

John Eaves and the Joshua Generation

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Dr. John Eaves spoke on the "Joshua Generation" Thursday night as the keynote speaker for Clayton State University's Ninth Annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Commemoration, "The Status of the Dream... Where are We Now?"

It was an address that not only spoke to the past and King's legacy, but to the future of America as represented by President Barack Obama. And it was more. Eaves based his theme on the generation of Jews who spent 40 years wandering in the wilderness, hoping to enter the Promised Land. The Joshua Generation being those individuals who actually entered Canaan, as well as the rising generation of leaders in America. A fine parallel to American history, where the initial promise of 1968, having been turned away by the deaths of King and



Robert Kennedy, and that year's presidential campaign and election, was finally fulfilled 40 years later by the election of President Obama.

"It was the actualization of a dream, by a dreamer. The transformation of a nation,"

said Eaves, speaking of both Joshua's and Obama's triumphs, and casting Moses and King in the same role as "giant" mentalities and the originators of the dream.

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"Tell Us!" Tells All

The Clayton State Customer Service Team's "Tell Us!" customer service feedback program has been available with more than a dozen feedback boxes around campus since September.

As Team Chair/Customer Service Champion Carolina Amero, Clayton State's assistant vice president Auxiliary & Administrative Services notes, this program is a tool to measure to how successful Customer Service is at Clayton State, and is in keeping with the governor's customer service initiative, which mandates a measurement function in customer service plans. Students, faculty and staff can provide specific feedback for any office or store across campus. The Office of Student Affairs collects the completed forms at the end of each month from the "Tell Us!" boxes and the results are tabulated and evaluated by the Customer Service Team. Individual departments receive their own feedback results and are urged to monitor them closely as a form of constructive criticism.

So how is the program doing thus far?

"A good number of our responses have provided written comments, which is what we really need," notes Amero. "Right now, everybody is looking at their comments. We'd like to urge everyone to continue submitting their feedback."

To help encourage submissions, Amero has announced that a random drawing will be held from all cards collected from the "Tell Us!" boxes during the month of February. First prize in the drawing will be an IPod Shuffle. Additional prizes will

MLK Panel Looks at History

by John Shiffert, University Relations

With two of Clayton State's most distinguished historians present, along with an up-and-coming Clayton State historian, it was no surprise that Thursday's MLK Student Dialog and Panel Discussion often focused on history. The history of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the history of the Civil Rights movement, and the history that was made in Washington, DC, on Tuesday, Jan. 20.

A distinguished panel convened in front of Clayton State students, faculty, staff and alumni in the Clayton State Theater to discuss various aspects of King's life and works. Perhaps given the setting, it was also no surprise that the four panelists; Clayton State senior CMS major Ciji Fox, Dr. Gene Hatfield, retired distinguished journalist (CNN, among many other media outlets) Jim Kemp and Dr. Brad Rice, all gave their own outstanding performances, as did moderator Shane Bell historian/Clayton State graduate (B.A. in History)/current Clayton State MALS student – and an employee of the National Archives and Records Administration.



Following Bell's introduction of the panel, each panelist gave a brief presentation on some aspect of King's life. As befitting one of the University's finest students, Fox spoke on King's education, noting that his education and the fact that he was so articulate were a key to his leadership of the Civil Rights movement. Kemp, who is also the husband of Clayton State History Professor Dr. Kathryn Kemp, spoke on media coverage and the Civil Rights movement, as well as on

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The Department of Campus Life Presents Black History Month

Feb. 3 - African American Read-In 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. UC 265

You are invited to celebrate Black History Month by reading a selection from your favorite work authored by an African American during the Clayton State University's African American Read-In. If you are interested in participating in the Read-In, contact Dr. LaJuan Simpson by Thursday, Jan. 29 at LaJuanSimpson@clayton.edu or 678-466-4558. Pizza will be served.

Sponsored by: Language and Literature Department and The National Council of Teachers of English—NCTE

Feb. 4 - Black History Month Movie Series: The Great Debaters 7:30 p.m. SAC Ballroom The Great Debaters is a 2007 film directed by and starring two-time Academy Award winner Denzel Washington and produced by Oprah Winfrey and her production company, Harpo Productions. It is based on an article written about the Wiley College debate team by Tony Scherman for the 1997 Spring issue of American Legacy.

The film co-stars Forest Whitaker, Kimberly Elise, Denzel Whitaker, Nate Parker, Gina Ravera, and Jurnee Smollett. Sponsored by: Campus Events Council

Feb. 5 - The AIDS Chronicles Screening and Dialogue 7-9 p.m. SAC Ballroom C

In observance of the National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day on Feb. 7, the Gamma Beta Mu Leadership Society, Inc. will show a screening of The AIDS Chronicles: Here to Represent. Following the screening, a panel discussion will be held with the producer of this film, Bailey Barash and individuals with HIV.

Contact Darius Thomas at DariusThomas@mail.clayton.edu for further information regarding this event. Sponsored by: Gamma Beta Mu Leadership Society, Incorporated

Feb. 17 - From G's to Gents Real Talk Session 7-9 p.m. SAC Ballroom C

Gamma Beta Mu Leadership Society, Inc. and Clayton State's African

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Dining Services Changes



You spoke loud and clear in the Dining Survey last fall, and we listened. Beginning this month, Dining Services will be making several changes in response to your feedback:

5 for \$25

Many of you said you would like to see a lower price for purchasing a meal plan. So, we're making the Starter Plan more affordable. You can now get the Starter Meal Plan for only \$25 for 5 meals...that's only \$5 for an all-youcare-to-eat meal!

To-go Breakfast Items at Pizza Hut

There were also many requests for hot grab-and-go breakfast items. You'll now be able to get breakfast sandwiches and hash browns at Pizza Hut Express. Biscuit options include egg biscuits, sausage biscuits, and bacon biscuits.

To-go Meals at the Lakeside Dining Hall

The most requested change was to-go meals at the Lakeside Dining Hall. A to-go meals pilot program that will continue through spring semester has begun. Because this is a pilot program for the semester, the initial number of participants will be limited to 50 students and 50 faculty/staff. Below are some details:

- A meal plan is required for participation in the to-go program
- To-go meals are available during the lunch and dinner meal periods only
- There is a one-time \$3 fee to pur-

chase a reusable to-go container payable at the Dining Hall

- The reusable container must be returned at your next to-go visit and will be replaced with a clean container
- Each to-go meal will include a 20 oz. drink

Some restrictions will apply to the quantities and combinations of food.

Dining To-Go to Reduce Waste

by Kelly Adams, Business and Operations

Clayton State University continues to do its part in trying to reduce waste and make the campus more environmentally friendly. The most recent example of this is the introduction of "To-Go" containers at the Lakeside Dining Hall. These containers are reusable, microwave-safe, and dishwashersafe.

They also provide a variety of benefits to the university and the campus community. Perhaps most importantly, they allow students, faculty, and staff to fill them with food and then leave the dining hall. Up until now, diners have been required to sit inside the dining hall to consume their meals.

There is a one-time \$3 charge to purchase a container for the benefit of eating a meal "to go," but this is more than worthwhile when considering the convenience and positive environmental impact. When diners finish eating, they are to rinse out the container and then bring it back when they purchase their next To-Go meal. At that time they will be allowed to exchange it for a clean container.

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Dr. Mary Hollowell: Advocate for Georgia's Children

Dr. Mary Hollowell, an associate professor of Education at Clayton State University, is an advocate for Georgia citizens who often can't speak for themselves.

Hollowell spoke as an advocate against solitary confinement cells in Georgia public schools before a State Advisory Panel for Special Education in Forsyth, Ga., on Thursday, Jan. 22. Hollowell was speaking in opposition to the Georgia Department of Education's (GA DOE) proposed guidelines on restraint and seclusion in schools.

According to Hollowell, the extent of deaths and injuries due to restraint and seclusion in schools was revealed last week in a report issued by the National Disability Rights Network. U.S. Congressman George Miller (D-CA), chair of the Committee on Education and Labor, has called for a special hearing on the issue.

Hollowell's book, The Forgotten Room, an ethnographic case study of a public alternative school which highlights solitary confinement, is under contract at Lexington Books and is slated for publication later in 2009. She is also the author of several articles on at-risk youth and a blogger on the Rowman & Littlefield publisher's website. Her blog, dealing with the upcoming congressional hearing on restraint and seclusion in schools, can be found at

http://rowmanblog.typepad.com/rowman.

A member of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Hollowell is also an upcoming presenter, on Wednesday, Mar. 4, at the National Youth at Risk Conference in Savannah, Ga. She will be speaking on, "An Advocate's Response to Mis-Education: The Case for Radical Alternative Schooling."

"I urge all concerned Georgia parents, educators, and other youth advocates to join with me in protesting before the GA DOE 'Guidance on the Use of Restraint and Seclusion Timeout for Students with Disabilities' is distributed," she says.

Alumni/Development

Battle of the Ages

Clayton State Soccer Alumni Match & Reunion

What: Women's & Men's Alumni Soccer matches. Event will feature: Clayton State Alumni men vs. 2008-09 Clayton State men's team; and Clayton State Alumni women vs. 2008-09 Clayton State women's team.

When: Saturday, Mar.21. Matches begin at 4 p.m., followed by cookout at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Where: Clayton State Soccer Complex (Laker Field)

Please mark your calendar and join us for a fun day of soccer and the opportunity to reconnect with friends and teammates. After the matches, the men's & women's soccer programs and the Clayton State Alumni Association will sponsor a cookout.

Former women's players should RSVP with Tiffany Cavin at tcavin@jbinc.com, while former men's players should RSVP to Pete Petersen [PetePetersen@mail.clayton.edu], current head coach of the Men's Program. Don't forget your T-Shirt sizes when you RSVP.

If you have a chance, please use the online link at the Clayton State Alumni Association website, to update your address and other contact information... http://http://adminservices.clayton.edu/ alumni/info_update/index.html. Also, if you know of anyone else's contact information please provide this to Cavin and/or Petersen as well.

Additionally, if you are interested in playing golf before Saturday's matches please let us know. Be on the lookout, as more details about the event will be released as soon as possible.

Alumni Association Announces Plans to Hold 17th Annual Dinner in Student Activities Center

by Gid Rowell, Alumni Relations

The Clayton State Alumni Association will "Welcome Home" all alumni and friends for its 17th Annual Alumni Dinner this spring.

The Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, Apr. 18 in the University's newly-opened Student Activities Center Ballroom. The Dinner will begin at 7 p.m. and be preceded by a reception at 6 p.m.

"We are so excited about having the opportunity to have our Dinner on campus in the new Ballroom this year," says Alumni Association President Shawn Nelson. "The new Student Activities Center is an incredible facility and a wonderful addition to the Clayton State campus. It will allow our alums the opportunity to come back and see the transformation of our campus over the last couple of years."

The University, which will be celebrating its 40th year anniversary in 2009, opened the 62,000 square foot facility, located near the South entrance of campus, in the fall of 2008. The striking facade conceptualized by architects to invite Clayton State's beautiful campus in, literally has a see through design on the west wing with enormous windows, allowing an abundance of natural light inside.

Along with the Ballroom, the facility features two basketball courts, a game room, work-out areas, locker rooms, a small café and offices for student government leaders, the Recreation and Wellness Staff and the Student Affairs staff.

In conjunction with the dinner, the Alumni Association will also recognize its 2009 Distinguished Alumni Award winners, have a guest speaker, and hold





Student Activities Center

a benefit auction. Attendees will have the opportunity to tour the new facility.

All alumni, faculty/staff, students and friends of the University are invited to the Dinner. Tickets will be available for a discounted \$40 per person rate before Apr.1, and afterwards, they may be purchased at \$45 per person. Dues paying Clayton State Alumni Association members will have an opportunity to receive an additional discount for the Dinner tickets.

For more information about the Dinner and sponsorship opportunities, please contact Alumni Relations at (678) 466-4477 or email at gidrowell@clayton.edu.

Arts Page

Clayton State Student Sings at People's Inaugural

Clayton State University music major Lianna Wimberly sang at the People's Inaugural Gala Weekend and Ball in Washington, D.C., on Sunday, Jan. 18.

Wimberly is a member of the 7th Day Adventist choral ensemble, Atlanta's Chorale – New Creation. The group was recently invited to perform at the Peoples Inaugural Gospel Concert on Sunday by the People's Inaugural Committee. The group performed at the historic Lincoln Theater in Washington.

The People's Inaugural Gospel Concert traced the African-American experience in gospel music through an anthology of selections by PAUL (Performing Arts Under the Lord) and the Atlanta Chorale – New Creation. The afternoon culminated with the music ministry of world-class composer, pianist and arranger Richard Smallwood and Vision.



Metropolitan Opera Auditions Highlight January Performances at Spivey Hall

The Metropolitan Opera's Southeastern Regional Finals Auditions will once again prove to be among the most exciting events on the Spivey Hall calendar when they return on Sunday, Jan. 25, at 2 p.m.

Approximately 100 participants in the National Council Auditions (of which the Southeastern Regional Finals are a part) appear on The Met roster every season.

"Witness accomplished young singers -some destined for greatness -- as they showcase their polished technique and unique personalities performing thrilling arias in pursuit of operatic stardom," says Spivey Hall Executive & Artistic Director Samuel C. Dixon.

Tickets to this performance are \$30 (50 percent off for Clayton State faculty and staff); Clayton State students pay just \$10.

The weekend of The Met auditions will begin with a performance by the Dave Holland Quintet on Friday, Jan. 23 at 8:15 p.m. Currently at the pinnacle of his career, English bassist Dave Holland is a jazz mas-



ter. A onetime sideman with Thelonius Monk and Miles Davis, Holland made his debut as a leader in the early 1970s.

Tickets to this performance are \$40 (50 percent off for Clayton State faculty and staff); Clayton State students pay just \$10.

On Saturday, Jan. 24, tenor and Atlanta resident Lawrence Brownlee will make his Spivey Hall debut with pianist Martin Katz in an 8:15 p.m. performance that will be preceded by a pre-concert talk at 7:15 p.m.

Brownlee's triumphant 2007 Metropolitan Opera debut in Rossini's Barber of Seville came as no surprise to those who heard his winning performances earning him the coveted Marian Anderson Award as well as the Richard Tucker Award.

Brownlee's program will include: MOZART Misero, o sogno o son desto?, Concert aria K. 431; DUPARC Chanson triste, Extase, Le manoir de Rosemonde, Soupir, Phidyle; ROSSINI Languir per una bella, from L'italiana in Algeri; LISZT Three Sonnets by Petrarch (Pace non trovo, Benedetto sia 'l giorno, I' vidi in terra angelici costumi); DONIZETTI

Across the Campus

Campus Life

The dual viewings on campus of the inauguration of President Barack Obama both drew packed houses. Some 300 individuals attended Campus Life's event in the Student Activity Center and a standing room only crowd of 50+ came to the Clayton State History Society's viewing in room L-200 of the Library.

In the great tradition of Emeritus Director of Campus Life Rob Taylor, who once guaranteed snow at Clayton State, those inventive folks in the Department of Campus Life and Campus Events Council hosted ice skating in the SAC ballroom on Friday, Jan. 16. "The Iceless Ice Rink was from Neon Entertainment in Buffalo, NY," says Lakiesa Cantey, assistant director of Campus Life in explaining her "Winter Wonderland: Ice Skating" event. "(They) even provided boxes of skates in a variety of sizes." In case you're wondering, Taylor made good on his promise by bringing in 50 tons of ice that had been chopped, scraped and blown onto the road behind the Student Center... where sledding was the order of the day.

Counseling Services

Clayton State University's and the American Democracy Project's on-going series of "New York Times Talks" returns on Tuesday, Jan. 27, with a most timely subject. From 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 in room UC 267 of the James M. Baker Center, Dr. Nasser Momayezi, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Assistant Professor of Economics Dr. Reza Kheirandish will co-facilitate a New York Times talk on "President Obama's Stimulus Plan and the U.S. economy." Appropriately enough, the New York Times Talk is free and open to the public. A free lunch will be provided courtesy of the New York Times and the American Democracy Project. For more information, contact Dr. Joseph Corrado, assistant professor of Political Science and campus coordinator of the American Democracy Project, at joecorrado@clayton.edu or call (678) 466-4803.

Dental Hygiene

Fifty-five Clayton State University Dental Hygiene students made an unusual gift to the afternoon patients in the University's public Dental Hygiene clinic on Tuesday, Jan. 20. For the Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of Service, the Dental Hygiene Clinic, in the person of 28 Clayton State seniors and 27 Clayton State juniors, provided free oral hygiene screenings to all of the clinic's afternoon patients. The oral hygiene screenings consisted of intra-oral and extra-oral exams, dental and periodontal charting, patient education, tooth polishing and radiographs as needed.

Political Sciences

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Public Safety

The subject of the BOLO (be on the look out) alert posted on the Public Safety website a couple of weeks ago has been arrested by Clayton County PD. Jose Luis Rivera was wanted for an assault that occurred at Clayton Place. The alert is being removed.

University System of Georgia

This week's issue of the University System of Georgia's Legislative Update has been posted and is available for downloading at http://www.usg.edu/pubs/lu/.

Bo Bolander Doing Well

Retired former Dean of Students Robert "Bo" Bolander had surgery at Athens' St. Mary's Hopsital on Jan. 12 to remove a brain tumor. His wife Holli Bolander says that he's doing great! In fact, she said it is a miracle.

Bo's MRI the day after the surgery showed that the doctor was able to remove the entire tumor. They expected some swelling, bruising, bloodshot eyes, headache and fever, but Bo only had a slight headache and some fever. He was able to eat three meals and move from the bed into a chair the day after the surgery.

On Jan. 14, he was moved to a private room and was disconnected from all of his IV lines. He was able to read the newspaper that morning and even do the Sudoko puzzle. He began physical therapy on Jan. 15.

Though the doctors have not established a departure date as of this writing, it is hoped that he will return home by Jan. 24. If you wish to send a get well card to Bo, his home address is: Bo Bolander, 616 E. Church Street, Monroe, Ga., 30655-2514.

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For the moment, To-Go meals are only offered as part of pilot program for the spring semester and a meal plan is required. The initial number of participants will be limited to the first 50 faculty and staff and 50 students who take advantage of it, so please act quickly.

In addition to the convenience of taking food home or back to the office, these containers eliminate a large amount of waste for the university. Since they are reusable, there is nothing to throw away. This is both cost-effective and considerate towards the environment.

Convenience and no additional waste polluting the planet . . . isn't that worth a few dollars?

Poudevigne Named Fellow of American College of Sports Medicine

by Ciji Fox, University Relations

Dr. Melanie Poudevigne. director of Health & Fitness Management at Clayton State University and Institutional Review Board chair, recently became a member in the Fellowship in the American College of Sports Medicine (FACSM).

"Being recognized as a full time active member of my second family, the American College of Sports Medicine, being surrounded by wonderful fellows; and contributing to the life of ACSM internationally is a very exciting opportunity!" Poudevigne exclaims. "ACSM was founded in 1954. Since that time, the fellows have applied their knowledge, training and dedication in sports medicine and exercise science to promote healthier lifestyles for people around the globe.

"Working in a wide range of medical specialties, allied health professions, and scientific disciplines, the FACSM are committed to the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of sports-related injuries and the advancement of the science of exercise."

Poudevigne learned about FACSM from other members of ACSM, who told her it was time for her to apply.

"The FACSM's diversity and expertise makes ACSM the largest, most respected sports medicine and exercise science organization in the world," she says. "From astronauts and athletes to people with chronic diseases or physical chal-

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Ah, mes amis, quell jour de fete, from La Fille du regiment; John CARTER Cantata.

Tickets to this performance are \$40 (50 percent off for Clayton State faculty and staff); Clayton State students pay just \$10.

For tickets and more information, call the Spivey Hall Box Office at (678) 466-

lenges, ACSM continues to look for and

find better methods to allow individuals to live longer and more productive lives. Healthy people make a healthier society."

Poudevigne says she has worked hard to



Dr. Melanie Poudevigne

accomplish this goal, noting that the process for advancement to Fellow status involves several steps, including; filing an application with the National Center in accordance with the two yearly deadlines, review of the application, evaluation by a Credentials Committee and a final evaluation by the Board of Trustees.

"I have worked hard and felt this would be a wonderful opportunity to belong to a wonderful line of recognized scientists in the field of exercise science," Poudevigne explains.

The ACSM mission statement states; The American College of Sports Medicine promotes and integrates scientific research, education, and practical applications of sports medicine and exercise science to maintain and enhance physical performance, fitness, health, and quality of life. ■

4200. Full-price tickets only are available online at www.spiveyhall.org (a per-ticket service fee applies). ■

May Case Selected For National Student Writing Contest

Dr. Gary May, associate professor of Management ion the Clayton State University School of Business, recently had his case selected for the Association for Business Communication (ABC) national student writing contest.

"The Association for Business Communication is an international organization committed to fostering excellence in business communication scholarship, research, education, and practice. "ABC members are involved in teaching writing in colleges and universities," May explains. "A committee of ABC members manages the contest. Each year the committee calls for original cases written by members of ABC to be submitted for consideration."

Undergraduate students enrolled in business communication classes taught by ABC members are eligible to submit an entry.

"The cases require students to apply what they've learned in their business communication courses to produce an effective written document that achieves a given purpose" May says.

Students that participate in the contest have an opportunity gain recognition and cash prizes.

The experience is not only beneficial to students, it was also rewarding for May.

"It's nice to have a little recognition" He says.

May developed the case while teaching MGMT 3120 at Clayton State University. It has also has been used in the School of Business' writing assessment process.

Clayton State to Host Metro Atlanta Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl

Clayton State University will be welcoming more than 400 K-12 students and their parents to its Morrow campus on Saturday, Feb. 7.

Although it's not unusual for a large number of school-age visitors to visit Clayton State, Feb. 7 marks a special event – the University is hosting the Metro Atlanta Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl Competition from 9 a.m. to noon.

Helen Ruffin, the library media specialist at Sky Haven Elementary School in DeKalb County, in 1985 she served on the selection committee for the Georgia Children's Book Award nominee program. This literature program began in the Department of Language Education at the University of Georgia's College of Education and inspired her to use the nominee books to encourage her students to read. She created a unique reading competition in game format – the Reading Bowl -- using the award nominees. Her vision was to have teams comprised of students from different schools compete to test their knowledge of the selected books.

Today, the Georgia Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl is open to students in grades four through 12 across the state, and the Metro Atlanta competition is coming to Clayton State, where approximately 60 faculty, staff and students under the direction of Director of Libraries Dr. Gordon Baker will volunteer to serve as readers, score keepers, and other general volunteers. The competition is free and open to the public.

For more information on the competition visit http://www.dekalb.k12.ga.us/hrrb/.

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American Male Initiative Planning Committee will hold a real talk session discussion pertaining to stereotypes associated with African American males. Male participates will also be given a brief etiquette course on being a gentlemen. Contact Darius Thomas at DariusThomas@mail.clayton.edu for further information regarding this event. Sponsored by: Gamma Beta Mu Leadership Society, Incorporated

Feb. 18 - What Obama Means...For our Culture, For Our Politics, For Our Future 7 p.m. SAC Ballroom

Jabari Asim, editor-in-chief of NAACP Magazine "The Crisis" and author of "The N Word" will be at Clayton State on Feb. 18. He will give a presentation on his upcoming book "What Obama Means... For Our Culture, For Our Politics, For Our Future." Sponsored by: Campus Life, Campus Events Council, Student Government and Fraternity and Sorority Council.

Feb. 19 - Freedom Rider 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. UC 267

Expelled from Tennessee State

University in 1961 for being a Freedom Rider, Etta Ray Simpson, along with 13 other Freedom Riders, was given an honorary degree in September 2008. Etta Ray Simpson traveled to the Deep South to fight for equality during the Civil Rights Movement. Join us to hear her story.

If you'd like more information, contact LaJuanSimpson@clayton.edu or (678) 466 4558. Sponsored by: Campus Life and Language and Literature Department

Feb. 19 - Declare Yourself Voter Registration 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. UC Main Street

Students will have the opportunity to register to vote and complete change of address forms if necessary. Contact DariusThomas@clatyon.edu for more information regarding this event. Sponsored by: Gamma Beta Mu Leadership Society, Incorporated

Feb. 19 - Black History Month Movie Series: School Daze 7:30 p.m. SAC Ballroom

School Daze is a 1988 musical-drama film, written and directed by Spike Lee, and starring Laurence Fishburne, Giancarlo Esposito, and Tisha Campbell-Martin. Based in part on Lee's experiences at Atlanta's Morehouse College, it is a story about fraternity and sorority members clashing with other students at a historically black college during homecoming weekend. Sponsored by: Campus Events Council

Feb. 22 - Gospel Explosion 5 p.m. SAC Ballroom

The Second Annual Black History Month Gospel Explosion will be held on Sunday, Feb. 22 at 5 p.m. in the Student Activities Center. Local artists, choirs and liturgical dancers from the surrounding area will perform. If you are interested in participating, contact Lakiesa Cantey by Friday, Jan. 30 at lakies a cantey @ clayton.edu. Sponsored by: Campus Life and CSU Gospel Choir

Feb. 25 - Light Skinned vs. Dark Skinned 7 p.m. SAC Ballroom

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Join us Thursday, February 26 for

Women's Forum

Special Guest Speaker: Karen Gilpin Thomas

Noon to 1:30 pm Harry S. Downs Center, Room 101

Karen Gilpin Thomas is the director of the Gwinnett County Legal Department. The mission of the Department is to deliver high-quality legal services at a reasonable cost to Gwinnett County and its citizens, elected officials, managers, and staff, authorities, and related organizations. Thomas is the first African-American female to serve as the Gwinnett County attorney, which is the lead attorney for the County.

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The Campus Events Council and Gamma Beta Mu Leadership Society, Inc., will host a discussion regarding the light skin and dark skin issue in the Black community and how individuals with different skin tones are portrayed in the media and treated by society. Come out and voice your opinion about this issue.

Sponsored by: Campus Events Council and Gamma Beta Mu Leadership Society, Inc. Contact Jesseka Gooding at JessekaGooding@mail.clayton.edu for further information regarding this event.

Feb. 26 - The History of Black Fashion 7 p.m. SAC Ballroom

The Campus Events Council will host a show exploring the trends of Black fashion from the 1920s to present times. Come out and enjoy a show full of excitement as well as learn more about the history of Black fashion.

Contact Jesseka Gooding at JessekaGooding@mail.clayton.edu for further information regarding this event. Sponsored by: Campus Events Council

Feb. 28 - "The Family Reunion" 3 - 6 p.m. SAC Green Inclement Weather Location: SAC Ballroom

The Family Reunion is an opportunity for alumni to reconnect with the university and classmates and for current students to spend a day with their families, friends, and the Clayton State community. The event will feature a day of games, refreshments, and music, as well as a Greek Scroll Competition! You don't want to miss out on the first Family Reunion.

Contact lakiesacantey@clayton.edu or (678) 466-5433 for further information regarding this event. Sponsored by: Campus Life and CSU Alumni Association Co-Sponsored by: Student Government, Fraternity and Sorority Council, and Orientation and New Student Programs. ■

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civic engagement, using King's famous final speech, the "Mountaintop" speech to make a point.

"If you want to get to the Promised Land, you have to pull up your socks and get to work," he said. "We're not there yet."

Retired History Professor Rice, formerly the University's associate vice president of Academic Affairs, focused on King's religious underpinnings, noting that has motivation in his work was religious in nature. He, too, referenced the "Mountaintop" speech, noting that King prefaced his mountaintop remarks with the statement, "I just want to do God's will." Rice also noted that King drew his inspiration from a variety of sources, including the Bible, Thoreau, Gandhi and Socrates, a mix that Rice predicts will bring a different kind of religious involvement in politics under the new Administration.

Hatfield, the retired former head of the Clayton State History and Social Science Departments, took the audience back to Birmingham (King's letter from Birmingham Jail), Washington (the "I Have a Dream" speech, which he called one of the greatest speeches in world history), Memphis, noting, as did Kemp, that the dream is still unfulfilled and calling for increased civic engagement towards that end, and then to last Tuesday in Washington, what he referred to as a transcendent moment in American history.

A thoughtful question and answer session followed, highlighted by numerous comments from the audience regarding the historicity of the inauguration of Barack Obama as the nation's first African American president. Although concern was again expressed for the future, concern that there was still unfinished business in making King's dream a reality, Hatfield recalled an interview King gave to the BBC some 45 years ago, wherein he predicted that a black man would some day be elected president of the United States. As for another thought for the future, the panel's youngest members, Bell and Fox, gave good indications that once a change of the type envisioned by King in the BBC interview takes place, there is no turning back in history, there is just the Promised Land ahead.

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Although giants have marked the Civil Rights movement throughout its history, and not a few of those giants have spoken as part of Clayton State's MLK Commemoration, Eaves was referring back to the Bible, and the reports that Moses received from his scouts about the Canaanites, who were said to be giants. Eaves, who holds a masters degree in Religion from Yale University, explained that the scouts' problem was that they didn't have a giant mentality, that they amplified their challenges and obstacles and saw giants where there were none. Using that Biblical tale as his jumping off point, Eaves said that what was needed among tomorrow's leaders was a mentality like the new president's, a giant mentality - in other words, there's a need for big thinkers and visionaries.

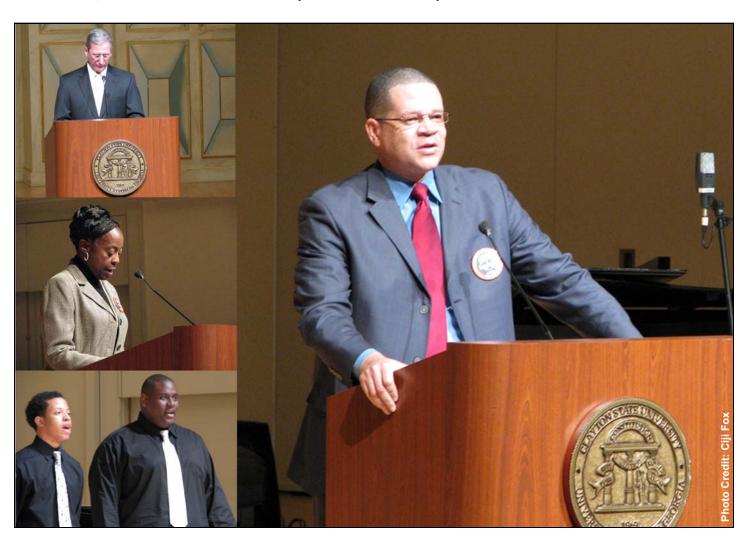
Eaves noted that, like Joshua, Obama had crossed his River Jordan to go into the Promised Land, but he also cautioned his audience, most notably the young people in the Spivey Hall crowd, that the dream is much larger than President Obama, and that, "it is incumbent on the Joshua Generation to step up and have a giant mentality... you must confront the challenges with a giant mentality."

Eaves recommended to the audience three qualities for a giant mentality. The first was to be courageous. To dare to dream, he said, referencing Kennedy's most famous speech, "there are those who look at things the way they are, and ask why... I dream of things that never were, and ask why not?"

The second was to have compassion, to serve. The third was conviction, quoting King, "if you can't find anything worth dying for, you aren't fit for living."

"Martin Luther King was arguably one of the most important men of the 20th Century. His dream is shared by Barack Obama," said Eaves. "He has the potential to be one of the most important men of the 21st Century."

The chairman of the Fulton County Commission, Eaves was returning to Clayton State, where he served as assistant dean of students a decade ago. He received a warm welcome from the University, most notably from Clayton State President Dr. Thomas K. Harden. As MLK Event Planning Committee Chair Deborah Dupree noted in her opening remarks, it was Harden who brought with him to Clayton State nine years ago his own dream, of an annual event that would be both educational and commemorate the life of Martin Luther King. Presiding over his last MLK Event at Clayton State, Harden was able to see his own dream fulfilled.



Clayton State to Host South Metro Development Outlook Conference

What will President Obama's Economic Stimulus plan mean to south metropolitan Atlanta and beyond? This will be one of the key topics at the Seventh Annual South Metro Development Outlook Conference to be held on Tuesday, Feb. 10, from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Activities Center at Clayton State.

Conference attendees will receive invaluable information about development trends and opportunities, economic forecasting and solutions, and sustainability, during General and Planning sessions. The general sessions feature the following topics: 2009 Economic and Real Estate Trends and Challenges, Sustainability in South Metro; and Stimulus Packages, Monetary Policy and Credit. Where Do We Go From Here?

There will be a special session for planning and economic officials entitled Development Opportunities in South Metro. Additionally, conference hosts will present the prestigious 2009 Outlook Development Award of Excellence highlighting key development projects in South Metro.

The 2009 South Metro Development Outlook Conference is presented by a host of sponsors including; The Collaborative Firm, AT&T, Georgia Power, the Development Authority of Clayton County, Georgia Trend, Council for Quality Growth, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, Urban Land Institute Atlanta and Kwarren Advertising and Public Relations.

Admission to South Metro Development Outlook is \$25 (government sector), \$30 (private sector) and \$35 (on-site registration). If you would like to register for the Conference, please visit www.southmetrooutlook.com or contact (404) 684-7031.

Editor Julia Wallace is First Speaker in Spring 2009 Jim Wood Speakers Series

Julia Wallace, editor of the Atlanta Journal Constitution, will be the first speaker in the Clayton State University School of Business' 2009 Jim Wood Speaker Series.

Wallace will be speaking in room UC 272 of the James M. Baker Center on the Clayton State campus on Wednesday, Jan. 28, from noon to 1 p.m. Her address is free and open to the public.

As the editor of the Atlanta Journal Constitution and ajc.com, Wallace directs a team of more than 300 journalists. She was named editor in July of 2002, after serving as managing editor for 18 months. During her tenure, ajc.com has grown into one of the most popular newspaper websites in the country, logging more than one billion page views in 2007 and 2008. Wallace has focused on improving the content of the newspaper by focusing on unique local content, including watchdog reporting and storytelling.

Originally from Rock Island, II., Wallace graduated from Northwestern University. In 1977, she was an intern in the features section of the Atlanta Journal. She began her full-time career in Norfolk, Va., at the Ledger-Star and then the Dallas Times-Herald. She has since worked on the editorial teams for USA Today, Chicago Sun-Times, Salem (OR) Statesman Journal, and the Arizona Republic. She was named editor of the year by Editor & Publisher magazine in 2004. The Atlanta Journal Constitution was awarded Pulitzer Prizes in 2006 and 2007.

She was a member of the board of directors of the American Society of Newspaper Editors and is currently chairman of the national advisory board for the Poynter Institute.

Life's Transitions...

Dale Thomas

Dawn Krieger's father, Dale Gilbert Thomas, 64, of Jackson, Ga., died on Friday, Jan. 9, at his residence.

Mr. Thomas was born Aug. 19, 1944 in Texas. He was a Vietnam veteran.

Survivors include Dawn, and granddaughter, Ashley Krieger, of Jackson.

Memorial services were held on Saturday, Jan. 17.

Thaddius Allen

Thaddius Allen, Bruce Ingram's father-in-law, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009.

The wake will be held today from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Murray Brothers Funeral Home - Cascade Chapel, 1199 Utoy Springs Rd., SW, Atlanta. Phone: (404) 349-3000.

The funeral will be held on Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009 at 11 a.m. at Warren Memorial United Methodist Church, 181 Joseph E. Lowery Blvd., SW, Atlanta. Phone: (404) 755-8931.

Those wishing to send cards can address them to; Bruce and Judi Ingram, 6665 Songwood Dr., Austell, Ga., 30168.

Vietnamese Student Association To Hold First Charity Dinner January 31

by Ciji Fox, University Relations

Clayton State University's Vietnamese Student Association (VSA) will host its first Charity Dinner on Saturday, Jan. 31 at 6 p.m. in the Student Activity Center Ballroom located on the Clayton State University campus.

The cost of each ticket is \$10 and individuals should dress formal. John Mascaritolo, Clayton State University's director of Logistics Practices and assistant professor of Supply Chain Management, is VSA's advisor.

The Charity dinner is a foundation to promote Vietnamese culture through cultural performances. It will also serve as a venue in which individuals or organizations can donate to the nonprofit organizations through the Vietnamese Student Association.

Huy Tran, president of the Vietnamese Student Association, proposed the idea to members in the organization after traveling to Vietnam.

"I spent a lot of time backpacking in Viet Nam." Tran explains. "I was heartbroken to see the gap between the rich and the poor."

VSA would like to raise enough money to help two non-profit organi-

zations. The Cataract Foundation helps to raise money for cataract operations for the poor elderly people in Vietnam. The second organization, VietHOPE will provide scholarships to rural area students who cannot afford to get and education. VSA's goal is \$3,000.

In the past VSA fundraisers have contributed to Vietnamese Overseas for Initiatives Conscience Empowerment (Voice) and Hurricane Katrina Relief Program and although it is no easy task, members of VSA are eager to accept the challenge each year.

"Planning this event took months worth of planning," Tran says. "In effort to keep everyone on track we formulated our goals and objective parallel to our mission."

Getting sponsors was also a challenge. With a struggling economy, people have less to give. I hope to raise more awareness to another level, in hopes that this event will become successful."

Tran is enthusiastic about the future of VSA and astonished at all the support he has received.

"Meeting and working with people from different backgrounds and ethnicities has been a pleasure," he says. "I am amazed by amount of support that we have."

"My most rewarding experience so far with working with VSA has been meeting all the great students and learning more about the Viet Nam culture," says Mascaritolo. "Hearing what is being planned for the Charity Dinner on Jan. 31 has me excited. There will be great entertainment, good food, and an overall great learning experience for those planning on attending."

"The purpose of this charity dinner is helping the people in Viet Nam. But the experiences I hope the people involved in this event retain will be everlasting," says Tran.

Donation can be made in several ways; including sending the check directly to Clayton State University – VSA or purchasing a Charity Dinner a ticket from a VSA member.

For more information about the Charity Dinner contact: Ciji Fox at Cfox2@student.clayton.edu, or Maria Morales at Mmorales3@student.clayton.edu. ■

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be donated by the University Bookstore.

As an example of how the program works, Amero points to several changes the University Bookstore has made in direct response to "Tell Us!" suggestions. In other words, she says, "you spoke, we listened."

These changes include several new product lines that the Bookstore now carries after receiving customer requests; notably... 1) Yoo-Hoo drinks, Smart Water and Little Debbie snacks

2) A variety of dorm supplies... from alarm clocks to laundry bags... for residential students

3) A greater variety of Clayton State branded clothing

4) Gift cards

The suggestion that may have the potential for the biggest change was a request from students who were apparently tired of searching through the Bookstore for textbooks. So, the Pre-pack Program for Books was rolled out for the spring semester. Students who knew their classes and the required books for the upcoming term filled out either a paper form or an online form and the Bookstore pre-packed the necessary books for the student beforehand. All the student had to do was show up at the Bookstore at anytime after at the appointed date, and pay for their box of pre-packed books.



The Alpha Phi Alpha banner leads participants in the University's first MLK Rally and March.

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

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Workshops and Events For Spring 2009

ABC's of Finding an Internship January 27

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Practice Interview Day February 25 **Career Expo (Career Fair)** March 5

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Check detailed information http://adminservices.clayton.edu/career

Your source for job and internship opportunities To find out more about our job and internship opportunities. do the following:

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Click on the Jobs and Internships Tab to search the database

Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!

ABC'S OF FINDING

AN INTERNSHIP Tuesday, January 27, 2009 James M. Baker University Center Room 262: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. / Room 268: 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

GRADUATE SCHOOL WORKSHOP

Thursday, January 29, 2009 James M. Baker University Center - Room 265 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Career Services Office- Student Center - Suite 250 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

Announcements

SANDERSON FARMS, INC. (The Super Chicken Road Show Dinner)

You're invited to learn about the history, company culture, and opportunities that Sanderson Farms has to offer. The Road Show allows the students to hear about the opportunities that Sanderson Farms affords through the Summer Internship Program and Beginning Trainee positions.

Date: Tuesday, Feb. 10th Time: 5:30pm Location: Athens Classic Center in Athens, GA.

For more information click on site http://www.sandersonfarms.com/careers/college-students/super-chicken-road-show or contact Richard Ward at rward@sandersonfarms.com or call (601) 649-4030 ex:1352

On-Campus (I)nterviews and (R)ecruiting

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

Wednesday, Jan. 28th 10am – 1pm (R) Modern Woodmen Financial Services

Atlanta Area Career Fairs

We are pleased to announce that our international students now have the opportunity to connect with interested employers through a virtual career fair just for international students.

Sponsored by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), the NACE International Students Virtual Career Fair is FREE and open to international students at schools that hold NACE membership who:

- wish to return to their home country for full-time or internship/co-op opportunities.
- are currently pursuing one-year Optional Practical Training (OPT) and/or long-term opportunities in the United States.
- are currently pursuing summer Curricular Practical Training (CPT) internships in the United States.

Visit the NACE site: https://nacelinkvcfcfm.symplicity.com/students, then select the Register tab and complete the form. Once your registration is received you will be sent an email, you must confirm receipt of that email to verify that you have registered for the fair and then your registration will be processed and you will receive a second email with your password to enter the system.

Job and Internship Search

http://adminservices.clayton.edu/career/

Once you have logged on, choose the Jobs and Internships tab to view Laker CareerZone and NACELink Networking jobs. There are over 500 jobs available in the Atlanta area.

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Macon and McDonough, GA Full Time, Internship/Co-op

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LAW ENFORCEMENT TESTING

Saturday, February 21, 2009 Atlanta, Georgia Qualified applicants will receive notification with the location and time upon completion and submission of an application package. To obtain registration information, visit website at www.secretservice.gov/join or call (404) 222-4955.

SUMMER AND FALL 2009 INTERNSHIP INFORMATION:

THE JOHNS HOPKINS APPLIED PHYSICS LABORATORY (APL)

2009 Summer College Technical Internship Program – Deadline: March 31st.

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A paid federal internship in Washington, D.C.;

Professional development sessions provided by the Partnership for Public Service; Subsidized housing at the George Washington University; Networking opportunities with agency representatives

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Visit www.makingthedifference.org to apply for this exciting program! Email Jennifer Carignan jcarignan@ourpublicservice.org with any inquiries.

SUMMER INTERNSHIP HARTSFIELD-JACKSON ATLANTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY The DHS Scholarship and Fellowship Program is intended for students interested in pursuing the basic science and technology innovations that can be applied to the DHS mission.

http://www.orau.gov/dhseducationprograms



Students have fun at Welcome Week by "ice skating" inside the Student Activities Center Ballroom.

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State gradually started pulling away. After North Georgia trimmed the lead to three points early, Clayton State pushed the lead back to 10 points, 55-45 on a jump shot by Will Lewis at the 10:54 mark.

North Georgia again trimmed the deficit, this time to six points, but the Lakers responded as a 3-point basket by Bernard Fields and a lay-up by Williams gave Clayton State a 63-51 lead with 6:55 left.

The Saints once more trimmed the Clayton State lead to single-digits, this time 63-56 on two free throws by Michael Moynihan. But North Georgia would get no closer than that.

The Lakers finished the final five minutes of the game in a fury, out-scoring North

Georgia 18-5. Clayton State took its largest lead of the game at 20 points, 77-57 on a breakaway lay-up by Jonathan Austin with 2:08 left in the game. The Saints managed only one field goal in the final 6:39 of the game.

Fields paced Clayton State with 19 points on four 3-point baskets, while Williams scored 18 points on 8-for-11 shooting from the field. Lewis added nine points off the bench.

Clayton State travels Saturday to face the Swamp Foxes of Francis Marion for a 4 p.m. Peach Belt Conference showdown.

Trivia Time

Interrobang?

by John Shiffert, University Relations

So what do you do when you want to ask an exclamatory question? Simple, you use an interrobang.

Never heard of it? Well, it was introduced in 1962 and was all the rage in the late 60s, when everybody was interrobanging and the cross between an exclamation point and a question mark (why couldn't it have been called a question point?) was widely heralded as the first new punctuation mark in practically forever.

Although the interrobang is still around - you can call one up in Wingdings2 by using Shift 6 - it sort of died out in the 70s, like a lot of 60s innovations. Such is history, such is life.

Still, a bunch of trivia experts... most of whom are too young to remember the heyday of the interrobang (a mildly suspicious development)... at least knew about the lost punctuation mark. In order they were; Todd Birchfield, Kelly Adams, Jill Sears, Kurt-Alexander Zeller, Kathy Garrison, Lou Brackett, Dotty Bumbalough, and B. D. Stillion.

Since punctuation marks seems to be a hit, how about this question from the virtual donor of the Trivia Time virtual trophy, Tom Eddins (his own self)? Who invented the dollar sign? (Yes, someone invented it, too.) Send your answers, not to Eddins (not that he'd turn down a few dollar signs) but to johnshiffert@clayton.edu. (He'll accept dollar signs, too.)

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That was as close as the Lady Saints would get. Clayton State answered with another 3-point basket by Pritchett, and two free throws and a jump shot by St. Fort extended the Laker lead to 17 points. Clayton State took its largest lead of the game, 66-48 on a lay-up by Lisa Jackson with 5:14 remaining.

In addition to Pritchett, St. Fort scored 19 points on a perfect 8-for-8 shooting from

the free throw line. Woodard scored 10 points off the bench.

The first-place showdown between Clayton State and Francis Marion is set for 2 p.m. on Saturday at Francis Marion's Smith Center. ■

Sports Clayton State Men Top North Georgia for a Gibbons Milestone

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

Sooner or later, the bad luck was going to end for the Clayton State Laker men's basketball team.

It ended on Wednesday night.

Behind perseverance and desire, the Lakers ended a five-game losing streak with a convincing 81-62 victory over instate rival North Georgia in Peach Belt Conference action at the Athletics and Fitness Center. Clayton State improves to 10-5 overall and 3-5 in the Peach Belt.

It was also the 150th victory at Clayton State for Laker head coach Gordon Gibbons.

The Lakers led from the 16-minute mark on. A lay-up by Freddie Williams gave Clayton State a 27-16 lead with 8:53 remaining. However, North Georgia three times trimmed the Laker lead to three points and trailed Clayton State 36-32 at halftime.

The game stayed close for the first eight minutes of the second half before Clayton

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24th-ranked Clayton State Women Roll Past North Georgia 75-62

Trying to snap a rare two-game losing streak, Clayton State women's head basketball coach Dennis Cox made a slight change for his team's Peach Belt Conference showdown on Wednesday night against visiting North Georgia.

After bringing her off the bench most of the season, Cox put senior guard Nikkisha Pritchett in the starting line-up.

The move paid off as Pritchett scored a career-high 22 points as the 24th-ranked Lakers snapped the short skid with a 75-62 victory over North Georgia at the Athletics and Fitness Center. Clayton State improved to 12-3 overall and 6-2 in

the Peach Belt heading into Saturday's showdown at first-place Francis Marion.

The Lakers used a 17-0 run in the first half to take the early control. Pritchett was the catalyst in the rally, scoring nine straight points. Her 3-point basket at the 15:34 mark gave Clayton State a 13-6 lead. Clayton State increased it to 19-6 on a layup by Tanisha Woodard with 13:51 left in the first half.

The Lakers stretched the lead to 16 points in the first five minutes of the second half as Marie St. Fort scored five points during the timeframe. However, North Georgia rallied to trim the deficit again to eight points on two lay-ups by Syretha Marble, the second coming with 8:33 remaining.

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