, this is not what I want, so I give up, and I won't vote." Are they trying

to make a statement of some kind by not voting? (I doubt whether non-votes are tallied for any candidate.) Actions speak louder than non-actions. Is that the attitude they have—to give up? And if so, in what other aspects of their lives are they okay with just giving up? Work? Relationships? This reminds me of a childhood friend I had. When he did not get to play with the big toy helicopter, he went home. If he did not get his way, then he left everyone else standing around. Giving up is selfish. I wonder if he has grown up and still makes those types of decisions.

Another popular excuse from those people who CHOOSE not to vote is that do not understand the issues or candidates, and who stands for what. "Well, I just do not know enough about the candidates, so I would not feel comfortable voting." I can understand that, and that is a perfectly responsible decision. But it is a cop out. And it is only ONE responsible decision at the end of a long chain of irresponsible decisions to remain ignorant. A failure to be informed IS in fact a decision. It is a decision to remain ignorant. Forgive my sarcastic and judgmental tone, but it is also irresponsible! There is no excuse for being oblivious to the world around you. It is the world you live in, so wake up and get in tune with the issues. I think that for some strange reason, in this society, virtue is attached to ignorance and non-commitment. People should not let things they do not understand intimidate them. Who likes to remain intimidated? Intimidation should be an incentive to get more involved and more informed. This reminds me of another friend I had who left when he did not know the rules to a card game. He did not play any games he did not know. So there we would be—having to play a game that he was familiar with or playing some new game without him. I wonder if he has learned any new card games in the past ten years or so.

And then my favorite excuse is that people say they are so busy that they do not have TIME to be informed. "I just don't have the time to find out what is going on." Well, what DO these people do with all their TIME? Work? Sleep? Eat? School? Raise a family? How long does it take for someone to flip through a paper and read up on the article concerning the candidates? For those people who play on the Internet, there are countless search engines and websites that are completely devoted

to politics and candidates. This is the information age, and the information is out there! When are these people going to get to make time to know the world around them? Do these people really know themselves? If a person does not make time to know his or her self, then how will they know just WHAT they DO stand for? Again, I have another friend, who never had time to play outside. His mother always had him involved in some club or activity. He was spread so thin, the people who hung out with him never really knew him, and I wonder if since he knows who he is.

Whether it is politics, government, or life in general, make an effort to be informed and HAVE some sort of opinion. It is all a matter of attitude. It is the attitude that someone CAN make a difference that makes him or her WANT to vote. If someone can read through this article and STILL have a good reason to CHOOSE not to vote, then there is nothing else I can say.

When the American colonies broke free from England, the colonists were divided almost equally into thirds. One third of them wanted independence; one third wanted to stay with England; and one third of them did not care one way or the other. The Founding Fathers were from one third of the population who believed they could make a difference. They stuck out their necks for what they believed in. The history books never mention the names of the one third of the people who had no opinion—the ones who did not care one way or the other.

Today, thanks to people like our Founding Fathers, we are living in one of the greatest nations of our time. Men and women have given their lives for this country and what they believed in from America's very beginnings. They have fought and, in many cases, given their lives to preserve the rights of future citizens. Voting is a right, and they died so we would have that right to CHOOSE to vote or not to vote. There are no qualifications to be a voter—except to be registered. Those people who CHOOSE not to vote should ask themselves why not. When people feel like they really can make a difference and when people feel important, they WILL make a difference, and they WILL be important—in every aspect—not JUST voting. It is up to each and every individual to make a choice to make a difference; it is all in the attitude!!! ■

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# Decision 2000, or Maybe 2001, or Who Knows?

*Could college students and other youth of America have changed the course of this election?*

by *Eve Kochanska*  
Staff Writer

We all know Politics is dirty business. Game playing, back stabbing, ruthless chase for power. And of course, when it comes to the election of the most powerful figure in the world, the very few fragile rules of courtship and respect seem to disappear. Every four years we struggle through the presidential campaigns, where the only rule that the candidates seem to stick to is "anything goes". We hope that after a month or so of name calling, digging out all the dirt, and ridiculing our "respectful" future wannabe leaders, we'll go back to the good old, picture perfect smiling faces, friendly handshakes, and over all far more sophisticated game playing. Well, not this time. We, along with the rest of the world, have all been following with amazement our political scene for past two weeks. Gore just has to recount the votes in Florida, of course Bush in return is shooting for Iowa, Wisconsin, Oregon, and now even few Georgia counties feel that the election wasn't fair. We could go on with this recounting for months. Can you smell all the law suites in the air? But what about the rights of the American people? Did everybody get a fair shot at voting? Were the ballots really confusing? What went wrong with this election? Why is this

year they say that voter turn out was larger that it has been in over 50 years, campaign so close, why are we so confused as a nation who should be the leader? The United States has become a symbol of democracy for other nations. If there is strong evidence that the vote count does not accurately reflect the vote of the electorate, then, as in any democratic country, people should have the right to question it. But could there have been something done to avoid this situation? I think so.

Let us look back for a moment to a campaign of eight years ago, when a young governor from Arkansas, by the name of William Clinton traveled the nation giving speeches and addressing students at several colleges and universities throughout the U.S. He told these youngsters that they were the future and that he "Did not want the youth of America to be the first generation to do worse than there parents." He spoke about the kind of job opportunities that students would have, what he would do about the economy and the workforce, and over all what kind of life that students could expect if he was elected. He basically told students and youth what they wanted to hear. Now, whether all that came true or not, is a different story, but he won the election without any drama. He won because he appealed to college students and young adults. For the first

time in the this countries history a candidate for the office of the president actually spoke to and for young people and that made all the difference.

In the 2000 campaign neither one of the two main candidates really targeted college students or young adults. Neither Gore nor Bush made any trips to speak to young people. Gore did at one point attempt to follow in the footsteps of President Clinton, as he took at stab at MTV's Choose or Lose television special. MTV is one of the reasons that Clinton was such as success in 1992, but the difference was that Clinton had a natural charisma and spoke to youth with real answers. Gore seemed to give young people rehearsed answers and general statements.

College Students and young Americans even seemed to be left out of campaign platforms. As a matter of fact, if you go on Al Gore's official web site, all that he has to say to the students is: "As a Member of Congress, and as Vice President, I have worked hard to increase educational opportunities for American students." And that's it. Bush doesn't even have a statement for the students on his web page. When did the young people of the U.S. suddenly become less important?

Every year voter apathy becomes a larger problem in the US. This

but those that turned out were the ones that always turn out, the older, married, and working Americans that have concerns about welfare, Medicare, and income tax. The group that did not turn out in large numbers was the youth of America. This is not because they do not care about those issues, but when you are 21, do you really care about social security or your college degree? Students are a large part of the voting group in this country. If we were approached by one of the two candidates, my guess is we wouldn't even be having a court battles or waiting for recounts.

Clinton appealed to the youth of America and won. Maybe if just one of the candidates this year would have included us, college students, in his campaign, we would have been more willing to vote and the election would have been over November 7th. To a great extent, this election should be about us. Why did no candidate ask students and young people about what they want in a president? Why did no candidate ask us what would make our education better? And more importantly, why did no candidate ask for the vote of the college students and youth of America? Trust me, it would have made all the difference. Maybe Next Time.

## The 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.

I have been down by the lake for hours, and I can still not find the duck that will let me register.

The phrase that pays: *Free Tickets for SEX in the Student Life Office!!*

Wonder how many skips off the lake you can get with a *Microquest* laptop?

To skip class or not to skip class, that is the question.

You know you've got a problem when your 12 oz. cappuccino and a muffin from the cafeteria costs more than your tuition.

Perhaps the IT students will not be the only ones dusting off their resumes and updating their Monster.com accounts.

Can someone please remove the geese from the Student Center parking lot?

Open Shedder, Insert Career.

Why is it that a group of 11 year olds in Wisconsin can understand the butterfly election ballet, but the entire state of Florida can't?

Student Forums Good. Lack of student participation BAD.

Editor's Note: Student Forums are held to hear your voice, take advantage of them.

Can someone please remove the geese from the Student Center parking lot?

Note to Self: Never wear "I do IT at CCSU" T-shirt to family reunion.

Warning: The squirrels are getting feisty! Beware falling objects!

Did anybody else think that burying yourself alive, even though it was for a good cause, was a little stupid?

We have color-coded parking tags for a reason, park in your designated area, not in mine.

What kind of name is Tipper? Or Jeb for that matter? With the amount education received by both families you think that they could pick a better name. Why not name them Nub and Digger?

"No one asked Bill to bake cookies during first lady's Senate campaign." At least he knows his place.

-Excerpt from Atlanta Journal Constitution.

A penny saved is a government oversight.

Editor's Note-The opinions expressed in the Bent Vent are those of the student body and are not the opinions of the Bent Tree Staff.

Respectfully Submitted.

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Bent Vent Editor

## Food For Thought

*"Actually, it just occurred to me that last week I took the hardest test of my college career, and I had a hard time distinguishing where to mark my answer. I was marked off 25 points because of misplaced answers that were in all actuality correct. I was confused and frustrated and I demand that my answers be heard. I am going to file a lawsuit against the college because they are purposely trying to confuse the student body and make testing difficult for us. Does that sound fair?"*

Kevin Dixon  
News Editor

# Campus News

## Clayton Hosts Open Forums to Discuss Future of ITP

*The ITP task force breaks down the options for the future use of computers on campus.*

By Kevin Dixon  
News Editor

Long Hours and late nights are not uncommon for the everyday college student, and of late it is not uncommon for the CCSU ITP task force. Dr. Harden, CCSU President, developed this task force to look into the future of the Information Technology Project. The project that began in 1997, by issuing a notebook computer to every student, has become a model for the college and the Georgia Board of Regents. The committee was given several tasks such as, identifying the success of ITP and most importantly, identifying where the university should go next with ITP. The committee has worked since August gathering information through meetings and surveys and last month presented their findings to President Harden. The committee also wanted to present their conclusions on ITP2, as it has affectionately been deemed, to the CCSU community.

Recently two open forums were held for the student body and faculty to attend and see what ideas the task force had come up with. The forums had reasonable turnouts from both students and faculty, and many questions were issued and answered. Representing the task force, Dean Miller, of the school of business, explained to everyone in attendance the options that have resulted from many ITP meetings. He gave six total options, but it basically wraps up into four main ideas. For one, we could always stay with what we have now, but that would get us nowhere. Second, we could rid of all computers, notebooks, and computer labs. Dean Miller referred to this humorously as "The Happy Days Solution". Third, the campus could provide

computer labs for the use of students and faculty. Lastly, the college could offer a choice of computers from which the students could choose.

Let's explore what would happen if there were no computers or computer labs available to the student body or faculty. For starters, technology degrees would become inadequate, so the Information Technology degrees would be gone. E-mail communication, Internet access, and online classes would no longer be available. According to the student survey, a good majority of the students here at CCSU enjoy the use of AOL Instant Messenger and ICQ, but those would disappear as well. This option is definitely low on the task force's choices.

So what about the use of computer labs on campus? This choice works well on other college campuses across the nation, doesn't it? Yes, it probably does, but CCSU is a college based upon learning with technology. What would be some problems with on campus computer labs? First off, scheduling a time slot to use the lab would be a nightmare, and studying in labs, a crowded space isn't exactly comfortable. Second, the computers in the would probably be damaged from time to time, and would need constant upgrades. Although, one upside comes with this choice, the technology fees in your tuition would go down, but is a cut in tuition worth less learning? You be the judge.

The last choice faced was that the students would have a choice of a machine meeting certain requirements. This has many pluses: technology degrees would exist, online courses would be offered, e-mail communication would be open, easy access to the internet, student assistants would re-

ceive training by a vendor, and students would be guaranteed service. Although, the students would need information on a payment plan, Financial Aid/Hope/scholarship information, clearly defined service agreements, and guaranteed updates/upgrades from vendors. This clearly seemed to be the option that the task force was leaning to, but only time will tell on what choice will have to be made.

The presentation itself was very informative, but many questions enlightened the audience as well. Most of the student asked questions were based around fees and tuition. Dean Miller gave, basically, the same answer to them all. He couldn't give exact numbers for fees because the task force has lack of information at the moment. Those questions should be answered sometime in the near future. Other questions were about issues such as different ISP's and computer service. Different ISP's could create a crisis in e-mail communication, but that's a price to pay for that option. Computer service cannot be completely be offered by the HUB if the college

results to computer labs, but guaranteed service would be provided under the last option discussed above.

The task force has put in many long hours and been through many ordeals in the past months. So, out of courtesy, if any of you students happen to run into members of the task force while on campus, stop, drop what you're doing and take the time to thank them for their time and consideration. They would not be putting long hours into this issue if they did not care for the college and the student body. Personally, task force, I commend you!

But what does the future hold for ITP? Dean Miller stated, "That where he comes from, decisions are not made by just one survey, but from a series of surveys." Sounds like solid advice if you ask me. So the committee will most likely continue to meet and discuss the future of this project. Now, with a new set of student and faculty questions and concerns, the discussion may or may not lead to even more options. For now though, the future of ITP is still yet to be determined. ■

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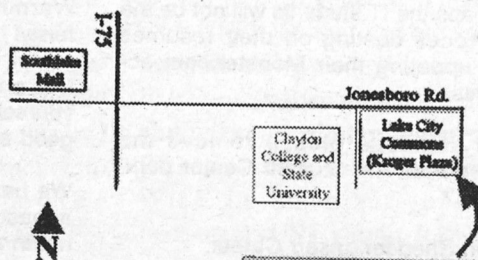
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# IT Programs Tries to Answer Student Questions

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but with required classes being offered in the mid afternoon this is nearly impossible. The IT department stated that that was the time most agreed upon by students when asked, but many students claim that they were never asked.

Another concern was the fact that most of the upper division classes are only offered once a year and many students are in need of upper level classes in the spring and summer, but the ones that they need are not offered. The program said that they are working to change this, but they have been approving students to take those classes at other universities that offer them. The general consensus of students seemed to be that they do not want to drive to another college or university when they came to Clayton in the first place.

One of the greatest student concerns expressed was the low graduation rate. In the early days of the program brochures marketing the program and the IT field were sent out to everyone imaginable and in the end they worked. The brochures listed the pay rates of IT professionals and promised a degree program that would get indi-

viduals to that level. Enrollment grew rapidly and there became a lot of students coming in and none going out. In fact, the IT Degree is the fastest growing major in the history of the college.

Dr. McElroy stated, "Those brochures were developed by people that were not involved with the program, and that they were ill advised." He further stated "the college did not anticipate that the program would grow this fast." When the program was first established and approved by the Board of Regents there were no faculty given to the University to help with the program. Currently the program has 874 enrolled IT students and according to Dr. McElroy only has 7 full-time instructors. Only 5 of which are on hard money, or money guaranteed by the university. Many of those faculty are stretched very thin teaching as many classes as possible, but the number of students that must be taught is growing more every semester.

Dr. Shakun, Acting Dean of the New College for Economic and Community Development, who oversees the IT Department, stated "finding faculty is a nightmare, and trying to find faculty that are quality and know the subject matter, not just read from a

book, is very difficult." He also stated "I want student input to help make decisions for the class offerings and faculty. He encourages students to contact him and express their concerns."

The IT department expressed their hopefulness in saying that more rooms for classes will become available next semester when the lecture hall is completed and several more IT classrooms will be added. Larry Booth, Chair of the IT Department, also informed students that effective next fall the Database and Networking degree tracks would be in place.

Many questions from students still lingered in the air, such as what does all of this mean?, How can more classes be offered?, Will I be able to graduate? And, What is being done to help solve these problems?

The IT department is striving to hire more faculty members and have more classrooms made available to it. One of the greatest hindrances to the program has been the lack of those two items. Brad Dacus, Co-President of the IT Club, offered up suggestions about having upper level students teach some of the lower level classes, freeing up those full-time professors so that they could teach those upper level

classes that they are most in need of. Larry Booth stated that this is being taken into consideration and is somewhat being done now.

The college would like to assure students that yes, they will be able to graduate, but students responded with "When?" Dr. McElroy expressed that they were "Sorry for the misleading info." So the question is still, "What is being done to solve all of these problems?" The overall solution seemed to be summed up by Dr. McElroy, when he said "All it takes is money." So what is the college doing to get this money? Normally a college would use their Office of Advancement, but Clayton has been without a Vice President for Advancement since last October and the position, that would be responsible for lobbying to the Board of Regents for funding, has still not been filled. The option of limiting enrollment is also being taken into consideration due to the continuing inflow of new students to the program. So it seems for now, that students will have to wait to see what will happen, and they can only hope that somehow Clayton will be able to live up to the expectations of those students that they strive to serve.

## Happy Holidays, to Everyone!!!

In light of the holiday season we at the Bent Tree would like to wish all students, faculty, and staff a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy Holidays. To aid in the stress of finals we have put found a few things that we hope will make you smile and possibly laugh a little this holiday season.

### Twass The Night Before Finals

Twass the Night before Finals  
Twass the night before finals,  
And all through the college,  
The students were praying  
For last minute knowledge.

Most were quite sleepy,  
But none touched their beds,  
While visions of essays  
Danced in their heads.

Out in the taverns,  
A few were still drinking,  
And hoping that liquor  
Would loosen up their thinking.

In my own apartment,  
I had been pacing,  
And dreading exams  
I soon would be facing.

My roommate was speechless,  
His nose in his books,  
And my comments to him  
Drew unfriendly looks.

I drained all the coffee,  
And brewed a new pot,  
No longer caring  
That my nerves were shot.

I stared at my notes,  
But my thoughts were muddy,  
My eyes went abluir,  
I just couldn't study.

Some pizza might help,"  
I said with a shiver,  
But each place I called  
Refused to deliver.

I'd nearly concluded  
That life was too cruel,  
With futures depending  
On grades had in school.

When all of a sudden,  
Our door opened wide,  
And Patron Saint Put It Off  
Ambled inside.

His spirit was careless,  
His manner was mellow,  
A grin crossed his face as  
He started to bellow:

What kind of student  
Would make such a fuss,  
To toss back at teachers  
What they tossed at us?"

"On Cliff Notes! On Crib Notes!  
On Last Year's Exams!  
On Wingit and Slingit,  
And Last Minute Crams!"

His message delivered,  
He vanished from sight,  
But we heard him laughing  
Outside in the night.

"Your teachers have pegged you,  
So just do your best.  
Happy Finals to All,  
And to All, a good test."

Here are the more formal titles or descriptions of some of our favorite Christmas carols. Can you give their more well known names?

1. Quadruped with Crimson Proboscis
2. Eight PM to Six AM without any noise
3. Minuscule Hamlet in the Near East
4. Ancient Benevolent Despot
5. Adorn the Vestibule
6. Exuberance Directed Toward our Planet
7. Listen, Aerial Spirits Announcing
8. Trio of Monarchs
9. Yonder in the Hay Loft
10. Cherubim Audited from Aioft
11. Assemble, Everyone Who Believes
12. Hallowed Post Meridian
13. Fantasia of a Colorless December 25th
14. Tintinnabulations
15. A Dozen 24-Hour Yule Periods
16. Befell During the Bewitching Hour
17. Homo Sapien of Crystallized Vapor
18. Desiring a Pair of Incisors on December 25th
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# The Gift That Keeps On Giving

*CCSU's Honors program is sponsoring this years project angel tree, and is asking for our help!*

By: Kevin Dixon  
News Editor

What is the meaning of Christmas, or should I ask, what does Christmas mean to a child? Everyone remembers that wonderful feeling of Christmas anticipation. Staying up late and leaving out those sugar filled cookies, knowing that Santa would soon be sliding down their chimney. Then they would slip off to bed and lie awake until the first sign of daylight, and sprint with huge smiles on their face to see what St. Nick had left for them under the tree. What a beautiful memory to look back upon, but what if it wasn't there to remember? What if Christmas never existed? Well, for some children it doesn't. No Christmas presents no Christmas dinner, and no Christmas spirit, and that means no Christmas period. Luckily, there is a solution to this problem, and you can be that lucky solution. Every child deserves

an Angel, especially during the holiday season. Well, here's your chance to become some little girl or little boy's special Angel. There's a Christmas tree located in the Student Center, with Angels hanging on the limbs. Each Angel contains a child's name and their one Christmas wish. Simply remove the Angel from the tree and purchase the gift listed on it. Doing this thoughtful act will truly make Christmas a special time for that child. So, please take the time and thoughtfulness to at least consider making some child's Christmas one to remember.

The Honor's program is also sponsoring a clothing drive to help those less fortunate. There are bins located in every building at most entrances, and you can just drop off any clothes in them. Please help out this Christmas, and not only will those less fortunate always remember it, you too will never forget the special feeling inside that comes from being an Angel.

## Merry Christmas Students

Every year students get loads of parking tickets and traffic tickets on campus, and the school can hold our records if we do not pay them. If you have ever wondered what happens to faculty and staff members when they do not pay their tickets, then you are in luck. The answer is... they get published in the student newspaper.

Merry Christmas,

Scott Taylor  
Editor-in-Chief

### Faculty and Staff With Outstanding Parking Citations

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## Course Credit for Working on the Bent Tree?

If you want to work on the Bent Tree AND get academic credit for doing so, there is a way. (In fact, there are several ways.)

Two journalism workshop courses are available for registration each semester. These courses are JOUR 1011 (Journalism Practicum) and JOUR 3011 (Journalism Workshop). (For the full description of each course, see page 307 in the 2000/2001 CCSU catalog.)

Each of these courses is worth one semester hour credit. Each course may also be repeated for additional credit, not to exceed four semester hours per course.

These JOUR courses are like other academic classes in that a grade is assigned at the end of the semester and in that this grade counts in the GPA. The JOUR courses differ from most academic classes in that they do not generally involve textbook assignments, lectures, exams, etc., but instead emphasize each student's "hands-on" work in journalism-related activities (including the Bent Tree but not necessarily limited to that). The grade-earning requirements in the JOUR courses are based mostly on the amount of time each student invests in the activities agreed upon in the contract worked out with the supervising instructor at the beginning of the semester. The time investment may vary from week to week, depending on the ebb and flow of work loads in producing the publications the student is working on.

Credit earned in JOUR 1011 may possibly apply either to associate's or to bachelor's degree program requirements, while JOUR 3011 may count only in upper-division (i.e., "junior/senior" level) requirements. But you should check with your advisor as to whether and where the journalism courses fit as electives in your degree requirements.

Two other important clarifications about working on the Bent Tree in relation to enrolling in the JOUR courses:

First, students who work on the Bent Tree are not required to enroll in a JOUR course. If you want to work on the Bent Tree without earning academic credit, you are welcome to do so.

Second, students who enroll in JOUR 1011 or JOUR 3011

are not required to work on the Bent Tree, either exclusively or at all. Depending on your contract with the instructor at the beginning of the semester, you may decide to work on other journalistic projects: for example, working in the CCSU Information/Relations Office on university publications such as the Campus Review, or working independently on freelance writing of any type(s) agreed upon in the course contract between you and the instructor. Or, of course, you may combine some work on the Bent Tree with some other type(s) of journalism-related activity that you and the instructor agree upon in your contract.

In addition to JOUR 1011 and JOUR 3011, two other JOUR courses are available each semester as well. JOUR 1012 (Mass Communication Practicum) and JOUR 3012 (Mass Communication Workshop) are similar in many ways to their counterparts JOUR 1011 and JOUR 3011, except that the JOUR 1012 and 3012 courses focus on multimedia communications more than on the print media emphasized in JOUR 1011 and 3011. Students interested in earning credit for working on an experimental artistic web magazine, for example, might register for either JOUR 1012 or JOUR 3012 and work on the multimedia project of this type now under development. Non-print work for the Bent Tree such as photography, for example, could also be the basis for earning credit in one of the mass communication courses. So, for example, if you want to work on writing, editing, or other aspects of publishing the student newspaper AND on photography for the paper or on multimedia work on the Bent Tree's website, you might register for both JOUR 1011 and JOUR 1012, and then contract with the instructor(s) for the time investments and activities appropriate to each course.

If you need further clarification or information about any of the above, feel free to contact either Dr. Bill Pasch ([billpasch@mail.clayton.edu](mailto:billpasch@mail.clayton.edu); 770.961.3499) or Dr. Steve Spence ([stevespence@mail.clayton.edu](mailto:stevespence@mail.clayton.edu); 770.961.3674). If you would like to register for one or more of the JOUR courses in Spring Semester, contact Dr. Pasch.

## Was it Good For You? Blair Witch: Book of

*Sex, cont. from Front Page*

and sexually clever production. "I wanted to do something that hadn't been done in a while and something that was truly a piece of American history", said Dr. Corse. "I believe it accurately shows the struggles of women like Mae West living in a world controlled by men and daring to change the perspective of the women's role in society".

The play itself was compelling and moving. The only part the reviewer dreaded were the two 15-minute intermissions that stretched out the length of the show by almost 30 minutes.

Christopher Morrow, Alison Chambers, Sohail Shah, Mischa Hess, John Swofford, Jon Turner, and Matt Schilling all gave stunning and hilarious performances along with newcomers Krystal Jackson, Sarah Baggett, and Jackie Provau. Every show has an MVP and mine goes to Will W. Rogers, former theatre veteran for the U.S. Army. Will's performance was flawless to say the least and even though his lines weren't as "sexually primed" as some of the others', he molded to the character perfectly and even managed to steal a few laughs from the

audience. Overall, the stage crew, production staff, and actors delivered a solid and unforgettable performance and much thanks goes to Dr. Corse and these individuals for another winner.

Two of CCSU's resident actors will be featured in productions of their own this year at Clayton. John Swofford has written a play called *The King of the Mollusks* that will be directed by Larry Corse and John Turner will be directing a play by Neil Simon called, *God's Favorite*. Clayton's newest actors will all be sure to return to the stage in early spring as well.

If you missed CCSU's debut of *SEX*, be sure to pay homage to our resident actors as they laugh, cry, and sing their hearts out this coming spring. Clayton theatre is back and it is better than ever. Do not forget that every student gets two free tickets to CCSU events like these and they are paid for by your Student Activities Fees. Congratulations again to Dr. Corse and his production staff for making *SEX* a pleasurable and shocking experience. If you did not see it, you missed out. Three out of four students agree: *SEX* is good after a long day of classes. ■

## Blunders

*Stephanie Giles*  
*Staff Writer*

Well if you hated the "The Blair Witch Project," get ready to loathe the sequel. In *Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2*, director Joe Berlinger unwisely strays from the docu-horror formula that made the first film such a success. Instead, he goes for the traditional, campy teen horror-flick complete with young, lousy unknown actors, nudity, and plenty of weird special effects.

The start of the film seemed promising as a mock-docu montage of Burkittsville's reaction to the Blair Witch phenomenon. While most of the locals are sick of the Wicca weirdoes and Goth freaks who have made their town into a theme park, others are cashing in on the town's fame by selling those creepy stick figures over the Internet. Unfortunately, from here, things take a dramatic turn for the worse.

The movie becomes a boring tale of four stupid people who sign up for a tour of the Black Hills. At this point, I am supposed to tell you some interesting facts about the characters but there are not any. Even their reasons for taking the voyage are dull: couple Tristen and Stephen are working on a book about the Blair Witch, Goth chick Kim just thought the movie was cool, and Wicca practitioner Erica

wants the Blair Witch to be her "mentor".

Tour guide/mental patient Jeff Donovan leads the thrill seekers to the site where bizarre hermit, Rustin Parr, brutally murdered seven children and blamed it on the Blair Witch (and you thought "the dog ate my homework" was a bad excuse).

Of course, the tour group geniuses decide this would be the perfect place to set up camp. After a night filled with alcohol and pot, they awake to find their campsite trashed and no memory of falling asleep. Instead of packing their things and getting the heck out of dodge, these morons decide to accompany tour guide/mental patient Jeff back to a dark, dank abandoned warehouse to find out what happened. Need I say more?

In the tradition of movie sequels, *Book of Shadows* does not even remotely live up to the hype of the original *Blair Witch Project*—which is a travesty, since it sucked too. Except for some cool camera tricks, *Book of Shadows* is nothing more than a bloody gore fest with annoying characters and a deficient story line. By the end of this movie, you want the Blair Witch to kill them and you want it to hurt (Why should the audience be the only ones in pain?). This movie is sure to be featured on the television special *When Sequels Go Very, Very Bad*.

## Are You Unbreakable?

*By Brian Magill*  
*Staff Writer*

Straight from the mind and vision of M. Night Shyamalan, *Unbreakable* is truly that. If you caught *The Sixth Sense*, then you know what the creator is capable of. *Unbreakable* is a story about a regular human being just like you and me, or so it seems. Bruce Willis plays David Dunn, a security guard who is the lone survivor of a deadly train wreck, which kills all of the other 100+ passengers. David sees this merely as a coincidence, but Elijah Price (Samuel L. Jackson) has other beliefs.

The story is based upon the world of comic book heroes and super powers, but expect no cheesy storylines pitting the hero against the bad guys and quoting tired clichés like "I'm Batman". David turns out to be almost all superhuman, and a line of events helps him realize that he is in fact a superhero of sorts. Every superhero has a weakness, and you will have to see the movie to find out his. And in case you are wondering: no, his weakness is not cheesy, love flicks starring Gwyneth Paltrow

and Ben Affleck. Be sure to check out Samuel L. Jackson with his stylish hairdo and matching wardrobe. They may call his character "Mr. Glass," but they need to change it to "Mr. Class," since he struts with his glass cane and spiffy outfits fitting of any top-notch arch-villain.

The film also stars Robin Wright Penn (*Forrest Gump*) and child actor, Spencer Treat Clark (*Arlington Road* and *Gladiator*). Expect to arrive early to see this movie, as it has sold out in many theatres it has been in so far.

This film could be on the Top Five List but falls short in its last 30 seconds. It ends abruptly and begs for a sequel to keep the audience from walking out and scratching their heads. "What was up with that ending?" seemed to be the unanimous comment on the film. But bad ending or no bad ending, the rest of the film is a 99% solid thriller and fantasy film. *Unbreakable* is definite Oscar material, and I am sure the creator, Mr. Shyamalan, would not mind having another gold figure resting on his mantle. Come check it out and test your 'unbreakableness.'

## Green Goes With Everything, Even Campy Holiday Remakes

*By Jay Richardson*  
*Staff Writer*

Every holiday season has a flick bound to draw crowds of eager and anticipative moviegoers along with their children. There is not much to say about *The Grinch*. Jim Carrey is basically himself with a big, green costume. I thought it was pretty cute how Dr. Seuss's story was brought to life with every significant detail, pointed noses and all. *The Grinch* is staged in Whoville around Whobilee (a.k.a. Christmas). All the "Whos" are anx-

ious to celebrate, give toys, and be joyous, much to the disgust of the 'anti-who' or the Grinch (Jim Carrey); he is the scrooge of Christmas and will not stand for others enjoying the festivities. Come see the Grinch's childhood, and what made him so *grinchy*; maybe you will understand what makes him 'The Mean One.' In the end, the Grinch eventually turns the entire story around with an important message. This is a great movie to see, and I also recommend taking the kids—especially when they have that strong case of the 'gimmies.'

# Sports

## Laker Soccer Makes History

History Cont. from Front Page

the next two rounds (FMU's Dzevat Nikocaj and Justin Smith / CCSU's Marco Capazario and Josh Grenier), before FMU junior defender Kirk Bevington beat Laker keeper Warren van der Westhuizen in the fifth round giving the Patriots an insurmountable 5-3 lead.

Each team had chances to score the winning goal in the first 15-minute overtime period. Frazee stopped a blast by Clayton State's leading scorer Barry Casebeer at 1:15 into the first overtime period, and then a FMU Nikocaj's header was just high and over the crossbar. The Lakers' Stephen Hughes saw his header off a corner kick go directly at Frazee, and then a Lynch blast from 25 yards out was just high. Van der Westhuizen tapped a Walker header just over the crossbar at 113:35 in the second extra session.

In the third overtime period, Clayton State again had two good opportunities to win the match. Freshman Garrick Bassill had a shot from 25 yards out that was just wide to the right, and then Brad Havenga beat a charging Blazer goalie to the ball, but his ensuing shot was just high and over the goal.

"I thought we controlled three of the four overtime periods," said Rootes. "We just couldn't finish." After a scoreless first half, FMU's Montoya got the Patriots on the scoreboard sliding a 10-yard shot past CCSU goalie van der Westhuizen 57 minutes into the match. The goal, which was the first score allowed by Clayton State in four matches, was set-up on a cross by FMU's Nikocaj. The Lakers wasted no time in answering, scoring a goal six minutes later on a shot by Lynch, his second of the year. Freshman Havenga was credited with the assist, his third of the season.

Offensively, the match was as close as the score with the Lakers fin-

ishing with 12 shots and eight corner kicks, while FMU had 13 shots and nine corner kicks. Casebeer had three shots, while Oddie, Bassill and Lynch had two shots apiece. FMU's Martin had four shots and Nikocaj finished with three attempts.

The match, which pitted the nation's fourth best defense in CCSU and the nation's seventh best in FMU, was a defensive struggle throughout. Van der Westhuizen, who tied a NCAA record last week for the number of shutouts by an individual goalie in a season (14), finished with three saves. FMU's Frazee, who along with Westhuizen rank among the nation's top keepers in goals allowed in a season, finished with four saves. A physical match, Clayton State was whistled for 32 fouls, while the Patriots committed 17 fouls.

Overall the team finished 15<sup>th</sup> in the NCAA Division II Polls. Clayton State had three players named to the All-Conference Team, senior Josh Grenier, sophomores Barry Casebeer and Warren Van der Westhuizen. They also had four players to the All-Tournament Team for the PBC, junior Marco Capazario, Garrick Bassill, as well as Westhuizen and Grenier. Garrick Bassill was also named PBC tournament Most Valuable Player. Goalie Warren Van der Westhuizen set some records of his own with a stunning season. He led the team to 14 shutouts in 21 games, and only allowed 10 goals on the season.

What more could the fans ask for from our team. Most of the team will be returning next year and hopefully will continue its success. For the lone senior Josh Grenier, this was his last season and what a way to go out. To Josh and the rest of our men's soccer team we say thank you for this outstanding season. From our "Homecoming Heroes" of earlier this year, to "School Legends" for years to come, this team has left its mark on Clayton.

## Clayton State defeated by Xavier-New Orleans 77-65

Morrow, GA— December 1, 2000— The Clayton College & State University men's basketball team dropped its fifth game of the season Friday, falling 77-65 to Xavier University of New Orleans.

The squad (2-5) will return to action Wednesday hosting Tuskegee University, a squad Clayton State fell to 86-75 earlier this season.

In Saturday's game, Clayton State shot 43 percent from the field and was led by a trio of guards as junior guard Jerry Johnson (Riverdale, GA), junior guard Kareen Harris (Atlantic City, NJ) and junior guard Charlie Frazier, Jr. (Brunswick, GA) all finished with 11 points. Senior forward Marlin Capers finished with six points and eight rebounds, while Johnson pulled

seven rebounds and Frazier finished with six assists.

For Xavier (8-1), junior guard David Eagans (Inglewood, California), who averages 21 points per contest, finished with a game high 23 points, hitting 9-of-17 shots, including 2-of-6 shots from 3-point territory and 3-of-4 free throws. Junior forward Chris Bart-Williams (London, England) and junior guard Richard Carter (Richmond, VA) had 13 and nine points, respectively.

After leading 34-29 at halftime, Xavier shot 56 percent from the field in the second half, hitting 14-of-25 shots. Clayton State out rebounded Xavier 37-31 but committed 22 turnovers compared to only 15 for the Gold Rush. ■

## CCSU falls to Clark-Atlanta in Kennesaw tourney

Kennesaw, GA-December 2, 2000— The Clayton College & State University women's basketball team faced Clark Atlanta University for the second time in four days Saturday, but this time, the Lady Lakers didn't fare as well.

Clayton State fell 74-66 to Clark-Atlanta in the Lady Owl Classic after defeating the Lady Panthers 71-64 on Wednesday. The loss drops Clayton State to 2-5 on the season, while Clark improves to 3-4. The Lady Lakers will return to the court on December 17, hosting Lenior-Rhyme in a 2 p.m. game.

In Saturday's game, the Lady Lakers trailed most of the first half and at halftime 38-30. The Lady Lakers cut the deficit to three points 47-44 on two free throws by junior guard Sara Ernest (Fayetteville, GA) with 14:20 remaining in the game but could come no closer as the Lady Panthers scored five unanswered point and led by at least six points for the rest of the contest.

Freshman guard Allyson Rutledge (Kennesaw, GA) led the Lady Laker attack with 16 points, connecting on 5-of-10 shots from the field. She also hit 6-of-10 free throws and finished with six assists. Freshman for-

ward Kandace Walker (Canton, GA) scored 13 points even though fouling out of the contest with more than 11 minutes in the game. Kandace hit 6-of-10 shots from the field.

Freshman guard Jo Kimbrel (Colquitt, GA), junior forward Courtney Strickland (Gainesville, GA) and Ernest each finished with nine points. Strickland also led the squad with 10 rebounds, including eight defensive boards.

For Clark-Atlanta, junior guard Yasmine Johnson (Hampton, GA) finished with 18 points, followed by senior guard LaMeegan Kent (Jonesboro, GA) with 17 points. Sophomore guard Tenicha McCain (Hampton) and senior guard Elaine Gaynor (Boston, MA) chipped in 13 and 10 points, respectively.

Clayton State shot 45 percent from the floor, connecting on 24-of-53 shots. Clark-Atlanta shot only 31 percent from the field but took 21 more shots than the Lady Lakers hitting 23-of-74 attempts. Clark-Atlanta outrebounded the Lady Lakers 54-39, while Clayton State had 28 turnovers compared to only 19 for the Lady Panthers.

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## Lakers Drop Another to West Georgia 81-55

Morrow, GA—November 29, 2000—The Clayton College & State University men's basketball team dropped its fourth game of the season Wednesday, falling 81-55 to the State University of West Georgia.

The squad (2-4) will return to action Friday, hosting Xavier University-New Orleans in a 7 p.m. game. Clayton State fell 77-53 earlier this season at Xavier.

In Wednesday's loss, CCSU hung close for the first 10 minutes of the game until West Georgia went on a 19-7 run in the final 10 minutes of the half. West Georgia held a double-digit lead the entire second half.

Clayton State shot only 31 percent from the field, hitting 10-of-33 shots. Junior guard Kareen Harris (Atlantic City, NJ) led the scoring attack with 12 points. Senior Marlin Capers (Bronx, NY) finished with eight points and six rebounds, while junior guard Jerry Johnson (Riverdale, GA) had six points, nine rebounds and three steals. Sophomore guard Harris Skoutaris (Athens, Greece) finished with seven points.

Junior center Anthony Moore led a balanced West Georgia attack, which had five players in double digits, with 18 points. Moore (Somerville, TN) hit 7-of-14 shots and controlled the paint, pulling 16 rebounds, 11 defensive boards. Junior guard Andy Young (New Philadelphia, OH) and senior forward Larry Patrick (Flint, MI) each finished with 14 points, while senior guard Levar Dodd (Reidsville, NC) and sophomore guard Bryant Redd (Eden, NC) had 12 and 10 points, respectively.

West Georgia shot 42 percent from the field, hitting 28-of-67 shots. The Braves also won the battle on the boards, out rebounding Clayton State 52-45. Both teams committed 16 turnovers. ■

## Clayton State defeated by Auburn-Montgomery

*Lady Lakers Basketball team drops its fourth game of season*

Kennesaw, GA-December 1, 2000-The Clayton College & State University women's basketball team dropped its fourth game of the season Friday, falling to Auburn-Montgomery University 79-39 in the Lady Owl Classic hosted by Kennesaw State University.

The loss drops Clayton State to 2-4 on the season, while Auburn-Montgomery improved to 7-1.

Auburn-Montgomery held CCSU to 13 points in the first half and led 37-13 at halftime. The Lady Lakers shot only 15 percent from the field in the first half, connecting on 2-of-13 shots. Auburn-Montgomery shot 52 percent from the floor in the first half, hitting 12-of-23 attempts.

In the second half, Auburn-Montgomery outscored the Lady Lakers 42-26, shooting 40 percent from the field, hitting 13-of-32 shots. Clayton State improved to 38 percent from the field, hitting 9-of-21 attempts.

For Clayton State, freshman forward Kandace Walker (Canton, GA) finished with 15 points, hitting 2-of-7 shots from the floor, including 1-of-3 free throws and 10-of-10 free throws. Behind Walker, freshman guard Allyson Rutledge (Kennesaw, GA) finished with 13 points, hitting 4-of-11 shots and 5-of-6 free throws.

For Auburn Montgomery, senior forward Carla Douglas (Eufaula, AL) and senior forward Deandra

Johnson (Opelika, AL) each scored 14 points, followed by senior guard Crystal Tanner (Westville, FL) with 12 points and senior forward Crystal Williams (Milledgeville, GA) chipping in 11 points. Williams and Douglas also finished with eight rebounds each, while Johnson and senior guard J'Varra McCall (Montgomery, AL) each had five steals.

Auburn-Montgomery out rebounded CCSU 39-23 and committed 11 turnovers compared to 28 for the Lady Lakers.

Walker leads CCSU with game high 16 points ■

## Lady Lakers defeat Clark-Atlanta 71-64

Morrow, GA—November 29, 2000—Shooting a season-high 48.2 percent (27-56) from the field, the Clayton College & State University women's basketball team posted its second win of the season Wednesday, taming the Clark-Atlanta Lady Panthers 71-64 at the Athletics Center.

The win improves the Lady Laker record to 2-3 on the season, and the team will return to the court Friday for a 6 p.m. game, traveling for a tourney at Kennesaw State University. The Lady Lakers will face Auburn University at Montgomery in its first game, followed by Clark Atlanta again on Saturday at 2 p.m.

Clayton State jumped out to an early lead and never looked back after taking an 8-point lead, 28-20, with 6:41 remaining in the first half on a basket by junior forward Corinne Harris (Decatur, GA).

The Lady Lakers took a 6-point lead, 38-32, at halftime after junior guard Sarah Ernest (Fayetteville, GA) drained a 3-pointer, followed by Clark-Atlanta's center Demetria Lewis (Jonesboro, GA) hitting a basket. Clayton State hit 14-of-28 shots, including 5-of-6 from 3-point territory in the first half

Clayton State led the entire second half and extended its lead to as high as 16 points with 7:56 remaining in the game on a basket by freshman guard Allyson Rutledge (Kennesaw, GA).

The Lady Lakers had a balanced scoring attack with players four finishing in double digits. Freshman Kandace Walker (Canton, GA) led the scoring attack for the second time this season with 16 points and nine rebounds. Walker hit six-of-nine shots and was 4-for-4 from the free throw line.

Junior forward Courtney Strickland (Gainesville, GA) had 11 points, hitting 5-of-9 shots and 1-of-2 free throws, while Ernest (Fayetteville, GA) also had 11 points, hitting 4-of-5 shots, including 3-of-4 from 3-point territory. Freshman guard Amber Wood (Centre, AL) finished with 10 points, six rebounds and four assists.

For Clark-Atlanta, junior guard Jasmine Johnson (Hampton, GA) finished with 14 points, followed by Lewis with 13 points. Freshman guard Elaine Gaynor (Boston, MA), sophomore guard Tenicha McCain (Hawthorne, CA) and freshman guard Tamara Nelson (Norcross, GA) all finished with 11 points. Gaynor had a team high nine assists along with six steals.

The Clayton State defense held Clark to 37 percent from the field and won the battle on the boards out rebounding the Lady Panthers 44-36. The Lady Lakers did commit 23 turnovers compared to only 18 for Clark-Atlanta. ■

## CCSU Women's Tennis Team ranked 24th

Morrow, GA, December 1—The Clayton College & State University women's tennis team is ranked 24th nationally in the Division II ITA Fall Collegiate Tennis Rankings. CCSU freshman Jacqueline Nieto (Caracas Venezuela) tops the list for the Lady Lakers ranked as the nation's 47th best singles player.

CCSU is one of five Peach Belt Conference teams to be nationally ranked. North Florida is ranked fourth, followed by Kennesaw State, 12th; Georgia College, 17th; and Francis Marion, 23rd. The Lady Lakers are ranked 10th in the ITA South Regional Rankings.

Besides Nieto, other players on the 2000-01 team are: senior Leah Brownwell (Penticton, British Columbia); freshman Natalia Koulechikova (Moscow, Russia); senior Tanya Semenova (Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan); and sophomore Maria Zurita (Guayquil, Ecuador).

The Lady Lakers open their spring season on February 9 at Georgia College in Milledgeville. ■

## Clayton State falls to Valdosta State 65-58

*Season does not improve as Lakers add third loss of season*

Valdosta, GA—November 27, 2000—The Clayton College & State University men's basketball team dropped its third game of the season Monday, falling to Valdosta State University 65-58.

The loss drops the Lakers to 2-3 on the season, while the Blazers improved to 2-2 on the year. Up next, the Lakers will try to get back on the winning track, hosting the State University of West Georgia in a 7:30 p.m. game on Wednesday, November 29.

Senior forward Marlin Capers (Bronx, NY) led the Lakers with 15 points and 11 rebounds, while junior Kareen Harris (Atlantic City, NJ) finished with 13 points and nine rebounds. Junior guards Jerry Johnson (Riverdale, GA) and Charlie Frazier (Brunswick, GA) chipped in nine points apiece.

Trailing 34-30 at halftime, the Lakers tied the score at 53 with 5:53 remaining in the game on six unanswered points, capped off by Capers basket. CCSU couldn't get any closer though as the Blazers retook the lead on its next possession on a jumper by freshman center Ben Bates (Berryville, VA) and held on for the final five minutes.

## Lakers Place 11th at Pfeiffer Intercollegiate

Sneads, Ferry, N.C., November 12, 2000-- The Clayton College & State University men's golf team shot rounds of 302 and 304 to place 11th at the North Shore/Pfeiffer Intercollegiate Sunday.

Georgia College & State University won the tourney in a playoff over host Pfeiffer. Both teams shot a two-round total of 581.

Sophomore Brennan Cass led the Lakers, tying for 11th place after shooting rounds of 72 and 74 respectively. Brennan was 2-over-par in the tourney and 11 shots behind winner Justin Biggs of Northwood University.

Behind Cass, junior David Peoples tied for 20th after rounds of 74 and 75. Sophomore Jonathan Mattox tied for 53rd after rounds of 78 and 77,

Clayton State, which led on three occasions in the first half, stayed within striking distance for the entire game as VSU's largest lead was only 10 points at the 13:16 mark of the second half.

For Valdosta State, junior forward Nick Gast (Jacksonville, FL) led the Blazer scoring attack with a game high 22 points, hitting 8-of-11 shots from the field and 6-of-7 from the free throw line. Sophomore forward Jon Bolden (Gloucester, VA) scored 10 points and pulled six rebounds, while freshman guard Chip Stroud (Ft. Lauderdale, FL) finished with nine points, including two 3-pointers.

The Lakers took almost 20 more shots from the field than the Blazers but hit only 23 attempts for 37 percent. Valdosta State shot 55 percent from the field, hitting 22-of-44 shots. CCSU won the battle on the boards, out rebounding VSU 37-33, while Clayton State's press forced 21 Blazer turnovers compared to only 14 for the Lakers.

Clayton State defeated Valdosta State 52-43 in its home opener on November 18. ■

followed by junior Justin Estes, tied for 61st, with rounds of 78 and 79. Freshman Jess Shirley tied for 68th after rounds of 82 and 78.

The tourney closed the fall season for CCSU. The Lakers will swing back into action Feb. 10-13 in the Bay Dunes Intercollegiate. The tourney will be hosted by Catawba and Lenoir-Rhyne in Pensacola, FL.

**Congratulations  
Mens Golf Team**

## Collins Hill standout Brown signs to play at Clayton State

Morrow, GA, November 26, 2000—Clayton College & State University recently announced the signing of Apryl Brown to a National Letter of Intent to play basketball for the Lady Lakers in 2001-02 season. A 5-11 center from Collins Hill, Brown helped lead the last year's team to the quad-A Elite Eight and a 22-8 record.

"We are very excited about what Apryl can bring to our program," said head CCSU coach A.C. McCullers. "She is a gifted player that can run the floor, shoot, and play good defense."

A three-year starter at the school in Gwinnett County, Brown broke the school record for rebounds

last season. She was also named the Most Valuable Player of the Pepsi Classic tournament in Asheville, N.C. and named to the Nike All-Star team in a Nike summer league that featured 26 teams.

"She is a leader both on and off the floor," said Collins Hill coach Angie Hembree. "She is a well-rounded young lady and will make an excellent addition to the Clayton State program."

In addition to being a standout on the hoops squad, Brown was also named All-Region in volleyball and named the team's Most Valuable Player.

Apryl is the daughter of Sandra Brown and has a younger sister Alex.

## Lady Lakers defeat West Alabama 82-70

*Ladies post their first win of season*

Carrollton, GA—November 25, 2000—The Clayton College & State University women's basketball team posted its first win of the season Saturday, defeating the University of West Alabama 82-70 Saturday in the Peach Belt/Gulf South Conference Challenge at the State University of West Georgia.

The win improves the Lady Lakers to 1-3, while the Lady Tigers fall to 0-5 on the season. Clayton State will return to the court Wednesday, hosting Clark Atlanta in a 5 p.m. game.

For Clayton State, freshman guard Jo Kimbrel (Colquitt, GA) led the offensive attack, scoring a career high 18 points. Kimbrel hit 5-of-10 shots from the field 5-of-8 from 3-point territory and converted 3-of-4 free throws.

Both teams shot well in the first half as Clayton State hit 15-of-32 from the field (47 percent) and 8-of-15 from 3-point territory (53 percent). The Lady Tigers hit only 13-of-33 shots (39 percent) from the field but was 7-of-12 from behind the 3-point arc (58 percent).

The Lady Lakers took control in the second half, outscoring West Ala-

bama 41-32, hitting 11-22 shots from the field (50 percent), while West Alabama hit only 9-for-27 shots from the field (33 percent). The Lady Lakers shot a season high 48 percent from the field in the contest, hitting 26-of-54 shots

Behind Kimbrel, freshman forward Kandace Walker (Canton, GA) had her second straight double-digit scoring game with 13 points, shooting 4-of-9 from the field and hitting 5-of-6 free throws. Junior forward Sarah Ernest (Fayetteville, GA) chipped in 11 points, followed senior guard Misty Amerson (Stockbridge, GA) with 10 points and five assists. Junior forward Courtney Strickland (Gainesville, GA) finished with six points and six rebounds.

For West Alabama, freshman center Kayla Peak (Geneva, AL) and junior forward Megan Hall (Morristown, TN) led the scoring attack with 11 points each. Peak also finished with eight rebounds.

West Alabama out rebounded the Lady Lakers 41-31 but committed 17 turnovers, while Clayton State had a season low 13 turnovers.

# Lakers fall to Tuskegee 86-75

Tuskegee, AL—November 25, 2000—Clayton College & State University junior guard Kareen Harris poured in a game high 29 points, but it wasn't enough as the Lakers fell 86-75 Saturday at Tuskegee University.

The loss evens CCSU's record at 2-2, while the win improves Tuskegee to 1-3 on the season. Clayton State will return to the court Monday, traveling to Valdosta State for a 7:30 p.m. game, followed by hosting West Georgia on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Harris, a junior forward from Atlantic City, NJ, paced the offensive attack hitting 11-of-24 shots, 2-of-4 from 3-point territory and converting 5-of-6 from the free throw line. He also pulled five rebounds, had three assists and four steals.

After a brief lead in the opening minutes of the contest, the Lakers retook the lead with 11:51 remaining in the game, 52-51, on a 3-pointer by sophomore Harris Skoutaris (Athens, Greece) but were unable hold on.

Clayton State shot well from

the field, hitting 29-of-58 shots (50 percent) compared to only 42 percent (29-of-68) for Tuskegee. The Golden Tigers, however, out rebounded the Lakers 41-32 and had 18 offensive rebounds compared to only seven for Clayton State. The Lakers also had 22 turnovers, while Tuskegee finished with 17.

Behind Harris, senior forward Marlin Capers (Bronx, NY) had 14 points, hitting 7-of-10 from the field. He also finished with a team high nine rebounds. Skoutaris, in 15 minutes of play, also had 14 points, hitting 4-of-6 from the field, his only 3-point attempt and 5-of-7 shots from the line.

Junior guard Jamaal Bennett (Richmond, CA) led a balanced Golden Tiger attack with 22 points. Senior forward Charles Dixon (Ventura, GA) finished with 19 points and 15 rebounds, while freshman Umar Hamidullah (Hamilton, OH) had 11 points and 10 rebounds. Senior guard Ricardo Watkins (Walnut, CA) chipped in 16 points.

# Lady Lakers Drop One to West Georgia 68-49

Carrollton, GA—November 24, 2000—The Clayton College & State University women's basketball team dropped its third game of the season Friday, falling to the State University of West Georgia 68-49 in the Peach Belt/Gulf South Conference Challenge.

The loss drops the Lady Lakers to 0-3, while the Lady Braves improve to 2-1 on the season. Clayton State will face West Alabama at 1 p.m. on Saturday in the tourney at West Georgia, while the Lady Braves will face Kennesaw State, who defeated West Alabama in tourney action on Friday.

For Clayton State, freshman forward Kandace Walker (Canton, GA) led the offensive attack, scoring a career high 17 points. Walker hit 4-of-7 shots from the field, her only 3-point attempt and converted 8-of-10 free throws.

Down 37-21 at halftime, the Lady Lakers cut the deficit to a 9-point margin (41-32) in the opening minutes of the second half, outscoring West

Georgia 11-4 in a five minute stretch, but could not come any closer.

Behind Walker, junior forward Amber Irby (Atlanta, GA) finished with seven points, while junior forward Corinne Harris (Decatur, GA) and freshman forward Kate Kauffman (Lilburn, GA) had six points apiece. Junior forward Courtney Strickland (Gainesville, GA) finished with four points and eight rebounds.

For West Georgia, senior wing Melanie Shepherd (College Park, GA) led a balanced Lady Brave attack with 11 points, followed by junior guard Erin McCain (Mulberry, AR) with 10 points. Junior post Electa Johnson (Detroit, MI) and junior post Ronji Bethea (Ocala, FL) each finished with nine points.

Both teams had difficult time shooting from the floor as Clayton State finished 12-for-47 (26 percent) from the field, while West Georgia shot 36 percent (12-for-55). West Georgia out rebounded the Lady Lakers 42-39 and committed 21 turnovers compared to 23 for Clayton State.

# Lakers fall to Xavier in Adidas Classic

New Orleans, La., November 21, 2000 — The Clayton College & State University men's basketball team dropped its first game of the season, falling 77-53 to host team Xavier University-New Orleans in the Adidas Hardwood Classic.

Junior guard Kareen Harris (Atlantic City, N.J.) led the Lakers' scoring attack with a game-high 22 points. Harris shot 7-for-18 from the field, including 3-for-7 from 3-point, and was 5-of-8 from the line. Senior forward Marlin Capers (Bronx, N.Y.) finished with eight points and five rebounds. Freshman forward Damon Sims (Douglasville, Ga.) finished with six points and six rebounds. Xavier guard Kermit Smith (New Orleans, La.) led the Gold Rush with 17 points.

The Gold Rush jumped out to

an early lead and never looked back, outscoring the Lakers 32-15 in the first half, shooting 44 percent (10-23) from the field. The Lakers had a difficult time handling the ball, committing 21 turnovers in the first half.

In the final 20 minute period, Xavier outscored the Lakers 45-38, en route to a 24-point victory. The Gold Rush shot 62 percent (21-34) from the field in the second half and finished the game shooting 54 percent (31-57). For the game, Clayton State committed a season high 34 turnovers and shot a season low 36 percent from the field.

The loss drops Clayton State to 2-1 on the season. The Lakers will return to the court Saturday, traveling to Tuskegee University (Ala.) for a 7 p.m. (CST) contest.

# Lakers defeat Morehouse in Adidas Classic

New Orleans, La., November 20, 2000 — Clayton College & State University and Morehouse College added a little Atlanta flavor to the Adidas Hardwood Classic held at Xavier University in New Orleans. In the end, Clayton State's Jerry Johnson supplied plenty of Laker spice, firing in a team-high 18 points to lead the Lakers to an 83-74 victory.

Johnson, a junior guard from Riverdale, hit 6-of-12 from the field, including 3-of-5 from 3-point territory and 3-for-4 from the line, to propel the Lakers to their second win of the season. He also pulled down eight rebounds and was credited with three assists.

The win improves CCSU to 2-0, while the loss evens Morehouse's record at 1-1. The Lakers will now face host Xavier University in an 8 p.m. tourney game Tuesday evening. Morehouse will play Philander Smith on Tuesday in a 6 p.m. tourney contest.

Clayton State shot almost 54 percent (29-54) from the field, including 60 percent (15-25) in the second half, outscoring Morehouse 42-31. CCSU held Morehouse to 38 percent

(12-32) from the field in the second half after the Tigers shot 56 percent (14-25) in the first half. The Lakers trailed 43-41 at halftime.

Behind Johnson, junior guard Charlie Frazier (Brunswick, Ga.) scored 17 points, followed by junior guard Kareen Harris (Atlantic City, N.J.) adding 14 points. Junior guard Marty Fears (Lithonia, Ga.) added 12 points, while sophomore guard Harris Skoutaris (Athens, Greece) added eight points. Freshman Damon Sims (Douglasville, Ga.) had six points and six rebounds.

For Morehouse, sophomore guard Quincy Bell (Athens, Ga.) had 21 points, followed by sophomore guard Darius Wade (Bronx, N.Y.) with 12 points. Junior post Derek Devenport (Athens, Ga.) finished with 11 points, while junior guard Blake O'Farrow (Lithonia, Ga.) added 10 points.

Despite a Morehouse height advantage — the Tigers had a trio of 6-foot-9 or taller players — the Lakers won the rebounding battle 35-24. CCSU did have a difficult time handling the ball, committing 21 turnovers compared to only 13 for the Tigers.

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## Lady Lakers Drop Season Opener 60-45 Clayton State

## falls 94-66 to Mars Hill

Hickory, N.C., November 17, 2000— A 17-2 run midway through the first half led Lenoir-Rhyne to a double-digit lead and a season opening 60-45 victory over the Clayton College & State University Lady Lakers in the Peach Belt/South Atlantic Conference Challenge Friday.

The Lady Lakers will face Mars Hill at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, in the second round of the PBC/SAC Challenge.

The Lady Lakers took an early three point lead (7-4) with 14:02 remaining in the first half on a baseline shot by freshman forward Kate Kauffman before Lenoir-Rhyne came storming back with 17 points in a six minute stretch.

CCSU senior Misty Amerson hit a driving lay-up at the 9:55 mark, cutting the Lenoir-Rhyne lead to 13-9

only to have the Lady Bears score nine unanswered points and take an 11-point lead, 21-9, with 8:08 remaining in the first half. LHC junior forward Tracy Naidas scored six points during the 9-0 stretch for the Lady Bears.

Lenoir-Rhyne led 34-18 at half-time and by as many as 26 points after sophomore guard Maya Grady converted a layup with 9:45 remaining in the game.

Clayton State shot 34 percent from the field (17-49), while LRC hit 22-of-53 attempts for 41.3 percent. Clayton State was 2-for-20 (10 percent) from three-point land and 9-of-17 (52.1 percent) from the free throw line, while the Lady Bears hit 3-of-8 from three-point territory (37.5 percent) and 13-of-20 from the free throw line (65 percent).

The Lady Lakers committed

23 turnovers compared to 16 for Lenoir-Rhyne. CCSU held its own on the boards as the Lady Bears out-rebounded Clayton State 37-35.

Kauffman led the offensive attack for the Lady Lakers, converting 4-of-5 shot attempts for nine points. In addition, she pulled four rebounds and blocked three shots. Sophomore guard Chelle Warren finished with seven points, followed by freshman guard Allyson Rutledge with six points and two rebounds.

Sophomore guard Ebony Orr led Lenoir-Rhyne with 15 points, hitting 7-of-12 field goal attempts and pulled four rebounds. Sophomore center Amber Hanks finished with 12 points and three assists. Naidas had eight points, four rebounds and four steals, while Grady had seven points, six assists and six steals.

Hickory, N.C., November 18, 2000— The Clayton College & State University women's basketball team took one on the chin Saturday, falling to Mars Hill College 94-66 in the Peach Belt/South Atlantic Conference Challenge. The loss drops Clayton State to 0-2 on the season, while Mars Hill improves to 1-1.

With the game knotted at seven apiece, the Lady Lions used a 16-2 run midway through the first half to take control of the game. Mars Hill, which shot 62.1 percent from the floor in the first half (18-of-29), took a 52-27 lead at the half.

Sophomore forward Courtney Strickland, Gainesville, led the Clayton State scoring attack with 10 points. Sophomore guard Chelle Warren, Riverdale; freshman forward Kandace Walker, Canton; junior guard Amber Irby, Atlanta; and freshman guard Allyson Rutledge, Kennesaw; all finished with eight points. Strickland and Irby had seven and six rebounds, respectively.

Senior guard Misty Amerson, who scored six points, dished out four assists and had three rebounds, was named to the All-Tournament Team.

For Mars Hill, Denise Shelton had 18 points, while Amy Keith added 17. Marla Hickman, who was named to the All-Tournament team, and Brandy Carland each scored 10 points.

Up next, Clayton State will travel to the State University of West Georgia on Friday, Nov. 24 for the Gulf South/Peach Belt Conference Challenge. The Lady Lakers will face West Alabama on Friday at 7:30 p.m. before facing West Georgia on Saturday at 1 p.m. ■

## Lakers open season with 52-43 win

Morrow, Ga., November 18, 2000 — Clayton College & State University junior Jerry Johnson got his Laker career off to a bang, firing in a game high 18 points, leading CCSU to a 52-43 season-opening victory over visiting Valdosta State University.

Johnson, a transfer from the University of Louisville and a former standout at Riverdale High School, hit 6-of-9 shots from the field and 3-of-4 attempts from 3-point territory to lead the Lakers.

The lead switched hands back-and-forth early in the first half before Johnson gave Clayton State the lead for good, 24-21, on a 3-pointer with 2:05 remaining in the half. Junior forward Mike Minc, Peachtree City, was credited with the assist after coming up with a steal to setup the shot.

The Lakers took a 7-point lead

29-22 at the end of the first half as Minc stuck in basket as the buzzer sounded.

In the second half, Valdosta State cut the Clayton State deficit to as few as two points on two free throws from sophomore forward Jon Bolden, trimming the Laker lead to 29-27 with 15:59 remaining in the game.

CCSU answered though in the next six minutes with a 7-0 run, extending its lead to a 9-point margin. Junior guard Kareen Harris (Atlantic City, N.J.) and Minc had baskets in the run, while Johnson hit two free throws and junior guard Charlie Frazier, Jr., converted 1-of-2 from the line.

Johnson gave the team its first double-digit lead (11), nailing a jumper at the 6:25 mark, giving the team a 44-33 lead. VSU guard Courtney Johnson, a 6-1 senior guard, converted two free throws to cut the deficit to six, 44-38,

with 5:05 remaining in the game but that was as close as the Blazers would get.

Clayton State closed out the game, hitting six-of-eight free throws in the final three minutes of the game. Harris, freshman forward Damon Sims, Douglasville, and Frazier all hit two free throws down the stretch.

Behind Johnson, CCSU's Minc hit 4-of-6 shots for 10 points, followed by Harris with eight points and Frazier with seven. Minc finished with six rebounds and four steals, while Frazier had four assists and four steals. Campers also finished with six boards.

For Valdosta State, Bolden led the offensive attack with 15 points, followed by Johnson with nine points. Junior center Matt Jones finished with eight rebounds and five points. ■

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