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ULC Replaces the Old Bent Tree



A worker from the Southside Tree service climbs the Bent Tree in preparation of cutting it down.

By: Kevin Dixon
Editor-in-Chief

The Bent Tree is bent no more. On Monday, July 23, 2001 the Southside Tree Service of Forest Park, GA, removed the 90-year-old tree from its home and place in the community.

The tree, shaped like an upside down question mark, has been a symbol and somewhat of a trademark for the Clayton State campus since its beginning in 1969. It has been host to yearbook pictures, numerous ceremonies, and even marriage proposals. The tree was also the inspiration in naming this very newspaper.

No one is quite sure on how the tree took its famous form, but many theories have floated around. The most likely case is that it regrew that way after being struck by lightning at a young age. Some also say that Cherokee Indians manipulated it to grow that way as a way to signal as a path marker. However, the trees age makes that scenario highly unlikely.

So, why was the tree cut down? The tree was removed to make way for a new \$16.7 million University Learning Center. The ULC is set to be completed in 2003 and will be a one of a kind building in the state of Geor-

gia. The Bent Tree escaped death once already when Clayton State built its now standing Library. However, Rob Taylor, former Director of Student Life, persuaded Dr. Jack Bennett, Director of Learning Resources, and the architects to take the plans back to the drawing board to make sure the Bent Tree was preserved. However, was cutting the tree down the only option? After long hours and months of deliberation school officials decided that trying to transplant the tree at such an old age would result in the tree's death. "This is just one of those things that progress demands," said Dr. Brad Rice. However, a 13-foot fiberglass replica of the tree is being made, and will stand in the atrium of the new ULC just a few feet from where the original Bent Tree stood.

So how is the tradition and life of the Bent Tree going to be carried on? John Shiffert director of University Relations stated that the wood from the tree will be cut up and stored for a year or two, and then will be used to make commemorative objects to preserve the memory of the tree.

So, after nearly a century of life in Clayton County the Bent Tree is now gone physically forever.

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ITP Choice Program Starts Now!

Students get first hand look at CCSU's ITP Choice Program.

Jamee Holland
News Editor

It's that time again. Fall semester, a time for new beginnings—new classes, new friends, and the new ITP Choice program. Although introduced in February, the program has not actually been implemented until this semester, and we should all know soon whether or not our leaders made the right *choice* for CCSU students.

The idea behind ITP Choice is very simple. Students are required to have access to a notebook computer, but have the freedom to decide how they obtain that access. They may rent a computer from a company such as Gateway, Compaq, or CompUSA, buy a notebook computer outright, share a computer with another CCSU student, or in some cases rent one of our faithful Microquest computers. And for a low fee of only thirty-eight dollars a semester, hub specialists will provide licensed upgrades, software installation, and repairs on those laptops manufactured by the preferred vendors. These vendors include Acer, Compaq, Dell, and Gateway. Hub specialists are only certified to do these repairs on machines still under warranty. Unfortunately, if you purchase a computer that is not manufactured by one of the preferred vendors, the hub specialists are not authorized to do repair work. What is the good news you ask? You only have to pay thirty-nine dollars per semester, compared to the previous \$300. You get to choose the computer that best fits your needs and the Internet service provider that you prefer. And you don't have to pay \$500 in the store for your software. Under the Microsoft Campus agreement, the software is provided for the students. The agreement is renewed annually, and will continue to be up to date. To top it off, they even offered ITP Choice Open Forums and a technology fair to assist us in choosing the appropriate type of notebook computer and answer any questions that we may have had. I for one do not think it is such a bad deal.

However, after purchasing my machine, I still had a few lingering questions about how the program is going to work in reality. Ron Barden, Executive Director of the Office of Information Technology & Services, graciously sat down with me to clear up

some of my confusion. We should have our laptops by the first day of school, but there is not a definitive deadline as to when our software must be installed. Students must make an appointment via the hub website to have the software installed and school email accounts configured. Because of this, the faculty is prepared to be a little lenient on this issue. You should have this done as soon as possible. However, in case anyone thinks that this statement means that you can wait until November to visit the hub, I feel the need to mention that *soon* is the operative word here. If you are sharing a computer with someone else, you only have to tell the hub specialists and they will set up your computer to house both email accounts. The minimum system requirement is Windows 98. However, we may upgrade to the Millennium Windows if we wish. CCSU would like for us to have Office 2000 and since the software is provided for us there is really no excuse for not upgrading.

There is a conscious effort being made by our school to make ITP Choice a success. Under the Microsoft Campus Agreement the software will be updated yearly, therefore we need not fear that we will be stuck with prehistoric software. Also, the hub specialists will be continuously certified to work on Acer, Compaq, Dell, and Gateway products. And the fact that we are all given access to the same software and hub services ensures that there is equal opportunity to succeed and gain experience from technology for all CCSU students. The first ITP program gave students technological expertise that made them valuable assets in the job market, and CCSU is confident that ITP Choice will only serve to increase that value.

So, as students scramble around to make their appointments and last minute arrangements for their computers, we all wait to see what lies ahead for the ITP Choice program. As the semester progresses, CCSU students are bound to develop various opinions concerning the program, and being the modern young adults that they are, they'll not mind sharing them. The Bent Tree will be sure to monitor the students' responses and keep everyone informed. ■

JOE vs. THE PARKING LOT

Man takes on Clayton Traffic!
Lives!

By: Jonathan Gillespie
Staff Writer

Rain.

That's what they call it. Little drops of joy lightly descending from the heavens to pitter and patter upon the ground below, marching quietly down the tips of leaves and splashing in small puddles on the pine straw covered ground.

I prefer to call it "hideously annoying". Now it's not that I've got anything against nature's cycle, mind you. It's just that I've got something against nature's cycle hitting my nose. Or my face. Or whipping in sideways and always finding that one little dry area between my neck and my shirt collar, to drip down my back as I make my way across the parking lot towards my class.

Oh, the parking lot. I have a theory: the more traffic on our campus, the more rain falls. So far I've been right every time, and on this morning, there's so much traffic that the human deluge matches the downpour.

It gets more fun every day. I've been going to this campus for a few years now, so I'm used to the thirty-minute commute I have to make. It's an interesting ride, spending my time praying to whatever powers that be that maybe there won't be any construction on the freeway this morning, or that the guy in the F-150 in front of me will actually decide to approach sixty miles per hour, or perhaps that some kid in a rice rocket won't try to blindside me in the traffic that is his own personal NASCAR qualifier.

Getting there is half the fun, as they say.

When I "get there", to the campus, I try to give myself another ten minutes to actually "get there" in a parking space, so I can take another five minutes to actually "get there" in my class. Today is no different.

I go from forty five to ten as I enter the long stretch of road plagued by needlessly redundant stop signs. Clayton seems to have a policy of putting three of these steel bastions of tepid speed up every year, making what is a slow pace the year before that much more of a crawl the next.

The parking lot is jam-packed today, the rain tap-tapping as if in a mocking message of Morse code across my windshield as I maneuver into the parking lot near the tech building. Cars and trucks everywhere, not a parking place in sight. I suddenly feel like I'm in a concrete-based modern ver-

sion of *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner*.

Spaces, Spaces everywhere. Not a single one to take. And what is that noise?

That would be our local big-bass enthusiasts, with his windows rolled down and of the mindset that his music really *is* that good. In fact, it's so good that you're going to hear it. Hey, he'll even crank it up for you.

Here's a tip. If your bass makes your doors rattle, it's no longer awe-inspiring. You're getting laughed at instead. Just a pointer.

I fly through the parking lot, narrowly avoiding squirrels, pedestrians, and piles of goose refuse.

I even make it past the cops that are busy ticketing students while somehow missing the administration parked in the handicap spots over in C building. They always said justice was blind.

Finally, can it be? A parking space! And only a few dozen parsecs away from the main building. Sure, I'll be under the pine trees, which will no doubt bombard

my paint job with their pine sap, but it's worth it. I admire the genius that loved these conifers so much that they decided to plant them around *every* parking lot.

I slide into place, grab my bags and get out. I have a laptop, a couple of books that are big enough to store all of Clayton's phone listings, a soda and chips (part of a balanced breakfast), my umbrella and a bookbag. In short, a sherpa would feel sympathy towards me. No matter. I'm practically at my classroom already, parked as I am in the thirty-second row.

Fall is always jam-packed, partly because a lot of people are playing around. By that, I mean that some of them will be gone by the third week, and the rest will leave in a big drop off around the withdraw deadline. That inner evil part of me wishes someone could break it to them that they're not going to make it. Then I'll be able to park close to my class sooner.

I have to stick practically on the bumpers of the row of vehicles as I walk up towards the distant campus (with a pair of

binoculars I could probably see it). If I don't stay near the cars, I might get hit by someone speeding through the rows. In one of life's little ironies I find myself hating the people doing exactly what I was just doing a few minutes ago. If it was possible to walk across the car hoods all the way to my classroom, I would.

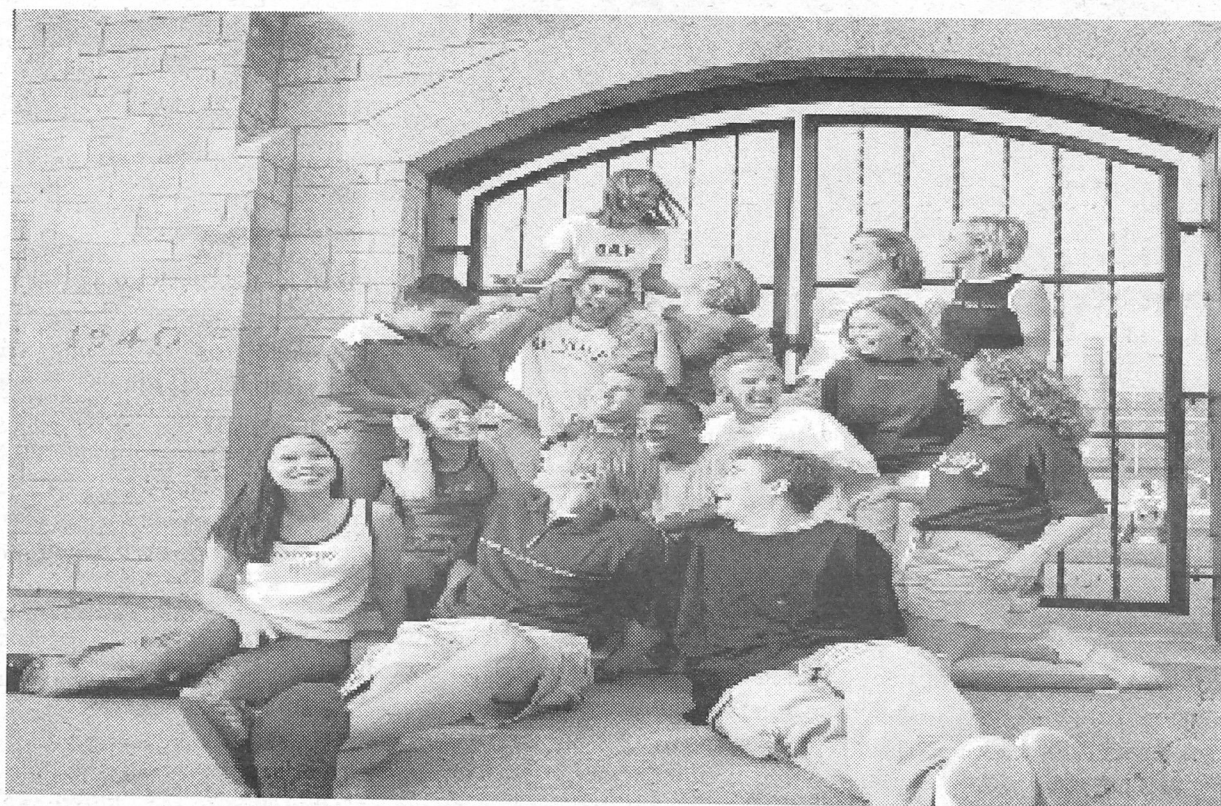
Wait a minute. It *is* possible.

I'm almost there now, only the crosswalk keeps me away. No stop sign here. All I have to do is time a careful dash across the road. It's me against the autobahn. David vs. Goliath. Luke vs. Vader. Carson Daly vs. puberty.

One quick dash. On three.

1...2...

On second thought, it's not worth it. All we're going to do in my IT class today is browse the web. Waffle House, here I come. ■



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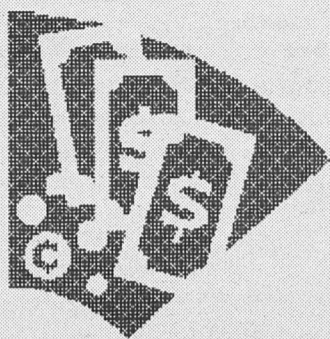
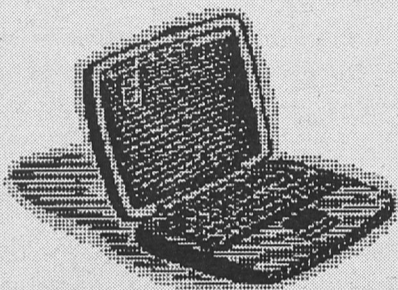
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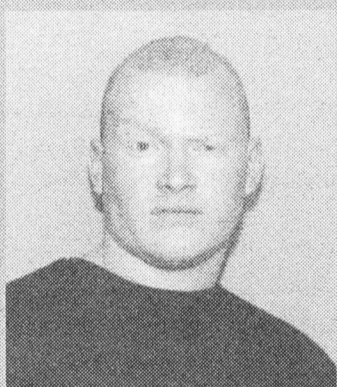
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"Way too much!"



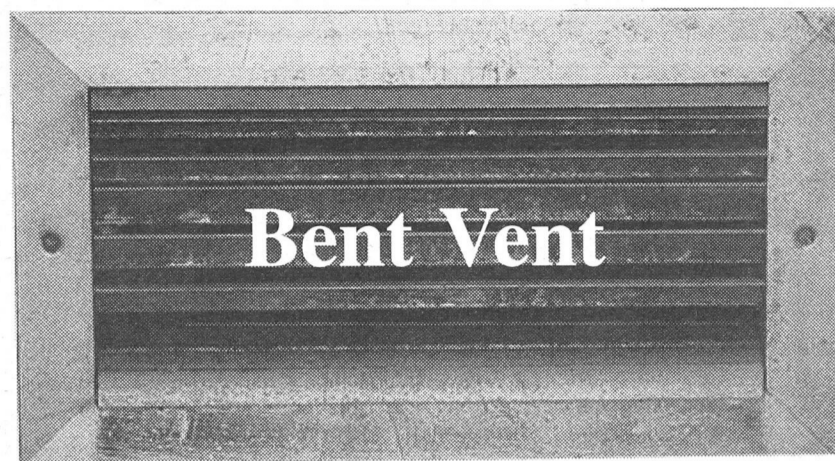
Nathan MaKarevich
Undeclared Major

"My parents are buying it."



Brian Magill
Information Technology

"It doesn't matter what I paid for my laptop!"



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.

If you thought I would not notice that the technology fee was lowered but the athletic fee was raised...you were WRONG!!!!

What is the one thing that people remember about touring our campus? You got it! That's it! It's the campus. Why are we destroying it? Why not just take some dynamite and slap it on to the buildings and be done with it.

Who wants to make a friendly wager on how long it will take for the President to declare CCSU a disaster area.

When is it appropriate to fling my body into the lake and offer it up to the ducks and geese? Is it before or after I take my finals?

Who let the rooster out?

If we are going to be charged a higher athletic fee, can we at least have better access to the weight room? Or is that too much to ask?

I want my refund check and I want it now!

Can someone please tell me where exactly the students are supposed to park now that the faculty/staff/administration have taken over our spots?

**Editor's Note-There ARE parking spaces available, just not the ones that are close to the buildings. This goes for all, learn to share. Remember what your kindergarten teacher told you.*

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,
Heather Starr
Bent Vent Editor

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Campus News



Ever wonder who or what SLAC is?

WHO: Students

WHAT: Clayton College & State University's programming board

During the first two weeks of FALL semester SLAC welcomes students back to CCSU with a series of events called Welcome Back Daze. Still wondering about SLAC? Look for an interest meeting the first week of September.

Welcome Back Daze

Monday August 20

Caricature Artists

Food Court: 11:30 am - 1:30 pm & 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Tuesday August 21

Shackdaddies

STC Patio: Noon & 5 pm

Monday August 27

M4 Motion Simulator

Courtyard: 11 am - 3 pm & 5 pm - 7 pm

Tuesday August 28

Bone Pony

STC patio: Noon

Thursday August 30

Outcast

Food Court: 7 pm

Student Government Association

The Student Government Association (SGA) is the governing student organization for Clayton College & State University. This means:

- We are the **VOICE** of the student body.
- We are the official student representative of the student body to the University and to the community.
- We work in an advisory capacity to the Student Enrollment Services Committee.
- We formulate legislation, actions, and policies that affect the student body.
- We provide for the student body by establishing appropriate student activities that do not fall under other club's jurisdictions.
- We provide the student body with necessary information that may be of its concern.
- We provide a means for student input and opinion in the organiza-

tion and operation of student affairs.

- We appoint students to all positions in campus committees that affect students.
- Represent CCSU at state, regional, and national conferences when available.

In a nutshell, SGA represents the students of CCSU. Our only duty is to provide a high level of service to the student body. If you have any questions, comments, complaints, or are interested in joining SGA please contact us in any of the following ways:

Email-sga@mail.clayton.edu
Phone-770-961-3740
Office-D-206 in the upper level of the Student Center

Heather Starr
SGA President

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However, the stories and tradition of the tree will live on for generations to come because it was here long BEFORE Clayton State was even a thought of in the University System.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

What is an Ambassador?

Submitted by the Office of Recruitment

By definition, 'ambassador' means, "a diplomatic official of the highest rank appointed and accredited as representative in residence by one government to another." Please be assured, the Office of Admissions does not expect such pomp and circumstance! However, several key words definitely convey our message: a representative of the highest rank. **We are looking for the best students to represent Clayton State with pride.**

What about you? Are you a potential Ambassador? Here are a few questions:

Do you consider yourself a "people person"?

Have you had good experiences at CCSU?

Do you enjoy meeting new students and talking with them?

Would you like to encourage students who are interested in your major?

Can you share information about clubs and organizations on campus?

If CCSU is a good choice for you, will you recommend it to others?

This is a unique opportunity. You have a chance to be directly involved in the successful growth of CCSU. The reputation of our institution is strong, but the work of admissions is never really done. As each orientation and registration period ends, we are looking ahead to the next semester's prospects with anticipation. Through the continued support of our current students, our admissions efforts will be

enhanced and strengthened. We utilize our Ambassadors to give tours, host events, visit high schools, and contact students. You will be an integral part of our strategic plan - to attract applicants and to ensure enrollment.

Do you remember the issues you faced when deciding which college to attend? You could make a difference by contributing an hour or two of your time occasionally to help make this process easier for someone else. In addition to a bit of personal satisfaction, we offer several incentives in return, such as: recommendations and references, priority registration time tickets, retreats and recognition of participation, experience for your resume, and an exclusive shirt with the Ambassador logo.

A terrific team of students is now forming to provide assistance with recruitment activities and to commence a new tradition of leadership. We want to issue a note of appreciation to each student who has joined the group. Together we will strive to accomplish some challenging goals and have fun doing it. Come by the Office of Recruitment and pick up an application today. What is an Ambassador? Could it be you?

Applications are available in the Office of Recruitment. For more information, contact:

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Brian Magill, Co-Chair of the Ambassadors ■

Get a Whiff of This: Preventing Halitosis

By: Ashley Cotton Wicks,
R.D.H.
Lynne H. Slim, R.D.H., M.S.

It's about 8:00 a.m. on a Monday morning and you make your way to C-10 in the Health and Sciences building, eyes half open with a can of Coke in hand, hoping that the caffeine will wake you up. You plop yourself down in the multi-media classroom and grab for the zipper on your laptop. As you are bending down, trying to get the blasted laptop out of the zipper bag, a fellow classmate approaches you to ask a question. He leans over, and his face is now about 12 inches away from yours. He opens his mouth, words pour out but you are unable to pay attention. Instead, you are knocked sideways by his breath; a smell so bad that it takes several minutes for you to regain your composure.

Bad breath or halitosis affects about 25 percent of Americans, yet few of us know how to treat it effectively. Consumer products to combat halitosis are a multi-million dollar per year industry; so why do so many of us still struggle with this problem? Periodontal disease (com-

monly known as "gum" disease or gingivitis) is a major contributing factor in the development of halitosis. Periodontal disease is a nasty bacterial infection that invades the gums and underlying structures around the teeth. A majority of adults have some form of the disease and the disease often progresses unnoticed and undiagnosed. As the bacteria continue to live in sophisticated colonies in deep pockets under the gums, more and more of the tooth's support is lost which eventually leads to tooth loss.

Research has taught us that anaerobic bacteria are the primary sources of halitosis. These bacteria produce volatile sulfur compounds (VSCs) and live within the deep recesses of the tongue, on the back of the tongue, and in deep gum pockets. VSCs are associated with the "rotten-egg" smell of halitosis.

How do you remove these bacteria and their VSCs? Brushing and cleaning the tongue may help to remove bacteria and odor. A special tongue brush can also be applied to the back of the tongue with-

Ride the Tide of Laker Pride

CCSU gears up for another Homecoming celebration

By: Kevin Dixon
Editor-in-Chief

Mark your calendar and get ready to have one heck of a shin dig! Once again Clayton State is going to have another Homecoming blowout, and everyone is invited.

Every year about this time CCSU begins their plans and preparations for their annual Homecoming celebration. This is a chance for Clayton State to come together as a whole group ranging from current faculty and staff to the many alumni and students. "Homecoming is a celebration that reminds Alumni that the place where they earned their degree will always be a part of their life. It also gives the students a chance to speak with the alumni and listen to their experiences and really gives them a chance to get connected," said Dr. Jane Thompson, Vice President of Student & Enrollment Services.

The festivities will kick off on Friday October 12, 2001, as many of the most beloved staff and faculty members get up on stage and show their true colors in a new revival of the Fall Follies. The evening is sure to be filled with laughs, cheers and maybe a few surprises. Make plans to be there so that you can hoot and holler at all your favorite acts, and maybe someone there will even catch their big break. The fun doesn't stop there...

Saturday morning will kick off a full day of fun in the sun. The day starts off with our annual alumni breakfast at 8:30. Directly following the breakfast will be the line-up of the floats for the parade. The judging of the floats begins promptly at 10:30. This means that everyone needs to get involved with their favorite club or or-

ganization and show their school spirit by helping your team win. Leading the way for the parade as the Grand Marshall will be the mayor of the city of Morrow, Mr. Jim Millirons.

Hopefully by noon everyone will still have plenty of energy left because at 12:30 the annual Club Olympics will get underway. This is definitely an event not to miss, and hopefully many of you will be participating in these events. "Student Participation in these activities, overall, enhances the event as a whole. The administration can only do so much; we need students to come out and help build the tradition," said Jeff Jacobs, Director of Student Life. Come watch as all the clubs on campus compete in events ranging from tug of war to an "interesting" game of egg toss. Tempers will flare and the competition will rise, but in the end only one club will be left standing!

By the time all the activities and music have come to a halt, there will be just enough time to take a breather before the CCSU soccer teams take the field. The women will kick off at 2:00 p.m. against Francis Marion University. The men will throw down at 4:00 p.m. in a rematch of last year's heart-breaking, Quadruple playoff loss to Francis Marion University. Be sure to come out and cheer on the Lakers to another victory.

As the day winds down and the festivities come to an end, all in attendance will have a new sense of LAKER PRIDE. Hopefully, that pride will become contagious and CCSU's school spirit will rise to amazing levels. So be sure to come out and "Ride that Tide of Laker Pride!" ■

out gagging. It is important to remember that if bad breath persists, you need to see your professional dental hygienist who will help you control this embarrassing problem. When you have deep gum pockets, toothbrushing under the gumline and mouthrinsing with an anti-bacterial mouthwash do very little to eliminate the bacterial infection. Instead, it is very important

that you seek the professional services of a dental hygienist who has specialized equipment to flush out the bacteria on a 3-6 month basis.

Note: to make an appointment to be treated in the dental hygiene clinic, please call 770-961-3591, Mon., Wed. & Fri. between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. ■

Course Credit for Working on the Bent Tree?

Submitted by Dr. Bill Pasch
Department Head of Humanities

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 325 in the 2001/2002 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 syllabus/contract for JOUR 1011 is also accessible at Dr. Pasch's webpage: <http://a-s.clayton.edu/pasch>. The syllabus/contract for JOUR 3011 is similar to that for 1011.) 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 (contact Dr. Steve Spence for further details). 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; 770.961.3499 or Dr. Steve Spence 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 before the end of Add/Drop on August 22.

If you are interested in writing for the Bent Tree please contact Kevin Dixon at csu10191@mail.claytonstate.net or Benttree@mail.clayton.edu

Entertainment

To Pay or not to Pay?

All the movies worth your time this fall

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2001 started as a dry season for Hollywood's big premiers. With low rated films such as *Sugar and Spice*, *Valentine*, and *Freddy got Fingered* ruling the screen, moviegoers were ready for something big. *The Mummy Returns* and *A Knight's Tale* started a new craving for buttered popcorn and summer thrillers. This summer the theaters were a great place to cool down while the screen heated up. Hollywood catered to every movie fan's desire. We got action flicks such as *Jurassic Park III*, *The Fast and the Furious*, *Tomb Raider*, and *The Planet of the Apes* (2001). *Shrek*, *Scary Movie 2*, and *Dr. Dolittle 2* tickled our funny bones, while we cringed in the dark when *Hannibal* again returned to the screen. And who can forget the touching romances that we have to drag our boyfriends to like *Moulin Rouge* and *The Princess Diaries*. If summer was this slammin', what can we expect this fall. Will the producers and directors let the scorching big screen cool down? Don't count on it. This fall promises to be jam-packed full of blockbuster hits. Be sure to come back this August for one more slice of *American Pie*. This 1999 comedy reunites its main characters as they "sex-plore" college life. Rumor is flying throughout the biz that there could even be a third helping of "Pie" in the future. For those who can't get enough of sexy women like Angelina Jolie and hot Latin men a la Antonio Banderas, race to the theaters to sneak a sultry peek at *Original Sin*. Initially, this movie was so hot and steamy it was rated NC-17 but it was toned down so not to "turn-on", I mean turn off too many viewers. *Captain Corelli's Mandolin* is better suited for the more romantic of moviegoers. This World War II drama portrays a Captain who must choose between his political allegiances and his true love. The soundtrack, including Enya, beautifully portrays the theme and compliments the Grecian Scenery. What happens when you send six candidates to collect \$2,000,000 from a hidden locker? Why, you get a *Rat Race*! Little do these people know that their every move is being watched. Watch as Amy Smart, Jon Lovitz, and Breckin Meyer race for the finish. In honor of Jesse James and his brother Frank, *American Outlaws* portrays the most legendary bandits in this era. Watch Colin Farrell as he robs banks and stirs up dust in the wild, wild west. *The Curse of Jade Scorpion* hits the screen with an incredible cast, including, Woody Allen, Helen Hunt, and Dan Aykroyd. Set in the 1940's, this comedy shows how the mesmerizing powers of one Jade Scorpion can change a man's perception of reality. It's been awhile since Matt Damon and Ben Affleck have graced the screen together, but their back again in *Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back*. The duo returns as Will Hunt-

ing and Holden McNeil, but this time around, get ready to laugh. Who's afraid of the big, bad wolf (John Carpenter that is)? In *Ghosts of Mars*, a Sci-fi flick, set two hundred years in the future, a squad of policemen on Mars uncovers an ancient Martian civilization and its doomsday defense system. This defense system is set to destroy any alien presence, which in-

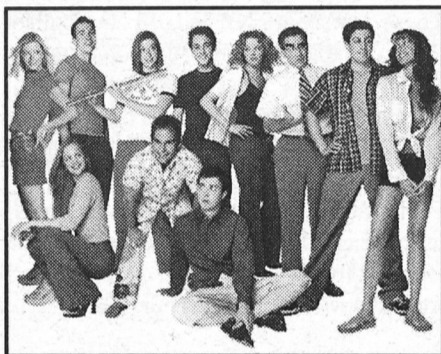


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cludes Earthlings. Will they make it off Mars alive? Nicole Kidman's recent divorce is not nearly as scary as her new movie *The Others*. Grace, Kidman, is living on a remote island while her husband is fighting in the war. Her two children are sick and must live in complete darkness. It doesn't take long before she begins to sense a supernatural presence. Do you believe in fate? Do long distance relationships work? In *Serendipity*, Sara, Kate Beckinsdale (Pearl Harbor), puts her love life on the line as she waits for destiny to take its course. How about some animation? Bill Murray plays Frank, the main character that has suddenly taken ill. Laurence Fishburn is the voice of Thrax, the deadly virus that has taken over Frank. And to save the day, Osmosis Jones, voice by Chris Rock, plays a white-blood cell cop. *Osmosis Jones* is sure to leave you sneezing all the way home! The theaters will be in seventh heaven when Jessica Biel and Freddie Prince Jr. take to the screen in *Summer Catch*. A young man must decide between his ticket out of a small town, or the woman who has captured his heart. And finally this August, based on an underground comic book, *Ghost World* hits the theater. Two eccentric teenage girls experience trial and tribulation the summer after high school graduation. Unusual Enid (Thora Birch) and Becky (Scarlett Johansson) must compete for the affection of a crush along with other expected teenage problems. This movie seems harmless, but be prepared for the peculiar ending.

In September and October, the movies keep coming. In *Heaven*, Cate Blanchett plays Filipina, a woman whose husband was killed by a drug overdose. She vows to seek revenge against the drug

dealer. In her rage she is apprehended by a young police officer who eventually becomes her soul mate. *The Bourne Identity* is a thriller about a man who awakens from a coma-like state. His only clues about his past are a microfilm implanted in his body, a million dollar bank account, and the name Jason Bourne. Only one woman can provide him with the truth about his past. Whatever happened to Arnold Schwarzenegger? Well, he's baaaaaaack! He joins John Leguizamo this fall in *Collateral Damage*, and action thriller about a firefighter. Brewer, Schwarzenegger, loses his wife and child in a bombing linked to "The Wolf." Frustrated that the killer may never be brought to justice, Brewer takes matters into his own. If there are any Dead Heads out there, be sure to check out *Grateful Dawg*. Fans will enjoy this documentary of Jerry Garcia and David Grisman. There are interviews and concert footage. Just in time for Halloween, *Bones* is a supernatural thriller about an old ghosts revenge for his murder. Those who loved Old Bones most would be the one's to send him to his grave.

Finally, November will make everyone feel like a kid again with the magic of Harry Potter. The much anticipated *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* debuts on November 16. The movie shows Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) and his life at Hogwart's School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Relax after "Turkey Day," and watch *Human Nature* to add some comical romance to your life. Patricia Arquette plays Lila, a young woman with a hormonal disorder. Lila is forced to live in a life of solitude in nature. Eventually, Lila's writing makes her famous and she begins to look for a man. She finds Nathan, a scientist, and together they transform Puff, a feral man, into societies dream. In the end, Lila is again left in solitude. A final movie to catch this November is *Monsters Inc.* by Pixar Animation Studios. This children's comedy is about a little boy who is accidentally allowed by a monster into the realm beyond the closet door. Billy Crystal, Jennifer Tilly, and John Goodman are some of the voices used in this fall release. Grab some cola and popcorn, it's going to be one busy fall.

What the Future Holds

Let Madame Venus tell you what the future holds . . . at least for the month of September.

Happy Birthday Virgo! (August 23-September 22) – Warning! Pace yourself this semester, or you'll be burnt out by exam time. Don't wait for the excitement to come to you, get up and create your own. You are the life of the party!

Libra (September 23-October 22) – This month you'll be full of wild and crazy ideas. Put these ideas into action, they may just work. When hanging out with friends, don't be so quick to answer that phone or page, it may not be whom you expect.

Scorpio (October 23-November 21) – A weekend away this month could give you the rest and relaxation needed to start the semester off right. Don't ignore the possibility of a new and different job. It could be just the thing to reenergize your life.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21) – Do something different, be spontaneous. Handle all major projects ASAP; your energy will not last long this month. Take up a new sport; you will defiantly have the competitive edge.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19) – This September you will be blessed with loads of energy. Use it to your advantage because it will disappear by Columbus Day. The full moon could induce insecurities, just relax the new moon equals new you.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18) – Hold onto your cash, this month waves a red financial flag. Instead of spending try investing and saving. Share your hopes and goals with those around you; your friends will be there to listen.

Pisces (February 19-March 20) – Becoming involved in charity work could open new doors for you. Don't be overly sensitive to criticism; the complainer may have a point. Keep an eye on your loot, it could end up in the wrong persons wallet.

Aries (March 21-April 19) – Be ready for a relaxing month this September. Take some time out for yourself. But, be on the lookout for romantic perspectives. Take charge of your life, head to the gym or sign up for that class that sparked your interest.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) – Don't worry so much this month, take time to enjoy life's challenges. When meeting new people, let them know you are interested. And don't expect everything to go your way, explore other possibilities.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) – This month could cause some money mishaps. Make sure everyone is clear on who owes what and when. Hold back on the sarcasm, some may take it personally. Watch over and take care of loved ones. Let them know how much they mean to you.

Cancer (June 21-July 23) – Take advantage of your competitiveness this month, join a new sports or debate team. Just don't let your competitive edge take over at work. Take time out to introduce yourself to others. You may meet someone just your type.

Leo (July 24-August 22) – This month, you will be simply irresistible to the other sex. Make sure to research all projects before beginning. Don't go overboard with anything this semester. Remember, there can be too much of a good thing.

**These are meant for Entertainment only, and if they happen to come true it's because of your own dumb luck.*

DEAR DILEMMA

Dear Dilemma,

I have a younger brother who is now talking about suicide. I don't know what to say to him. I check on him daily, but he is just so depressed. He has a girlfriend, who he has been with for two years and now he has gotten his ex-girlfriend pregnant. I'm trying to explain to him that the world is not over and yes this is a difficult situation but his world does not have to end. He doesn't want to stand up to his responsibilities and I'm afraid to say that to him, because I don't want to cause him to jump off a bridge or something. I'm the only person whom he has told. What can I say to comfort him? What can I do?

Dear New Auntie,

Your brother's confession to you about his thoughts of suicide was a cry for help. The fact that he is still willing to talk to you is encouraging. It tells me

that it is not too late to talk him out of it.

The first thing you need to do is let him vent to you. He is so confused and so overwhelmed by emotions right now. He needs to let all of his feelings out to a pair of nonjudgmental ears. Whether he screams or cries, the first thing you should do for him is to encourage him to talk about the situation. At this point, he knows he messed up, and a lecture will only make him feel worse. Keep your opinions to yourself. Just listen to him. Let him know that you love him and support him unconditionally. Make sure you tell him that no matter how big the mistake, it could never change how much you care about him and assure him that you want to help him in whatever way you can.

Another way to give him hope and help him feel less alone is to remind him of other people, whether they are friends or celebrities, who have made similar mistakes and survived all of the consequences. You may want to imag-

ine yourself in his shoes and tell him how you would feel. Anything to help him feel less like an outcast will help. Help him to look on the bright side of things. He is overwhelmed by what he perceives to be outside influences dictating the path of his life. He is wallowing in self-pity, and he needs some hope.

Help him realize what a mistake it would be to commit suicide (again without sounding like you are lecturing him.) – The first thing you might want to try is to present a hypothetical situation to him. Reverse the story so that you are pregnant by your ex, and your current boyfriend has dumped you. Tell him that you would be just as depressed and mad at yourself as he is now. Ask him how he would feel if you told him you were going to commit suicide. Ask him what he would say to you and why he would think that you shouldn't kill yourself. As he responds to each question, try to apply his points to his own situation. Then you can share with him why you wouldn't consider killing yourself. Maybe you have religious reasons; maybe your family values apply. Your

values are probably the same since you were raised in the same family. His depression has just caused him to lose sight of those values. Help him realize how devastated you and your parents would be if he died. Have him imagine you and your parents at the funeral. Have him imagine what life would be like for all of you and his friends, his ex, and the child, if he killed himself. The problem would not be solved. The mistake would not be erased. In addition to leaving his friends and family members with the grief of losing him, he would be dumping his responsibilities on them.

These articles are answered by a student and the advice should be taken with caution. Please be aware that Dilemma is not a real counselor!

Sports

Laker soccer team set to open 2001 season

Eight starters return from last year's 14th-ranked team

Morrow, GA— July 23, 2001 — After the most successful season in school history, the Clayton College & State University men's soccer team is ready to take the next step in 2001.

Coming off the school's first ever Peach Belt Conference Tournament Championship, a 14th place ranking in the final Division II poll and a trip to the NCAA Tournament, the team returns eight starters and has a solid group of newcomers for the fall.

The Lakers will get their first test on August 18, traveling to face Life University in an exhibition match at 2 p.m. The season opener for the squad will be August 28 at 5 p.m., hosting the University of Montevallo.

Among the top returnees for the team will be All-Southeast Region players Warren van der Westhuizen and Barry Casebeer and 2000 co-captain Marco Capazario.

Goalkeeper Westhuizen, a junior, will lead the defense after posting a record-breaking season in 2000. En route to a school best and nationally

ranked .47 goals against average, he tied an NCAA record with 14 shutouts on the season.

However, the Lakers will have several holes to fill from last year's 3rd ranked defense in the country, undoubtedly the biggest one, the sweeper position vacated with the graduation of All-American Josh Grenier.

"One person will not be able to replace Josh," said head coach John Rootes. "Our entire team will have to step it up a notch to remain at the level we were last year."

Also returning to the defense will be senior Brent Williams who started 21 matches last year, sitting out only one match due to an injury. In addition, junior Josh Miller will return to the defense after playing in 21 of the team's 22 matches last year, starting 10.

On the offensive side, Casebeer, a junior, will return after posting 19 goals last season, one shy of tying the school record. He was among the NCAA leaders, averaging almost a goal a match and two points per game.

In addition to Casebeer, sophomore Brad Havenga returns after starting 19 matches for the club last year. Havenga had a productive postseason, recording the game-winning assist in the PBC tournament semifinals and the team's assist in the loss to Francis Marion in the NCAA Championships match.

In the midfield, several starters return, including senior Capazario, sophomore Shawn Baddock, junior Michael Lynch and junior Stephen Hughes.

Capazario, a two-time All-PBC Tournament selection, has started 53 matches for the team and scored eight goals in his three-year career, while Baddock started 20 matches for the club last season and was the team's second leading scorer (5).

Lynch, who scored the team's goal in the NCAA match, started 13 matches despite being hampered by injuries much of the season, while Hughes started 12 matches for the team and played in all 22, scoring one goal and dishing off an assist.

Also returning from last year's team will be junior Sergio Pinto, who played in 11 matches for the club last year and Dean Ronnie, who played in six matches.

The Lakers have nine newcomers

to the squad, including Luke Collins, Ryan Rogall, Alex and David Dowling, Des Martin, Justin Powers, Matt Hunnewell, Matt Millen and Nick Rudolph.

Luke Collins and Ryan Rogall will join Clayton State after transferring from Augusta State University. Collins is a 5-foot-11 junior midfielder, while Rogall is a 6-0 sophomore defender.

Alex and David Dowling join Clayton State, transferring from Rau University and Benoni Tech, respectively. Alex is a 6-1 sophomore defender and David is a 5-10 sophomore forward.

Des Martin, a 6-2 midfielder/forward also joins the squad from Benoni Tech, and Justin Powers, a 5-8 defender comes to Clayton State from Heritage High School.

Hunnewell, a 6-4 goalkeeper from Fayette County High School, Millen, a 6-0 midfielder from Lovejoy High School and Rudolph, a 5-11 midfielder from Central Gwinnett High School, will also join the 2001 squad. ■

Clayton Cross Country adds New Talent to the Team

By John Dixon, Sports Editor

This year's Clayton State cross-country team will definitely be something to watch. With returning upperclassmen and four new freshmen, the Clayton State Team will be the team to watch in the Peach Belt Division II Conference.

The new freshman are as follows: Adil Berkhedle, a freshman from Scarborough, Ontario, Canada; Aaron Hawkins, a freshman from Jonesboro, GA; Scribner Malloni, a freshman from Milford, OH; and Stephen Parrish, a freshman from Jonesboro, GA; will join the Laker squad in the fall.

Berkhedle, a 2000 Birchmount Park C.I. graduate, led his team to the 1999 Ontario Provincial Championships.

"Adil is the best runner we've ever recruited coming out of high school," said head coach Mike Mead. "He has the skills to be a top-notch Division

II runner in cross country and track... I look for him to set the tone with our program this fall. His teammates are excited about him joining the program." Adil is the son of Alfia and Mohammed Berkhedle and plans to major in Information Technology.

A 2001 Lovejoy High School graduate, Hawkins was the No. 4 runner for the

Wildcats the past two seasons at state and helped the team to an eighth place finish in the Class AAAAA state cross-country meet last fall. Hawkins was only the third, four-year letterman in cross-country at Lovejoy. "Aaron is a great addition to our program," said Mead. "It's been a few years since we had someone from Lovejoy on our squad, and Aaron is one of two who signed with us for the fall. Once he overcomes the adjustment from high

school to college, he is capable of being a good Division II runner. He's going to give us solid depth in our top seven this fall." He is the son of Dana and Joel Hawkins and will be in the CCSU Honors program, majoring in business.

Malloni, is a 2001 Milford High School graduate. "Scribner is going to have an immediate impact to our team this fall," said Mead. "He loves running distance and the longer the event, the stronger he runs. He brings in a great work ethic that should rub off on his teammates. He's definitely going to be a top seven runner for us this fall." He is the son of Suzzane and James Malloni and plans to major in business.

Along with Hawkins, Parrish is also a 2001 Lovejoy High School graduate and helped guide the Wildcats to an eighth place cross-country finish at

state. "Stephen will give us much needed depth this fall and spring," said Mead

"A teammate of Aaron Hawkins at Lovejoy, he'll need to work on endurance

training during his transition from high school to college. He's going to

battle for a spot among our top seven runners." He is the son of Carolyn Parrish and will be in the CCSU Honors program, majoring in accounting.

CCSU's cross country season opens Sept. 1, competing in the Berry

Invitational at Mt. Berry, GA. Two highlights of the upcoming season will be a couple of home meets, the CCSU Invitational on September 22 and the Peach Belt Conference Championships on October 20. We wish all the members of our CCSU Cross Country Team much success this upcoming season. ■

Message from the Editor

Here we go again! It's going to be another long semester of classes, tests and just college in general. There's going to be times when hair is going to be pulled out, lamp bulbs will burn out, and books will be tossed into file 13, but it also will feel great knowing what you've accomplished come that proud day you strut out there with your cap and gown on. As you go into this semester, remember that the harder you work the quicker it will be over; why not enjoy yourself while you're here. Indulge yourself into all the University has to offer, and don't just be another student here but be an active student. Join clubs, go to games and just soak it all in, but try not to take on too much. College is time to find out what it is you want in life, but it's also still a part of your young life...so enjoy yourself! So kick back, maybe go to a class or two, grab a Bent Tree and enjoy the ride! Have a great semester!

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