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Dr. Jacob Chacko Named Dean of Business at Abu Dhabi University

by John Shiffert, University Relations



Dr. Jacob Chacko

Dr. Jacob M. Chacko, dean of the Clayton State University School of Business since Jan. 1, 2008, is leaving Clayton State in March 2010 to assume the position of dean of Business at the Abu Dhabi University in the United Arab Emirates.

Chacko came to the Clayton State School of Business as associate dean in 1999, and succeeded Dean Ernest “Bud” Miller upon the latter’s retirement when he shifted back to the business world at the conclusion of 2007.

Chacko joined Clayton State from the University of North Dakota (UND)

College of Business and Public Administration, where he served as the associate dean. Prior to that appointment he served as chair of the marketing department at UND and as a tenured associate professor. He has also served as international programs coordinator for the United States International University in San Diego.

Chacko’s tenure as dean saw the Clayton State School Business continue to build on its elite status of holding accreditation by Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International. That accreditation, coming in April 2006, followed almost six years of intensive effort by Miller, Chacko and

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Supporting Haiti

The Clayton State University community expresses its sympathy and support for all those suffering in the aftermath of the tragic events befalling the people of Haiti.

The Clayton State Department of Campus Life, in conjunction with the Student Government Association, Campus Events Council, Women of IMPACT, the Caribbean Students Association, and the AmeriCorps National Service Program, will be collecting donations of funds, toiletries, food, etc., from Tuesday, Jan. 19, through Friday, Jan. 22, on Main Street (the second floor hallway in the James M. Baker University Center. All donations will be sent to help support the worldwide Haitian relief efforts.

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“The Varsity” is Coming for Saturday Lunch

Homecoming Planned for Week of Jan. 25

The 2009/10 academic year is a special one for Clayton State University, as the University is celebrating its 40th anniversary, and the celebration will continue later this month with a special Anniversary Homecoming.

Clayton State will celebrate its Homecoming on Saturday, Jan. 30, as the Laker basketball teams will square off against Flagler College in Peach Belt Conference action at the Athletics & Fitness Center. The women’s game will tip-off at 1:30 p.m., followed by the men’s game at 3:30 p.m.

In the spirit of Clayton State’s 40th Anniversary and its founding in 1969, this year’s Homecoming theme will tie into Anniversary... “From Hippie to Hip Hop & Beyond.”

The special Anniversary Homecoming, beginning on Monday, Jan. 25, will be a little different than recent ones, since the event is being featured this year during basketball season.

Along with the traditional Homecoming events, a couple of new activities will be a Campus Scavenger Hunt sponsored by the Alumni Association and a lunch on Saturday at the basketball games provided by the “World’s Largest Drive-in Restaurant,” The Varsity. “What’ll Ya Have?” “What’ll Ya Have?” (See schedule for more details).

To register for Homecoming events, please refer to the Homecoming

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Clayton State Annual Martin Luther King Commemorative Event Starts January 18

Clayton State University's 10th Annual Martin Luther King Commemorative Event will run from Monday, Jan. 18, 2010 to Thursday, Jan. 21, 2010 and will be highlighted by a showcase of talent and reflections on this year's theme; "Dr. King's Legacy: Where are we now? Where are we going?"

This year's keystone event will take place on Thursday, Jan. 21 and will feature the Second Annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Rally and March and the Showcase. The March (sponsored by the Tau Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, and the Clayton State Department of Campus Life) will take the campus community along a historical journey and will reflect upon pivotal points during the Civil Rights movement. It will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the James M. Baker University Center Quad and will proceed to Spivey Hall where the Showcase will be held starting at 7 p.m.

A formal showcase of reflections and impressions through music, spoken word and shared experiences honoring the King legacy will be presented through performances of students, faculty and staff and will be organized by Clayton State Assistant Professor of Theatre Shontelle Thrash, with the assistance of Clayton State theatre majors.

On Monday, Jan. 18, the Eighth Annual Freedom Run 5k/10k Road Race will be held rain, snow or shine, starting at the Clayton State Athletics and Fitness Center. Registration begins at 7 a.m. with the races at 8:30 a.m.

From Tuesday, Jan. 19 through Jan. 22, on Main Street in the James M. Baker Center, a stream of clips will display Martin Luther King, Jr., videos between 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Information on famous men and historical women as they relate to the theme: "Behind Every Man is a Strong Woman" will also be distributed by Power House M.O.D.E.L.S.

On Tuesday, Jan. 19, a student panel organized by AAMI & Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity will discuss, "Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Legacy From My Perspective." This panel of African-American male students from freshmen to seniors will discuss the King legacy from their perspective, and how current events have shaped their views on social justice, civil rights, and equal opportunity. The panel will be held at 6 p.m. in the multi-purpose room in Laker Hall.

On Wednesday, Jan. 20, Clayton State's long-time partner in the MLK Event, the National Archives at Atlanta, will be giving two presentations; From the Roots of a Tree: The Genealogy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and An Introduction to

"Documented Rights," at 11:30 a.m. in room 327 of the Baker Center.

The former is a presentation by the Archives Ashley Judy focusing on the King family history. It's a family tree that consists of ancestors born in slavery, those who scraped a living from the red Georgia soil as sharecroppers, plus those who received college educations from some of the early Black colleges in Atlanta as well as others whom had other life experiences. Amazingly, many in his family tree are not much different from the ancestors of many Americans living today... a lesson worth learning. See the online version at <http://www.archives.gov/southeast/education/resources-by-state/images/mlk-presentation.pdf>.

Since the signing of the Declaration of Independence, our rights as citizens of the United States have been debated, contested, amended, and documented. These rights, documented in original records held by National Archives locations across the country, and presented in "Documented Rights," give voice to our national struggle for individuals' freedoms and rights. See the online version at <http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/documented-rights>. ■

Clayton State Signs Memorandum of Understanding With Georgia American University of Tbilisi, Georgia

In a luncheon ceremony on Monday, Dec. 28, 2009, Dr. Thomas J. "Tim" Hynes, Jr., interim president of Clayton State University; John Parkerson, director of International Programs at Clayton State University; and Kenneth A. Cutshaw, vice president of Georgian American University (GAU); signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that promises a cooperative relationship between the two universities.

The Georgian American University is located in Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia. The MOU provides the framework for Clayton State and GAU to engage in international exchanges of faculty to teach at each other's institutions, attendance of students between the institutions, collaboration in special programs such as research activities or conferences, and exchanges of academic materials.

The Republic of Georgia formerly was part of the Soviet Union, regaining its independence in 1991. GAU opened to the public in 2005, and it is located in the country's capital city of Tbilisi. It is a small, modern private institution of approximately 800 students that offers much of its curriculum in the language.

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Clayton State Prepares for Winter Weather

In case of a weather-related closing, or any other type of emergency closing, Clayton State will contact the following media list for emergency weather situations.

WSB-AM 750	WGST-AM
B-98.5 FM	WKLS-FM
KISS 104.1 FM	WMXV-FM
97.1 The River	WPCH-FM
95.5 The Beat	WSTR-FM
WXIA-TV	WWLG-FM
WSB-TV	WIGO-AM
WAGA-TV	WEKS-FM
WGCL-TV	

During emergency weather situations, information about Clayton State's plans will also be available on the University's web page (www.clayton.edu) and through the University's main telephone number (678) 466-4000.

Also on the emergency weather web page (<http://about.clayton.edu/weather.htm>) are Clayton State's "Stay Safe" weather statement, which is as follows...

"At times of bad weather or other emergencies, University officials make deci-

sions on whether or not to close the campus based on public safety reports and other considerations. In such cases, the safety and security of the majority of students is a prime consideration. If the University is closed, then classes are cancelled for all students.

"If the institution remains open, we recognize that there may be special circum-

stances that pertain to individual students that are more serious than those that apply to the majority. So, students are advised to use their best judgment about their safety and that of their families in those situations, and to consult with individual faculty members about making up lost time.

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Brrrrrrrrrr!



How cold was it the last two weeks? Cold enough that Clayton State Information Technology Specialist Kevin Fitzgerald took this picture of one of the campus' Canada Geese standing on the frozen surface of the holding pond next to Swan Lake. "This is looking north across the pond toward the Athletics and Fitness building," explains Fitzgerald. "It's amazing to see the goose just standing there, perplexed!"

Spivey Hall Launches "Project Jupiter"

Clayton State University's Spivey Hall welcomed the Jupiter String Quartet for its Atlanta debut in a pair of Young People's Concerts on Wednesday, Jan. 13, heralding the beginning of a multi-year

relationship that will involve the four musicians in a wide variety of performance, teaching, community outreach, and audience development activities collectively named "Project Jupiter."



(L to R) Nelson Lee, first violin *; Catherine Striplin, Spivey Hall Education Manager; Jay Wucher, Chairman, Spivey Hall Education Committee; Megan Freivogel, second violin *; Samuel C. Dixon, Executive & Artistic Director, Spivey Hall; Daniel McDonough, cello ; Liz Freivogel, viola *
*= Jupiter String Quartet member

Primary objectives of Project Jupiter include providing greater access to outstanding string chamber music in Spivey Hall's immediate community, supporting musical achievement by high-school chamber orchestra programs in Clayton, Henry and Fayette counties, and developing greater audiences for string chamber music in the Southern Crescent.

Project Jupiter calls for a minimum of two full weeks from the Boston-based musicians each season, with the first week confirmed for November 2010 to coincide with Spivey Hall's annual Chamber Orchestra Workshop. In each Project Jupiter week, the musicians will visit three high schools in south suburban Atlanta to coach and assist students in their chamber orchestra programs. The

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Dr. Thomas McIlwain Named Interim Dean of School of Graduate Studies

Dr. Micheal Crafton, Clayton State University interim vice president of Academic Affairs and Provost, has announced the appointment of Dr. Thomas McIlwain, currently director of Clayton State's Masters in Health Administration program in the School of Business, to the position of interim dean of the University's Graduate School, beginning Feb. 1.

McIlwain brings to this position a wealth of administrative experience and graduate education experience at Appalachian State University, the Medical University of South Carolina, the University of Southern Mississippi, and the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He holds a B.S. from the University of Southern Mississippi, an M.P.H. from the University of Tennessee, and a Ph.D. from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

"Dr. McIlwain is new to Clayton State and thus will rely on our veteran colleagues for help on the historical and sociological context of our programs," notes Crafton. "However, he has not had time to become fixed in any paradigm or approach to graduate education here and thus will be

open to development opportunities as they present themselves.

"He is also very comfortable working with our external audiences in business and local leadership."

Crafton also praises the work of the founding dean of the Graduate School, Dr. Tom Eaves.

"The current development is only possible due to the excellent work that Dr. Eaves has performed in this role," he says. "In fact, when I met with the members of the Graduate Council I requested that the following statement, which was warmly received, be entered in the minutes:

"Let the minutes show that the Provost wishes to state that the University owes a considerable debt to Tom Eaves for his leadership as first dean of the graduate school. We hereby affirm that we respect, admire, and honor that service."



Dr. McIlwain

Crafton also notes that the goals for Academic Affairs at Clayton State for the coming year include structural changes that will delegate more authority and autonomy to the various units, which now include seven graduate programs -- Master of Arts in Liberal Studies, Master of Arts in Teaching English, Master of Arts in Teaching Mathematics, Master of Business Administration, Master of Health Administration, Master of Science in Nursing, and Master of Archival Studies.

"We are taking our first steps toward moving the Graduate School out of the Provost's Office and into its own realm by appointing an interim dean," he explains. "The next step will be the creation of separate office space. We hope to have a plan for that step in place before the end of this semester.

"After Dr. McIlwain has been able to serve in this role a sufficient period, we will then take another step toward a wider search for the permanent dean." ■

Fall Dean's List Reflects University's Growing Diverse Student Population

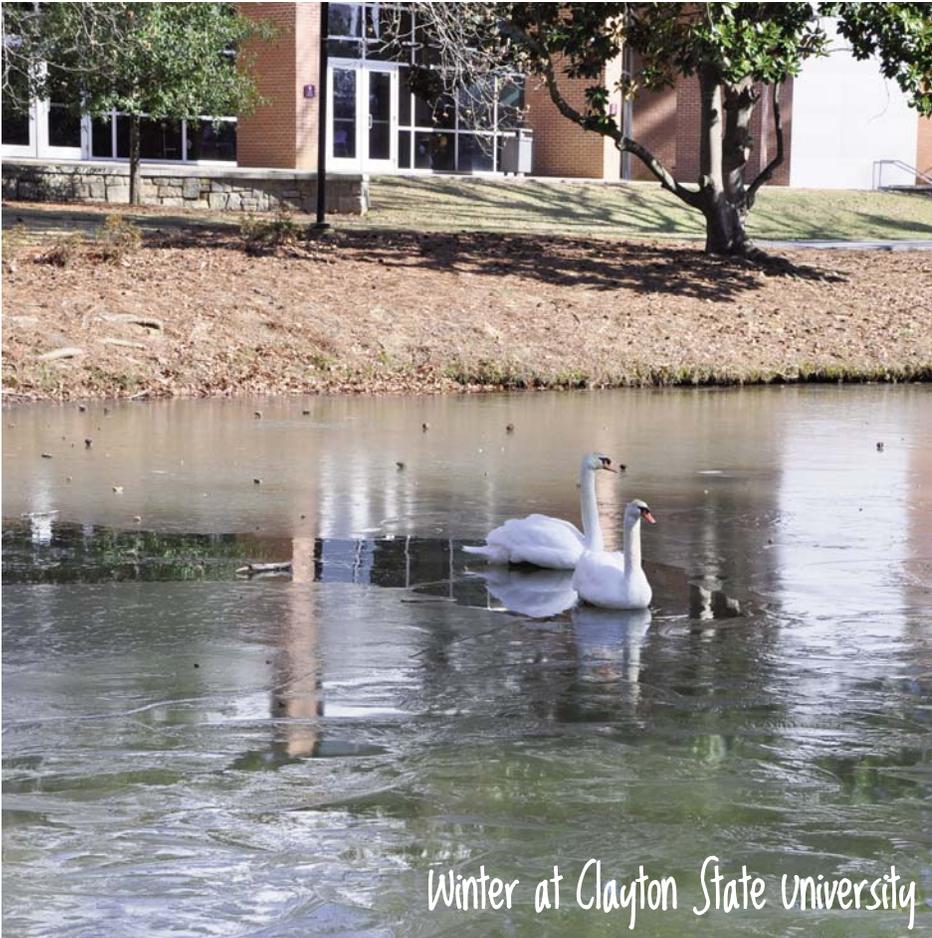
At the conclusion of each semester, Clayton State University announces its Dean's List, consisting of those students from the previous semester who had enrolled in a minimum of nine credit hours and who maintained a grade point average of 3.6 or higher. Although the standards for making the Clayton State Dean's List haven't changed, it's worth noting that the number of students making the Dean's List has increased (to 749 for the fall 2009 list), as have the number of hometowns these students represent.

It's not a matter of grade inflation. It's a by-product of the growing student popula-

tion of the University, and the growing diversity of that population... factors brought about in part by the opening of Laker Hall, the first on-campus housing, in August 2008. In addition to enrolling a record 6,587 students during the fall 2009 semester, Clayton State's ability to house students on campus has also led to the University drawing students from farther a field in metro Atlanta, and even from overseas. As Director of International Programs John Parkerson has noted, Clayton State's international programs and international presence has grown in the past few years, and now includes program exchanges with colleges in France,

Hungary, India, Peru, and the Republic of Georgia. The fall 2009 Dean's List also included students from England (Jessica Budd), Slovakia (Ivana Krommelova) and Spain (Ayrton Azcue).

Closer to home, students from 33 Georgia counties "made" the 2009 fall Dean's List, a Clayton State record in terms of the number of counties represented. (Not to mention students from the states of Florida, Louisiana, New Jersey, Illinois and Washington.) Although Clayton State is best represented by Dean's List students



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Its expanding Business and Law programs provide progressive educational opportunities for Georgian students, with the Business programs in particular representing potential areas for collaboration between GAU and Clayton State. GAU graduated its first class of students in 2009 with undergraduate degrees in Business and in Law, and graduate degrees in Law.

Georgian American University already has ties to Atlanta. Tbilisi is an international sister city of Atlanta; and Cutshaw, who is also a founding investor and board member of GAU, is executive vice president and general counsel, secretary and chief compliance officer of Cajun Operating Company/Church's Chicken, which has its headquarters in Atlanta. On the sports front, Atlanta Hawks center Zaza Pachulia is a citizen of the Republic of Georgia. Also, Clayton State's first international basketball player, Archil Khelashvili, a power forward/center who played for the Lakers from 1995 to 1997, was also a native of the Republic of Georgia. ■

Life's Transitions...

Vivian Sue Rice, wife of long-time Clayton State faculty member and administrator Dr. Bradley R. Rice and a part-time Clayton State faculty member since the 1980s, died at home Monday, Jan. 11, 2010, of complications from lung cancer, at the age of 61. As noted in her obituary, "whether acting as a wife, mother, grandmother, educator or friend, Vivian was defined by selflessness, thoughtfulness and warmth."

The memorial gathering will be Saturday, Jan. 16 at 10 a.m., at Haisten Funerals and Cremations, 1745 Zack Hinton Pkwy., McDonough. (770) 914-8833, haistenfunerals.com. Visitation will be at the Rice home, 190 Mitchell Rd., McDonough, on Friday evening, Jan. 15, from 5 to 7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family is suggesting contributions to the American Lung Association (www.lungusa.org) or to any charity or church of the giver's preference.

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"University closure also applies to all University faculty and staff except those designated by their supervisors as essential personnel. If the institution remains open, staff should consult with their supervisor and make them aware of any individual circumstances that may exist that prevents them from reporting to duty."

The opening/closing policy for Clayton State – Fayette and the Academy for Advanced Studies in McDonough is as follows... basically, the rule will be, if the main campus is closed, Clayton State – Fayette will be closed and Clayton State classes in McDonough will not be held.

Also, if the Henry County schools are closed, Clayton State classes in McDonough will not be held. If Clayton State is open during inclement weather, the status of Clayton State – Fayette will be determined independently.

When in doubt, check the Clayton State website for details. ■

Across the Campus...

Athletics

For the first time in nearly three years, the Clayton State Laker men's basketball had a Peach Belt Conference Player of the Week honoree. Laker forward Brandon Robinson was selected as the PBC Player of the after three tremendous outings over the holiday break for Clayton State. The 6-foot-6, 180-pound junior from Lake Wales, Fla., becomes the first Clayton State player to earn the PBC weekly honor since Brandon Kelley on the final week of the 2006-07 regular season. Robinson averaged 17 points, five rebounds and two assists a game. Robinson was selected as the Most Outstanding Player in the recent Winter Park Rotary Tangerine Tournament in pacing Clayton State to the tournament championship.

Campus Life

The Clayton State University Department of Campus Life sponsored its first monthly LEAD the Way Seminar of the spring 2010 semester on Thursday, Jan. 14, with Eddie Yongue of Keep Clayton Beautiful speaking on the leadership needed in the community to preserve our natural habitats and vegetation and how these efforts impact community economic development.

Clayton State - Fayette

The HUB now has a representative at the Clayton State — Fayette instructional site on Wednesday afternoons to assist Clayton State faculty and students. Although all services are not available at this location, the representative will be available to do limited troubleshooting of Clayton State-owned machines and personal laptops of actively registered and paid Clayton State students. This is a trial service period and the HUB looks forward to expanding these services in the future.

Community Events

With the Great Recession in Georgia closing out the last decade, inclusive of a 10.2 percent unemployment rate, failed banks and a collapsed real estate market, A New Decade...A New Direction in 2010 will be the focus of the eight annual South Metro Development Outlook conference, on Tuesday, Jan. 26, from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Clayton State University Student Activities Center. The conference

has attracted more than 4000 attendees since its inception in 2003. Admission to South Metro Development Outlook is \$35 (Early Registration), \$45 (Late Registration) and \$50 (on-site registration). If you would like to register for the Conference, please visit www.southmetrooutlook.com or contact (404) 684-7031.

CSiR

Do you have a genuine interest in radio broadcasting? Are you career driven, and goal orientated? Then CSiR (Clayton State Internet Radio), wants and needs you. CSiR is recruiting for Spring 2010 — the organization is in need of executive, DJ, and general staff members. For more information, email info@claytonstateradio.com.

Dental Hygiene

Director of International Programs John Parkerson spoke to the Emory-Druid Hills Rotary Club on Thursday evening, Jan. 14 at Sarvana Bhavan Indian Restaurant in Decatur. Parkerson was speaking both on Clayton State's international programs and as the Honorary Consul of Hungary.

Financial Aid

The Clayton State Financial Aid Office will be closed on Wednesday, Feb. 3 and Thursday, Feb. 4. The Financial Aid staff will be in training and unavailable to students and staff for these two days.

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The Jan. 31 deadline is quickly approaching to apply for the "STARS" Study Abroad Award. A total of 10, \$500 awards will be given to students attending a study abroad program. The application can be obtained online at <http://adminservices.clayton.edu/oip/> under the Scholarships/Loan/Grants Section. Detailed application instructions and award qualifications can be found at this link.

Music

The regional Department of Homeland Security Immigration Office was so impressed with Clayton State senior Voice Performance major Lianna Wimberly Williams' performance at their fall 2009 naturalization ceremony at the National Archives at Atlanta that they requested she perform for their January mass naturalization ceremony, held on Friday, Jan. 15, at the Martin Luther King Center in Atlanta.

Recreation & Wellness

Group exercise classes started on Monday, Jan. 11, in the SAC Fitness Center. To view the schedule, please visit: <http://adminservices.clayton.edu/FitnessCenter/Group%20Exercise/Group%20Ex.htm>.

Registrar

Students who will be graduating at the end of summer 2010 must submit a graduation application to the Registrar's Office by Jan. 29, 2010.

Clayton State University will implement a new no show policy beginning with spring 2010. We have extended the time students must physically report to class. For Spring Semester 2010, you must attend class by Jan. 21. Students who fail to attend class by Jan. 21 will be withdrawn from the course. If you are receiving financial aid, your financial aid award will be adjusted. Financial Aid cannot pay for a course that you have not attended. You will be financially responsible for the tuition associated with the course. Students who have been withdrawn from a course as a no show will be required to obtain permission from the dean of the major before attending class.

Spivey Hall

The Atlanta Area Suzuki Piano Association (AASPA) is welcoming the public to Clayton State University's world-famous Spivey Hall for the 25th Suzuki Piano Graduation Concert on Sunday, Jan. 17. There will be two concerts, at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$7.50 for students. The primary purpose of the AASPA graduation program is to recognize the accomplishments of dedicated Suzuki students, par-

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ents, and teachers and to encourage them to continue to nurture their ability in a non-competitive environment.

Student Nurses Association

Christmas was a little merrier for local children, thanks to the Clayton State University Student Nurses Association (SNA). Taking part in the annual Marine Corps Reserve Toys to Tots campaign for

the first time, SNA easily exceeded its goal of collecting 100 toys during the month-long drive from Nov. 8 to Dec. 11. In all, the collection points in the first floor Nursing Lab of the Harry S. Downs Center and the lobby of the Lecture Hall collected 131 toys, despite the area's much-publicized economic woes, which led to regional contributions to the program being down 50 percent from 2008.

New Look for Clayton State Home Page

The Office of University Image and Communications published an enhanced and modified version of the University Web site home page on Jan. 14.



The graphics reflect some points of pride for the University. All links which were previously on the home page are still there. One group is moved up to the top of the page for easy access, and another group is now placed in drop-down boxes which allow for expansion. The event section will serve to provide current information about weekly activities. The Laker Log News Blog appears on the left. Sections for campus alerts and resources have also been added.

You may view the updated features at www.clayton.edu ■



Baby on the way

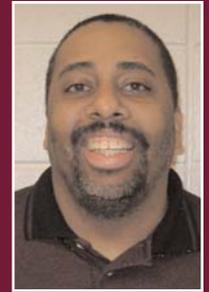
External Relations and friends gathered on Jan. 14 to congratulate University Relations' part-time staff member Ciji Fox. Fox is expecting a girl in February.

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from Clayton (203), Henry (191) and Fayette (111) counties, Fulton County contributed 71 Dean's List students, DeKalb 46, Coweta 28 and Rockdale 20. Representing counties from Baldwin (Appling and Atkinson counties missed out) to Walton (there are no Georgia counties that begin with the letters X, Y or Z), and from Floyd in the north to Clinch in the south, Clayton State Dean's List students pretty much cover the entire state. ■

Custodian of the Quarter: Marcellus Stafford

On Dec. 22, 2009, Marcellus Stafford was named the Custodian of the Quarter at Clayton State University for the period from October 2009 through December 2009.



Marcellus Stafford

Stafford is employed with the Building Services Department and serves as a Floor Technician for the department from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m., Sunday night through Friday morning. The Building Service Department is very challenging due to a high demand of customer service, quality of service, and priorities of work.

His expertise is maintaining Vinyl Composite Tile (VCT), but he also assists in maintaining the overall cleanliness of Clayton State -- East, Huie Hall and the floors in Facilities Management and the Student Center. He was also called upon to fill-in for other staff members during challenging times, including furloughs, sick and vacation days.

"He is a focused individual who performs all assigned to meet or exceed the department's standard," says Assistant Director of Building Services Donald West. "Marcellus is very dependable, a consummate team player; always displaying a positive, can-do attitude whenever and wherever needed. He is easy going, approachable, and maintains a great relationship with peers and superiors alike.

"Marcellus has proven that he can balance the demanding workload with quality service and provide great results every time. It takes a special individual to meet the stringent requirements of Employee of the Quarter and Mr. Stafford is one of those individuals. Marcellus is the kind of employee any manager would love to have on his team." ■

Parkerson Mission to Hungary Makes Global Atlanta “Top 10” for 2009

“Georgia's Hungarian Connection” at Clayton State University made GlobalAtlanta's top 10 most viewed stories for 2009.

John E. Parkerson, Jr., the University's director of International Programs, took GlobalAtlanta's David Beasley along on a trip to Budapest, Hungary in August for a visit with Hungarian government and industry leaders. Upon returning to Atlanta, Beasley's story of the trip (headlined, “Georgia's Hungarian Connection”) was posted on the GlobalAtlanta website (www.globalatlanta.com) and received 6,700 page views through the end of 2009, making it the eighth-most-viewed among all 2009 GlobalAtlanta stories.

“Government officials greeted (Parkerson) as an old friend,” noted Beasley's story. “He is Hungary's hon-

orary consul for the Southeast U.S. and is constantly working to promote trade between Hungary and the region.”

As honorary consul, Parkerson is the official link between Hungary and the Southeast. On a personal level, he is also developing close friendships with a growing list of Hungarian government and industry leaders, connections he believes will eventually lead to increased trade and business relationships with the Central European country of nine million people. That would not be a surprising outcome of Parkerson's efforts since, as Beasley noted, this is a time when personal relationships are increasingly cited as an essential - at times the essential - component of international business.

Parkerson's connection to Hungary goes back to a 2003 trade mission to central Europe sponsored by the Clayton County

Chamber of Commerce and led by then-Clayton State President Dr. Thomas K. Harden. On a reciprocal trade mission to Atlanta in mid-2005, Parkerson, at the time the chair of the Clayton State University Foundation, became friends with András Simonyi, Hungary's ambassador to the U.S., a relationship that ultimately resulted in Simonyi asking Parkerson to become honorary consul for the Southeast U.S. in 2007.

Parkerson also had a hand in another of GlobalAtlanta's Top 10 stories of 2009. The fifth most-viewed story was about the Global Soap Project. In addition to being a member of the board and the attorney of the Global Soap Project, Parkerson also did the 501c(3) non-profit and entity structure work for the group which recycles used soap from Atlanta hotels for use in refugee camps in Africa. ■

David Messer Authors Biography of Noted Native American Educator Henry Roe Cloud

by Ciji Fox, University Relations

Clayton State University's Dr. David Messer, assistant professor in the Department of Teacher Education, recently authored his first book, entitled, “Henry Roe Cloud: A Biography.”

“The book is biography of Henry Roe Cloud, a Winnebago Indian born around 1884 in Nebraska,” Messer says. “As a young man he attended government and reservation schools.

Eventually he attended Mount Hermon Preparatory School and later was the first Native American to graduate from Yale. He was an ordained Presbyterian minister and started the first high school administered by Native Americans. He held several important governmental offices dealing with Indian affairs during the



Dr. Messer

administrations of different presidents. His life was a mosaic of traditional Indian beliefs and values, reform theology, progressive education theories, and political realities.”

Messer first came across mention of Cloud in a book he was reading.

“He was described as a famous Native American educator, and frankly I have never heard of him,” he explains. “My interest was aroused.

“A great deal of the book is based on private correspondence and journals. The research involved was rather extensive and I believe that I have discovered and

used some sources heretofore unused.”

Writing the book was a rewarding experience for Messer.

“I have come to appreciate the complexities involved in the life of a man like Cloud,” he says. “He was once described as a person who ‘left’ one culture for a more civilized one. I don't see it that way. He was pretty well-rooted in both cultures and several of the ironies in his life point to the ‘uncivilized’ nature of the white world he was involved with.” ■

Clayton State Co-Hosting STEM Institute at West Georgia

Clayton State University, Gordon College, and the University of West Georgia are hosting a University System of Georgia Regional STEM Institute sponsored by The Partnership for Reform in Science and Mathematics (PRISM) on Friday, Feb. 19 and Saturday, Feb. 20.

This institute will provide an opportunity for a cross pollination of ideas and projects on STEM learning between institutions within Georgia. The ultimate goals are to (1) provide a forum

for faculty to share their successful experiences with various pedagogical methods in STEM disciplines; (2) provide a means for faculty to engage in discussions on how to effectively approach common STEM teaching challenges; (3) establish future collaborations that explore and employ strategies to improve success rates in STEM courses and improve retention rates in STEM programs.

The STEM Institute will be held in the Campus Center Ballroom at the University of West Georgia, Carrollton,

Ga., on Feb. 19 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.), Feb. 20 (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

Participants who are STEM faculty at USG institutions can register online at <http://www.westga.edu/~asfacts/STEM/registration.php>.

Participants who are STEM faculty at USG institutions will have the registration fee of \$150 paid by the USG PRISM office. Additionally, USG

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Registration packet online at: http://admin-services.clayton.edu/alumni/homecoming/2009_10/Homecoming_Packets.pdf.

For more information about Homecoming activities, please contact Gid Rowell, director of Alumni Relations at gidrowell@clayton.edu or (678) 466-4477.
HOMECOMING SCHEDULE

Homecoming Week will kick off on Monday, Jan. 25, with the annual Door Decorating Contest. Last year, more than 20 offices and departments participated in the event with Center for Academic Success taking first prize, followed by the Admissions Office and the Teacher Education Club tying for second.

The Campus Scavenger Hunt will also begin on Monday, as clues will be released and teams will be asked to comb the campus for the answers.

On Tuesday, the Homecoming King & Queen candidates will have a "Meet & Greet" and the Annual Penny Drive.

Prior to Saturday's games, both the women's and men's basketball teams will hit the hardwood on Wednesday, hosting Armstrong Atlantic State University. The women's game will tip off at 5:30 p.m., followed by the men's game at 7:30 p.m. The Office of Campus Life has planned

for the game to be "Greek Night" and the Office of Intramurals will sponsor a "Two Ball Competition" during halftime of the games.

The Clayton State Alumni Association will be sponsoring its Annual Breakfast on Friday, Jan. 29 at 8:30 a.m. in the University Center Commons area. The event is open to alumni, students, faculty/staff and friends of the University. Later that evening, the Campus Events Council will be sponsoring "Lakers After Dark."

On Saturday morning, some of the University's Colleges and Schools will have Open Houses, while the Alumni Association will host the "Varsity" lunch at the Athletics & Fitness Center before the tip-off of the games. At this time, announcement will be made of all the Homecoming Contest winners.

During halftime of the games, the University plans to introduce the finalists for the Homecoming Court, along with having the championship of the Two Ball Competition.

Later that evening, the Student Government Association will be sponsoring a Homecoming Ball, which will include a formal Coronation Ceremony. Last year, Antavius Thompson and

Melissa Tyson were crowned King and Queen, while The HUB and the Teacher Education Club will defend the "Spirit Trophies" awarded to the department and clubs that show the most involvement during Homecoming Week. ■

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Please note that the president of the Women of IMPACT and several students in the Clayton State Caribbean Student Association are Haitian. For information or questions about these efforts, please contact Atawanna Royal in the Campus Life Office at (678) 466-5433 or by email at atawannaroyal@clayton.edu.

Many of our campus colleagues have, in past human tragedies such as the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, wanted to support broad national relief efforts. In this case, the American Red Cross has established ways to make contributions in support of relief efforts. Go to <http://www.redcross.org> should you wish to consider further support.

Dr. Tim Hynes
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three partner schools and their ensemble conductors are: Lovejoy High School, Stephen Lawrence; Union Grove High School, Richard Bell; and Whitewater High School, Darilyn Esterline.

“We are delighted that the extraordinary Jupiter String Quartet is joining forces with Spivey Hall and our partner high schools to enrich the musical skills and experiences of young string players,” states Spivey Hall Executive & Artistic Director Samuel C. Dixon, who traveled to Seattle in February 2009 to hear the Quartet perform and explore ideas with the musicians of how the multi-week, multi-year residency could be successfully realized. “Spivey Hall has a stellar history of presenting the world’s greatest string quartets in concert.

“Project Jupiter adds an important new dimension to this tradition, representing an artistic investment in music education for young people in Spivey Hall’s immediate community. With the multi-talented Jupiter String Quartet as Spivey Hall’s chamber-music ambassadors actively engaging our community several times a year over the course of three years, I believe we can make meaningful progress in achieving Project Jupiter’s interrelated objectives of increasing access to fine music through education, outreach, and performance.”

A \$9000 grant awarded to Clayton State University in December 2009 from the National Endowment for the Arts’

“Access to Artistic Excellence” program provides Spivey Hall essential resources to launch the first year of the anticipated three-year Project Jupiter, which will also be funded by Clayton State University, the Walter & Emilie Spivey Foundation, and the Friends of Spivey Hall. Additional support will be sought to continue, extend and enrich the program.

Project Jupiter, a natural extension of Spivey Hall’s far-reaching Education Program, was developed in consultation with the musicians of Jupiter String Quartet, and with the Spivey Hall Education Committee, an advisory group of metro-Atlanta music educators, administrators, and community representatives, chaired by noted music educator Jay Wucher since the Committee’s inception in 1993, that identifies ways for Spivey Hall to respond to music education needs in its region. Spivey Hall’s Education Program includes the renowned Spivey Hall Children’s Choir Program, popular Young People’s Concerts, choral, chamber orchestra and jazz-band workshops, master classes by distinguished guest artists, and professional development opportunities for teachers, all of which serve more than 18,000 individuals annually, produced by Spivey Hall Education Manager Catherine Striplin in collaboration with the Spivey Hall Education Committee, working closely with schools and educators throughout Atlanta and beyond.

The Jupiter Quartet will also take part in other Spivey Hall Education Program activities such as Young People’s Concerts, master classes, and pre-concert talks, and will also perform in non-traditional spaces, such as area hospitals and assisted living centers. Each residency week will culminate with a full concert program given in the Spivey Series, to which the Project Jupiter string students of the three partner schools, and their families, will receive complimentary tickets. The concerts will also be recorded for regional and national broadcast on public radio. Additional details of the residency will be made available when Spivey Hall’s 2010/2011 season of performances is announced in March, and with the publication of the 2010/2011 Spivey Hall Education Program this summer. ■

Visiting Writers Reading Series Returns, Feb. 2

On Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 6:30 p.m., the spring 2010 Visiting Writers Reading Series at Clayton State University will open with novelist Patti Callahan Henry reading in room B10 of the Lecture Hall.

Henry is a New York Times best-selling novelist. She has six novels with Penguin/NAL (“Losing the Moon,” “Where the River Runs,” “When Light Breaks,” “Between the Tides,” “The Art of Keeping Secrets,” and “Driftwood Summer”).

Hailed as a fresh new voice in southern fiction, she has been short-listed for the Townsend Prize for Fiction and has been nominated for the Southeastern Independent Booksellers Fiction Novel of the Year. She is a frequent speaker at luncheons, book clubs and women’s groups where she discusses the importance of storytelling and anything else they want to talk about.

The Visiting Writers Reading Series is sponsored by the Clayton State Department of English under the direction of Assistant Professor of English Dr. Brigitte Byrd. The spring series will continue in March and April with evening poetry readings by Chad Davidson (Mar. 4) and Carey Scott Wilkerson (Apr. 22). Davidson’s reading is sponsored in part by the Georgia Writers Registry through the LEGG (Literary Event Grants of Georgia) program. ■

Look for posters around campus for more information or contact brigittebyrd@clayton.edu.

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STEM faculty will be reimbursed for travel (mileage at standard USG rates), meals not provided by the Institute, Friday dinner (\$15) only, and hotel lodging (if traveling more than 50 miles from home or institution). Hotel lodging (Thursday and/or Friday nights only) will be reimbursed at the group rate of \$84 plus tax. Details on reimbursement for travel, meals, and lodging will be provided at the

institute. All reimbursement is subject to BOR regulations.

The Conference hotel is the Hampton Inn, 102 S. Cottage Hill Rd., Carrollton, Ga., 30117 (770) 838-7722. Hotel reservations can be made online or by phone. Room block name: STEM Institute. Please make hotel reservations by Feb 1. ■

Got News?

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the University's entire Business faculty. According to Tampa, Fl., based AACSB, less than a third of all schools of business nationwide have AACSB accreditation. And, as an international organization, AACSB accredits less than 15 percent of schools of business worldwide. Part of Chacko's mandate at Abu Dhabi will be to obtain AACSB accreditation, notes Clayton State Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Dr. Micheal Crafton.

"(He has been) consistently visionary about the School of Business and about Clayton State University. In short, Dean Chacko will be seriously missed," says Crafton. "However, I am happy for the honor of his being selected to lead Abu Dhabi to accreditation by AACSB."

"It has been my honor to have worked with Dean Chacko. He has brought to Clayton State University an incredible passion for learning — his own, and that of his colleagues and his students. He is entrepreneurial in the best sense of that term — seeking and finding possibilities based on an assessment of his environment, and then vigorously finding ways to implement actions based on that assessment," says Clayton State Interim President Dr. Thomas J. "Tim" Hynes, Jr. "And while we will certainly move forward toward a new generation of leadership in the School of Business, we have all benefited from Dean Chacko's work while he was here."

Chacko's tenure as associate dean was marked by a high level of responsibility and accomplishments. In addition to lead-

ing the AACSB pre-candidacy and candidacy processes, he also led the development of the proposal for the now-thriving MBA program, which currently features cohorts based in Morrow, Peachtree City and Conyers. Among his other duties were developing and maintaining an HR plan for faculty and staff, leading and evaluating the faculty and staff, facilitating the hiring and retention of full-time and part-time faculty, developing and maintaining the school's budget, developing course schedules, deploying faculty resources and administering RFPs for internal grants and faculty performance awards.

During his time as dean, Chacko's most visible successes were in overseeing the expansion of the MBA program to Rockdale County, increasing interest in the Supply Chain Management program (from NCR, among others) and the opening of the new School of Business building in October 2008. However, there been much more that, in Chacko's words, "we have been able to accomplish over the last two years."

These accomplishments include; integrating the Small Business Development Center into the School of Business, integrating the University's Healthcare Management Program into the School of Business, establishing the James Wood Speakers Series, bringing the BBA program to the Clayton State – Fayette instructional site, and instituting career advisement within the School of Business. Finally, just this week, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia approved a new aspect to the Supply Chain Management pro-

gram – a BBA in Supply Chain Management.

Chacko holds a Doctor of Business Administration in International Business and Marketing from the Marshall Goldsmith School of Management in San Diego. His MBA (in International Business) and BBA (in Management) degrees are both from United States International University in Nairobi. He has also attended the Management Development Program at Harvard University and was a Fulbright-Hays Scholar to Singapore and Malaysia, both during the summer of 2006.

A resident of Atlanta, Chacko's community involvement has included service as a board member of the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce, St. Thomas Orthodox Church in Clarkston, Ga., and being a member of the Business and Information Technology Advisory Board for Riverdale High School. ■

Late Rally Comes Up Short For Clayton State at Columbus

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

The chance for a thrilling ending to a hard-fought game was there on Wednesday for the Clayton State Laker men's basketball team. However, the shot would not fall.



Robinson

A potential game-winning three-point basket by junior forward Brandon Robinson at the buzzer was long as the Lakers dropped a tough 66-64 Peach Belt Conference defeat at in-state rival Columbus State at the Lumpkin Center. The defeat drops Clayton State to 8-6 overall and 1-3 in the Peach Belt. In addition, the Lakers have now dropped six straight head-to-head against Columbus State.

"We came out tonight not as ready to play as a Clayton State team should be," says Clayton State head coach Gordon Gibbons. "However, we didn't panic and made some big plays down the stretch to have a chance to win. It's so unfortunate that shot by Brandon did not go in because he had a good look at the basket."

The Lakers trailed 61-51 with 3:30 remaining. But the Lakers responded with an 8-0 run to trim the deficit to two points. Robinson and Downs both scored on driving lay-ups, and a running jump shot in the lane by Robert Murry cut the Cougar lead to 61-59 with 1:20 remaining.

Columbus State increased its lead to four points on a put-back by Telesford, but Robinson answered with a big 3-point basket in the corner to bring the Lakers within

one point with 41 seconds remaining. The two teams traded free throws, and then Columbus State's Lamar Williams converted 1-for-2 from the free throw line to give the Cougars a two-point lead with seven seconds left.

The Lakers' Timmy Downs drove the ball up court, cut across the middle and fed Robinson, who missed an open 3-point basket as time expired.

"One positive from this is that we stuck together and made some big plays down the stretch," Gibbons says. "Give Columbus State credit - they took care of the basketball and did a good job changing defenses, but I thought we played good offensively in the second half."

Murry paced the Lakers with 18 points while Robinson tallied 15 points and seven rebounds. Downs scored 12 points, and center Armon Jones grabbed 10 rebounds. ■

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In fact, the program has seen team physicians Dr Lawrence Powell in 2007-2008 and Dr Joseph Wilkes in 2006-2007 honored as the Team Physician of the Year.

"Through my time here at Clayton State, I have been honored and privileged to have worked with some very bright and very good athletic trainers. Jeff brings so much positive energy, education, and personality to us," says Clayton State head athletic trainer John Zubal. "He is a credit to the athletic training profession as well as a quality ambassador of Clayton State. We are blessed to have him here." ■

Trivia Time

A Hat Trick For Lou Brackett

by John Shiffert, University Relations

For the first time in the nine-year history of Trivia Time, we have a three-time winner. CID's Lou Brackett, who also won the first two years (2001 and 2002 – a tie with alum Terry Penn), just edged out 2008 champion Kelly Adams (Business and Operations) for the 2009 Tom Eddins Virtual Trivia Trophy. Brackett finished 2009 with 39 Trivia Points, three ahead of Adams. Perennial trivia titan Todd Birchfield was third with 30 points, followed closely by Kathy Garrison and Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller with 28. In all, a total of 23 individuals scored Trivia Points in 2009.

The entire list on Trivia Time yearly winners (the Virtual Eddins Trivia Trophy was first virtually-awarded for the 2007 season) is as follows...

- 2001 – Lou Brackett
- 2002 – Lou Brackett and Terry Penn (tie)
- 2003 – Tom Eddins
- 2004 – Jean Myers
- 2005 – Rob Taylor
- 2006 – Tom Eddins
- 2007 – Dina Swearngin
- 2008 – Kelly Adams
- 2009 – Lou Brackett

To conclude the 2009 Trivia Time season, and our review of *The Wizard of Oz*, the reason the good people of Kansas had no great love for L. Frank Baum is that he was a native of South Dakota who had only been to Kansas once prior to writing the book. In point of fact, the dull, drab, dreary, gray Kansas of *The Wizard of Oz* was South Dakota – Baum was describing his home state while placing his story in Kansas. Not good for your Chamber of Commerce brochures.

Trivia Time's Oz expert, Dr. B.D. Stillion (who finished seventh in the 2009 points race), was first with the correct answer, followed by Zeller and Brackett.

Going from Unreal Estate (a category in the ultimate trivia game show, Jeopardy), to real estate... what kind of vehicle are you likely to see while standing on a corner in Winslow, Ariz.? Send your answers, not to the Winslow Chamber of Commerce, but to johnshiffert@clayton.edu. ■

Sports

No. 14 Clayton State Women Take 65-55 PBC Triumph at Columbus State

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

It didn't take the Clayton State Laker women's basketball team long to recover from Saturday's disappointing defeat against Georgia College.

On the strength of its pressure defense, Clayton State got back on its winning form with a 65-55 Peach Belt Conference triumph at in-state rival Columbus State. Clayton State, ranked 14th in the latest Division II Top 25 poll, has now won eight of its last nine to improve to 12-2 overall and 3-1 in the PBC.

"I know it's early in the conference season, but we felt this was a must-win game for us tonight," says Clayton State head coach Dennis Cox. "We had to win tonight. A loss not only would put us two games behind in the league, but also in our division. This is twice we have responded well after a loss."

The Lakers almost didn't recover. Columbus State jumped out to an early 9-0 lead and then led 21-9 at the 9:50 mark on a jumper by Turrelle Jones. The Cougars took their largest lead of the first half 29-16 when Ashley Stafford sank a jump shot with 4:28 remaining.

However, Clayton State responded with a 14-0 run over the next three minutes. Breanna Fort and LaDe'Sha Stoudemire converted consecutive lay-ups, and Teshymia Tillman scored seven straight points, including five free throws, to trim the lead to 29-27 with 2:03 remaining. Clayton State took its first lead of the game on a Brittany Hall three-point basket at the 1:20 mark.

The two teams traded leads before the Cougars took a 34-33 lead at halftime on a jump shot by Nikki Urbizo with six seconds remaining.

Clayton State took control in the second half with its pressure defense, forcing 15 Cougar turnovers. Hall put the Lakers ahead for good at the 16:02 mark, followed by a 12-0 Clayton State run to stretch the lead to 13 points. Stoudemire scored five straight points, including a three-point basket, and a three-point basket by Genesis Kelly gave the Lakers a 54-41 lead with 11:05 remaining.

The Cougars responded with a 9-0 run to trim the Clayton State lead to four points as Urbizo and Monique Jefferson each

sank three-point baskets. But the Lakers answered with an 8-0 run with Clayton State converting three straight lay-ups to lead 61-50 at the 3:37 mark.

Despite not starting for the first time this season, Tillman paced the Lakers with 15 points, while Stoudemire with 14 points won her "Battle of the NBA siblings" against Columbus State's Phoebe Smith. Stoudemire is the younger sister of Phoenix Suns' All-Star forward Amare Stoudemire, and Smith is the younger sister of Atlanta Hawks' forward Josh Smith.

Fort added 10 points for the Lakers, who forced 28 Columbus State turnovers for the game and shot 72 percent (18-for-25) from the free throw line.

Smith recorded a double-double for Columbus State (8-5, 2-1 PBC) with 12 points and 17 rebounds. But she was limited to only two points in the second half. Jones paced the Cougars with 14 points, followed by Urbizo with 13 points.

Clayton State starts a five-game home stand on Saturday, playing host to USC Aiken at 5:30 p.m. at the Athletics and Fitness Center. ■

Gilbert Awarded GATA Post Graduate Scholarship



Jeff Gilbert

Clayton State assistant athletic trainer Jeff Gilbert will be honored with a post graduate scholarship by the Georgia Athletic Trainers Association (GATA) on Saturday, Jan. 16 at the Wyndham Peachtree Conference Center in Peachtree City, Ga.

Gilbert has been with the Clayton State Sports Medicine program since the 2006-2007 athletic season. Having completed his undergraduate degree at Valdosta State

University, Gilbert is currently working on his Masters in Health Administration. He becomes the third Laker staffer on the sports medicine staff to win a post graduate scholarship.

Former assistant athletic trainer Demetria Anderson won the post graduate scholarship in 2004-2005, and current assistant athletic trainer Christina Fox was so-honored last year.

In general, GATA is familiar with the Clayton State Sports Medicine program.

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