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## Another Game of Superlatives... Clayton State Blows by Lander 76-60 in NCAA Division II Southeast Regional Championship



This time, the last second heroics weren't needed.

This time, number two beat number six.

This time, to the surprise of the 1000+ fans in attendance in the Clayton State Athletics & Fitness Center, and maybe

even to the surprise of Clayton State Coach Dennis Cox, the Clayton State/Lander matchup between what may very well be the two best women's basketball teams in NCAA Division II (currently ranked second and sixth, respectively), ended in an anticlimax, instead of a last-second game winning basket by Tanisha Woodard.

This time, the 32-1 Lakers rolled, 76-60.

A month and four days after the then-second-ranked and undefeated Lakers edged the then top-ranked and undefeated Bearcats 83-81 on Woodard's out-of-bounds play basket in the lane with 5.7 seconds left, Clayton State made a statement in the finals of the NCAA Division

II Southeast Regionals. And the statement was, this is a team to be truly feared in the Elite Eight.

Outside of a one point overtime loss to USC Aiken in the Peach Belt semifinals (on the Pacers' home floor), the Lakers had run the table throughout the 2010/2011 season, typically beating some very good teams by double digits. Indeed, it had already happened in the first two games of the Southeast Regionals... 25 and 26 point wins over Francis Marion and Barton. However, this was a superb Lander University team, probably the best

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## Clayton State to Host Annual Alumni Dinner at Fernbank Museum, April 28

Later this spring, friends of the Clayton State Alumni Association will come face-to-face with the world's largest dinosaurs ... and no that's not an encounter with Loch, Clayton State's mascot, rising from Swan Lake. It will be at the 2011 Alumni Dinner.

The Alumni Association welcomes guests for its 19th Annual Dinner at the Fernbank Museum of Natural History, home of the world's largest dinosaurs. The event, open to alumni, faculty/staff, students and friends of the University, will be held on Thursday, Apr. 28, in the Museum's Great Hall and IMAX Theatre. The Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m.

"The Annual Dinner has always been a special event for our alumni and University family and friends to meet and learn about the exciting growth and devel-



opment at Clayton State," says Alumni Association President Jamey Hicks. "Our event has grown tremendously over the last few years, and we are excited about having the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our alumni at Fernbank."

In conjunction with the dinner, the Alumni Association will recognize its 2011 Distinguished Alumni Award win-

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## “Dorm Room Dealers...” Rafik Mohamed Looks at Drugs, Race and Class

by John Shiffert, University Relations



It's an aspect of the drug culture that's been around ever since there was a drug culture in the United States... the question of whether certain segments of the drug user and dealer population are treated differently by law enforcement.

It's also a subject that Dr. A. Rafik Mohamed, chair of the department of social sciences and associate professor of sociology and criminology at Clayton State University has been interested in for a long time... ever since his own senior year in college, when he worked as an intern investigator at the Washington D.C. Public Defender Service (PDS).

While the effects of social status and race on drug enforcement has been discussed at great length for the past 40 years or so, Mohamed and co-author Dr. Erik D. Fritsvold, assistant professor of sociology

at the University of San Diego, have gone beyond the discussion stage, they've written a book, “Dorm Room Dealers: Drugs and the Privileges of Race and Class” (Lynne Rienner Publishers, ISBN 978-1-58826-667-5) that delivers details and insight into the world of college drug dealers. In “Dorm Room Dealers,” Mohamed and Fritsvold study both the motives for drug dealing on college campuses, and the premise that “rich, white college kids” are often shielded from legal scrutiny and enforcement by the criminal justice system, because they're rich and white.

“I think our book's most significant conclusions are that college drug markets, particularly those that revolve around universities that cater to a more affluent and less racially diverse student population, are known to exist but are largely ignored by university officials and law enforcement agencies,” says Mohamed., who adds that social capital and protecting an image play key roles in the disparity of

enforcement.

“We also sought to explore the motivations behind college drug dealing, particularly in light of the fact that most college dealers don't primarily seem to be involved in it for the money,” he further explains. “We found that factors like status, ego gratification, and gender identity played key roles in the ‘irrational choice’ to sell drugs.”

Although “Dorm Room Dealers” was initially published in January 2010, Mohamed notes that the book has recently begun to receive a lot more public attention.

“I think the recent drug busts at Columbia, Georgetown, and other places have brought the issue of college drug dealing to the fore,” he says.

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## Nursing Students Participate in Nurses' Day At the State Capitol

By Tarrica Madison, University Relations

On Feb. 17, 2011, the Georgia State Capitol honored nurses from around the Peach State for the second year in Georgia's annual Nurses Day. The celebration was in keeping with Georgia's honoring healthcare in the state and showcasing to nursing students just how important governments' role is in creating, maintaining, and regulating healthcare policy beginning at the state level.

The Georgia Nurses Association (GNA) hosted the Legislative Day event at the State Capitol. The event was met with great interest in 2011, as nearly 700 registered nurses and students from across the state filled the halls of the Capitol, bringing the priorities of the nursing profession to the attention of state lawmakers.

Although the capitol was abuzz with many healthcare majors from across the state, Clayton State's presence was felt with a large number of senior nursing students. Along with Associate Professor of Nursing Dr. Eunice Warren and fellow faculty member Dr. Jennell Charles, Clayton State students were engaged in one-on-one contact with the movers and shakers of policy for the state of Georgia.

The day began with a morning speaking program featuring remarks from Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal and Lt. Governor Casey Cagle, Secretary of State Brian Kemp, Sen. Renee Unterman (a nurse and chair of the Senate Health & Human Services Committee), GNA President Fran Beall, and GNA Director of Legislative/Public Policy Judy



Malachowski.

After the morning program, GNA leaders received a Governor's Proclamation declaring Feb. 17 to be Nurses Day at the Capitol. Attendees then took a group photo with Gov. Deal, and attended ses-

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## Clayton State Hosting Three Indian Exchange Professors in March and April

Among its several faculty exchange programs, Clayton State University has two-weeks-duration annual faculty exchange relationships with Birla College (<http://www.birlacollege.org/>) and Smt. Chandibai Himathmal Mansukhani College (CHM) (<http://www.chm.edu/>). These two colleges are Clayton State's partner institutions of the University of Mumbai, and are located in Kalyan and Ulhasnagar on the outskirts of Mumbai, India.

During the months of March 2011 and April 2011, three faculty members from India (two from Birla and one from CHM) will be visiting Clayton State as two week exchange professors on the dates indicated.

- Dr. Avinash Patil (Mar. 11 to Mar. 29) associate professor, department of botany

– Birla College. Patil is a scientist of high reputation with a deep knowledge of his subject areas of botany, herbal sciences and biotechnology.

- George Oommen (Mar. 11 to Mar. 25) vice principal and associate professor, department of economics - Birla College. His teaching assignments include: micro-economics, macroeconomics and Indian financial system at the undergraduate level; and macroeconomics and managerial economics in the MBA program.

- Rakesh Kalwani (Apr. 1 to Apr. 13) assistant professor, department of accountancy – CHM. Kalwani is a well-known CPA who owns an accounting firm. He has specialized expertise in financial management; growth of retail sector in India in regard to FDI regime in retail sector; accounting for builders and

developers and basis of revenue recognition; human resource management; Indian economy; direct taxes – the Indian Income Tax Act; and financial Accounting & strategic decision making in business through variance analysis & marginal costing.

“We are particularly proud of the bonds that these faculty exchanges continue to foster between Clayton State and our Indian partner institutions,” says Clayton State Director of the Office of International Programs (OIP) John Parkerson.

Parkerson also notes that, in April 2010, Clayton State hosted four exchange faculty members - Drs. Swapna Samel (histo-

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## Students Nartey and Yaacoub Represent Clayton State at Georgia International Leadership Conference

By Tarrica Madison, University Relations

Clayton State University students Seth Nartey (Zimbabwe), and Tony Yaacoub (Lebanon) recently represented Clayton State University among the 202 participant from 23 colleges or universities across Georgia at the annual Georgia International Leadership Conference (GILC), held at the Rock Eagle 4H Center, near Eatonton. Brett Reichert, Clayton State associate director, International Student Services Office (ISSO) accompanied the students.

The intensive weekend of workshops, activities and interactive role-plays was designed to break down stereotypes, raise global awareness and build social networks in a fun, structured setting. Students also took part in a four-hour service project Friday afternoon at the Oliver Worley Environmental Education Center.

“It was awesome and incredible, definitely something more students should apply for next year” says Nartey.

“It was definitely one of the best weekends I had in my life,” adds Yaacoub in an email to Reichert. “It is amazing how we got to be close friends in such a short period of time. I definitely learned a lot about leadership and changing the world through friendship and motivation. I would like to thank you and GILC for this opportunity and I hope I will make it to GILC 2012.”

“The weekend was definitely not all work and no play” Reichert says. “Students put on an international fashion show, a talent show, enjoyed two dances, and heard a keynote speaker, Anu Parvatiyar, a GILC alumna from 2006, who is now a success-

ful pharmaceutical engineer.”

The annual event is open to all Clayton State Students who are interested in world issues, international themes and other cultures. A slideshow of this year's GILC is viewable online at: [http://www.facebook.com/pages/GILC-2011/141713409219891?v=app\\_2392950137&ref=ts#!/video/video.php?v=189820481051920](http://www.facebook.com/pages/GILC-2011/141713409219891?v=app_2392950137&ref=ts#!/video/video.php?v=189820481051920). ■

# School of Business Sprinkled with “Pixie Dust” While Working with Disney

By Tarrica Madison, University Relations

Clayton State University School of Business Career Advisor Sanford Dennis and The Disney College Program have joined teams to create an externship opportunity for current Clayton State business students.

The Clayton State program was created and developed by Dennis and currently has two Clayton State students participating. Desaree Overton is a sophomore from Columbus, Ga., who attended Hardaway High School. She currently majors in Management and her current Disney job is in Food and Beverage. Jessica Phillips, a junior from Orlando, Fla., graduated from Jonesboro High School in Jonesboro, is also majoring in Management and participating in a Disney food and beverage position.

Although Overton and Phillips are the first participants, there are many Clayton State business students interested in the

program, says Dennis, who notes that the response to the program has garnered students who will participate in coming semesters.

The Disney College Program offers students a chance to earn work experience as well as earn academic credit. Disney has a full academic faculty/staff in Orlando that functions just like a regular college with full-time instructors and adjuncts. Disney offers a full array of courses that are modeled after a traditional business curriculum. Students sit in a classroom and participate in lectures just like a regular class.

Along with providing the traditional college atmosphere for students, Disney also offers an array of courses such as; Organizational Leadership, Human Resource Management, Organizational Management, and Hospitality Management.

In addition to these course offerings, Disney also offers low-cost housing for students.

Consequently, similar programs with Disney have emerged on other campuses nationwide as well, including Purdue, University of Iowa, Tulane, Central Michigan University, Georgia College & State University, and the University of Central Florida.

While any Clayton State student is welcome to apply to the Disney College Program, only business majors can apply through the program that the Clayton State School of Business has created, since the program created by the School of Business is designated with the school’s curriculum for those Business students participating. Clayton State business students have to apply for the program and be accepted by the School of Business for the program. ■

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ry), Radhika Lobo (business), Namita Nimbalkar (philosophy), and Prashant Kelkar (economics) – from Birla and CHM. In November 2010, Nimbalkar returned to Clayton State to present the inaugural address for the Ethics and Gandhian Studies Center that OIP and the Clayton State philosophy faculty are partnering with Birla to establish on the Clayton State campus. In December 2010, Birla College and CHM, respectively, hosted Clayton State’s Dr. Eugene Ngezem of the English Department and Dr. Chris Ward of the History Department.

OIP is coordinating the three visiting professors’ numerous activities and excursions during their visits to Clayton State. ■

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College drug dealing and the racial imbalance therein has been “to the fore” for Mohamed ever since his college years.

“That’s in part what sparked my interest in the research,” he says. “About 75 percent of the cases I came across at PDS were PWID – possession with intent to distribute – or related cases.

“However, what struck me as significantly out of balance was the juxtaposition between the circumstances of my PDS cases and the very vibrant and non-discreet drug culture that existed on and around the many college campuses I visited in the D.C. area. Specifically, it became rather clear to me that my clients at PDS, all of whom were black males, were being treated differently for their drug using behaviors than my more affluent, predominantly white, college-aged peers in the D.C. area.”

Later, while he was working as a professor in Southern California, Mohamed

would often discuss these disparities with co-author Fritsvold – who was a graduate student at another university at the time. Fritsvold’s frame of reference was the coastal Southern California surf-culture and the drug markets that operated around these social networks.

“Through these conversations, two things became rather evident,” says Mohamed. “First, in his experience, there did not appear to be a substantial difference between my observations of disparate treatment in drug policy and drug law enforcement in the decade that passed between when I was in D.C., and when we began our conversations. Second, a very obvious drug culture existed on and around college campuses in Southern California, yet we could not think of anyone or any reports of these people facing the same criminal justice scrutiny encountered by their street-corner counterparts. Therefore, we decided to take a closer look to see what the differences were in how the markets functioned, demographic characteristics, and criminal justice outcomes.” ■

## Arts...

### Two from Clayton State to Present at Regional Graduate Liberal Studies Conference at UNC Asheville

By Tarrica Madison, University Relations

Two individuals from Clayton State University, Adjunct Professor of English Anna King, and Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS) student Cheryl Dunson, will be presenting at the upcoming Regional Graduate Liberal Studies Conference at the University of North Carolina Asheville.

Hosted by the Master of Liberal Arts Program at UNC Asheville, the conference will be held on the UNC Asheville campus on Apr. 8 and Apr. 9, 2011.

Students from a total of 10 universities submitted proposals for the conference.

King, a December 2009 graduate of the Clayton State MALS program, is a published poet who will be reading some of her poetry at the conference. She has previously presented her work at several other academic conferences as well. ■

### Dr. Donna McCarty Named Chair Elect For Psychology Association



Clayton State department head and Professor of Psychology Dr. Donna Wood McCarty has been named the chair elect for the Association of Heads of Departments of Psychology. She will

serve as co-chair for one term and will then assume her role as chair.

The Association of Heads of Departments of Psychology represents academic psychology programs of all types and is a professional development organization for heads and chairs of academic departments of psychology in the southeastern United States, and is affiliated with the Southeastern Psychological Association. The association began in 1968 and since has held a prestigious standing amongst reputable academic associations. The association's purpose is to support professional, effective and ethical leadership for psychology department heads and chairs.

McCarty will take on the tasks of hosting

leadership training and professional development seminars at annual meetings and be the liaison for implementing new initiatives for large and small departments of psychology across the southeast. Along with these duties, McCarty, as chair-elect, will address professional development, legal matters, faculty management, and other issues of importance for academic department chairs.

As head of the Clayton State Department of Psychology, McCarty, one of Clayton State's longest-tenured faculty members, administers the department, teaches upper- and lower-division psychology courses, and consults with faculty and students on advisement matters such as graduation applications. One of Clayton State's most successful academic programs, the Psychology Department added a Master's program in Applied Developmental Psychology in the fall of 2010. A Master's program in Clinical Psychology will begin with the fall 2011 semester. ■

### College of Information and Mathematical Sciences Schedules Second "Clue Me In" Competition

Clayton State University's WiSTEM and Math Clubs, both based in the University's College of Information and Mathematical Sciences (CIMS), are planning a second campus competition for Clayton State students, "Clue Me In To Clayton State."

This game will pit teams of three to four students against each other in a race to solve clues taking them to various locations across campus. According to Computer Science and Mathematics Professor Mary Hudachek-Buswell, "Clue Me In To Clayton State" is CIMS' version of "The Amazing Race."

The competition is set for Saturday, Mar. 26, from 10 a.m. to noon, starting in the Commons area of the James M. Baker University Center. The competition will be immediately followed by the awards party. Check-in is at 9:30 a.m. The final destination is the awards ceremony with music, food, and the awards. The first place team will receive Pandigital Novel wireless readers, valued at \$150, for each member of the team.

The event is structured like the reality show "The Amazing Race." Teams will be given an initial clue to solve. When that clue is solved, it will lead to another location. At the next location, teams must find and solve another clue leading to another location and so on. The first team to finish their course wins.

For more information on "Clue Me In," go to; <http://cims.clayton.edu/mhudachek/ClueMeIn/ClueMeInHome.htm>. ■

## Clayton State's Student Behavior Consultation Team

Pima Community College in Arizona was so concerned about Jared Loughner before his attack on a crowd at a political event, that the college was on alert that he might return. They planned to distribute the former student's picture to faculty, staff and police officers on campus. Loughner had been kicked out of the college after several contacts with police and multiple disruptions on campus. Loughner is now charged with attempting to kill U.S. Representative Gabrielle Giffords and two of her staffers, and multiple counts of murder. Most college students do not act out or become aggressive. The AUCCCD (Association for University and College Counseling Center Directors) recently

gave a statement following the tragedy in Tucson (to see the full statement go to the link at [www.clayton.edu/counseling](http://www.clayton.edu/counseling)) which says that there are actually very few students seen in counseling centers who are unable to safely function within the campus community. Further, suicidal behaviors, life threatening eating disorders, and alcohol and substance disorders are the most common safety concerns experienced by students.

At Clayton State University, the Student Behavior Consultation Team (SBCT) works to identify students who cannot function safely on campus. The SBCT is a campus wide team that provides consultation, makes recommendations, and coordinates the University's response in situa-

tions involving students who engage in concerning, disruptive, and/or potentially harmful behavior.

The SBCT multidisciplinary team wishes to remind faculty and staff that we exist as a resource to the campus community. The SBCT is designed for early intervention regarding behavioral issues to help support the health, safety and success of Clayton State University students. If you are concerned about a student, please contact Dr. Elaine Manglitz, Chair of the SBCT, at 5448.

For more information, go to <http://adminservices.clayton.edu/studentaffairs/SBCT.htm>. ■

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sions of the House of Representatives and Senate and afternoon committee meetings. Nurses also met with GNA leaders, volunteers and staff, and spent time meeting and lobbying their state senators and representatives. Some of the students were very excited and spoke of the day as a 'new day for Georgia nurses.'

One of the 700 students and healthcare employees at the Capitol was Clayton State senior Florence Tembo.

"Most importantly we need to recognize that whatever changes that have been made thus far did not happen by accident, there are nurses who came before us who worked tirelessly to bring those changes to life," she says. "Therefore as future nurses, we are obligated to find out what the current issues are and work towards finding solutions for the problems either by joining hands with organizations such as the American Nurses Association or through research."

The day was filled with serious policy and even a few jokes amongst the representatives of both parties. Many of the students responded to the question: "What did you gain from the day that you didn't know before you attended?" The meeting of the house was relaxed and quite enjoyable

versus the perception that it would be structured and straight politics. According to Clayton State senior nursing student Rachel Harper, the House of Representatives weren't at all what she expected. Harper went so far as to say that the, "passing of serious business was fun."

Of the 51 students who participated from Clayton State, all were involved in being a part of nursing policy being made in Georgia. The day at the Capitol was not just entertaining and informative for students, but included an educational component. The experience at the Capitol was extending the "practicum" activity of the community health/leadership and management course taught the last semester of the senior year at Clayton State. The activity helped them to understand the critical issues before nursing today and the role of both the legislative process and themselves as nurse advocates in addressing these issues.

The students who participated from Clayton State answered a brief questionnaire on their experiences and lessons that they left with that day. Of the questions, the question answered with the most expression was "Do you feel like Nurses are supported by the State of Georgia after this experience?" Many of the responses were very positive and gave an overwhelming impression of Georgia's gov-

ernment caring about the legislation that Nurses from the past used as catalysts for the advocacy of Nurses presently, and for the nurses of the future. Jamie Appling, a senior nursing student, felt the day fitting because of the overall experience and was able to see the tangible impact one of Georgia's own senators has made as a Registered Nurse.

"I feel like they saw nurses as experts in their field. It was interesting to know that there is a state senator who is a RN," she says, referring to Unterman, who represents the Senate's 45th District and has been an advocate for public health and nurses causes amongst many others since being sworn in to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1999.

Clayton State's School of Nursing has been dedicated to the success of its nursing students since its conception and is committed to providing comprehensive nursing education to residents from a diverse range of ethnic, socioeconomic, experiential, and geographical backgrounds. The Clayton State College of Health and School of Nursing have provided a vital addition to the number of nurses that are incorporated in Georgia's

## SoN Sets Annual Cultural Diversity Conference for April 7

The School of Nursing, via the Nursing Workforce Diversity Grant, is preparing to host its Annual Cultural Diversity Conference. The purpose of the Cultural Diversity Conference is to increase the cultural competence of faculty and students at Clayton State University School of Nursing.

The Conference will be held on Thursday, Apr. 7, from 8 a.m. until noon in the Student Activities Center. The keynote speaker is Souzan Hawala-Drury, MPH, BSN, RN of Howard University.

The link for registration for the Conference and more information can be found at: <http://nursing.clayton.edu/NWD/conference.htm>.

Registration closes Apr. 2, at midnight. Please email Elicia S. Collins with RSVP information at: [eliciacollins@clayton.edu](mailto:eliciacollins@clayton.edu)

## Student Affairs Holds 2011 Student Leadership and Involvement Awards, April 14

The Division of Student Affairs will host its Annual Student Leadership and Involvement Awards Program on the evening of Thursday, Apr. 15, in the Student Activities Center (SAC) Ballrooms. The awards program is designed to recognize the significant contributions that student leaders and organizations make to the campus environment and surrounding communities. The Student Leadership and Involvement Awards program provides the Division of Student Affairs with an opportunity to recognize outstanding students and student organizations for their hard work and dedication.

This year, the Division has added two additional awards: The Outstanding Diversity Advocacy Program of the Year Award will be awarded to a student or student organization that strives to promote understanding and appreciation of diversity, build community and advocates for civility and equality in a multitude of forms at Clayton State University. The Excellence in Student Involvement Award will be awarded to a freshman or sophomore student for his/her extensive involvement in student organizations, leadership, community service and outstanding contributions to student life while at Clayton State University.

For a full listing of award categories, rec-

ognized student organizations and individual students who are interested in applying for an award can visit one of the seven Division of Student Affairs departments to retrieve an application or download an electronic copy from the Department of Campus Life website: <http://adminservices.clayton.edu/campuslife/>.

Nominations and completed application packets should be submitted to the Department of Campus Life in the Administrative Suite, upstairs in the Student Activities Center. Completed applications must be submitted by Friday, Mar. 25, to be considered for an award.

For questions or additional information about this event or the application process, please contact the Department of Campus Life at (678) 466-5433 or via email: [studentleadship@clayton.edu](mailto:studentleadship@clayton.edu).

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nursing workforce, notes College of Health Dean Dr. Lisa Eichelberger. Nurse's Day was a representation of just how important Clayton State's School of Nursing is to the continued advocacy for healthcare reform and legislation in Georgia, she adds. To all the students from across the state who participated in this year's Nurse's Day and to professors Charles and Warren, Clayton State's College of Health and the 51 senior nurses from Clayton State who will forever be changed by the impact they were able to be exposed to at this year's event.

"Here's to you and the changes you will make for the future of the nursing profession!" says Eichelberger.

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ners, and hold a benefit auction. Also planned is a special private viewing of an IMAX movie.

The Alumni Association will continue to accept nominations for its 2011 Outstanding Alumni Awards until Friday, Mar. 25. To nominate a deserving alumnus, please visit [www.clayton.edu/alumniawards](http://www.clayton.edu/alumniawards).

Information on purchasing tickets will be released next week. All Clayton State alumni, faculty/staff, students and friends of the University are invited to the dinner. For more information and sponsorship opportunities, please contact the Clayton State Office of Alumni Relations at (678) 466-4477 or by email at [gidrowell@clayton.edu](mailto:gidrowell@clayton.edu).



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### “Joyful Noise”

Left: Filming for the upcoming film, “Joyful Noise” took place on Clayton State’s Campus Feb. 25. The film stars Queen Latifah and Dolly Parton.

The campus was “transformed” into a military campus. The movie is about a small town choir that Latifah and Parton’s characters band together and have differing opinions on how to run the choir prior to a national competition.■

## Across the Campus...

### Arts & Sciences

The College of Arts and Science is now accepting nominations for the 2010 – 2011 Teacher of the Year Award. Faculty members, staff and students may nominate any lecturer, tenure-track or tenured faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences for the award. Help recognize teaching excellence at Clayton State University by submitting your nomination to Eugene Ngezem, chair of the Teacher of the Year Committee, at [EugeneNgezem@clayton.edu](mailto:EugeneNgezem@clayton.edu). The deadline for letters of nomination is 5 p.m. on Mar. 18.

### Athletics

They were the “Dynamic Duo” this season for the Clayton State Laker men’s basketball team. Now the postseason honors are rolling in for both Timmy Downs and Brandon Robinson. Fresh off being selected first team All-Peach Belt Conference last week, both Downs and Robinson were selected to the Daktronics Division II All-Southeast Region team, which was released on Wednesday. Downs was a first team selection, while Robinson was selected second team All-Southeast Region.

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The No. 11-ranked Clayton State Laker women’s tennis team took a break from Peach Belt Conference play on Tuesday with a non-conference showdown at NAIA powerhouse Auburn-Montgomery. The Lakers put up a battle, but dropped a 7-2 decision to the Lady Senators, who are ranked No. 2 in the nation in the NAIA. Clayton State falls to 4-3 overall, while Auburn-Montgomery improves to 6-1 overall. Clayton State won one match each in singles and in doubles, and both were by forfeits. Jessica Budd picked up the singles victory at No. 6, and she and teammate Charlotte Fabricius won at No. 3 in doubles. Perhaps the best match was in doubles, where the No. 2 Laker team of Katie White and Marie Cercelletti dropped a tough 9-8 decision against Auburn-Montgomery’s Kveta Hajkova and Jade Curtis.

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The Peach Belt Conference announced its postseason honors for men’s basketball on Friday, and it was a special night for the

Clayton State Lakers. Laker guards Brandon Robinson and Timmy Downs each were selected first team All-Peach Belt Conference, which was selected by the Peach Belt Conference head coaches. This marks the first time ever that Clayton State has had two players selected first team All-Peach Belt in men’s basketball. Robinson and Downs have been the top two scorers in the Peach Belt all season, rotating more than once between first and second. Robinson currently leads the Peach Belt in scoring at 20.4 points a game, while Downs is a close second at 19.6 points a game.

### NTSO

NTSO is holding a “Create Our Logo” contest during the month of March and we need the Laker Campus Community to brand us. The contest deadline for hard-copy submission is Thursday, Mar. 31 at 7 p.m. The winning logo will be announced on Friday, Apr. 15. Designs may be delivered to NTSO at SAC Box 83 or contact Diana Peters @ [dpeters2@student.clayton.edu](mailto:dpeters2@student.clayton.edu) to make other arrangements or for further information.

### National Archives at Atlanta

On Saturday, Apr. 16, the National Archives at Atlanta is hosting a Civil War Program, featuring a morning symposium and an afternoon display of Civil War artifacts and heirlooms entitled “Civil War Treasures in Your Nation’s Attic” (an Antiques Roadshow-type event) to be filmed by Georgia Public Broadcasting. The URL for the Civil War Program is <http://www.archives.gov/southeast/public/2011-civil-war-program.html>.

### Women’s History

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## Clayton State Student Wins \$10,000 with Free Ticket



A free ticket was the winning prescription for a pre-nursing student at Clayton State University. Latrice Bell, 35, won \$10,000 with a free Georgia Lottery Black ticket.

Bell was on her way to the main campus in Morrow when she stopped for gas and redeemed a free ticket she won the previous day.

She was running late and scratched the ticket after class.

“I was really, really excited,” said Bell, who claimed her prize on the afternoon of Friday, Feb. 18. “I was shocked and excited.”

A resident of Jackson, Ga., Bell has two daughters, ages 14 and eight.

“I’m going to pay some bills and get my kids some things they wanted at Christmas that I didn’t have the money to get,” she said. ■

## Life’s Transitions

Elena Zimmerman, professor of English at Clayton State in the 70’s and 80’s, passed away at the age of 88 in January 2011. A resident of Knoxville, Tn., she was a member of the CSRA in 2007.

## Sports....

# Clayton State Drops 87-68 PBC Quarterfinal at Georgia Southwestern

By Lee Wright, Sports Information

Playing at Georgia Southwestern for the second time in 72 hours, the Clayton State Lakers could not overcome a torrid shooting second half by the Hurricanes as Georgia Southwestern downed the Lakers 87-68 in the Peach Belt Conference quarterfinals last Tuesday at the Storm Dome.

The defeat ended Clayton State's season at 19-10.

"You just can't keep playing from behind, and we've done a good job of that this season," said Clayton State head coach Gordon Gibbons. "But I thought Georgia Southwestern was more motivated after Saturday (an 80-72 Laker victory), and it showed. But these guys have had a heck of a year."

Guard Brandon Robinson tied his career-high with 31 points on 4-for-7 shooting from 3-point range to go with nine rebounds. Fellow senior Timmy Downs

scored 17 points with five assists.

However, the Lakers could not overcome the second half Hurricane onslaught. Georgia Southwestern shot 56 percent from the field in the second half, including a whopping 8-for-11 (73 percent from 3-point range). The main culprit was senior forward Trayce Macon, who scored 29 second-half points on six 3-point baskets.

Clayton State cut the Hurricane lead to 40-37 on a free throw by Downs at the 15:44 mark. From there, it was all Georgia Southwestern as the Hurricanes went on a 16-2 run over the next four minutes.

Macon started the rally with a 3-point basket, and he scored 11 points during the time span. Macon connected on another 3-point basket to stretch the Hurricane lead to 13 points, and his 3-point play gave Georgia Southwestern a 55-39 lead with 11:13 remaining. Macon wasn't finished,

either, as he connected on two more 3-point baskets, giving the Hurricanes their largest lead of the contest 69-46 at the 7:48 mark.

"Georgia Southwestern played extremely patient and well in the middle of the second half," Gibbons said. "We were not as effective offensively during that stretch, and they got some great shots. Once we got down, we just could not seem to mount that comeback."

The closest Clayton State could cut the Georgia Southwestern lead was 15 points. Robinson connected on two straight 3-point baskets to trim the Hurricane lead to 74-59 with five minutes remaining.

For Georgia Southwestern, Macon scored a career-high 32 points, followed by Colin Slotter with 23 points and Evan Mobley with 11 points. ■

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# Clayton State Takes Numerous Peach Belt Postseason Awards for Women's Basketball

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

On the eve of the Peach Belt Conference Tournament, the No. 1-ranked Clayton State Lakers earned numerous Peach Belt Conference postseason honors for women's basketball.



Guard Tanisha Woodard and forward Teshymia Tillman were each selected first team All-Peach Belt Conference, while Woodard was also honored as the Peach Belt Conference Defensive Player of the Year. Also, Laker head coach Dennis Cox was selected as the Peach Belt Conference Coach of the Year. This marks the second straight season that Tillman has been selected first team All-

PBC, while Woodard was a third-team selection last season. It's the second PBC Coach of the Year honor for Cox.



Tillman, a 5-foot-9 senior from High Point, N.C., was once again the Lakers' leading scorer this season, averaging 15 points and five rebounds a game during the regular season, while shooting 52 percent from the field. Her best performance was a season-high 27 points on 11-for-14 shooting from the field against Francis Marion. Tillman also scored 24 points in the Lakers' thrilling two-point victory over then-No. 1-ranked Lander.

Woodard, a 5-10 junior from Rome, Ga., becomes the first Clayton State to earn an individual postseason Peach Belt award since Apryl Brown was honored as PBC Freshman of the Year in 2001-02. She proved to be arguably the top defensive player in the Peach Belt this season with her size, athleticism, quickness, speed and ball anticipation. Woodard is currently ranked second in the Peach Belt in steals at 3.2 steals a game. In addition, she is ranked 13th in the nation in steals, and set the Clayton State career mark for steals currently with 283.

Offensively, Woodard is averaging 12 points and five rebounds a game to go

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ever fielded by that basketball power, and still holding a 29-3 record and the sixth spot in the DII rankings. No one, least of all Cox, expected the Lakers to blow open a three point halftime lead with

14 straight points in less than three minutes midway through the second half.

"It's a shame one of these two teams has to lose," said Cox in the afternoon before the game.

This time, like the first time, it wasn't Clayton State. After a game where superlatives abounded, the Lakers will advance to the Elite Eight to be held in St. Joseph, Mo., on Mar. 22, Mar. 23 and Mar. 25. The 32 victories by Clayton State is the most in a season by a Peach Belt Conference women's program.

Although Teshymia Tillman, playing her final game on her home floor, was once again brilliant, earning the tournament MVP trophy with 19 points, including the 1000th of her two-year career at Clayton State, she shared the spotlight with reserve center Kayla Mobley, who led the Lakers with a game-high 21 points on 8-for-9 shooting from the floor. Reserve point guard Drameka Griggs, like Mobley exemplifying the depth of Cox' highly athletic team, added another 12.

Lander was led by Brittni Johnson's 14 points while the Lakers held Bearcat superstar Shannon McKeever to 10 points.

With 9:55 left in the game and holding a 49-44 lead, Tillman's three pointer ignited a 14-0 run that gave Clayton a 63-45 lead at 7:23. In all, Tillman scored nine of the 14 points in the game's decisive stretch, and Lander never got closer than 11 afterwards.

Although known for its full-court pressure defense, Clayton State won this time out with its shooting. While tallying "just" nine steals against the Bearcats, the Lakers still shot 54.7 percent from the

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## Clayton State Places 12 on Inaugural USTFCCA Indoor All-Southeast Region Team

By Lee Wright, Sports Information

This is the first season for Indoor Track and Field All-Region honors by the USTFCCA (United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association), and the Clayton State Lakers placed 12 athletes on this year's inaugural All-Southeast Region squad.

Selected for the Laker men were Charles Anderson, Ayrton Azcue, Ricky Fort, Albert Mong'ony, Shelby Russell and Edlin Veras. Representing the Clayton State women were Monique Belmudes, Chelsea Ellis, Paige Galvin, Masiah Hutchinson, Jhaquil Richardson and Samantha Walling.

"There are few opportunities in track & field to be recognized and this new All-

Region award adds purpose to the season," said Clayton State head coach Mike Mead. "This is a nice honor for our bunch that had a solid indoor season. All of our kids who earned the award are well deserving of it."

Clayton State opens its outdoor season on Mar. 18 at the Georgia Tech Intercollegiate. ■

### Trivia Time

"On-On!"

By John Shiffert,  
University Relations

It's the call of the Hash House Harriers – the only international running club (with chapters literally all over the world), founded in Kuala Lumpur in the late 1930's by a bunch of bored British expatriates.

With nothing better to do, these Brits decided to re-create the old kids' game, "Hare and Hounds," wherein one individual would lay out a course, and the rest of the group would then be constrained to try and follow it. The fortunate runner who found the correct trail would cry out, "on, on!"

Since this group was affiliated with the British Army, they typically started and finished their runs at the commissary – a dining hall that served rather undistinguished fare. In other words, it was a "hash house." And thus the name, the Hash House Harriers, often shortened to just "The Hash."

Well, in the past 75 years or so, the Hash has spread all over the world, starting in the United States in Washington, DC,

with its third U.S. chapter being the fabled Philadelphia Hash House Harriers. At the same time, the Hash also became known as, "the drinking club with a running problem." (You get the idea...) One of the very early Philly Hashers, the renowned Ed "Chickenman" Purdy, had the first correct answer to the question, but he was forced to recuse himself, for having insider information. Thus, the official first correct answer came from Scott McElroy. And what an answer it was...

"I participated in some hash events when I was in school at Georgia Southern with some friends down in Savannah."

For answering the unanswerable, for admitting the unadmittable, and for actually having been a hasher, McElroy becomes the first person to ever earn 10 Bonus Trivia Points at one time. On-on, Scott.

Subsequent correct answers came from Scott Bassett, Rob Taylor, Jeremy Carter, Tom Eddins, and B.D. Stillion.

In honor of the 2011 NCAA Southeast Regional being held at Clayton State – who was the leading scorer for Clayton State in the 2007 Final Four game against Florida Gulf Coast? ■

# Clayton State Earns USTFCCA Academic Honors for Cross Country

By Lee Wright, Sports Information

The Clayton State men's and women's cross country programs have been honored for their strong academic performances by the USTFCCA (United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association). The Lakers had three runners earn Division II All-Academic honors along with a scholar team award.

Earning Division II All-Academic honors on the men's side for Clayton State was Fidelis Mutiso, while Kourtney Aylor and Paige Galvin were honored on the women's side. In addition, the Clayton State men's team was honored as a Division II All-Academic team with a cumulative team grade-point average of 3.13.

This is the first national All-Academic honor for Mutiso, while Aylor and Galvin are honored for a second straight season.



Mutiso, a senior from Nairobi, Kenya, finished his stellar Laker career by earning All-Peach Belt Conference and Division II All-Southeast Region honors for a second

straight season. He also qualified for the NCAA Division II National Championships for a second straight season. Mutiso is a Biology major with a cumulative GPA of 3.31.



Aylor, a junior from Burnet, Tx., earned All-Peach Belt Conference honors for a second straight season, finishing 11th at the conference championships. She also finished 22nd at the

Division II Southeast Regionals.

Galvin, a sophomore from Bremen, Il., finished 20th at the Peach Belt Conference championships. Both runners earned Peach Belt Conference All-Academic honors as well.



Aylor is a Biology major with a 3.70 cumulative GPA, while Galvin has a 3.62 cumulative GPA. ■

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with 123 assists, 94 steals and 33 blocked shots during the regular season. She has scored in double-figures in all but nine games this season, with three games scoring 20 or more points. One of those was a career-high 24 points against Brevard. She also set the Clayton State single-game assist mark with 12 on two occasions.

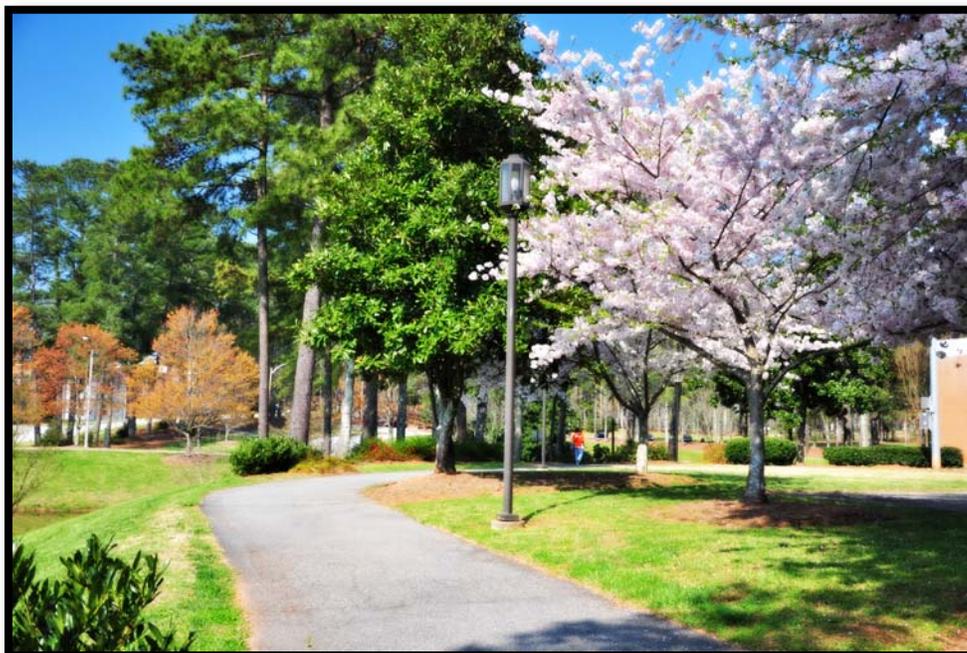
Cox is in his seventh season at the Laker helm, and has led Clayton State to currently its best season yet, including a perfect 17-0 in regular season Peach Belt Conference play. In addition, Cox won his fourth Peach Belt Conference regular season championship in his tenure at Clayton State.

At 178-44, Cox has a winning percentage of .802, making him the second-winningest active head coach at the Division II level. He was previously PBC Coach of the Year in the 2006-07 season when he paced the Lakers to the NCAA Division II "Final Four." ■

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floor (29-53), scoring six more baskets in what turned out to be the game's key statistic.

Joining Tillman on the all-tournament team were Lander's Johnson and Ciara Lyons, Clayton State's Griggs, Barton's Janetta Robinson and USC Aiken's Kayla Harris. ■



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