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## Tanisha Woodard Selected WBCA Division II First Team All-American

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

In culminating a remarkable career at Clayton State, Tanisha Woodard received the ultimate honor for a women's basketball player – WBCA (Women's Basketball Coaches Association) Division II First Team All-American.

Woodard was one of 10 players throughout the nation selected first team Division II All-American, becoming the first Clayton State player ever to earn first team honors. In addition, Woodard becomes the third Laker to receive Division II All-American recognition. Last season, Teshymia Tillman was an honorable mention All-American selection by the WBCA, as was Catreia Shaw in 2003.

"I am so thrilled that Tanisha is being recognized for the amazing season and unbe-



Tanisha Woodard

lievable career that she has had for us at Clayton State," says Clayton State head coach Dennis Cox. "She is the most complete player that I have ever coached, and I am grateful to have had the opportunity to do so. She did it all for us over her four-year career, and she is truly, truly deserving of this award."

Woodard will go down as one of the best complete and all-around players in the history of Clayton State women's basketball. In her four seasons, she helped pace the Lakers to a 104-19 mark with two Peach Belt Conference regular season

championships, one Peach Belt Tournament championship, four NCAA Division II National Tournament berths, two appearances in the NCAA Division II "Elite Eight" and the 2011 NCAA Division II National Championship.

A 5-foot-10 senior wing from Rome, Ga., Woodard was selected both first team All-Peach Belt Conference and Peach Belt Conference Defensive Player of the Year for a second straight season, in addition to Division II All-Southeast Region honors as well. She leads the PBC in both steals and assists, and is ranked fourth in assist-to-turnover ratio and fifth in blocked shots.

For the season, Woodard averaged 11.7 points and 6.1 rebounds a game, while recording 175 assists and 111 steals.

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## IT Strategic Planning Committee Fully Engaged

by Jim Flowers, Strategic Planning Officer

President Tim Hynes invited 15 faculty and staff to form a committee charged with the task of developing a new IT strategic plan for Clayton State University by Oct. 15, 2012. The committee has two objectives:

- Develop a strategic plan and vision for technology at Clayton State university;
- Determine how use of technology can be applied to the achievement of our broader strategic goals.

Two assumptions guide the committee's work. First, technology must be seen as one of a few critical means for facilitating campus learning, and it should support operations in all five of the divisions of the university (Academic Affairs,

External Relations, Student Affairs, Business and Operations, and Information Technology and Services). Second, specific technologies (e.g. Intel, MS Word, etc) are critical only insofar as they support learning activities and necessary business practices.

The committee challenged itself to create a plan that will guide the allocation of scarce resources to provide an infrastructure that supports connectivity of any device. And, to create an environment where technology is seen as the support platform that enables faculty, staff and students to innovate and excel.

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## Clayton State Celebrates Veterans With Opening of Veterans Resource Center

by John Shiffert, University Relations

What originally began as a “coffee social” in 2008 has officially become the Clayton State University Veterans Resource Center (VRC).

Under the direction of Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Brian Haynes, the University held the grand opening and ribbon-cutting for the VRC on Mar. 16. While the event marked a significant milestone for Clayton State’s 400+ student veterans, it was also the culmination of many notable events and efforts at the University over the past four years. Many of those initiatives were the direct result of a tremendous amount of dedication and work by the student veterans’ best advocate on the Clayton State staff, Associate Director and Training Coordinator of Counseling and Psychological Services Shiraz Karaa.

“The first few meeting were called ‘coffee socials’ but they served to bring together the students for academic and peer sup-



port and, ultimately, to form the Student Veterans Association,” Karaa said recently. “I had also been talking to service members coming to counseling for integrating into the civilian world and adjust-

ing to college after the military. The vision was to have something similar to the USO on campus to serve the unique

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### Show Your Laker Pride on Your Ride

## Reserve Your State of Georgia Clayton State License Plate

Clayton State alumni, faculty/staff, students, retirees and friends of the University, here is your chance to “Show Your Laker Pride on Your Ride!”

The University has been approved for a specialty license plate with the State of Georgia. However, in order to make it happen, the University needs 1,000 people to sign up and pay a one-time \$25 manufacturing fee before they will be available.

The commemorative Clayton State plates, showcasing Clayton State’s athletic mascot Loch, will be produced if the State of Georgia’s Department of Motor Vehicle Safety receives a minimum of 1000 orders in a two-year period.

“I am so happy that we have initiated the process for obtaining a Clayton State Specialty license plate,” says President

Dr. Thomas J. Hynes, who has signed up for license plate #1. “The State of Georgia commemorative license plate program is a

fantastic way for alumni, faculty/staff, retirees, students and friends in the com-

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# Honor Society for First-Year Students Comes to Clayton State

Clayton State University is now one of 14 chapters in the State of Georgia to hold a chapter of National Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society for first-year students.



Dr. Glenda Earwood, executive director of National Alpha Lambda Delta, will install the Clayton State chapter on

Tuesday, Apr. 10, at 7 p.m., in the ballroom of the Clayton State Student Activities Center. At this time, the first class of 44 students will be initiated into the honor society as charter members and the organization's first officers will be installed. Clayton State President Dr. Thomas J. Hynes and other academic officials will be installed as honorary members as well.

Founded in the spring of 1924 at the University of Illinois by Dean Maria Leonard, Alpha Lambda Delta is a national honor society that recognizes and encourages academic excellence among first year students. Today, Alpha Lambda Delta has more than 270 chapters throughout the United States and more than 850,000 students have been initiated

into membership since the first chapter was started over 85 years ago.

Membership in Alpha Lambda Delta is open to full-time freshman students who earn a scholastic average of 3.5 or better at a four-year college or university.

Clayton State's first inductees are listed below (in alphabetical order):

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|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Omar Abdalla              | Stockbridge, GA    |
| Jonathan Bake Anderson    | McDonough, GA      |
| Joyce Andoh               | McDonough, GA      |
| Kaylene Olivia Arthur     | Jonesboro, GA      |
| Shakeyla Blackwell        | Savannah, GA       |
| Todd M. Burke Jr.         | Morrow, GA         |
| Jacob Caldwell            | McDonough, GA      |
| Toren James Carr          | Peachtree City, GA |
| Alexandra Sylvie Destin   | Rex, GA            |
| Terrence Ramone Dixon     | Ellenwood, GA      |
| Jameka Patrice Dixon      | Claxton, GA        |
| Lacey Dunn                | Fayetteville, GA   |
| Alicia Michelle Flowers   | East Point, GA     |
| Itzamar Garcia            | Griffin, GA        |
| Amelia Logan Harkleroad   | Newnan, GA         |
| Damoli Harris             | Southfield, MI     |
| Rachel Hohenstein-Higgins | Jackson, GA        |
| Yasmeen Khan              | Stockbridge, GA    |
| Frankie Kirk              | Ellenwood, GA      |
| Tracey Elaine Lamar       | Ellenwood, GA      |
| Jessica Lovett            | Peachtree City, GA |
| Nitou Makidi              | Decatur, GA        |
| Parvin Malcolm            | Forest Park, GA    |
| Ebony Desiree Miller      | Macon, GA          |
| Arielle Miller            | Decatur, GA        |
| Ashley Nicole Moore       | Conyers, GA        |
| Jessica Morris            | Peachtree City, GA |

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Olivia Irene Murphy        | Peachtree City, GA |
| Gregory John O'Brien       | Fayetteville, GA   |
| Priyani J. Patel           | Jonesboro, GA      |
| Emanuel Armstrong Peters   | College Park, GA   |
| Jose Alberto Polanco       | Fairburn, GA       |
| Sundee Proctor             | Stockbridge, GA    |
| Alex John Quisenberry, Jr. | McDonough, GA      |
| Kayla Rebekah Rice         | McDonough, GA      |
| Sade Roberts               | Riverdale, GA      |
| Allison Lindsay Rutherford | Jonesboro, GA      |
| Kensy Maggie Seidel        | Fayetteville, GA   |
| Maggie Shiffert            | Newnan, GA         |
| Tamara Marie Spikes        | Hampton, GA        |
| Kendra Sharnelle Stewart   | Morrow, GA         |
| Mary Tran                  | Riverdale, GA      |
| Julia Yurievna Zorko       | Fayetteville, GA   |

Alpha Lambda Delta emphasizes that educated persons have a responsibility to "have tolerance in your dealings with all persons, generosity in giving to those in need, and insight into the feelings of others," says Earwood. Members are challenged to make a "meaningful contribution to society."

For more information about Clayton State's chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society for First Year Students, visit the chapter's website at [www.clayton.edu/fyarc/alphalambdadelta](http://www.clayton.edu/fyarc/alphalambdadelta) or contact the chapter's advisor, Marcia Bouyea-Hamlet at (678) 466-4081, or [marcia-bouyea-hamlet@clayton.edu](mailto:marcia-bouyea-hamlet@clayton.edu). ■

## Peer Health Educators Pass Training Course

by Ciji Fox, University Relations

Several of Clayton State University's Peer Health Educators recently passed the Nationally Certified Peer Educator Exam. Akil Abdur-Raheem (Atlanta), Antoine Lanier Clark (Athens), Charnele Dobbins (McDonough), Ashley Howard (Cleveland), Timothy Jones (West Palm Beach, Fla.), Alethea Rives (Bronx, N.Y.) and Tacita Williams (Jackson, N.J.) each completed a 12-hour training course on-campus

The course was offered by the Boosting Alcohol Consciousness

Concerning the Health of University Students network (BACCHUS), which focused on "empowering students with the training to educate, confront, listen to, and help their peers make healthy lifestyle choices." The coursework covered areas such as listening and intervention skills, referral as well as strategies to help change high-risk behavior.

The Clayton State University BACCHUS Peer Health Educators have provided alcohol education programming for the campus community both on and off campus. Some of the programs include the

PEERS DUI Simulator held in October to celebrate alcohol awareness month and a Seatbelt Check program held in May as part of the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) "Click it or Ticket!" program. Another effort involved having students at Mt. Zion High School sign pledges not to drink on prom night.

"I believe that this training and certification will help empower our Peer

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## MAA Southeastern Conference a Success

by Cathie Aust, Emerita Professor of Mathematics

The 91st Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Section of the Mathematical Association of America (MAA) was a complex event. Officers of the Southeastern Section of the MAA planned an extensive program of faculty and student activities, and Clayton State provided the site for those activities, offered the support requested by the organizers, and provided supporting activities such as the Executive Dinner, the Conference Dinner, and a musical program at Spivey Hall.

Pat yourselves on the back, take a bow, hoist a glass in celebration! Working together, we were great hosts for the conference. Again and again, Dean Dr. Lila Roberts, the members of the planning committee (Dr. Tony Giovannitti, Dr.

Catherine Matos, Dr. Christopher Raridan, Dr. Anthony Stinson), and other members of CIMS faculty and staff heard high praise for every aspect of our planning and arrangements.

They were impressed by great signage, complementary rides on a golf carts on a rainy Friday morning, efficient onsite registration, convenient placement of vendors and refreshments, the exceptional quality of the catering services, media and computer support for speakers, beautiful decorations at the banquets, an outstanding program at Spivey Hall, the quality of work by student volunteers, excellent facilities, a beautiful campus, great hospitality, and the obvious campus-wide support for our endeavors.

It took all of a very large team to make it happen, and because of all of your efforts, we made a very positive impression on faculty and students from across Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. And, oh yes, many of you had to take time away from your spring break as well.

As local arrangements coordinator, I thank you for helping me to provide a great service to the Southeastern Section of the MAA and enhance the image of Clayton State University. ■

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## More than 70 Attend Fourth Annual Civic Engagement Research Conference

by Joseph Corrado, Political Science

On Friday Mar. 16, Clayton State University's Civic Engagement Council and the New York Times sponsored the Fourth Annual Civic Engagement Research Conference at the National Archives at Atlanta.

More than 70 people attended the conference this year, which was once again highlighted by the presentation of the annual Ogden First Amendment Award. This year's first place winner was Corinna Hills from Stockbridge, Ga., with an essay titled "Graffiti of the Internet." Kayla Rice, from McDonough, Ga., won second place.

The Fifth Annual Ogden First Amendment Essay Contest is named in memory of James H. Ogden, Jr., late husband of Clayton State business professor Dr. Judith Ogden, and a lifelong supporter of First Amendment rights.

The Conference's keynote speakers, Ben Speight, organizing director of Teamster's local 728, and Tim Franzen and Shab Bashiri from Occupy Atlanta, addressed

S.B. 469. This is a Georgia Senate bill that limits protest, a bill which has united the Tea Party, Occupy Atlanta, and unions, among others, in opposition. Presentations at the conference were

made by graduate and undergraduate students on various aspects of civic engagement as well. ■



Corinna Hills (right) receiving a plaque from Dr. Judith Ogden

## Clayton State University Relations Social Media is Climbing the Charts

by Ciji Fox, University Relations

Clayton State University's social media outlets are climbing the charts, mainly through the Laker News Room's "Follow Us" section, which is linked off the Clayton State home page ([www.clayton.edu](http://www.clayton.edu)), and has links to the Office of University Relations' maintained Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, FourSquare and Flickr accounts.

Currently the ClaytonSTNews channel on YouTube has a total of 36 videos with 5,568 views. Included on the YouTube channel are videos filmed and edited by Clayton State alumnus (class of 2007) and videographer Christian Bowen. Most recently

Bowen filmed the Clayton State University's 2012 Homecoming. All of the official Clayton State YouTube videos were shot by Bowen ([vidsqad@aol.com](mailto:vidsqad@aol.com)).

There are also several Laker Zone videos that feature the Clayton State University Athletics Department. The Laker Zone videos were filmed and produced by Clayton State University students Brian Roberts (Dunwoody and Quincy, Ill.) and Jenny Dreasler (Morrow), both Communication and Media Studies majors.

The videos also appear on Clayton State University Facebook fan page which cur-

rently has 3,721 "likes" and on the Clayton State News twitter page which has 410 followers and 2,873 tweets.

On FourSquare, Clayton State University has 421 "check-ins" with 224 followers. ■

## Orientation Team Takes Part in SROW

Clayton State University's Laker Orientation Team recently traveled to Charlotte, N.C., to attend the Southern Regional Orientation Workshop (SROW), where they participated in several workshops and conference initiatives.

More than 2,000 people from 82 institutions across the southeast region gathered at the University of North Carolina to learn about other orientation programs, student leadership, civility, teamwork, diversity, family transition and showcase school spirit. Laker Orientation Leaders (LOL) prepared for months to represent Clayton State University at SROW.

Returning Laker Orientation Leaders Rasheen Hunter and Joshua Davis competed in a case study where they were asked to discuss different level of responses for potential orientation emergency situations. Hunter, along with fellow LOLs Ta-Mia McGruder and Samantha Lapier, also presented an education session called, "Pass the Intersection of Diversity, Cross the Finish Line of Community," where they discussed how to move past diversity exploration to forming a community.

The LOLs also competed in a banner, t-shirt, spirit, service, and performance competition. The Laker Orientation Team proudly represented their institution and built connections with other orientation leaders. ■



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Health Educators maximize their effectiveness to help recognize and change risky or troublesome behavior that they may encounter, as well as to maximize their experience as peer health educators," says Alicia Myrick, coordinator of the Student Conduct Division of Clayton State's Department of Student Affairs. "Many of the skills learned during the training and exam will help them both on Clayton State University's campus and beyond." ■

# Across the Campus...

## Athletics

In a Peach Belt Conference match pitting two Top 10 teams in Division II, the Clayton State women's tennis team dropped a 7-2 decision against visiting in-state rival Columbus State on Wednesday at Laker Courts. The defeat drops the Lakers, ranked ninth in Division II, to 4-6 overall and 3-2 in the Peach Belt. Columbus State, meanwhile, remains undefeated on the season at 16-0 overall and 6-0 in the Peach Belt. Clayton State won one match each in singles and in doubles. In singles, freshman Hannah Keeling knocked off Columbus State's Milica Tomic 6-3, 6-3 at No. 2. Keeling and senior Marie Cercelletti won the Lakers' lone double match with a 9-7 victory at No. 2 over Tomic and Olivera Jokic from Columbus State.

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The Clayton State Laker men's golf team finished 16th overall in a talented 17-team field at Bobcat Intercollegiate tournament. The Lakers fired a final-round score of 302 and finished with a three-round total of 901. This was a field loaded with Division II powers as 12 of the 17 teams are currently nationally-ranked. That also includes five of the Top 10. Individually for Clayton State, junior Chris McManus finished tied for 67th overall with a 225 (73-73-79). Behind McManus and tied for 70th was senior Clark Nelson (82-73-72) and freshman Will Shenstone (69-82-76) both with a 227. Rounding out the Laker scoring was sophomore Tyson Beaupre tied for 79th with a 231 (76-80-75) and freshman Ryan Haskell in 87th with a 235 (79-76-80).

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The Clayton State men's team set two team records at Emory University, back-to-back on Friday night and less than an hour apart -- first the 4 x 800m relay and then by Russell Lawless in the steeplechase. The 4 x 800 record had stood for eight years while the steeplechase record stood for three years. This was only Lawless' second career run in the steeplechase. Kayla "KMob" Mobley picked up the only Clayton State win during the weekend in the shot put. Maia Kuhnen ran the fastest 800m run in eight years for the women's highest finish in a running

event. Ayrton Azcue also ran a personal-best in the 1500m for the men's highest individual finish.

## Campus Life

The Clayton State University Spirit Program will hold its spring 2012 clinic and cheerleader tryouts for Clayton State students on Apr. 9 through Apr. 11 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Student Activities Center gymnasium. Participants must be present at each of the three nights to be eligible to try out. Tumbling experience is not required, but very helpful. For complete details, please visit <http://athletics.clayton.edu/cheer-leading/tryout.htm>.

## Continuing Education

Clayton State Executive Director of Continuing Education Janet Winkler presented to 100 women at the Mar. 17 2012 Women's Day Empowerment Conference. The event was coordinated by Clayton County Commissioner Sonna Singleton to empower women and urge them to continue their education.

## Library

Dean of Libraries Dr. Gordon N. Baker was recently been appointed to the steering committee of the International Student Media Festival.

## SGA

SGA Applications are now available for the 2012/2013 term. The application deadline is Tuesday, Apr. 3, by 5 p.m. Applications can be downloaded from the Student Government Association website, [www.clayton.edu/sga](http://www.clayton.edu/sga) or a hardcopy can be obtained from the Department of Campus Life. Completed applications should be submitted to the Student Activities Center, Department of Campus Life, Ste. 223, ATTN: Natasha Hutson, SGA Advisor.

## Smith Awards

Clayton State University will gather on Tuesday, Apr. 24, in Spivey Hall to honor faculty and staff with the University's annual Service Awards ceremony. This year will also celebrate the 17th annual announcement of the Alice J. Smith award winners. The event will begin at 2 p.m., followed with a light reception. The

Service Awards Ceremony is a time for Clayton State to celebrate and honor faculty and staff through recognizing years of service, tenure, promotions, and retirement. The University's 2012 Alice J. Smith Awards will be presented at the ceremony. An annual honor since 1995, the Smith Awards are presented to the faculty member and staff member deemed most outstanding as determined by committees of their peers. The award was established by local philanthropist Joseph Smith as a memorial to his wife, Alice, to honor her career in teaching and her love for learning.

## Arts Page

### “I Love You, You’re Perfect, Now Change” - Brought to you by the Clayton State Theatre

by Maya Houston, Clayton State Theatre

“We say we love our mates, we say that they are perfect and we wouldn’t change a thing about them, but how many times have we nitpicked and nagged them about their flaws in hopes that they will change?” – Rineka Robinson.

It’s a musical! Clayton State University does it again! The University’s talented Theatre majors will be exploring love and relationships and the cumbersome situations that befall us as we move toward marriage and managing the issues that plague us on a daily basis.

Opening night for the spring production of the Clayton State Theatre, “I Love You, You’re Perfect, Now Change,” is Thursday, Apr. 12, at 7:30 p.m. Opening night will also include a talk back between the audience and the cast members immediately following

the production. Show dates will continue on Friday, Apr. 13 and Saturday, Apr. 14, and concluding dates are Thursday, Apr. 19 and Friday Apr. 20, again at 7:30 p.m. There will be a second talk back session on Thursday Apr. 19, following that production as well.

All productions will be held in the Clayton State Theater, room 132 of the University’s Arts & Sciences Building. Admission is free to all Clayton State students and only \$5 for non-students.

This musical is a must see! Check out actors from Northern California to southeast Atlanta, Augusta, Columbus, and Morrow. You will laugh, relate and maybe even find a way to get out of the rut you’re in once you recognize your love story on the stage!

The students are excited and satisfied with the fun filled parts they are playing.

Anissa Matlock, an Augusta native, says that although she is playing five different characters, she is most like the persona of “Julie,” the awkward, quirky, kind of nerdy girl who feels blessed enough to have found someone to appreciate those unique qualities and likes her anyway. “These stories are whimsical representations of real life situations,” she says.

Colby Wilson (Atlanta), who will be playing four different characters says, “this hilarious production will reveal what most of us secretly do and think about when preparing to go on a date.” The cast is super excited and ready to envelope you in laughter and engage you in stimulating conversation!”

Robinson is showcasing five different characters.

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### Cygnets Schedules Annual Launch Party

Clayton State University literary magazine that highlights the literary and artistic work of the student body, Cygnet, will hold its annual launch party on Thursday, Apr. 19, at 7 p.m., in room 101 in the Harry S. Downs Center.

The party will host around 30 people, including Cygnet staff, writers who have been published in this year’s Cygnet and invited friends. The media is invited to cover this event.

The student editors of this year’s Cygnet include: Sebastian Lubbers (Lakeland, Fla.), Jasmine Cason (Jonesboro), Christen Greene (Savannah) and Gregory Kirk (Jonesboro).

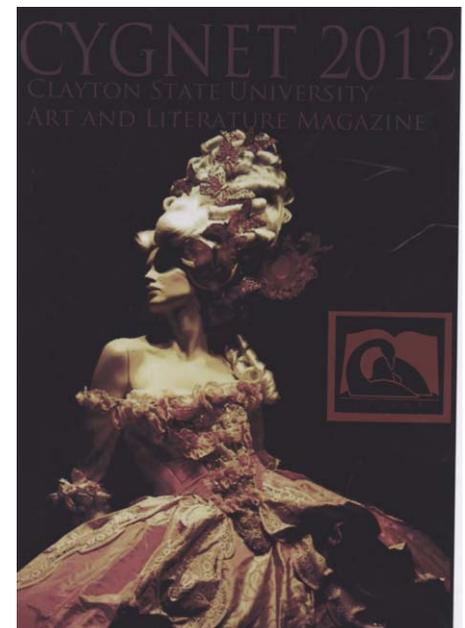
“I’ve learned not to think that everything is picture perfect as soon as I’m done with

it,” says Lubbers of his experience as an editor. “There was a lot more involved in putting this together than I thought there would be, and I just hope everyone enjoys the final product.

“A lot of work’s gone into this, so, if students aren’t leaving campus with a copy in their hands, I’m just going to start sneaking them into people’s book bags.”

“Working with the Cygnet for 2012 has been an awesome opportunity and adventure,” says Cason. “I always wanted to own my own magazine; so this internship has shown me all the steps involved behind the scenes. It takes a lot of work, but working with the staff, Sebastian,

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**Strategic Plan, cont'd. from p. 1**

The committee met on January 31 and divided its work into two phases. Phase I determines the approach for data collection and analysis. This phase benefited from excellent work by the staff of Information Technology and Services (ITS). In November, ITS created an internal analysis strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT) as they prepared to align their planning with CSU's strategic goals. Their SWOT analysis provided the committee with a deep understanding the current status of IT from a technical point-of-view.

In February, a survey of IT strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats was constructed to understand the status of IT from the individual and organizational point-of-view. More than 1300 students, 159 staff, and 115 faculty responded to the survey which scored their impressions on a number of IT issues as they affect learning and services that support learning. Those same respondents answered open-ended questions read by the committee to identify themes to guide the new plan. In March, the committee asked a number of

students, staff and faculty to participate in focus groups. Those groups answered more questions concerning the themes identified in the survey responses.

The IT committee is now taking the data from both activities to draft the baseline analysis of information technology at CSU. The committee will hear from the CIO of the University System of Georgia to understand how system plans will affect IT on our campus. At the end of April, Phase I of the planning process concludes with the publication of the findings of the data collection phase.

Phase II focuses on the drafting of the IT strategic plan. Look for more details here in "Campus Review," and on the Strategic Planning web pages near the end of April. ■

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munity to express their support and a sense of pride in the University. I can't wait until we meet the minimum number of commitments for the license plates to be manufactured."

"I'm excited about the prospect of getting a Clayton State license plate," says Gid Rowell, Clayton State Director of Alumni Relations. "We have a number of alumni who have expressed interest in having a Clayton State plate, and I encourage them to participate in the campaign and make this happen. The sooner we receive the 1,000 commitments, the quicker that we will be able to manufacture the license plates."

In addition to the one-time \$25 manufacturing fee, there is also an annual \$35 charge when you renew your tag. These fees are in addition to the regular license plate fee, ad valorem tax, mailing fees or penalties that may be due.

Clayton State supporters who want to purchase the special tag must fill out a specialty tag application form (MV-9C) and submit the form and proper payment to the Clayton State Foundation.

Information about the tag campaign may be accessed via the Clayton State website at [www.clayton.edu/tag](http://www.clayton.edu/tag). The \$25 payment can be mailed to the Office of Alumni Relations, 2000 Clayton State Boulevard, Morrow, GA 302060 or can be made online at <http://www.clayton.edu/alumni/license-plate>.

For more information and questions about the specialty tag program, contact Rowell at [gidrowell@clayton.edu](mailto:gidrowell@clayton.edu) or (678) 466-4477. ■





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needs of student veterans transitioning from the military to higher education. These students' numbers were increasing as they returned to use GI Benefits for college education."

In keeping with Karaa's vision for the VRC, the speakers at today's ceremony emphasized the unique needs of student veterans, as well as their contributions to both the nation and the University. Clayton State President Dr. Thomas J. Hynes specifically thanked the members of the University's Veterans Task Force, and, like Karaa, noted the importance of the G.I. Bill to both veterans and higher education.

"The Veterans Resource Center is part of our saying 'thank you,'" he added.

Brigadier General (Ret.) Robert L. "Steve" Stephens, Clayton State vice president for external relations and executive assistant to the president, noted the importance of veterans on campus, and added that we should work all year long to take care of veterans, and not just on Veterans Day.

"Veterans need to get help and counseling when they return from the service," he said. "Today, we are united in recognizing and respecting veterans.

"(The Veterans Resource Center) is a great start for our student veterans."

Edwin Starks, president of the Clayton State Student Veterans Association, noted that the VRC will help many student veterans in some very basic ways.

"Student veterans may not understand how to transverse higher education," he pointed out. "They need to know who to ask for help. The Veterans Resource Center will facilitate this and will be a source of information, as well as being a safe haven where we can speak our vernacular.

"The mission of supporting veterans never ends. We must press on until every student veteran feels the embrace of all of the campus."

Concluding the opening ceremonies were Commander Tony Dobbins of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars and student veteran Valerie Lewis, who served in the U.S. Army and the Georgia Army National Guard from 2001 to 2009, and is a veteran of tours of duty in both Afghanistan (March 2002 - October 2002) and Iraq (January 2004 - January 2005). Dobbins presented Hynes with a \$400 contribution for the Veterans Resource Center and Lewis presented the president

with an American flag that flew in Afghanistan during her tour of duty there.

Karaa, who is also serving as the interim director of the VRC, says that the VRC will offer a centralized venue regarding veteran information and resources and will also provide veterans with a sense of camaraderie and peer support. The VRC will provide referrals for on campus services as well as referrals to VA facilities and local military support. There will also be information available for new students at orientation, postings for employment opportunities, events, and a place to meet and study with other veterans and military students.

Clayton State was named a Top Military-Friendly University in October 2010 by Military Advanced Education magazine, a publication that targets military and military education office personnel, government employees, higher education institutions, the Pentagon, and the White House. Clayton State received a \$20,000 grant from the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, represented at the grand opening by Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, and former Clayton State Registrar, Tonya Lam, to establish the VRC. ■

## Clayton State Records Saturday Split at Montevallo

The Clayton State women's tennis team recorded a doubleheader split on Saturday at Montevallo. The Lakers opened with an impressive 9-0 victory over Montevallo in Peach Belt Conference action, but dropped an 8-1 decision to No. 1-ranked BYU-Hawaii in the nightcap.

The split improves the Lakers, ranked No. 9 in Division II, to 5-7 overall and 4-2 in the Peach Belt Conference.

Clayton State did not lose a single game in doubles play against Montevallo. In singles, the Lakers won each match in straight sets. In fact, Charlotte Fabricius (No. 4) and Alyze' Pagal (No. 6) both won their matches without dropping a single game.

Clayton State's lone victory against BYU-Hawaii came in singles. Marie Cercelletti recorded a 6-3, 1-0 retired victory over BYU-Hawaii's Yuan Jia.

Clayton State plays next on Friday in non-conference action at Erskine. ■



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### Cygnets, cont'd. from p. 7

Chris, Greg, and Dr. (Brigitte) Byrd, made it very enjoyable."

"My experience with this magazine has been fulfilling because it has given me a chance to live my dreams," adds Greene. "I can see my hard work come to fruition, and celebrate my achievements with others."

"I would have to say that working for the Cygnets has been more fun than work," says Kirk. "I never knew an internship could be this interesting! I was able to work hand and hand with people who I admire for different reasons. We all came together and brought different elements to the table. The chemistry we created was dynamic! I loved this experience and relish in continuing the relationships with my Cygnets counterparts." ■

### Musical, cont'd. from p. 7

"This script deals a lot with insecurities we all have in our relationships with others or ourselves," she says. "Some of us are married or in a committed relationship and are constantly trying to change our partners. Some of us are single and wonder 'what's wrong with me? Why haven't I found true love? I must not be enough, I need to change!'"

Matlock concludes by saying, "you should expect to see a completely new show each night carried by crazy energy and so much fun! It should be a blast from opening night to the final performance!"

Prepare yourselves for fun, great music, lots of laughs and possibly your own relationships on display! ■

### Woodard, cont'd. from p. 1

In addition, she set the Peach Belt Conference career record for steals with 425 and recorded only the third triple-double in the history of Peach Belt Conference women's basketball. Woodard also became the seventh player in the history of Laker women's basketball to eclipse 1,000 career points.

Woodard finishes up her decorated Laker career at or near the top of numerous single-game, single-season and career categories at Clayton State. She holds the single-game, single-season and career marks for assists, single-season and career records for steals and the single-season and career marks for field goal attempts.

In addition, Woodard also set the career records for blocked shots and games played and finished second all-time at Clayton State in scoring with 1,384 career points. ■

# Last-second Basket Gives Wingate Victory

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

The Clayton State Laker women's basketball team made a valiant rally against Wingate in the NCAA Division II Southeast Regional. However, the Bulldogs converted a big last-second basket for a 64-63 victory. The defeat ended Clayton State's season 29-4 overall.

Clayton State had battled back from as many as nine points down late in the second half, and took a 63-62 lead on a 3-point basket by Drameka Griggs with 10 seconds remaining. But Wingate's Nikki Burton drove the ball the length of the court and scored on a running jumper on the right baseline with four seconds remaining.

A last-second shot by the Lakers' Keona Dixon was off as time expired.

"I was real proud of the way we fought today, and we knew it would be a grind-out game," says Clayton State head coach Dennis Cox. "But we didn't defend well today. When we defend, we are going to win a lot of games. But we are not proud of the way we defended today.

"But I was proud of the way we hung in there and made it exciting. A lot of credit to Wingate – they have been playing with a lot of momentum."

Like the first-round game against Tusculum (a 51-26 Laker win), Clayton State struggled shooting from the field in the first half. The Lakers shot only 29 percent in trailing by six points at halftime. Wingate used a 9-0 run to wipe out a 3-point Clayton State lead as Janitsha Williams hit a 3-point basket to give the Bulldogs a 22-16 lead with 4:31 remaining.

Another 3-point basket by Kurie Washington stretched the Wingate lead to six points. Washington then made a lay-up 32 seconds remaining to give the Bulldogs a 31-25 lead at halftime.

Wingate kept its lead between five and eight points for much of the second half. Williams drained a 3-point basket to give

the Bulldogs a 45-37 lead at 12:47 mark, and a lay-up by Burton gave Wingate a 49-41 lead with 8:22 remaining. A 3-point play by Simone Rutledge gave Wingate its largest lead 58-49 with 4:21 remaining.

That's when Clayton State rallied. Brittany Hall hit a 3-point basket and Dixon sank a short jumper off a Bulldog turnover. Back-to-back steals and transition lay-ups by Griggs and Dixon tied the game 60-60 with 55 seconds remaining. After Burton hit two free throws, Griggs drained the big 3-point basket to give the Lakers the one-point lead.

But Burton answered with the big running baseline jumper to give Wingate the triumph.

Griggs paced Clayton State with 18 points. Woodard and Hall – the Lakers' two seniors – scored 14 points and 11 points, respectively. Both players concluded their storied Clayton State careers with a 114-19 record and the 2011 NCAA Division II National Championship. Dixon added 13 points for the Lakers.

"It's the end of an era at Clayton State," Cox says. "What these two have done in their four-year careers have been unbelievable. It will not be the same without them. We'll go on, but it won't be the same without them."

Burton scored 16 points to pace Wingate, followed by Rutledge with 15 points and Washington with 13 points. ■

## Trivia Time

### PR Question Stumps All But Stillion

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Maybe the moral of the story is, you have to read carefully when dealing with PR people.

Note once again, the phrasing of the last Trivia Time question...

"The first sitting president defeated for re-election thanks in a large part to a concerted PR campaign by his opponent, consisting of clever electioneering slogans, jingles, banners and the like? Send your answers to Clayton State's PR person."

It's a PR question, not asking for the first sitting president to be defeated for re-election, but the first sitting president to get beat thanks to a PR campaign. THAT answer would be, not John Adams, but the loser in the famous "Tippecanoe and Tyler, Too" campaign. Thus, the correct answer for the second straight issue was... Martin Van Buren. (This particular PR person happened to write a history paper on the 1840 presidential campaign while in college.)

A lot of people answered John Adams, but only B.D. Stillion knew about Tippecanoe and Tyler, Too, thus winning a rare double Trivia Points victory.

While it's tempting to ask who introduced the political patronage system to the White House (the answer to that one would also be Van Buren), we'll pass and move on from Old Kinderhook, though sticking with the chief executives. There were no less than three present or future chief executives in Dallas, Texas, on Nov. 22, 1963. They were? Send your answers to [JohnShiffert@clayton.edu](mailto:JohnShiffert@clayton.edu). ■

# Sports

## Dennis Cox Selected Russell Athletic/WBCA Division II Southeast Region Coach of the Year

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

For the second straight year, Clayton State's Dennis Cox was honored as the Russell Athletic/WBCA Division II Region 3 Coach of the Year.

Cox was one of eight Region Coach of Year recipients this season at the Division II level. The other seven are Southern Connecticut State's Meghan Burke Brown (Region 1), Edinboro's Stan Swank (Region 2), Ashland's Sue Ramsey (Region 4), Valdosta State's Kiley Hill (Region 5), Pittsburg State's Lane Lord (Region 6), Wayne State's Chris Kielsmeier (Region 7) and Cal-San Diego's Charity Elliott (Region 8).

Each of these region winners are now finalists for the Division II National Coach of the Year award. The winner will be announced during the second annual WBCA Awards Show on Monday, Apr. 2, in Denver. This event is part of the WBCA

National Convention and is held in conjunction with the NCAA Division I Women's "Final Four."



Dennis Cox

Cox last season was selected as the National Coach of the Year in leading Clayton State to the 2011 NCAA Division II National Championship.

Coming off that national championship season, Cox kept the Laker women playing at a high level this year. Clayton State finished 29-4 overall and won its fifth Peach Belt Conference regular season championship in the last eight seasons. In addition, the Lakers advanced to the Peach Belt Conference Tournament championship

game and to the second round of the NCAA Division II National Tournament.

Cox was honored as Peach Belt Conference Coach of the Year for the third time during this tenure at Clayton State. In addition, he also accomplished two tremendous coaching milestones this season. Clayton State's 85-47 victory over Augusta State on Jan. 14 was Cox's 200th victory at Clayton State, and the Lakers' 78-44 victory over Montevallo on Feb. 22 was the 500th of his collegiate coaching career.

With a record of 213-49 in eight seasons at the Laker helm, Cox has an impressive winning percentage of .814, making him the third-winningest active head coach at the Division II level. His overall collegiate coaching record is 504-187. ■

## Williams Earns NABC Division II All-Southeast Region Honors

Clayton State's Teondre Williams has been named to the Division II All-Southeast Region team by the NABC (National Association of Basketball Coaches).

Williams was one of eight players selected to the 10-member All-Southeast Region team from the Peach Belt Conference. He and Montevallo point guard Antonie Davis were both selected second team All-Region. Selected first team from the Peach Belt was Georgia College's Ryan Aquino, USC Aiken's Sterling Council, Columbus State's Steve Peterson, Montevallo's D.J. Rivera, Francis Marion's Liki Turner and Peach Belt Player of the Year Dwight Tolbert from Lander.

Williams is the sixth Clayton State player in program history to earn NABC

Division II All-Region honors.

A Division I transfer from Oregon, Williams was the Lakers' leading scorer this season, averaging 18 points per game. The 6-foot-5, 218-pound senior from Atlanta is ranked fourth in the Peach Belt in scoring, and has reached double-figures in scoring in all but three games played this season.

Williams scored 20 or more points in 11 games, highlighted by a career-high 28 points against Limestone, plus 27 points against Flagler and 26 points against West Georgia. He also scored 24 points each against Tennessee Temple, Edward Waters



Teondre Williams

and West Georgia and shot 76 percent from the free throw line this season. ■

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