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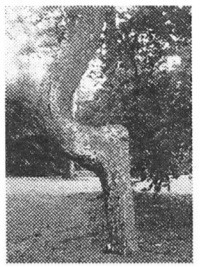
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The Good

1. Three weeks for Christmas Vacation
2. Three days for Thanksgiving Holidays
3. Homecoming- the parade, the food, the game!
4. The changing colors of the leaves really make the campus beautiful.
5. Soccer, Basketball, Cross Country, Baseball, Football, and Hockey all playing at the same time.
6. You don't have to fill out financial aid applications.
7. Perfect weather days- not too hot/not too cold, a gentle breeze
8. Watching Freshman get lost the first week of school.
9. SLAC's Drive-In movies, SGA's "Sac the Tax", and Honors' International Thanksgiving Dinner
10. Bent Tree's first issue of the school year!



Left: Cutting down the Bent Tree

Right: Aftermath of World Trade Center.

Below: New ULC

Right top: Raising the flag on the new flag pole

Top: The Village People win big at the Fall Frolics

The Bad

1. Registering for Spring Semester- as if fall wasn't bad enough.
2. First semester of a lot of construction.
3. It's the most wonderful time of the year- the busiest time of the year.
4. The Flu- it catches quickly at school.
5. The fluctuating temperatures of each and every room.
6. Midterms for online classes on Homecoming.
7. The clocks never being the same from one to another (actually this is all the time, but it is a bad thing).
8. The pine straw and pollen on my windshield.
9. Finals before the holidays. Who can concentrate?
10. There is no weeklong break during the fall semester!

A Semester Worth Remembering

By: Kevin Dixon & Anika Chambers

About this time every year students look back at their semester and thank the college Gods for getting through another hard five months of classes, but this year CCSU students have more to reflect on than just a stack of books and graded tests.

The semester started off with a rough beginning as Clayton State lost its icon in the Bent Tree, but in its loss it gained a new beginning with the start of the construction of the University Learning Center. The University welcomed their President in his first full semester of his reign, and watched as he began to make Clayton State YOUR University. New freshman joined the family at CCSU and were welcomed by having chickens chase them around the maze to the Library. Yet, in all the frenzy everything seemed to be clicking on all cylinders and the fall semester was well underway. Just as everything was becoming routine, the University, and the

nation, came to a halt as the world was rocked by the tragedy in New York and Washington. Classes and studying didn't seem to matter, and the campus closed for a day so all could be home with their families. As hard as it was to go on, life had to continue and classes would resume.

September would soon be gone and chill of fall came very quickly...what? Not here at Clayton State. The Lakers held their annual Homecoming celebration that would in it provide many great memories. CCSU saw the return of the Fall Follies and found many new uses for professors and administrators other than being despised (except for the Village People...return to your Village please). The celebration continued on into Saturday as the threatening weather steered clear of the campus and the day turned out to be a great success.

November brought two new members to the Clayton State family, as

a couple of majors were added to the University's curriculum. Students can now earn degrees in Communications and Media Studies and General Music. The Theater would have its celebration in welcoming its 30th year here at CCSU, and in that celebration it opened the season with the play "Who's afraid of Virginia Wolf". As November faded away, students began to breathe easier knowing the madness was almost over, and the breathing will turn to panting as finals are just over the hill!

So as we all settle down for the Winter Break and take time to be with family and friends, remember that a new semester is just on the horizon and many more memories are waiting to be made. Finally, take that time to look back on this semester and realize what all you have accomplished, for this was truly a semester to remember!

To a Nation of Cowards: Quit Panicking, America

By Jonathan Gillespie
(visit my website at student.claytonstate.net/~csu12323)

I would have gone to the grocery store and bought some beef for a steak tonight, but the beef was probably contaminated with some disease anyway. I'll just have some food shipped to me by one of those nifty new web-order food trucks...but wait, I might get anthrax in the mail that way. Guess I'll have to go to the grocery store and get something else. Still, the grocery store might be bombed tonight. I'll just order in pizza. But what if some psycho at the pizza place is putting poison on it?

Welcome to a new America, a country that runs from its normal life, tail tucked between its legs and spouting one asinine terrorist theory after another. I am not kidding when I say that I have heard these ideas from one person after another over the past few weeks, as I'm sure you have as well.

I am tired of it. This paranoia is driving the country to act less and less like the land of freedom and more and more like a nation of cowering children huddling underneath their sheets, afraid of the big bad terrorist monsters.

Whatever. I refuse to let *anything* that's happened alter my lifestyle, you say. Let the others panic...it doesn't concern me.

On that account you are very wrong. Because when the people are paranoid, the government grows paranoid, and the entity that more and more people are incorrectly equating with the United States of America enacts laws and policies designed to safeguard national security.

Let me be frank by saying I've never liked the government as a whole. There are individual pieces I can see the value in, such as the military, but on the most part government is a big, bloated bureaucratic FUBAR-fest that believes red tape and constricting policies are the American way. If you don't believe government is comprised of eighty percent idiots, ten percent good ole' boys, and ten percent career politicians, then I advise you to place your child in a zero-tolerance public school, or sit for a few more hours in the traffic around Atlanta.

Now we've gone and federalized airport security- big mistake. Big government grows bigger, and the private sector loses one more market. Granted, Ardenbright Security was an irresponsible firm, but I'd prefer to take my chances with a different security company checking baggage as opposed

to putting the task in the hands of...ugh...government workers. We all know how efficient government workers are, don't we? Well guess what, little Timmy, they'll be checking daddy's bags from now on to make sure he's not carrying explosives. I feel safer already. It's like the DOT has gone airborne!

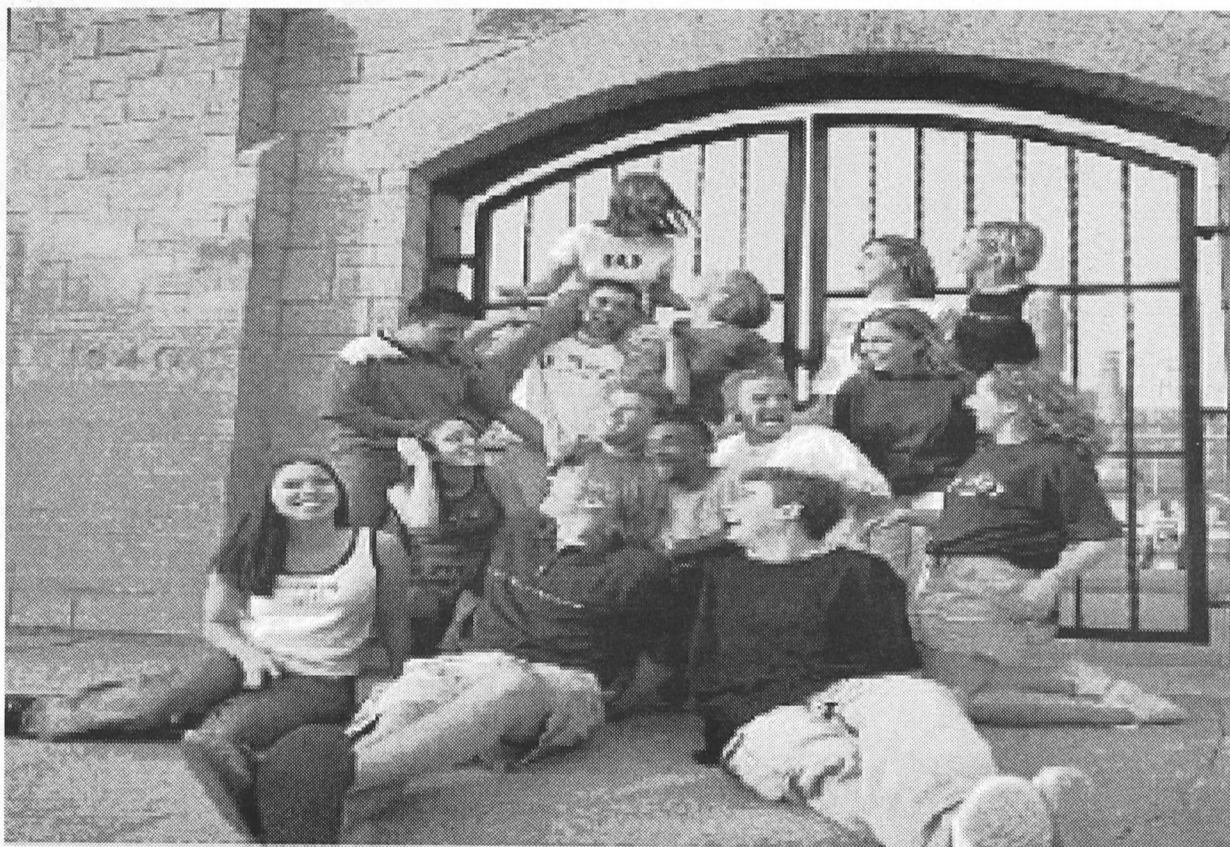
What's next, America? Once again I address this question to "We the People" and not "We the Government". Are you going to blindly let the government blunder around and grow larger and more constricting in the name of national security? Or are you still hiding under your bed sheets, begging someone to make the fear stop?

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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, with our beloved campus.

To the Construction Company-If you thought students would not notice that one of our lakes is trashed, you were wrong!

Student organizations are not supposed to post flyers and posters on walls. So, tell me... where are the organizations supposed to advertise their events? The administration talks about wanting more campus spirit, but they only want it if it fits into their image!

If you are going to judge me based on my ethnicity, then I am going to judge you based on your lack of intelligence.

Down with Lucky!

Why am I being graded on a grading system that applies to a certain major, when I am not that major? I want my C, not a D!

Why do the smokers have to stand in front of the doors to the buildings? It's ok if you want to die from lung cancer, but I don't. So MOVE!!!!

Please hit my car, I need the cash!

It is tacky to park in a handicapped parking space if you are not handicapped.

I don't think it is fair for professors to give a midterm after the last day to withdraw from classes without academic penalty.

Clayton Place is NOT the place to live!

I want my free tickets to Spivey Hall back!

Why is it so hard for people to use the recycling bin? It is placed right beside the trash can.

Building a new ULC good. Damaging our pond BAD!!!

Don't hang a sign on the wall. You might hurt it!

Can we have different types of free popcorn?

Is college really worth it?

I love the Wendy's \$.99 value meal! It is a college student's buffet!

If you are going to sleep in class, please try not to snore or drool on the desk. Is it really that hard to keep the flag from being wrapped around the wire that it is hanging on?

Why do you come to class if you are going to talk through it? Give the rest of us a break and skip.

I want my degree! I want it NOW, not a few months after I graduate!

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Respectfully Submitted,
Heather Starr
Opinions Editor

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Clayton State's Most Wanted

Quick question for you...

When you receive a parking citation here on campus do you have to pay that fine? Of course you do, because if you don't you will receive a hold on your records. That means no registration, no receiving of transcripts, and no further education. But what happens to those faculty and staff members who don't pay?You still thinking? Probably because not much happens to them besides a slap on the wrist. So students here you go, a complete list of faculty and staff who have outstanding Citations for the 2000-2001 school year. Merry Christmas!!

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Campus News

A message from the President

Clayton State - A Bright Future for 2002 and Beyond
Dr. Thomas K. Harden



Clayton College & State University — Your University — has never had a brighter future. As 2001 draws to a close, we are moving ahead on a number of exciting fronts.

Although these are difficult economic times for all state agencies and organizations throughout the country, these short-term concerns will not tarnish the University's shining long-term future.

Indeed, the faculty and staff are optimistic and have confidence in Clayton State. Otherwise, they would not have given a record-breaking \$82,000 to the recently-concluded Faculty/Staff Fund Drive. We expect great things for Our University, including an increase in our enrollment to 7,000 students by the year 2007.

Our academic prospects have never been better. We are in the process of expanding our baccalaureate programs; our goal is to consistently have at least one proposal for a new major in front of the Board of Regents for approval and funding. In conjunction with our Strategic Planning Themes, we are targeting improved graduation rates and retention rates as areas that are vital to the University.

We are expanding our role as the Southern Crescent's University through our involvement with the multi-million dollar Gateway Village development.

By 2003, when the University Learning Center opens on campus, we will have the newest technologically-advanced academic building in Georgia. About that time we will also be adjacent to the only co-located state and national archives facilities anywhere in the nation.

And the present is just as bright. We are admitting better prepared students than ever before - the SAT scores of our incoming students have reached a new high, and are higher than the average for the University System as a whole. I am very proud of our student body, not just for their SAT scores, but also for their diversity. U.S. News & World Report recently ranked Clayton State's student population the most diverse among comprehensive baccalaureate colleges and universities in the South. We are indeed, Number One!

Yes, we have short-term challenges that are a result of the state-mandated budget cuts that were brought about by the events of September 11. But so does every other state agency. This is a temporary situation - the economy will rebound and we will rebound with it. In fact, we expect to rebound before the economy does. I have that much confidence in Your University.

We are moving into the New Year with great expectations. Best wishes for 2002 from everyone at *Your University*.

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:

CCSU Clubs are getting into the holiday spirit

By Michelle Lawrimore

This December marks the 5th year that the Honors Student Association (HSA) has helped the Salvation Army provide Christmas gifts for impoverished children by putting up an Angel Tree in the Student Center cafeteria. A Christmas tree is decorated with cards that have needy children's names on them, along with a brief list of gifts they need or want. All CCSU students and faculty members are invited to participate in this heart-warming holiday activity by choosing a card from the tree and buying that child a gift, or several gifts if you wish, and placing the gift and the card back under the tree by Thursday, December 13th. The presents will then be delivered to the Salvation Army, and they will distribute the gifts to the children.

HSA has also joined forces with American Humanics to hold a clothing drive to help keep less fortunate people warm through the winter. There is a bin in each building on campus where clothing may be deposited. The drive will last until the end of the semester.

Another wonderful way to get into the holiday spirit is to spend an evening at Spivey Hall, enjoying the talents of various musicians. The CCSU Jazz Ensemble will be performing on Monday, December 3rd. There is no admission fee for this concert. The Spivey Hall Children's Choir will also be performing

this month on Friday, December 7th and Saturday, December 8th. This is a very popular event that costs \$7.50 with an early reservation.

During the month of December, the Tau Epsilon Chapter of our campus's first black sorority, Delta Sigma Theta, will spread the spirit and joy of the season by sponsoring a Christmas party at Beverly Healthcare of Jonesboro Assisted Living Facility. Delta Sigma Theta has proven itself once again to be a premier public service organization by providing Thanksgiving dinner for two needy families as a part of its Adopt-A-Family Program, in conjunction with the Department of Family and Children Services.

There is no more fulfilling way to celebrate Christmas, and to revel in the holiday season, than to give to charity organizations and to help others. Picture the smiles on the children's faces when they receive the unexpected gifts from the Salvation Army provided through HSA's Angel Tree, or imagine how a homeless person's shivers would subside if they were able to wear your old coat that you donated through American Humanics and HSA. Get into the holiday spirit by coming to the concerts at Spivey Hall and attending Tau Epsilon's Christmas party, and then give all that you can to help the needy enjoy their holidays, too. ■

<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

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Have Fun With Your Honey Without Spending Money: Try These Cheap Date Ideas

By: Michelle Lawrimore
Assistant Editor

Balancing your time to include classes, homework, a part-time job, family, a social life and a boyfriend or girlfriend can be difficult and frustrating at times. Add in the burdens of car and insurance payments, apartment rent, credit card bills, and buying groceries, and you have one burnt out cheapskate of a college student who is in desperate need of some relaxation time without worrying about wasting money. Unfortunately, I don't have a panacea for all of your problems, however, I can suggest a few ideas for fun and inexpensive dates that will not disappoint your sweetheart.

Dinner and a movie is a well-established favorite date, but it can be difficult to find the median between a fancy, expensive dinner and a McDonalds cheeseburger. I would like to recommend beginning your evening by having dinner at either a Thai restaurant or a Mexican restaurant (Taco Bell doesn't count). In addition to providing dim lighting, some Mexican restaurants enhance their romantic atmosphere by inviting Mariachi bands to serenade their guests while they eat. As for Thai restaurants, the ambience is usually not the most impressive, but the food is incredible. It is better than Chinese food and it costs half as much. A typical Thai dinner course costs about \$5.50 per person. Then off to the Dollar Theater you go. In the fall, all of the summer blockbusters will be playing there!

This mainstay of dating has become somewhat cliché, so if you are looking for something different, you might want to try one of the following ideas. Bowling, miniature golf, laser tag, and go-cart racing each cost ten dollars or less for two to play. The biggest disadvantages to all of these activities are that they do not take up very much time and they are highly addictive, meaning that you can easily blow a lot of money on repeated rounds of any of these. You can also watch your local newspapers for free date activities such as local concerts, arts and crafts fairs, and old car shows. Don't forget that all CCSU events such as the car-less drive-in movies, concerts at Spivey Hall, and soccer and basketball games are free too.

Window-shopping is one date option that is often overlooked, but can actually be very entertaining (even for guys). You should start with a toy store like Toys R Us. Play with all of the displays, take your brain out of gear, and reconnect with your childish side. Then proceed to a music store or a bookstore such as Barnes and Noble. You can talk about your favorite books and CDs, read poetry, look through books full of pictures of other countries, foretell each other's future with a palmistry book, or listen to the newest CDs at the listening stations. One store you absolutely cannot skip is the pet store. Pet the puppies and kittens, watch the brilliantly colored tropical fish, listen to the birds chirp and even hold a ferret. Then, girls, if you cannot resist the clothing stores that your guy despises, make him this deal: if he will agree to be your Ken doll for an hour or two, you will let him drag you through his favorite car lot while he lusts after the cars he cannot afford.

One thing he certainly can afford is a day spent outside. Pack a picnic, your hiking shoes, a frisbee, and maybe some fishing rods and bikes, and find a nice place to spend the day. A park such as High Falls in Jackson is a great place for such a date. You can enjoy your picnic lunch right beside the waterfall and then hike or ride bicycles through the trails in the woods. You can fish in the calmer water, throw a frisbee back and forth across the open field, or play on the playground. The swings, the slides, the jungle gyms...it's so much fun to play like a kid again! You can swap stories about what you and your elementary school friends used to love to play together and meanwhile get some much needed exercise. Then pull your picnic blanket back out as it gets dark and end your evening romantically by looking at the stars together.

The truth is that you don't need to go anywhere to have fun on a date. You could just stay home. You can cook dinner together! (Be advised, girls, watch your guys carefully. They are clueless and dangerous in the kitchen.) Or, if either of you live with your parents, ask one of your moms to cook for you. Fast food can't compare to a good, home-cooked meal. Then you can look at all of your boyfriend or girlfriend's photo albums from when they were little (how cute!)

Twas The Night Before Finals

Twas 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,
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."

- Chad W. Sclove

and watch home videos to see just how bratty they used to be. You can play with their pets, play video games, or just get to know his or her parents and siblings. After all, you will learn more about your boyfriend or girlfriend through these people than through any other means. ■

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DEAR DILEMMA,

Dear Dilemma,

I like this guy that works on campus, but I've never met him before. I see him in the student center all of the time. He seems kind of quiet and shy, and he's just so adorable. He's actually a friend of a friend, but I don't want to do the pathetic matchmaker thing. How can I meet him?

Taken with the Techie

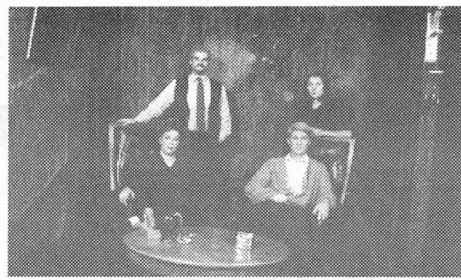
Dear Taken,

The fact that he works on campus is going to make it a lot easier to meet him. He's used to talking to strangers all day. All you have to do is go to him with a problem that he can fix. Once you're there, you can chitchat with him. Talk

about your mutual friend, joke with him, and ask him questions about himself. School related stuff is always safe to start with, but if you really want to get to know him, try to steer your conversation towards interests that you might have in common. Be careful not to act too eager during this first meeting. Guys don't like games, but they love the chase.

If he doesn't pick up on your vibes from that first meeting, keep going back with similar problems, and each time, get to know him a little more. Eventually, you'll be talking to him all of the time... hopefully *outside* of work and school!

Dilemma



CCSU Theater Review

By Ray Roberts

Clayton State Theater recently added another work to its growing list of productions. *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf*, written by Edward Albee, became the 205th production in the theater's 30 year history. The play involves one night in the lives of two couples and is set on a small New England college campus. Arguments, fueled by almost continuous drinking, force both couples to take a closer look at their relationships and their lives. As the night continues, more dysfunctions

are revealed and more dreams are shattered. The play ends tragically with the "death" of one couple's dream.

The cast of this production included two professional actors, Edward T. Hohlbein and Earl Miller, as well as two Clayton State students, Mischa Hess and Bridgett Stephens. The small cast size required each member to tackle incredible amounts of dialogue. Another challenge was the emotional nature of the material; the mood of the play often shifted within just a few lines. Dr. Larry Corse, director of the play, described preparation for this production as "very challenging and very time consuming."

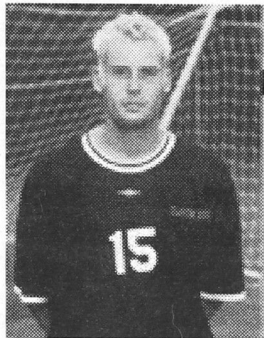
The time and effort certainly paid off with the reward of a great production. The actors succeeded in portraying the dark humor of the play. (I, for one, found myself laughing, but with that guilty feeling that it "shouldn't" be funny.) The sadness and tragedy of the story was also portrayed very powerfully. Everyone who attended *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf* will, no doubt, be looking forward to the next Clayton State Theater production. ■

Sports

CCSU's Capazario named PBC Player of the Year Rootes named Coach of the Year

Morrow,

Georgia—
November 2,
2001— After
winning its first-
ever Peach Belt
Conference
regular season
championship,
the postseason
individual
awards are



beginning to pour in for the Clayton College & State University men's soccer team.

The eighth-ranked Lakers recently grabbed two of the Peach Belt Conferences top honors as senior Marco Capazario (Johannesburg, South Africa) and head coach John Rootes were named the league's Player of the Year and Coach of Year Saturday.

In addition, junior forward Barry Casebeer (Austin, TX) and junior keeper Warren van der Westhuizen (Johannesburg, South Africa) were named to the All-Conference squad for the second straight season.

Capazario, a four-year starter for the Lakers, is Clayton State's all-time leader in matches started (71) and matches played (76). He has helped lead the Lakers the past two seasons to a combined 29-5-6 record, the 2000 Peach Belt Conference Tournament Championship and the 2001 Peach Belt Conference regular season title.

As team captain, Marco's biggest contribution this season came on defense where he helped Clayton State hold opponents to a league-low 0.72 goals against average and a league-high 10 shutouts. Capazario also scored two goals in the team's regular season championship clinching match against the University of North Carolina Pembroke.

Coach Rootes, in his fourth season at CCSU, received Coach of the Year honors after leading his squad to the regular season championship. Rootes, the third winningest coach in Division II history, guided the team to an 11-2-5 record and 5-0-1 mark in the Peach Belt and has had his squad ranked as high as sixth in the nation. Last year, he led the

Lakers to an 18-3-1 mark and its first-ever appearance in the NCAA Regionals.

Prior to rebuilding the CCSU program, Rootes compiled a 169-30-10 record at New Hampshire College and elevated the program to national prominence. In 10 seasons at NHC, his teams were consistently ranked in the ISAA National Top-Ten and earned three 20-win seasons, six NCAA Division II Tournament bids, four appearances in the Elite Eight and an NCAA National Championship.

Westhuizen, Clayton State's all-time leader in shutouts with 31 in his career, has 10 shutouts on the season and has recorded average ranks atop the Peach Belt Conference and among the best in Division II.

Warren is a two-time All-PBC selection and was named to the second team All-Southeast Region squad last year. Westhuizen had the fourth best GAA in Division II last year and his 14 shutouts last year rank fourth all-time in Division

II for a single season.

Casebeer, Clayton State's leading scorer on the season, ranks fifth in the PBC with nine goals and five assists in 16 matches this season. Last year, he was named to the All-PBC and All-PBC Tournament teams along with being named to the All-Southeast Region squad after scoring 19 goals.

Clayton State had three All-Conference selections in 2000, the first time it had players recognized for the honor since CCSU began competing in PBC soccer in 1997. ■



CCSU's Okosieme and Heminger named to 2001 All-Peach Belt Conference team

Morrow, GA—November 2, 2001—



Anya Hemminger

The program had another first on Saturday with two players being named to the 2001 All-Peach Belt Conference team. Sophomore Nkiru Okosieme (Onitsha, Nigeria) and junior Anya Heminger (Ontario, OR) were both named to the 15-member squad.

Okosieme shattered both Peach Belt Conference and school records this season with 33 goals on the year, averaging over four points per contest. Her goals per game average and points per game average rank among the top four scorers in the nation.

Nkiru had 12 multi-goal games this season and was named Peach Belt Conference Player of the Week on two different occasions. Okosieme broke conference records in the following categories this season: goals in a season, 33; goals in a match, four; points in a season,

72; points in a match, eight; game-winning goals, nine; shots in a season 116; and shots in a match, 13.

Heminger led the Peach Belt Conference in assists with 10 and set both school and PBC single season records in the category. She also added five goals on the year and averaged 1.25 points per match, ranking her ninth in the conference.

With Saturday's 2-1 double overtime loss in the PBC semifinals, Clayton State (11-7-0) ends its most successful season ever as the squad tallied a record 11 wins on the year and finished with a 3-3 mark in the PBC.

Other members of the All-Conference squad were: Terri Moo-Young, North Florida; Thea Moen, USC Spartanburg; Simonae Taylor, UNC Pembroke; Katie Lawrence, USC Aiken; Katie Roberts, Francis Marion; Carrie Betten, North Florida; Naomi Williams, USC Spartanburg; Diane Hemke, North Florida; Jessica Skarzinski, Francis Marion; Dawn Soule, USC Spartanburg; Julia Lufriu, Francis Marion; Lindsey Allen, USC Spartanburg; Amanda Liles, Francis Marion; and Jill Veitch, North Florida.

UNF's Moo-Young was named the Player of the Year, while Taylor was named Freshman of the Year. USCS's Kendall Reyes was named Coach of the Year.

Clayton State defeats UNC Pembroke 71-69

Shaw scores 19 point and pulls 14 rebounds in win

Morrow, GA—December 1, 2001—

Powered by the inside attack of junior Catreia Shaw and freshman Apryl Brown, the Clayton College & State University women's basketball team won its fourth game of the season and notched its first win in Peach Belt Conference play Saturday, holding on to defeat the University of North Carolina Pembroke 71-69.

Shaw (Pearson, GA) and Brown (Lawrenceville, GA) accounted for 19 and 15 Laker points respectively, and scored the last 10 points of the game in the two-point victory.

Shaw had two of the biggest baskets in the 10-point stretch, hitting the shot to tie the game with a minute remaining and the game-winning shot with less than 30 seconds remaining in the contest.

With the win, Clayton State improved to 4-2 overall and 1-0 in the conference, while UNCP dropped to 3-2 and 0-2 in the league. Clayton State will return to the court on Wednesday, December 5, traveling to play PBC foe Kennesaw State in a 5:30 p.m. contest, while UNCP will return home to face Fayetteville State on Saturday, December 8 in a 5:30 p.m. game.

Clayton State took its largest lead of the game, 63-51, on a basket by Brown with 9:11 remaining in the game only to have UNC Pembroke coming storming back.

With two 3-pointers by junior Katie Marsh (Midlothian, VA) and a two-pointer by junior Lennetta Bentley (Chicago, IL), UNC Pembroke cut the deficit to four points, 63-59, with 6:53 remaining in the game.

The Lady Braves continued their run and four minutes later tied the game, 67-67, on a basket by senior Amanda Brooks (Greenville, SC). Bentley then hit two free throws to give the Lady Braves a 69-67 lead with 1:33 remaining before Clayton State's Shaw delivered on her two shots to pull out the victory.

Clayton State shot 50 percent (30-of-60) from the field for the game, 43 percent (6-of-14) from 3-point territory and 63 percent (5-of-8) from the free throw line. Pembroke shot 49 percent (26-of-53) from the field, 36 percent from 3-point range (8-of-22) and 60 percent (9-of-15) from the free throw.

Along with Shaw's 19 points, she also pulled a game-high 14 rebounds. Sophomore Nicia Puckett (Ellenwood, GA) and Allyson Rutledge (Kennesaw, GA) each finished the game with 13 points.

For UNCP, Bentley led the scoring attack with 19 points, followed by senior Ginnell Curtis (Apex, NC) with 15 points. Jennifer Lance (Parkton, NC) chipped in 14 points, followed by Marsh with 12.

Clayton State won the battle on the boards, outrebounding UNCP 71-69 but did commit 22 turnovers compared to 18 for the Lady Braves.

Clayton State defeats UNC Pembroke 83-73

Morrow, GA—December 1, 2001—

Outscoring the University of North Carolina Pembroke 16-6 over a seven-minute stretch late in the second half, the Clayton College & State University men's basketball team won its third game of the season and first Peach Belt Conference contest Saturday, defeating the Braves 83-73.

The win improves Clayton State to 3-1 on the season and 1-0 in the conference, while UNCP drops to 1-2 overall and 1-1 in the league. The Lakers will return to the court on Wednesday, December 5 traveling to face PBC foe Kennesaw State University in a 7:30 p.m. game, while UNCP will return home to face Newport News on Tuesday, December 4.

Clayton State outscored UNC Pembroke 42-34 in the second half and was paced by senior Kareen Harris (Atlantic City, NJ), who scored 14 of his game high 24 points in the stanza.

The Lakers led 41-39 at intermission and in the first five minutes of the second half until Brave sophomore Matt Hubbard (Kannapolis, NC) and senior Jay Bruer (Washington, IL) hit consecutive 3-pointers to give the Braves a 51-48 lead with 16:20 remaining in the half.

Clayton State answered however as a junior Mike Phenizee (Pittsburgh, PA) dunk, followed by a 3-pointer by Harris re-claimed the lead for the Lakers at 55-51 with 14:10 left in the game.

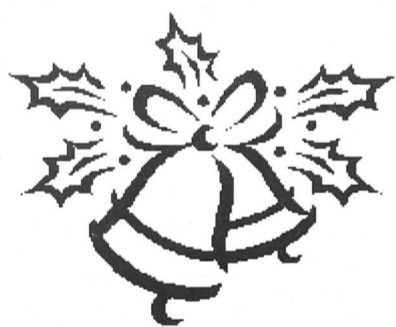
After both teams exchanged baskets in the next four minutes, the Lakers then went on their game-deciding 16-6 run, capped by two free throws from Harris with 3:34 remaining in the game.

Harris hit 6-of-10 from the floor, 1-of-3 from 3-point range and 11-of-13 from the line for his 24 points. Senior Charlie Frazier (Brunswick, GA) finished with 16 points, followed by junior Jamal Johnson (Columbus, GA) with 11 points and 11 rebounds.

For UNCP, junior David Siebrands (Good Thunder, MN) finished with 21 points, followed by Bruer with 19 points, which included hitting 5-of-6 shots from 3-point range. Hubbard finished with 11 points, which included a trio of 3-pointers.

Clayton State shot 42 percent (27-of-65) from the field, 80 percent (24-of-30) from the free throw line and 24 percent (5-of-21) from 3-point range. The Braves shot 48 percent (25-of-52) from the field, 60 percent (12-of-20) from the free throw line and 55 percent (11-of-20) from 3-point territory.

Clayton State won the battle on the boards outrebounding UNCP 47-30 but did commit 18 turnovers compared to only 13 for the Braves.



The Bent Tree staff would like to wish

you all a safe and HAPPY HOLIDAY!

Enjoy your winter break! See you in the spring!





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Do you believe in Santa Claus?

A Message from the Editor:

It's hard to remember the innocence we all once had. Trying to remember what it was like to be a kid, and how nothing really mattered. Our arguments consisted of who's Dad could beat up the other Dad, and who you were or were not going to invite to your birthday party. But the best memories for me always seem to come at Christmas... Taking the time to write your wish list to Santa and hoping he didn't notice that time you spilled kool-aid on the living room rug...trimming the Christmas tree and feeling like a Hero when Dad let you put the star on top...baking cookies with Mom and getting flour all over the kitchen...snooping around the attic trying to find where your folks hid the presents...putting up the Christmas lights outside trying to be the Chevy Chase of the neighborhood...praying for snow, even though you knew it never snows in Georgia...watching "A Christmas Story" on TBS 100 times in a row...roasting marshmallows in the fireplace and then

realizing you left the damper closed...staying up all night on Christmas Eve hoping to get a glimpse of Old Saint Nick...and waking Mom and Dad up way before daylight to see what Santa had left.

But now Christmas is more of an executive holiday, a day for retailers and business mongrels to rake in cash for their companies and make money off those who don't have it to give in the first place...What would it take to make them stop, think and realize what Christmas is all about? Even we, college students, forget what the Holiday season is for. We're too busy fussing about grades and professors and complaining that college just isn't fair. What will it take for Americans to remember what it was like to be a kid again, and to just enjoy the time we have together with family and friends? And right now America is a sensitive word to the world, as we are rebuilding into a nation and picking up our pieces that were dropped

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on September 11. Americans need now, more than ever to remember the innocence in us all, and to look back and find those memories when we were so happy.

Maybe what we need is to NOT remember our childhood, but to relive our childhood. Maybe what we need is to

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find that special belief that we all once had that made Christmas complete. Maybe we need to rediscover that jolly, old man in the red suit. Maybe we ALL need to, once again, believe in Santa Claus...Do you believe in Santa Claus?

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