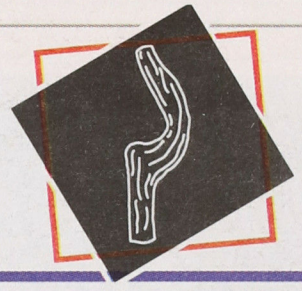


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Tuition increase for CSU

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As part of cuts to the University System of Georgia, Clayton State students can expect higher tuition fees heading into the 2010-11 school year.

CSU President Tim Hynes addressed students and faculty during a recent Student Government Association open forum to help them understand what to expect. Students and professors raised concerns over a variety of issues, including spiked tuition, class reduction and furloughs. With the proposed \$117 million budget cuts looming over school officials, Hynes said the best option for students is to petition the government until the Georgia legislature finalizes its decision.

"All I can say is that we are in a time of uncertainty," said Hynes.

More than 500 students from universities across the state marched at the Capitol in Atlanta to protest the state-wide budget cuts. Among those exercising free speech were Darius Thomas, president of SGA.

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The CSU Lady Lakers clinched the 2010 Peach Belt Conference Title recently with a 94-75 win over Francis Marion.

Peach Belt Champs!

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The Clayton State Lady Lakers has achieved yet another victory winning the 2010 Peach Belt Conference Tournament championship against Francis Marion. The 94-75 score adds another win to their two Peach Belt Conference wins over the last six seasons. With the win over Francis Marion the Lady Lakers hold on to their sixth straight NCAA Division II National Tournament.

Coach Dennis Cox said there was no specific strategy in winning the game. He said part of playing on the

same team throughout the season makes it easy to get a handle on how (Francis Marion) plays defensively and what was needed by the Lady Lakers.

"I was relieved that we secured the National Tournament. It is an unbelievable experience," Cox said when asked how he felt about the win.

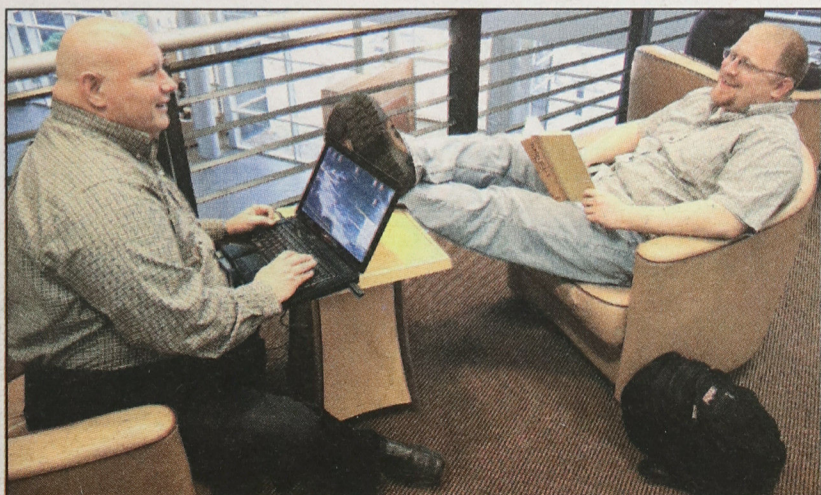
Now that the championship is won, there is some pressure on the ladies to keep the winning tradition. The team has eight new members and has faced a lot adversity this season. Winning has definitely proved that, with hard work and perseverance, anything is possible.

This season's Most Valuable

Player pick is Junior Tyshimia Tillman. Tillman scored 34 points in the Peach Belt Conference championship game and averaged 18 points throughout the season. She also had a double-double in the game, along with 15 rebounds, the highest in her career.

Tanisha Woodward scored 13 points and 10 rebounds with a double-double for the second time in a row. Gensis Kelly scored 13 points and Lasheria Stevens sank 12.

"Now that the new players has tasted victory and with the leadership of returning members, it is everyone's expectation to keep raising the bar to heights," Cox said.



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Ed Calloway II, and his son, Ed Calloway III, relax in the University Center. The two are both students here.

Like Father, Like Son

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Some students might be mortified if they were in college with their dad ... or son. But that's not the case for Ed Calloway II and his son, Ed Calloway III.

"It's awesome," the younger Calloway said. "He's like my best friend."

The two are both students at CSU completing their bachelor degrees. The elder Calloway is studying history and

is planning to graduate in December. His son, studying middle school education, has a couple of years left.

The two live together in Griffin and take evening classes, sometimes car-pooling. They seem as much friends as they are relatives, joking and poking fun at one another.

"I'm much smarter than he is," Calloway III said. "And he's not as good a wing man as he thinks."

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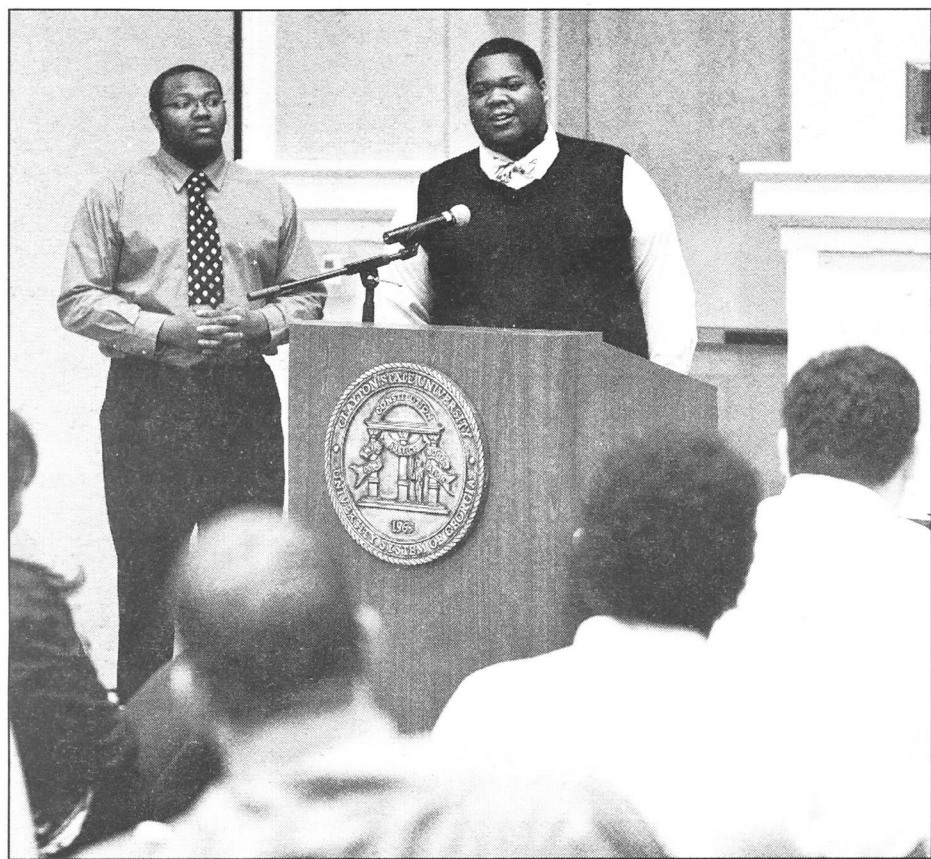
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Campus Events

- April 5 - May 13 Advance Registration for Summer/Fall 2010
- April 5-6 Midterm grade submission period (Session II)
- April 6 Academic Honors Convocation. 11:30am in Spivey Hall
- News Team from Azerbaijan. Check out Laker Lines for more information and specifics on their visit.
- Final New York Times Talk of the semester: *The Politics of Obesity: How Your Weight Affects Your Paycheck, Your Grades, and National Security*. Come learn about health care reform and tax surcharges while enjoying a free lunch. 11:30am-12:30pm in T152.
- Lead the Way on Animal Care and Welfare. Tara Mitchell from PAWS Atlanta will speak on caring for animals. 6pm in the SAC ballroom.
- Clayton State women's tennis match at Georgia College.
- April 7 Facilities Management "Town Hall" meeting. Come share your thoughts on growth at CSU 11am-1pm
- Clayton State women's tennis match at CSU vs Montevallo. 1pm
- April 8 Kristin Lyman, percussion. Spivey Hall 7:30pm Cost: Free.
- April 9 Midterm Session II - last day to withdraw and receive a W grade
- Graduate Degree Requirement Completion Deadline
- April 10 "Clue Me In To Clayton State". This team event involves solving clues all over the campus. The event is from 10am-noon and lunch is included. For more information visit http://studentorg.clayton.edu/wi2stem/clue_me_in.htm
- CSU Track and Field Peach Belt Challenge against Columbus State.
- Richard Morris, organ. Spivey Hall 3pm. Cost \$30.
- April 11 Piedmont College Chamber Singers. Spivey Hall 3pm. Cost \$30.
- April 11-13 Men's Golf Peach Belt Conference Tournament at Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, GA.
- April 13 Graduate Studies Open House. Room 101 of the Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education. This session will give information on CSU's masters programs. 5:30pm-7pm
- April 14 SBDC Small Business Financing Workshop. Room T152 at 9:30am. Call SBDC at 678-466-5100 for more information.
- Clayton State women's tennis match at CSU vs Breneau. 2pm.
- CSU Wind Ensemble. Spivey Hall 7:30PM. Cost: Free.
- April 15 Pre-Nursing Information Sessions for current students. Room 101 of the Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education. Learn about CSU's nursing program and financial aid for the School of Nursing. 11:15am-12:45pm and 6:15pm-7:45pm.
- Free alcohol screenings. UC Main Street from 11am-2pm.
- April 16-18 Peach Belt Tennis Conference Tournament. Jonesboro, GA.
- April 17 Jason Vieaux, guitar. Spivey Hall 8:15pm. Cost \$35.
- April 18 Richard Goode, piano. Spivey Hall 3pm. Cost \$50
- April 21 CSU Wind Ensemble. Spivey Hall 7:30pm. Cost: Free.
- April 24 CSU Track and Field Coach "O" Invitational at Troy. 12pm.
- April 25 CSU Chorale. Spivey Hall 3pm. Cost: Free.
- April 28 CSU Jazz Combo. Spivey Hall 7:30pm. Cost: Free.
- April 29 Clayton State Women's Forum Annual Scholarship Luncheon. Room 101 of the Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education. noon-1:30pm. RSVP by April 23. \$10 will cover the session and lunch.
- Power House Café sponsored by Power House MODELS. Entry is a donation of a book or magazine for Youth Identity mentoring workshop or \$2 at the door. SAC Green 6pm-8pm. For more information call 404-957-9345.
- Alumni Association dinner. Fox Theatre's Egyptian Ballroom at 6:30PM.

SGA elections held this week



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Candidates for positions in the Student Government Association are now permitted to campaign for election.

After a meeting on April 1 that confirmed candidate participation and attendance, flyers, banners and events will soon keep prospective members busy as they organize ways to engage students to vote. However, candidates must follow designated rules and regulations in their efforts to campaign.

"One of the biggest rules is not being allowed to walk around with your laptop to solicit votes from students once the ballots are up," said SGA President Darius Thomas during the meeting in the Student Activities Center.

Feature candidates, sponsored by SGA, will be on Main Street on April 8 to discuss their goals for

next year's administration and will address concerns with students. However, with only one candidate for each presidential position outside the secretarial post, it may seem as though there is not much competition for candidates.

"For the past three years, that's sort of been the trend," said Thomas. "Typically [the president's cabinet] is one of those positions where you have to have had served in SGA the prior year before running for office."

Senate seats are open to all Clayton State students, explained Thomas. Senate candidate Shem-meah Williamson, junior, said that as an incoming transfer student from Columbus State University, she wants to make her name known to the student body.

"I think I'm going to bring more enthusiasm than anyone here," said Williamson. "I'm going to let people know that I am the one that will represent them well."

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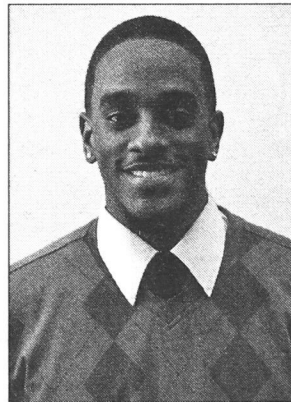
SGA President Darius Thomas address candidates for SGA on April 1. Online voting begins April 13 at 8 a.m. and ends the next day at 11:59 p.m. Winners will be announced on April 15.

A look at the candidates for SGA Cabinet



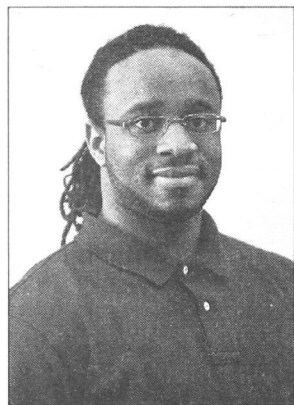
Name: **Kamille Rigbsby**
Running for: president
Age: 21
Major: political science
Hometown: Lubbock, Tex.

Why are you running for office?
"I feel like this is next step in my SGA leadership. I feel like I will be more effective and I can work with faculty and students in coming with solutions."



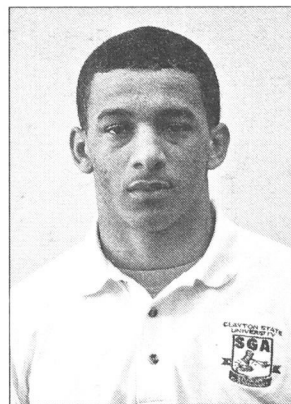
Name: **Edward Parks**
Running for: freshman
Age: 18
Major: biology
Hometown: Decatur, Ga.

Why are you running for office?
"Because this is a responsibility I want to take on and I want to make some changes. I feel like I can connect with students."



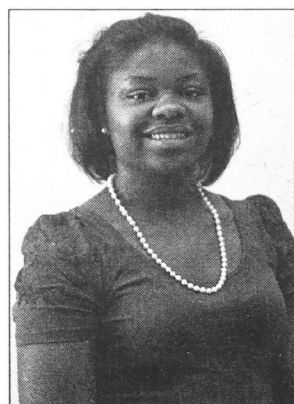
Name: **Rico Lee**
Running for: vice-president
Age: 21
Major: technology management
Hometown: Wrens, Ga.

Why are you running for office?
"I want to continue the leadership that SGA already has established. I feel like I can do more by taking a higher leadership role withing SGA."



Name: **Robert Nicholas**
Running for: secretary
Age: 20
Major: nursing
Hometown: Willingboro, N.J.

Why are you running for office?
"I want to stay involved with SGA and stay in tune with what affects students. And what better way to do that than with the Student Government Association?"



Name: **Ilesha Little**
Running for: secretary
Age: 20
Major: political science
Hometown: Augusta, Ga.

Why are you running for office?
"Because I believe people should be a part of their communities. And since I'm a part of CSU, this is my way of serving the people."

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Clayton State's own returning orientation team members Stacie "Jenay" Arnold, Coordinator of Volunteer Relations and Burien "Lance" Mealer, Coordinator of Campus Relations won Best Overall Case Study for the second year in a row at the Southern Regional Orientation Workshop. SROW was held in Louisville, Ky. The award for Best Overall includes the Best Communication and problem solving skills. 2009 CSU team members Starr Densley and Paige Lee won Best Overall last year.

When I asked Jenay how she felt about winning she said, "Winning was a welcome surprise, a relief; we are setting traditions".

The University of Louisville was the host to more than 30 colleges and universities such as Alabama State University, Georgia Tech, University of New Orleans, and Valdosta State University.

Other conference competitions included a song/dance/skit competition and school spirit.

Jenay and Lance explained to me that although past orientation experience and classroom training to be effective orientation leaders helped some, preparation for the case study was nearly impossible. "This shows the academic achievement of Clayton State: training in orientation and classroom training" said Lance Mealer.

Meetings have not saved C-TRAN

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There have been many meetings about the demise of C-Tran, but no results yet. There have also been several meetings held, such as the one in February at the Georgia Capitol about what should be done about C-Tran's demise. There have been many recommendations such as a "penny-tax," raising the bus fair, and even discontinuing a bus route. However, all of these suggestions have been defeated by the Clayton County Commissioners, except for Chairman Eldrin Bell. But whatever is decided to keep C-Tran alive, it cannot be implemented before the deadline of March 31.

There are two Georgia House bills dedicated just for continuing C-Tran, HB 1393 and HB 1218; these two bills will propose an extension of the 7 percent sales tax to fund public transportation. Even if these two bills make it to

the Georgia Senate, Governor Sonny Perdue (serving his final term as governor) will probably veto it due to a clause in the Transportation Special Local Option Sales Tax bill (T-SPLOST) that allows individual counties to refuse a tax that supports a state-wide transportation tax. Also HB 1446 has been introduced to the Georgia Senate to see if the Clayton County citizens want to become part of the MARTA system.

How does this affect Clayton State University students? CSU's Brian Haynes, Vice President for Student Affairs said that "the University conducted an online survey in December" and "in that survey of more than 5,500 students ... 11.2 percent of the students at Clayton State relied on C-Tran to attend classes whether it was for one day, three days, four days or more."

Is there a silver lining to this predicament? GRTA has bought the buses from C-Tran and plans to run an Xpress

route from Clayton State to the Lakewood/Fort McPherson MARTA station. There is no word on when this will start or what the schedule will be.

Sam Ortega, a CSU junior and biology major commutes from midtown everyday to get to classes. Sam says, "I'm going to have to buy a car just to get to school." It isn't just the students at Clayton State that depend on C-Tran; several employees that work on campus depend on the bus also. Kelsco Darby, who works for Sodexo, says that he "will have to ride with friends and neighbors until he can get a car." Also working at Sodexo is Chris Crithlow, who says he "will have to buy a car to get to work."

Spring fashion in full bloom

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The sun isn't the only thing that shines in the spring. The awesome fashion trends of 2010 have us anticipating warm weather. You can find the hottest fashions in the bargain stores like H&M and Marshalls or splurge a little at French Connection and Bloomingdales. Any of these stores will have exactly what you're looking for to follow the trends for the spring. Go to your local mall and have a good time!

There are so many trends to follow this spring, like colorful silk pattern blouses inspired by the silk scarf. Blazers, leggings and one piece jumpers aren't going anywhere so don't worry, there are trends from last year that still exist now. The classical black and white contrast stripes or polka dots, is also a must in the spring.

There are many ways the trends that designers are often inspired: by eras, people or even food. In this season you will find juicy colorful fruit print clothes, and Goldie Hawn inspired sailor look. Be the one in class to standing out because you are hitting the closest stores to catch the hottest styles.

If there have been times when you've seen designer clothes you would love to wear but can't afford, problem solved. There have been many designers, understanding that we are in a recession, who have made affordable lines at Target and H&M, like Jimmy Choo, Betsey Johnson and Vera Wang.

If you need to find out exactly what to wear and how, pick up a fashion magazine and it will help guide your style. Have fun and stay, trendy!!

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Love Your Body

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More students need to love their bodies.

That was the theme of the health fair, held in the University Center on March 18. This annual is sponsored by Clayton State University Health Services.

"The purpose of the event is to build awareness about health related issues," said Julia Spinolo, director of Clayton State University Health Services. She added that the benefit of the event is "for students to live healthy by promoting exercise and healthy eating."

Michael Clark, who is a licensed massage therapist, brought some of his students from Everest Institute to give chair massages. He is trying to help spread the awareness about the benefits of massaging.

"Students tend to get chronic tension in the neck and shoulders from having their head held forward while completing schoolwork," he said. "Massage is also good for when starting a new exercise program to relieve soreness. Massage is part of health care, along with getting plenty of rest. It is a holistic form of treatment."

Latrice Barlow, office manager also commented by saying, "the fair covers the mental and physical aspects, ladies makeup, safety, massage and total body health to encourage students to get in health."

Others in attendance represented services for eye care, medical insurance, and breast cancer awareness, physical safety with the use of pepper spray, membership at Costco, and Girl Scout cookies.

Clayton State University Director of the Department of Recreation and Wellness Cynthia L. Lauer was there to promote the programs on campus available for students that include group exercise and outdoor adventure. "The benefits for students participating provide overall health and wellness," Lauer said. "Students are already paying for these services at the SAC Center and don't know what's in it." She talked about how students are going to LA Fitness and the YMCA when they could use the facility in the SAC Center. Lauer said she "wants to expose students to camping and non-threatening environments. These

are good bonding experiences for students to get to know new people. Also there is the opportunity to promote physical activity, and for students to relieve stress."

Jennifer Dean of counseling and psychological services was in attendance to promote psychological, physical, and spiritual wellness by raising awareness of the free services offered to students that address issues of depression, anxiety, and stress management. Counseling and psychological services at CSU also include individual, couples, and career counseling.

Margie Sanders, senior sales director for Mary Kay Cosmetics attended the health fair to give women the opportunity to own their own business. She said, "It is right for the times." According to Sanders, the benefit of using Mary Kay Cosmetics is that, "when a woman looks good on the outside, she feels good on the inside." Mary Kay is going green with the use of natural ingredients such as mineral in their powders and eye shadows. They also recycle old compacts and containers donated to them by customers.

Kiyana Scott was on site to represent Sister Love Inc., a non profit organization advocacy for health education and for the prevention of aids. This organization was in attendance to encourage women to have a healthy sex life by promoting HIV awareness and offering supportive services available to the African American female community. The services include free condoms, free HIV testing, computer based classes, job search assistance, and referral services for those in need of transportation and housing. Home visits are also available.

Clayton Eye Center gave free eye screenings. Susan G. Komen for the Cure and the Kidney Foundation was on hand to inform attendees about breast cancer and kidney disease awareness and their upcoming events. They gave out items such as jump ropes, water bottles, caloric counters, pen, and tablets.

Overall many students attended this free event. Students took advantage of the free information and gained valuable insight into total body health by learning how to "love your body" through healthy eating, exercise, and mental, spiritual, and physical care.

Celebrate CSIR's Anniversary Week

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Clayton State Internet Radio will kick off its anniversary with Founders Day, a celebration in the quad on Thursday, April 8. During their anniversary week, April 12-16, CSIR will enlighten the campus with a history of broadcasting in the loft area of UC. Also during their anniversary week, students can expect to indulge in a pizza and karaoke night and a music panel discussing today's music. Throughout the anniversary week, students can bring CDs or records they would like to hear played on the radio station. In addition, CSIR will host its first official t-shirt design contest. Email info@claytonstateradio.com before April 16 for rules. The station will finish with an invitation for the student body to sign their logo for the studio.

CSIR's anniversary week celebrates the reality of the station, and how it evolved from an idea to a broadcast. The station sees its future as becoming a station that faculty and students depend on. In the words of CSIR DJ David Wilson, "We are changing the culture of Clayton State." Stephanie Cooper agrees, "The life of the entire campus has changed in the last few years. I think all of the student media is a big part of that change...and will take the campus to another level." Visit ClaytonStateRadio.com to start listening live.

ROTC at CSU

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Did you know Clayton State University has an ROTC program? The ROTC program offers students scholarships that pay full tuition, fees, books, and stipends during the school year. The ROTC stands for the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, an educational program of leadership and military skills training. After completing the program and graduating, students will be prepared for the Army, Army Reserve, or Army National Guard.

The ROTC program benefits students by providing scholarships to finance their college career, build self-confidence, leadership skills, and the opportunity to serve country as a prestige Army officer. There are also opportunities for paid internships. While enrolled in the program, the student won't be deployed as long as they are enrolled a minimum of 12 credit hours (full-time) until they complete the program. If you are currently in the Army Reserve or Army National Guard and enroll in the program for a minimum of 12 full-time hours you are considered non-deployable until you complete the program.

A student can explore basic courses without any obligation, but once a student accepts a scholarship or enter into advanced courses, they must make a commitment to serve as an Army officer after graduation for eight years. Major Walker says, "Scholarships are available, but students must compete for them."

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Are you aware of the budget cuts and how do you feel about them?

Upcoming budget cuts by the Georgia Legislature to the University System of Georgia will have an impact on all 35 universities that it oversees. A poll was recently conducted on the campus to ask students: "Are you aware of the budget cuts and how do you feel about them?" Here are their answers:

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Kisha Chaney
junior
psychology major

"Yes, I feel that it is a negative reaction for the students because we are at a disadvantage because tuition is going to increase and I feel like the government should stand behind the school more so the students don't have to take up the slack."



Danielle Stephens
junior
business management major

"No, I was not aware until a few minutes ago. I don't like it. I think there should be other ways to make up for our budget shortage other than increasing tuition."



Angelica Britt
junior
general business major

"I'm familiar with them but I don't know all the details related to it. I don't believe we should be paying for any of the things that are related to the budget cuts because that's not a result of our education."



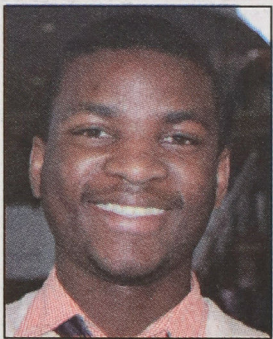
Dennis Menjivar
sophomore
general business major

"Yes I am, I feel it is really unfair to certain students because many students do not have the financial opportunities that other students have to come to school. Some students have to attend other schools because of the money, because they can't get a scholarship or because they are international, it is becoming way more expensive. It's going to affect the international community as well as the local students."



Maggie Mueller
junior
health and fitness major

"Yes, I am upset because when they cut the budgets we get less money. They cut my hours at work. I work at the gym at the SAC, the gym use to be open from 6am-10pm now the employees only come in from 10am-10pm. Less hours equal less money."



Edward Zomba
sophomore
biology major

"Not really, I haven't got any news from it but I know the school is planning on doing some budget cuts but I don't know what they are going to cut."



Jessica Prosianos
sophomore
accounting major

"No I am not aware of the budget cuts."



Mikki Dixon
sophomore
english major

"Yes I am. I do not feel like it's conducive to higher education. Faculty money is being cut, they are being forced into more furlough days, and tuition is on the rise. This is not helping anyone. I came back to school while the economy is in a bad state so while it improves I can finish school and not worry about it however, the fact that tuition may increase by as much as 80 percent may force me out of school and I may not finish my education."



Bobby Scroggs
sophomore
pre-engineering major

"Yes, I think it is kind of unfair to students but money needs to be cut and everyone thinks it should be cut but people don't want to be effected by the cuts. So everyone is kind of S.O.L."

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Sports



CSU Cross-country Athletes Honored

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Three Clayton State cross country athletes were honored as a part of the USTFCCA (United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association) Division II All-Academic Team. Selected from Clayton State were Stephen Bowers, Kourtney Aylor, and Paige Galvin.

Bowers, a freshman from Locust Grove, Ga., has a 3.25 grade-point average in biology. This season, he earned second team All-Peach Belt Conference honors by finishing seventh in the PBC Meet. Bowers was the Lakers' No. 4 runner for much of the season and helped the Lakers finished fifth at the NCAA Division II Southeast Regionals. In addition to his seventh-place finish at the PBC Meet, Bowers also finished fourth at the Southern Challenge.

A sophomore from Burnet, Texas, Aylor has a 3.25 GPA in biology. She earned first team All-Peach Belt Conference honors this season with a fourth-place finish at the PBC Meet. Aylor also finished eighth at the Struts Season Opener at Jacksonville State.

Galvin, a freshman from Posen, Ill., has a 3.30 GPA in biology. She competed as the Lakers' No. 5 runner for much of the season, posting PR times at the Mercer Invitational and the Peach Belt Conference Championships.



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SENIOR NIGHT: The men's and women's basketball teams celebrated senior night during their game against Georgia Southwestern. The men won 69-41 and the women won 78-68.

Men's Golf Saves Best for Last

Courtesy of Clayton State University Athletics

The Clayton State Laker men's golf team saved their best tournament of the regular season for last on Tuesday at the Bearcat Classic.

After getting off to a solid start in the first two rounds on Monday, Clayton State had its best team round of the season in the final round on Tuesday. The Lakers fired an impressive even-par 288 and finished tied for eighth overall with an 882. Clayton State jumped five spots in the final round and finished tied with West Georgia for eighth.

Clayton State finished a stroke ahead of Georgia Southwestern, two strokes in front of Milligan, three in front of Montevallo and seven strokes ahead of Montevallo. The Lakers finished a stroke behind Erskine and six strokes off the pace of Coker. Host Lander won the Bearcat Classic with a whopping 31-under-par 833, seven strokes ahead of Armstrong Atlantic.

Individually for Clayton State, senior

Neil Thomas had a stellar tournament, finishing tied for 10th overall with a 5-under 211 (71-70-70). Thomas was a mere four strokes behind individual low medalist Daniel Stanley from Newberry.

In addition to Thomas, senior All-American Wade Binfield finished tied for 22nd overall, shooting even-par 216 (71-75-70) for Clayton State, while freshman Michael Lee finished tied for 56th with an 11-over 227 (80-75-72). Rounding out the team scoring for the Lakers was junior Adam Novakowski finishing tied for 61st with a 12-over 228 (76-76-76) and sophomore Clark Nelson finished 83rd with a 253 (89-81-83).

Playing as an individual, the Lakers' Andy Bate finished 50th with an 8-over 224 (74-75-75).

Clayton State will defend its Peach Belt Conference championship on April 11-13 at Callaway Gardens, Ga.

Running to Victory

Courtesy of Clayton State University Athletics

Running only three days after competing at the Emory Classic, the Clayton State Laker men's and women's track teams had a productive performance at the Columbus State Double-Dual Meet.

Combined, Clayton State won four events, finished second in eight events and third in six. In the team scoring, the Laker men placed third with 76 points, and the Clayton State women also placed third with 55 points.

The Lakers' individual triumphs came from Keisha Etienne and Chuks Chinukwue. Etienne won the women's 400-meter dash, while Chinukwue won the men's 110-meter hurdles. Clayton State also had two relay victories – the men's 4x400-meter team of Edlin Veras, Ayrton Azcue, Shelby Russell and Ricky Fort, and the women's 4x400-meter team of Etienne, Masiah Hutchinson, Natasha Gass and Monique Belmudes.

In addition to the two relay victories, Clayton State also finished second in the men's 4x100-meter relay with the team of Veras, Fort, Russell and Roberto Spezzacatena. Veras also placed second in the men's 400-meter dash, while Haili Hoffman placed second in both the women's discus and women's javelin.

Gass also placed second in the women's triple-jump, while Hutchinson placed second in the women's 400-meter dash and Belmudes placed second in the women's 1,500-meter run.

The Laker men recorded third-place finishes by Azcue in the 800-meter run and from Fidelis Mutiso in the 3,000-meter run. Recording third-place finishes for the Clayton State women were Danelle Douglas in the long jump, Omatayo Adeshigbin in the high jump, and Rene Maras in the 3,000-meter run.

Student Opinion

Does the punishment fit the crime?

By Millicent Benson

It seems you can't open a newspaper or turn on the TV without seeing an NFL athlete being accused of something or another. The most recent attention-grabbing headlines range from DUI to felonies, and much more, but yet the most covered case is that of Michael Vick and illegal dog fighting.

Michael Vick went to federal prison for 24 months on dog fighting charges. While what he did was wrong, did he really deserve to go to prison for that length of time? He can not own any pets because of his the crime. Vick is now a convicted felon, and all because of an illegal dog fighting business. This dog fighting ring housed hundreds of pit bulls, and

brought large sums of money. The fighting ring, which was located in Virginia, was raided in April of 2007. Every since that day, there has been much debate over him and football.

I am a proud owner of a toy poodle named Lily. I love her, and I would be hurt and very upset if someone injured or harmed her in anyway. But I would be more hurt if it was mom, sister, brother, or any other family member. In my opinion you can not place an animal's life on the same level as a human life. People still protest outside of football stadiums when Vick plays. While all this is happening there are other athletes that are allowed to play everyday that have been accused of far worse crimes than dog fighting.

Dontè Stallworth plead guilty

to DUI and Second Degree Manslaughter charges for which he received 30 days in jail, 1000 hours of community service, and a lifetime suspension of his Florida license. This will also be followed by 2 years house arrest, probation, and other restrictions. The average jail sentence in Florida for similar crimes is 10 years. While this case received some media coverage it was not as popular as The Vick case. He drove drunk, then hit and killed a living, breathing person. Yet, he can still drive in 49 other states and play football within a year timespan. The NFL suspended Stallworth for the entire 2008-2009 NFL season.

Today Michael Vick is trying to rebuild his life and career. He works with the humane society as well as talking to youth about

decision-making and staying on the straight and narrow. He also stars in his own reality series chronicling his life's journey after prison. Dontè Stallworth signed a one year \$900,000 with \$300,000 in incentives contract with the Baltimore Ravens. Both cases are heartbreaking, because two men's lives have been changed forever. They'll both have to work hard to get back what they lost as far as the NFL, if that's possible. But the question I'm posing is how can a person cause bodily harm to another person and still get less time than a person who harms, and or supposedly fought dogs?

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Free doesn't always mean free

Tech talk

By Chris Baldwin



Let me start by saying that I like free stuff. Though, over the years as a college student, I've come to realize that many free things cost tremendously. At the risk of dating myself, I'll give you an example. The "free" toaster I got for signing up with my credit card so many years ago seemed like a great idea. I thought free money and hot bagels was obviously a win-win. As time progressed, I made purchases and the introductory rate vanished. To this day, I am battling with this com-

pany to lower these horrendous rates.

I say all that to emphasize that there is always a cost associated with free stuffs. Music and movies are no exception. As a technician, I see students who come in with extremely infected computers. In many cases, they are viruses picked up from various shareware programs such as Limewire, Frostwire, etc. Strangely enough, music and movie companies don't like their content to be stolen. Some have argued that to get back at people downloading their content, these same companies seed files that have viruses in them. I don't know the validity behind that, but it wouldn't surprise me. The fact remains that many peer-to-peer networks drop files on your computer to steal your information, destroy files, which can cost you by paying to have it

cleaned. Fortunately, as Clayton State students, there is an upstanding organization called The HUB to help you clean that off (shameless plug).

That doesn't give you a free pass to go downloading willy-nilly. Several students have been reprimanded for downloading illegal content on campus. The Recording Industry Association of America contacts our network administrators when they notice files are being shared. Nothing done on the internet is anonymous. The RIAA can see your IP address and ask that the person sharing be stopped. This usually leads to you losing internet connectivity on campus and possible disciplinary action.

So the big question is how to listen to music or watch shows legally. The best I've seen so far would be www.pandora.

com for music and www.hulu.com for video. Pandora is great because it is available on your computer and phone so you can listen at home or in the car if you connect your phone to your car radio. The beauty of it is that there are very few commercials and it plays music you like based on what you rate. Hulu.com is a site to watch TV shows and some movies. Again there are very few commercials and you select what you want to watch. For cinematic movies I'd suggest the Red Box kiosk. New movies rent for \$1, which speaks for itself.

Keep it legal and classy, Clayton State.

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Watch out for phishing and smishing

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Lately, has anyone noticed getting an unusual number of phone calls from area codes that are unrecognizable? Or has anyone received an email from UPS saying they are unable to deliver a package because of an incorrect address? Most students know not to carry their Social Security card or number around in their wallet in case of loss or theft, but is anyone aware that providing your home town on social networking websites makes for easy access for scammers to figure out what your SS number is?

These scenarios are all part of identity theft scams and are extensions of phishing. With a gaining popularity in these types of crimes, students need to educate and protect themselves by following a few simple steps.

Phishing is when an unlawful company poses as a legitimate company and e-mails internet users for their private information in an attempt to fraud them into believing they are updating their personal information for safe business practices, and ultimately steals their identity and oftentimes their money.

When phishing through text messaging has been dubbed "smishing." The way smishing works is that a person will receive a text message with a URL address. Once opened, it will cause a Trojan horse virus to crash the whole system. Or they receive a voicemail message on their cell phone or landline advising them that they need to call a particular number to provide information required to update accounts, but actually the scammer is gaining access to bank accounts and credit card numbers.

In the first scenario, the snare is when the person actually makes a call to the unrecognizable number and the longer they stay on the phone call, the more they are providing the scammer opportunities to charge excessive amounts on the phone bill. It has recently been reported that Verizon Wireless customers have been billed as high as \$50

dollars per phone call from these companies.

This is accomplished by companies that have telephone businesses set up in the Caribbean that are not regulated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). This non-regulation of telephone charges allows scammers to charge what they want per phone call.

According to Sid Kirchheimer author of "Scam Proof Your Life," "The most commonly used area codes in this scam are 284 (British Virgin Islands), 649 (Turks and Caicos), 809 (Dominican Republic) and especially 876 (Jamaica). Other faux-American codes include 441 (Bermuda), 473 (Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique), 664 (Montserrat), 758 (St. Lucia), 784 (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines) and 868 (Trinidad and Tobago)."

It's easy to fall prey to the UPS scam because it is feasible that someone may have sent a package but has entered the wrong mailing address. It is a scam because UPS would not send an email with an attachment for you to open. It is more than likely a virus attached and the way to handle this is by deleting it. This applies to the work from home and IRS refund emails as well.

CSU sophomore student Ray N. says about calls from unknown area codes, "I ignore those." As far as scam emails he responded, "I send them to the spam folder. So far I haven't fallen victim to anything."

Unknowing giving up your pin number at the gas pump is called skimming. This is a device that scammers install at the gas pump that reads credit card information and pin numbers. The scammers take the pin number and steal money from the gas station patron's bank account. The best and safest way to avoid this practice is not to use a debit card, but handle the payment transaction as a credit purchase.

Nowadays most students seem to have a social networking page, but as previously noted this is a place for identity thieves to be lurking. If a scam artist finds out a student's name, address, birthday and hometown they

are able to buy the social security number from websites that are in the business of selling them, or they attempt to crack the code of the social security number based on the hometown, because social security numbers are issued in a sequence based on zip codes and by being assigned in increments and sequences.

Students who sign up for social networking pages need not list their birthday, hometown or use the last four digits of their social security number as part of their pass code for any online account.

If a student does decide to do business with unknown companies that have solicited them by phone or email, Dottie Callina, manager of communications for the Better Business Bureau of Atlanta encourages students "to check out any company prior to doing business. BBB's reports will tell you if we have ever received a complaint on the company and how the company answered or addressed the matter."

"If a company falls into a scam category, that information will be included in the report. That is why it is very important for consumers to let us know when they believe a company may be a scam. Of course, we will do our own investigation prior to adding this information to a report."

"The BBB is supported by our accredited businesses. We are a non-profit agency and not affiliated with the government. The only bias we show toward our accredited businesses is that they must respond to any matter brought to them by BBB and they must adhere to our Code of Advertising. If they do not, then they are expelled from BBB and this information is included in their report."

With the many scams prevalent and growing in numbers in an attempt to steal one's identity and money from bank accounts, students are in a good position to protect their identity by becoming knowledgeable about these scams and taking a few precautionary steps mentioned that will assist in safeguarding themselves.



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CSU President Tim Hynes speaks during a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Business and Health Sciences Annex. The annex, which should be finished by Jan. 2011, will house biology and chemistry laboratories, as well as general classrooms. The Business and Health Sciences will also undergo some renovations, including repairing the HVAC system and ridding the building of mold.



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Poet's corner

By Zaab Para

*"I Love You and
You are My Friend"*

When life becomes Pain
Sorrow and Rain
When our hearts turn
hard and cold as ice

When death itself seems
to be the only relief in sight
Our salty tears flowing as
the Blood of life

To rescue us from this pre-
cipitous Ledge
Our soul hungers for simple
words
A simple Pledge
If no one else loves you
I love you and
I am your friend

Spring has sprung: After months of rain, snow, more rain and little sunshine, Clayton State students were eager to get out and enjoy the spring temperatures last week.

Several campuses to meet students' needs

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Many students may not be aware that there is more to Clayton State University than its main campus. There are five locations that make up Clayton State University: the main campus location in Morrow, CSU East (right around the corner from main campus, on Trammell Road), Lucy Huie Hall in Jonesboro, the Henry campus in McDonough, and the Fayette campus in Peachtree City.

When driving up to the location on Trammell Road, a sign in front of the building reads "Atlanta Bible College-Clayton State University East." This is because Clayton State University purchased Atlanta Bible College's campus two years ago, and in the near future it will be fully integrated into the existing campus facilities. The signage will soon have the Atlanta Bible College removed since they are no longer using the facility. At the moment, CSU-East has four newly renovated classrooms, and a lobby area. There is also a small residence hall, as well as a 145-seat auditorium.

"Many may not notice the campus because of the wooded area that sits behind the BHS (Business and Health Sciences) building and back parking lots hiding it," Tom Eaves, Associate Provost at CSU said. "When you walk from the University Center to the BHS building and keep walking towards and past the Facilities and Operations building you will run into the path that takes you into the back of CSU-East area. Only a few night classes have been scheduled at CSU-East because the pathway needs to be widened and lighted before students can easily walk there."

Eaves added, "We hope that the path will be widened this summer and surfaced and lighted. The buildings on the East campus expand the number of classrooms and offices that CSU

needs for the student growth."

A little further afield lies the Jonesboro facility. It was named after Lucie Huie, a former Clayton State University Foundation trustee, and one of the Southern Crescent's notable civil rights pioneers and community activists. Formerly the Clayton State University Aviation Training Center, Lucy C. Huie Hall is located on land donated by Huie at 9157 Tara Boulevard. The facility is currently been used by CSU's Division of Continuing Education. Eaves commented on the location in Jonesboro, saying that it has not been used for academic classes for eight to nine years. It is about 10 miles away and still part of the CSU campus. Many students think this building is a separate campus, but it is not.

In our discussion, Eaves mentioned that there are other CSU locations in Fayette, Henry, and Rockdale counties for some degree programs that are also offered on the main campus. CSU also offers noncredit courses in other counties like Fulton and DeKalb.

Joan Bass works with CSU Henry County. She works with the dual enrollment program in Henry County and with high school counselors and students as they begin the registration process.

CSU-Henry County was established in the fall of 2009. Kevin Demmitt, A.V.P. of Academic Outreach, and Mannie Hall, Director of Academic Outreach, are the coordinators of the dual enrollment program and this facility. CSU-Henry County offers classes at the Academy for Advanced Studies, a wing of Henry County High School that is occupied by CSU, Gordon, and Griffin Tech.

"There is no difference in content of courses or qualifications of faculty," Bass said in an email interview. "These are CSU core classes taught by qualified faculty who work closely with their respective departments at the Morrow campus. The difference would be that we

are located in a separate wing of Henry County High School, and we have a much smaller course offering. This spring we are offering seven courses, but as enrollment grows, we hope to add more classes eventually. There are no major classes taught here. These are just the core classes that would be required for any major."

Bass mentioned that CSU-Henry County offers many programs for students interested in earning an associate's degree. There are many students who live in Henry County and prefer to attend classes close to home. On the average there are 15-18 students per class. Students have the opportunity to get to know their instructors and fellow classmates well, and parking is not a problem. Some students have said they prefer this site because parking is easy to find! Students attending this campus still have access to all the facilities on the main campus, such as computer help from the HUB staff, use of the library, etc.

Although Clayton State has offered courses in Fayette County for over a decade, the current facility (located at 1200 Commerce Drive in Peachtree City) opened in November, 2007. There are approximately 70 dual-enrollment students at CSU-Fayette. A total of 540 Clayton State students are taking at least one course at CSU-Fayette this semester. Of that, 320 students take a majority of their classes at CSU-Fayette.

Because CSU-Fayette is smaller, their staff works more closely with students. The same staff member will assist a student with everything from admissions to registration.

Clayton State University students do not need to transfer to attend classes at any of the other CSU locations. All of the courses are listed on the DUCK under off-campus courses and students simply select the courses in which they wish to enroll. No special permission is required.

Women's History month celebrates achievements

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Women's History Month, According to the National Women's Project, originally started as a single day, March 8 in Europe, known as International Women's Day. In European nations and in the United States, there was a definite need for the important contributions of women to be recognized and taught with more diligence in schools; grade school and high school levels, and beyond.

In 1978 in California, the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women began a "Women's History Week" celebration. The week was chosen to coincide with International Women's Day. After a huge positive response, three years later, The United States Congress passed a resolution establishing National Women's Week. During this week, schools and many women's organizations held special projects and exhibitions honoring women in history.

In 1987, spear-headed by The National Women's Project, and with the support of countless organizations, Congress expanded the week to a month. Each year the U.S. President has issues a proclamation of Women's History Month.

According to the National Women's Project, the purpose for Women's History Month is

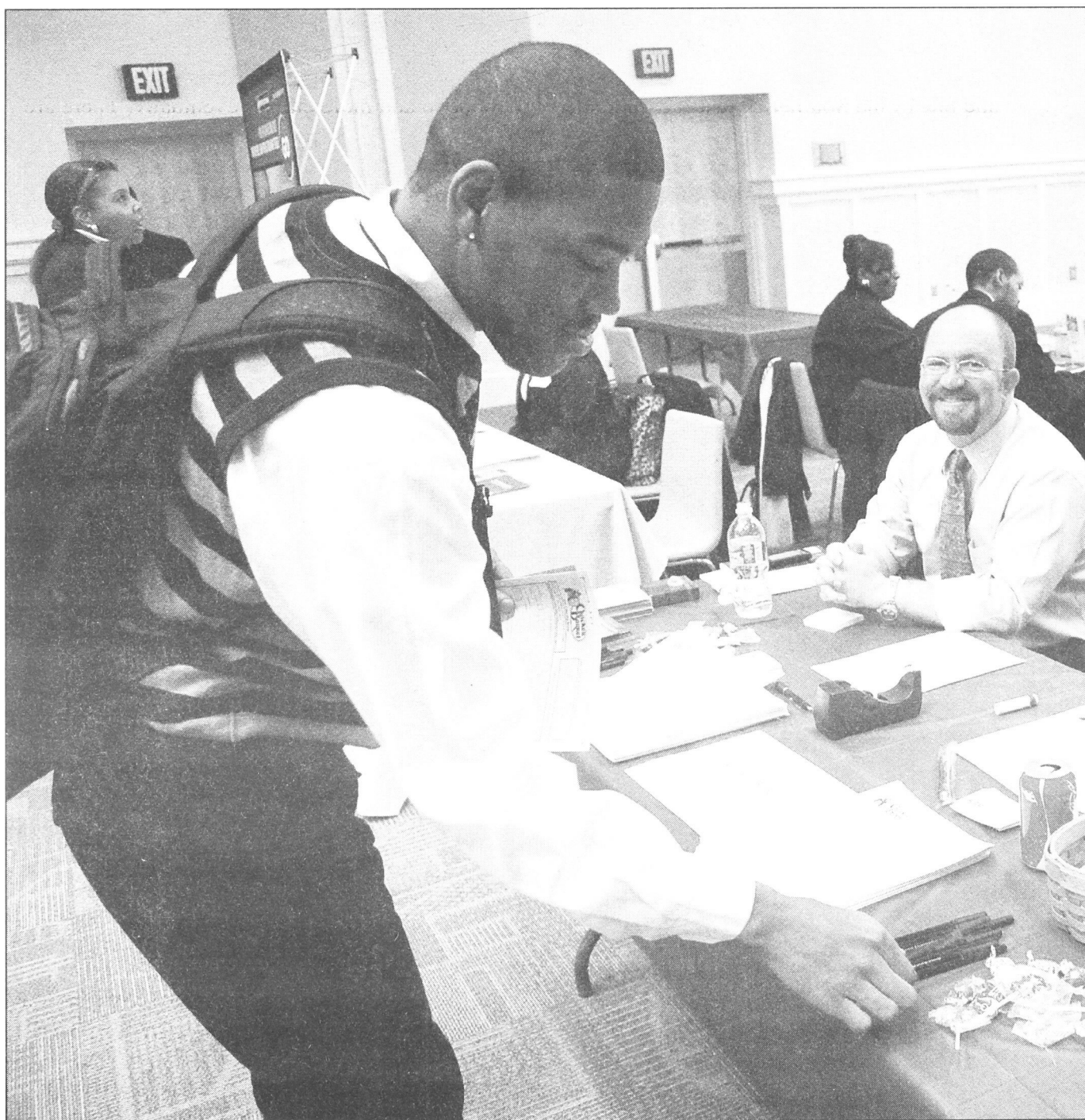
"to increase consciousness and knowledge of women's history: to take one month of the year to remember the contributions of notable and ordinary women, in hopes that the day will soon come when it's impossible to teach or learn history without remembering these contributions."

Here at Clayton State University, we recognized the importance of Women's History Month and celebrated it with events held by our Campus Event's Council that were not only diverse, but soul-gripping, inspirational, and insightful. On March 17, award-winning stage actor, Adilah Barnes, presented *I Am that I Am, Woman Play* which "celebrated women's ability to overcome seemingly insurmountable obstacles and achieve their life callings by their undaunted faith and belief in themselves". The Campus Event's Council also held a movie showcase on March 24th, of the award winning *Precious*. This is an American film drama directed by Lee Daniels, based on the novel "Push" by Sapphire. *Precious* Jones endures unimaginable hardships in her young life. Abused by her mother, raped by her father, she grows up poor, angry, illiterate, fat, unloved, and generally unnoticed.

One very captivating performance, which was presented by the Campus Events Council on March 25, 2010 as one of the events in support of Women's History Month, was the

short, but heartfelt piece, titled *I Didn't Cry*. *I Didn't Cry* was written and performed by Sergia Perez, an actress, writer and educator, and is based on actual events that took place in her own life. This one woman show was cleverly acted out in such a dynamic way that most times it was not obvious to the audience that she was the only actor portraying several characters. Through the use of Ms Perez's superb acting skills, colorful props and the art of dance, she reenacts the heart-felt story of her own sister's life that begins with precarious choices. The story results in a path involving teenage pregnancy, drug use and abuse, domestic violence and finally her death to AIDS. *I Didn't Cry* was a quickly paced and emotionally-packed short play, which truly kept the audience's attention. It was obvious that everyone was captivated by the reenactment because of the silence that filled the auditorium! At the finale of the piece, there were definitely audience members wiping away tears.

There was an informative Q&A session at the end of the show, where Sergia Perez offered more history on the life of her family and informed the audience of her history in theatre, dance, and education. She encouraged women to seek counseling if they ever find themselves in a similar situation. Ms. Perez also spoke on the importance of getting tested and the prevention of HIV and AIDS.



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Braxton Floyd, left, takes information from the Waffle House table during the Career Expo at the Student Activities Center on March 4. Students attended the event to make contacts and look for job opportunities.

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The experience has pulled the two closer together, allowing them to learn from each other.

"It's cool," Calloway II said. "It allows us to relate on another level. It helps me to understand his challenges and the level of commitment it takes to finish school."

Calloway II first started his college career at what was then Clayton State College in 1984, the year Calloway III was born. After several years of running a pipeline maintenance business, Calloway II came back to finish what he started.

The two have many of the same friends.

"I like showing off my dad," Calloway III said.

"The hardest thing is keeping my mouth shut, like when the courses he chooses are not in the direction I think he should go in," Calloway II said.

Calloway II served in the Navy as an air crewman. His son served in the Army National Guard and went to Iraq with the 108th Cavalry unit that was formerly based in Griffin.

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Governor Perdue and other state officials said there are no other sources of reduction in the state's budget while they revise revenue expenditures. Many legislative officials are against raising taxes, so Hynes explained that there are few other places the government can look to reduce the cost and work to improve Georgia's economy.

Hynes said he is unsure when the budget cuts will take effect since state government officials control legislative meeting days. Estimates should be expected by the end of April, he said.

In addition to the 2011 fiscal budget plan for Clayton State University, Hynes explained how the cuts will likely affect CSU:

- Although CSU will exhaust all other measures of money reserves, tuition increases are definite.
- There will be less faculty hiring, and

students can expect to see more administrators teaching in classrooms, including the president, provost and deans of schools.

- Depending on the Board of Regents, more furloughs are possible and professors cannot receive any raises.
- Student workers will also be reduced depending on what is in the university's best interest. Some programs are more secure than others, such as The Hub, due to the demands of technology.
- Since C-Tran and other public transportation systems will be shut down, CSU will devise other plans to help students until the end of the semester.
- The cuts will not affect financial aid as projected now. Need-based aid students should still submit the FAFSA and other required documents on time. The Board of Regents will make all decision regarding financial aid in the summer.
- The legislation may consider raising

the HOPE scholarship requirements for scholars with a 3.5 to 3.7 grade point average to reduce costs.

- Renovations in progress will continue since the projects are funded from a source outside of the government

Despite the uncertainty regarding explicit changes at CSU, Hynes urged students to get involved with the government process. He argued that the reaction from the proposed removal of the Georgia 4-H program proves it can have an effect.

"The best thing I can tell you is to exercise your First Amendment rights," said Hynes. "Petition the government about supporting higher education."

The 2011 fiscal budget can be found on the president's webpage, and students with specific concerns about the budget cuts may send questions to: budgetquestions@clayton.edu.

Culture Shock Week @ CSU, March 29-April 3



Photos by Kevin Liles and Cintra Tucker

The Department of Campus Life hosted Culture Shock Week last week to give CSU students a taste of cultures outside the U.S. Above, Reneeta Basu, gives a performance of Kuchipudi, an ancient Indian dance, during the Cultural Showcase, held Friday at the SAC. To the left, students participate in sampling foods and other crafts from countries around the world.