



How Far We've Come



Clayton State University Center Enters Final Year of Construction

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With the 2002/2003 Academic Year set to open at Clayton State on Monday, Aug. 19, the University is already looking forward to the start of the next Academic Year. If all goes according to plan, the 2003/2004 Academic Year will begin with the official unveiling of literally the biggest thing ever to hit the Morrow campus - the 131,000 square-foot, four-story University Center.

According to Harun Biswas, director of Plant Operations at Clayton State, the new building is 42% completed as of the start of the 2002/2003 Academic Year, and the completion date is set for July 2003 - some two years after the July 31, 2001 groundbreaking.

A milestone in the construction process took place on Friday, Aug. 23 at noon, when the Clayton State campus

was temporarily shut down to allow the installation of a new and much larger transformer for the campus. Clayton State was closed for approximately eight hours while the transformer was installed, but very little disruption took place as Clayton State does not schedule classes for Friday afternoons.

This massive undertaking that is the University Center requires a massive amount of power. In order to bring that power to the center and the rest of the campus, Georgia Power has to install a larger transformer, one that will deliver 12,470 volts of energy to Clayton State, according to Greg Adams, Clayton State Plant Operations manager.

The University Center promises to provide the University with a true "Center" for student life, featuring a food service area, bookstore, classrooms, lecture halls,

faculty and administrative offices and even more enhanced learning facilities with more than 2,000 data drops. "I think this building will add quite a bit to the life of the students on campus. It, to me, looks like a place where the students can go to lounge, study, and socialize as well as some very nice instructional areas," said Clayton State President Dr. Thomas Harden.

Destined to be Clayton State's "signature" building upon completion, the University Center will include state-of-the-art audio-visual technology in the classrooms, keeping with the University's reputation for expertise in the use of technology in education, and its pioneering Information Technology Project, wherein all students and faculty have access to a notebook computer.

A four-story steel frame structure with masonry exterior walls, the

University Center will be by far the largest building on the Clayton State campus and will run between the present Library and the Administration Building.

The University Center has no precedent or parallel within the University System or the State of Georgia. The closest approximation to the University Center anywhere in the nation is the George Johnson Center at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.

As the construction continues, classes will go on as enrollment has reached an all time high at 5,206 students, and while the campus will undoubtedly grow so will the student population. "The campus is going to grow, it needs to grow; we are the university of the Southern Crescent," said Harden. ■

The Talk Around Campus

Clayton Introduces New Apathy Policy

by Jonathan Gillespie

People who have followed my article since last year know my opinions on the dire mess this campus is currently enjoying. It pervades the very air, where the roar of machinery is constant, though barely audible over the barrage of cars making their way around campus in a conga-line of desperation, hoping against hope that they can find a parking space available that doesn't have the words "faculty or staff" on it.

Of course, complaining for the sake of it is something people expect students to do. It's a rite of passage for our age, so colleges have learned to ignore it over the years, even colleges that boast an average student age of twenty-seven.

I'll attempt to address the major problems this Fall semester has seen already, and I challenge those in a position of authority to at least reply to this query. I know your answers will probably take the form of so much sugar-coated "we're working on it" spiel that its probably pointless for me to ask, but I want to let the faculty and staff know that if they want to write in and try to defend some of the bizarre policies this campus has enacted, I'll happily print your answer for you.

Anyways, where to begin. First, a minor observation—a warm-up, if you will.

Why exactly are the majority of the reserved parking spaces on this campus kept from the students being under-utilized? The most obnoxious insult to one's intelligence is the row of "dental parking only" places barely fifty feet from the entrance to the student center. Is the campus trying to tell us that dental customers are more important than the students? You see, when you restrict a person providing you with thirteen hundred dollars worth of tuition per semester from parking in a space frequented by fifteen-dollar cleaning patients, you don't send a good message. I've found that I can park in the dentistry parking spaces, and no one says anything. I encourage my fellow students to do so as well— you don't even need an up to date parking decal to do so.

Of course, beyond the ever-present traffic problems are the very real, constant problems. I'm referring to the moment of clarity during which someone decided that it was apparently best to

keep IT instructors from working here unless they have a PHD. I just *love* policy changes that are done in the name of ignoring reality. Every IT course is packed, many above capacity; dozens of students spent last spring and summer walking around and getting approved into classes (especially those of us enjoying the course-offering bottleneck known as the IT ladder). So what do the powers that be decide to do? Fire four instructors who lack a piece of paper but have years of real-world experience between them.

Then there is the ever-present bookstore price gouging, an issue that will not go away as long as prices continue to rise. The campus store, whose "no cash back on book money" policy succeeded in putting the nail in CLS books' coffin (their only local competition), now has the monopoly on overpriced books. Hey kids— put the ISBN number off the back of text books into **Amazon.com's** search feature and check the used book prices. Last semester I saved about \$85 using **Amazon.com**. Plus, Amazon actually has their books in stock.

Maybe I shouldn't feel too angry about the book money. After all, the campus needs cash—so remember to turn off your lights when you leave restrooms. It's as easy as Dell. Because, while you're fed the line about money being scarce here on campus, half the offices around here just received flat screen LCD monitors. It seems that many of the faculty cannot survive without top-of-the-line P4-based notebooks. And yes, you shouldn't ask any questions when you see three or four secretaries sharing laser color printers costing thousands of dollars.

I hope all this doesn't ruffle too many feathers. I have respect for Clayton's growing pains, and I understand administration can't please anyone. I just ask that they remember who is most important to please, because based on what I've seen lately, people are sure as hell out of contact with that fact.

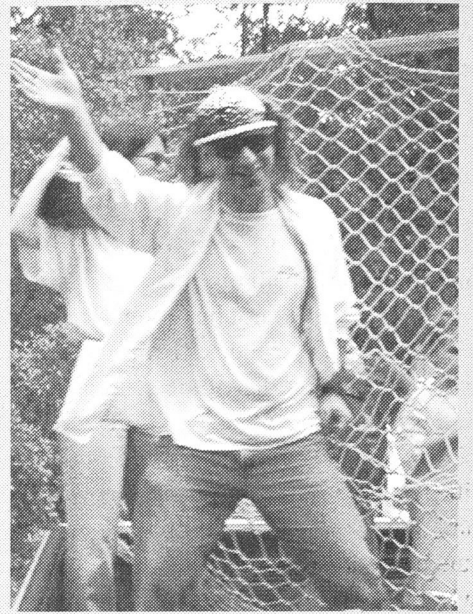
One of the most gifted Linux/Unix instructors this campus has had is now a student in one of my classes, working towards his PHD. I admire the man's patience. Those of us who have been here long enough are running short on it. ■

Get to Know Your Professors! Featuring Dr. Greg Hampikian

By Michelle Lawrimore

When Greg Hampikian was 5 years old, he asked his dad, "what's lightning?" Any other dad would have probably made something up, but his dad took him into the basement, handed him some really big capacitors, and the two of them made sparks. Having a physicist for a father made life interesting at Dr. Hampikian's childhood home in Norfolk, Connecticut. They had a 12 ft. blackboard in their living room used for calculations, bookshelves filled with his father's science books and his mother's political reads but absolutely no fiction books that he can recall, and a basement full of electronics and various pieces of junk that he was completely free to experiment with. He discovered his love for science at a very early age. Even though his father would have preferred him to specialize in physics as he did, Dr. Hampikian enjoys the element of unpredictability that biology offers. He is a man who is fascinated by people. He says, "Honestly, there's nothing like us in the universe!"

Certainly among the most fascinating people to Dr. Hampikian are his children and his wife, who he affectionately referred to as "my Janet." He met "his Janet" in graduate school at the University of Connecticut where he was earning his Ph.D. in Genetics. They were both living in the new dormitory for science students, and he was her RA. "I did a lot of room inspections," he joked. He was impressed by her outstanding sense of morality and her intolerance for nonsense. She is currently an engineering professor in material science at Georgia Tech. Almost exactly nine months after they were married, their son Daniel was born. Dr. Hampikian describes his oldest son as a philosopher, a great poet, and a musician. The two of them love to get together and "jam" on the guitar and the drums. Daniel is a student at CCSU. After Daniel, came Laura, his "perfect angel". Laura is 10 years old; she is a brilliant student and very talented as well. She plays the piano and the flute, takes about five different kinds of dance classes, and is also a Girl Scout. She enjoys nurturing and teaching her little brother, Ben. The adorable little 5-year-old named Benjamin is said to be the most like his dad. He is full of life, enthusiastic about everything, and his dad says, "every-



Dr. Hampikian shakes his grove "thang" at Homecoming 2001.

Picture courtesy of University Relations

thing is his favorite thing." Last Wednesday night, the whole family was at a church dinner watching a talent show. Dr. Hampikian says, "I looked over at Ben, and he looked over at me, and we both knew that we wanted to go to the playground. So we went out, and it was raining, and he and I were just running around having a great time!"

Perhaps he learned his great parenting skills from his own parents who he lovingly calls "freaks, minches, and wonderful, great people." His mother was a very aggressive parent, always defending Greg and his siblings, Paul and Tammy. "We were never wrong, even when we *were* wrong," he says. She was a lunch lady at his elementary school in Norwalk, and she made memorable reforms to lunchtime for the kids including bringing in games and allowing the children to talk. People even today will ask Dr. Hampikian how his mother, the lunch lady, is doing. She currently lives in Paris, and she is incredibly hospitable to any guest that Dr. Hampikian sends her way. She places great importance on fitness, meditation, and chanting. Once a year, Dr. Hampikian travel to Paris to take his 77-year-old mother dancing. In her gold lamé outfit, she leaves at midnight and the two of them dance until 6am. Dr. Hampikian's father lives in Connecticut. "After 36 years of marriage, Dad came home and said, 'Mom has retired with full benefits.' They are exact polar opposites." His dad is a genius, a very ordered and conservative man, and

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Common Cents

During our time spent in college, most of us have dreams of becoming something better, becoming more successful, and certainly finding a way to live comfortably and not have to worry about money. One of the best things college students can do for themselves is learn to think outside of the 9 to 5 box and realize that investing can be their portal to financial freedom. I am no financial advisor, but I am researching my options for investing, and I would like to share my findings with all of you.

Most of us do not have much money to play with. Paychecks from part time work are quickly distributed for car payments, car insurance, rent, credit card bills, textbooks, gas, and groceries. What little is left is usually put in our wallets and spent on frivolous things, such as lunch out, a new shirt, a new DVD. And why shouldn't you treat yourself to something nice every once in a while? You work a job to earn money. You deserve a little spoiling for your efforts. Patience. If you can resist the urge to waste what little you can scrape together each month and *invest* it, you will soon reap the ultimate benefit...freedom. It is very possible that someday you could earn enough from some wise investments that you will not have to work unless you just want to. You won't have to worry about your children being neglected at a nursery while you and your spouse spend all day at jobs that you both hate. You won't have to worry about paying off credit card A with credit card B and juggling your finances so that you can afford to buy you kids new shoes. Sound good? If so, look for a new tip in this column each issue.

We should start simple. Nobody wants to just throw away what little he or she can save as a college student on a risky investment. The first reasonable step is to look into short-term certificates of deposit (CDs). If you're like me, and you have never invested in anything before, you are probably asking, "What exactly is a CD?" It's a type of account that earns interest, and the interest rates for CDs are typically higher than those for a regular savings account. You agree to leave your money in the CD account for a specified period of time, and in return, you earn the specified amount of interest. Interest rates for short-term CDs are normally between three and five percent; however, lately they have been a little lower than that. Most CDs require a minimum deposit of \$1000. You can invest your money for as short as 3 to 6 months, or if you want to invest a



Morons, Morons, Everywhere

By: Brian Gardiner

DAMN IT! I was almost killed twice this morning by idiots driving faster than hyper speed in the Arts & Science parking lot. Not only are the speeds absolutely insane, but also if your "system" is so loud that you cannot hear someone screaming under your new, shiny, way to small, tires, it is too loud! I am not going to pretend that I strictly obey all traffic laws because I do go over the speed limit on a pretty regular basis. However, I don't drive 50 mph in circles around the parking lot. Someone is going to die or at least be seriously hurt by this absolutely irresponsible behavior. No matter how fast you drive the parking lots will still be full, at least for the first few weeks of school until the morons with no direction realize that just showing up for college isn't enough, and they drop out. Not only do individual students cause problems but also part of the problem that we have all been experiencing is that enrollment is up to 5,000, which are about 400 more students than usual. It is extremely interesting to me that at a time where we have

less parking than ever because of construction or demolition the school has not limited enrollment. Obviously there is an increased demand for a spot here at Clayton State, but if we do not have the extra space shouldn't we simply make entrance requirements a little more difficult and keep enrollment the same? Not only would this alleviate some of the headaches associated with parking, but it would also keep out some of the brain dead children that flood the campus each fall. Of course the increased enrollment, and reduced parking has done nothing to help the parking situation, but even without increases in enrollment fall semester has always had the same problems, most of which stem not from the actual volume but from the influx of new, excited (and/or irresponsible) students. Which brings me to another point. Look, I know you new people are excited about coming to college but most of you look absolutely ridiculous. I cannot even begin to pretend that I can actually count the number of girls I have seen that look like they

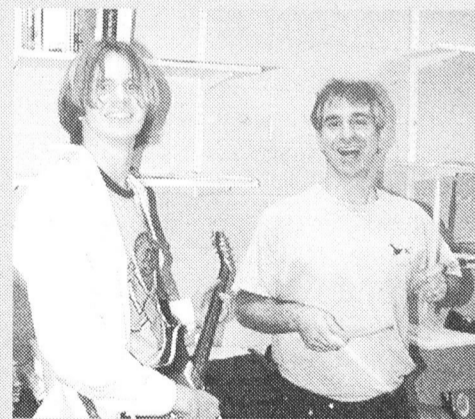
are going to prom. I mean there is really no need to go to the salon every morning before you come to school. Here's the thing, the only guys that are going to be interested in the teeny bopper look are the same guys you went to high school with or at least guys with the mental capacity of guys that you went to high school with. So either way, cut the crap and just calm down a little. Guys, I know there is a lot of new tail for you to look at on campus but you have to realize that if you really want to just stare at girls there are much better places to do it, clubs, bars, or Hooters. The fact of the matter is that once you get over the new experience of going to college you will realize that you are going to have to focus on an actual goal in order to be successful. There is no possible way that you can groove your way through school without having a ballpark idea about what you are here for. In fact you should probably do yourself, and all of us who care, a favor and just quit before you have invested loads of time and money coming to school taking up space for real students.

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a physics professor who discovered his life's calling at the age of 60. Dr. Hampikian describes his dad as being hilarious; however, there was one time in particular that Dr. Hampikian recounted when he really wasn't sure if his dad was joking. When the proud grandfather met 4-month-old Daniel for the first time, he turned to Greg and said, "You know, I don't want you to think that there's any pressure on what your son should be when he grows up. Whatever he gets his Ph.D. in is fine. Any science. Even biology." Oddly enough, Dr. Hampikian's grandfather was a poet. Dr. Hampikian seems to have a great interest in both fields. He loves to write. He's awaiting word regarding whether or not he will have his first novel published by UGA Press. The book is a true story, written with and about Calvin Johnson, Jr., an innocent man convicted of rape who served 16 years in prison and still emerged with an astoundingly positive attitude toward our criminal justice system. Dr. Hampikian enjoys writing in many different genres. This past February, he wrote and produced the play, *Your Name in Bold*, for the Clayton State Theater. His first love is poetry though. He says that most of his poems are inspired by religion, love, and family. On his website he has some incredible poems and essays. One essay about his second honeymoon in Europe with his wife is so touching that it brought tears to my eyes. He described how they were lying on a boulder gazing at the stars, and his wife wanted to pray for a shooting star. He says, "In the

of my dreams. Suddenly—a meteor starts like a flare gun in the heavens and then falls to the earth in red splinters of fire. She squeezes my hand, and I know that there is nothing left to wish for."

Dr. Hampikian's faith in God has become a central part of his life and he says he and his wife have had great harmony in this regard. In his college years, his conversion to Christianity was what he considers the biggest event of his life. He had previously been what he describes as somewhat wild and into meditating. He had a friend named Ben who was the



Dr. Greg Hampikian with his son Daniel in his office practicing a piece of music for the Fall Follies. Picture courtesy of University Relations.

equivalent of a hippie time-warped into the early 80's who, like himself, was a science student with a great amount of skepticism concerning religion of any kind. One night, Ben came to his door holding a Bible, a look of amazement on his face and in the company of a girl named Helen who was the "squarest, straightest, dowdiest dressing" Christian girl in the science house. Ben exclaimed, "It's true!

It's true!" Of course, Greg invited them in and listened to Ben talk about how he was born again. Greg had already been feeling burnt out, and at that moment in his life, he realized that he could start over. He called his parents at 6 or 7am Paris time to tell them that he had converted. His father was an agnostic who thought faith was a good idea, so he was happy for him. Dr. Hampikian jokes that his mother, an atheist, "took his conversion as another sign that they had left their son too young and destroyed his mentality."

Both of his parents are of Armenian descent but grew up in Egypt. Dr. Hampikian grew up in America, 2nd generation Armenian, and he says that his ethnicity had a profound effect on him as a child. His parents knew nothing about American culture. His family didn't have turkey at Thanksgiving until he was twelve. At young Greg's insistence, his dad finally took the family to Howard Johnson's so that they could have turkey just like everyone else. He was a "nerdy, odd-ball, really weird kid" until 6th grade when he realized that it's okay to be very different. He says that being different can be a strength if you can wield it properly. He certainly found a way to wield his differences into strengths; in middle school he became very outgoing and became the president of the school. He went on to be the president of his high school class every year as well. His parents made him a deal that they would leave him their house in Connecticut when they moved

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Campus News

Tim Sanders Brings 'BIZLOVE' Beatitudes to HUB's New L.A.K.E.R. Kickoff!

by Leigh Duncan

Lovecat; Bizlove; Killer App; Bizpeople; Intangibles; Bizworld; Business Ecosystems. Strange lingo presented by not-so-strange 'bizlinguist', Tim Sanders, vice president and chief solutions officer at Yahoo!, who recently presented his positively charged explication at Clayton College & State University's Spivey Hall, on how to be successful in the 'biz'ness world today.

You wouldn't expect love being taught as a useful skill in the business world, but that is exactly the concept that was presented by Sanders on Wednesday, July 10 at Spivey Hall. He spoke to an audience of some two hundred listeners, nearly a third of which were HUB analysts; students employed by the HUB who help other students with their computer and technical needs.

Executive Director of the Office of Information Technology and Services, Ron Barden, in his introduction talked about "giving our students 'softskills ethics, understanding and a smile.'" "This

training focuses on developing our students soft skills; specifically Leadership, Approach (to the job), Knowledge, Excellence (in all you do) and Responsibility, L.A.K.E.R.", according to Debye Baird, client services coordinator in the Communication & Technology Services department. "LAKERS" the school's mascot, was used as an acronym to keep things focused and tied together.

Sanders, who is currently touring to promote his new book, "Love is the Killer App", spoke about the outdated GSE formula being taught in business schools (Greed, Speed, and Efficiency) in comparison with his three corporate values; knowledge sharing, networking and compassion.

Media specialist Joyce Sandusky, had read Sanders book and discussed with

Baird how the book perfectly complimented the goal of the HUB's training program. "We were in search of a keynote speaker for our 2002 training kickoff and decided that if we did not ask Tim to speak, he could not say yes he would come. So taking a chance, we decided that Joyce would be the single point of contact for us to communicate with him. He said yes and you know the rest," says Baird.

Sanders point and what the directors of the HUB are hoping to convey to Clayton State students is love in the work place is the missing link and the key to becoming successful in the business world. Building trust, understanding and long term relationships are necessary in the fast paced e-commerce world that students are entering.

Sanders defined his buzz word 'bizlove' as "sensibly sharing intangibles; knowledge, network and compassion with customers and colleagues so I can be successful!"

He began by defining the 'business ecosystem' in terms of a pyramid with knowledge being the foundation.

"Everyone wants our knowledge," he says, "they get to know you and will respect you. That's why it's the foundation of 'bizlove'. Give your knowledge. Keep being a student!"

"All people are fundamentally kind," quoted Sanders of Abraham Maslow. "Networker's mysteriously put people together and then disappear", he continued, and "if you are smart and nice, you can share compassion without being embarrassed." Sanders defines compassion as: "when you open your heart and truly identify with other persons' life." He went on to say "a positively charged emotional environment creates a better work environment."

Sanders admits, "In a dog-eat-dog world, I'd rather be a cat", a 'Lovecat' that is (the provocative term he uses to describe the modern successful businessman). "The Internet is bad news for bad guys, it has changed everything." No one is able to get away with treating a client or customer poorly anymore. News travels too fast.

In closing, Sanders reminded the audience of the average number of times per day the words love and hate are used; hate outnumbering love nearly four to one. Quoting Leo Buscaglia, he charged the audience, "The next time you get ready to use the word hate, try to find a way to show love." ■



VP Executive Tim Sanders signing banner at the reception. Picture by University Relations.

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 JOUR011 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 or Dr. Steve Spence. If you are interested in writing for the Bent Tree please contact

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Ambassadors Rule! Gerald Heavens, Jennifer Hodges, Anika Chambers, Scott Hughes, Aaron Bailey, Andy Bloch, and Nicole Vater.

Who are the Clayton State Ambassadors? (And what on earth do they do?)

Last year, a new student group—the Ambassadors—organized in order to “reach out” to prospective students who are considering making Clayton State their university. Ambassadors are friendly and “diplomatic” students who are willing to give a little of their time to help prospective students (high school seniors and transfers) learn more about Clayton State. Ambassadors are involved students who have a ready smile and a helpful attitude. Ambassadors are invested in their studies, and love their University.

Under the able leadership of Brian Magill (now a Clayton State graduate working for Turner Enterprises), and Jennifer Hodges (current Treasurer of the Ambassadors), the Ambassadors had a really successful kickoff. Here are a few highlights of what they accomplished last year:

- Served as hosts/hostesses at Laker Days (Open house programs)
- Supported men’s and women’s soccer teams selling concessions at all home games
- Hosted prospective students and gave them personalized campus tours
- Visited high schools and attended college fairs with Clayton State recruitment staff
- Served as volunteers in the Ambassador Outreach Center calling and writing to students who had applied to the University for fall semester
- Partied together

WHAT? Did that last bullet say PARTY? While service to their university is a BIG part of what they do, Ambassadors are also about having fun. Just ask any of this year’s officers (pictured below)! These outstanding Ambassadors recently spent a weekend together in a



Clayton State’s Ambassadors left to right: Gerald Heavens, Jennifer Hodges, Anika Chambers, Scott Hughes, Aaron Bailey (Advisor), Andy Bloch and Nicole Vater. Not pictured Advisor Diane Burns. Picture by Diane Burns.

beautiful North Georgia cabin planning the coming year’s events—Homecoming, soccer concessions, and a skit for Laker Day (open house program for prospective students). But, when their work was done, they certainly had some fun. Rumor has it that some fierce competition arose during a trivial pursuit

contest...with the championship yet to be decided. Chasing an unwanted “furry creature” was a big challenge, and certainly let the bravery of our Ambassador officers (and their faculty sponsor) shine through.

What about you? Are you looking

- Are you comfortable meeting new students and talking with them?
- Would you like to encourage students who are interested in your major?
- If Clayton State has been a good choice for you, do you recommend it to others?

Do you remember the issues you faced when deciding which college to attend? Want to give a little time to help make this process easier for someone else? If you are new to Clayton State this semester, joining the Ambassador organization will help you to become involved quickly on campus. You will have opportunities to develop new friends, gain knowledge and skills, and contribute to your University by helping to attract the very best new students for the future.

Ambassadors will have a table at the Student Activities Fair on September 10. If you think you might make a good Ambassador, stop by to meet some current members and pick up an application for membership.

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

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Assistant Director of Recruitment, at
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or

Anika Chambers,
Secretary of the Ambassadors, at
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for a way to have fun and become involved on campus? Could you be a potential Ambassador? Here are a few questions:

- Are you friendly—a “people person”?
- Do you like it here at Clayton State?

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to Paris if he could finish high school early. He graduated from high school at age 16, inherited his parents’ house (that he threw some really great parties in), and went on to be an even more outgoing college student. He did stand up comedy in the dormitories, had a radio talk show, and was known as the most entertaining and most daring person among all of his friends. After his first year of college, he came back home and his friend, Steve, suggested that they ride to Florida on bicycles. They had talked about it for a while, but that summer, they actually did it. They rode for 1200 miles, bleeding because they had on the wrong shorts, being hungry because they didn’t have any food with them, and camping in the woods beside the exits on the highway. It was one of his proudest accomplishments, and he says it is still an example to him that you can do anything if you put your mind to it.

Dr. Hampikian has done some interesting research everywhere from

Yale to La Trobe in Australia to the CDC in Atlanta, just to name a few. He currently teaches Sex and Gender, Human Genetics, and numerous Biology courses. He has been teaching at Clayton State since 1993. He says, “I love this place! Look at what I’ve been able to do here. As I told Laura, it’s show-and-tell everyday, and it’s always my turn. But beyond that, it’s like Dad’s basement again!” Dr. Hampikian truly enjoys his work. His one line philosophy about life is, “Happy is the man who cannot tell his work from his hobbies, his friends from his colleagues, his students from his children.”

** If you would like to read about your favorite professor, e-mail the Bent Tree at Btree@mail.clayton.edu and let us know who your favorite professor is.**

Student Activities Fair

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September

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11 am - 7 pm

Student Center Cafe

Intimate Insights

Help me!

I've been with my boyfriend for a long time. When we first got together, he was always doing sweet little things. He'd leave a love-themed greeting card or notes in places where I would find them, he used to write me the sweetest poems, and he was always eager to wrap his arms around me. He has not written me a poem in over a year. He only gives me sweet cards on holidays, and he really doesn't hold me or show me a lot of affection unless I initiate it. I am unfortunately a hopeless romantic. I fantasize about him doing little sweet romantic things that honestly, I don't think would ever even occur to him, like singing a really sweet love song to me or setting up a romantic evening of a candle light dinner and slow dancing. My imagination of what *could* be only makes what *isn't* even more saddening. It seems like I'm always trying to think of little things I can do to make him happy, but he feels like the little things aren't necessary anymore. If I hint about the things I want, he makes me feel like I'm being too demanding. I really miss the thrills and surprises of a new relationship, but I wouldn't give this one up for the world. What should I do?

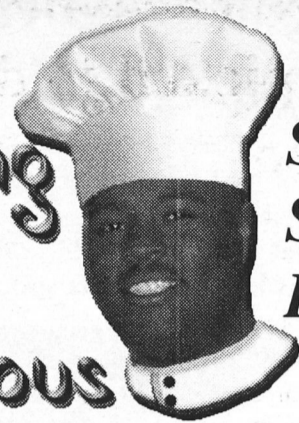
Missing the Romance

Female Response: It's never a bad idea to just talk to him and be honest. I can see how that might be difficult in this situation though. You don't want to have to ask him to do these things or to suggest your own surprise. It sounds like he has become really comfortable in your relationship and that he feels like the chase is over, you're his. That can be good and bad. You might be able to inspire him if you give him a big, sweet romantic surprise first. You could try talking to one of his friends about the situation and hope that his friend makes a suggestion to him (This works much better if it's a female friend. Male friends may not get the hint or care.) Also, I think it might be a good idea to back off a little. If you don't initiate the affection, he'll eventually miss it and be forced to be the initiator.

Male Response: We are very simple creatures. If you begin to neglect us we will eventually miss the affection and will start initiating the romance again. Don't give up on your man just yet, but if he stays "romance free" much longer you will have to be blunt and tell him to knock it off!

If you have a question you would like answered e-mail us at btree@mail.clayton.edu

Cooking With G-licious!



Southern Smothered Potatoes

You ever had one of those nights where you come home to an empty house and a full stomach? Now, I know we've all got great microwaving skills, but how many of us can actually slap on an apron and cook a "meal"? Well, if you can't...that's okay, and that's where I come into play. By the end of this semester I will have shown you how to impress your friends, girlfriends, boyfriends, and even your mothers with some simple quirks to add to your cooking repertoire.

Let's kick off the semester with a little side dish of Southern Smothered Potatoes.

To begin this process, you must have potatoes (frozen fries will work, but not the same). Cut the potatoes as if you are making french fries. After cutting, rinse them and drain all the water off of the taters. Season your taters to your taste. I like to use salt, red and black pepper, Lawrys's season salt (yes, I love salt...sue me) and lemon pepper. Use your own judgement. After seasoning, lightly flour them.

Now, you are ready to cook. Get a pan and cover the bottom with oil (keep in mind, YOU ARE NOT COOKING CHICKEN... it does not take much) and place over medium heat. Once your oil

is heated, gently pour the potatoes into the pan. The oil will "pop" and splatter slightly, but do not worry. Allow your potatoes to soften some; however, you do not want them completely cooked. Drain your oil, and add diced onion, green peppers. Make sure you are shifting your taters so that they are not burning on one side.

Add a cup of water (depending on the amount potatoes). Turn temperature of pan down to low. Allow potatoes to brown; however, you do not want mush. So, keep your eye on your food. Turn heat off, and let potatoes simmer. Serve with chicken or pork chops (or whatever floats your boat). Take care. See ya next issue!

As far as quantity, once again, use your own judgement. If you are the only one eating, do not cut a whole bag of potatoes. If you are cooking for more than yourself, you should cut enough potatoes to cover your party. My fellow Lakers, cooking is something you have to do over and over. If it does not work out the first time, keep trying. Eventually, you will have your own twist to a recipe.

"The mind is like a parachute, it works best when open."

Horosopes

Happy Birthday Virgo: This fall means new beginnings, mark something off your life to-do list. Single? A new prospect will bring excitement.

Libra: Deep thinking will greatly help your studies, but don't take on too many projects. You can't do it all!

Scorpio: This will be a magical month in the workplace and with love, enjoy the inspiration.

Sagittarius: Even though this month runs amok and plans may go awry, you'll finally know what you really want from life.

Capricorn: Go with your gut instincts this month. Take a chance on love, it could be that special someone.

Aquarius: You'll have a major priority shift this month. When one door closes, another will open-don't miss the opportunity.

Pisces: You'll crave peace and quiet this month. Get what you need most, a healthy dose of solitude.

Aries: There is no downtime this month; you'll be swamped with new projects. Take it easy and remember to smile.

Taurus: This month will heat up your love zone. This is your sexiest month of the year. All your wishes will be granted.

Gemini: You've taken on too much responsibility, yet yield tremendous results. Your charm will win the hearts of all.

Cancer: You've walked right into your romance zone. This is your busiest and most rewarding month of the year. Enjoy!

Leo: Razzle-dazzle will get you far this month. You'll reap a lot of money and embark in a new relationship.

R I D E S H A R E

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http://admins-services.clayton.edu/ps/RideShare/EHS_NewProgram.htm.

Clayton State picked to defend Peach Belt Men's Soccer crown

For the second straight year, the Clayton College & State University Lakers have been selected the preseason favorites to capture the Peach Belt Conference men's soccer championship in a poll of the league's seven head coaches.

The Lakers edged Lander University by two points and third-place USC Spartanburg by five points. North Florida and Francis Marion were next, while UNC Pembroke and USC Aiken tied to round out the voting.

After being picked first last season, Clayton State won its first-ever PBC Championship in 2001, en route to its second straight appearance in the NCAA Tournament. The Lakers are coming off an 11-4-5 season and a 5-0-1 mark in the PBC. They were ranked 13th in the final National Soccer Coaches Association of America poll.

In 2002, fourth-year coach John Rootes, the second winningest all-time coach in NCAA Division II soccer, will once again rely on a stingy defense. The defending PBC champs kick off their 2002 season on the road on Monday, September 2 at Florida Southern College.

Two-time All-Region goalkeeper Warren van der Westhuizen returns for his senior season. Westhuizen posted the nation's sixth best goals against average at .78 last year and has 24 shutouts in the last two seasons.

In addition to Westhuizen, two-time All-Region striker Barry Casebeer will return for his senior season after scoring

28 goals in the last two seasons. All-PBC Tournament performer Michael Lynch will return for his senior season along with seniors Stephen Hughes and Josh Miller, junior Brad Havenga and sophomores Shaun Baddock, Des Martin and David Dowling.

Lander, the second place team in the poll, developed into CCSU's closest rival last season and beat the Lakers in the first round of the NCAA Tournament to advance to the Elite Eight. The Senators will be led again by the potent offensive trio of Scott Montgomery, Mikko Kotilainen and Jamie Creaghan, all of whom were named All-Conference in 2001. The three players combined to score 37 goals and 26 assists.

USC Spartanburg capped a forgettable regular season by capturing the 2001 PBC Tournament title, beating Lander and Clayton State in consecutive games. However, the Rifles will need to replace all-conference scoring sensation Tuomas Tahvanainen but should get help from standout goalkeeper John Andrew Rousseau and forward Preben Ringerike.

North Florida will have to make their run for the 2002 title without All-Conference stars Colm Keirans and Daniel Alstrom but do return goalkeeper Blake Baldwin and defender Ado Hasanovic. 2001 PBC Freshman of the Year Stephen Ademolu will return to lead the attack for UNC Pembroke after scoring 12 goals his freshman season.

Clayton State picked to finish fourth by PBC coaches in 2002

Coming off its most successful season ever with a record number of regular season and conference wins, the Clayton College & State University women's soccer team was picked to finish fourth in a poll of the league's eight head coaches in 2002.

By the narrowest margin in the brief history of PBC women's soccer, the University of North Florida was picked to capture the 2002 championship. The Lady Ospreys picked up four of a possible seven first-place votes to finish just ahead of Francis Marion and USC Spartanburg. Behind Clayton State, UNC Pembroke and newcomer Kennesaw State were tied for fifth. USC Aiken and Lander rounded out the voting.

CCSU finished the 2001 campaign with an 11-7 record and a 3-3 mark in the league, both school records. All-Region striker Nkiru Okosieme will lead head coach T.O. Totty's 2002 team. A sophomore striker, Nkiru shattered both Peach Belt Conference and school records last season with 33 goals on the year, averaging four points per contest. She was named to the All-Region and All-PBC teams.

Okosieme finished the season as the second best goal scorer in the country averaging 1.83 goals per match, while her four points per match ranked fourth in the nation. She had 12 multi-goal games last season and was named Peach Belt Conference Player of the Week on two different occasions.

She broke conference records in the following categories last 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 117; and shots in a match, 13.

In addition to Okosieme, All-PBC performer Anya Heminger, returns for her senior season. Heminger was third in

the Peach Belt Conference in assists with 10, setting a CCSU single season record. She also added five goals on the year and averaged 1.25 points per match, ranking her 12th best in the conference.

Also returning to the 2002 squad will be 2001 All-PBC Tournament performer and two-year starter Zulynette Olivo, 2000 All-PBC Tournament performer and two-year starting sweeper Jessica Grenier. Three-year starting defenders Leah Pharr and Caryn Carpenter return for their senior seasons.

North Florida finished 5-1 in PBC play in 2001 and advanced to the quarterfinals of the NCAA tournament. However, the Lady Ospreys will have to deal with the loss of 2001 Player of the Year Terri Moo-Young and all-conference players Carrie Betten and Jill Veitch, who combined to score 19 goals and 28 assists. The scoring burden will fall to midfielders Dana and Diane Hemke and forward Erin Wiggins, who scored 11 goals last year.

Francis Marion finished third in the regular season in 2001 but came back to win the PBC Tournament. All-conference and tournament MVP Katie Roberts, who set a PBC record in 2001 by scoring five goals in one game, will lead the Patriots. USC Spartanburg was selected fourth in the 2001 preseason poll and surprised everyone by winning the 2001 Championship. The Lady Rifles are third in this year's poll and will have to deal with the loss of all-conference standout Thea Moen, who was the second-leading scorer in the conference last season with 18 goals and five assists.

PBC Freshman of the Year Simonae Taylor returns for her sophomore campaign at UNC Pembroke, a team beginning its second year of play. Kennesaw State will launch their program in 2002 under the direction of coach Rob King.

Clayton State women's basketball team signs four players for 2002-03 season

Morrow, GA - After posting its highest win total in four years and its most Peach Belt Conference wins ever, the Clayton College & State University women's basketball team took a giant step in the 2001-02 season. With the recent signing of four more talented Lady Laker players this spring, the program hopes to continue its climb up the Peach Belt ladder in 2002-03.

Head coach A.C. McCullers' 2002 class of signees is comprised of one Division I transfer and three incoming freshmen. April Taylor, a freshman last season at Georgia State University, joins three

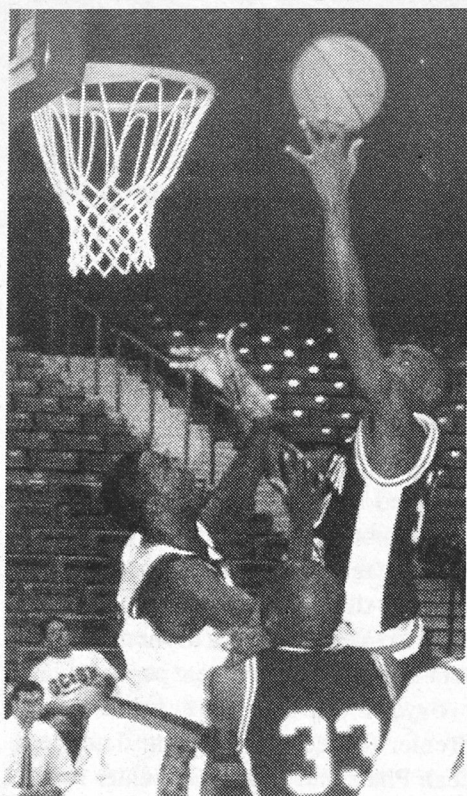
incoming high school freshmen in Carlie Anderson, Hokes Bluff, AL; Rhonda Bass, Cleveland, GA; and Ashley Howell, Gadsden, AL.

In addition, Cynthia Conseil, a sophomore from the French island of Martinique, will be added to the mix of new players after enrolling at Clayton State during the spring. Coach McCullers also says he will probably sign one more player this summer.

"We are extremely excited about the group of young ladies we have coming in," said head coach AC McCullers. "We feel like



Senior Goal Keeper Warren van der Westhuizen makes a save during practice. Picture courtesy of Gid Rowell.



Former Clayton State basketball star Robert Conley. Picture courtesy of Gid Rowell.

Former Clayton State basketball star makes NBA Grizzlies' Summer League roster

http://www.nba.com/grizzlies/news/summer_league_02.html

L.A. Lakers' Summer League team, followed by scoring 23 points against the Phoenix Suns' team, hitting 9-15 from the field, including 4-of-5 from 3-point territory.

One advantage of the Summer Pro League over other developmental leagues is that players are under the direct instruction of a NBA coaching staff.

"What a story!" said Clayton State head basketball coach Gordon Gibbons. "Robert was a relative unknown coming out of junior college and has worked his way to the top league in the world next to the NBA. And now, he is producing in it ... What a worker. Robert remains close to the Clayton State program by staying in touch with former teammates and stops by when he is in town."

It has been an unbelievable rise to the top for Conley.

A three-year letterwinner at Columbia High School in Atlanta, Conley played for coach Phil McCrary and was named the most improved player after his sophomore season.

Not heavily recruited, he played two seasons at Macon State College, averaging 15 points and six rebounds per game as a freshman and 17 points and eight rebounds as a sophomore.

From Macon State, Conley transferred to Clayton State where he really began to blossom as a player.

A 1999 Division II All-American, Conley was the nation's third leading scorer in the 1998-99 season after averaging a Clayton State best 24.6 points per game, while shooting 56 percent from the field.

He owns virtually all of the Laker single season and career scoring records. His 24.6 points per game ranked as a Peach Belt Conference best until USC Aiken's Clint Keown edged him in 2001-02 with a 24.7 average per game.

Conley set the Clayton State single game scoring record in his senior season against USCA with 40 points, hitting 15-of-19 from the field. He holds the career CCSU scoring average at 22.2 points per game and is second on the all-time scoring list with 1,219 points in only two seasons. He is also second on the all-time field goal percentage list, shooting 55 percent for his career.

Along with being named a 1999 All-American, Conley was a two-time All-South Region player and a two-time Peach Belt All-Conference selection.

Out of college, Conley began his unassuming pro career without the "fanfare" or "limelight," playing briefly with the United States Basketball League's Atlanta Trojans. From there, he played in 1999-2000 with a team in Lithuania, Alita Savy, where he averaged 13 points and four rebounds per game.

In 2000-01, Conley attempted to make the Dijon team in France's top league but was cut and later joined France's Brest squad, a Pro B League team, as a replacement player. He excelled with the Brest team, averaging 26 points in 12 games.

With his performance in that league, Conley got his first big "break" in February of 2001 as he signed to play on a 1st Division team in Germany, Basket Braunschweig. He averaged 19 points and seven rebounds in 14 games in the league.

In the summer of 2001, he played on a team in the Dominican Republic, CDP Domingo Paulinho, and was also named the Most Valuable Player in the Kenny Smith League in Atlanta.

His solid play led to a tryout in August of 2001 in Italy's A-League, the top professional league in Europe. He signed in September to play for Italy's Mabo Livornoto and played in 34 games last year.

Described by the league as a "Baby Jordan" type player with an explosive first step, who can step out and hit a 3-pointer or take it to the basket, he averaged 17 points and four rebounds per game to go along with almost two assists and three steals per contest.

His play in the Italian league led him to the NBA Summer Pro League, where he is now on the same roster and playing against first and second round draft picks and veteran NBA players.

A couple of the notable players on the Grizzlies' roster are first round pick Drew Gooden, the fourth overall pick in the 2002 NBA Draft from Kansas, and second round pick Robert Archibald, the 32nd pick from Illinois.

What are your priorities in life?

Letter from the Editor: Kevin Dixon

Last night I saw something that really got to me. It was a story of a group of kids who look as if they don't have much to live for, but they live life for all it's worth.

Billy, 6 years old, is the biggest Yankees fan you will find on the planet. As he romps around the house proudly sporting his Derek Jeter jersey, he dreams the same dream all boys his age do. To be batting in the bottom of the ninth inning in game seven of the World Series and hitting a walk off home run into the bleachers at Yankee stadium to win the world championship. A dream that could come true for many kids in the world, but not likely for Billy. You see, Billy was born with a rare disease placing him in a wheel chair for his entire life. He can't walk like the other kids, he can't play like the other kids, but he can dream just like all the other kids.

Billy is apart of a league that helps handicapped children live out the dream of

being that hero in the big game. He refuses to let his disability keep him from becoming the next Derek Jeter or Nomar Garciaparra. I was fortunate enough to see these kids play on ESPN last Saturday. Watching them smile and laugh brought back memories of my own childhood, but something was missing. I couldn't quite place what it was, and then after watching the Little League World Series I realized what was missing. It was odd not to hear any whining or complaining coming from the stands or the dugout. I mean, that is apart of Little League Baseball isn't it? Having moms and dads yelling at the umpires and the coaches, and making a fool of them and their kids. I am a big believer that parents should be banned from youth sports programs. They seem to be the young, immature ones at the field. But you didn't see that at Billy's game. You saw high fives, and heard, "You the Man," all throughout the day! It brought tears to my eyes as I realized how selfish I can be, and how cynical I can be, and I realized how many times I use the word "I" everyday.

As the game went off the air, I began to think about sports in general and how corporate America has made them. Think about it, we pay athletes more money than we pay those to protect and save our lives everyday. Makes you wonder where America's priorities lay. And now, these rich, I mean very rich

players are going to go on strike. They say that we don't understand on why they are wanting to strike, but who cares. We know they're arguing about money, more money than I'll ever see in a lifetime. One player was quoted as saying he wouldn't be able to make his car payment if a strike were to wipe out the rest of the season. Well, no one told him to go out and buy a damn Bentley. He needs to drive a Honda, just like the rest of us. Whether they decide to strike or not, they have lost a piece of respect from this baseball fan.

When I was little I wanted more than anything to be a professional baseball player, but now, more than anything, I'm glad I'm not. We could all learn a lesson from Billy and his teammates. We may not have a lot of money or live a fancy life style, but we have a lot to be thankful for. I know that I might never be rich or experience a life of luxury, but I know I have a whole lot to live for...Thanks Billy!

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