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Everything You Wanted to Know About Clayton State's Homecoming

by Gid Rowell, Alumni Relations

Everything you wanted to know about Clayton State's Homecoming (but didn't know where to ask...)

Homecoming T-Shirts

Available in the University Bookstore

The official 2007 Clayton State Homecoming T-shirt is now available for purchase in the University Bookstore for \$10. T-shirts will also be available for purchase at all Homecoming events.

Campus Basketball Shootout

On Friday afternoon, Oct. 26, at 2 p.m., a Campus Basketball Challenge is scheduled with a faculty/staff and student game in the Athletics & Fitness Center. At half-time of the contest, teams of three are welcome to participate in a free throw shooting, layup and dribbling competition.

Women's Basketball Alumni Game

On Friday evening, Oct. 26, at 8 p.m., the 12th-ranked Clayton State women's basketball team will welcome former players and alumni back for a game, pitting former Laker players against this year's team. Students, faculty/staff and friends of Laker Basketball are welcomed to attend. Admission is free, and the game will be held in the Athletics & Fitness Center.

Clayton State is coming off a banner 29-6 2006/07 season in which the Lakers won both the Peach Belt Conference regular season and tournament championships, and advanced to the "Final Four" of the NCAA Division II National Tournament.

Alumni Pancake Brunch

Homecoming Saturday (Oct. 27) will

once again start with a long-standing favorite, the Alumni Pancake Breakfast, only this year, it will be the Alumni Pancake Brunch & Reunion. The Brunch, which is free to students, faculty/staff and friends of the University, will begin at 11 a.m. in the Atrium of the Harry S. Downs Center and continue until 2 p.m. The Alumni Association also has several groups that are planning reunion activities during this time in the Downs Center.

Laker Fest

On Saturday afternoon, Oct. 27, Homecoming activities will shift to the "Laker Fest" from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the soccer fields. The Laker Fest will include music, food and fun activities. The event

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Former USG Interim Chancellor Joins Clayton State Administration

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Corlis P. Cummings, formerly the interim chancellor of the University System of Georgia (USG), joined the administration of Clayton State University on Tuesday, Oct. 23 as special assistant to Clayton State President Dr. Thomas K. Harden.

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia appointed Cummings to serve as the USG's interim chancellor in August 2005. She took office on Oct. 1, 2005 and remained in that position until present chancellor Erroll B. Davis, Jr., assumed his duties on Feb. 6, 2006.

Prior to her appointment at Clayton State, Cummings and Harden had identified a number of opportunities wherein her expertise in higher education law and her

past experience with the University System of Georgia could benefit the University. As special assistant to the president Cummings expects to serve in a number of capacities, including assisting Dr. Michael Buda, Clayton State's executive director for Human Resources & Legal Affairs, in the establishment of a legal affairs office for the University. She will also assist Harden in strategic and long-range planning, especially in issues associated with matching the University's



Corlis P. Cummings

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Clayton State University to Hold Dual Fall Commencement Ceremonies for the First Time

Clayton State University's increasing number of graduates has made it necessary for the University to make a change in its fall commencement. For the first time since the University instituted the fall ceremony in 1999, Clayton State will hold two separate graduations.

The Fall 2007 Commencement Ceremony will be held in the Clayton State Athletics & Fitness Center on

Thursday, Dec. 13. The first ceremony will be held at 3 p.m. for graduates from the College of Arts & Sciences and College of Information and Mathematical Sciences. Then, at 7 p.m., a second ceremony will be held for the School of Business, School of Nursing and College of Professional Studies.

A total of approximately 460 students are eligible to graduate, and Clayton State

Registrar Rebecca Gmeiner expects that roughly 150 students will attend each of the two ceremonies. Even with two ceremonies, seating in the Athletics & Fitness Center will be limited and tickets will be issued to each graduate. ■

Foundation Golf Tournament Raises \$11,000 for Honors Program

by John Shiffert, University Relations

The Clayton State University Foundation helped create opportunities for Clayton State students at the Annual Clayton State University Foundation Town/Gown Golf Tournament on Oct. 22 at the award-winning Crystal Lake Country Club.

The tournament, which featured 16 foursomes, benefited the Clayton State University Honors Program, which creates opportunities for students to get a step ahead in developing their academic and leadership skills. Involvement in the Honors program offers students unique opportunities to make the most of their

college experience and distinguish themselves in preparation for a career or graduate school.

In addition to raising some \$11,000 for the Honors Program, the tournament also featured plenty of raffle prizes and a goodie bag for every golfer. Thus, while the Med Cross Imaging PC team had the low round of the day, a 55, the real winners were the Clayton State Honors students – who also helped out on the course – and the golfers who braved rainy conditions to have a good time for a good cause.

Further back in the pack (finishing sixth and seventh), the teams led by Director of Development Reda Rowell and Director of Alumni Relations Gid Rowell fought a fierce battle for supremacy among the Clayton State entries. Spurred on by Vice President of Business & Operations David Heflin, the Development team edged out the Alumni squad in a tie-breaker, despite the inspired play of Alumni Association President Shawn Nelson and former Alumni Association President Dina Swearngin, who both carried the Alumni team throughout the day.



Clayton State's alumni participated in the tournament. (L to R) Paul Nelson, alumna Shawn Nelson, alumna Dina Swearngin, and Director of Alumni Relations Gid Rowell.

Right behind the two Rowells was the Armed Forces team, led by Brigadier General (Ret.) and Vice President of External Relations Steve Stephens and his son-in-law, Kevin Henderson. Marygrace Surma, program coordinator for the Department of Teacher Education and member of the fourth place foursome, received two honors for the women when she won the "longest drive" and "closest to the pin" contests. Making good use of a ringer from the Laker golf team (Neil McBrite), Stephens, et al, defeated the Athletic Department entry led by AD Mason Barfield, basketball coach Gordon Gibbons and trivia master Tom Eddins, and the Executive entry, led by President Dr. Thomas K. Harden. ■

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The Man of All Trades: Tom Eddins to Retire after 25 years at Clayton State

by Sara Wheeler, University Relations

A blacksmith, wood worker, golfer, avid motorcyclist, and experienced trivia player, it seems that Professor Tom Eddins has no room for teaching. In this case, it is certainly not true. Eddins, associate professor of Drafting and Design in the College of Professional Studies, is retiring this month after 25 years at Clayton State University.

He began his career at Clayton State in September 1982, and has been the faculty athletic representative for Clayton State for 14 years. Eddins is a huge supporter of Clayton State athletics, and says he will continue to come to the games after his retirement.

In 1992 Eddins received the Outstanding Technical Teacher of the Year Award from the American Technical Education Association. Clayton State's coordinator

for the Georgia Occupational Award of Leadership (G.O.A.L. program) for 20 years, he has also interviewed candidates each year for the Governor's Honors Program.

Eddins grew up in Frankfurt, Ky., and attended Eastern Kentucky University. He then attained his Master's at Virginia Tech, and later his Ph.D. at Georgia State University. When he heard about the teaching position available at Clayton State, and was honored to become a part of the University.

When asked what he has enjoyed about teaching at Clayton State he says, "I will miss the students I have met and taught over the years. Clayton State has an excellent placement rate. Most of my former students have become productive members of society."



Eddins is the one with the short ears.

He has been married to his wife, Nancy, for 37 years and has two children, Stephanie and James. Eddins says he will

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2007 an Excellent Year for Clayton State Dental Hygiene Program

Although there are still two months left to go in 2007, there can be no doubt that the current year has been a good one for the Clayton State University Dental Hygiene program.

The Department of Dental Hygiene, part of the University's College of Professional Studies, graduated 27 dental hygiene students in the spring of 2007. Twenty-five of the 27 successfully passed the National Dental Hygiene written boards on their first attempt. This is a 93 percent pass rate and exceeds the national pass rate average.

The program anticipates an increase in student enrollment as a result of the clinical facility renovations being planned. The program will be able to admit 40 new students each year instead of 28. Enrollment is currently limited due to the number of clinical stations. Stations will increase from 14 to 20 in the new plan. More than 110 students applied for the fall 2007 class.

Enrollment in the new RDH-BSDH completion tract program is excellent. Interest

in this program is growing and the six clinical intern positions available in the clinical portion are filled for the fall of 2007. This program was first available in the fall of 2006 and is designed to accommodate the schedule of the employed dental hygienist.

The dental hygiene clinic at Clayton State University was a site for the CRDTS (Central Regional Dental Testing Services) examination in April, 2007. The University was also the site for dental examiner calibration prior to the examination.

The dental hygiene program received another serve and learn® sub-grant from the Morehouse School of Medicine in 2007, an increase from \$1500 in 2006 to \$10,000 in 2007. The grant is used to support service learning projects by dental hygiene students. The program anticipates a continued partnership between Morehouse and Clayton State University.

The Department of Dental Hygiene received \$235,124 in 2007 for Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students from the Department of Health Resources and Services

Administration. This is an increase of more than \$115,000 from the previous year.

The dental hygiene faculty and students continue to represent the Clayton State University Department of Dental Hygiene in many outreach situations. Faculty and students recently presented poster presentations and a table clinic at the annual session of the American Dental Hygienists' Association in New Orleans.

Individually, Department Head of Dental Hygiene, Dr. Susan Duley, was selected as one of the 20 national fellows of the American Dental Education Association for the 2007/08 academic year. Duley was also appointed as a commissioner to the



Dr. Susan Duley

American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation. She will serve as a site visitor to dental hygiene programs across the country. ■

Development/Alumni

FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS



1st Place: Dr. K. Lee, Andy Scheider, Ben Massengale, Randall Rozier



2nd Place: Tim Crawford, Cory Morehead, Joe Forrest, Josh Lukasik



3rd Place: Bill Davenport, Kenneth Kelly, Lewis Coggins, Al Lewis

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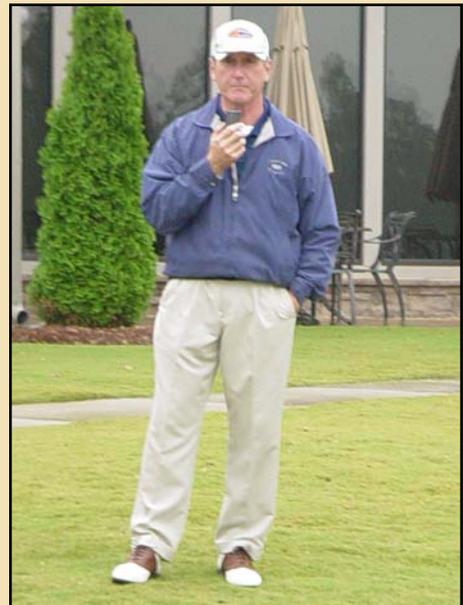
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President Dr. Thomas K. Harden

Spivey Hall Names Susan Volkert Marketing Manager

Spivey Hall Executive & Artistic Director Sam Dixon is pleased to announce the appointment of Susan L. Volkert as marketing manager of Spivey Hall, effective Oct. 22.

Volkert has been a member of the Clayton State University staff since 2005, serving in the position of marketing manager for the University's Continuing Education Division. Prior to joining the Clayton State staff, she was marketing manager for Klotz Digital America of Norcross, Ga., and served in the broadcast industry. She earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Georgia and has more than 20 years experience providing professional graphic design, photography and promotional services for a variety of fields.

"We're delighted to welcome Susan Volkert to the Spivey Hall staff," says Dixon.

"In addition to her extensive marketing and design experience, Sue is also a harpist. Her understanding of music and her marketing skills will help attract new audiences to Spivey Hall's performances by outstanding international musicians, expand participation in our award-winning education programs, and heighten the profile of Spivey Hall in metro Atlanta and beyond," Dixon concludes. ■

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enjoy spending more time with his grandchildren, Bailey, 5, and Jacob, 7.

When asked what he plans to do after retirement, an Eddins-type of response, he said, "Go to work... If you see me on the side of the road, please stop and buy some donuts and roses." ■

**What Marks
the Beginning of an Ending?
RETIREMENT PARTY!!**



Clayton State University's
College of Professional Studies
cordially invites you to come and to celebrate the
retirement party honoring:

Dr. Amelia Broussard (*Health Care Management*)
and
Dr. Tom Eddins (*Drafting and Design*)

When: Tuesday, November 6, 2007
Where: Technology Building Lobby
Time: 2 pm—4 pm

Kevin Fitzgerald Nominated for Clean Air Campaign's 2007 PACE Awards

Kevin Fitzgerald, a staff member of Clayton State University's Office of Information Technology & Services, was recently nominated for a new PACE Award, the Commuter Champion Award.

The Clean Air Campaign, which presents the PACE Awards, nominated Fitzgerald for the new award, because he bikes to work practically every day and is an advocate of the environment. The PACE Awards were held at the Georgia Aquarium on Thursday, Oct. 18.

The Commuter Champion Award is presented to an individual who does not have an official responsibility to develop or execute commute options programs, but who has made significant contributions in reducing traffic congestion and improving air quality by promoting commute options to his/her peers. The winner exhibits leadership, enthusiasm and creativity, and inspires others to try commute alterna-



Kevin Fitzgerald and Public Safety's Joan Murphy ride the bicycle built for two.

tives and to participate in commuter programs. Although Fitzgerald did not win the overall award, he was recognized as a champion by, among others, Clayton State Director of Public Safety Bruce Homes.

"You are a champion," said Holmes. "Receiving a nomination and being considered with the others is truly an amazing accomplishment! I am glad that you were

able to enjoy the event with your family and have an opportunity to be recognized for what you do!"

"Clayton State has won three different Pace Awards since 2000, and we were hoping for a fourth this year," noted Public Safety's Joan Murphy. "But to be nominated by The Clean Air Campaign for one of the awards is definitely an award in itself!"

How did Fitzgerald get to the aquarium for the awards, since biking on the Connector would be rather problematic?

"I used C-Tran and Marta both ways. It worked out well," he said. ■

Across the Campus...

Athletics

Fresh off the best season in program history, expectations are once again for the Clayton State Laker women's basketball. That was evident by the Division II Bulletin's Preseason National Top 25 Poll, which has Clayton State ranked 12th in the nation – the highest preseason national ranking ever for a Laker women's basketball team. Clayton State is coming off a banner 29-6 season in 2006-07 in which the Lakers won both the Peach Belt Conference regular season and tournament championships, and advanced to the "Final Four" of the NCAA Division II National Tournament.



Shantel Ragin

Clayton State's Shantel Ragin is one of the six players selected to the preseason Peach Belt Conference All-Conference women's basketball team.

The Clayton State Laker men's soccer team swept the weekly Peach Belt Conference honors on Tuesday as Tony Madegwa was selected Peach Belt Offensive Player of the Week, and Alex Sethi was honored as the Defensive Player of the Week. It's the third and fourth time, respectively, that Clayton State has earned a weekly Peach Belt honor in men's soccer. A senior forward from Nairobi, Kenya, Madegwa spearheaded a Laker attack in Clayton State's two victories last week. He tied the Clayton State single-game mark for assists and also scored a goal in the Lakers' 8-1 rout over North Greenville last Tuesday, and then scored the game-winning goal in Clayton State's thrilling 2-1 victory at Lander on Saturday. A freshman from Buckinghamshire, England, Sethi helped



Tony Madegwa



Alex Sethi

spearhead the vaunted Clayton State defense in both games last week as the Lakers surrendered only two goals and a combined total of 12 shots. In addition, he also recorded an assist in each game, including the first goal of the game against Lander.

Coming off a tough semifinal defeat on at

Trick or Treat with Women's Forum

Join us for a special
Women's Forum luncheon!

Oct. 31, 2007

12:00 noon to 1:30 pm

Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education,
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Marilyn Haas

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or call (678) 466-4475.

Menu

Caesar Salad | Pasta | Choice of Meat and Non-meat Sauce | Green Vegetable |
Bread Sticks | Special Halloween Desserts | Iced Tea/Water

the ITA Small College National Championships, Clayton State's Julia Chergova and Anna Redecsi aimed to salvage the weekend by winning the consolation finals in Division II women's doubles. However, the Laker duo dropped a tough 6-3, 3-6, 10-5 decision in the consolation finals to Lynn's Alex Schenk and Vici Weltz at the Copeland-Cox Tennis

Across the Campus...



Women's Forum
Clayton State University

Mark your calendars for the *Women's Forum* Online Auction & Chili Cook-Off

Wednesday, Nov. 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Online Auction

The goal of the Clayton State's Women's Forum is to award scholarships and to build the forum's Scholarship Endowment. To make this goal a reality, the Fundraising Committee is sponsoring an Online Auction from Nov. 1 to Nov. 14.

On Nov. 14, computers will be available in the University Center Commons for you to bid on your favorite items!



Chili Cook-Off

Come heat up and cool down with the best Chili in town! If you have a great Chili recipe, bring your best pot and compete!

Chili will be for sale during the Online Auction on Nov. 14. For only \$5, you can choose your favorite bowl of chili, complete with chips, drink and a dessert!

To view the items up for bid, visit the Women's Forum Website:
http://adminservices.clayton.edu/wom_forum/news/onlineauction.htm

To enter your chili in the Chili Cook-Off visit:
http://adminservices.clayton.edu/wom_forum/default.htm

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Center. The defeat placed Chergova and Redecsi in fourth place overall in the ITA Small College National Championships for Division II doubles. Last season, the duo advanced to the championship finals.

The Clayton State Laker men's golf concluded its 2007 fall season on Tuesday by

finishing 10th at the Indian Bayou Classic, host by North Alabama, at the Indian Bayou Golf Club. The tournament was marred by inclement weather, and Monday's first round was cancelled. Playing a revised one-round event, the Lakers fired a 305 for their third Top 10 finish in their five fall tournaments. Individually for Clayton State, Will

Wilcox recorded fourth Top 10 finish of the fall by shooting a 1-under par 71 to wind up tied for fourth overall. The Lakers' junior finished two strokes off the pace of individual medalist Patrick Wilson from Lander.

Bookstore

The University Bookstore will host its Annual Halloween Costume Contest on Wednesday, Oct. 31. Come join us for loads of "ghoulish" fun and laughs as our wicked panel of judges select the best costumes in both Student and Faculty / Staff categories (Most original, Spookiest and "Oh no you didn't!"). Prizes will be awarded for first place and runner-up. The revelry will begin at 3 p.m. in front of the Bookstore.

City of Morrow

The City of Morrow will be having a new Christmas event, which will take place on Saturday, Dec. 1, from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. The event is called "Christmas in the Park" and will take place in Milton Daniel Park, which is adjacent to Morrow City Hall at 1500 Morrow Rd. in Morrow.

Counseling Services

The Clayton State University Office of Counseling Services and Securus House, Clayton County's battered women shelter, will pay tribute to the men, women and children who have lost their lives at the hands of loved ones in 2006/07 on Monday, Oct. 29. The University's Second Annual Vigil for Domestic Violence will start at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 29 in the plaza in front of the University's James M. Baker Center. All interested parties are invited to participate. For more information, contact Elaina Chance in Clayton State Counseling Services at elainachance@clayton.edu or (678) 466-5406.

Dental Hygiene

The American Dental Hygienists' Association and the Clayton State Department of Dental Hygiene have declared October to be National Dental Hygiene Month with the theme: "A Healthy Smile Lasts a Lifetime," recognizing the importance of adolescent oral health care. As part of the 2007 Clayton

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State University Homecoming Celebration, Clayton State dental hygiene students will be advocating for good oral health on campus. Students will provide toothbrushes, toothpaste and dental floss to students, faculty and staff. As part of National Dental Hygiene Month, Dr. W. Gail Barnes of the Clayton State Dental Hygiene Department urges everyone to make an appointment with Clayton State's public dental hygiene clinic (678-466-4920) and join the dental hygiene students, faculty and staff in recognizing the contributions of the dental hygiene profession and the importance of preventive oral health care.

Health & Fitness Management

Cecil Thomas Threat, Jr., MPH, CDC acting deputy country director for the Global AIDS Program – Pretoria, will be lecturing on job opportunities with the CDC and "The Public Health Challenges in Implementing the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) in Resource Limited Countries" in a special presentation on Monday, Nov. 5 at Clayton State University. Speaking under the auspices of Clayton State's Health & Fitness Management Program, Threat will be making a 50-minute presentation in room 220 of the University's Technology Building, starting at 1:30 p.m. According to Dr. Melanie Poudevigne, Health & Fitness Management Program coordinator, Threat's address is for the entire Clayton State campus, and is open to the public as well. For more information, contact Poudevigne at (678) 466-4937.

Information & Mathematical Sciences

Jeff Chastine, associate professor of Information Technology recently returned from Arequipa, Peru where he was invited to speak to 1,200 students, faculty and businessmen at a Technology Congress on "The Role of Information Technology, and the Social Impact of Technology."

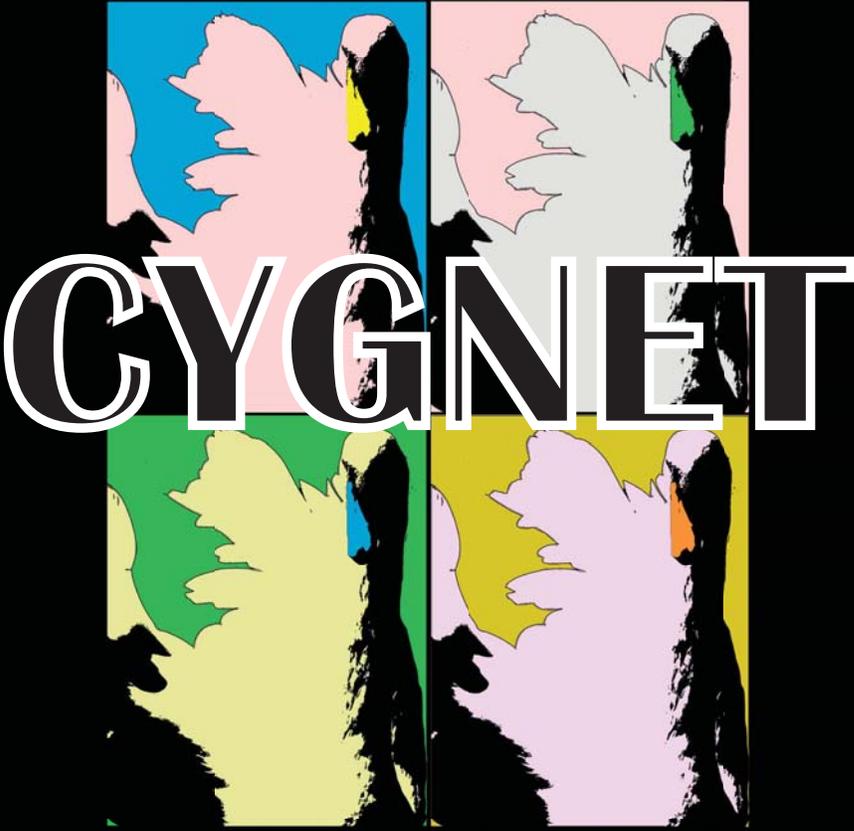
Library

Dr. Gordon Baker, Clayton State director of Libraries, was presented the Georgia Library Association's (GLA) Bob Richardson Award at the GLA State Conference last week. In addition, Kara

CYGNET is accepting submissions for its 2008 edition.

Deadline: November 15, 2007

For submission details visit <http://a-s.clayton.edu/langlit/> and click on "Submission Guidelines for Cygnet."



CYGNET

FOR LITERATURE SUBMISSIONS, submit TWO typed copies of each piece (12pt, Times New Roman, single spaced) to Jill Sears (Arts and Sciences Building, G210).

POETRY: Submit 3 poems of a total of 5 pages maximum. All poetry submissions will be entered into the Poetry Palooza Student Contest, unless otherwise specified by the author. The authors of the winning poems will be invited to read at the CYGNET launching party in April.

FICTION: Submit one short story or short-short story of a total of 3000 words maximum.

CREATIVE NONFICTION: Submit one literary essay or a short-short literary essay of 3000 words maximum.

Students may submit one piece in each genre. Submitting a particular piece to CYGNET does not preclude students to submit the same piece to the Stanley Cyrus Awards in Creative Writing.

Address CREATIVE WRITING SUBMISSION QUESTIONS to Dr. Brigitte Byrd at BrigitteByrd@clayton.edu.

FOR ART SUBMISSIONS, contact Alan Xie at AlanXie@clayton.edu.

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Mullen was the recipient of one of the five Georgia Library Association's Paraprofessional Grants.

Nurse Managed Clinic

Flu shots are available from the Nurse Managed Clinic during the clinic's regular hours in room 211 of the Clayton State Student Center. The clinic hours are:

Monday - 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Tuesday to Thursday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Friday -- 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. For flu shot appointments, call (678) 466-4940. The cost for a flu shot is: students \$15; Clayton State faculty and staff \$17; and \$23 for the public.

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University System of Georgia

The USG has just posted on its website an annual publication called Health Plan Update, containing news about the ongoing open-enrollment period for the health insurance benefits offered by the University System of Georgia. It can be found at <http://www.usg.edu>. The click on employment, then employee benefits, then health insurance and then Health Plan Updates.

Got News?

Send your campus news to
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Chili Cook Off Set for November 14

The Fourth Annual Chili Cook Off, sponsored by the Women's Forum, will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 14 from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. (or the chili runs out) in the Baker Center Commons area in front of the bookstore. Proceeds from the sale of the

chili go to the Women's Forum Scholarship Fund.

For questions about participation, call Betty Haripar (who promises to supply the Roloids) at (678) 466-4602 or email bettyharipar@clayton.edu. ■

See the ad on p. 7 for more information

FOGA Used and Rare Book Sale Next Week

The Friends of the Georgia Archives (FOGA) will host its Third Annual Used and Rare Book Sale at the Georgia Archives from Nov. 1 to Nov. 3.

The sales will be open to the public on Nov. 2 and Nov. 3, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a "Members Only" preview on Nov. 1, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Those who are not members of FOGA can pay a membership fee of \$20 to browse the selection before the public, and bid in a silent auction, also held Nov. 1 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. The sale will include both Genealogy and History books, as well as a vast selection of children's books. ■

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strategic plan to the USG's strategic plan. As a member of the President's Cabinet, Cummings will be an advisor on administrative, policy, procedural and operational issues. She will also analyze information for use in program management, and decision-making accountability reports and presentations. Other duties will include managing projects on behalf of the president, chairing multi-divisional committees (also on behalf of the president), transactional negotiations and management.

"Given her rich background in higher education, I am convinced that she will be an integral part of the institutional advancement of Clayton State University," says Harden.

Previous to her appointment as interim chancellor, Cummings was the University System's senior vice chancellor for Support Services, an area consisting of the offices of Legal Affairs, Human Resources and the Office of Sponsored Funds and Special Projects. As senior vice chancellor for Support Services she was responsible for planning, management,

and guidance of operational and policy aspects of the programs and services provided by those offices.

Prior to her appointment as senior vice chancellor, she held the position of assistant vice chancellor for Legal Affairs. From 1995 until September 2000, Cummings was an attorney with the Board of Regents, where she handled various transactions for the Regents System Office, University System and institutions. She also has worked closely with the Attorney General's office and other state agencies and departments on various projects and initiatives. Cummings has also served on several statewide committees and steering groups, as well as several University System committees.

From 1991 to 1995, Cummings served as assistant city attorney for the City of Atlanta. Prior to that, she was an associate with the South Carolina law firm of Nelson, Mullins, Riley & Scarborough.

"I am very excited to be joining Clayton State University and honored to work with President Harden and others at the

University," says Cummings. "Clayton State is striving to achieve an even higher level of scholarly excellence as a four year institution and I look forward to helping them achieve their strategic goals. I am pleased to continue my service to the System and State by working with the dedicated individuals at Clayton State."

"With the increased sophistication of higher education, an individual like Corlis Cummings who possesses a high level of experience and analytical skills is essential in helping guide an institution like Clayton State in making the decisions that need to be made for our future growth," adds Harden.

A native of Atlanta, Cummings earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Microbiology from the University of Georgia. She attended Washington University School of Law and received her Juris Doctor degree, cum laude, from the University of Georgia. She is a resident of Fayetteville, Ga. ■

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will also feature a "new" Banner Competition. The plan is to display all entered banners at the soccer fields, creating a Homecoming atmosphere for Laker Fest.

Laker Fest will also include a special performance by the Clayton State cheerleading squad, along with performances by several local middle school and elementary school cheerleading squads.

Near the conclusion of Laker Fest, a new tradition will be introduced called the "Laker Walk." Before the men's soccer match, Clayton State fans will be asked to form a "spirit tunnel," leading and cheer-

ing our Laker men's soccer team onto the field for their match.

Homecoming King & Queen Coronation & Senior Soccer Player Recognition

Also on Saturday, Oct. 27, the Department of Athletics will be recognizing its 2007 senior men's soccer players at 6:30 p.m., prior to the 7 p.m. soccer game. Homecoming activities conclude at when Clayton State's nationally-ranked men's soccer team faces Peach Belt Conference foe Francis Marion University.

During halftime of the contest, at approximately 7:45 p.m., the 2007 Homecoming

King & Queen Coronation Ceremony will take place. ■



2007-08 Clayton State Women's Basketball Schedule has "National Championship" Flavor

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

Fresh off the best season in program history, the Clayton State Laker women's basketball is aiming even bolder for the 2007-08 season.

The Lakers' 2007-08 schedule is one of the more challenging for Clayton State in recent seasons. The Lakers are coming off a 29-6 mark from last season, winning both the Peach Belt Conference regular season and tournament championships and advancing to the "Final Four" of the 2007 NCAA Division II National Tournament.

Highlighting this season's schedule will be two consecutive Sundays in December

when the Lakers face two of the top programs in Division II. On Dec. 9, Clayton State travels to perennial Division II power Delta State, which has won three Division II championships in its program history. The following Sunday (Dec. 16), the Lakers head north for what could be one of the more highly anticipated matchups in Division II this season when Clayton State squares off against defending Division II national champion Southern Connecticut State.

"We are excited for the challenges that this year's schedule presents to our team," said Cox, who is 79-19 entering his fourth

season at the Clayton State helm. "We have the opportunity to play two of last year's top 10 teams in the country on their home courts..."

It will mark the first ever game between Clayton State and Southern Connecticut State, but the second straight season that the Lakers have faced Delta State. Last season, the Lady Statesmen knocked off Clayton State 69-57 at the Athletics and Fitness Center. ■

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State victory would clinch the Lakers their third straight Peach Belt regular season championship.

The winning moment in the extra session against Limestone occurred in the 104th minute when freshman forward Jamal Geathers was tripped inside the penalty box, setting up a penalty kick for the game-winner. Geathers slammed it home in the left side of the net for his Peach Belt Conference-leading 16th goal of the season.

Limestone took a 1-0 lead in the 30th minute when defender Liam Brown took a cross pass from Myles Jackson at the top of the

penalty box and hammered it past Laker goalkeeper Janiel Simon. However, Clayton State converted the equalizer in the 55th minute on shade of its game-winning goal on Saturday against Lander as senior Tonny Madegwa scored off a ricochet from a direct kick by freshman Marijan Babic.

On that play, Brown was issued a red card, forcing Limestone to play a man down for the duration of the game.

The Lakers had a few chances late in regulation to win it. Madegwa took a pass down the left sideline and pushed it past Saints' goalkeeper Ryan Robinson for

what appeared to be a sure goal. However, a Limestone defender knocked it out.

And then with two minutes remaining, Geathers had a breakaway down the right side and hit a bullet from 15 yards out that was deflected by Robinson.

Robinson recorded seven saves, most at point-blank range for Limestone (9-5-1). The combination of Simon and Billy Hale recorded three saves. The game was physical with a total of 38 fouls and eight cards combined. Clayton State out-shot Limestone 26-12. ■

Laker Men Picked Second in Preseason Peach Belt Conference Men's Basketball Poll

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

The Peach Belt Conference released its preseason poll for men's basketball on Thursday, and the Clayton State Lakers are once again picked amongst the conference's elite teams.

Fresh off the best season in program history, Clayton State was selected second in the poll voted on by the Peach Belt Conference head coaches. The Lakers received 86 total points and one first place vote, placing them second behind defending Peach Belt Conference regular season champion Augusta State, which received 97 points and eight first-place votes.

"It's a testament to our program to graduate key players and still have your peers vote you at the top," said Clayton State head coach Gordon Gibbons, who is 121-57 entering his seventh season at Clayton State. "We have a lot of work to do in blending our newcomers with the returning players as we prepare for the season."

Gibbons returns six letterwinners, including one starter, from last season's 24-8 squad that earned the program's first ever NCAA Division II National Tournament berth.

The one returning starter from last season is senior guard Michael Sloan. The smooth 6-foot-4 Sloan averaged 12 points and three rebounds a contest last season, while shooting 42 percent from 3-point range. He set the Clayton State single-season record for 3-point baskets with 72, and needs only 173 points to reach 1,000 for his career.

In addition to Sloan, Gibbons will rely heavily on returning post players Jerome Boyd and Brian Kelly. A 6-7 senior center, Boyd was a fine backup last season to Aristide Sawadogo, averaging six points and three rebounds, while shooting 55 percent from the field. After shedding 10-15 pounds during the offseason, Boyd should be more active and productive in the paint. The 6-8 junior Kelly missed all of the Peach Belt season due to a leg injury, but he is 100 percent this season and aiming to be one of the best rebounding power forwards in the Peach Belt.

Clayton State opens the season with a big-time exhibition game next Friday (Nov. 2) at NCAA Division I Georgia in Athens. The Lakers' first regular season game is at home on Nov. 17 against Tennessee Temple. ■

Trivia Time

Eddins is Still the Master

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Two weeks ago, in honor of the announcement of the Tom Eddins Trophy, the old Trivia Master himself was given the floor to ask our most recent question... before Aunt Bee (pronounced A'intbee), there were two other housekeepers mentioned, but never shown, on the Andy Griffith Show. Who were they?

It was a question that caused quite a stir in Trivialand, but no completely correct answers, thus affirming that Eddins is the ultimate information source on the Andy Griffith Show. The closest anyone came to scoring a win was Director of Development Reda Rowell (who's from Tennessee, not North Carolina) who answered thusly, "One of the housekeepers was Rose, and she was in the first episode (not the one that was technically a Danny Thomas show)." For at least knowing that the pilot episode was on the Danny Thomas Show, Rowell gets three points. Everyone else who knew about Rose (Gina Hearn, Robert Caine, Dian Swearngin and Rob Taylor) gets one point for effort. As for the actual answer...

"Rose (Aunt Bea replaced her); Aunt Lucy (mentioning in the pilot episode - on the Danny Thomas Show)." That Eddins is tough!

Hopefully a little easier question comes from American Literature... what fictional character died of Chestnut Blight? Anyone who can also report (to johnshiffert@clayton.edu) the deceased's fictional relationship to the author who wrote the story gets a bonus point. ■



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Clayton State Vs. UGA, November 2

For the first time in program history, the Clayton State Laker men's basketball will take on a Division I opponent, namely the University of Georgia Bulldogs, in an exhibition game.

The University is chartering a bus (or two) to take Laker fans to this history-making event against the 800-pound gorilla of college athletics in the state of Georgia. The bus(es) will leave the Athletics and Fitness Center at 4 p.m. for the 7:30 p.m. game in Athens. The cost, which includes admission to the

game and snacks on the bus (sponsored by First Bank of Henry County), is only \$25 per passenger. The bus will also stop for a "dutch treat" dinner before the game.

"It is an honor for our program to go to Athens and compete against the Bulldogs," says Clayton State Head Coach Gordon Gibbons, who is 121-57 entering his seventh season at Clayton State.

Call (678) 466-4470 for information and reservations. ■

Sports

Berkhedle Wins Peach Belt Men's Championship as Clayton State Places Close Second

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

Walid Berkhedle continued his dominating running and the Clayton State Laker men's cross country made nearly a 180-degree return from last season as the Lakers finished a close second last Saturday at the Peach Belt Conference championships at Blanchard Woods Park in Evans, Ga.

The Lakers finished with 47 points for the event, only six points behind champion Columbus State. In the women's race, Clayton State struggled to a ninth-place finish with 222 points.

The day, however, belonged to Berkhedle as he became the second Clayton State

runner in the last three seasons to win an individual Peach Belt Conference men's individual championship. The freshman from Ontario won the 8K race in a time of 26:43.36. He finished 11 seconds ahead of Tim English from Columbus State and 13 seconds in front of UNC-Pembroke's Giovanni Bilotta and Columbus State's Stewart Helton. With his performance, Berkhedle earned both Peach Belt Conference Runner of the Year and Freshman of the Year honors.

In addition to Berkhedle, Anthony Aguilar finished fifth in a time of 27:06.91, followed by Joey Chino finishing seventh in 27:12.13. Aguilar and Chino both joined

Berkhedle on the All-Peach Belt Conference team. Au Nguyen finished 12th in a time of 27:42.49, while Jarrid Casimir placed 29th in 29:31.88 and Jeremy Adkins rounded out the Clayton State runners in 38th in 33:28.31.

On the women's side, Chelsea Ellis was the top Laker finisher in 24th place in a time of 22:06.06 in the 5K race.

The Laker men will compete in the NCAA Division II South Regional on Nov. 3 in Huntsville, Ala. ■

Lakers Outlast Limestone 2-1 in Overtime

The Clayton State Laker men's soccer team faced a tremendous challenge on Wednesday, both from visiting Limestone College and the elements from an earlier rain shower.

Playing the battle of Survival of the Fittest in harsh playing conditions, Clayton State persevered and took a thrilling 2-1 victory

in overtime at Laker Field. The victory was the fourth straight for the 13th-ranked Lakers, which improved to 12-3-1 overall.

The Lakers close out the regular season on Saturday with their Peach Belt finale at home against Francis Marion. A Clayton

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