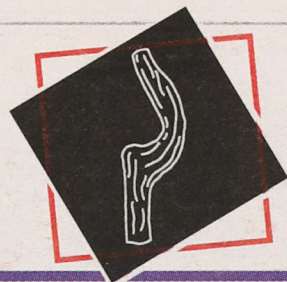


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RACIAL DIVERSITY ON CAMPUS

by Zaab Para

Walking the grounds of a typical American college can be an interesting sight. At the three colleges I have attended (LaGuardia Community College, Clayton State University and Georgia State University) there have been a plethora of students from many different countries, including Jamaica, Korea, Russia and many others. Clayton State University was recently ranked by U.S. News & World Report as having the most diverse student population among comprehensive baccalaureate-level colleges in the Southern United States.

There are many benefits of having a racially diverse student population, but there are also many challenges. Among the benefits, students learn from and respect each other regarding the differences and similarities of their cultures. Teachers are able to expand their "book knowledge" and gain valuable experience from teaching students irrespective of their race or ethnicity.

Challenges also exist in racially diverse student populations. Prejudice, discriminatory practices, and racism can occur both from the school faculty and from the students themselves. The harmony of such environments can be threatened by stereotypes stemming from peoples' upbringing and society. Overall, it appears that the benefits far outweigh the challenges.

Many people who attend colleges and universities with a diverse ethnic and racial make-up take its existence for granted. They rarely or never ask themselves why or how things came to be. Education in America has not always been as equal or diverse as it is today. The same racism that perpetuated slavery once permeated all social institutions including the American federal

government and its educational system.

The rule of racial separation was once rigidly enforced. Separate water fountains, separate railroad cars and separate restaurants were once the standard. The school system was completely segregated and the overwhelming majority of primary and secondary schools were allocated for white students only.

Blacks and other non-white individuals either remained uneducated or had to create their own schools. The few schools for non-whites were extremely sub-standard when compared to the white schools. Thus, for many years in America, achieving a basic or higher education was impossible for most non-white people.

It wasn't until the Civil Rights Movement that things began to improve for non-whites in school and in society. With the help of people such as Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, Rosa Parks and many others, great strides have been made towards equality and diversity.

However, the Civil Rights Movement and racially diverse schools has not totally eliminated educational racism. Our culture prohibits eradicating racism entirely. But diversity does bring with it the hope that today all people are given an opportunity to acquire a good education. The ultimate impact and legacy of racially diverse schools on a society, is that it gives people the opportunity to learn from and treat each other with respect and dignity, in school and in life. □

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Get Bent

The Bent Tree Vent

We want to know what get's YOU bent! Send your comments and vents to: Vent@thebenttree.org

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THE BENT VENT

I know this is a Vent but, I love my college and I have no problems! I feel truly blessed to be such at a wonderful institution. I have made so many wonderful friends here and I know they will be there for me in the long haul.

- Laker Love

Thanks for letting me express myself via The Vent. Sometimes it just helps to get things off of your chest. Sometimes I feel like no one is listening and it helps to just see it in print. They might not listen, but maybe they will read it. Finally, freedom of expression!

- Relieved

FACEBOOK

Facebook Stalkers (yes, I mean you) ... Seriously, you don't have to comment on everything I do or every picture I'm tagged in. I know I put myself out there by commenting in a wall to wall forum, but some of these are meant to be a conversation between 2 people (not 3 or 12). Other people butting in all of the time is like, so not cool.

- Stalked

It annoys me that there are people who add you as a friend on Facebook, just because they know a friend, who knows a friend's cousin of your half brother. What's the point?

- Too Connected

Stop sending me countless invites to useless applications. Here's a hint: If I haven't added it after the 6th invite ... Hmm, I most likely am not going to add it after 8th, or the 9th, or the 10th ...

- Fed up

CAMPUS DRIVING

Don't pedestrians still have the right of way? Slow down all you crazy drivers who have tried to run me over as I'm crossing from the SAC to the other side of the street. You totally make me mad and scared (more made than scared though).

- Nervous Crosser

Can we please get a loading/unloading lane for dropping off/picking up passengers? I understand that you may not have your own transportation, but for goodness sake ... pull ALL the way over already. There are people behind you trying to get to class too!

- Restless Driver

STUDENT E-MAIL

Has anyone else noticed the font change on your student e-mail account? It is so small and hard to read. I didn't read all of my student e-mails before now, and this makes me not want to read them even more.

- Straining to Read

What is up with all of the SPAM being sent to my student e-mail? I have been a student at Clayton for quite some time and never gotten SPAM until this past year. No, I do not want to transfer money to an undisclosed account in Sierra Leone and somehow I think the chances of me winning the Asian Pacific Lottery are pretty slim (seeing as how I never entered it and do not even know what it is).

- All SPAMmed Out

I study really hard to make good grades and I also have a part time job to help with school expenses. Recently, I noticed a couple of people who I thought were "bright students" doing something really stupid. I actually witnessed them cheating during the last exam and laughing about it afterward. The problem is that these students have become good friends and I am worried about how to stop the cheating without ending the friendship.

- Rock in a Hard Place

Dear Rock in a Hard Place,

It sounds like you already know the answer to this question. You are correct. It isn't fair for these students to "get by" the way they are. You need to go to your professor and let him/her know about what you have witnessed. Your friends are definitely not very "bright" at all. Cheating may seem like the easy way out to them, right now, but it is **WRONG** and will only result in them hurting themselves in the long run. In reference to your friendship with these people, only you can decide if you want to remain in contact with them. Distancing yourself from them might not be such a bad idea (considering their poor choices/morals). But, if you do decide that they are worth your time, you might encourage them to study with you (maybe throw a pizza study party) to help them to be better prepared come next test time.

OK. I know this is going to sound crazy, but I think I am in love with my instructor and I need to find out if she feels the same way. At first, I thought it was just a silly crush and I did things like asking for extra help just to be around her. But now I feel like we have actually developed a friendship and I would like to find out if there could possibly be more. Are there any rules against this sort of thing? And is it really so wrong?

- Hot for Teacher

Dear Hot for Teacher,

There are rules prohibiting professors from dating students who are in their classes or under direct supervision (and even if you are not in her class, it may be considered unethical). It is natural to "look up" to or even admire your professors. However, you must not confuse this with anything more than what it is. If you think logically about the situation, even having a "friendship" with your professor while in her class can lead to a sticky situation. Other students may claim that you are receiving special treatment from her and this could cause problems for both of you. I am sure that neither of you would want that. It is OK to look up to your professor, but do not take it for more than what it really is - a teacher/student relationship. If in fact you have developed a true friendship with your professor, your friendship should last beyond your time in her classroom. You can revisit the matter at a more appropriate time (possibly after graduation).

This semester started off fine. But lately, I have been having trouble keeping up with my heavy work load. I am really self conscious about what people think of me and I hate to fail, so I decided to tell a couple of "fibs" to get more time to work on a couple of my assignments. Time is running out and I am not even close to being done. I hate to keep lying, but can't think of any other options. I just need a little more time.

- Over My Head

Dear Over My Head,

A lot of us "bite off more than we can chew" and don't realize it until it is almost too late. Don't worry, but stop lying. Lies normally beget lies and once you tell one, you have to tell more to cover it up. Before you know it, you will have a hard time keeping all of your lies straight. It is just not worth it. While you cannot undo the lies that you have already told, it is not too late to salvage things. Start by making a list of everything you need to get done and prioritize the list by what is the most urgent. MAKE yourself do a little each day until you are caught up. I understand that you are overwhelmed right now. You may even have to pull a few all nighters, but you can do it. Once you are caught up, try making a study schedule so that you don't fall behind again. Remember to prioritize your work and by all means be honest. Professors are people too. They may be more sympathetic than you think to what is really going on in your life (and your heavy work load).

Recently, I was offered a job making twice as much as I currently do (and in this economy I would be stupid not to take it). The problem is that it would require me to withdraw from school this semester and possibly for the next few semesters. I really need the money, but I really want to finish my degree. Is it OK to take a break? How do I choose?

- Missed Opportunity

TAKE MY ADVICE

by Sade' Price and Bree Valentine

Dear Missed Opportunity,

Yes, money is a necessity of life. But, so is an education. Things are tough right now for a lot of people and some might say that you are lucky to be receiving such an offer in this economy. But, if you take the job offer and drop out of school, you will be missing so much more. You need to ask yourself what is most important in your life, money or your education. If you value your education then by all means, stay in school. I know from experience that once you quit it is so hard to come back. There are always excuses (ie. it is not the right time, I just got a raise, my kids/family need me, etc.). If you need money, look on campus or in the surrounding areas for a part time job. You may think that money can do a lot for you now, but an education will do so much more for you later (including getting you more of the green).

I have met some really nice people while at Clayton and made some really great friends. But lately I have not had enough time to study and have a social life, too. My best friend recently got mad at me for not attending her birthday party, but I had a major exam the next day and needed the time to study. I tried to make it up to her and promised to take her to lunch, but she has not returned my phone calls or my e-mails. How do I balance everything and maintain my friendships, too?

- Party Pooper

Dear Party Pooper,

It is extremely hard to balance everything all of the time. You are smart to focus on your studies; they should remain a high priority in your life. However, you should take some time for yourself (and your friends) so that you don't become burned out or overwhelmed. If your friends are students too, you might suggest group study sessions and use the time to study and reconnect. It is understandable for your friend to be a little miffed because you missed her party. But if she is a true friend, keep trying to reach out to her to explain your circumstances and let her know how important the exam was to you. If all else fails, leave her a voice mail explaining things. If she does not understand, you might want to reconsider your friendship with her. You need people in your life that will help you, not hurt you. There is a time to party, but there should also be a time to study. You are on the right track, do not let anyone deter you from it.

There is this really cute guy that has actually noticed me. We met in the library and have had several study dates and even lunch a couple of times. I love spending time studying with him and don't even mind helping him with his papers. But, lately I have noticed that he doesn't pay much attention to me outside of the library. He doesn't include me in conversations in class or with his other friends. We have a great time when we are alone and I don't want that to stop, but I can't help but wonder why he acts so weird when other people are around.

- Study Buddy

Dear Study Buddy,

Get your facts straight. You need to find out what is going on with this guy. Is he shy or just using you? Has he always acted this way or is this a sudden change in his behavior? You might try suggesting a group outing with you and some of your mutual friends. You might also try speaking to him in class (instead of waiting for him to initiate a conversation). Listen to his response and watch his body language. If he is friendly and receptive to you, maybe he is just a little shy. However, if he does not respond or "brushes you off" he may just be using you for your brains. If you are still not clear just ask him what is going on. If he is a true friend he will be respectful and honest with you. If he avoids the question and isn't straight with you, end the "relationship." You do not need/have time for someone who is using you or just stringing you along (no matter how cute they are).

Give Yourself a Break!

CARTOONS

WELCOME 2 SOFAKINGDOM

BE ON THE LOOKOUT

We have recieved a report of an unidentified person sighted in the UC parking lot between 3 & 5 pm, possibly armed. Witnesses have provided the following description of the person: black male, 5'10-6'0, average build, thin line mustache, shaved head, but not bald, wearing a dark colored long sleeve sweater and khaki slacks, carrying a tan colored messenger bag over right shoulder. If anyone has any information about someone fitting this description, please contact the Department of Public Safety.



The Artist's Signature

Police Composite of what the suspect might look like in person



Little Red Riding Hood was on her way to a young politician's meeting when she came into contact with a free thinking liberal.

She became weary at the thought of having to talk to a hippie who believed that the people should literally govern themselves and that the war was a result of propaganda and greed.

He offered to give her ideas as he walked with her to the meeting as he was going to protest the war and the economic downturn with some of his young friends.

Red accepted his generosity and walked along with him. While she debated back and forth, the young liberal became so caught up in his world changing views that he didn't notice the surprise that red had in store.

Red, annoyed with the concept of having her morals and political ideas questioned, did what any truly self serving politician would do...

Disclaimer: (How nice that I am making a meal of you. This comic is not done in a spirit of malice. The wolf represents the ideas held by all of us who are in the presence which threaten some of us even without some of those ideas. My ideas are no more better than the rest of the ones you want. Always follow

HOROSCOPES

MARCH 2009

AQUARIUS Jan 20 - Feb 18

All eyes on you this month, Aquarius. You have been so busy these past couple of months that you may have neglected the most important person in your life; you. Take time to focus more of your energy on your own wants and needs. So much has happened lately, that you may need to make time to reevaluate what is most important to you. Don't be afraid to ask others for input, but do not let anyone lead you astray. Only you know what is truly best for you right now. Look within yourself to find the answers.

PISCES Feb 19 - Mar 20

A time of change is quickly approaching for you. Don't be afraid. Embrace the new opportunities that are coming your way. But do know that with these changes come more responsibilities. Use caution when accepting your new duties. You may be tempted to want to do it all, but be careful not to overburden yourself (and set yourself up for failure). Ask for help when you need it, and remember "you can't please all the people all of the time."

ARIES Mar 21 - Apr 19

You will be able to reap some of the benefits of your hard work, this month. But do not let this celebration deter you from reaching the rest of your goals. Enjoy the moment, but remember there is still more to be done. Don't get too comfortable. Remember to look to others for direction and don't be afraid to try something new. You might be surprised at the hidden talents that lie within.

TAURUS Apr 20 - May 20

If you think it, you can do it. The possibilities abound for you this month. But, be careful to separate what you "want" from what you truly "need." If you do not, it may become difficult for you to balance everything. Focus on your studies and work this month, but be sure not to neglect those around you who have helped you to obtain your goals, thus far. They will play a vital role in your greater success in the future.

GEMINI May 21 - Jun 21

Take a look at the broader picture. It is wonderful that you have been working so diligently this past month, but do not remain so focused on the "now" that you miss what the future has in store for you. This month can be a time of transformation for you, if you let it. Expand your mind. Think outside of the box. Plan a trip or try something new (or both). Inspiration is often found in the places we least expect to find it.

CANCER Jun 22 - Jul 22

An improved relationship is in the stars, for you this month. Your feelings will be acknowledged and returned, but be careful not to neglect yourself while trying to better things with your significant other. Do not let old "hurts" and habits destroy what you have recently created. Communication is the key. When all else fails, talk things out (at home and at school/work). Honesty is always the best policy. It may not seem like it at the moment, but your efforts will be rewarded.

LEO Jul 23 - Aug 22

Getting reconnected with those around you will greatly benefit you this month. They can offer you insight into a new perspective that will help you as you strive to reach the goals you have set for yourself. Try looking at things from a different angle. Stop being afraid of failure and learn from your past mistakes so that you can stop making them over and over again. Move forward. Only then will you be open to accept the wonders of what the future has in store for you.

VIRGO Aug 23 - Sep 22

Be careful not to let your strong sense of independence overshadow your relationships with your friends and family, this month. There is nothing wrong with being focused on your needs and your goals, but your loved ones have needs, too. Lend a helping hand or offer some much needed guidance. Remind someone that you care about, that you still want/need them to play an important part in your life. Your rewards may not be immediate, but they will be great.

LIBRA Sep 23 - Oct 22

Looking to the past in order to find answers is key for you this month. You can not start a new chapter in your life/relationship until you have finished with the old one. Stop avoiding the truth and deal with it. Some things just can not be fixed. No one is perfect. Stop beating yourself up and move on. You will be amazed at what the future has to offer you, once you let go of your past.

SCORPIO Oct 23 - Nov 21

Now is the time to start building the framework for your life. You have been moving towards something and now it is time to define it. What will make you truly happy? Don't get caught up in being "successful." Success has many different meanings to many different people. Only you can decide what truly makes you happy and if you choose to build a framework around your own happiness, success will naturally follow. Stop letting fear hold you back.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 22 - Dec 21

You may feel as if you are being pulled in many directions this month. Do not become overwhelmed. Reevaluate your priorities and don't forget to include spending time with your family/friends. The high goals you have set for yourself are attainable, but you will not get there all by yourself. It is OK to ask for help or advice from others. It will not only help you to gain additional insight, but it will also help others know that you appreciate them and that they are still an important part of your life.

CAPRICORN Dec 22 - Jan 19

This is a time of transformation for you. You have learned a lot about yourself this past year and are continuing to grow. You may not be where you expected to be at this point in your life. Your goals and ideals may have changed dramatically, recently and that is OK. Acceptance is the key. Don't try to fight the changes. Accept that things are the way they are for a reason. Learn from them. Own them and make them work to your advantage. Transform into a brighter and better you.



DO YOU S.W.A.N.?

by Donna Lund

The SWAN Portal at Clayton State University is the new "Single-sign-on" system, providing a passport to other applications by simply clicking on the icon of your choice from within the SWAN site. "I really like the SWAN. Everything is in one place and that is what I like. There are no more multiple logins to access your information, and you do not have multiple passwords which require less of my memory," states Kevin, a CSU Student.

Hillary, another student states, "SWAN allows students to gain access easily and efficiently to all aspects of their personal web accounts, something which I feel is a great improvement from the old program."

For students, the SWAN contains access to email, WebCT, the DUCK, and groups (clubs, affiliations and other interests). Advisor and tutoring sessions can also be scheduled via icons. Access to the Career Zone icon provides information for job search, complete with a calendar and stores all information relating to your searches and activities. You can customize your portal experience by adding announcements and other channels from Athletics to Vending. The SWAN portal also offers links and services for both faculty and staff.

The Group Studio application links faculty, students and staff to both create and join groups similar to Facebook. This is an excellent resource for everyone, with particular benefits to clubs and

interest groups.

It appears that the SWAN portal is a success based on the positive feedback that many students have been eager to give. "I can't recommend anything at this time to make the SWAN better. Those that are in charge of the site are doing a great job and I know that they will continue to do their best to serve the students and staff of Clayton State University," says one student.

Thanks to The Office of Information Technology and Services (OITS), Clayton State University students are able to S.W.A.N.!

From the BOOK to the Brook: Dr. Tom Barnett to Retire

by Sarah Morgan

He has worked at Clayton State University longer than anyone else has. He has watched the school transform from a junior college, to a four-year university, to a university that offers graduate programs. Now after 38 years, Dr. Tom Barnett is ready to move on.

"I'm 62-years-old and I've been here since 1971," says Barnett, head of the Communication and Media Studies Department. "I'm ready to move on and do something else. This has been fun, but I'm going to do something where I have complete control over my time. Essentially my plan right now is to cross over into retirement and see where that takes me."

Fresh out of the University of Georgia after completing his masters of English degree, Barnett accepted a job at what was then Clayton Junior College. A professor of English, Barnett has helped mold young minds while watching the college change.

"It is the goal of the faculty, the goal of the administration for Clayton State University to become a comprehensive full-service university," he says. "We take our lead from the community that is known as the southern crescent. It's something they've wanted us to do for years..."

The past five years has seen another change for Barnett as he served as the head of the department for the Communicative Arts and Integrative Studies.

He was also tapped to head CSU's first graduate program, Masters of Arts and Liberal Studies. This past December, Barnett witnessed another milestone at Clayton State as Anna Cox received the school's first Masters of Arts and Liberal Studies degree. Dr. Wendy Burns-Ardolino now oversees the three-year-old program.

Clayton State University are virtually immeasurable. He has spent most of his 5 years paving the way for his faculty and their teaching and research areas. I cannot imagine that anyone at CSU has ever been more committed to these goals, and I marvel at what he has been able to accomplish in such a short time."

Barnett will remain at CSU until July. The search for his replacement is ongoing. "You've seen those TV commercials where they say 'I'm not really a doctor, but I play one on TV. That's kind of what I felt like," he says. "I'm not really an administrator, but I've played one for five years. In a 38 year career I've spent five as an administrator, but the rest as a faculty member and that's what I define myself. My advice to whoever replaces me would be to keep that kind of perspective. To realize in order to be an effective administrator you have to work for the faculty, it's not a good idea to perceive that the faculty works for you."

In May 2007, Dr. Thomas Harden (former CSU president) asked Barnett to give the commencement speech in honor of his reaching 35 years with the University.

"Tom Harden asked me to do the commencement and talk about what got me to that point," he says. "And the purpose, the message I had to deliver was 'trust your heart.' That's the avenue, that's the path that will take you to happiness. That's essentially what I did and that's what I'm doing now." □



Dr. Barnett will retire from CSU in July after working here for 38 years. He is the head of the Communications and Media Studies Department.

CSU now offers three other graduate programs including a Masters of Business Administration, Health Administration and Science in Nursing. According to Barnett, more graduate programs are in the works including a Masters of Psychology.

"I have a hard time thinking about Dr. Barnett leaving," Burns-Ardolino says. "His contributions to



by Donna Lund



FACEBOOK - IS IT SAFE?

people are not always who they say they are and therefore Facebook encourages users to be careful by limiting requests to and from people that they know in the real world. "I use the site to keep in touch with people, but am careful about pictures and other information I provide on the site. I don't put anything on there that I would not want the world to see," states one user.

The site provides safety tips along with a special section for parents promoting monitoring children's use of the site. Children under thirteen are not permitted to access Facebook.

Facebook also has several features that limit the potential for abusive or annoying behaviors by capping the speed and frequency that a user sends messages to other users via the Inbox. Users are limited to twenty recipients when composing a message and using the Inbox as a chat service is discouraged. There are alternatives provided for instant messages or chat services on the site.

The possibility of receiving unsolicited bulk messages, or spam, is also monitored. The Create Events tab and Group feature can be used to send bulk messages with limitations.

By default, all users will be able to find you in a

search, so, if this is a concern, you might consider customizing your account through a Privacy Page which will place limits on who will be able to find you in a search.

Seemingly, many people enjoy Facebook and it was difficult to obtain anything but positive feedback. Most who were asked were also encouraging everyone they know to "get on Facebook."

Facebook friends who were polled returned favorable responses with regard to safety, along with comments acknowledging the limitations of the site's capabilities and the responsibilities of the users. "I think that if you follow the rules, you don't have a chance of being invaded by stalkers or have to worry about internet predators," states one friend. "Never, ever put pictures or any information out that you don't want the world to know," replies another.

It appears that Facebook is safe as long as those who are using it remain cautious and, for the time being, it's an awesome way of getting in touch with long-lost friends. It is also a great way to keep in touch with folks despite busy schedules and long distances. □

Facebook is the hottest new internet environment for people to interact with their friends and others, but is it safe? The site boasts that they have implemented many safety and privacy controls to enable the sharing of information with only those chosen by their users and that they are constantly improving their systems for identifying and removing inappropriate content and people from the site.

The site provides a "Report Tab" for confidential complaints with a promise to begin action within twenty-four hours of receiving a complaint and to inform the user of steps taken to address the complaint within seventy-two hours.

Under their terms of use, Facebook prohibits the use of false information, but acknowledges that

PHILOSOPHY CONGRESS IN SESSION

Clayton State Hosts Second Annual Southeast Philosophy Congress

by James Baxley



The Clayton State Philosophy Society hosted its second annual Southeast Philosophy Congress on February 13 and 14, 2009. The event was held in the University Center and the Technology Building. The two day event was free for students, faculty, and staff.

The speakers were from local campuses in the southeast such as Georgia State University, the University of South Florida, and two speakers from Clayton State University. There were speakers from other campuses in the U.S. such as The University of Missouri-St. Louis, Loyola University-Chicago, and University of Kansas-Kansas. There was even a speaker from Ghent University in Belgium. The speakers were a mix of graduate students and professors.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Jack Zupko from Emory University. His essay was on, "Ten Myths About Medieval Philosophy." All the speakers at the Philosophy Congress spoke for twenty minutes and ended with a ten minute question and answer session.

The Philosophy Congress was created by the heads of Clayton State's Philosophy department: Dr. Ron Jackson, Dr. Alexander

Hall, and Dr. Todd Janke.

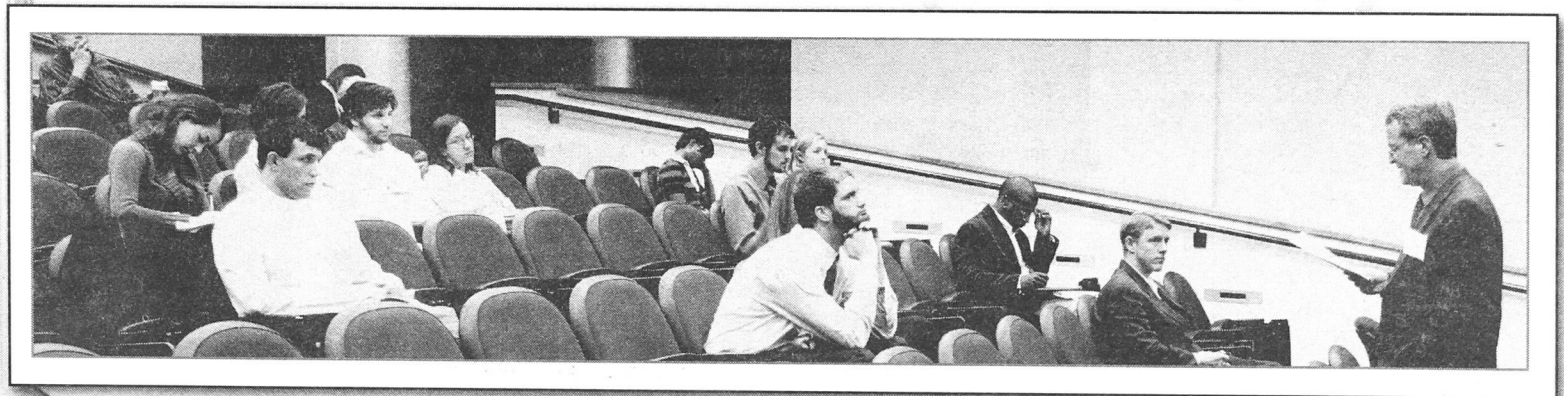
The students are not the only ones to benefit from such a successful turnout, the Southeast Philosophy Congress is another stepping stone toward a Philosophy Degree on Clayton State's curriculum. Clayton State already has a successful minor program in philosophy and a four-year degree is the next step for the department.

The Philosophy Society is open to all students and is also sponsored by the Philosophy Department.

For more information go to <http://a-s.clayton.edu/ahall/philosophy>. □



Dr. Jack Zupko addresses a group of students as the keynote speaker for the event.



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CSU CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SPONSORING UNITS: CL - CAMPUS LIFE; CEC - CAMPUS EVENTS COUNCIL; CS - CAREER SERVICES; IS - INTRAMURAL SPORTS

- 19 [CEC] Becoming the Subject of your own Story- SAC Ballroom, 7-9pm
- 23-26 [CS] Senior Career Academy Week Career Services
- 25 [CEC] Movie: *Real Women Have Curves* - SAC Ballroom, 7:30pm
- 31 [CL] Real Talk Discussion TBD
[CL] Cultural Shock Week (March 31 - April 3) Dialogue Discussion TBD

MARCH

APRIL

- 1 [CL] Brave New Voices - SAC Ballroom
- 2 [CL] Cultural Fest - UC Quad, 11am-2pm
[CS] Secrets to Finding a Government Job - UC262, 11:30am - 12:30pm
[CS] Secrets to Finding a Government Job - UC409, 5:15pm - 6:15pm
- 9 [CEC] Spring Fling (*possible Luau Theme*) Activities in the UC Quad, 11am-2pm
[CS] Business Etiquette Luncheon - SAC Ballroom, 11am - 2pm
- 10 [CEC] Luau Party - SAC green room, 9pm - 1am (*Rain location in the ballroom*)
- 14 [CS] College-to-Career Fair - Cobb Galleria Centre, 11am-3pm
- 16 [CL] Asian American Heritage Month Feature Event - Amphitheater TBD
[CL] Student Leadership and Involvement Awards - SAC Ballroom, 6:30pm

OFF CAMPUS EVENTS

FOR LITTLE TO NOTHING YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS CAN BE A PART OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY, OR ENJOYING ONE OF THE MANY EVENTS IN THE SURROUNDING AREA. SO STOP COMPLAINING AND DO SOMETHING! (ALL EVENTS ARE LOCAL, WITHIN A 20 MILE RADIUS OF CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY, AND CAN BE REACHED BY C-TRAN OR MARTA.)

EXTRA TIME BEFORE OR AFTER CLASSES? HERE ARE SOME PLACES YOU CAN VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME TO HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

AMERICAN RED CROSS

Date: Ongoing;
Time: 7am- 5pm;
Estimated Time: 5 hours/ month;
Location: Riverdale, GA 30274.

March is Red Cross month. Volunteering with the American Red Cross means you are making a meaningful contribution to help save a life. Help fulfill the mission of the American Red Cross in your community: The Honors Student Association also holds a Blood Drive on campus. Save a Life- Give Blood today. *To sign up visit www.redcross.org/volunteertime.

APACHE CAFE'

Date: Ongoing Time: Varies
Admission: \$6 +
Location: Atlanta, GA 30308

Open seven nights a week and serving a diverse group of patrons, Apache Café offers an intimate café, gallery, and venue with exposed brick walls and a loft-like style. With weekly ongoing series and featured events, Apache Café is one of the best places for musical performances and artist showcases. A true place of refreshing originality and decisive expression! *For more information on weekly and featured events, visit www.apachecafe.info.

ARTS CLAYTON GALLERY

Date: Now - Apr 30
Time: Tue - Fri 9am-5pm
Sat 10am-4pm
Admission: FREE!
Location: Jonesboro, GA 30267

Arts Clayton Inc. is a community service arts agency promoting Georgia artists, with a focus on Clayton County and south metro Atlanta. Art and Music in the South, this exhibition includes the musical influences in the work of Georgia artists. *For more information visit www.artsclayton.org.

HANDS ON ATLANTA

Date: Ongoing Time: N/A
Estimated Time: N/A
Location: Metro-Atlanta and surrounding counties

As a volunteer of Hands On Atlanta, you have access to a wide variety of exciting and rewarding volunteer opportunities throughout the year. Joining is easy! You can search Hands On Atlanta's project listing for a project that matches your skills, interests, and time availability. Do something good! *For more information visit www.handsonatlanta.org.

FUTURE FOUNDATION

Reef House After School Program
Date: Ongoing Time: N/A
Estimated Time: N/A
Location: East Point, GA 30344

Reef House After School Program is sponsored by Future Foundation and is dedicated to improving the lives of the metro-Atlanta youth to supplement educational and recreational services to youth in the community. Volunteers are always needed to serve as mentors, tutors, and sports enthusiasts. They are always looking for volunteers with special skills related to fine arts, crafts, dance, music, computer technology and more. If you have a special skill or interest that you would like to share, Sign up Today! *To sign up visit www.future-foundation.com or contact Shaunae Mobley @ (404) 766-0510.

PREMIER EXHIBIT @ ATLANTIC STATION

Date: Now - May 31
Time: 9am - 7pm
Admission: Student - \$22
Location: Midtown Atlanta, GA

BODIES - The Exhibition features more than 250 real, whole and partial human body specimens providing an up-close look inside the skeletal, muscular, reproductive, respiratory, circulatory and other systems of the human body. These specimens have been meticulously dissected and preserved through an innovative process that gives individuals the opportunity to view the complexity of their own organs and systems like never before. *For ticket purchasing visit www.museumtix.com or call (866) 866-8625

SOUTHWEST FULTON ARTS CENTER

Date: Mar 4 - 21
Time: Wed - Fri 8pm, Sat - 2:30pm
& 8pm, Sun - 2:30pm
Admission: \$20+ Location: Atlanta, GA

This eye-opening drama, starring "A Different World's" Jasmine Guy, focuses on the Tuskegee Study where 339 African-Americans were denied treatment for syphilis and deceived by the United States Public Health Service. The story is chronicled through the experiences of a nurse who attempts to aid four men in the study, but is thwarted by self-serving doctors and Washington bureaucracy. A must see performance!! *For more venue and ticket information, visit www.truecolorstheatre.org.

HIGH MUSEUM OF ART ATLANTA

Date: Now - April 19
Time: Sun 12pm - 5pm
Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat, 10am-5pm
Thurs 10am - 8pm
Admission: Student - \$15
Location: Midtown Atlanta GA

Experience the 8th wonder of the ancient world. Explore one of the 20th century's greatest discoveries: China's Terracotta Army. Showcasing over 100 works, visit midtown Atlanta to experience this once-in-a-lifetime exhibit that includes the largest number of complete terracotta warrior figures ever to travel to the United States. The High also showcases an ongoing World Film Series. *For more venue and ticket information visit www.high.org. □

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STUDY ABROAD IN
Costa Rica

PROGRAM DATES: MAY 14, 2009 - JUNE 16, 2009

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Costa Rica offers students the opportunity to immerse themselves in the country's language and culture while surrounded by unparalleled natural beauty and the legendary warmth and friendliness of its people. While in Costa Rica, students will experience the stunning cloud forest scenery, extraordinary biodiversity, comfortable facilities and accommodations, of Ecolodge San Luis & Biological Station. This excursion includes round-trip transportation in a private motor coach, accommodations at the Ecolodge San Luis for one night and all meals.

While at the Ecolodge, students will have the opportunity to participate in activities such as:

- Guided nature hikes
- World-class bird-watching with expert local guides
- Observation of nocturnal creatures
- Hands-on farm activities
- Cultural and social events with members of the community
- Lectures in open-air classroom
- Volunteer research participation
- Academic Courses

You will receive Clayton State credit for the courses listed below:

SPANISH LANGUAGE

Spanish classes will be held Monday through Friday for four hours per day. These classes will be offered

at a local language school in San José called COSI. This intensive language program is available to Spanish speakers of all levels, from beginner to advanced. This class will count as two courses towards your Spanish minor. For specifics on where the credit will be applied contact Dr. Dennis Miller in the Language & Literature Department.

CENTRAL AMERICAN DRAMA

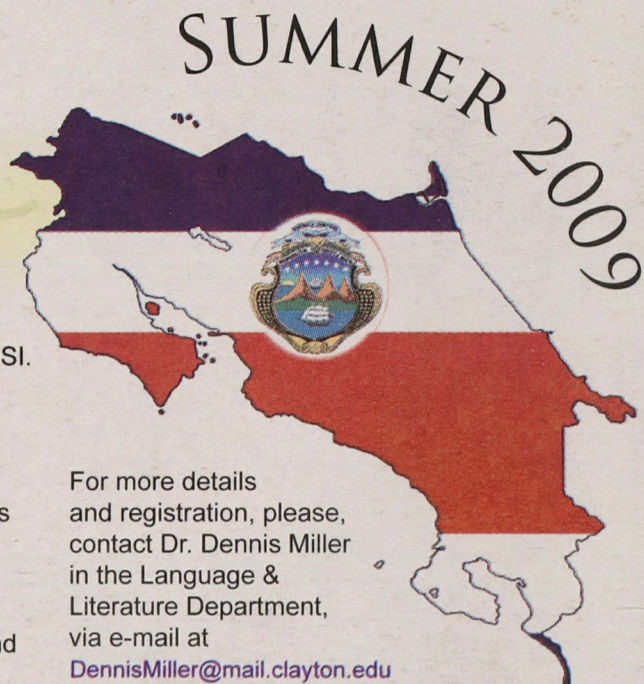
The most representative plays of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries of Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Honduras, Panama, and El Salvador will be studied in the program. Students will read performances, act out scenes, and collaborate with one another to write their own brief theatrical skits in Spanish.

PROGRAM COST

Cost per student: \$ 2,650 + Tuition for 6 credit hours (Students are responsible for purchasing their airfare but will need to coordinate arrival and departure with the Office of International Programs)

COST INCLUDES:

- Homestays with breakfast and dinner
- Airport shuttle transportation (arrival/departure)
- Airport taxes in Costa Rica
- Two days, one night excursion to Ecolodge
- 60 Hours of Spanish Instruction
- Amenities: Arrival/Departure reception orientation
- Health insurance, walking tour in San Jose, in-situ advice about tourist tours, and access to computer facilities



For more details and registration, please, contact Dr. Dennis Miller in the Language & Literature Department, via e-mail at DennisMiller@mail.clayton.edu or by telephone at (678) 466-4735.

You may also contact Mr. Orlando Pacheco, Associate Director for International Programs via e-mail at OrlandoPacheco@clayton.edu or by telephone at (678) 466-4092.

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WHAT IS GOING ON WITH THE GSA THIS SPRING?

The GSA will be providing educational seminars, and works with the administration to ensure that the diversity of our school is recognized and celebrated. Some of our events and activities this spring will be:

- March 26 - The Love your Body Health Fair
- A Safety Speaker Series to be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month in UC 420
- March 31 - In conjunction with Counseling Services, The Center for Academic Success, and Campus Life we will be

launching Safe Spaces. For more information on what Safe Spaces are check out our website at <http://studentorg.clayton.edu/gssa/>

- April 16 - We will have a campus wide Day of Silence. Information sessions for this event will be held on March 24th, 2009 from 11:30-12:30 in UC 420 and on March 25th, 2009 from 6:30-7:30 in Lecture Hall B12. Please come and join us in helping make this event a success.
- This Spring GSA will also be giving out Bunny Baskets to unfortunate children (April 2009)



And we have more in the works! So we need more volunteers, supporters, and members. We are always on the look out for leaders and invite you to come join the Gay-Straight Alliance at Clayton State University!

Please feel free to contact us at: gsa.org@clayton.edu. □