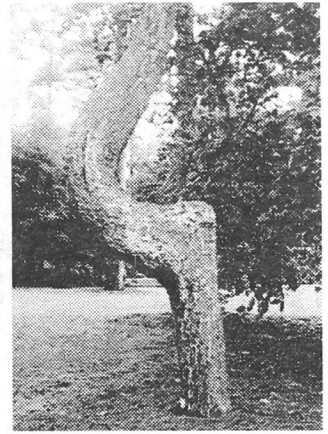


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Parking Policies for Individuals with Disabilities

University Center (UC)

A recent issue of the Bent Tree featured an article told from a student's point of view on the disability parking situation on campus. Since then, many changes have been made to make the campus more accessible to all students. The following is a description of the short-term and long-term changes.

The policies and procedures below address the short term and long term parking needs of individuals with disabilities who request access to UC parking.

Short-term Parking

Visitors to the University Center: Community members and visitors who are attending functions at the UC or who request access to UC parking AND who have verifiable state handicapped stickers will be allowed access to the UC lot. Frequent visits may require that individuals who need repeated access to the UC lot provide documentation of the disability to the Director of Disability Services.

Long-term Parking

Students, faculty, and staff with disabilities that substantially limit their mobility with regard to the major life activity of walking will be allowed to park in the UC lot on a **limited basis**. Limited basis refers to the number of permissions that can be granted in proportion to the total number of spaces in the lot, the number of other legitimate uses of the lot that occur simultaneously with semester classes, and a possible limited time period depending on the nature of the disability. Permission to park in the UC lot based on a disability will be made for those individuals with disabilities judged to be the most severe. Permissions based on temporary disabilities (e.g., a broken leg) may be given on a time-limited basis for those who have classes or work in the UC. Individuals with disabilities who would like to apply to park in the UC parking lot need to



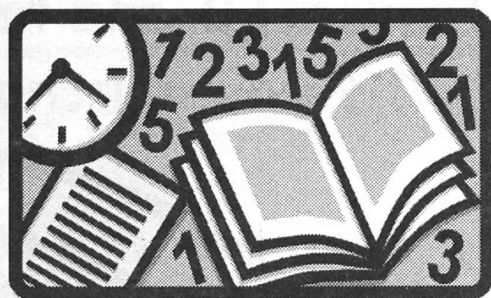
make an appointment with the Director of Disability Services, Dr. Elaine Manglitz, by calling Karen Blackburn at 770-961-3719.

When you call to make the appointment, you will be notified of the documentation you need to bring to verify the disability and apply for parking in the UC lot. In addition, if you are granted permission to park in the UC lot, you will be asked to sign a form indicating your understanding of the policies and procedures for parking in the UC lot.

Decisions will be made according to the following criteria:

- Thoroughness of documentation that shows substantial limitation in ability to walk from existing parking lots/ accessible spaces to the UC
- Severity of disability
- Need: Students with classes or faculty/staff with offices or classes in the UC will be given first priority
- Permission to park in the UC lot will be given and reviewed on a semester-by-semester and a case-by-case basis.

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CAA Workshops and Events

This semester the Center for Academic Assistance will host a variety of workshops in the CAA Lab (in the lower level of the library). These workshops will focus on various topics in Math and Writing & Research Citation. Please visit the CAA website throughout the semester for workshop schedules and updates: <http://adminservices.clayton.edu/caa/> In addition to these workshops, the CAA will hold two Tutoring Blitzes this semester:

Get Centered Tutoring Blitz
Feb. 23 & 24 9am-7pm
Final Review Tutoring Blitz
May 2 & 3 9am-7pm.

During these times, students may receive tutorials on a walk-in basis from not only CAA tutors but various faculty members as well. Faculty who wish to volunteer should email Kelly Taylor (KellyTaylor@mail.clayton.edu) their availability and specialties for these dates.

Regents' Prep Sessions
The Center for Academic Assistance will host a series of Regents' Test Preparation Sessions in the CAA Lab (in the lower floor of the Library). The prep sessions are especially helpful for students who have never taken the exam, but students who have taken and not passed the exam are also invited. For Dates and Times see page 8.

around campus...



Tips for the Transfer Student

by: Lauron Huff

Starting at a new school should be an exciting experience, because it involves meeting new people and making new memories. As the semester progresses, you may soon discover that the way things were at your old school are quite different from the way things are at your new one. To help you with your transition to your new environment I have compiled some tips that helped me through my first couple of weeks at CCSU.

□ **Join a Club or Organization**
There are over 26 different clubs and organizations on campus. Joining these clubs will make it easier to meet people. To find out which clubs may be right for you: go to www.clayton.edu home page. Click on office and departments, and then click on clubs and organizations.

□ **Obtain a student handbook**
This book is essential because it includes detailed information about what is expected of you as a student. This is where you would find the "student policies and procedures." If a hard copy is not accessible you can go to www.clayton.edu click on current

students then, student handbook.

□ **Obtain a Program Guide**
This sheet will list the class requirements needed to complete your Major. It is also a good tool to measure your progress. You can get a copy of the sheet from the department of your major

□ **Obtain an Academic catalog**
This is very important because some classes that you may need require prerequisites. If you refer to this catalog it will tell you the name of the prerequisites needed.

□ **Find out about Experiential learning**
If your major requires experiential learning find your internship early. Before you can earn college credit for an internship you need to be enrolled at CCSU one semester and be in good academic standing. Look in the academic catalog to see if you have to satisfy any classes prior to the internship. go to: www.clayton.edu homepage. Click on current student then experiential learning.

Earn Course Credit by Testing

by: Lauron Huff

Do you want to graduate early? Do you want to skip a full semester of required coursework? If so, then this article is definitely for you! The CLEP (College-Level Examination Program) can allow students the opportunity to shorten the amount of time it takes to get a degree. You can earn college credit for 37 subjects by taking a 90 minute computerized CLEP test. CCSU accepts credit for 25 different subjects if a score of 50 or more is achieved. The College-level examination Program offers tests ranging from American Literature to Principles of Management. The exam allows you the option of taking a test in lieu of a semester of classroom sessions. The cost is \$75 for each exam, \$85 for exams requiring an essay. Compared to the cost of tuition fees and time, Ms. Sharon Long—Director of the testing center—wants more students to know about the great opportunity CLEP testing have to offer.

Why take CLEP exams? By taking one or more CLEP exams in your strong subjects, you can ...

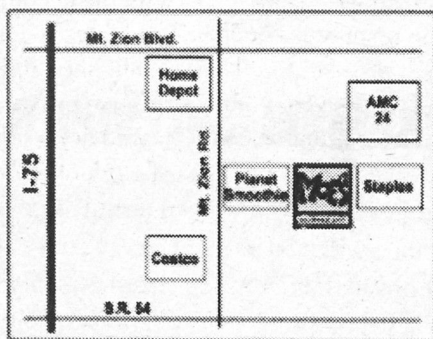
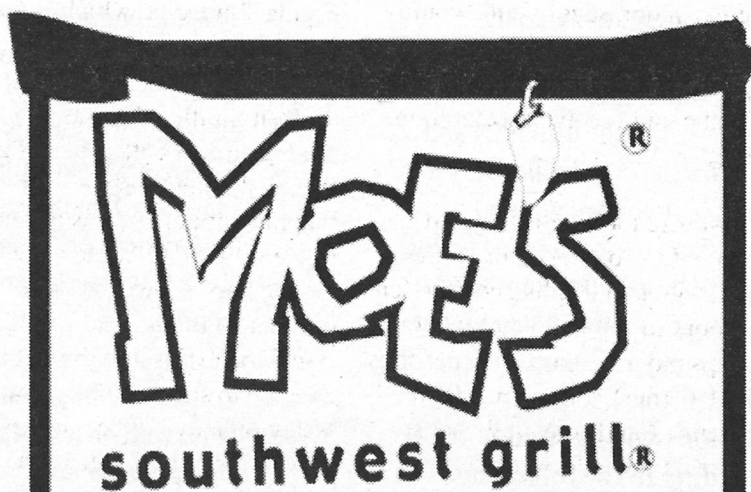
- Save time. Why not get college credit for what you already know! Be rewarded for what you've learned through independent study, advanced high school courses, noncredit adult courses, or professional development.

Save mullah (money, that is).

Compare the cost of a CLEP exam, just \$75, to hundreds—even thousands—of dollars in tuition.

Students may register for the various CLEP exams in the Testing Center. When attending an exam, students must bring appropriate identification, preferably with a picture and signature. So, take advantage of the CLEP program and take control of your college career.

For more detailed information about the CLEP Program at CCSU, go to http://cti.clayton.edu/TestingCenter/CLEP/cleps_offered.htm.



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Much Ado about English

by: Sibongile Lynch

As of the Spring 2004 semester, 5.1 percent of the student body here at Clayton State had not declared a major. If you're one of the many free spirits out there still searching for your academic niche, look no further! last fall Clayton State began the school year with yet another important major. We are now offering a Bachelors of Arts degree in English. Your forehead wrinkles while you ponder the possibilities, which as of yet you cannot imagine.

But, before you scoff and query with indifference, know that English provides the foundation and broad liberal arts background that employers in a variety of fields look for in new hires. Now, as your left eyebrow rises slowly with peaked curiosity, know also that English is an excellent springboard to a variety of post-baccalaureate quests, such as law school, divinity school, library science programs, and graduate study in English of course. Dr. Gwendolyn Jones, former chair of English and Modern Languages at Georgia Southwestern State University, has become the first Head of Language and Literature at CCSU, and says; "Becoming the first Head of Language and Literature at CCSU is both an honor for me and an exciting opportunity to help build a new and innovative program."

"So, what am I going to do with an English degree, teach?" you might ask. You're thinking of your eighth grade English teacher, Miss Finklebaum, with the wire-rimmed glasses, and the starched white shirts with the little lace collars, right? Not! There is so much more to do with a degree in English.

For starters, if you've always had a flair for writing, thought you could have created better dialog for a play you've seen, knew just the right way to explain some complicated procedure, are the one everyone asks to proofread their term papers, or if you love poetry, fiction, or if you win every debate because you know just the right way to organize your arguments, then an English degree might be just the thing for you. Dr. Jones says that, "One of the beauties of the B.A. in English is its versatility.

Because the degree program emphasizes writing and critical analysis, English majors are prepared for a variety of academic and professional tracks. For example, one could opt to further his or her education in law school, a master's program in library science, or in graduate school in English itself. English majors often go to work as professional writers, editors, advertising or public relations practitioners, or as journalists. Teaching is only one thing someone with a B.A. in English might do."

Why would someone interested in writing choose English over Journalism? Well, Dr. Jones says that, "English allows for more creativity. Both encompass a wide range of writing styles and tasks, but what sets English apart from journalism is that English studies tend to be very much geared toward textual analysis, a practice that is less common in standard journalism programs." Still not convinced? Consider that the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook (www.bls.gov), says that employment of writers and editors is projected to grow at an increase of 10 to 20 percent between 2002 and 2012.



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Students are excited and have been waiting for this brand new major, according to Dr. Jones. English major, Dana Staves says that she is pursuing a variety of different internships to gain exposure to different areas and would like to try journalism, editorial work, or publishing, but that "I think the coolest career to have would be to be a writer. I could get up, work at my own pace, from my bed, and do whatever I want. That would be fun." Josh Smith, also an English major, says that he would like to pursue a "Masters of English Education, and then continue and receive a Doctorate of English."

If you're looking for a valid argument to convince your parents that a degree in English could open the doors to a lucrative career (and perhaps pay off those student loans a little sooner), tell them a degree in English could potentially boost careers as comedy writers, fundraisers, technical writers, publishers, human resource specialist, media planners; the list literally goes on. When Dana Staves, who was originally a business major, told her parents about her decision to be an English major, she says; "My family wonders what exactly I can do besides teach, but once my parents got over the initial shock they were pretty supportive."

Now, if you're wondering why you should choose to study English at Clayton State instead of say, Georgia State, first consider all the extra incentives you already love about our school like location, smaller classes, more personable faculty, and a beautiful, state of the art campus.

Then know that, "Because English is such a versatile and important major, it is essential to the offerings at any competitive college or university. Not only does English prepare its own majors, but a good English

department contributes to campus life, in terms of both its cultural and intellectual communities, through readings and literary events and scholarly conferences." Says Dr. Jones, who has a Ph.D. in American Literature from Florida State University, and adding that The Department of Language & Literature and Lyceum will be co-sponsoring several readings by nationally known writers this year, and one of our next orders of business is establishing a chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, which is the English honor society.

Josh Smith, who was originally a Biology major but, soon realized that he did not like chemistry, said that his initial plan was to transfer to Georgia State because he had no choice but, "However, once I found out that Clayton State would have a Bachelor's degree in English I decided to stay," adding that, "Clayton may not be a large university, but I feel that one day with the accomplishments of its graduates it can become a well-established university. I want the English program to work, and it would not work without the support of students who are dedicated to seeing that Clayton State succeed."

So, set aside all of your inhibitions release your creativity and consider what possibilities a Bachelors of Arts degree in English can open up. Dr. Jones says, "All of our English faculty members envision a viable, dynamic B.A. program that offers two tracks for our majors: a literature track and a writing track; either will prepare students for jobs in today's workforce." Look for writing and other related opportunities with campus organizations such as The Bent Tree and CCSU's literary journal The Cygnet. You can also go to the Department of Language and Literature website to find out more about the requirements for the program and career opportunities.

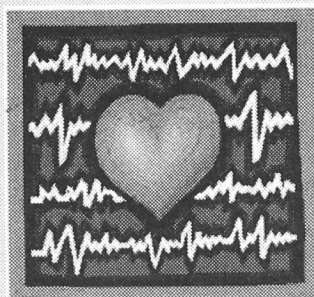
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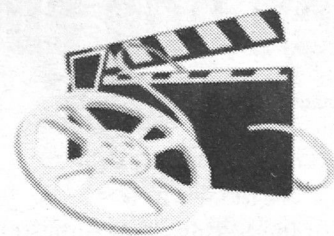
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DiCaprio Stretches Acting Chops in 'Aviator'

by: Sholley Morgan

Let's face it. Leonardo DiCaprio has yet to be seen as one of the great actors of our time. He is known throughout the world for his effect on teenage girls and his ability to remain young with his boyish good looks and charisma. Although DiCaprio turned 30 this past year, he can still play a high-schooler, as in 2003's 'Catch Me if You Can.' Despite his 10-year-old career, which includes such box office hits as 'Titanic' and 'Gangs of New York', he hasn't earned a Golden Globe or even a nomination.



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That is, until now. 'The Aviator' may provide the perfect role for DiCaprio to prove himself a serious and versatile actor. He is fantastic as film producer and aviator Howard Hughes, who is famous for romancing some of Hollywood's most beautiful actresses and descending into madness and hypochondria. He portrays Hughes' battle between his unstoppable ambition to be the richest man in the world and the inner demons that cause his obsessive-compulsive behavior and his lapse into isolation. The film captures Hughes' unrealistic dreams, and, thanks to DiCaprio, tugs at your heart when they aren't reached. After the completion of 'Hell's Angels', one of Hughes' first films, he nonchalantly mentions that the whole film must be re-shot so that it includes sound. Hughes himself once described himself as a perfectionist.

DiCaprio especially shines, however, when a scene calls for eccentric behavior. During a dinner scene with Errol Flynn, played by Jude Law, Flynn reaches over and takes a single pea from Hughes' carefully arranged plate, causing Hughes to leave the room in a panic. He scares everyone around him with his extreme germophobia, using a tissue to grab Ava Gardner's coat when she visits him. One of the most memorable scenes of this behavior is in the bathroom. After scrubbing his hands until they bleed, Hughes finds it impossible to leave the bathroom because there are no towels to grab the doorknob with.

He also mutters to himself, repeating to one of his fellow airplane designers, "show me the blueprints..." over and over as if he were trying to set a record.

DiCaprio holds his own when paired with Cate Blanchett and Alan Alda, who also give great performances. Blanchett is especially impressive as a young Katherine Hepburn; her voice and mannerisms are right on, and she steals almost every scene she is in. The scene at Hepburn's family estate is one of the most memorable of the film. The villains are Alec Baldwin and Alan Alda, who play Pan-Am CEO Juan Trippe and Trippe's slimy bought-and-paid-for politician Senator Ralph Owen Brewster, respectively. DiCaprio's most impressive acting occurs during the Senate hearings, in which he turns the tables on Senator Brewster. Alda does a fine job, restraining his character until finally blowing up at Hughes in court. The film is well worth seeing, and there are several great flying sequences, including a plane crash that Hughes amazingly survives.

This year, DiCaprio is nominated for a Golden Globe for Best Actor, along with Johnny Depp for 'Finding Neverland' and Don Cheadle for 'Hotel Rwanda.' Cate Blanchett has also received a well-deserved nomination for Best Actress, and the film is nominated for Best Picture.

New to DVD and Video

Alien vs. Predator

Movie Type: Thriller
On Video: 1/25/2005
Profanity: Fairly High
Sex: None
Violence: Very High
Drugs/Alc: None
Action: Very High
Comedy: Low

(PG-13)

Storyline:

The discovery of an ancient pyramid buried in Antarctica sends a team of scientists and adventurers to the frozen continent. There, they make an even more terrifying discovery: two alien races engaged in the ultimate battle. No matter who wins, we lose.

First Daughter

Movie Type: Romantic Comedy
On Video: 1/25/2005
Profanity: Low
Sex: Very Low
Violence: None
Drugs/Alc: Low
Action: None
Comedy: Medium

(PG)

Storyline:

Samantha just wants to be a freshman in college and experience the world away from home and her parents but being the President's daughter makes that difficult.

Friday Night Lights

Movie Type: Drama
On Video: 1/18/2005
Profanity: Fairly High
Sex: Medium
Violence: High
Drugs/Alc: High
Action: High
Comedy: Fairly Low

(PG-13)

Storyline:

Friday Night Lights is the true American story of a group of young athletes, their town and their dreams.

The Forgotten

Movie Type: Sci-Fi Thriller
On Video: 1/18/2005
Profanity: High
Sex: None
Violence: High
Drugs/Alc: High
Action: High
Comedy: Medium

(PG-13)

Storyline:

What if you were told that every moment you experienced and every memory you held dear never happened? This happens to Telly Paretta.

Catwoman

Movie Type: Action Adventure
On Video: 1/18/2005
Profanity: None
Sex: Medium
Violence: High
Drugs/Alc: Fairly High
Action: High
Comedy: High

(PG-13)

Storyline:

In a mystical twist of fate a woman is transformed into a sleek and stealthy creature. She becomes Catwoman, but like any wildcat, she's dangerous, elusive and untamed.

Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow

Movie Type: Action Sci-Fi Thriller
On Video: 1/25/2005
Profanity: Very Low
Sex: Very Low
Violence: Fairly Low
Drugs/Alc: Nonr
Action: High
Comedy: Medium

(PG-13)

Storyline:

Evil mastermind Dr. Totenkopf is behind a plot to destroy the earth. Sky Captain and Polly Perkins are out to stop him.

Give me the Single Life

I truly love the holiday season. It's the only time of year that I can eat all I want, spend all I want, and not worry about it until January. In fact, there is a piece of me that loves the cramped road trip to visit family. I adore the warm welcome, filled with my sweater-clad family, giving hugs and excited questions. I get to fill my plate with delicious treats and settle in to observe my family at its quirky best.

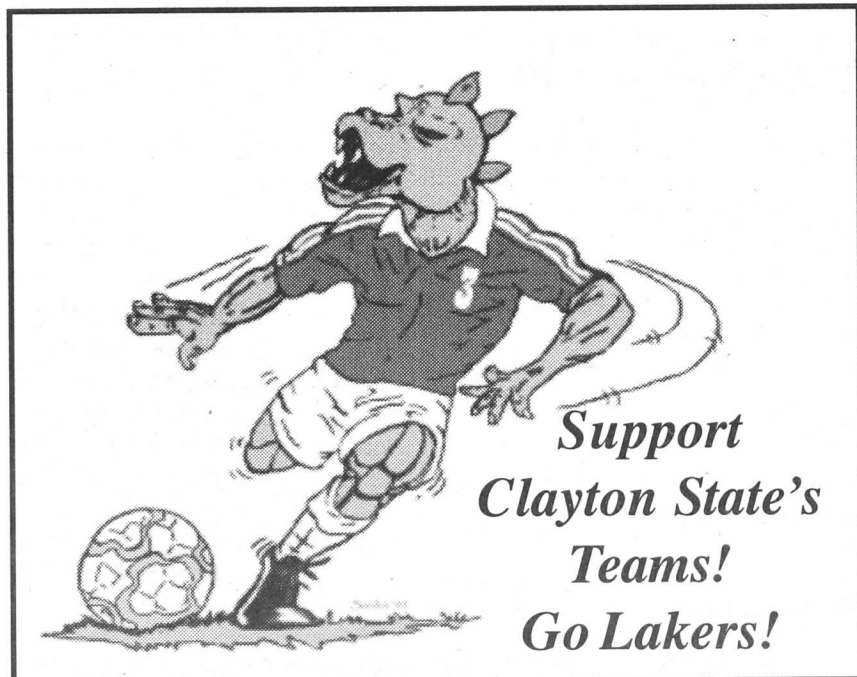
Most recently, our family gatherings involved many questions about my sister's engagement. As her wedding draws closer, the women of my family get more and more excited for her. She beams as she shows the ring to everybody and as her sister, and maid of honor, I share in her excitement. What perplexes me, though, is that dreadful moment when the excitement breaks and the eyes turn to the single girl in the room (most recently, me).

Well-meaning grandmothers and aunts make life miserable for the girls in the family who have not yet found the one with whom she will settle down and turn into June Cleaver. The popular question, while gazing in wonder at the shiny engagement ring, is "When are you going to get one?" It's as if the only reason I haven't gotten engaged is because I haven't made the time to make a trip to the man-market to get one. I attempt to explain that I'm too young, too preoccupied with school, too everything to be snatching up a man. My feeble attempts at explanation prove futile, though, as I force a smile and try desperately to direct the focus back to my sister's upcoming nuptials.

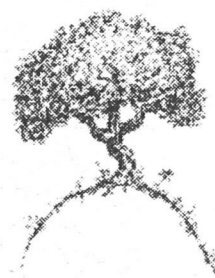
Once I'm free to escape the firing squad, I consider the single girl's plight. More women are waiting to get married until after they have fulfilled the life/career goals that are best achieved by flying solo. According to the *Chicago Sun-Times*, and the U.S. Census Bureau, one-fourth of women between the ages of 30 and 34 have never been married. This is four times the proportion in 1970. The reasons range from career goals, focus on education, and pursuing other interests, such as traveling. Now, before I'm accused of radical feminist ideas or labeled the dreaded femi-Nazi, let me clear my name. Marriage is a wonderful union of two people that is both precious and valuable. As the vows say, it is not a union to be entered into lightly. An increasing number of women are realizing this truth. On the flip side, a greater percent of men are making a similar decision. The U.S. Census Bureau said that one-third of men between the ages of 30 and 34 have never been married. Younger people would rather wait, achieve what they want, and marry when they're ready.

This is not to say that the desire is not there. Younger people consider it an item on their big lifetime to-do list; it's just not as close to the top as it used to be. Though members of the older generation may not understand the philosophy behind delayed engagements, the single girl (or guy) is not without camaraderie. Therefore, my fellow fighters in the war against well-meaning matriarchs, rest assured, you do not fight alone. If you do find yourself the object of your family's push toward marital bliss, force that winning smile, turn to your mother for help, or let shocking news about someone else slip—it always diverts attention from you.

Carmas, Genaro C. "Adults waiting longer to tie knot" *Chicago Sun Times*. <http://www.suntimes.com/output/lifestyles/cst-nws-single02.html> December 2, 2004.



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Campus

The school is considering a name change. Are you in favor of the idea? If no, please explain why, and if yes, please note some of your suggestions.

Yes. I think it would be a good change if this college changed its name. I think if it changed its name to something other than the county it resides in, it might attract people from different areas.

Hannah Hembree

I think the Name change is a GREAT idea! Changing names is never a bad idea, as long as it's for a GREAT cause, and because our school is growing so rapidly, a change in the name would make a

great choice. In the essence that I believe that we have a very diverse school, the thought

came to mind that we have diversity at our university, so I think the name should be "Diversity University or "University of the World's Diversity" or "University of Diversity".

Those are just my opinions!

Thanks,

Jesse Oliver Jr.

Clayton College & State University

Laker Athletic Kommittee of Entertainment

LAKE President

I don't think the name change at this time would be a good idea because of the cost associated with that type of change. The University System of Georgia as well as CCSU has been talking about needing more funds, and changing the name would require new expense that just isn't necessary. If they change the name anyway, I think South Atlanta Metro - Georgia State University (SAM-GSU) or if that presents a conflict with GSU, then maybe South Atlanta Metro - University (SAM-U) would be a good one. I know from discussion on this topic that one of the reasons the name change has been a possibility is to get away from the limitation of being identified with the county and not the state of city and Atlanta is known worldwide as a great city so that would be a good way to go. Identify with Atlanta but avoid any confusion or possible association with Atlanta university. Atlanta University lost their accreditation (last year?) and their reputation leaves a lot to be desired.

That is my ten minutes worth/two cents worth,
Susan White

We must ask ourselves, "Why are we considering changing the name of our school?"

This school has a reputation built since 1969 through the sweat of many students, and each name change to date has honored the efforts of those individuals. That reputation would be lost by almost any name change.

This school has been Clayton Junior College, then it became Clayton State College, and now it is Clayton College and State University. Each of these name changes indicates a change in the schools status as a 2-year college, a 4-year college, and upon becoming a multi-discipline university. This time I do not see a need to change the school's name.

The only answer I can find for the question I posed is this, "Change for the ILLUSION of progress."

Some have said this name change is to reflect that we cater to more than just Clayton County. Now to be ridiculous, why don't we change it to Northern Hemisphere University? That should pretty much cover the North Americans attending here. Perhaps another choice could be The University of the World. We do have a few international students attending.

I am a long time resident of Clayton County and visitor and student on the campus. My parents were non-traditional students here when I was in junior high school. I remember spending a weekend here moving books from the second floor of the "D" building into the current library, I was 13 then. I am the fifth member of my family to attend this school. I have a lot of pride in attending Clayton State. I have Clayton State merchandise. Some students have Clayton State class rings to celebrate upcoming graduations. A name change will simply alienate anyone with Clayton State merchandise or rings. A name change will also require reprinting every piece of letterhead, applications, course catalogs, and similar items. This gets expensive. Just changing the signs will cost thousands of dollars. If we have the money to waste on this kind of nonsense, we have the money to do more things that directly benefit the students.

Finally, if the powers in charge feel so strongly about a change that it is inevitable, just change it to Clayton State University. This change will allow the school to exhaust all printed materials without much consternation and sign changes will simply be

rearranging the letters on the entrances to the school. Those of us with Clayton State rings and merchandise can continue wearing them with pride.

Oh, by the way, when the Bent Tree was cut down to build the University Center, it was to have been sculpted in bronze and erected in the University Center for posterity. The Brent Tree was cut down in either 1999 or 2000; is it ready to be erected just outside the Office of the President for all to enjoy?

Chris Wilkie
Electronic Technology major

I am very disappointed; I feel that the name should stay the same, not just

for now but forever. Are you considering the people that graduated from here,

and the future graduates? I don't like the idea at all.

Vickie Olasimbo

No, I do not think it should be changed, mainly because it has had the same name for many years and been highly identifiable with Clayton County because of its name. The name was Clayton Junior College when it was a two-year school and was changed to the present name when it became a four-year school. **I think it should keep this name.**

I have heard of plans to open satellite locations in other surrounding areas, one of which has been mentioned is Henry County. I also heard that that county was balking at our building in their county because "our county" is part of the college's name and they didn't want that "in Henry County." If that is the case, I that is stupid and short-sighted.

However, if the decision is made to change it I strongly feel that all currently enrolled students should be asked to submit their choices for a name change, and, be allowed to be included on the vote to select the final name.

Thanks.
Susan Marks

Yes, please change the name. Something short and catching is best.

Oretha Ogwotu

No, I don't think CCSU should be changed because people are just starting to respect CCSU as a real college and not a junior college. It's no different than Georgia State University or Duke University wanting to change, people are finally recognizing CCSU. Don't change it, I think that will be a big mistake!

Alena Simmons

Changing the name is a great idea. Clayton has gone through some growth in the last few years that has turned this small college into a University. Changing the name to compliment those changes is a fantastic idea. Clayton State University (take the College out), The University of Georgia State (not to be

University of Clayton. I don't know if some of these may exist, there just some ideas. While they are at it I think they should change the mascot as well.

Kelly Brannen

"Clayton State University" or "Clayton State College" as it was previously

named.

Coral LeBlue

Yes, I think that the name of the college should be changed because as a freshman I didn't even know about this school. I think by changing the name or putting the school out there we can attract more people. Arbin University, Kennedy University, Hartsfield University.

Jewel Monts

Why is the School considering a name change?

Pam Gilreath

I think that the current name fits perfectly. I would like the name of our University to remain the same, CCSU. Thank you.

Makeba D. Tucker

Why would they want to change the name?

Phyllis Milton

I think a name change would be great. Maybe, Clayton State University or Clayton University. Something that incorporates Clayton County and not straying away from the current name.

Tujuana Warren

question...

It is a good idea. It could be Clayton University!

Sheila Tate

No, I do not believe the name change is good because I have bought lots of Clayton State paraphernalia and that means I will have to restart my collection of Clayton State paraphernalia.

Phebe Neal

What are the options? Are they simply considering changing from Clayton "College" and State University to just Clayton State University? If so, I think it's a great idea simply because we have university status. If there are other options my opinion might change...Are other names being considered?

Rebecca Mason

Initially I think it is a bad idea because a lot of people are becoming familiar with the school's present name. However if someone could come up with a name that is more distinct as well as elegant. Then they should consider changing the name as long as they notify the students of the suggested name changes and allow us to vote for one or keep the same name that we have.

Larry Jordan

Yes, our Campus should be renamed, but very carefully. Here's why:

The current name, "Clayton College and State University" is an exceptional and intentional, poor use of English.

The current campus name, in use since 1996, begs the question - Which is the College and which is the University? According to the university catalog, there are several colleges at our university, so which college is being referred to in "Clayton College and State University?" Obviously, it would have been more correct to name our university, "Clayton Colleges and State University", yet that leads to another problem the use of a double positive.

Traditionally, a university oversees several other colleges in different geographic locations, not referring to the colleges within the borders of its campus. An example of this is Emory University in Decatur and its Oxford College in Covington. At one time, Clayton State (Morrow) was (is?) under the auspices of Georgia State University (Atlanta) and other colleges were accountable to GSU.

I recall that almost all of the public colleges in Georgia underwent a name change around the time of the Olympics. Weren't our politicians trying to impress our international guests whose countries use University to describe an institute of higher learning vs. college which sometimes indicates nothing more than a high school! And now here we go again...Yee-Haw!

My suggestion is Clayton State College. We are not a genuine, traditional, university and neither are most of the other "universities" in Georgia. Remember, Georgia continues to place 49th and 50th in SAT scores. And we need to keep the Learning Support Center, as it was in 2004.

*Paul Hale
Non-Traditional Student*

The only thing I would like to see change is maybe shortening the name to "Clayton State University". It certainly would make things easier and the "College" is really unnecessary. Of course, this means I have to buy another sweat shirt and change all my stuff to say that I go to CSU and not CCSU, but I guess it would be worth it.

Christina Patterson

Personally, I like the fact of having a University in my county and I'm very proud to say that I attend Clayton College & State University. When I tell people I'm going to CCSU their first reaction is "I heard that is a tough college" and that makes me feel good to know that CCSU is recognize for its toughness! The name is fine, leave it alone!!

Toni M. Alfred

I've lived around this area almost all of my life and still remember when Clayton College was nothing more than a community school. Now that I attend here was a full time university student I still find it hard getting people to realize that this school is a certified state university and not a community college. I think a name change would be great for the school basically because the school has gotten a new fresh look with the additions as well as becoming a state university, so why not add a new name to help people differentiate between Clayton College and Clayton State College and State University. As far as new names are concerned I'll leave that up to the bigger guys.

Paul Quinones

I think it would be good to shorten the name to Clayton State University.

Janice Hale

I think a name change is a great idea. Many people in Georgia aren't even familiar with the college by name, never mind nationally. A name that immediately implies membership in the Georgia University System and that it is a four-year institution vs. a community college. In a lot of other states the public, four-year institutions all have the same name with the addition of its location. Cal State Fullerton or University of California Santa Barbara, etc. If Georgia could do the same it would be great. Georgia State University at Clayton?

Jenny Taylor

Name change is a bad idea, I think. Clayton has already built a rep on this name.

Patrick McCurry

I do believe changing the name of Clayton State is a great idea. One reason for a name change is that entire name of Clayton College & State University is a mouthful. Even though it has been five or six years since the last name change the school is still referred to as "Clayton State". Because the school is referred to by this diminutive it makes it appear that the school is limited in what it truly offers in the way of courses and degrees. The second reason goes in line with the first. The name of the school should reflect its status. CCSU is more than a community college. It is a competent university and its name should reflect so. Two suggestions are "South Atlanta University" and "University of South Atlanta".

Yolande Ndeti

I would like to know why the sudden interest in changing the name of the school. I can't see the reason for the name change. The name has already been changed from Clayton State University to Clayton College and State University...I just wondered if a name change would be beneficial to the school. However, if it is absolutely necessary to change the name, send a list of possible selections and I will be willing to make a choice.

Cheryl Terrell

I guess I've been under a Rock. What is the proposed name change?

Deborah Jones

I think the school should drop the word college from the name. Clayton State University sounds a lot better.

Crystal Harrigan

I am indifferent to changing the name of the university. Clayton State is an interesting name but it is confining because the school is named the same as a county. A new name would be a fantastic idea because it could give the students a renewed sense of school spirit; something that the campus really needs. A good name could be South Metro Atlanta College and State if it is not already taken.

Brandon Fowler

In order to suggest a suitable name for the CCSU replacement, students should have an idea why the school is interested in changing its name.

Usually, companies change their names to get away from the stigma of a bad reputation that they have acquired. Another reason is if their companies are constantly being mistaken for others that have undesirable reputations.

With any organization, there is a certain degree of profitability that is derived from name recognition. CCSU is well known in Georgia: prospective students, employers, affiliates and contributors all recognize the name. Therefore, the question is, "why change it?"

Louise Clarke

I feel that this is not a good idea. I think that the current name for our institution is acceptable amongst our community and most students. Please do not change the name of our school.

Keosha Bell

Change the name of Clayton County to Spivey County, and then rename our university, "Spivey State University."

Kevin J. Fitzgerald



Intramural Sports and Recreation Spring 05 Semester events

Monday, January 10

AEROBICS CLASS SIGN-UP BEGINS

Classes Offered:

Mondays- Yoga/Pilates/Core conditioning

Tuesdays- Kickboxing

Wednesdays- Lo and Lean Lo-impact aerobics

Thursdays- Cardio

Cost: \$20 per semester for all Clayton State students

\$25 per semester for all Faculty, Staff, and Family

All classes begin at 5:30pm daily

Classes run from January 24- May 5, 2005

Thursday, February 17

Strong Man Strong Woman Competition

Strength will be tested in the areas of Bench Press, Squat, and Dead Lift.

Awards will be given for each event and over all male and female performers.

Formula will be used to determine winner. Example: Weight lifted/Weight of individual.

Friday, February 18

Table Tennis (Match 2) of Table Tennis Series

Register in UC 206 in advance or onsite.

Noon, Student Center Lower Level

Friday, February 18

Ultimate Dodge Ball.

Register in UC 206 in advance individually or as a team.

6-member team.

We will be using NADA (National Amateur Dodgeball Association) rules and regulations.

4pm, Gym

Thursday, March 3

Paintball

Register in UC 206 in advance ASAP.

*Based on demand"

Depart CCSU to Jackson, GA

Transportation will be provided.

(Check your e-mail for details)

Friday, March 25

Table Tennis (Match 3) of Table Tennis Series

Register in UC 206 in advance or onsite.

Noon, Student Center Lower Level

Contact info: Sign-up in UC 206/208 or call 770-880-2002/770880-6101
Eljeb Ajayi, Student Coordinator
Intramural Sports and Recreation
University Center, Room 208
Phone (770)880-2002

Saturday, March 26

Intramural Coed Softball Tournament

Sign-up your team or sign-up as a free agent and be placed on a team! Be a part of the ACTION! Snacks will be provided and prizes will be awarded!

11am, TBA (be sure to check your e-mail for details)

Cost: \$10 per team \$3.00 per individual

Deadline to sign-up: Thursday, March 24

Thursday, March 31

Intramural Coed Volleyball Tournament

Sign-up your team or sign up as a free agent and be placed on a team. Be a part of the FUN! Snacks will be provided and prizes will be awarded!

Cost: \$10 per team \$3.00 per individual

6pm, Gym

Sunday, April 2

Intramural Golf Tournament

Limited space available, sign-up TODAY! Prizes will be awarded!

Sign-up in advance UC 206

TBA (check your e-mail for details), Lake Spivey Golf Course

Cost: \$20 for students with ID \$25 for faculty/staff and family

Cost includes lunch and golf equipment (if needed)

Deadline to sign-up: Thursday, March 24

Friday, April 15

Table Tennis (Finals) of Table Tennis Series

Only prior contestants are eligible for the final round play.

Noon, Student Center Lower Level

Saturday, April 16

Intramural White Water Rafting Adventure Trip

Limited Space available, sign-up TODAY!

Sign-up in advance UC 206

TBA (check your e-mail for details)

Cost: \$20 for students with ID \$25 for faculty/staff with ID

Cost includes transportation, rafting gear and materials.

Deadline to sign-up: Thursday, March 24

Friday, April 22

Intramural Tennis Tournament (Singles)

Prizes will be awarded!

Sign-up in advance UC 206.

4:30pm, Clayton State Tennis Courts

Cost: \$3 for students with ID \$5 for faculty/staff and family

Deadline to sign-up: April 15th

Disability Parking

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As the allowance of parking in the restricted UC lot goes beyond the legal requirements and is provided to promote an inclusive, accommodating campus, users need to understand that due to other priorities which may arise, the parking may be further restricted. In addition, misuse of the parking privileges, such as allowing others to park using given privileges may result in suspension of UC parking lot privileges.

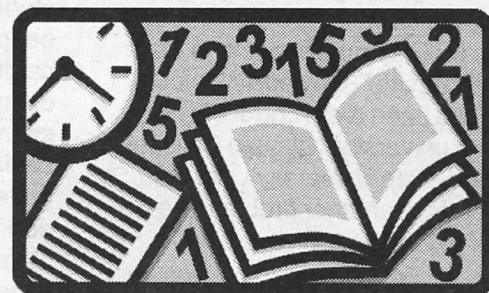
If you have any questions or concerns please call Dr. Elaine Manglitz at 770-961-3719 or email her at elainemanglitz@mail.clayton.edu

Regents Test Prep Sessions

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The workshops are offered on the dates/times below:

Topic	Date	Time
Regents' Writing	Feb. 1	10-11am
Regents' Reading	Feb. 7	6-7pm
Regents' Reading	Feb. 8	10-11am
Regents' Writing	Feb. 14	6-7pm
Regents' Writing	Feb. 15	10-11am
Regents' Reading	Feb. 21	6-7pm
Regents' Reading	Feb. 22	10-11am
Regents' Writing	Feb. 28	6-7pm
Regents' Writing	Mar. 1	10-11am
General Regents' Tips	Mar. 14	6-7pm
General Regents' Tips	Mar. 15	10-11am
General Regents' Tips	Mar. 16	6-7pm
General Regents' Tips	Mar. 17	3-4 pm.



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