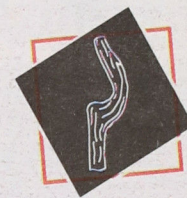


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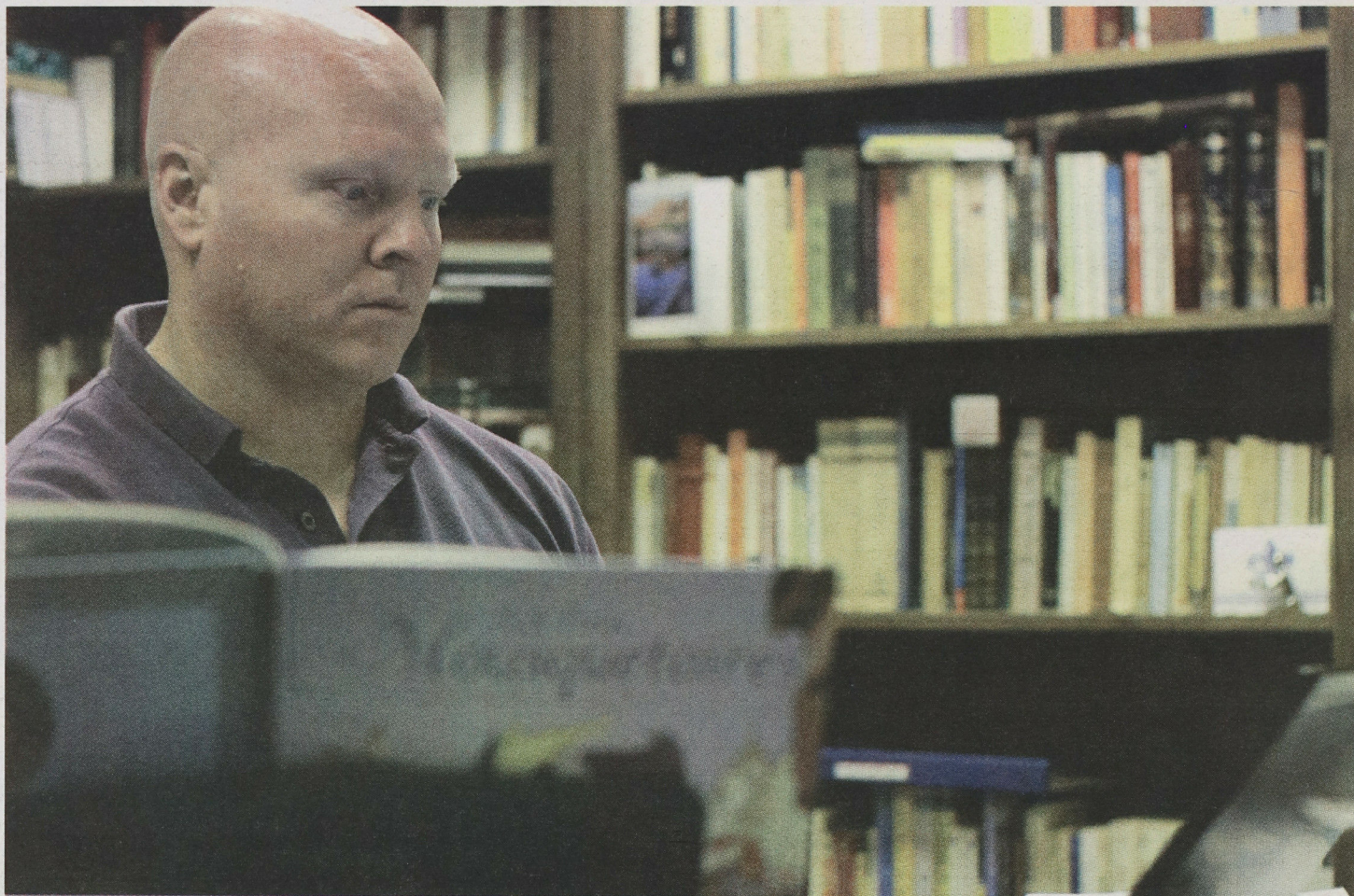
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Dr. Johnson Puts New Spin on Graphic Novels



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Dr. Johnson, who teaches Spanish and French, has been translating comic books for 10 years.

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Dr. Joe Johnson, CSU Associate Professor of Foreign Languages, has translated French graphic novels into English for more than 10 years. The most notable difference between French graphic novels and English comics is presentation style.

"[French graphic novels] are album sized hardbacks. [The French] take comics very seriously as a cultural form," says Dr.

Johnson.

American comics are geared toward entertaining children, but French graphic novels appeal to youths as well as the inner-child of many adults.

"Graphic novels make up nearly 25 percent of all book sales in France and Belgium," Dr. Johnson said. "In France, people of all ages read comic books."

Familiar literary classics such as Frankenstein, Treasure Island, and The Three Musketeers take on a new tone once they are saturated by French culture and presented in the form of a graphic novel. "Many times French comics will con-

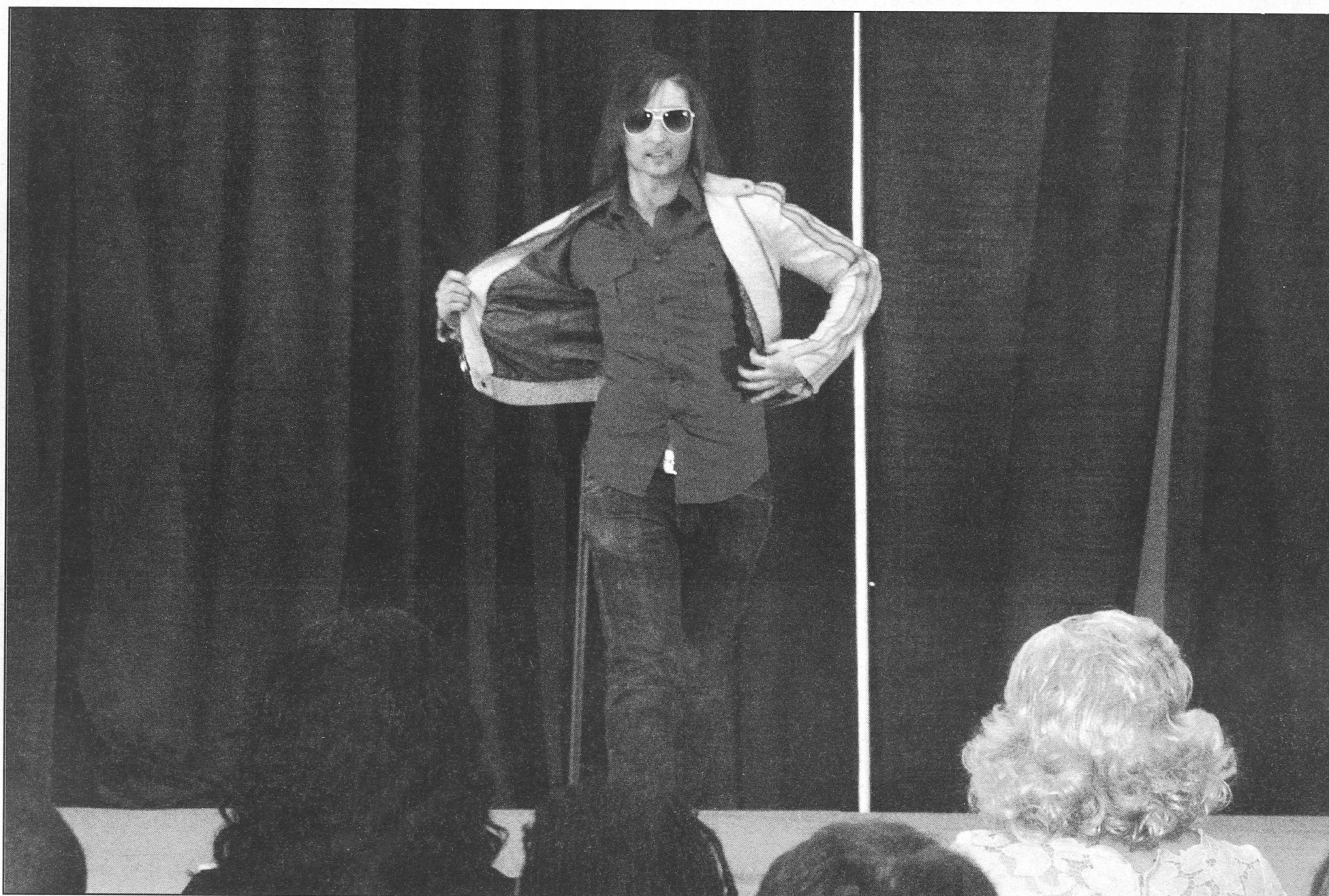
tain more violence than we would expect Americans to want to buy for their children," said Dr. Johnson. "Sometimes there are different cultural norms of what is acceptable and what is not acceptable."

Dr. Johnson translates classic literature as well as contemporary works. The translations include highly detailed illustrations, and are riddled with fragments of French culture. This new spin on comics recreates the perception of graphic novels in American society, not just child's play, but as a source of entertainment for all ages.

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Gay Straight Alliance Hosts Kings & Queens Drag Affair



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Professional drag king "Logan Trapp" performs to Mike Posner's song "Cooler Than Me" during the Kings and Queens Drag Affair in the SAC.

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On Oct. 28th, Campus Life and the Gay Straight Alliance hosted the Second Annual Kings and Queens Drag Affair. The charity event was hosted to raise money for Teen Expressions, a youth program designed to ignite, empower, inspire, and create success in teens' lives.

Lance Mealer, President of CSU's Gay-Straight Alliance, introduced the judges of the drag show. The panel included: Jeff Jacobs, associate dean of Students, Bubba D. Licious, a drag queen dressed from head to toe in bubble gum pink, and China, another drag queen. The competition was based on: overall performance, costume, creativity, song choice and interaction. The Crowd Favorite was determined by the to-

tal number of tips received during their performance. Whoever received the most monetary tips received the title of Crowd Favorite.

When asked why Campus Life and GSA decided to have a drag show, Mealer replied: "To expose CSU to diversity on campus and the LGBT community. It is also a charity event for Teen Expressions to give back to the community." He also explained that people may dress in drag because they enjoy the performance, or may feel it's a way to express themselves.

The hostess for the night was Trinity, a man dressed as a woman. "I'm Ms. CSU Pride and I don't even go here," he said. The first portion of the show featured amateurs. J. Breeze, the first performer, started by lip syncing Trey Songz' "Panty Dropper" and "We Can't be Friends" as she walked through the audience. The second

performance was by Kwan, another woman dressed in drag. Kwan also performed a Trey Songz song ("Neighbors Know My Name") and walked away with the title of Prince CSU. After Kwan performed, Logan Trapp lip synced "Cooler Than Me." Logan was the most convincing drag king of the night, winning the title of Mr. CSU.

After the kings performed, the drag queens came out. Three queens opened to the song, "Stupid Shit." The first amateur drag queen was "Nvious." Her performance included a part where two men fought over her. The second drag queen performance was Tykeria LaBelle Thomas, who danced to Ciara's, "I'm Back." Thomas electrified the crowd as she performed. Her outfit included a fiery red wig, fish net stockings, strapped up stilettos, and glittery top. The audience threw dollars at her as she danced.

With the amount of money that she "earned" during the performance, it was apparent that Thomas would win the Crowd Favorite Award. She was also deemed Princess of the competition. When asked how he felt about winning, Foster replied, "I am excited. I didn't think I was gonna win. This is my first time doing anything like this."

Poko was the third drag queen to perform. She danced to the Beastie Boys song, "Sabotage." Chastity performed fourth, while Keilah Vaughn, who performed as Beyonce, was fifth. She reenacted Destiny's Child's song, "Cater to You", as well as the B.E.T. performance, "Bootylicious" and "Bills."

After the amateur slot was over, Trinity announced that she had a special treat. Thomas' mentor, whom everyone referred to as "Sister," came out and gave a performance.

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Earlyce Nabritt, president of the Simply Stunning Sigma Sigma Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., opens the discussion at the AKA Heads High event. The program, held on Nov. 4 in the SAC, examined women's insecurities and discussed how low self-esteem can affect a person's ability to be successful in life.

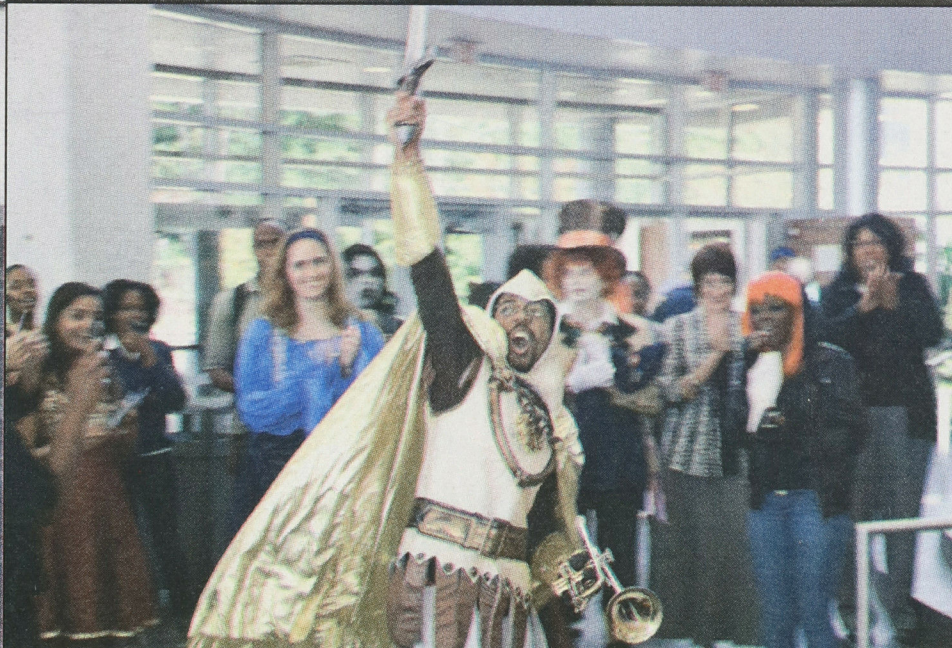
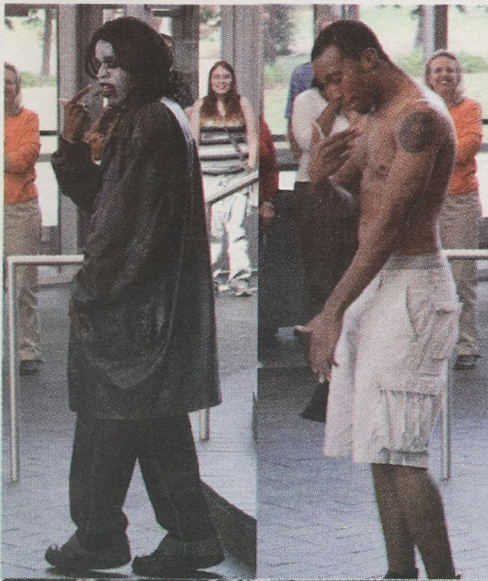
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Sports

Lakers Capture the Peach Belt Conference Title

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With fireworks coloring the sky of Laker Field, it was a festive environment even before the game began. It ended in similar fashion as the Clayton State Lakers captured the Peach Belt Conference title in a thrilling 1-0 victory over Lander in the second period of overtime.

Seven minutes remained on the clock when the Lakers finally found their way through Lander's rigid defense, allowing Ryan Pugh to capitalize with a goal.

Outshooting Lander's men 9-2 in the first half, the CSU men stayed aggressive on the attacking end before

"[Lander's players] picked up," said head coach Pete Peterson. "They picked up before it went back our way." To counteract Lander's push in the second half, Peterson said, "We changed formation. We basically just stayed put and [...] tried to find a combination that would work." In overtime, it all worked out.

The goal was a messy one. There was contact involved between the scorer and Lander's goalkeeper.

This ending left many visibly angry and frustrated about the referee's call, but not coach Peterson. "You collided with the goalkeeper but you were looking at the ball. You didn't run into the keeper, he ran into you." Coach Peterson said to his scorer, Ryan Pugh, convinced of the validity of the play. "He actually should've punched [the ball]. But he ran into you. That's his fault."

Both teams shot the ball and had many opportunities to score. It was not the type of game that would bore a goalkeeper. Approaching the end of the first period, the Lakers scored a goal, which was quickly rejected by the referee because of an offline violation. A call that coach Peterson deemed a "good call." Later on in the second half, Lander's men induced major scare and silence in the Laker fans as they made a push that resulted with a ball hitting the crossbar and a couple of game-saving catches by CSU goalkeeper Brian Garcia.

When asked about the significance of this game and how satisfied he was with his players, Coach Peterson simply



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CSU forward Leighton Fredericks (11) makes his way past Craig Hughes (4) of Lander during their game at Laker Field.

replied with a smile, "Hard work pays off." Something he has preached all along. With the existing rivalry between the two teams, this victory is certainly a sweeter treat than usual.

A number of CSU alumni, many of whom played for the soccer team, were attendance. On this night, however, they served well as fervent cheerleaders, chanting "Clayton State, we love you" among other slogans.

Following this game, the Lakers held a record of 15-2 overall and 7-1 in the Peach Belt Conference. The victory also gives Clayton State its fifth PBC season title.

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New NFL Rules Takes Passion Out

By Codi Rose
Sports Columnist

October was an interesting month for the NFL and Ray Anderson (vice president of football operations for the NFL); so much so, that regulations needed to be implemented. October was full of collisions, concussions, and injuries. These incidents led to the new, stricter implementation of suspensions and fees for players that are involved in head-to-head contact or devastating hits. What is a devastating hit, and who decides what a devastating hit is?

A devastating hit is when a player hits with his head instead of driving with his shoulder. This action is something that is decided by observing, not playing. An observer should not make the decision whether someone was hit "devastatingly" hard or if he hit "conservatively," or if the hit was legal. These regulations have turned individual football plays into ethical and monetary issues. The play often looks worse than it really is. The new regulations are taking the passion and the heart out of football. These new regulations are causing players to reserve themselves during plays. Football isn't played by tip-toeing around players—it is played by going hard and fast into opponents.

Football players are like modern gladiators. We (as spectators) put them in an arena and expect to see contact and action. If a player gets hurt, that is a small price to pay for the entertainment we get as well as the rush they get from playing. They are paid to go harder and faster than other athletes. Football players pride themselves on playing very hard. When players sign up to play football, even as young little league players, they are aware there is a chance they can get hurt. Anything that requires players to wear shoulder pads, leg pads, rib protectors, forearm pads, elbow pads, and a helmet obviously has a risk. No matter what position the player plays, there is a risk, and spectators look forward to those risks. Fans don't want their favorite players to get hurt. However, sitting out a game or two is a small price to pay—one that many are willing to take.

The players look forward to the risks as well. They aren't able to play like they want when they have to hold back; they tip-toe through the plays and pull back when it is unnecessary. NBC Sports quoted Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker James Harrison about the game against the Dolphins: "That was my least productive game this year...we can still play the game, but it's not the same" Harrison was praised for not hitting helmet-to-helmet, but he isn't so happy about the new changes being made. Many players said the new helmet-to-helmet regulations are like flag football and not the game that is meant to be played. Players should be allowed to hurt and "put the hurt" on others. Getting hurt is much different than an injury. There should be penalties to a player who badly injures another, but that is rare and doesn't occur enough to penalize players on smaller things such as concussions. While it is understandable where Anderson is coming from with his need to protect the players, it seems that it could be a possible over-reaction to the unfortunate concussion coincidences that occurred in October.

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CSU forward Cherie Sayon (14) rushes downfield past a USC-Aiken during their game last month. The Lakers won 3-0. The women's team finished the season 6-12 with a loss to Atlantic Armstrong College on November 2.

Basketball Teams Prepare for Season

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Basketball is underway at Clayton State.

The nationally-ranked CSU women's basketball team is ready. After an impressive season last year the Lakers will be looking to repeat as Peachbelt Conference Tournament Champs, and advance further in the National Division II Tournament. The Lakers finished last season with an overall record of 26-7, 15-4 in conference play.

Head Coach Dennis Cox returns for his 8th season with the Lakers. Cox has dramatically improved the women's team posting his sixth consecutive 20 win season last year. Cox has

instilled a winning attitude amongst the culture of Clayton State Women's Basketball. Clayton State women's basketball has been referred to in years past as a sleeping giant in the Peachbelt Conference and the NCAA. Not anymore thanks to Cox, and his Lakers. Cox is extremely excited about the upcoming season, especially after noticing the chemistry that has developed in practice.

The men's team is ready and excited for the upcoming season, which started last weekend with an exhibition game against Martinique Golden Star. The second exhibition game will be Nov. 9th against Baseline USA.

The Lakers look to improve from last season where they finished 16-13

overall, 7-9 in Peachbelt Conference play. The Lakers will return 5 players from last year's team, including their second-leading scorer from last year, Brandon Robinson.

Robinson, a senior forward, averaged 13.7 points and just under 5 rebounds per game last season for the Lakers. Also returning this year is quite frankly the Laker's floor general, Senior guard Timmy Downs. Downs averaged 13 points, 2.7 rebounds and 1.8 steals per game. Also returning to this year's team is junior Torrin Grene, and seniors Armon Jones and Michael Thorogood.

Head coach Gordon Gibbons returns for his 11th season with the Lakers.

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Poll

"How would you get more young people to vote?"



Aarione Polle
Freshman

"To educate people and make it more exciting maybe by having incentives."



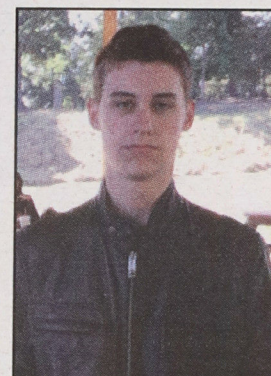
Alexandria Mays
Sophomore

"Give them a small incentive not necessarily money but something that will benefit them in the long run."



Jennifer Abadom
Senior

"I believe that young people should be given incentives to encourage them to vote."



Jeremy Hendrix
Freshman

"Have politicians that aren't liars."



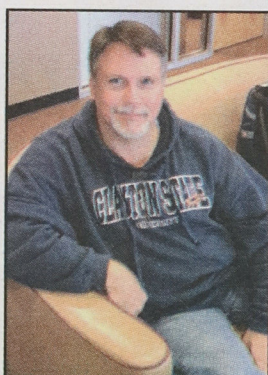
Kimberly Marsh
Sophomore

"They should vote just because of the history behind voting, and the youth should take the initiative."



Latasha Byrd
Sophomore

"To offer students an incentive for voting."



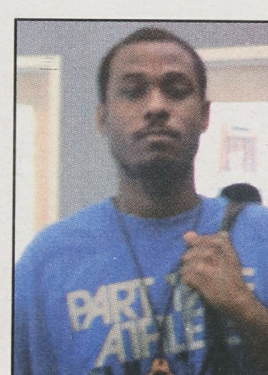
Partrick Coleman
Senior

"The best solution is through education, by encouraging students to become informed about the issues and the candidates. An informed voter is the best voter and not one just inspired by the hype."



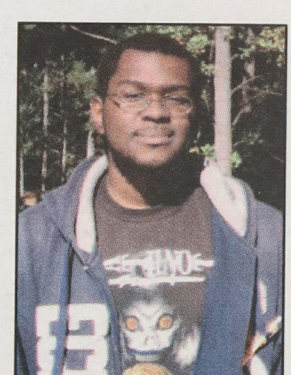
Malcolm Odwin
Senior

"I believe the best solution to encourage young people to vote, is to actually show them how the political process affects their everyday life. If today's youth could see what effect the politician who we elect to represent us has an effect on our livelihood and our economic growth, it would encourage them to want to play a more active role in going out and voting."



Reggie Darien
Senior

"Educate them on how the youth will be affected by the results of the votes."



Reginald Banks
Junior

"Making voting easier to access bringing voting to campus."

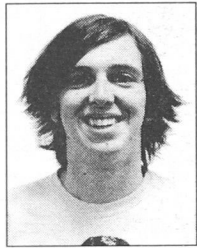
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Opinion

U.S. Better Wake Up

By Joe Brown
Guest Columnist

America is in serious trouble. The national debt is \$13.6 trillion. The unemployment rate is 10%. The "war on terror" is in its 10th year, with no end in sight. The value of the dollar is falling fast. And the government continues to take away what few freedoms we have left.



In fact, things are even worse than this, but this is the worst that the government and their corporate mainstream media would have you believe. Real U.S. government debt - including unfunded liabilities like Medicare and Social Security - is much higher. Boston University economist Laurence Kotlikoff says it is 14-fold higher - \$200 trillion - making each citizen's share of the debt just under \$650,000. This doesn't include credit card debt and student loans.

The real unemployment rate is also actually much higher than 10%. The "official" government unemployment rate of 10% that is parroted unquestioningly by the media leaves out: people that have given up looking for work and part-time workers that want to work full-time. When these people are included the unemployment rate is closer to 20%.

The war on terror is really in its 10th year, but the U.S. government has been occupying, waging war, and intervening in the Middle East for decades - invoking hatred and provoking retaliatory terrorist attacks (what the CIA calls blowback). In 1953, after the democratically elected government of Iran had nationalized some of its country's oil resources from England, the CIA assisted the British government in overthrowing Iran's democracy. In its place, they installed and supported a dictatorship that spied on, tortured, and executed dissidents. Iranians overthrew the dictatorship in 1979, out of which came the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The U.S. government also helped bring Saddam Hussein and his party to power in Iraq and supplied him with funds and weapons in his war against Iran (1980-1988). He then invaded Kuwait, after the U.S. government gave him the go-ahead. Perhaps power, and not security, is why the U.S. has over 700 military bases in over 140 countries? There are many more examples of the U.S. government's interventions around the world which don't help to keep us safe, prosperous, free, secure, or at peace. In fact, it does just the opposite.

The government's foreign policy, empire, and wars are one of the biggest causes of the loss of the dollar's value. Economist Thomas DiLorenzo notes why governments prefer this method of financing unpopular things (especially wars of aggression) saying:

"By printing money, the cost can be delayed and hidden, sometimes for years, before the new money circulates and loses value."

This is known as the inflation tax - unconstitutionally brought to you by the U.S. government and its partner in counterfeiting, the Federal Reserve! The Fed, America's central bank (1 of the 10 planks of Marx's Communist Manifesto - obviously not a free market institution) manipulates interest rates and has a monopoly on money, which it has created so much of that it has destroyed over 95% of the dollar's purchasing power since being created in 1913.

Hard to believe? Well, believe it. Everyone knows governments don't tell the truth. So we should not be surprised that public (government) schools teach (indoctrinate) us to believe anti-liberty, pro-government propaganda.

The U.S. is on an unsustainable path; if we do not have real, substantial change we could very well see economic and even societal collapse. As the great 20th century Austrian economist, Ludwig von Mises said:

"Everyone carries a part of society on his shoulders; no one is relieved of his share of responsibility by others. And no one can find a safe way out for himself if society is sweeping towards destruction. Therefore everyone, in his own interests, must thrust himself vigorously into the intellectual battle. None can stand aside with unconcern; the interests of everyone hang on the result. Whether he chooses or not, every man is drawn into the great historical struggle, the decisive battle into which our epoch has plunged us."

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If we want to have liberty, peace, and prosperity rather than tyranny, chaos, national bankruptcy, and hyperinflation, we had better wake up before it is too late.

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Macs Do Get Viruses

By Chris Baldwin
Columnist

Hi, I'm Chris Baldwin and I'm not a Mac, nor am I a PC. I'm a person who uses a personal computer, which happens to be a Mac. That means it is a PC, despite what you've heard.



Mysterious rumors and inaccurate information gets passed around about these "mystical" machines. Many of these misconceptions are attributed to Macs being the unknown.

For example, one of the selling points of Macs is that you don't have to worry about viruses. That is mostly true, but there are viruses for Macs.

It's been argued that Apple's computers are more secure, but the main reason viruses aren't seen on Macs is because they account for less than 10% of computer usage by most estimates. It makes more sense to target a larger audience if someone is planning to infect as many computers as possible. With Macs becoming more popular, it may be time to reconsider the threat of viruses.

Another big myth is they are incompatible with Windows. This is

false. Programs are being written for multiple operating systems. Most files can easily be shared between both operating systems. When manufacturer choose to not make a Mac version of a program, there are often comparable programs that work. If there aren't, Windows can be installed the Intel based Macs. This allows an Apple computer to run Windows only programs. There are also virtualization options out there.

An important option believed to be missing is right-click. Items can be right-clicked on a Mac using the right side of the track pad. I prefer to use an external mouse for most things, but the computer will also respond to control-click.

"Macs don't get the blue screen of death" is an interesting belief that I've heard many times. This is true; they get the gray screen of death, instead. The idea that Macs don't crash is absurd. Macs can crash, and when they do, boy, do they crash. It is a rare occurrence that can usually be attributed to unofficial customizations or hardware failure. It's always wise to keep your files backed up.

“ Macs can crash, and they do, boy, do they crash ... It is always wise to keep your files backed up though. ”

There are a lot of reasons to buy a computer, but try to make purchases based on real information. I can assure you that my Mac didn't make me any sexier or cooler. In fact, I got pudgier and less exciting to be around. One final myth that I can put to rest is that a Mac once knocked Chuck Norris unconscious for 2.8 seconds. This is true, but when Chuck came to, he broke the Mac's screen with his beard only.

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Fall Fashion Tip: Invest in 'Standout Pieces'

By Laticia Lewis
Guest Columnist

Ever had that amazing shopping moment where you score a really good deal and you are convinced that you are a shopping guru? Well I have, but my moments are a little different.



I shop for staples—amazing pieces that are able to work during any season.

Instead of shopping trendy and getting caught wearing the same thing as everyone else, I invest in standout pieces. When shopping this fall, look for statement pieces, items that will guarantee to be an instant knockout.

With a little research, I have managed to hunt through this season's host of tricky trends and narrow the list of basic fall standout pieces to five amazing items. What to get? Start

off with the popular "peacoat," but instead of the regular boring navy, get one in an attention getter, perhaps red. The peacoat is undeniably the one item in a woman's closet that can transform any look. Late for class and not enough time to get a super cute outfit together? No need to worry—with basic jeans and a tank along with your super cute peacoat, you'll be able to turn any drab outfit into a dime. A plus that will earn you cool factor points is finding a peacoat with added details (ruffles are a major hit this fall).

The next standout piece is not so much a piece as it is an entire trend; the military look. This is another popular look, but if revamped can look so modern and edgy. The classic way to go is a army jacket, but there are many different ways to sport this look. Since the army jacket can be a little tough, pair it with girly pieces to make it different and daring. The key to wearing popular trends is to mix it up and think outside the box. Find one amazing military item and build your outfit around it and try not to overdo

it. Don't try to copy your inspiration look from head to toe. With this trend, less is more, and always remember to be original and have fun.

Fall is all about being daring and bold which brings me to the next standout piece, the over-the-knee-boot. Getting to wear boots is probably one of the most exciting parts of the fall season and this year is no exception. If you fail to remember the contents of this article, I urge you to remember one thing; over-the-knee boots. If you find the right pair, they are more stunning and powerful than any skin-tight dress or skinny jeans.

The next piece is my absolute favorite. "The boyfriend blazer," just like the peacoat, can transform any look. Blazers are super chic, and are perfect for toning down an outfit or unifying one. Wearing mix prints? Pairing a blazer can make your look uniformed and polished. A boyfriend blazer is sexy, confident, edgy and goes with almost everything. The boyfriend blazer is a smart investment because it can be worn all year long and you can mix and match with anything in your

closet. Now that's a good buy!

The final standout piece on my list is the vest. From denim to fur, you can't go wrong with a vest. Vests are great for bringing old outfits to life and are great for the fall weather because they are versatile and can be paired with long sleeves to eliminate the need of a jacket. My favorite picks for fall are the sweater vest and the fur vest. Don't be heartbroken if you can't afford a real fur vest, faux-fur is the way to go. Being economical is always chic, but wearing an animal isn't! Here are some final tips to remember when it comes to fall fashions.

First, always remember to shop with you in mind, think about your lifestyle and your body type and what you feel comfortable wearing.

Secondly, not all trends will work for you, know that everything will not look good on you and that's OK.

And finally, wear the trend, don't let the trend wear you. Be confident in whatever you wear and own it!

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Avys Burroughs, a member of the band FTP, performs during Open Mic Night on Nov. 4 in the SAC Cafe. The event was sponsored by Clayton State Internet Radio (CSiR) and Kingdom Campus Ministries. There were musical and spoken word performances.

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* Spring 2011 class schedule is now available in the DUCK. Advising is mandatory; otherwise the student's record will be on "hold." For the best classes and the most convenient schedule hours, always register early. So set your appointment as soon as possible.

* To all science majors and lovers, Clayton State now offers a chemistry major (B.S. in Chemistry) that has been approved by the Board of Regents by the University System of Georgia.

* Clayton State now allows full degree completion online thanks to the eCore. eCore is a program developed by the University System of Georgia that offers the first two years of college core classes online at the convenience of anyone's schedule.

* The new building on campus, currently under construction, finally has a name. Following the "Name the BHS Annex" contest, the Naming Committee has agreed with the name L.A.B., which stands for Laboratory Annex Building. Congratulations to contest winners Jessica Bledsoe and Bob Ward.

* Diversity and Disability Awareness Week continues until Nov. 4 as Campus Life and D.E.E.P. Peer Educators hold the very first Affirmative Action Bake Sale on Nov 3, followed by an open discussion regarding affirmative action policies. On that same note on Nov 4, they will host "Walk in My Shoes" discussion to give students opportunities to voice their opinion regarding disability and race.

* News reporting and opinion website TheDailyBeast.com has ranked Clayton State University the 19th safest campus in the nation. The ranking is based on a number of criteria and the record of potential criminal incidents such as robberies, murders, aggravated assaults, car thefts etc.

* Going Green is sponsoring the Celebrate Fall Harvest event. This event will be held Thursday, November 4th @11:30 a.m. in the UC

* Enter Facebook Fridays Competition and Win a Bookstore Scholarship. Sign up at the Bookstore's FB page

* The Hispanic Association gives First Annual Leadership Conference for Clayton County Schools...the conference is a way to answer students questions about making choices for the future. Saturday, Nov. 6th.

* CSU Alums panel discussion about Student Leadership. The alums will share with Freshmen the importance of Student Leadership and how they're using it in the workplace. Tuesday, November 2 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. in UC 322

New Structure is named Laboratory Annex Building

CSU Public Relations

In a decision worthy of King Solomon, the Naming Committee for Clayton State's newest building has rendered a decision.

Faced with two somewhat similar choices from the entries submitted in the "name the BHS Annex" contest, neither of which exactly fit what the committee was looking for, the committee split the difference (so to speak) and took parts of both names to come up with, the Laboratory Annex Building (L.A.B., LAB, Lab... get it?)

Student Jessica Bledsoe submitted the name "Laboratory Annex" and staff member Bob Ward submitted "Swan Lake Annex Building." Put them together, and you have the Laboratory Annex Building, or The Lab, for short. And, together, they will split the \$100 Bookstore gift card for the contest's winning entry.

"The Naming Committee, which was composed of faculty, staff and students, considered more than 20 names recommended by students, faculty, alumni and others," explains Committee Chair Dr. Nasser Momayezi. "The committee was charged with recommending three names to the president's cabinet. We tried to devise a name that accurately represents the major functions of the building without creating any confusion for our students."

The new building will house science labs, a psychology lab, a classroom, and six faculty offices. (There's no word as of yet as to whether the psych lab will be set up like giant Skinner Box.) Thus, it's largely a lab building.

"After a long deliberation, the committee combined a few of the recommended names to come up with three suggestions to the cabinet: Laboratory Annex Building, Science Laboratory Annex Building and Swan Laboratory Annex Building," continues Momayezi. "The Laboratory Annex Building was the nearly unanimous choice of the Committee, and the president's cabinet approved The Laboratory Annex Building (Lab)' as the official name.

"We believe that this is the most fitting name for the new building. This is indeed an annex building to the University's planned new science complex. We all hope that the construction of the new science complex will begin next year as its design is near completion. The new science complex is essential if Clayton State University is to properly serve the Southern Crescent."



International Study Abroad Night

Nov. 17 | UC Room 272 | 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.

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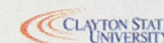
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Regents Exam No Longer Required

By Will Mayers

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Clayton State students are now exempt from taking the Regents Exam, effective immediately. For those who pass English 1101 and 1102, they will not be required to take the test. CSU President Tim Hynes was present at last week's Student Government Association meeting when the news was shared.

"The Regents exam will be moved into the English 1101 and 1102 sequences, so it will now be institution based and

embedded in the English 1101 and 1102 courses, which is where they ought to be," Hynes said during the meeting.

In other SGA news, CSU's Michael Crafton has been named the new Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs. Also, CSU freshman C.J. Manard was elected senator for the month of September.

Also, CSU's Safety Walk is scheduled to be on Nov. 11 at 7:00 pm. Student Government members and others will be walking around the campus checking out any hazardous areas.

Mrs. Hines: "I try to place myself in their shoes"

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Her desk is covered with thank you cards and flowers from students. She ensures that each person entering the financial aid office with sorrowful looks leaves with a smile. Her name is Pansy Hines and she is a financial aid representative who expresses as much compassion towards students as her own children.

"I try to place myself in their shoes," she said. "Sometimes people just have a lot going on in their lives. The financial aid process isn't easy for some students, so I try to be sympathetic, understanding, and very patient."

Although Mrs. Hines has been assisting students at Clayton State for less than a year, many students request her by name. Her determination to help students resolve their financial aid issues has given hope to those, who before meeting her, felt hopeless.

"When I came into the office, I was worried about my financial aid status," said Brandon Tetro, a CSU sophomore. "She made me feel like my problem was her only concern in the world."

Mrs. Hines has always enjoyed helping others. She has worked in the customer service industry for more than 35 years. Her dedication stems from her own experience as a parent of two former CSU students.

"I try my best to keep students and parents informed about financial aid," she said. "When my sons started college, I was asking the same questions that many parents are now asking me. I know exactly how they feel, because I've had to walk in their shoes."

"She is unbelievably awesome" said CSU sophomore Ryan Belom. "I ask for her when I go to the office because she makes me laugh and I feel at home."

Mrs. Hines is recognized by her coworkers as a wonderful addition to CSU's financial aid team.

"Many words come to mind when I think of Ms Hines," said Gina Nolan, a coworker. "She is dependable and has a very strong work ethic. When you work as closely as we do, these qualities are essential, especially when it comes to having a good team. To some students, she is their personal counselor, mother, sister, and to me she is a friend."

At the beginning of each semester, hundreds of students visit the financial aid office. Most of the information requested is available to students online. Mrs. Hines advises students to keep track of their financial aid using the DUCK. She urges students to complete their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), each academic year, as soon as possible.

"The process usually takes about six to eight weeks," said Mrs. Hines. "It breaks my heart to tell students that their fund-



Pansy Hines is always a smiling face in CSU's Financial Aid Office. "I try to be sympathetic, understanding, and very patient." BRIAN ROBERTS/THE BENT TREE

ing won't be available in time to pay for their courses because their information was not completed on time."

Mrs. Hines makes each student feel

like her personal friend. She's informative and demonstrates genuine concern for students. "It's my duty to assist the

students with their financial aid concerns,

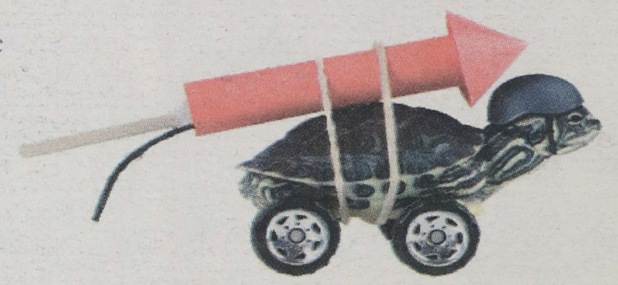
but it's my pleasure to make them smile while doing it".

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