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Lakers Sweep Two Doubleheaders To Highlight Homecoming 2010

by John Shiffert, University Relations

For the first time since back in the 20th Century (1999, to be exact) Clayton State held its annual Homecoming events in conjunction with the basketball season. The return to a winter venue was a success for both Laker basketball teams, as Clayton State swept Armstrong Atlantic and Flagler in Wednesday and Saturday doubleheaders to highlight the week's activities.

Most impressive was the showing by Coach Dennis Cox' powerhouse women's squad, currently ranked 18th in NCAA Division II. The Lakers took no prisoners in blitzing the overmatched Pirates and Saints, 83-64 and 94-60. Only the first half of the Armstrong Atlantic game was

competitive (a 33-33 halftime tie) as the Lakers ran their overall record to 16-3 and their Peach Belt mark to 7-2.

In the men's games, Clayton State used a highly-unusual tactic to defeat Armstrong Atlantic in a defensive struggle, 67-56, on Wednesday, before bringing out the run and gun (or possibly the chuck and duck) offense on Saturday to outscore Flagler, 88-80, in a game that saw the two teams combine for 41 three-point attempts (24 by Flagler.)

Off the courts, more than 30 different groups participated in the various Homecoming activities, not including the ever-popular Annual Alumni Association

Breakfast, which moved to Friday morning for the first time and drew a couple hundred diners to the Commons area of the Baker Center.

According to Alumni Director Gid Rowell, the campus spirit contests were, not surprisingly, spirited, with University Health Services (UHS) and the Student Government Association (SGA) taking home the respective spirit trophies. Obviously undaunted by giving out a couple of thousand flu shots over the past couple of months, UHS tied for first (with SGA) in both the Scavenger Hunt and the Door Decorating Contest. The latter com-

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Hungarian Ambassador to Visit Clayton State as Part of Two-Day Trip to Atlanta

When His Excellency Béla Szombati, Hungarian Ambassador to the United States, makes his first trip to Atlanta on Thursday, Feb. 11 and Friday, Feb. 12, he'll be stopping by Clayton State University to speak to Dr. Michael Deis' Global Business class.

The Ambassador's visit to Clayton State shouldn't be a total surprise, since John E. Parkerson, Jr., director of International Programs for Clayton State, has been the Honorary Consul of Hungary for the states of Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina since 2007. Indeed, Parkerson has been working closely with the Hungarian Embassy to arrange a full schedule of meetings for the Ambassador on Feb. 11. Also visiting Atlanta for meetings with the Georgia Legislature, the Georgia Department of

Economic Development, the Governor, the Atlanta Mayor's office, the Carter Center and the Georgia Tech European Union Center of Excellence, will be commercial and cultural attaches from the embassy.

Szombati's visit to Deis' Clayton State class will run from 6:30 p.m. until approximately 7:45 p.m. on Feb. 11 and will be held in room 101 of the University's Harry S. Downs Center. Other Clayton State business students will also be sitting in on the Ambassador's presentation, which is open to the public as well.

On Friday, Feb. 12, the Ambassador will take part in a business seminar at the World Trade Center, a VIP dinner, and the

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Diane Prince Named Interim Dean of School of Business

Dr. Micheal Crafton, Clayton State University interim provost, has announced that Dr. Diane Prince, associate dean of Business, has accepted his offer to serve as interim dean of the Clayton State School of Business, effective Apr. 1, 2010.

Prince, who has served as associate dean since January 2007, will function in her new roll until a permanent dean is appointed.

"The faculty of the School of Business also communicated to me that they would

like to launch a search for a new dean right away, so we are forming a committee and will begin that process in short order," adds Crafton.

Prince has been with Clayton State during the entire period of outgoing Dean Dr. Jacob Chacko's tenure as dean.



Dr. Diane Prince

"As interim dean, Dr. Diane Prince provides the stability and leadership needed at this crucial time of maintenance of AACSB accreditation," says Chacko.

"Dr. Prince's support from the faculty for this position is quite remarkable, and I feel completely confident that she and the School of Business shall continue along their path of excellence," says Crafton. "She is certainly, from my experience, one of the most pleasant of faculty administrators that I have been privileged to know."

Prince was formerly program chair at Troy University's Augusta, Ga., site, **Prince, cont'd., p. 7**

Clayton State Concludes MLK Event with Dramatic Showcase

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Clayton State University's 10th Annual Martin Luther King Commemorative Event reached its conclusion on the night of Jan. 21. Although the previous nine events have provide the Clayton State campus and the public with many dramatic moments and many dramatic speakers – like the Rev. Joseph Lowery, Ambassador Andrew Young, and Julian Bond – the Jan. 21, 2010 event brought new meaning to the term "dramatic."

The University's Martin Luther King, Jr., Planning Committee, under the direction of its founding, first and only chair, Deborah H. Dupree, created a totally new keynote for the evening. It was Dupree's inspiration that the MLK event for 2010 would not be highlighted by a speaker, but a formal showcase of reflections and impressions through music, the spoken word, and shared experiences that honored the King legacy. Drawing on talent from the Clayton State faculty, staff and students, and including Dupree taking part as a narrator, the Showcase presented, on the Spivey Hall stage,



eight acts that spoke to this year's theme, "Dr. King's Legacy: Where are We Now? Where are We Going?"

Of course, when you're talking about "drama" at Clayton State, you're talking about the Clayton State Theater. And the organizer of the performances, Clayton State Assistant Professor of Theatre Shontelle Thrash, did not disappoint the audience. In addition to providing an excellent all-around event featuring Clayton State students (notably the University Gospel Choir) and staff (information services librarian Yalonda Carson

and OITS' Bruce Ingram), Thrash saved the best for last, her closing performances as Lula Belle Johnson, the mother of a 14-year old who had been lynched during the early days of the Civil Rights movement, and a monologue entitled, "The Journey Continues" that asked some pointed questions in regards to King's legacy and where we are now and where we are going.

"Did we attain the dream of Dr. King?" she asked. "We still need to

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Clayton State's Black History Month Observance Runs from February 2 to February 25

February is designated as Black History Month to celebrate the culture and lives of African Americans. This year, Clayton State University will focus on the achievements and foundations of historical icons who changed the course of Black history and created opportunities for future generations. A total of eight events are planned from Feb. 2 to Feb. 25, highlighted by the Walk of Dreams on Wednesday, Feb. 3 and the Black History Month Super Bowl on Thursday, Feb. 18.

The African American Read-In on Tuesday, Feb. 2, will feature students reading from selections of their favorite African America authors. The Read-In is sponsored by the Clayton State English Department and The National Council of Teachers of English and will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in room 272 of the James M. Baker University Center.

The Walk of Dreams will take place from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., in the Student Activities Center ballrooms A and B. This theatrical

presentation will be a special tribute to the lives and legacies of prominent African Americans during slavery, Civil Rights Movement, Harlem Renaissance and beyond. The Walks of Dreams is sponsored by the Department of Campus Life and DEEP Peer Educators.

On Tuesday, Feb. 9, "The Conversation: Relevance and Purpose of BGLOs in the 21st Century," a dialogue on the evolution and significance of Black fraternities and sororities (Black Greek-Letter Organizations, or BGLOs) sponsored by: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in ballroom C of the Student Activities Center.

Actress Greta Glenn will portray "Marian Anderson: A Song for My Country," in Spivey Hall on Wednesday, Feb. 10 at both 9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Presented by the Capitol City Opera Company, this one-woman opera-play features Glenn portraying the famous Philadelphia-born opera singer Marian Anderson – the first black woman to sing at the Metropolitan

Opera and one of the most celebrated singers of the 20th century. Written by Theatre Gael's John Stevens, this program gives the audience an insightful look at Marian's life, including the challenges she overcame and the triumphs she achieved.

Tickets to the show are only \$1. Those wishing to attend either performance must call the Spivey Hall Education Department at (678) 466-4481 or email educationmanager@spiveyhall.org to reserve a ticket in advance. Any walk-ups on the day of the show will not be guaranteed a seat and will be subject to a \$2 ticket price. For more information on this and other education programs, visit www.spiveyhall.org/education.

On Tuesday, Feb. 16, "The Hotseat" is a program is designed to provide participants with a safe environment to discuss controversial topics regarding the opposite sex including communication, dating, and relationships. Sponsored by the

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Clayton State Students Participate In Alternative Winter Break in Orlando

A dozen Clayton State University students recently had the opportunity to be participants in the 2009 Alternative Winter Break Program in Orlando, Fla.. The participants were: Stacie Jenay Arnold, Jasmine Blalock, Kristen Gibbons, Adrienne Harris, Nicole Isom, Michael Johnson-Ware, Wesly Menard, Anthony Murphy, Xavier Russ, Jamie Taylor, Pierce Trotman, and Antavius Thompson.

The Alternative Break Volunteer program is an opportunity for students to engage in community-based service projects during the University's designated winter and spring semester breaks to develop an understanding and appreciation of the issues people across the world encounter daily. The Clayton State Department of Campus Life began sponsoring its yearly Alternative Spring Break in 2008. In order



to give more students the opportunity to participate, the program was expanded in the 2009 fall semester offering the Alternative Winter Break.

The group traveled by van to Orlando, staying from Sunday, Dec. 13, 2009 to

Saturday, Dec. 18, 2009, to volunteer at the Give Kids the World (GKTW) Village. As volunteer "angels" each day, the students were assigned to an area in the Give Kids the World Village theme park. These

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Campus Life

LEAD the WAY is the monthly speaker series sponsored by the Department of Campus Life. Every month students will have the opportunity to interact with community leaders to explore the skill sets needed to be an effective leader. For the month of February the focus will be on the senior adult population and the issues and challenges they face in our communities. Rosanna Smith, Aging Program manager for Clayton County Senior Services is the featured speaker. Smith coordinates all programming, activities and events for Clayton County's senior adult population. This event will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 6 p.m. in the Student Activities Center Ballroom C and is open to all students, staff and faculty.

CAS

Join the Center for Academic Success this winter for free coffee, hot tea, and cocoa to stay warm while studying in the CAS (Library – lower level), Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Jan. 19 through Feb. 24, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Call (678) 466-4070 for more information.

Counseling & Psychological Services

In recognition of National Eating Disorders Awareness Week, Counseling and Psychological Services will conduct free eating disorder screenings in Main Street of the Baker Center on Feb. 23, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This year's theme is "It's Time to Talk about It." Come complete an anonymous screening and enter a raffle to win a free massage and receive other giveaways. For more, please contact Dr. Jennifer Dean at (678) 466-5406.

Dental Hygiene

On Jan. 19, senior Clayton State dental hygiene students performed free oral health screenings to 20 community members during their "MLK Day of Celebration." Part of a Serve and Learn grant, this was the fourth annual "Day of Celebration" for the Department of Dental Hygiene.

English

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 bestselling 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"). 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.

Graduate Studies

The Clayton State University School of Graduate Studies will hold its next open house on Tuesday, Feb. 9. The open house will run from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in room 101 of the University's Harry S. Downs Center on the main campus in Morrow. The Graduate Studies open houses are now providing information on the newest Clayton State graduate program, the Master of Archival Studies. In addition, prospective graduate students will have a chance to learn more about the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies, Master of Arts in Teaching English, Master of Arts in Teaching Mathematics, Master of Business Administration (which now has cohorts meeting in Peachtree City and Conyers, in addition to the Clayton State campus), Master of Health Administration, and Master of Science in Nursing. The Clayton State School of Graduate Studies holds open houses on the second Tuesday evening of each month.

Human Resources

Human Resources has Subway Coupons available at the front desk. There are actually three different coupons... buy a drink and chips and get a 6" sandwich free...6" sub free with the purchase of a 6" sub of equal or greater value... three regular foot-long for \$12. Coupons expire Feb. 28, 2010.

Legal Studies

Dr. Sheryne Richardson, professor of Legal Studies recently made a presentation on online course development to the Board of Regents Office. "She did an outstanding job, the absolute epitome of professional poise, grace, wit, and precision," says Interim Provost Dr. Micheal Crafton.

MBA

Dr. Michael Tidwell, director of Clayton State University's MBA program, and an associate professor in the University's School of Business, has announced a special MBA networking event for Saturday, Feb. 6 at 11:30 a.m. The networking event, which is open to the public, will be held in room 101 of the Harry S. Downs Center on the Clayton State main campus, and will feature all Clayton State MBA cohorts. In addition, all Clayton State School of Business faculty have been invited to attend, as have Clayton State business alumni. For more information, contact the Clayton State School of Business at (678) 466-4500.

OITS

A Public Safety speed dial button has been added to the campus phones. To locate the button, look at the main page of your phone first. If the button does not appear on the main page of your phone, use the left arrow key to navigate to the button. It is important to note that on some phones the "Directory, Next and Make Call" buttons have been moved to accommodate this change. Depending upon your phone's configuration, you will find them by using the arrow keys to scroll left or right. Be reminded that pressing the Phone/Exit key will return you to the main screen. Public Safety can still be reached by dialing (678) 466-4050 or 911.

The computer lock via a screensaver has been a Clayton State cabinet-approved information technology security policy since 2002. OITS recently discovered that the service which enforced this policy had stopped, and in order to be compliant with state, Board of Regents, and Clayton State's security policies, the service was immediately restarted. OITS has listened to comments and complaints from faculty

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and staff and has responded by extending the inactivity period from 15 minutes to 20 minutes to match the Board of Regents security policy. Given federal, State of Georgia, USG, and Clayton State policies, the sensitivity of student information and the mandates of the federal FERPA and HIPPA privacy standards, the University would not be in compliance if we removed this requirement or extended the period beyond 20 minutes.

Several people on campus have received an e-mail that appeared to be from Wachovia. The message said: "We recently have determined that different computers have logged onto your Online Banking Account and multiple password failures were present before the logons. We now need you to re-confirm you account information to us. If this is not completed by January 26, 2010 we will be forced to suspend your account indefinitely, as it may have been used for fraudulent purposes....." "To confirm your Online Banking records click on the following link..." Wachovia says that they have an ongoing investigation to try to find out who was behind the messages. The people that were going to the link, confirming their information, accounts were being hacked into and they were stealing money out the accounts. In other words, it's a scam.

Operations

Within the next couple of months Clayton State anticipates the start of construction activities on campus adjacent to the Building Formerly Known as Business and Health Science. There will be some parking lot changes and occasional road closures. More information will be provided when it becomes available.

Public Safety

Clayton State University has participated in the Atlanta Regional Commission's (ARC) RideShare Program for several years in the promotion of carpools, vanpools, and other alternate transportation. This program has been mostly funded from the federal level. However, Clayton State has recently been advised that funding for all locally-focused programs is no longer eligible for federal reimbursement. Therefore, in a continuing effort to focus

on cost efficiency, Clayton State will no longer be offering gifts and monthly prizes. Anyone interested in seeking alternative transportation to include carpools and vanpools may continue to do so by accessing MyRideSmart.com and entering the relevant information. The only change is that Clayton State will no longer be coordinating the program on the local level. The Department of Public Safety may still be contacted for any information about the program

School of Business

As he begins a new journey in life, please join the faculty and staff of the School of Business for a farewell reception in honor of our dean, Dr. Jacob Chacko, on Friday, Feb. 5, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Clayton State University School of Business lobby.

Staff Council

Staff Council is sponsoring a Candy Gram Fundraiser for Valentine's Day. Each decorative Candy Gram is \$1 with a message from the sender. You have an option of Hugs & Kisses chocolate (plain) or a Valentine lollipop. The last day to place an order will be Tuesday, Feb. 9. The Candy Grams will be delivered on Thursday, Feb. 11 and Friday, Feb. 12. Please fill out the online form located at: <http://admservices.clayton.edu/staffcouncil/> or see your Staff Council Delegate. Delegates will be by to collect your money.

Staff Council will host the first Campus Connect of the year on Feb. 25, 2010 from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. in Baker Center, room 260. Bring an appetizer to share and participate in the "Appetizer Throw Down." Think you have best appetizer out there? Staff Council will be the judge. Best appetizer wins a prize! Come see what Campus Connect is all about and considering signing your area up to host the next Campus Connect. Remember events like these happen because of everyone's support!

Teacher Education

Clayton State University's Dr. David Messer, assistant professor in the Department of Teacher Education, recent-

ly authored his first book, entitled, "Henry Roe Cloud: A Biography." The official Launch Party for Messer's biography of Cloud will be held on Friday, Feb. 12 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Eagle Eye Bookstore, 2076 N. Decatur Rd., Decatur. For more information on the Launch Party, call (404) 486-0307 or go to www.eagleeyebooks.com.

UHS

University Health Services will be providing free STD screenings via a simple urine sample, on Thursday Feb. 17 and Friday Feb. 18, on a first-come, first-serve basis. The Clinic will be closed for scheduled appointments on those days. Screening hours for Thursday will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

University Bookstore

The winners of the bookstore drawing are as follows: Stefanie Alexander, Audra Womack, Charkeea Banks, Kenyatta York, Tonya Mencer, Amanda Harwood, Denna Gillihan, Sitaara Rice, Giazelle Owens, Arthur McDowell, Shameika Hamilton, Adrienne Horton, Regina Hall, Crystal Klemons, Susan Wiggins, Maseray Kamara, Petra Maddox, Gelisa Broxton, Tashuna Jackson, Shavada Winn. Please have Laker ID Card present to claim prize.

University System

This week's Legislative Update of the University System of Georgia has been posted and is available for downloading at http://www.usg.edu/news/publications/category/legislative_update/. Back issues of the newsletter are also available there.

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petition drew a dozen entries, with the Psi Chi Psychology Club tying UHS for first. Third place in the Door Contest went to two-time defending champion the Center for Academic Success.

In the Homecoming King and Queen competition, Robert Nicholas, III, was crowned king and Tamika Shannon queen.

Wednesday's basketball games saw Tanisha Woodard equaling her career-high with 23 points as one of three Lakers in double figures. Junior guard Teshymia Tillman scored 16 points – all in the second half – and senior forward LaDe'Sha Stoudemire recorded her second straight double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds. After the halftime tie, the Pirates kept within striking distance for the first five minutes of the second half before the Lakers opened up. Brittany

Hall hit a three-point basket, and then consecutive lay-ups by Lesheria Stevens in transition gave Clayton State a 53-42 lead at the 13:12 mark. A Tillman lay-up increased the Laker lead to 57-44 with 12:04 remaining, and the Lakers cruised on in.

The men's contest against Armstrong Atlantic proved the old saying that revenge is a dish best served cold. In this case, it was really cold, since the last time the Lakers played the Pirates on Homecoming was on Feb. 17, 1998. Lakers with a looong memories (notably Athletic Director Mason Barfield and Athletic Trainer John Zupal) recall Clayton State leading that entire contest and then losing at the buzzer, 75-74, on a 40-foot jump shot. This time, there would be no miracle finish for the Pirates as Laker Coach Gordon Gibbons pulled one of the season's biggest surprises out of his

bag of coaching tricks. While not quite the equal of the sun coming up in the west, a Gibbons-coached team playing that funny defense that begins with a "Z" and ends with "one" is about on a par with, well losing a game on a 40-footer at the buzzer.

The Lakers' late-game zone (there's that word again) helped Clayton State hold Armstrong Atlantic to only 28 percent shooting from the field for the game, including six-for-28 (21 percent) from three-point range. However, Clayton State's also struggled offensively for most of the game. The Lakers finally took the lead for good on Jaquas Dobbs' three-point basket at the 7:27 mark of the first half. A jump shot in transition by Jonathan Austin gave the Lakers a 30-25 lead at halftime. The Lakers used a 12-4 run to start the second half to build a 10-point

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Door Contest, Tied for First Place, Psi Chi (Psychology)

Door Contest, Tied for First Place, UHS

Door Contest, Tied for Second Place, Center for Academic Success

Varsity catering! Pep Rally!

2010 Homecoming Court: Robert Nicholas III, Theo Maxi, Bubba McKinnon, Bianca Nunnally, Tamika Shannon and Jamie Taylor

King Robert Nicholas III
Queen Tamika Shannon

Clayton State Alumni Come From Throughout Georgia

Although Clayton State University is best known as an outstanding comprehensive metropolitan university located 15 miles southeast of downtown Atlanta, some 40 years after its doors opened to students for the first time Clayton State has a statewide footprint among its alumni.

Clayton State alumni currently reside in 115 of Georgia's 159 counties. Among the 13,000+ alumni on Clayton State's records, it is true that more reside in Clayton and Henry counties (2865 from each county, in fact) than any other. Also not surprisingly, Fayette (1320) and Fulton (1182) counties each have more than a thousand Clayton State grads. However, there are more than 100 former Lakers residing as far a field as Butts, Douglas, Newton, Spalding, Rockdale, Cobb and Gwinnett counties. The top 20 counties for Clayton State alumni are as follows...

Clayton 2865
Henry 2865
Fayette 1320
Fulton 1182
DeKalb 967
Coweta 733
Gwinnett 448
Cobb 358
Rockdale 343
Spalding 309
Newton 290
Douglas 151
Butts 127
Cherokee 90
Pike 84
Walton 78
Forsyth 73
Paulding 69
Carroll 67
Lamar 60

Life's Transitions...

Congratulations! Leanne Bradberry, web support specialist in the Office of University Image & Communications, and Scotty Bradberry welcomed their son Jacob "Jake" Scott Bradberry (6 lbs 15 oz; 19 ½") at 1:19 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 25, 2010.

Mother and baby are doing very well. Leanne says Jake is "absolutely handsome and perfect."



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where she administered all undergraduate business programs; created the schedule for full and adjunct faculty; credentialed faculty; recruited and advised students; and implemented assessments. Prior to her time at Troy, she served as MBA director and recruiter at Claflin University in Orangeburg, S.C.

Prince holds a Ph.D. in Business Administration with emphases in Strategic Management, International Business and Management Science, from the University of Tennessee; a Master of International Administration from Southern Vermont University's School for International Training (where she also served as a program administrator); and a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee. She has also earned a Marketing Teaching Credential with 18 hours in graduate Marketing courses at Brenau University, Claflin and Tennessee.

Her professional background also includes serving as dean of the School of Business and Mass Communications at Brenau, several faculty and administrative positions at the University of Wisconsin Superior, seven years as an assistant and associate professor of Business at the University of Maine, serving as the assistant to the dean at the College of Business Administration at Northeastern University, and serving as a program manager for CARE in Belize.

Chacko, dean of the Clayton State 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. ■

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first Atlanta Hungarian Carnival, also at the World Trade Center.

"Hungary is a key member of the EU and NATO and the U.S. has a large NATO airbase in western Hungary at Papa," reminds Parkerson. "Hungary also recently inked a deal with President Obama to accept Guantanamo prisoners."

Clayton State's ties to Hungary also include an agreement of collaboration with the University of Pannonia in Veszprem, Hungary, that will result in numerous opportunities for the two institutions, including study abroad, student and faculty development exchanges, and research collaboration. Parkerson is guest lecturing in International Business and Global Logistics at the University of Pannonia during the last two weeks of February, and a professor from Pannonia will lecture in the Clayton State School of Business in March.

Additional information about the Ambassador is available at: <http://www.huembwas.org/Staff/Ambassador.htm>. ■

The Journey of a Lifetime

by Joan Taylor, Public Services Librarian

I experienced a journey of a lifetime when I was given an opportunity to take a trip to Nigeria this past fall. The seeds of this trip began in the fall of 2007, when I received an email from a friend at our church asking about my possible interest in assisting with some work in a seminary library located in Nigeria! Eventually, the date was coordinated with our church, First Baptist Church, Jonesboro, which helped to sponsor this "mission to Nigeria" in November, 2009.

Our team consisted of eight people: three teachers, a former health facility administrator, a former technology network supervisor, a nurse, a librarian, and a retired government employee.

After an overnight flight, we arrived in Lagos at 4:30 on a Friday afternoon. Our group began one of the wildest, most chaotic two and half hour rides that I know I have ever experienced. It was a ride with frequent stops due to traffic congestion known locally as "go-slows", weaving in and out of taxis, motor scooters, pedestrians, and all types of sellers of wares ranging from pineapples to razors! Fortunately, we arrived safely at the compound guesthouse located a short walk from the West Africa Theological Seminary.

The next morning, our host and seminary founder, Dr. Gary Maxey, took us on a

tour of the seminary grounds. The other volunteer opportunities in addition to the library needs were wall preparation and painting, campus technology organization and networking, and staffing a seminary run health clinic for the local community.

On Monday, I was introduced to the head librarian, Mrs. Elizabeth (Lizzie) Nwozuzu, and to most of the other library staff. There are a number of library needs, but we decided that the best option was to "attack" the huge backlog of books to be cataloged. They have been donated from various places in the world, and some are still in storage containers awaiting shipment to Nigeria at a later date.

I suggested that if I could have access to the internet, I would be able to login via the Clayton State University's GALILEO password. This

would allow access to the tremendous resources available through OCLC's FirstSearch product, WorldCat, to expedite searches for subject headings and basic call numbers, and this was what I did, sharing the use of two laptop computers belonging to campus administrators. Currently, there are issues with supply and availability of electricity due to city/government infrastructure needs and also because the campus is undergoing major renovation. Generator power is a necessity. Dial up internet is usually slow and intermittent. Anything that our team was

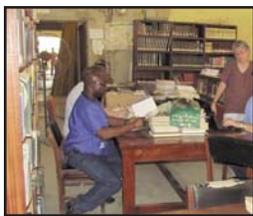
able to do, required us to be flexible, and we were!

On our second weekend we took a day trip to Badagry, located on the coast near the Nigerian border with Benin. Here, we visited the Chief Mobee Royal Family Original Slave Relics Museum and we took a short boat ride to the island area off the coast to walk the same route taken by slaves where ships would carry them to "places unknown." It was a very somber experience for each of us.

This trip was a truly awesome experience, for me on various levels -- personally, spiritually, socially, and professionally. It is very true that being in a location is quite different from reading about it or looking at pictures. Pictures cannot portray what equatorial temperatures of 105 degrees feels like as you walk on a sandy beach path in Badagry! I am glad that I had this opportunity to travel to another continent, utilize some of my training and work skills, and be able to spend time to get to know some wonderful hard working people. I have made some new friends and most of the original team plan to continue this relationship to assist the seminary in various ways.

If anyone has any further interest in finding out more information about the seminary, please contact me via email:

joantaylor@clayton.edu ■



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African American Male Initiative, "The Hotseat" will start at 6 p.m. in the Laker Hall multipurpose room.

The Black History Month Super Bowl is a game show designed to test the participants' knowledge of African Americans. Scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 18 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Student Activities Center Ballrooms A and B and sponsored by the Campus Events Council, Campus

Life, and DEEP Peer Educators, the winning team in the Super Bowl will walk away with the grand prize of \$200.

The Third Annual Black History Month Gospel Explosion will be held on Sunday, Feb. 21 at 5 p.m. in the Student Activities Center ballroom. Sponsored by the Appointed Generation Gospel Choir, the Gospel Explosion will feature local artists, collegiate

choirs and liturgical dancers from the surrounding area.

The Black History Month Cultural Connection is an opportunity to learn more about the African American culture through entertainment, refreshments, and much more. Sponsored by the Campus Events Council, the Black History Month Cultural Connection will be held on Thursday, Feb. 25, in Student Activities ballroom C, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. ■

Department of English Announces Sharon Sellers First-Year Writing Awards

The Sharon Sellers First-Year Writing Awards offers two \$50 prizes, one for author of the best essay in Composition I, and another for the best research paper in Composition II. Winners will be honored at the Honors Convocation Ceremony in April 2010.

To be considered for the award, student works written in the 2009 calendar year must be nominated by instructors of first-year writing classes. Students are encouraged to inform their instructors of their desire to be considered for nomination and instructors should encourage students whose work commends them. Each entry must include the following information on a separable cover page:

- the words "Entry for the Sharon Sellers First-Year Writing Award"
- title of the essay or research paper
- author's name
- author's address
- author's phone number
- author's email address
- name of the instructor for whom the work was written
- course (English 1101 or 1102) for which the essay was written

The title of the essay should also appear on the header or footer of the essay

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wake up and come together. What is important is how many did you help along the way."

After Dupree's introduction, Clayton State Interim President Dr. Thomas J. "Tim" Hynes, Jr., spoke on the occasion, focusing on service, the daily need to address still-existing social inequalities and the many people throughout the world in need of assistance.

In addition to three numbers by "Appointed Generation," the Clayton

along with page numbers. Neither the author's nor instructor's name may appear on any page other than the cover page. Word count should not exceed 3000. Works that include secondary sources must adhere to the MLA style guide and must include a works cited list. Please deliver one stapled paper copy and one MS Word document (via cd or email) of your submission to: Dr. Gregory Flail, gflail@clayton.edu, Department of English, Arts & Sciences Building, Room 105-B.

In submitting their work, authors also give consent to the possibility of having their work reproduced in forthcoming not-for-profit Clayton State publications; all other ownership rights will be retained by authors. As a safeguard against copyright infringement, all entries will be screened through Turnitin.com. The Sharon Sellers Award is intended to encourage and promote excellence in writing by first-year students at Clayton State University; please note that judges' decisions may include the possibility that no award will be given.

Deadline for submissions is Feb. 26, 2010. ■

State Gospel Choir, individuals performing included Clayton State student David Wilson as King, Carson as "Mama Patience" telling a story of the segregation era, a conversation with Coretta Scott King by Powerhouse M.O.D.E.L.S., and a monologue, "Which Side are You On?" by Ingram.

At the conclusion of her "The Journey Continues" monologue, Thrash (who has a marvelous singing voice in addition to her acting skills) led the entire cast in "We Shall Overcome." ■

Brigitte Byrd Invited As Keynote Speaker At Valdosta State Wiregrass Conference



Dr. Brigitte Byrd

Dr. Brigitte Byrd, assistant professor of English in the Department of English at Clayton State University, has been invited to serve as the keynote speaker at this year's Wiregrass

Conference in English Studies, to be held on Saturday, Mar. 27 at the Bailey Science Center of Valdosta State University.

The invitation was extended to Byrd by Dr. Deborah Hall, assistant professor of English at Valdosta State and advisor to Valdosta's graduate student organization, the English Graduate Student Association.

Wiregrass is a multi-disciplinary conference, and Byrd, an accomplished poet with three books of poetry to her credit, will be addressing literary and pedagogy scholars, as well as creative writers. The theme of the conference is, "Seeking Commonalities: Writing, Literature and Criticism."

"We are interested in how your writing has evolved from language poetry into prose poetry, some background or explanation of these genres, how your work has evolved within those genres and how philosophy, literature, or other ideas might influence your work," requested Hall in her invitation.

At Hall's request, Byrd will be concluding her talk with a reading from one of her original works. In addition to her reading, Byrd is also preparing a 30-minute talk with an audio/visual component, and will hold a 15-minute Q & A session. Byrd is also encouraging Clayton State Master of Arts in Liberal Studies students to attend the conference and the read their works there as well.

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Biology Professor and Students Adopt-a-Stream

by Ciji Fox, University Relations

Dr. Christopher Kodani, Clayton State University associate professor of Biology, along with Clayton State students Chau Hoang (Lake City), Johnny Ly (Morrow) and Samantha Ortega (Atlanta), have teamed up this semester to volunteer for the Georgia Adopt-A-Stream program.

“Once a week this semester, we’ll head out to a stream in Henry or Clayton County to collect monitoring data on its physical, chemical, and biological properties, Kodani says. “So far this semester, we’ve monitored the little stream near the dorms on campus, and Gardner Park in Stockbridge. By semester’s end we might have as many as a dozen study sites monitored.

“Adopt-a-Stream is very interested in Georgia’s stream water quality.”

Kodani points out that their data has three immediate uses; inputting into the Georgia Adopt-A-Stream database, the students will write a paper and present their results at the end of the semester, and every semester, the Department of Natural Sciences has a student research symposium to showcase the results of research.

“In addition to this, we have a nice partnership with the Henry County Stormwater Management Department,”



Johnny Ly of Morrow volunteers in the Georgia Adopt-A-Stream program.

says Kodani. “In the past, we’ve shared data with them, and collaborated on fish collecting and occasionally grant writing. About a year and a half ago, several of our BIOL 3500 (Ecology) students participated in their Rivers Alive cleanup event on the Flint River. “

Clayton State alumni are also involved... Anne Stahley, recent graduate of Clayton State now works for Georgia Adopt-A-Stream

According to the Georgia Adopt –A-Stream website (<http://georgiaadoptastream.com/db/about.asp>), “The goals of

Georgia Adopt-A-Stream are to (1) increase public awareness of the State’s nonpoint source pollution and water quality issues, (2) provide citizens with the tools and training to evaluate and protect their local waterways, (3) encourage partnerships between citizens and their local government, and (4) collect quality baseline water quality data.” ■

Former Clayton State Dual Enrollment Student’s First Novel Published by Simon & Schuster

Dr. Mannie Hall, Clayton State University’s director of Academic Outreach, is proud to say that Noni Carter was one of “his” students.

Carter, an 18-year-old resident of Fayetteville who is currently enrolled as a freshman at Harvard University, just had her first novel published. And although most of the news stories will note her Harvard connection, she received her start in higher education in Clayton State’s Dual Enrollment program.

Early in January 2010, Carter’s debut

novel (she’s already planning her second one) "Good Fortune," (Simon & Schuster, \$16.99) was published after six years of labor. "Good Fortune" is historical fiction, telling the story of a young slave named Anna and her journey from Africa to America, and her pursuit of freedom... sort of a “Roots” for the 21st Century.

“Noni was one of my full-time, two-year Dual Enrollment students on our main campus,” Hall recalls. “She is very talented, unique, and capable. Many of the minority Dual Enrollment students attend the Ivy League schools.

“This is a noteworthy outcome generated from a qualitative Dual Enrollment Program approach versus a quantitative approach. Much work went on behind the scenes to help this early college student succeed and move on to an Ivy League education.” ■

2010 Faculty/Staff Basketball Shoot-Out Challenge, Feb. 27

A Faculty/Staff Appreciation Night has been planned for Saturday, Feb. 27 during the last home basketball double-header of the season.

There are 14 designated teams, with each team having several captains. Each team will identify four shoot out participants (and an alternate or two), select a time when the shoot-out participants can compete in the preliminary round (during the week of Feb. 22), and encourage everyone to attend the Shoot Out on the 27th.

Further details are available from the team captains, who should also be contacting you directly about your participation. (Word has it that Leslie Moore is already talking trash on behalf of the Team #5, and that Joseph Echols — captain of Team #3 — once had a try-out with the "other" Lakers.)

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the organizing committee: Mason Barfield, Heidi Benford, Mark May, Donna McCarty, Celena Milner. ■



Student Presentation Wins Third Place at Cell Biology Annual Meeting

by Erin Fender, University Relations

Clayton State senior biology student LaQuinte Brinson (Buffalo, N.Y.) recently received third prize in the undergraduate poster session at Minorities Affairs Committee meeting (MAC).

Brinson, a research student of Dr. Fran Norflus, attended the (MAC) meeting which was part of the American Society of Cell Biology annual meeting. She presented her work entitled "Mysterious Growth and Locomotion of *C. elegans*."

"It has been my pleasure to be a part of the Clayton State Natural Science Department as well as working with Dr.

Norflus. It's amazing what hard work and determination can get you. While attending the MAC/ASBC meeting this past December I was exposed to many different areas of Biological research from students and professors from all over the world. I am proud to say that I was able to place third amongst the undergraduate students of the MAC awardees," says Brinson.

Brinson originally received a travel award in October 2009 from the American Society of Cell Biology to attend the December 2009 annual meeting in San Diego. ■

USG Employee Survey Forthcoming

by Dr. Tim Hynes, Interim President

I am pleased to announce that the University System of Georgia (USG) is conducting an employee survey to gather feedback about working at Georgia's universities and colleges.

The survey will be administered by the USG's Customer Service Office, and it will be sent to a random list of employees in a few days. The survey link will be sent from customerfocus@usg.edu, and it should take no more than 20 minutes to complete the survey. Participation is voluntary and your name and answers will be kept confidential.

The success of the survey depends on your contribution; therefore, it is important to be honest in your answers and to provide comments which you feel would be helpful. If there are things that seem good, we need to know. If there are things that are not going well, we certainly need to know that too. The candor of your responses will go a long way toward improving what we do.

The results from the survey will be shared with you, and employee input will be sought in developing a plan to address any areas of concern. At Clayton State University, we are committed to working towards improving any areas which the survey highlights as potential sources of dissatisfaction, while building on the things we do well.

Thanks for all you do in helping to make Clayton State University a great place to work. ■

Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!

Career Boot Camp (RSVP Required)
Door prizes given away at each work-shop!

*PLEASE NOTE LOCATIONS BELOW
TIMES*

Resume Writing

Monday, February 8
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lecture Hall B-12
5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. University Center
Room 272

Job Search

Wednesday, February 10
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lecture Hall B-12
5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. University Center
Room 272

Interviewing

Tuesday, February 9
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lecture Hall B-12
5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. Lecture Hall B-12

Career Fair

Thursday, February 11
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lecture Hall B-12
5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. Lecture Hall B-12

Attend all four topics and receive a free professional portfolio, certificate of completion and other gifts!

The Workforce Recruitment Program for College Students with Disabilities FEBRUARY 3, 2010

Forms and instructions are available through the CSU Disability Resource Center for any student with a disability who is also registered for services with the DRC. Appointments for interviews on February 3, 2010 may be scheduled through the DRC once the Workforce Recruitment Program forms and on-line application are completed. Contact DRC at (678) 466-5445 or www.clayton.edu/drc

On-Campus Recruiting

(Employers will setup on Main Street in the University Center. You may come as you are)

Thursday, Feb. 4
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
US Navy

There are many jobs available in the Metro-Atlanta area. Once you have logged on to the SWAN PORTAL click on the Career Icon, then choose the Jobs and Internships tab to view Laker CareerZone and NACELink Networking positions. Click Here for a Guide to Laker CareerZone

Divisions Inc.

Account Manager Sales
Atlanta, GA
Full Time

TJ's Music Incorporated

Music Teacher
Conyers, GA
Part Time

Marshall Consulting Services LLC

Accounting Assistant and Tax Preparer
Forest Park/Atlanta Metro, GA
Part Time,
Internship/Co-op, Temporary/Seasonal

AT&T

Business Sales Leadership Development Program and Retail Sales Leadership Program
Nationwide, US
Full Time

Atlanta Hawks, Atlanta Thrashers and Philips Arena (Atlanta Spirit, LLC)

Course Credit Internships
(Summer 2010)
Atlanta, GA
Internship/Co-op

Georgia Department of Labor, UI Appeals

Contingency Clerk
College Park, GA
Full Time, Part Time

MD Professionals

Tutor Needed: K3 Child
Local, GA
Temporary/Seasonal

Gabino's Mexican Grill

Marketing/Advertising/
Special Events Intern
Locust Grove, GA
Internship/Co-op

Allan Vigil Ford Lincoln Mercury
Lube & Tire Technician

Morrow, GA
Full Time

Emagination Computer Camps

Robotics Instructor (Summer Camp) and Network Administrator
Atlanta, GA
Full Time,
Internship/Co-op

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<http://www.internationalpaper.com/US/EN/Company/Careers/SearchPositions.html>

BEFORE applying for a position:

1. Review Resume Guidelines
2. Review Resume Samples
3. You can submit your resume for critiquing at career@clayton.edu OR come to Walk-in Resume Review, Wednesdays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

REMEMBER, the quality of your resume matters, so be sure to perform a resume check-up before you apply!

Looking for a Summer Internship? Start your internship job search now! Not sure how? Mark your calendar to attend the ABC's of Finding an Internship Workshop on February 18, 2010

COOL INTERNSHIPS

Computer Scientist (IT) Summer Intern
Government Accountability Office
Deadline: February 26, 2010

2010 Summer Honors Law Program
Securities and Exchange Commission
Deadline: March 15, 2010

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areas included the Amberville Train Station, Julie's Safari Theater, the La-Ti-Da Day Spa, the Gingerbread House Restaurant, Wacky Water Works pool and play area, the Ice Cream Palace and more. The student volunteers were also participants in the Christmas Parade, Parents Night Out, and assisted children in the Village Idol Night, a night of entertainment featuring the children and their assigned volunteer partners.

Each evening the group participated in open reflection discussions where students were encouraged to dialogue amongst themselves about how this experience either changed or enhanced their views and opinions about sensitive issues. Pre- and post-assessments reflected that participants learned to be more sensitive to individuals with disabilities and diseases, became more educated about flaws in the healthcare system, are more aware of cultural and diversity issues, feel more compelled to do more volunteer work in the community, and made friends and networking connections that they would not have if not for the trip.

GKTW is a 70-acre, non-profit resort in Central Florida that creates magical memories for children with life-threatening illnesses and their families. GKTW provides accommodations at its whimsical resort, donated attractions tickets, meals

and more for a week-long, cost-free fantasy vacation. With the help of generous individuals, corporations and partnering wish-granting organizations, Give Kids the World has welcomed more than 89,000 families from all 50 states and over 65 countries. For more information, go to www.gktw.org.

This March, the 2010 Clayton State Alternative Spring Break Program will be send one group to Washington, D.C., to address the issues of homelessness and the need for transitional housing, and another group to Puerto Rico concentrating on ecology and the environment by working in the El Yunque Rainforest. For additional information about The Department of Campus Life Service Learning Program and additional programs please visit <http://admins-services.clayton.edu/campus-life/default.htm>. ■

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Copies of Byrd's three books, "Fence above the Sea," "The Dazzling Land," and "Song of a Living Room," will be available at the conference. In addition to her three books, her poems have appeared, or are forthcoming, in anthologies such as Online Writing: The Best of the First Ten Years and The Rose Metal Press Field Guide to Prose Poetry: Contemporary Poets in Discussion and Practice, and in literary magazines such as Lilies and Cannonballs, Quarter After Eight, Tarpaulin Sky, Coconut Poetry, and Denver Quarterly, among others.

Byrd's work has been nominated twice for a Pushcart Prize and won first-prize in poetry in the St. Petersburg (Russia)

Summer Literary Seminar Contest. A resident of Fayetteville, she received her Ph.D. in English from Florida State University and currently teaches Creative Writing at Clayton State. She is also an editorial reviewer for Confluence: The Journal of Graduate Liberal Studies and writes micro-reviews for Oranges & Sardines. ■

Trivia Time

A Lot of Eagles Fans

by John Shiffert, University Relations

There are a lot of Eagles fans out there. Even the "Hotel California" question from a few years ago didn't draw the response last issue's question about Winslow, Ariz., drew. Almost everyone knows that, if you're standing on a corner in Winslow, Ariz., you're likely to see a girl in a flatbed Ford.

Since Don Henley, Glenn Frey, et al, are so popular, this question ended up being a race to see who was fastest with the "Send" button. Stormin' Norman Grizzell won out, followed by Teri Kulesa, Kathy Garrison, Reda Rowell, Kelly Adams, and a host of others. Specifically, Vickie Smith, Jill Lane, Dina Swearngin, B.D. Stillion, Scott McElroy, Francine Mocniak, Kurt-Alexander Zeller, Rob Taylor, Tom Eddins (of the Tom Eddins Virtual Trivia Trophy fame) and Dotty Bumbalough. (Oh yes, University Relations' Erin Fender had the answer before anyone, but, as a member of the Trivia Time Governing Board, she's not eligible.)

Speaking of which, with Trivia Time now starting its 10th year, the Trivia Time Governing Board has decided to revise the point system. Trivia Points are now awarded for the first five respondents, with the scoring going six/four/three/two/one.

Since the Eagles are clearly so popular, what do they have to say about refuge? Send your answers, not to Winslow, but to johnshiffert@clayton.edu. ■

Sports

Laker Women Rebound to 18th in NCAA Division II

After two straight weeks of slipping in the USA Today/ESPN Division II Top 25 Coaches' Poll, the Clayton State Laker women's basketball team is moving back up. Clayton State advanced one spot to 18th in the new USA Today/ESPN Division II Top 25 Coaches' Poll, which was released on Tuesday, Jan. 26.

Clayton State, which had slipped five spots from 14th to 19th in the previous poll, earned 226 points in the new poll.

The Lakers are one of three Peach Belt Conference teams ranked in this week's poll. Lander is now 11th, up three spots from 14th, while Francis Marion held

steady at 17th. In addition, Georgia College received votes.

For the fourth straight week, Franklin Pierce held the No. 1 spot, ahead of Indianapolis, Gannon, Michigan Tech and Emporia State. ■

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lead, and pretty much stayed in control the rest of the way. Dobbs paced the Lakers with 13 points and six rebounds, while brother Juron Dobbs scored nine points with 10 rebounds. Brandon Robinson and Robert Murry each scored nine points, and junior center Armon Jones grabbed a game-high 12 rebounds for the Lakers.

Saturday's games were enlivened by "The Varsity," in this case both basketball teams and the famous fast food restaurant based up by that technical school on 14th Street in Atlanta. The Varsity served a couple of hundred lunches while Cox' team was serving up a rout of the Saints in a game with minimal competitive charm. Clayton State didn't even bother to ask the Saints, "What'll ya have?" while racing to a 44-24 halftime lead, and then dropping 50 second half points on the visitors

despite Cox playing everyone but Assistant Athletic Trainer Christina Fox (who isn't eligible, anyway.) Stoudemire led the Lakers with 18 points (16 in the first half), followed by junior center Breanna Fort with 15 points, Genesis Kelly with 12 points and season-leading scorer Teshymia Tillman, who practically got the day off, scoring 10 points in just 18 minutes.

The men's game was decidedly more dicey. Although leading scorer Robert Murry led the Lakers to a 52-37 halftime advantage; a series of missed layups and foul shots combined with some outside sniping by the Saints' D.J. Ferguson and John Pietkiewicz (son of the former Auburn star), let the visitors hang around longer than might have been expected. (Maybe the Lakers should have brought

that z__ back out again.) The Saints got as close as seven at 81-74 and 82-75 with under a minute left. However, a thunderous dunk by Torrin Greene (after the Lakers had blown a pair of slams) made it 84-75 with 46 seconds left and finally put a quietus on Flagler.

Murry led the way for Clayton State with 20 points, while Brandon Robinson had another fine all-round game with 17 points, nine rebounds and three blocked shots. Greene added a valuable 10 points off the bench while point guard Timothy Downs buzzed all over the floor in 33 active minutes, scoring nine points and handing out seven assists. The Lakers are now 11-8 overall, 4-5 in the Peach Belt. ■



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