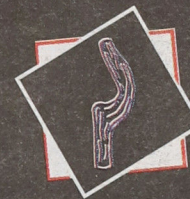


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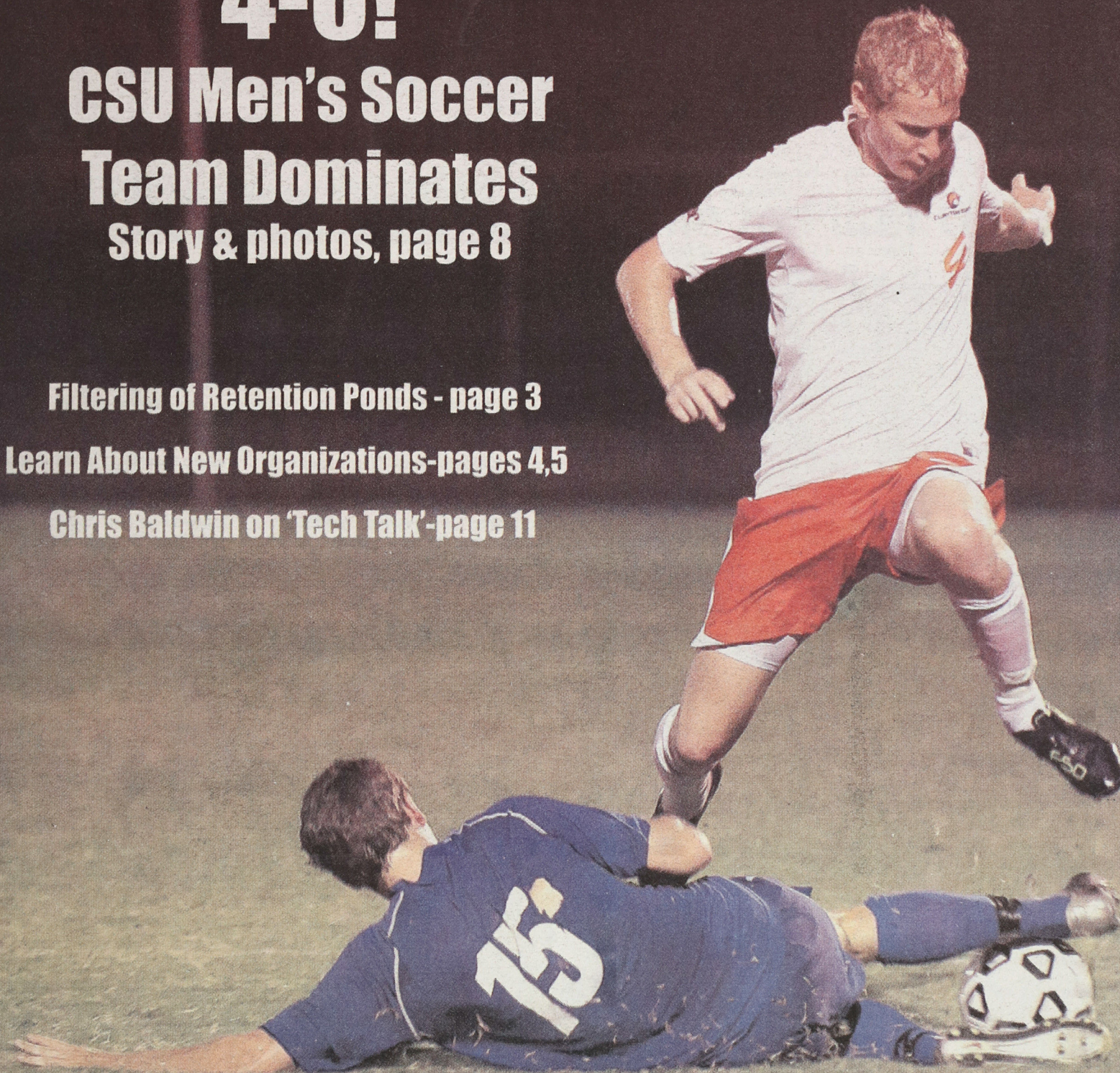


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Campus

CSU Gets New Addition — East Campus

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Many students may have noticed signs posted all over campus pointing to a mysterious place called CSU East. Some have ignored the signs, while others have asked the question "What is CSU East?" CSU East is located near main campus but on Trammel Road. The trip from campus takes 10 minutes by car and 25 minutes on foot. Parking is limited, due to construction.

The building used to be the Atlanta Bible College, but was recently purchased by Clayton State University to contain the overflow of classes due to the growth of the campus.

There are 13 classes being held in CSU East — two on Mondays and Wednesdays and eleven on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The building is open from 9:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

"It's a small parking lot, I get here about an hour early," said Jade Green, a junior who is studying psychology with Dr. Gannon in CSU East. "There are mostly health classes in CSU East," said Mystical Studaway, CSU East student assistant. "Next month, Continuing Education classes will be moved into the building."

There is also an office for ROTC officers stationed inside CSU East for those interested in enlisting in U.S. Forces.

To prevent students from walking on



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CSU East, about a 25-minute walk from the dorms, holds 13 classes. Other improvements are also scheduled for CSU East.

the busy streets of Harper Drive and Rex Road, CSU built a sidewalk connecting to a preexisting walkway that connects CSU East to parking lot E near the Facilities Management building.

This new walkway has been met with some hesitation though. "I've heard of the path but I'm afraid to walk it, even in daylight," said Green.

The newly paved sidewalk behind CSU East connects to a wooden plank path with what looks like a security

fence on either side. The chain link fence is upwards of eight feet with lines of barbed wire across the top to prevent potential intruders from entering the path. There are also flood lights and security cameras every few feet or so to allow night walking.

There is a second building that is part of CSU East that will soon be made into offices.

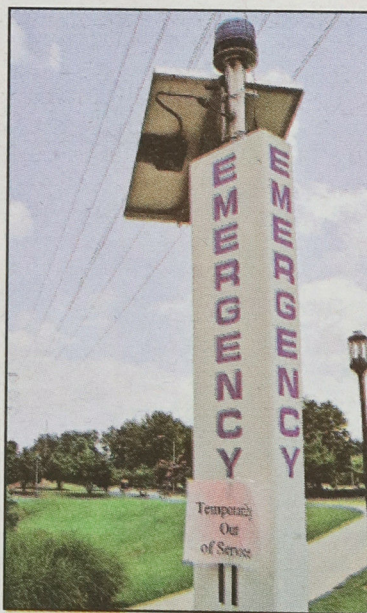
All 16 Emergency Call Towers to be Fixed

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Eight of the 16 emergency call towers on campus are now operational, and CSU Public Safety Director Bobby Hamil said the others will soon follow.

"This has been a peeve of mine," Hamil said in a recent interview, referring to the towers not being functional.

The 16 solar-powered towers were installed about three years ago to give students a direct line to public safety in an emergency. So far, they have only been used a couple of times when students had car trouble. The towers started showing signs of



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An out-of-order emergency tower

trouble about six months ago.

"They would work fine during the day, but some of them would not work at night," Hamil said. "The batteries would not hold a charge through the night."

All the batteries were replaced, but the problems persisted. Hamil found a vendor in Texas that came out to work on the units.

"They told me that the cells were bad in the towers, so I told them to replace eight of them," Hamil said. "I wanted to make sure this was the problem before going through the expense of replacing all of them."

So far, those are working fine and have had the "temporarily out of service" signs removed.

Though the towers have

not been used in an emergency situation, Hamil said he believes they are a great deterrent for crime on campus. However, he said using a mobile phone to contact public safety is quicker than using the towers.

"During orientation, I tell all of the students to put our phone number on speed dial on their phones," he said. "The only problem with that is if you couldn't speak, we wouldn't know where you were on campus," he said.

Some campuses in Georgia have taken emergency towers down because they were not being used, though Hamil did not indicate whether that is an option for CSU.

The phone number for CSU Public Safety is 678-466-4050.

SB 308 Changes Gun Restrictions on Campus

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A new law that went into effect this summer loosens some restrictions concerning handguns on campus.

Georgia Senate Bill 308, otherwise known as the Lawful Carry Act and sponsored by Sen. Mitch Seabaugh (R-Sharpsburg), was signed into law by Gov. Sonny Perdue on June 8. Among other things, the law allows those who are legally licensed to carry handguns in Georgia to bring them on campus, as long as the gun is secured in a vehicle. The law also eliminated a buffer that made it illegal to bring a firearm within 1,000 feet of a college campus.

In an interview, CSU Public Safety Director Bobby Hamil said he was not particularly worried about the changes.

"I don't have any concerns with the law as it stands," he said. "All this law does is more narrowly define the locations where can carry a gun with a license."

To obtain a permit to carry a handgun in Georgia, one must be 21 years old and not be a convicted felon. There are about 300,000 people licensed to do so in Georgia.

The University System of Georgia's Board of Regents was opposed to the passage of the law. Twenty-six of the

37 presidents of universities that make up the University System of Georgia, including CSU President Dr. Tim Hynes, signed a letter urging lawmakers to keep the law as it stood. The new legislation would prohibit guns to be carried in classroom, dormitories, research facilities and athletic events.

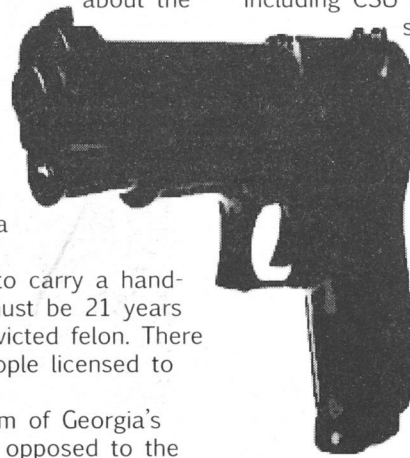
Another change in the law is how licensed gun carriers would be charged if they were to bring the gun outside of their car, such as in a building. Previously, such an act (by a licensed gun carrier) would be a

felony: Now, it is a misdemeanor. However, if someone who is not licensed to carry a handgun is caught bringing one on campus, that charge remains a felony.

Hamil said there has not been a weapons-related arrest since he came to CSU more than two years ago. The last incident that may have involved a weapon was in January of last year.

A student reported seeing someone walking into the University Center with what appeared to be a handgun. Hamil dispatched many officers throughout campus, but no person with a weapon was found.

You can view the bill in its entirety here: http://www.legis.ga.gov/legis/2009_10/fulltext/sb308.htm



Draining of Retention Pond Done to Filter Out Sediment

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The sun is shining and the breeze is mild and cool. Ducks and swans are waddling past you as you scurry to your classes. As a CSU student, you enjoy many of the benefits of being on our campus and soaking up the tranquility of a picturesque landscape.

But amid that landscape, you may have noticed the lake in front of the Athletics & Fitness Center looks like big mud hole.

During the summer there was what seemed to be a major overhaul done to the grounds. In this overhaul, a couple of the lakes needed to be drained and one in particular, right in front of the Athletics & Fitness Center, which is actually a retention pond, is still being drained.

Harun Biswas, director of CSU Facilities Management, explains what is going on. "Well, there is a difference between a lake and a retention pond" he said. "Our lakes are fine and healthy, but we have to drain our retention ponds in order to filter out the sediment that collects in them."

Though CSU has several lakes, there

are two retention ponds used to assure the cleanliness of the lakes. The particular retention pond in front of the Athletics & Fitness Center has come up on its five year (actually its a little overdue) maintenance and therefore draining it is necessary in order to dig out the impurities and protect the life that relies on a clean lake.

In fact, the retention ponds are actually tools used to prevent contamination, because we all use the ground water for our cooking and drinking, and some of us even shower with it. Biswas explained that this was a process that they do every five to ten years because it takes about that long to build up sediment in the ponds.

"They actually act as a filter for the big lakes ... which in turn provides water for the entire campus and surrounding community," he said.

For those of you concerned about the safety of your water, don't be. The water that we are using now is ground water and it has been thoroughly filtered, and after the pond is drained and fixed, Biswas says it will be smooth sailing for another 10-15 years. Hopefully, you won't still be working on your undergrad.



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As unsightly as the pond in front of the Fitness & Athletics Center is, administrators at CSU say that the draining is necessary. "Our lakes are fine and healthy, but we have to drain our retention ponds in order to filter out the sediment that collects in them," said Harun Biswas, director of Facilities Management.

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“Hey! Where’s My Toothpaste?” One Student’s Dorm Experience

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There are many things that can affect one’s view of dorm life; from bad roommates to a lousy dorm itself. The dorm experience may be a scary feeling for first-time freshmen, or transfer students. But for myself, it can also become a great maturity.

“Living in the dorms is a great experience,” said sophomore Broderick McNeal. “It’s a little taste of what life is like to live on your own. You have to learn how to clean up after yourself. You also learn how to create a budget and manage your time, and you meet a lot of new people, like your roommates.”

After hearing that dorm life sounds as though being cramped in a room with a stranger might not be the coolest thing, I was afraid that the dorms here might be set up that way. Wrong, not here at Laker Hall, which is nearly brand new dorms, considering that they are only three years old.

“We have four rooms to each unit or room number,” McNeal said. “There are two people to a side with two bathrooms, one on each side.” McNeal explained that the rooms come

with a couch, two tables, a chair, a TV stand, as well as a microwave, sink and refrigerator.

“There is a standard chair, bed, desk, dresser, table, and closet in each room,” he added.

Now that sound great but, what does a person do for fun in the dorms?

“There are various activities to do in the dorms. We got pool, ping pong, volleyball, TV, you can watch movies, play video games, and cards. My personal favorite is pool. I’m a beast in that game,” McNeal said.

The dorms sound as though they are the place to be, but one often wonders how the resident assistants feel about life in the dorms. Hanifa Charaniya is a resident assistant in Laker Hall and commented on her time as an RA.

“It is a different experience. You definitely have to know how to multitask and manage your time, we have a big responsibility.”

Do R.A.’s have their own rooms?

“Yes, I definitely like having my own room and space. I have my own living room, bedroom, and bathroom.” What are the RA’s duties exactly?

“We monitor the building; and make sure all housing policies are followed. We must be there when residents



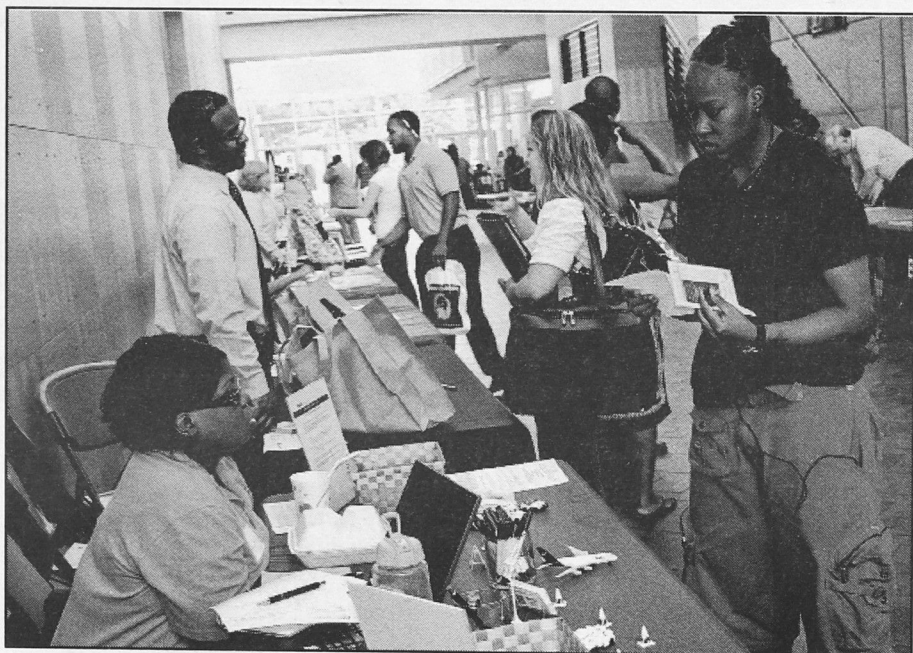
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Living in the dorms can be an intimidating experience, though it can also bring some maturity to some.

on our hall need us. They can come knock on our doors anytime.” “We also plan programs for the residents each semester. They are all different programs with different topics. We like to

keep a fun yet educational environment here.”

Well, dorm life at Laker Hall sounds great. It is a great place to live in, be around, and socially flourish in.



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CSU Job Fair

Astari Johnson, right talks with FedEx representatives during a part-time job fair recently in the UC. “This is like having an impromptu job interview,” said Matt Shelnett, a senior majoring in biology. Hundreds of students showed up during the activity period to fill out applications for jobs at FedEx, Wal-Mart, Kaplan, and Pampered Chef, as well as other vendors.

Upgrades To Arts & Science Building

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The Arts & Sciences building recently got updated.

In addition to the new chairs, tables and projectors, the second floor rest rooms are being renovated to meet standards set by the Americans with Disabilities Act. The bathrooms on the first floor renovated for ADA standards four years ago, said Darren Thomas, assistant director of Physical Plant Operations.

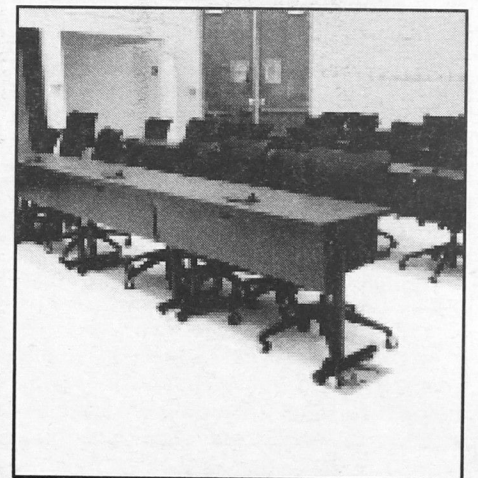
“The Arts & Science Building has only had two makeover repairs since 1969, first in the teacher’s education classroom in 1996 and another in 1997,” Thomas said.

“All summer long crews worked up to the day before fall classed putting in new equipment,” said Dr. Nasser Momayezi, Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences. New swivel office chairs, desks, ceiling tile, paint, state of the art sound system & podium, overhead projectors all new added to all nine classrooms.

“\$300,000 was the cost to update the nine classrooms,” said Momayezi. “There are plans to add the latest technology and equipment each sum-

mer until the classrooms are all up to date throughout CSU campus.”

The upgrades include swivel chairs with wing backs, wooden blinds, desks with smart podium; internet access, plugs, and phone jacks classrooms are more technology savvy.



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New high-back chairs, desks with internet connections and electric plug-ins are a few of the new upgrades to the Arts & Sciences Building.

Poll

"I Just got PAID!" - "What are you going to do with CSU Refund?"



Greg Kirk
Sophomore - English
"Spending his refund on a car note, insurance, and bills. The responsible things."



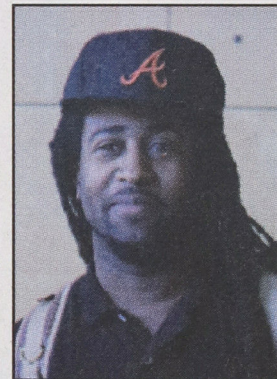
Jacrida Beverley
Junior - Technology management.
"Going to pay her rent with her refund."



Jerrad Summers
Senior - Information Technology
"Paying off his credit card and putting the rest in savings because he is getting married."



Sandra Bias
Senior - Nursing
"Using her refund for bills and apartment fees for other colleges."



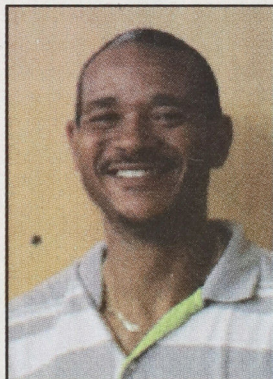
Justin Brown
Sophomore - Accounting
"Putting his refund away to buy a house."



Keilaya Stone
Junior - Psychology
"Going to spend money on car expenses and gas."



Tina Young
Senior - Psychology
"Trying to save her refund for emergencies. I'm trying to be responsible this semester."



Lindsay Gerett
Junior - Dental Hygiene
"Going to replace carpet in his home."

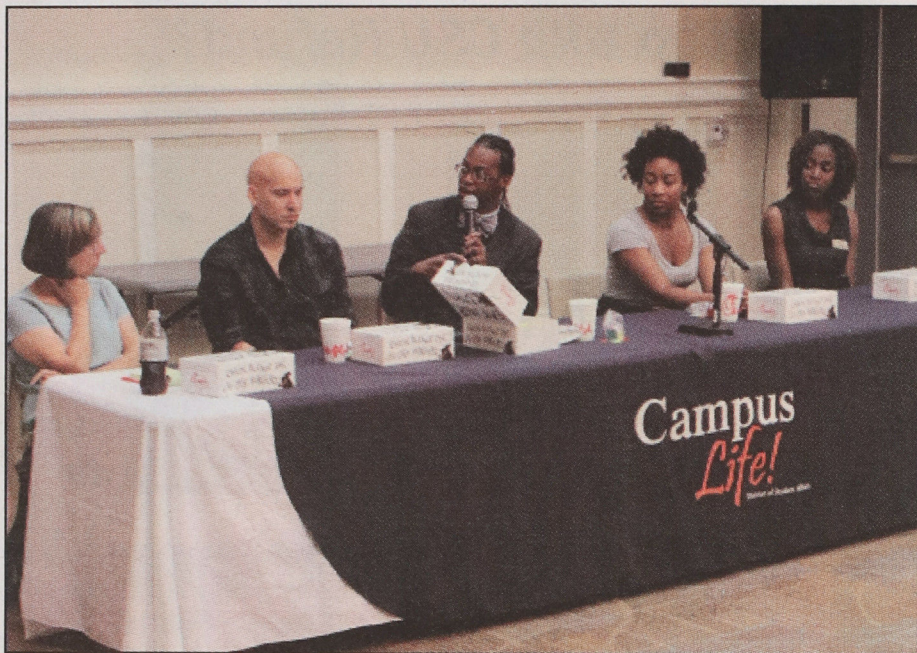


Jeanne Trevett
Junior - Biology
"Paying for bill and buying a new laptop."



Raiya Ellison
Sophomore - Health Care Management
"Spending her refund on apartments bills and saving the rest."

Organizations



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First Amendment Panel

On Monday, a panel of media professionals and educators discussed how the First Amendment affects their lives. The event kicked off Constitution Week for CSU. Pictured, from left, are Dr. Barbara Goodman, a CSU English professor; Ross Mena, publisher of *Kore* magazine; Rashid Brown, author; Ashley McIntyre, managing editor of the *Campus Carrier*, the student newspaper for Berry College; and L. Michelle Hayes, student media advisor at CSU. A main topic discussed was how news and opinion can be easily confused in today's media-saturated environment, and how both are protected by the First Amendment.

Young Americans for Liberty gets momentum at CSU

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In 2008, former Libertarian Presidential candidate Ron Paul created a major movement across America, including on college campuses, where students formed organizations under Students for Ron Paul (SEP). From that movement, which aimed to expand personal liberty and restore what they consider to be the original intention of the Constitution, Young Americans for Liberty was born.

Young Americans for Liberty is a student-run organization with a national mission to train, educate, and mobilize youth activists "winning on principle". Their main goal is to cast the leaders of tomorrow and reclaim the policies, candidates, and direction of the government.

YAL stands as an educational, peaceful, political student-run organization that is dedicated to the principles of liberty and restoring the Constitution's protection of individual liberty. To inform students about the liberty movement YAL invite guests to speak on the importance of freedom, they also have debates, protests, and film screenings to promote liberty.

"People tend to think that libertarians are cold-hearted and don't care about the poor, just because they favor private charities and free markets rather than government welfare and interventionism, but their wrong," said Joe Brown, president of YAL.

The Clayton State organization has 30 members, but there are more than 150 chapters nationwide. Individuals interested in joining YAL can email YALCSU@yahoo.com or sign-up at any YAL event.

WI2STEM Holds First Annual Symposium

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Are you a woman interested in the S.T.E.M. disciplines, i.e., Science Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics? If so, there is a new organization for you at Clayton State. WI2STEM, which self-evidently stands for Women Interested in Science Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, is a new group at CSU devoted particularly to nurture women's interest in those fields.

"There's a high dropout rate for females, in particular, because life gets in the way." Christine Gardner, Vice Present of the organization, explained. "We've got dual income families and adults are returning to education because the degrees they have aren't good enough anymore, so this gives them a support system to help them to be successful."

Founded in January 2009, the group celebrated its first anniversary last January and just held its first Annual Symposium on Aug. 26, at CSU's Student Activity Center. In the assembly were present a handful of student members, their faculty affiliates, and some outside visitors that included a representative from Georgia Power, who sponsors some of their ventures.

As part of their annual agenda, the group creates various activities, including community service, workshops designed to help students become acclimated with the features of the CSU campus, both electronic and physical.

They also promote a program termed Book Bank, in which students donate books to meet membership fee requirement. In return, according member Maria Morales-Beale, using the Book Bank has saved WI2STEM members over \$750 in the 2009/2010 school year. Since the majority of the members are biology or pre-med majors, they facilitate shadowing and help students connect to available doctors and specialists of their fields. Locally, they organize outreach program to help High School students of the area, especially North Clayton and Stars Mills High Schools in fields like sciences and computer science and gaming.

"We basically provide a support system for people trying to accomplish their goals." Christine added. The organization currently has around 60 to 80 members. Because of the diversity of the group, however, and the variety of subjects it treats, members are only "asked to come to two meetings and one event per semester," according to Ms. Gardner.

This year, again, WI2STEM looks to make an impact in the life of men and especially women at CSU and by promoting "an increased knowledge of and greater interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math majors," as states their mission. After winning last year's Campus Life New Student Organization Award, the Faculty Adviser of the Year Award, in the person of Dr. Mary Hudacheck-Buswell, and the New Program of the Year Award, they are well on their way.



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Dr. Yvette Gardner, assistant professor of biology at CSU, speaks recently at WI2STEM's first annual symposium, held at the Student Activities Center. "There's a high dropout rate for females, in particular, because life gets in the way." Christine Gardner, Vice Present of the organization, explained. "We've got dual income families and adults are returning to education because the degrees they have aren't good enough anymore, so this gives them a support system to help them to be successful."

SAAB Seeks to Help Black Men Graduate

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The Student African American Brotherhood (SAAB) is an organization designed to help maximize the collegiate experience by focusing on the specific needs of young African American males.

"Research shows African American males drop out of college by their sophomore year because they feel there are not enough resources culturally sensitive to their social issues," said Hassan K. Bahar, public relations chair for SAAB.

Bahar became a part of SAAB after being introduced to the organization by Brandon "Bubba" McKinnon. "I joined the group after my first meeting last spring," said Bahar.

SAAB began in 1991, and has spread its influence nationwide.

SAAB came into existence at CSU last spring, and has already gained 17 members, including President Colby Wilson and Vice President Thomas.

SAAB does not believe in spreading the word through mass emails, but rather allows other members to seek out those with certain characteristics to come join the group and

seek help.

"We want quality members over quantity," said Bahar. "Ideally, we want someone to come back in five years and testify how SAAB helped them through their collegiate experience."

SAAB is not a fraternity in that there is a "come as you are" attitude, allowing all those interested in being a part of the group as frequently or infrequently as they choose.

SAAB holds general interest meetings in Laker Hall every Tuesday at 5 p.m., with a study session afterwards, where members help tutor

those who request extra help in their studies.

On Oct. 12, 13, and 14, SAAB will be hosting a Men's Awareness Event. There will be panel discussions about male issues, particularly issues men typically don't like talking about, Bahar said.

The group is also planning a basketball tournament with the SAAB executive members and group members, as well as a discussion about media images and how they affect men.

Jagged Edges: Raising Awareness About Self-Mutilation

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People who hurt themselves need love too.

A new organization, Jagged Edges, was formed on campus to help raise awareness for people who self-mutilate.

"Jagged Edges is the only self help and awareness group here on campus," said Lauren Hobbs, president of the newly formed organization. Although it is Clayton States first self help and awareness group here on campus, it did not start here on campus. Jagged Edges started on the social website MySpace in 2003.

Hobbs started the organization here last semester.

"We started with 15 members and doubled from spring semester," Hobbs said. She added that she and other members of the organization would like to take it to other campuses around the nation.

Jagged Edges works very close with the Counseling and Psychological services here at Clayton State. Hobbs said the symptoms of people who self mutilate is that they often wear long sleeves and pants, even when the weather is not suitable to do so. Another symptoms is that the person does not want to be touched and has unexplainable injuries.

When asked what the myths are about self-mutilators, Hobbs responded, "Everyone is Emo, Goth or suicidal, which is not true. Self-hurting is a coping mechanism." Hobbs explained that she was once a self-mutilator. "It stemmed from an anxiety disorder I had as a child that was never treated," she said. "I was also in a few abusive relationships."

The counselors and psychologists here at CSU are prepared to help people who self-mutilate, but that may not always be the case off campus. Hobbs said that the first time she shared her self-mutilation with a psychologist, she was committed for three days.

If you want to get help for someone who self-mutilates, you can contact Jagged Edges or the Counseling and Psychological department.

"We support people safely with grace and care," Hobbs said. "We are primarily here to break the silence. We are here to talk about it and let people know you're not crazy."

Hobbs added that self-mutilation is nothing new. "It dates back to Biblical times, when Mark cut himself with stones," she said. She feels like people often try to hide from the situation but Jagged Edges is here to shine a light on self-mutilation and help anyone in need.



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The Student Involvement Fair, held last month outside the Student Activities Center, allowed students the opportunity to learn more about organizations on campus (and get free SWAG). It also gave organizations a chance to explain their purpose and recruit new members. Several hundred students turned out for the event.

Men's Soccer Team Starts Season 4-0

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This past Saturday, the men's Laker soccer team defeated Brevard University at Laker Field. They won 6-1, building their record to 4-0.

The last time they started the season 4-0 was in 2002. The next game will be this Wednesday, at home, against Erskine College. Erskine College is 2-0.

When asked how he feels about how his team and how he feels he did in the past games, Ryan Pugh, a junior, responded, "It feels good and raw. But there is still a lot of work that still needs to be done. I played alright, but there is still tweaking to be done. I did OK. No major disappointment. I'm looking forward to step it up by doing extra work outside of practice."

How are the men preparing for Wednesday's game? Well, they are going finding ways to get better and studying the opposing team. So, if you're near Laker Field and see the men listening to their iPods, jumping around, and getting loose, you know it's the men getting ready.

The team and coach appreciate everyone who has been coming out and supporting the men.

Also, if you are at the game and by chance hear "Tu Lao Mao Mao," it's just an African saying that the Men say after a win. It means, "Chill Out."



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The Laker men's soccer team is all smiles after defeating Brevard University last weekend, making them undefeated so far this season. The men will play again at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday against Eskrine College. The game is at home. For a complete schedule, visit www.athletics.clayton.edu.



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T.O. Totty, head coach for the Women's soccer team, achieved a career milestone last weekend: his 100th win. Totty has been at CSU for 13 seasons. The next game for the women is this Wednesday at North Alabama.

Head Coach Totty Hits the 100 Mark

Courtesy of Clayton State Athletics

The patience paid off for the Clayton State Laker women's soccer team, and head coach T.O. Totty reached a big milestone in the process on Saturday.

Spearheaded by the stellar play of forward Cherie Sayon, Clayton State evened its record at 1-1 with an impressive 6-2 victory over visiting Brevard in the Lakers' home opener at Laker Field. The victory was the 100th in the Clayton State career for Totty, now in his 13th season at the Laker helm. In addition, it was the most goals in a game for Clayton State since the 2006 season.

Sayon was the key component in the Totty milestone. The senior scored a career-high four goals, just missing tying the Clayton State single-game mark of five, held by former All-American Olaitan Yusuf in 2004.

Three of Sayon's goals came in the first half. She scored in the 15th minute off an incoming pass from Natalia Valentine to give Clayton State a 1-0 lead. Eight minutes later, Sayon struck again, scoring again on a breakaway off a pass from the back from Erica Ortega. She gave the Lakers a 4-0 lead in the 32nd minute with a shot from the top of the penalty box off a cross from Jennifer Dreasler.

Sayon's last goal came in the 53rd

minute when she scored again on a breakaway off a double-assist from Omotayo Adeshigbin and Maggie Mueller. The other two Laker goals came from Valentine in the 31st minute off an assist by Sayon and from Caitlin Clark in the 52nd minute off an assist by Mueller.

Brevard's two goals came from Nikki Peacock with one second remaining in the first half, and from Elena Crowe from the right side of the penalty box in the 71st minute. Clayton State goalkeepers Stefania Cola and Leanne Hilton-Clarke combined for four saves in the victory. The Lakers out-shot Brevard (2-2) 20-12.

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'Run Through Wonderland' - 5K race(8 a.m.), a 5K walk(9 a.m.), and a 1 mile tot trot(10:30 a.m.) to fund re-search to find a cure to ovarian cancer through the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance. Starts outside Student Activity Center (SAC).

CONSTITUTION WEEK

SEPTEMBER 13-17

Voter Registration Drive and Citizenship Tests - 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.. University Center Main Street.

SEPTEMBER 14-17

Documenting the 14th Amendment - National Archives Display - University Center Main Street.

SEPTEMBER 13

First Amendment "Lunch and Learn" - 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Student Activities Center (SAC) Ballroom C.

SEPTEMBER 14

Graduate Studies Open House - 5:30-7 p.m. -Harry S. Downs Continuing Education Building Center Room: CE101.

John Monds speaks on 'Liberty and the U.S. Constitution' - 12:00 p.m.....-1:00 p.m. UC 268

Lakers Fiesta

SEPTEMBER 15

This annual event will kick-off the Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration, featuring Tahino, the Latin Band, cultural dishes and more.

11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Student Activities Center (SAC) Green

Keynote Address

"How the Supreme Court Decides Cases" by Eric J. Segall, J.D. - Professor of Law - Georgia State University.
2:00 p.m. - 2:50 p.m.. University Center UC 272

SEPTEMBER 16

"Technology and Our Brains" free lunch - The New York Times Talk. 11:30 am - 12:30 p.m. University Center UC-322

"Appointed Generation", performed by The Clayton State University gospel choir on the Clayton State campus for the first time in two years. Free and open to the public. 7:00 p.m.. Arts & Sciences Building G132 - Theater

SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 2

Presidential Inauguration Events -the most important event will be the Investiture Ceremony at 10:30 a.m. on the first of October 2010 in the University's Athletics & Fitness Center day of community service, entitled "Clayton State Cares" on Saturday, Oct. 2, 2010.

Academic Calendar

SEPT. 4-7

Labor Day break (no classes)

SEPT. 10

Midterm, last day to withdraw and receive a 'W' grade, Session I

SEPT. 14

Last day to apply for Spring 2011 graduation

OCT. 6

Session I ends

OCT. 8

Midterm, last day to withdraw and receive a 'W' grade, Full Term

OCT. 7-8

Session I final exams

OCT. 11

Session II classes begin

NOV. 1 - DEC. 9

Pre-registration for Spring 2011

NOV. 7

Midterm, last day to withdraw and receive a 'W' grade, Session II

NOV. 24-28

Thanksgiving Break (no classes)

DEC. 3

Last weekday class

DEC. 4

Last weekend class

DEC. 4-10

Final exams

DEC. 11

Commencement

DEC. 14

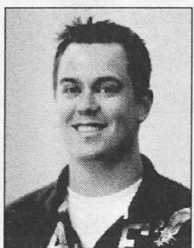
All faculty grades due

Opinion

'The Cove' Offers Sobering Reality of the Fate of Dolphins

By John Zinko
Columnist

Every September thousands of dolphins are trapped and slaughtered by Japanese whalers in a little town known as Taiji.



What's worse than the merciless slaughter of one of the world's smartest animals is the fact that no one in Japan seems to know it is happening. Ric O'Barry, a former dolphin

trainer turned activist, produced the documentary *The Cove*.

This documentary reveals the hidden truth behind the month-long slaughter and why no one is putting an end to it. O'Barry was the trainer for the famous

dolphin "Flipper" back in the 60's.

"What turned me around was the death of "Flipper" (also known as Cathy). She was really depressed, I could feel it, could see it. And she committed suicide in my arms," O'Barry said in the film.

He goes on to explain that dolphins are not automatic air breathers and so Kathy the dolphin took one final breath and then passed away, sinking to the bottom of her tank.

O'Barry has since then put forth all of his efforts to cease the yearly killing of dolphins. *The Cove* follows O'Barry, a few scientists, and Charles Hambleton an "adrenaline junkie" as they document the story. This group of people films their efforts to expose the Japanese and make attempts to ruin.

After watching this documentary, I feel that a huge blinder has been lifted and I wonder what other truths have been hidden from me. How naive have I actually been in my seemingly wonderful life? I feel cheated and almost

depressed.

A scene in this documentary will forever be etched into my mind. It is toward the end of the documentary when the team succeeds in tapping the cove that is harboring these dolphins for slaughter. Once they pull the footage and audio there is one scene underwater when the viewer witnesses the first killings and the water turns from blue to blood red.

The documentary lasts only an hour and a half but the impression it leaves will change the way you look at the world for the rest of your life.

As I am writing this article across the ocean dolphins are being gathered right now to be slaughtered for their meat. The meat however, isn't eaten by vast majority of the Japanese population. It has been found that the meat of a dolphin is laced with mercury.

Mercury is the most toxic, non-radioactive element on Earth. Mercury levels have increased 1-3% every year since

the Industrial Revolution due to the burning of fossil fuels.

Roger Paine of the Ocean Alliance was quoted on the level of mercury in dolphins stating, "If you look at bottle-nose dolphins, you discover that these are swimming toxic dump sites."

Dolphins pose no threat to humans and have actually been documented saving the lives of men at sea. Yet upwards of 20,000 dolphins are allowed to be slaughtered by the Japanese each year because they are a growing nuisance and considered to be "pests" and a threat to the fishing industry.

I feel this is an important issue that should be addressed. And the only way to address it is to inform those around me that this type of malicious activity is going on in our world. Those who want to get involved can text "DOLPHIN" to 44144.

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The Constitution: From a Libertarian's Viewpoint

By Joe Brown
Guest Columnist

Constitution Day is observed each year on Sept. 17, the day the framers signed the completed final draft of the proposed U.S. Constitution at the Constitutional Convention in 1787. We should all take time - especially on Constitution Day - to put aside what we have been taught in government schools about the Constitution and look at information about it that is not so biased and full of propaganda.

The Articles of Confederation was the first American constitution, drafted in 1777 shortly after the states seceded from Britain. It was ratified in 1781. There were imperfections under the Articles, such as the lack of free trade between the states due to states putting taxes (tariffs) on goods imported from other states. (Thus the need to regulate, meaning to make regular through free trade, commerce among the states.)

The Articles very effectively limited the power of the U.S. government, but they were strong enough to defeat the superpower of the time, the British Empire. The imperfections of the Articles led to the Constitutional Convention of 1787,

with the representatives' only authorized purpose being to revise the Articles. However, instead, the delegates held secret closed-door sessions and wrote a completely new constitution.

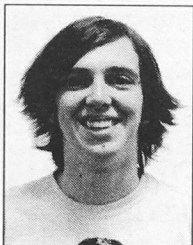
The new U.S. Constitution, meant to bind and limit government power, gave more authority to the federal government and made it possible for the government to break free from the chains of the Constitution almost immediately after ratification. This was massive deregulation of the most dangerous monopoly of all - the monopoly of force that is government.

The system of government was structured and was supposed to work the same way under both Constitutions. The people and the states were to be sovereign and almost completely self-governing, except for the few specifically stated powers delegated to the federal government in the Constitution - which mostly pertained to defending the country's borders from invasion and aggressors.

James Madison, known as the father of the U.S. Constitution, described it as follows: "The powers delegated by the proposed Constitution to the federal

government, are few and defined. Those which are to remain in the State governments are numerous and indefinite."

This principle was laid down in the 10th amendment of the Bill of Rights, which states, "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people." Thomas Jefferson referred to this as the foundation of the Constitution, saying "To take a single step beyond the boundaries thus specifically drawn around the powers of Congress, is to take possession of a boundless field of power, no longer susceptible to any definition."



The conventional wisdom is that the Constitution is meant to be a living and breathing document that can evolve and be re-interpreted to change with the times. The truth is just the opposite. This makes the Constitution a dead document, with no ability to limit government power. A living Constitution means dead freedoms.

For another example, I quote historian Thomas Woods's new book *Nullification*, "At Virginia's ratifying convention, Patrick Henry raised the concern that phrases

like 'general welfare' could be exploited by ambitious politicians who wanted to exercise powers beyond those outlined in Article I Section 8 of the Constitution. Federalist Edmund Randolph, who had been Virginia's attorney general for the past decade, assured everyone that Henry's fears were unfounded, for all rights were declared in the Constitution to be 'completely vested in the people, unless expressly given away.' ... when 'a question arises with respect to the legality of any power,' we need simply ask, 'Is it enumerated in the Constitution? ... It is otherwise arbitrary and unconstitutional.'"

So what is the solution for an out of control government and its unconstitutional "laws"? When the federal government nullifies the Constitution with its "laws", states should nullify right back and interpose to stop those laws from being enforced. This was what Thomas Jefferson and James Madison saw as the rightful remedy. They authored the Kentucky and Virginia Resolutions of 1798 - which said as much - in response to a federal law that banned writing and speech that was "against the government", an obvious violation of the First Amendment. The General Welfare clause was

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How Do Friends Fall in Love?

By Will Mayers
 Columnist

Usually when I go to a play, the experience is something that is easy to forget (the part I was awake for I mean). But the latest play I went to was fantastic. The play, "How Do Friends Fall in Love?" was written and produced by Clayton State's own Jarvis Watkins. It was full of colorful characters and brimming with twists that kept me guessing until the very end. The play is the story of two best friends who love each other openly as friends, but who secretly wants to be lovers.

One of the characters, Jewel, finds herself in a crisis: she must choose between going to college or raising her unborn child. The problem is the only one who can help her is Ramon, who was once her best friend before she alienated him. What will she do? It was a Jarvis Watkins Productions success, with nearly 1,000 people attending over the two nights it showed. The event was held at the Clayton County Performing Arts Center in Jonesboro. There

were two showings, on August 20 and 21.

I had the wonderful experience of riding to the show with Watkins. Actually, my roommate was in the play and we went over to Watkins' apartment, where I witnessed the actors getting their make-up done. After we arrived at the venue, I was notified that I had the great pleasure of showing people to their seats, and passing out programs, but it was a great experience. The theatre performance was directed by Cheryl Booker and hosted by another Clayton State University student, David Wilson. The play starred Jarvis Watkins as Ramon, Chelisa Williams as Jewel, Verne Ashton as Mr. Edward, Broderick McNeal as Jeezy.

The play was definitely a grand experience and I would recommend it to anyone. There will be another showing in October. There will also be a DVD released around that time.

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used to constitutionally justify the act.

Nullification has been used on behalf of such things as free speech, free trade, and fighting conscription as well as the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850. It is still being used today to fight such things as federal prohibition of marijuana, a National ID card, and the health insurance mandate, to name a few.

There isn't much cause for celebra-

tion on Constitution Day, but there is cause for restoration of the purpose of the Constitution - putting limits on government power.

Joe Brown is president of Young Americans for Liberty

"If You Liked It, You Should Have Put a Warranty on it."

By Chris Baldwin
 Guest Columnist

In the past when I would buy an expensive item, I'd ponder all the arguments of why I didn't need a warranty. I used them all the minute I heard "You



should protect your purchase." I bought a moderately expensive TV and declined the warranty.

I will admit I hate jumping out of the bed to unplug everything the moment I hear thunder. Strangely, I don't do this with computers. Usually computer warranties save the owner substantial amounts of money and are well worth the expense. I recognize the value of warranties

because I've seen the prices of replacement parts skyrocket to more than a couple hundred.

There are a few steps to help decide if a warranty for your computer is worthwhile. The first step is to evaluate how long you plan to keep it. Most laptops have an expected lifespan of two to three years. If you plan to use your laptop that long, it's a good idea to purchase the extended warranty. Laptops are man made and thus prone to failure.

This is why the standard 1-year warranty exists. It covers any problems the manufacturer may have overlooked. After a couple years of usage expect various parts of the computer to fail. If the computer's warranty has expired then you will have to pay for any repairs out of pocket.

Next, compare the value of your computer to the price of the warranty and repairs. If you bought a cheap computer and the warranty cost is close to the computer's worth, it's wiser to simply buy another computer. By the time the manufacturer's warranty runs out after the first year, that cheap computer probably isn't worth repairing.

Inversely, if your computer is an expensive purchase in general it is wise to extend the warranty. It's probable that the parts are more expensive to replace.

Finally, honestly admit to yourself if you or anyone who will be near your computer is a clumsy oaf. Spills, drops, tumbles and falls are the great decimators of laptops. If so go for the complete care option that covers user damage too.

Ultimately I'd suggest extending the warranty on any computer purchase to

" If you plan to use your laptop...long, it's a good idea to purchase the extended warranty."

at least another year if you have the resources. A good rule of thumb is, if you plan on enjoying your purchase

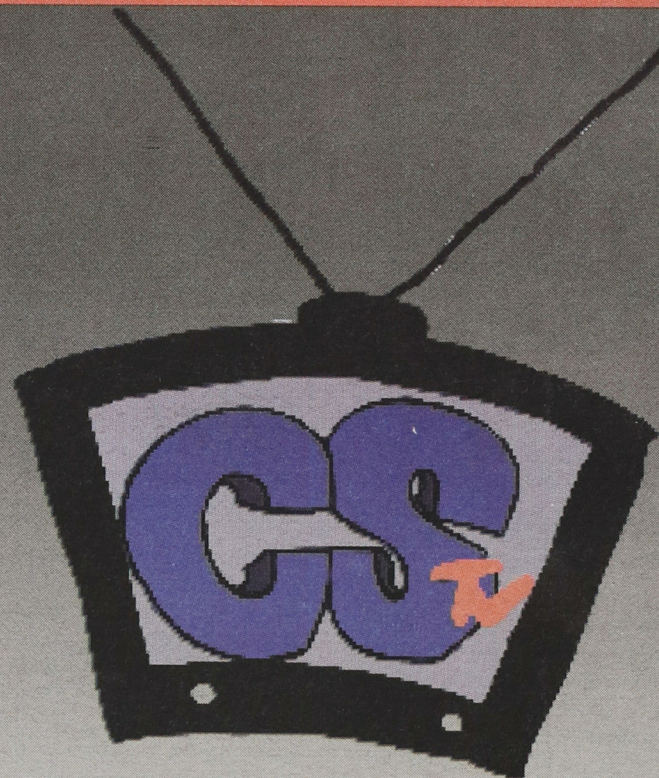
for several years, go for the warranty. Now when I make purchases I often imagine the sales reps are Beyonce singing "if you liked it then you should have put a warranty on it!"

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