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Clayton State Announces Dual Commencement Speakers for December 10 Graduation Ceremonies

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Clayton State University’s dual fall Commencement ceremonies on Thursday, Dec. 10 represent several milestones in the history of the University, including the first dual speakers for a Clayton State Commencement.

The initial ceremony, starting at 4 p.m., will be the first Clayton State Commencement presided over by Interim President Dr. Thomas J. “Tim” Hynes, Jr., who officially began his tenure at Clayton State on May 18, 2009. It is also worth noting that this graduation will mark the 10th anniversary of the first Clayton State fall Commencement, held in 1999 with another interim president, Michael F. Vollmer, presiding.

The speaker for the 4 p.m. ceremony will be Jerry Wilson, board-elected senior vice president of the Coca-Cola Company. He will address graduates of the College of Health, the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences, and the School of Business.

The second ceremony, held for the College of Arts & Sciences, will begin at 7:30 p.m., and will include the largest group of graduates ever in a single graduation in the Athletics & Fitness Center – a total of 243. Brenda Hill Cole, judge of the State Court of Fulton County, will speak at the 7:30 p.m. ceremony.

Another historical aspect of the fall 2009 ceremonies is that they are a part of the University’s 40th Anniversary celebration. Clayton State University first opened its doors to students on Sept. 30, 1969. Richard Nixon was in the White House. The Braves were in first place. And Dr.

Harry S. Downs was in the president’s office of the newest unit of the University System of Georgia. Clayton Junior College first welcomed 942 students in 1969. Since Downs opened Clayton State as a junior college, there have been two more presidents, two interim presidents, and three name changes. Four-year status – as Clayton State College – was granted by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia in 1986, and University status – as Clayton College & State University – in 1996. The present name was adopted in May 2005.

Wilson currently serves as worldwide Chief Customer and Commercial Officer. In this role, he is responsible for enhancing the Coca-Cola Company’s strategic alliances with all customers globally through consumer and commercial leader-

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Clayton State Sets Record Enrollment of 6,587

Clayton State University has celebrated its 40th anniversary by reaching a record enrollment during the fall 2009 semester.

After starting with 942 students in September 1969, Clayton State’s enrollment for its 40th anniversary fall semester reached 6,587, an increase of 8.4 percent over the fall 2008 enrollment (6,074) and the University’s largest single enrollment – by more than 350 -- for any individual semester. The previous high mark was 6,212 in the fall 2005 semester.

Although enrollments were up throughout the University System of Georgia (USG),

Clayton State’s 8.4 percent increase from last fall is one of the largest growth rates in the system. Among the USG’s research universities, regional universities and state universities (a total of 19 universities in all), Clayton State ranked third in percent change in enrollment from fall 2008 to fall 2009. Only two much smaller USG universities, Fort Valley State University and Savannah State University, showed a larger percentage change in their enrollment from 2008 to 2009. ■

Clayton State Announces Schedule for 10th Annual MLK Commemorative Event

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

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

Hall where the Showcase will be held starting at 7 p.m.

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

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

From Tuesday, Jan. 19 through Jan. 22, on Main Street in the James M. Baker Center,

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

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

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Clayton State Announces January Homecoming Plans

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

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

Along with being a special Anniversary Homecoming, the event will also be a little different than past years in that Homecoming will be featured during basketball season instead of soccer season. Plans are to tie the Homecoming theme to the 40th anniversary, and a theme announcement will be made later this month.

Tentative Schedule

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

On Tuesday, Jan. 26, the Homecoming King and Queen candidates will have a "Meet & Greet" and their Annual Penny Drive.

Before Saturday's games, both the women's and men's basketball teams will hit the hardwood on Wednesday, Jan. 27, hosting Armstrong Atlantic State University. The women's game will tip off at 5:30 p.m., followed by the men's game at 7:30 p.m. The Office of Campus Life has tentatively planned for the game to be "Greek Night."

On Thursday, Jan. 28, the University will sponsor its Annual Pep Rally. The King and Queen candidates, along with the basketball teams, will be recognized during the activities hour.

The Clayton State Alumni Association will be sponsoring its Annual Pancake Breakfast on Friday morning, Jan. 29. The event is open to alumni, students, faculty/staff and friends of the University. Later that evening, the Campus Events Council will be sponsoring "Lakers After Dark."

On Saturday, the Alumni Association will host a lunch at noon before the tip-off of the basketball games. During halftime of the games, the University plans to introduce the finalists for the Homecoming Court along with recognizing players from Clayton State's first women's and men's basketball teams.

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H1N1 Vaccinations Continue at Clayton State

Clayton State University's University Health Services will continue to offer the H1N1 (swine) flu vaccine to the Clayton State University community and the general public during the week of Dec. 7 to Dec. 11.

Although Clayton State has given some 3,500 doses to the Clayton County Health Department, University Health Services still has ample H1N1 dosage to meet the demand, reports Dr. Julia Spinolo, director of University Health Services. Seasonal flu vaccinations are also still available from University Health Services. Both vaccines will be administered at University Health Services, room 211 of the Clayton State Student Center.

The vaccination schedule for next week is as follows...

Monday

10 a.m. | noon and 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Tuesday

10 a.m. | noon and 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Wednesday

10 a.m. | noon and 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Thursday

10 a.m. | noon and 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Friday

10 a.m. | noon

Other times are available by appointment only. Anyone requesting a time earlier or later in the day should contact University Health Services (678) 466-4940 to make an appointment.

The vaccine is free to Clayton State students. All others pay a \$5 fee for the H1N1 vaccination, with the fee covering just the cost of materials (i.e., syringes, alcohol swabs, rubber gloves, etc.) The seasonal flu injections cost \$15.

Individuals wishing additional information on the flu can go to Clayton State's flu information website; <http://nursing.clayton.edu/uhs/H1N1/default.htm>. ■

An Explanation of the Institutional Fee Increase

To the students of Clayton State University:

By now, you have undoubtedly heard that the University System Board of Regents (USG) has initiated a special student fee on all system institution students. For Clayton State University, that fee was initially \$75 per semester, and will now increase to \$150 per semester beginning spring, 2010. In approving the assessment of that fee, the Board established a few conditions on Colleges and Universities within the system. First, the fee would end on June 30, 2010. Second, with rare exceptions such as overwhelming student demand for institutional fees to support specific on-campus projects or to maintain fee supported projects already approved on campuses, there will be no further increases in other mandatory fees charged to all university students (this excludes fees charged to individual courses and programs).

There is much available material on line that explains the rationale for this decision by the Board of Regents. And as shared with the campus earlier, these may be found at the following sites: http://www.usg.edu/student_affairs/tuition/2010_Mandatory_Fee_FAQ.pdf and <http://adminservices.clayton.edu/bursar/>.

What you will find there and other places are some of the reasons for imposing such fees at this time. The Board's reluctant decision (and one with which we agree) was based on a concern for maintaining the quality of education as best we can under these challenging times. Initial reductions were achieved through institutional savings, selective cuts in our institutional activities, and, in the case of Clayton State University, the elimination of a school to achieve budget reductions. The fees came into place only after more than a million dollars in new reductions were imposed this year on our University alone (including six mandatory furlough days for each faculty and staff member). We and others in the University System faced a choice between fees and reductions that could even more significantly threaten our ability to support our students through classes and other educational services.

While certainly not a great relief, you should know that student fees at Clayton State University are the lowest of any of the four year institutions in the Atlanta Metropolitan area. See;

http://www.usg.edu/fiscal_affairs/budget/tf/fy10/FY2010_Mandatory_Fees.pdf. These figures do not include the additional special institutional fees—but the position of Clayton State at the low end of mandatory student fees should offer some consolation to you.

In these challenging economic times, it is never easy to forward an increase in fees. But given the level of previous reductions in state funding, this action was done as a late means to have resources to support educational services to you.

With Best Wishes,

Thomas J. Hynes Jr.

Clayton State Students Write for Non Profit Organizations in Henry County

by Erin Fender, University Relations

Clayton State University students in Dr. Susan Rashid Horn's Writing for Non-profits course worked hard to assist A Friend's House in McDonough, Ga., and Hands of Hope in Stockbridge, Ga.

Two groups of students worked with A Friend's House Director Nan Jenkins by creating the organization's first annual report and researching nearly a dozen grant opportunities as well as providing the verbiage for potential grant proposals. Grant proposals were based on the organizations work with at-risk youth, mentoring services, social services, and education.

"Ms. Jenkins was very appreciative of the work our students did. She

expressed to the students a very heartfelt thank you expressing their support and work as invaluable during these difficult economic times," noted Rashid Horn, assistant professor of English.

Students who worked with A Friend's House are:

James Baxley (Morrow)
Millicent Benson (Mansfield, Oh.)
Leah Brown (Atlanta)
Gail Buckner (Jonesboro)
Alene Hall (Fayetteville)
Tish Naghise (Decatur)
Tim Vlcek (Cleveland)

Students also assisted the Hands of Hope organization and Director Linda Banks. One group of students created a flyer, a brochure and a best practices manual

while the other group created an on-line training program for the Hands of Hope volunteers.

"Ms. Banks intends to bring the student's work to other members of the Board of Directors this week," says Rashid Horn.

Students who worked with Hands of Hope are:

Jesseka Gooding (Auburn)
Chris Hunt (Johns Creek)
Mary Jackson (Atlanta)
Levi Jelks (Fairburn)
Marcus Johnson (Stone Mountain)
Love McNill El (Decatur)
Laurinda Wilson (Lithonia)

submitted photographs



A Friend's House group



Hands of Hope group

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ship, leading a team that works directly with key customers while building capability for commercial leadership in the retail and food service industries. He is also a member of the company's senior leadership team which sets business strategy and operating goals.

A 21-year veteran of Coca-Cola, Wilson started with the company as an area account representative, rising to regional management, strategic brand and planning director and Vice President of Western USA Food Service. He also

served within the McDonald's Division as Vice President of USA Operations, and Global Chief Operating Officer. Prior to assuming his current role, he was President of the McDonald's Division, where he led a cross-functional global organization that built alliances in 118 countries, with 31,000 restaurants serving 58 million customers a day.

Cole was appointed to her current position on Aug. 5, 1998, and has been elected to three subsequent terms. A native of Texas, Cole was valedictorian of Weldon High

School in Gladewater, Tx. She attended Spelman College in Atlanta, where she achieved many honors and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. She also earned a master's degree in Library Science at Atlanta University (now Clark Atlanta University), and received a Juris Doctorate degree from Emory University in Atlanta.

After her admission to the State Bar of Georgia, Cole began her law career as an

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Nursing Students Hold Research Fair

By Erin Fender, University Relations

Students in the Clayton State University School of Nursing recently held a research fair as part of a nursing research course with topics ranging from massage therapy and cancer pain to blood pressure measurement.

This is the third semester students taking this course have conducted a fair and it is the first semester that attendees have been able to earn a certificate of participation for their nursing portfolio.

“This project helps students understand and value research as a basis for evidence-based practice. This is particularly important because evidence-based practice has become a major basis for decision-making in nursing and health-care organizations,” says Dr. Kathi Cannella, an associate professor of Nursing and the fair coordinator.

The topics presented included: massage therapy and cancer pain, behavioral therapy for insomnia in breast cancer sur-

vivors, manual vs. automated blood pressure measurement, the effects of turning to prevent pressure ulcers, and continuous vs. intermittent fetal monitoring.

“During this project, students gain practice in some basic skills related to searching for, abstracting, evaluating, and integrating research evidence. Also, students gain experience pulling their research together for a poster presentation of it and presenting their research in public” says Canella.

Students attending the fair were encouraged to earn a Certificate of Participation by listening to and talking with presenters at each poster and completing an evaluation form of the research fair.

“This process of developing a systematic review and presenting it publicly helps students in their future careers in several ways,” expresses Canella. ■

Safety Tips for Use of Social Networking Sites

The use of social networking sites, like Facebook and MySpace, is becoming as common as the use of a telephone as a communication tool. However, regardless of how computer literate and internet savvy one may be, few know what to do if they become a target of cyber harassment. Here are a few safety tips to help prevent your becoming a victim on social networking sites:

1. Assume that everyone has access to your profile (parents, teachers, employers, etc.), even if you have your profile restricted to “friends only”. Don’t discuss topics you wouldn’t want others to read, and be careful of language usage as well. Setting your profile to “private” can help in controlling who has access to your information.

2. Use discretion when putting photographs on your profile. Although your friends may think certain photographs are humorous, others who have access may view them in a different way. Recently, a

school teacher was fired because of the perception by her employer of photographs on her Facebook profile.

3. There may be people who want to use the information on your profile to cause you harm. Don’t put anything on line that you wouldn’t want your worst enemy to view. Also, don’t add people as “friends” unless you are certain that you know them. Some think it is cool to accumulate a vast amount of “friends” on line. Just remember that by accepting people as “friends”, they now have open access to all of your posted information and images.

4. Assume that there may be predators out there searching for you based on information you provide on your profile. Think like a predator (former girl or boy friends, stalkers, or even worse). Posting information that provides detailed identifying data about yourself, where you live, work, and hang out may play into the hands of a predator.

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MBA Student Wins NDTA Scholarship

by Ciji Fox, University Relations

Clayton State University MBA student Jose Vejarano recently won the of the 2009 National Defense Transportation Association (NDTA) MBA Scholarship. Students that applied for the scholarship had to meet certain criteria which included; being a MBA student in good standing, having a high GPA, and submitting faculty recommendation.

“Jose is a great student who shows a tremendous level of commitment to helping the School of Business succeed,” says Dr. Michael Tidwell, assistant dean for the School of Business and director of the Clayton State MBA program. “He is the chair of the MBA advisory board and is a true asset to our program.”

“Winning the NDTA MBA Scholarship is an honor to me,” Vejarano says. “It is a reflection of the hard work and dedication of our MBA’s faculty as well as our School of Business’ commitment to linking its MBA program and students to prestigious organizations such as the National Defense Transportation Association.”

The scholarship is beneficial both from an economical as well as a professional stand point, Vejarano says.

“Economically, one thousand dollars comes in handy to offset tuition costs and other school related expenses,” he says.

“Professionally speaking, being the recipient of this scholarship has already opened up some doors through networking with executives in the Transportation Industry at the National Defense Transportation Association award ceremony luncheon.”

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Across the Campus...

CRSA

At their annual fall meeting and luncheon this November, members of the Clayton State Retirees Association (CSRA) celebrated the University's 40th anniversary with an extensive display of memorabilia from the early years and a program honoring Dr. Harry S. Downs for his 25 years of dedicated service as Clayton's first president. Rosemary Fischer of the University Archives assembled a wide collection of faculty directories, class schedules, t-shirts, pictures, and a variety of scrapbook pages for viewing. Several faculty and staff from the early years shared their memories of being with Downs in starting up Clayton Junior College. Original 1969 faculty and staff who were in attendance included; Jim Doig, Martha Wood, Annette Satterfield, Becky Halyard Pridmore, Brook Pridmore and Dianne Jordan, along with Downs. It was the largest turnout for the fall CSRA luncheon, with 68 people attending. Many have commented that the event was most enjoyable, and it was a fitting tribute to Downs.



English

It is not too late to enroll in Shakespeare After 1600 (ENGL 4800), a selected topics course taught by Dr. Greg McNamara, which is offered for Spring 2010 in the 3:35-4:50 TR time slot. This course is open to English majors and non-majors alike with the prerequisite of one literature survey. The course will focus on Shakespeare's later plays, primarily tragedies, dark comedies, and romances, and will examine such masterpieces as "Troilus and Cressida," "Antony and Cleopatra," "All's Well that Ends Well," "King Lear," and "The Winter's Tale."

Graduate Studies

The Clayton State University School of Graduate Studies next monthly informational Open House will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 10 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in room 101 of the University's Harry S. Downs Center. This month's Open House will be providing information on the new Master of Archival Studies program. 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, 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.

Music

Join the Atlanta Wind Symphony (AWS) on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 3 p.m. as, under the direction of Dr. Patrick Carney, they perform "Holiday Hearts and Yiddish Dancing" at the Roswell Cultural Arts Center. Now in its 31st season, AWS has become internationally respected for its musical excellence, contribution to music education, and service to the community. Since its inception, AWS has performed for television, charity benefits, state officials, and presidents, in a wide variety of venues, from outdoor parks and civic celebrations to Carnegie Hall. Comprised of more than 70 adult musicians ranging in experience from some of Atlanta's finest professional musicians and composers to hobbyists, this group commits to deliver-

ing extraordinary performances, practicing diligently throughout the season.

Sociology

Dr. Rodger Bates, professor of Sociology at Clayton State University, recently spoke at a program for the vice presidents of Academic Affairs of the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG). At the dinner meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 18, in Macon, Ga., Bates spoke to the TCSG vice presidents on the topic, "Merger Issues and Cultural Enhancement." Bates, who has been involved in a number of institutional mergers during his career in higher education, focused on the transitional stages experienced by merging institutions and a number of strategies for minimizing the stresses and strains experienced by faculty, staff and students.

Women's Forum

Women's Forum Chili Cook Off results... Peoples Choice: Susan Fitten – first; Todd Birchfield – second; Diana Johnson – third. Judges Choice: Tom Eddins – first; Dolores Cox – second; Margaret Thompson – third.

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5. Keep in mind that you may also be held responsible for inappropriate content on your profile. It may be in violation of the terms of service or acceptable use policies of the Internet Service Provider or websites that you use. Also, many educational institutions are reviewing their standards of conduct and considering the inclusion of policies that specifically address the discipline of students (as well as faculty and staff) for inappropriate online behavior.

Although the use of social networking sites is almost the norm nowadays, and can be a lot of fun, as well as a quick and easy communication tool, these are just a few safety tips for you to think about when using online sites. ■

Livia Satterfield... from an Orphanage in Romania to Clayton State University

by Ciji Fox, University Relations

Livia Satterfield is a student at Clayton State University who is looking forward to a career in Marketing/Public Relations.

Satterfield, 22, currently in her sophomore year at Clayton State, also serves as a volunteer spokeswoman for "Operation Christmas Child," a national program of Samaritan's Purse, that provides items for children living in underprivileged and poverty-stricken conditions throughout the world. In fact, it's a program that provided Satterfield with a shoebox as a child.

After graduation she would like to work for Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief and evangelism organization that also provides spiritual and physical aid to victims of war, poverty, natural disaster, and disease.

"Parents in Romania can do what they want with their children," says Satterfield, who was born in Galati, Romania. "First is to either keep the child, second, is to put the child on the street and never look back, or third, is to put the child in the orphanage. That is what my mother did for me, by putting me in the orphanage, she believed that this was the best way for me to be taken care of, since she couldn't do it. I was in the orphanage since I was two years old and lived there for 10 years."

While living at the orphanage Satterfield experienced the unthinkable.

"If I ever wanted more food I had to do extra cleaning," Satterfield explains. "Some days I would go out on the street and beg for bread or money. I remember a season of the year when we were lacking in food

supplies. I remember eating hard bread that felt like a rock, bread that was moldy and smelled really bad. I had to eat that bread, but I would eat around it where it wasn't really bad.

"I took baths after five children who had already bathed in the same water. I hated to be last, but I never could be first. Every time I would receive presents, they would always be taken away. The gifts would be taken away, because the teachers couldn't afford to buy those kinds of gifts for their own children. I never celebrated my birthday. If I ever had bad dreams, I couldn't be comforted by one of the children, or one of the teachers, I had to sit there in bed being scared."

Despite living under these circumstances, the children at the orphanage were always enthusiastic when they had visitors from other countries.

"Every time we heard that people from different countries were coming over to our orphanage, it was the only exciting moment in our lives. You know why? Because that was the only day we could ever feel the true love from someone," Satterfield recalls. "As the time got closer for the people to come over to our orphanage, we would run to the gates and hold it so tight, that we couldn't let it go. The reason we held our fists tight to the gate was because we couldn't wait to receive the love, express our emotions and thoughts to the people. We could actually go hug a person and tell them how happy we were to have them around. The people from different countries were the only ones who could give us attention as if we were their only child.

Then, a visit from Samaritan's Purse changed her life.

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assistant attorney general in the Fiscal Affairs Division of the Georgia State Law Department, a position she held for five years. After moving to West Virginia, she was employed as counsel for the West Virginia Department of Corrections in Charleston, W.Va., and was admitted to the West Virginia State Bar. Cole served as assistant attorney general in the Tax Division of the West Virginia Attorney General's Office, and as deputy attorney general of the West Virginia Environmental and Energy Division.

After returning to Atlanta, Cole rejoined the Georgia State Law Department, serving first as assistant attorney general for the Environmental Division, then, senior assistant attorney general, heading the Business and Professional Regulations Division. She was later named deputy attorney general, the first African-American woman to serve in that position. ■

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Vejarano is enthusiastic about his experience at the University.

"Clayton State University, specifically the School of Business' MBA, is a very challenging, culturally and academically diverse, and professional program," he explains. "I have professors with a commitment and dedication to their students that is second to none. A dedicated staff that goes above and beyond to provide assistance to ensure our success, all backed by a strong leadership from our Dean Dr. Chacko and Assistant Dean Dr. Tidwell." ■

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After the games, the Alumni Association is planning an informal social at Boston's Restaurant and Sports Bar in Morrow. Later that evening, the Student Government Association will be sponsoring a Homecoming Ball, which will include a formal Coronation Ceremony. Last year, Antavius Thompson and Melissa Tyson were crowned King and Queen, while The HUB and the Teacher Education Club were awarded "Spirit Trophies" for their involvement during Homecoming activities.

For more, contact gidrowell@clayton.edu. ■

May Honored by Association for Business Communication

by Ciji Fox, University Relations

Clayton State University Associate Professor of Management Dr. Gary May recently received the award for Outstanding Article in Business Communication Quarterly, as presented by the Association for Business Communication.

The article is titled, "The Effect of Rater Training on Reducing Social Style Bias in Peer Evaluation." The article is third in a

series, following a published literature review and an empirical study that established that bias related to social styles does influence ratings. May received a plaque, a monetary award of \$500, and a one-year extension of his membership in the Association as part of his award.

"The research tested the effect of a rater-training program on reducing social style

bias in project team peer evaluations," May explains. "The test groups that received the rater-training program exhibited significantly less ratings bias when compared to the control groups who did not receive training.

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2009 Women's Forum Auction & Chili Cook-off

Chili Cook-Off Winners!

People's Choice

Susan Fitten – 1st: Gobble Gobble Chili
Todd Birchfield – 2nd: Southwestern Green Chili
Diana Johnson – 3rd: Lady D's Chipolte Chili

Judges' Choice

Tom Eddins – 1st: Tom's Liquid Lip Remover
Dolores Cox 2nd : Hubby's Chili
Margaret Thompson 3rd : Dr. Thompson's Revenge

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On Wednesday, Jan. 20, Clayton State's long-time partner in the MLK Event, the National Archives at Atlanta, will two presentations; From the Roots of a Tree: The Genealogy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and An Introduction to "Documented Rights." At 11:30 a.m. in room 327 of the Baker Center.

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

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

A separate Clayton State web site with more on the 10th Annual Martin Luther King Commemorative Event will be established shortly under the www.clayton.edu home page. ■

Two Clayton State Colleges Celebrate 10 Years of Participation in Angel Tree

Amidst the hustle and bustle of final exams and graduation, Clayton State University's College of Information Technology and Mathematical Sciences (CIMS) and College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) have opened their hearts to the Angel Tree, sponsored by the Salvation Army.

"This is our 10-year anniversary of participating with the Angel Tree program. This year we issued a challenge to sponsor 20 children. Each year we always feel like we can help more and we were glad to take on more this year," says Mary Hudachek-Buswell, lecturer of Computer Science and Mathematics in CIMS.

The faculty and staff of CIMS and CAS are working with Captain Candace Marquez of the Jonesboro chapter of the

Salvation Army to coordinate their efforts. Hudachek-Buswell notes there are 1,000 families to help in Clayton, Fayette and Henry counties.

After a secret "super shopper" spends up to one hour of shopping for each child, totaling near 20 hours of shopping, Clayton State WiSTEM (Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) students will be carefully sorting and packaging the items for each child. All the presents are delivered to the Salvation Army who wrap and deliver the gifts to the parents.

Kohl's department store, located in Fayetteville, generously supports this effort and assists the super shopper for CIMS and CAS with the Angel Tree shopping. In honor of the 10th Anniversary,

Kohl's is giving the super shopper an additional discount on the Angels' gifts.

"Kathy Kroll at Kohl's really helps us out every year. They allow us to hold clothes and toys over a three-week period while we collect everything the children need. Kohl's also provided business partner coupons for faculty throughout the season as a thank you," says Hudachek-Buswell.

This community effort is even supported by faculty and staff that are no longer with Clayton State.

"We continue to have former colleagues donate to our Angel Tree efforts. It's wonderful that this project has touched many hearts that they are still drawn to donate," says Hudachek-Buswell. ■

Romania, cont'd. from p. 7

"On a hot summer day when I was 12 years old, Samaritan's Purse came to our orphanage to distribute shoeboxes of gifts, including books. But, the orphanage teachers wouldn't let them do it, because they didn't believe in the books that they were going to give us," Satterfield says. "The book was called 'The Greatest Gift of All.' It was a book that talked about receiving Jesus in your heart. Because of the teachers' views on religion, the Samaritan's Purse people and the orphanage teachers made an agreement where Samaritan's Purse would leave the shoeboxes at the orphanage as long as the teachers would distribute them."

Satterfield had always wanted hair clips, and when she found a pair on top of her shoebox she was ecstatic.

"When I opened my shoebox, at the very top of the shoebox was a set of hair clips," she says. "I couldn't believe it, I just got something I had wished to have for so many years, and here are the hairclips in my own hands, with my fidgeting fingers trying to open them. I was so excited. I opened that whole package, and put them all in my hair, not a single one was left. I felt so much bet-

ter to get the hair out of my face, I could feel the air, and it just felt so free to have them.

"In the shoebox I also got hygiene items, which felt great as well. I felt like I could at least be clean for a couple of months. I also got school supplies and coloring books."

After the Samaritan's Purse team left, another group of Americans came. The group was from Newnan, Ga., In that group was a lady named Connie Satterfield.

"Connie came on that mission trip, just to experience how it was to be on a mission trip. She never had in her mind about adopting anyone, she just came there to visit Romania, and experience how it is to be on a mission trip," says Livia Satterfield. "I ran at her as soon as she got off the bus, and never let her go. There were other children who were left without a person to love on, or to get love from. They decided to come over to me, but I told them to go away because this is my person, and to find someone else. I was so happy to have Connie next to me; I became so attached to her that I started to show her everything that I was proud of."

Soon afterwards, Livia Satterfield became active in a church.

"Not too long after I met Connie, I was removed from the orphanage to a Christian home called Bethesda. I was so excited; I was able to experience what is like to have a family," she says. "The family would go to church every Sunday. I began to see that there was a difference between the people who had Jesus and me who didn't have Him."

At age 14, the Satterfield family adopted Livia, who moved to America.

"The adoption process took two years. I was the last child to get out of Romania before they closed the adoptions," she says. "If I would have stayed in Romania one more day, even though all the adoption papers were done, I couldn't have come to United States. Therefore, because God loved me so much, and because He had and still has a big plan, God wanted me to come, to share his amazing grace and love to you. I was very excited to come to America, because I was going to have a family, a family who could give me love every day, who can comfort me, who can help me, and who can always be there for me." ■

Clayton State to Offer Master of Archival Studies the Spring

This spring, Clayton State University will begin offering a Master of Archival Studies (MAS) degree which will be housed in the University's College of Information and Mathematical Sciences (CIMS).

The program prepares archivists of the 21st Century by emphasizing the influence of technology in the creation, preservation and access to a broad range of information. This innovative blend of traditional knowledge, technology, and experiential learning makes Clayton State's MAS program distinctive in Georgia and the southeast in its breadth and contemporary approach.

Clayton State is strategically located adjacent to both the Georgia Archives and National Archives at Atlanta.

"We're truly excited about the program as well as our growing relationships with both the National and Georgia Archives," says Dr. Lila Roberts, dean of CIMS. "These relationships provide students with exposure to some of our nation's finest archival resources."

The MAS curriculum was designed to align with the guidelines established by the Society of American Archivists (SAA). Students will complete 18 semes-

ter hours of core archival knowledge as well as 18 hours of interdisciplinary coursework in information technology, conservation, research, historical methods and other disciplines. In addition, students will participate in nine semester hours in research methods and internships, or thesis.

For more information, please visit <http://cims.clayton.edu/mas> or contact Dr. Jeff Chastine of the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences at JeffChastine@clayton.edu. ■



Call for Entries – 2010 Stanley Cyrus Awards

Poets, writers and creative minds gear up for Clayton State University's English Department's Undergraduate Writing Awards Spring 2010! This year there will be three categories: Stanley Cyrus Poetry Award, Stanley Cyrus Fiction Award, and Stanley Cyrus Creative Nonfiction Award. A \$100 award is offered for the best piece in each category.

The criteria for each category as follows:

Stanley Cyrus Poetry Award

Submit three copies of a group of poems (five pages maximum altogether). Include a cover page with the titles of the poems, the author's name, address, phone number, and e-mail address; the author's name should not appear on any other page of the entry.

Entries should be submitted to Dr. Brigitte Byrd, Department of English, Arts & Sciences Building, 210-M.

E-mail BrigitteByrd@clayton.edu for more information.

Stanley Cyrus Fiction Award

Submit three copies of a short story of no more than 3,000 words. Include a cover

page with the title of the story, the author's name, address, phone number, and e-mail address; the author's name should not appear on any other page of the entry.

Entries should be submitted to Dr. Brigitte Byrd, Department of English, Arts & Sciences Building, 210-M.

E-mail BrigitteByrd@clayton.edu for more information.

Stanley Cyrus Creative Nonfiction Award

A \$100 award is offered for the best creative nonfiction piece submitted.

Submit three copies of a literary essay of no more than 3,000 words. Include a cover page with the title of the essay, the author's name, address, phone number, and e-mail address; the author's name should not appear on any other page of the entry.

Entries should be submitted to Dr. LaJuan Simpson, Department of English, Arts & Sciences Building, 105-F.

E-mail LaJuanSimpson@clayton.edu for more information.

The deadline for all submissions is: Feb. 16, 2010.

Rules and Conditions:

Entries must have originated in a Clayton State University Department of English course above first-year writing and offered in calendar year 2009. The instructor's comments must be on the manuscript, and the instructor must endorse the writing, certifying by a brief note and his or her signature that the work was a regular course assignment, turned in on time, and that his or her comments and the text are unchanged. Entrants may enter in all categories but may submit only one entry in each. Prior winners shall not reenter in the category of their prior award. These contests are open to all undergraduates currently enrolled full-time at Clayton State University. Work may be entered in more than one contest. Please indicate on your entry which contest you are entering. Winners will be announced at the annual Academic Honors Convocation the first week in April 2010. ■

May, cont'd. from p. 8

Like many college instructors, I use peer evaluation as part of the grading system in collaborative team projects to control 'social loafing' and evaluate student contributions to both process and task. Based on my research, I now include in all my classes a training program on how to complete a peer evaluation. My research indicates that the training reduces bias and improves the validity and reliability of the ratings. Improving objectivity is particularly important when peer evaluations are used for grading purposes.

May points out that, since teams are an integral part of the workplace, his research also has application for business leaders.

"We want team members to evaluate peer behaviors based on contribution to task

and process in their team projects, not based on personality, race, gender, or other factors," he says. "Everyone needs to be taught how to accurately assess the performance of others. Based on my research, I believe all businesses should include rater-training as part of the support system for teams when peer evaluations are required."

May's research was encouraged by his natural curiosity regarding the reliability and validity of peer evaluations used for grading purposes.

"Many instructors I've talked with expressed dissatisfaction with the outcomes of their current peer evaluation process," he says. "Social style is a behavioral personality construct that describes

our pattern of behaviors with others – our assertiveness and expression of feelings.

"There are four basic styles: Analytical, Driver, Expressive, and Amiable. We tend to like those who are most like us. Students with the same social styles tended to rate each other higher than team members with opposite or conflicting social styles. I wanted to know if we could reduce the bias by making students more aware of the social style issue and providing some tips on how to evaluate behavior objectively." ■

Clayton State Men Strike Early, Defeat Visiting UNC Pembroke 89-67

Getting off on the winning note in conference play is always important, and it was to the Clayton State Laker men's basketball team on Saturday.

With four players scoring in double-figures, the Lakers continued their newfound offensive onslaught with an 89-67 rout over visiting UNC Pembroke at the Athletics and Fitness Center. It was the Peach Belt Conference opener for both teams, as Clayton State is now 4-1 overall and UNC Pembroke slips to 3-4.

It's the fifth straight game that Clayton State has scored at least 85 points, the first time that has happened for the Lakers since the 1993-94 season.

The Lakers left nothing to chance from the beginning, jumping out to an early 10-0 lead. Clayton State extended the lead to 19 points with 13-2 run as Germeil Daniels and Eric Wilson both scored inside. Three-point baskets by Jaquas

Dobbs and Torrin Greene gave the Lakers a 26-7 lead with 12:04 remaining.

UNC Pembroke twice trimmed the first-half deficit to 11 points, including 28-17 on a turnaround jumper in the lane by George Blakeney. However, Clayton State answered with a 15-2 run as Robert Murry converted a 3-point play and Timmy Downs scored on a lay-up and knocked down a 3-point basket.

A 16-foot jump shot by Dobbs at the 3:26 mark gave the Lakers a commanding 43-19 lead.

Ahead by 21 points at halftime, Clayton State stretched the lead twice to 30 points in the second half. Wilson scored on a lay-up to give the Lakers a 61-31 lead at the 16:38 mark, and two free throws by Dobbs made the Laker lead 67-37 at the 12:42 mark.

The Braves never got closer than 19 points down the stretch.

Murry paced Clayton State with 20 points, followed closely by Dobbs matching his career-high of 19 points. Downs and Brandon Robinson each scored 15 points for the Lakers, who limited UNC Pembroke to only 39 percent shooting from the field and only 12 percent (2-for-17) from 3-point range.

For UNC Pembroke, senior forward Brandon Thomas scored 14 points on 10-for-10 shooting from the free throw line, while freshman guard Shahmel Brackett scored 10 points.

Clayton State is off this week and then will play its first road game of the season next Saturday (Dec. 12), making the short trek up I-75 and a 7:30 p.m. encounter at Clark Atlanta. ■



Life's Transitions

Former Clayton State Women's Basketball Coach Chris Nastopoulos Passes Away

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

Chris Nastopoulos, the women's head basketball coach at Clayton State University from 1994-1997 and also a former men's basketball assistant at Clayton State, passed away Nov. 21. He was 48.

An Atlanta native, Nastopoulos posted a 47-42 record in his three seasons as women's head coach at Clayton State. The highlight was in the 1994-95 season when he paced the Lakers to a 19-13 mark, winning the Georgia Athletic Conference championship and advancing to the NAIA National Tournament in Jackson, Tenn.

Prior to taking over the women's head coach, Nastopoulos served as an assistant coach to the Clayton State men's basketball program during the 1992-93

and 1993-94 seasons, helping the Lakers compile a 41-22 record, and earning the program's first regular season conference title under head coach and current CSU athletic director Mason Barfield.

"We will always remember Chris as a giant of a man, with a heart to match," said Barfield. "His passion for the game of basketball, as well as his passion for the welfare of the student-athlete, was felt by all whom he touched. We are greatly saddened in the loss of this extraordinary person."

A prep standout at Atlanta's Pace Academy, Nastopoulos was the leading scorer in the state of Georgia during his senior season in 1980, earning high school All-American honors in the process. He attended the University of South Carolina, earning a bachelor's degree in Political

Science. While at South Carolina, Nastopoulos played for the Gamecocks under legendary head coach Bill Foster.

In the private sector, Nastopoulos started out in real estate at Property Systems and then transitioned into the financial arena as a broker for Smith Barney, and later Charles Schwab. He was currently the National Sales Director for Bear Stearns, now J.P. Morgan.

Nastopoulos is survived by his wife, Kay, and children, Charles, 12, and Christina, 9. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Nov. 24, at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation in Atlanta. ■

Tillman Sparks 11th-ranked Clayton State Women to 81-50 Rout in PBC Opener

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

Of all the teams in the Peach Belt Conference, the Braves of UNC Pembroke give the Clayton State Laker women's basketball team the most trouble. So it was understandable why Laker head coach Dennis Cox didn't feel extremely comfortable heading into Saturday's Peach Belt Conference opener between the two teams.

However, Teshymia Tillman put that uncertainty to rest rather quickly.

The junior forward/wing hit for a career-high 30 points as 11th-ranked Clayton State rolled to an 81-50 rout over UNC Pembroke at the Athletics and Fitness Center. The victory keeps Clayton State undefeated overall at 4-0, while UNC Pembroke is now an even 4-4.

Through the Lakers' first four games, Tillman has emerged as a catalyst, averaging 23 points a game, while shooting 64 percent from the field and 56 percent from 3-point range.

Early on, those nerves began to tighten for Cox as the Lady Braves led 11-10. But Clayton State answered in a big way. The Lakers proceeded on a 20-0 run to over a seven-minute stretch to take control of the contest before halftime.

Brittany Hall started the rally with a 3-point basket at the 11:38 mark, and then a long 3-point basket by Tillman extended the Clayton State lead. Two straight lay-ups by reserve forward Timethia Bennett gave the Lakers a commanding 30-11 lead with 6:31 remaining.

In fact, Clayton State finished the first half on a 30-6 run to take a 40-17 lead at halftime. What made it

amazing was the fact the Lakers pulled it off with their two starting posts – LaDe'Sha Stoudemire and Breanna Fort – both on the bench with early foul trouble.

The Lakers didn't let up in the second half. Clayton State used a 17-0 run to extend its lead to a whopping 47 points. Tillman got it started with a 3-point basket, followed by a lay-up and a 3-point play to give Clayton State a 65-25 cushion at the 11:13 mark. Hall followed with a 3-point basket, and Stoudemire converted a lay-up at the 9:32 mark, giving Clayton State a 72-25 margin.

UNC Pembroke never got closer than 29 points after that.

In addition to Tillman, Hall scored 15 points off the bench on 5-for-6 from 3-point range, while Latonda Bruce and Tanisha Woodard each scored 10 points. The Lakers held the Lady Braves to a mere 14 percent from 3-point range and forced 34 UNC Pembroke turnovers, scoring 38 points off Lady Brave turnovers.

For UNC Pembroke, JaToya Kemp scored 13 points.

Clayton State will take the week off for final exams, and then return to action next Saturday (Dec. 12) with a 1:30 p.m. home showdown against Southeast Region rival Carson-Newman at the Athletics and Fitness Center. ■

Trivia Time

The Pythagorean Theorem and Ray Bolger

by John Shiffert, University Relations

It's still the best adult/kids movie ever made, even after 70 years. The Wizard of Oz.

And there are a lot of reasons why, one of which is the scene where the Wizard (Frank Morgan) gives the Scarecrow (Ray Bolger) his "brains." (A faux diploma, actually.) Bolger then points to his head and recites his version of the Pythagorean Theorem. With apologies to Dr. Cathie Aust and the rest of the Clayton State Mathematics Department, we'll let Kathy Garrison say it...

"The sum of the square roots of any two sides of an isosceles triangle is equal to the square root of the remaining side. Oh joy! Rapture! I've got a brain! How can I ever thank you enough?"

Garrison, who isn't the assistant director of the Center for Academic Success by happenstance, also knew the somewhat more obscure second question... the identity of the famous comedian who played the Tin Man in the earlier version of the Wizard of Oz. Before he joined up with Stan Laurel, Oliver Hardy played the Tin Man in the silent movie.

These were a couple of questions that brought the real hard core trivia experts out of the woodwork... the Lou Brackett's and Tom Eddins' of Clayton State. Brackett was second with both correct answers, followed by Roxanne Dilbeck. (So that's 10 points for Garrison, six for Brackett and two for Dilbeck.) Rob Taylor (who would have made a great Wizard himself, if they'd only asked him), Melissa Elkins, Eddins and B.D. Stillion also had both answers in what was clearly a trivia tour de force.

Here's one more piece of Oz trivia... what was the Wicked Witch talking about when she told the leader of the Winged Monkeys that they wouldn't have any trouble with Dorothy, et al, because she'd sent an insect ahead to take the fight out of them? Fly your answers to johnshiffert@clayton.edu.

Sports

300! Clayton State Men Hit Program Milestone with 90-52 Rout Over Truett-McConnell

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

The Clayton State Laker men's basketball continued to roll on Thursday and reached a program milestone at the same time.

The Lakers had three players score in double-figures and kept their offensive onslaught to open the 2009/10 season ongoing with a 90-52 rout over visiting Truett-McConnell at the Athletics and Fitness Center. The victory improves the Lakers to 3-1 overall. It is also the 300th victory in the history of Clayton State men's basketball, now in its 20th season.

The Lakers' all-time record is now 300-256. It also marks the first time that Clayton State has scored 80 or more points in four straight games since the 1997-98 season.

It took a while for the Lakers to get on track offensively. Truett McConnell raced out to an early 9-3 behind the shooting of Brazilian forward Tulio Yamasita. Clayton State did not take its first lead of the game until the 8:18 mark on a lay-up by Robert Murry. That, however, was part of a 15-0 run for Clayton State.

Murry scored six straight points in the rally, and then a dunk and jump shot by junior forward Brandon Robinson gave Clayton State a 29-17 lead with 4:25 remaining. Truett-McConnell (3-10) cut the deficit to eight points, but the Lakers answered with a 7-1 run in the final three minutes, with Torrin Greene scoring on a turnaround jump shot as time expired to give Clayton State a 36-22 lead at half-time.

But in the second half, Truett-McConnell could not get closer than 13 points. The Lakers, meanwhile, utilized its superior inside game to go on a 14-2 run to put the game out of reach. Jaquas Dobbs converted a 3-point play, and a driving lay-up by Robinson gave Clayton State a commanding 52-27 lead with 14:14 remaining.

The Lakers' largest lead of the night was 38 points, 87-49 on a driving lay-up in transition by Timmy Downs at the 2:28 mark.

Robinson paced a balanced Clayton State scoring attack with 15 points, followed

closely by Murry with 14 points and Greene scored 10 off the bench. Junior center Armon Jones was a terror on the boards with a career-high 11 rebounds, followed by Dobbs with 10 rebounds.

For the game, Clayton State shot 50 percent from the field, and limited the Bears to only 31 percent shooting from the field, including only 24 percent (5-for-21) from 3-point range. The Lakers also out-rebounded Truett-McConnell 57-32 and out-scored the Bears off the bench 39-7.

For Truett-McConnell, Yamasita scored 19 points. ■



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