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## Long-time AD Started Laker Athletic Department from Scratch in 1989

# Barfield Set to Retire as Athletic Director

by Lee Wright and John Shiffert

He started the athletic program at Clayton State University from scratch in 1989; now, 22 years later, Mason Barfield is leaving Laker athletics on its strongest ground.

Barfield made the announcement on Tuesday, Aug. 30, that he will be retiring this year as athletic director at Clayton State.

The only athletic director in the history of athletics at Clayton State, Barfield's last official day will be Friday, Oct. 21, 2011. He leaves behind a program that he started with one sport at the NAIA level in 1990, and developed it into a highly-com-



Mason Barfield

petitive program at the NCAA Division II level, and a program that won its first national championship, in women's basketball, this past March.

"Mason Barfield was first and foremost a university leader. While his more than two-decade focus was on athletics and student athletes and athletic programs, that focus was

guided by his commitment to this University and its commitment to learning," says Clayton State President Dr. Thomas J. "Tim" Hynes. "He followed the rules; he put student learning and student success first; he believed and proved,

together with his coaches and staff, that a program could do those things, and succeed competitively. He is seen as a campus leader whose voice is to be respected and valued.

"For me personally, I have come to rely on his perspectives on this university and on athletics and on higher education. I will miss him a great deal."

A native of Hahira, Ga., Barfield was hired as the athletic director and men's head basketball coach at Clayton State in the fall of 1989 after serving one year as an instructor and men's assistant basketball coach at Kennesaw State University,

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## A Tribute on the 10th Anniversary Of the 9/11 Terrorist Attacks

by Bobby Hamil, Clayton State University Chief of Police

This past weekend was the 10th anniversary of the most horrific attack on our nation since Pearl Harbor.

On Sept. 11, 2001, 2,996 people died as a result of terrorist attacks on America through the hijacking of four commercial jetliners. Two were crashed into the World Trade Center in New York City, one into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and the other reportedly was targeted for either the White House or the U.S. Capitol, before it crashed into a field in rural Pennsylvania. The heroic actions of its passengers, who risked their own lives, prevented the potential loss of countless others.

The casualties of the attacks included 2,606 in New York City, 125 at the

Pentagon, and 246 on the four planes, plus the nineteen hijackers. Among the casualties in New York were 341 FDNY firefighters and two paramedics, 23 NYPD officers and 37 Port Authority Police Department officers. Additionally, eight EMTs and paramedics from private emergency services were killed. A little known statistic is that more than 70 countries lost citizens in the attacks.

Similar to other tragic events in U.S. history, most of us remember where we were when we either saw the attacks on television or heard the news reports. What I personally recall most vividly from that day occurred while driving home after a long work day and night. As I was driving

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## Division of Enrollment Management & Academic Success Creates First-Year Advising & Retention Center

Dr. Mark F. Daddona, Clayton State University Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management & Academic Success, has announced three “new” additions to his division, most notably the creation of the First-Year Advising & Retention Center.

DeLandra Hunter joined Clayton State on Aug. 15 as the director of the First-Year Advising & Retention Center having previously served as the associate director of the EXCEL Center for Academic Success at the University of West Georgia.

“DeLandra brings more than 10 years experience in advising, academic support, minority student programs, service learning, and teaching,” says Daddona. “We are excited to appoint him as the first director of this new center.”

The First-Year Advising & Retention Center is located in room 141 of the newly renovated Natural and Behavioral Sciences Building, officially opened on Wednesday, Sept. 7. The center’s staff will be responsible for implementing comprehensive academic advising and retention initiatives for first-time freshmen (full- and part-time) and undeclared students with less than 30 credit hours. In addition, the Learning Communities and the CSU1022-University Foundations course will be coordinated through the center.

Although she’s hardly new to Clayton State, Kathy Garrison, now in her 23rd year at the University, has (sort of) a new title. Garrison, previously the interim director of the Center for Academic Success, has been named director of the Center for

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## Three Department Chairs Appointed For Clayton State School of Business

Clayton State University Dean of the School of Business Dr. Alphonso Ogbuehi has appointed three professors as department chairs within the school. All three will report directly to the dean.

Associate Professor of Accounting Greg Kordecki has been named department chair for the accounting, finance, legal and economic professors. His department will be known as LEAF (Law, Economic, Accounting, and Finance).

Professor of Management Dr. Louis Jourdan has been named department chair for the marketing, management and supply chain management professors. His organization is MMS (for Management, Marketing and Supply Chain).

Professor of Health Care Management Dr. Peter Fitzpatrick is now department head for Health Care Management.

“All three chairs represent highly capable and qualified colleagues who will provide leadership in their various areas to strengthen our position in the region,” says Ogbuehi.

The dean also announced two additional changes. Associate Professor of Business Law Dr. Judith Ogden has a title change, from interim assistant dean and director of

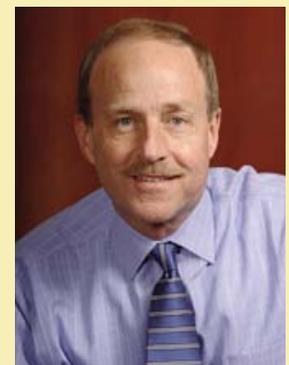
the MBA program to assistant dean and director of the MBA Program. In addition, Assistant Professor of Supply Chain John Mascaritolo has been appointed director of the Center for Global Supply Chain Management. ■



Kordecki



Jourdan



Fitzpatrick

## Don't Miss Summer in London with the European Council

The University System of Georgia European Council is preparing to launch the popular London Study Abroad Program for 2012, an Olympic year!

The program, which invites students from all majors, will last for approximately four weeks, beginning June 23 and continuing through July 24. Students will have the opportunity to enroll in up to six hours of courses, with offerings including Introduction to Theatre, Drawing, Introduction to Religious Studies, History of Crime, Shakespeare, World Literature, Introduction to Psychology, Introduction to Communications, Introduction to Criminal Justice, and more.

Students will reside at University College London in comfortable accommodations

located in Central London within walking distance of world-class museums, theatre, restaurants, shopping, and national historic sites.

Cost of the trip is \$4850, which includes transit, lodging, field trips, and much more. Students and faculty from throughout the University System of Georgia will participate in this unique experience, with Dr. Greg McNamara representing Clayton State and teaching Shakespeare in the program.

Interested students should e-mail Dr. McNamara: [gregorymcnamara@clayton.edu](mailto:gregorymcnamara@clayton.edu) (campus office G-210 L) and visit the informative USG European Council London Program website: <http://www.valdosta.edu/europeancouncil/joom/>. ■

## Sean Mattie Prepares AP Students at Forest Park High School

Dr. Sean Mattie, assistant professor of Political Science at Clayton State University, helped Nichelle Wiggins, 10th grade AP (Advanced Placement) American Government teacher at Forest Park High School, prepare her students for the AP Government Exam during the 2010-2011 school year.

"For the previous two years, I assisted Ms. Wiggins by offering Saturday morning tutorials on the Clayton State University campus for her students; in the 2010-2011 academic year, we met in October, February, and March," Mattie says. "The sessions, were a combination of lecture and question-and-answer, included a lively discussions about topics that her students were studying to prepare for the Advanced Placement exam in American Government. These topics included the constitutional relations of the president and congress in forming the federal budget and in making war; the Supreme Court's decision-making process and the notion of judicial activism; the operation of the federal

bureaucracy; and debates about affirmative action and campaign regulation.

"To illustrate the details and principles of these topics, I led students to online references, such as the official websites on the Constitution, for the Supreme Court, for the Executive Branch, and on federal law, which we examined and discussed."

With preparation came victory, as the students did exceptionally well on their exams.

"I had a total of nine students to pass the AP exam, which is an improvement from the previous year," Wiggins says. "One of my students made a 5! My AP scores were the best in the school!"

"Ms. Wiggins' students were well-prepared, attentive, and excited to learn," Mattie says. "I found it a pleasure to teach them, and I believe it was a rewarding experience for everyone involved. Ms. Wiggins thanked me for my help and said that her students felt better prepared because of the tutorials." ■

## National Champions Honored at The Loch Shop



Clayton State University's national championship women's basketball team made a group appearance at The Loch Shop, the University's college bookstore, on Thursday, Sept. 8. The Lakers, along with coaches Dennis Cox and Kaleena Coleman, received a couple of special awards to start off the 2011/2012 academic year, and to commemorate their championship 2010/2011 season, wherein they captured Clayton State's first national title by going 35-1 and dominating the NCAA Division II tournament, winning six straight games by an average of more than 20 points per game.

In recognition of last season's accomplishments by the women's basketball team, the forthcoming edition of The Laker Connection, the University's twice-yearly magazine, is a special commemorative issue, reliving that championship season. The players and coaches were presented with copies of the Laker Connection at the Sept. 8 event, along with a special commemorative CD featuring photos from the 2010/2011 season.

Read commemorative issue of Clayton State's Laker Connection magazine online: <http://news.clayton.edu/magazine.htm>. ■

# Across the Campus...

## Accounting Services

The Accounting Services Department is taking a well-needed and deserved break during the week of Sept. 11 through Sept. 17. There will be a skeleton staff to handle emergencies, but no check requests or travel reimbursements will be processed or paid during that week. The last check run prior to the break will be on Friday, Sept. 9; normal processing will resume on Monday, Sept. 19. Please contact Micah Grant, ([dustingrant@clayton.edu](mailto:dustingrant@clayton.edu)) or phone (678-466-4276), during this week.

## International Student Association

Clayton State University's newest approved campus organization, the International Student Association (ISA), has elected its first officers. ISA officers for 2011 include; President Tony Yaacoub (right), Vice President Edlin Veras (left), Secretary Raven Evans (second from right), Co - Secretary Andrea Caine (second from left), and Treasurer Shuranda Taylor (not pictured). The staff advisor for ISA is Brett Reichert, associate director of the Clayton State International Student Services Office (ISSO), who notes that ISA welcomes all Clayton State students to participate. Indicative of this mandate is that fact that, among the officers, only President Yaacoub (Lebanon) is an international student. The other four are U.S. citizens with multicultural roots.

## Media & Printing Services

Media & Printing Services, located in room L117 of the Library, has a recycle bucket from Batteries Plus for used batteries. Anyone who would like to recycle their batteries and help save the environment is welcome to drop them off for recycling.

## President's Office

At its June 2011 meeting, the Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges reviewed Clayton State's follow-up Referral Report from the submission of the institution's Fifth-Year Interim Report in 2010. No additional report was requested. The completion of the Fifth Year Report required a campus wide effort, and so I want to thank all who contributed to this successful review. I also

want to express special thanks to Dr. Jill Lane and Dr. Donna McCarty, who led the effort to review campus work relevant to SACS principles and requirements, and who assisted colleagues in efforts to meet those standards. Thanks to all!!! -- Dr. Tim Hynes

## Public Safety

To receive the monthly campus emergency system test messages via text, please make sure your current cell phone number is entered into the campus network. This can be done simply by accessing the SWAN and linking to "My Tab."

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Three vehicles that were parked along North Lake Street adjacent to Clayton Station Apartments were broken into early on Sept. 1. Due to the area being dimly lit at best during night time hours, students who routinely park there are requested to park within the confines of the apartment parking lots. There are sufficient parking spaces in lighted areas to accommodate all student residents and guests. Also, please ensure that valuables are not left unattended in passenger compartments and that doors are locked when leaving vehicles. This security measure should be practiced at any time and place.

## Recruitment & Admissions

Clayton State University, President Dr. Thomas J. "Tim" Hynes, Director of Recruitment and Admissions Betty Momayezi, and several Clayton State students, were featured nationally on CNN during the past couple of weeks. Hynes, Momayezi, et al, are the stars of a story by George Howell on how smaller universities attract students. The two minute plus feature is also posted on CNN.com (<http://www.cnn.com/video/#/video/us/2011/08/25/howell.county.club.campus.cnn>) and the University Relations YouTube channel, ClaytonStNews.

## SBDC

SBDC's "Starting a Business" class will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 27, at 5 p.m. at the Henry County Chamber of Commerce. People can register at <http://www.georgiasbdc.org/subpage.aspx?cart=574bc02e-aa98-4084-93f7->

[fd824e288346&referrer=view\\_classes&city=Morrow&page\\_name=view\\_cart&adproduct=110409](http://www.clayton.edu/academic/registration/registration_classes.cfm?fd824e288346&referrer=view_classes&city=Morrow&page_name=view_cart&adproduct=110409). Clayton State students and employees receive a 50 percent off discount. Please contact Heather Chaney at (678) 466-5100 for the discount code.

## University Health Services

It's not the flu season yet, but Clayton State University's University Health Services (UHS) started offering flu shots for the Clayton State community, and the surrounding community, beginning on Wednesday, Aug. 31. University Health Services is located in room 211 of the Clayton State Student Center. Weekly patient hours are posted on the UHS website at <http://nursing.clayton.edu/uhs/>. No appointment is necessary for the flu shots, which can be administered to individuals age three years and older. The Vaccine Information Sheet and the 2011 Flu Shot Consent form are also available on the UHS website. Clayton State students, faculty, staff, and family members of the Clayton State community: \$15. Clayton State family members need to be present with the Clayton State student, faculty, and/or staff with a valid Laker Card ID. The cost for the general public is \$20.

## University Relations

The fall 2011 issue of *The Laker Connection* magazine is now online: <http://news.clayton.edu/magazine.htm>. This issue celebrates our NCAA Division II national champions, the Lakers women's basketball team! Hard copies will be available shortly in The Loch Shop and are now available in the External Relations suite upstairs in the Student Center. You can also get the latest Clayton State news via Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/?ref=logo#!/pages/Morrow-GA/Clayton-State-University/120178704320?ref=ts>) and Twitter (<http://twitter.com/ClaytonStNews>). Check us out on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/user/ClaytonSTNews>.

## Women's Forum Announces Annual Auction, Chili Cook-Off

The Clayton State Women's Forum has raised more than \$70,000 since its inception in 2002. The organization recently established an endowed Women's Forum Scholarship, which requires a minimum of \$25,000.

A long-standing event associated with Women's Forum is the Annual Auction -- now in its tenth year. Bidding for treasures combined with the Chili-Cook-Off and Quilt Raffle offer something for everyone.

Mark your calendar for Nov. 17... more information will be coming soon. There are several ways you can help:

- Contribute to the Women's Forum Scholarship Fund through the Faculty/Staff Fund Drive (coming up in October)
- Donate items for the Auction
- Shop the auction -- the timing is perfect for the holiday season
- Prepare a pot of chili for the Chili Cook-Off
- Join us at the Chili Cook-Off and enjoy some delicious chili
- Purchase Quilt Raffle tickets

■ Become a member of Women's Forum--our basic membership fee is only \$5

Membership dues defray the costs incurred for postage, stationery, supplies, and other necessary expenses so that the proceeds from our events can be designated exclusively for the Scholarship Fund. Become a Contributing Member for \$25... or a Sustaining Member for \$75. Any additional amount above the five dollar basic membership fee will be applied to scholarships

The Women's Forum focus is assisting students with general and emergency resources to aid in their successful completion of academic studies. We greatly appreciate your consideration and support. For more information about Women's Forum, please visit our website: [www.clayton.edu/womensforum](http://www.clayton.edu/womensforum). ■

## School of Graduate Studies Sets Open House Schedule for 2012

The Clayton State University School of Graduate Studies will be holding its next monthly informational Open House on Tuesday, Sept. 13, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in room 101 in the University's Harry S. Downs Center.

The Open House will give prospective graduate students a chance to learn more about the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (concentrations in English, History, Political Science and Liberal Arts), Master of Arts in Teaching English, Master of Arts in Teaching Mathematics, Master of Business Administration, Master of Health Administration, Master of Science in Nursing, Master of Archival Studies and Master of Science in Psychology (concentrations in Applied Developmental and Clinical).

Starting in December 2011, the School of Graduate Studies will be changing the open house schedule. Although still held on the first Tuesday of every month through November 2011, there will not be an open house in December 2011. In 2012, the open houses will be held every other month, starting in January. The 2012 open house schedule will be as follows; Jan. 10, Mar. 13, May 8, July 10, Sept. 11, and Nov. 13. Please note that attendees are not required to register for these events. ■



### *Life's Transitions...*

*Long time Clayton State custodian Mary Bonner passed away on Aug. 29. She worked hard for the college (it wasn't a University yet), was very well liked, and was a dedicated employee for more than 20 years. Her funeral was held on Saturday, Sept. 3.*

## Are You Planning to Graduate in May 2012?

Time is quickly running out to apply for a Spring 2012 graduation. The last day graduation applications will be accepted for spring graduation is Thursday, Sept. 15, 2011. Below are some frequently asked questions regarding graduation:

### ***Where can I obtain a graduation application?***

Applications can be found in the School/College of your major. Most programs have graduation applications on their websites.

### ***I need help completing the application. Who can help me?***

If you have questions on how to fill out your application, please contact your academic advisor for help. The Office of the Registrar will not accept incomplete applications.

### ***Where do I turn the application in?***

Turn your application and the \$35 graduation application fee in to the Registrar's Office, STC-239. Payment is accepted in the form of cash, check, money order and credit card.

If you are paying in cash, PLEASE HAVE EXACT CHANGE; The Registrar's Office cannot provide change.

### ***Why should I turn my application in now?***

The Office of the Registrar prepares a graduation evaluation for each student that applies for graduation. This is a time consuming process. Turning your application in early means that you will get your evaluation back in less than a month (in most cases); however, if you wait to turn your application in on Sept. 15, you may

not receive your evaluation until December!

### ***I have already turned my application in for Spring 2012 graduation. Do I have to do anything?***

If you have already turned in a graduation application for Spring 2012 you can disregard this notice.

### ***I am a graduate student. Where do I get the application?***

Graduate Students should contact Elizabeth Taylor in the School of Graduate Studies or your Program Coordinator for more information.

If you have any questions regarding your graduation you may contact Jill Ellington or Candi Yeager via email. ■

## What Would Freddie Mercury Say?

### Daniel Nester to Present a Funny Visiting Writers Reading Series, September 14

The Clayton State University Visiting Writers Reading Series (VWRS), sponsored by the College of Arts & Sciences and the Department of English, will start next week with an event featuring Daniel Nester on Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. in the Atrium of the Harry S. Downs Center.

Attendees to this free-and-open-to-the-public event would be advised to bring their sense of humor, along with a brief bio of the late Freddie Mercury. Nester is a journalist, essayist, poet, editor, and teacher. His latest book is *How to Be Inappropriate*, a collection of humorous nonfiction (SotSkull, 2010). His first two books, *God Save My Queen: A Tribute* (SotSkull, 2003) and *God Save My Queen II: The Show Must Go On* (2004), are collections on his obsession with the rock band Queen. His third book, *The History of My World Tonight* (BlazeVOX, 2006), is a collection of poems.

Nester's work has been anthologized in *Lost and Found*, *The Best American Poetry 2003*, *The Best Creative Nonfiction*, *Third Rail: The Poetry of Rock and Roll*, and *Isn't It Romanic? 100 Love Poems by Younger American Poets*. He is an associate professor of English at The College of Saint Rose in Albany, N.Y., where he teaches creative nonfiction.

"This is an educational event which is free and fun — and this first one will be very, very funny!" says Dr. Brigitte Byrd, associate professor of English and director of the VWRS. "This type of event is not only a pleasant, educational, literary venue, it is also a way to meet contemporary American writers in person, hear them 'perform' their work, and interact with them during a questions & answers session. And, as importantly, it is a way to support writers by buying their books, for sale at a considerably discounted price at readings, which means that presses, espe-

cially small ones, may keep publishing not only established authors but also discover new voices." ■



Nester

**Who:**  
Writer Daniel Nester

**When:**  
Sept. 14, 7 p.m.

**Where:**  
Harry S. Downs Center Atrium

## USG Slows Rate of Increase In Employee Healthcare Premiums

As the cost for health care in the U.S. continues to rise, individuals and families have become resigned to the annual hike in the premiums they pay. However, for the upcoming calendar year, University System of Georgia employees will see the smallest increase – 5.2 percent on average – in a number of years.

The smaller percentage increase is the result of actions taken in August by the Board of Regents (BOR) as part of the board's approval of health insurance plan changes and health and dental plan premiums for the 2012 plan year.

Slowing the rise in health care costs has been the focus of a System-wide committee, the "Total Rewards Steering Committee," made up of representatives from five USG institutions and the Board of Regents System Office.

"The goal of the committee's work was to look at a multi-year plan for health care," said Tom Scheer, associate vice chancellor, Life and Health Benefits for the BOR. "The group focused its efforts around four main themes: educating our employees on living a healthy lifestyle and making good health care choices, providing benefits that provide value at an affordable cost for both the employee and the System, ensuring the System's plans remain highly competitive, and having the data needed to make sound decisions."

Currently, the University System offers six health care plans:

- Preferred Provider Organization (PPO);
- Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) Alternative Network;
- Health Savings Account (HSA) PPO High Deductible Health Plan (HSA/PPO);
- HSA PPO High Deductible Health Plan Alternative Network (HSA/PPO);
- Kaiser Permanente HMO; and
- BlueChoice HMO

In addition to changes in the premiums for these plans (see box), the Regents approved a number of plan changes recommended by the Total Rewards

Committee. These changes, effective Jan. 1, 2012 are:

- Offer the Open Access Network POS only for the Preferred Provider Option (PPO) and the HSA High Deductible Health Plan.

An open access network is a plan that utilizes a select network of providers who offer their services to covered members at discounted rates.

The BCBS Open Access Network was first offered to University System employees in 2011 and currently 94 percent of the providers in the current traditional network participate in this open access network. Scheer projects that restricting the open access network to the BCBS PPO and HSA High Deductible Health Plan will reduce claims expense by \$30 million annually without changing benefit levels.

- Freeze new enrollment in BC/BS and Kaiser HMOs effective Jan. 1, 2012.

This change will not affect the current enrollees in the HMOs. However, it will freeze the growth of the HMO's and allow the Total Rewards Steering Committee additional time to gather data and to evaluate the concept of HMO's in general and whether HMO's will be part of the USG's future healthcare plans.

"This change allows us the time to evaluate the traditional HMO design. They do not offer users an easy way to evaluate costs and assume greater financial control over health care decisions," said Scheer.

- Eliminate the "Consumer Choice Option" plan offering.

This is a plan that allows an employee to nominate a non-provider to opt into the network and accept contracted rates. Today most providers are already participating in the network. This fact is making this option redundant. The few number of employees enrolled in this option will be contacted and moved into a standard plan.

- Change the Health Savings Account employer funding from "seed" to "match."

This will require employees to make contributions to the HSA in order to receive a like employer contribution. System matches will be kept at the current levels of \$750 for family coverage and \$375 for individuals. Employees will continue to be able to make additional contributions up to the Federal limits.

- Move the employer/employee share of premiums from 90/10 to 85/15 for the HSA/PPO.

A projected \$2.5 million in annual premium costs will shift from the employer to the employee.

- Change the benefit eligibility from 20 hours per week to 30 hours per week for all plans.

Approximately two percent of the currently enrolled active participants will be affected by this change. It does not change the eligibility and participation in the current annual leave, sick leave or retirement programs, or affect the type of employee who is currently benefit eligible.

- Establish a benefit start date of the 1st of the month after enrollment for all plans.

This change will help alleviate the high number of manual retroactive payroll adjustments needed under the current plans. New hires should be able to keep their current private benefits or COBRA until USG health coverage begins.

"The Board of Regents is focused on providing competitive health care plans that provide for our employees and their families while helping to fight the ever-increasing cost of healthcare," said Scheer. ■

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three years of teaching and serving as boy's head basketball coach at Lassiter High School in Marietta, Ga., and three years of teaching and coaching at Lowndes High School in Valdosta, Ga. Over the first five seasons as an NAIA program, he built the Laker men's basketball program into a highly-competitive team in the Georgia Athletic Conference, winning consecutive regular season conference championships in 1994 and 1995, and winning more games than all but one four year intercollegiate program in the state over his last three seasons.

In addition, he also helped institute both women's basketball (1991) and men's soccer (1992) at Clayton State.

However, Barfield's biggest challenge came in the winter of 1995 when the Clayton State administration announced the intention to move the athletic program to NCAA Division II status and join the Peach Belt Conference. To make that happen, Barfield oversaw the unprecedented move of starting up five new sports – women's soccer, men's golf, women's tennis and men's and women's cross country – with competition in those five sports beginning in the fall of 1995, just six months after the announcement of the additions.

Dr. Richard A. Skinner, Clayton State's president at that time, recalls the most important aspects to this dramatic expansion of Clayton State athletics.

"When I told Mason the time was right for us to move into NCAA Division II, I told him I would help him recruit student-athletes but only if I could say the following to them: you are a STUDENT-athlete, so graduate; we owe you and your teammates the chance to be competitive; you represent Clayton State University every time you put on a uniform, grab a golf club, or run any distance -- make us proud of you as a person," he says.

Skinner also recalls Barfield's response.

"Mason paused and took a deep breath and said, 'we can do better than that.' remembers Skinner. "He was right and the student-athletes did do better, much better than any of us could have imagined. And if Mason never made a basket, holed a

putt, or did a header for a goal, he created an environment in which much was expected and more was delivered. Mason Barfield IS athletics at Clayton State and we shall not see his like again."

In looking back on his 22 years at Clayton State, it's not surprising to realize that Barfield's sense of accomplishment still fits within the parameters of his 1994 conversation with Skinner. Noting that his first mandate was to start a men's intercollegiate basketball team, and his second mandate was to create a competitive Division II program, Barfield says, "I fulfilled my obligation to the University, and have done so with a great sense of pride in that we did it the right way. We respected our responsibility to the academic integrity of our programs and student-athletes, and our athletes' responsibility to represent Clayton State as good citizens has brought a great deal of positive recognition to this institution."

After the first few years of transition into the Peach Belt Conference, Laker athletics began to take shape at the Division II level under Barfield's leadership. Since 2000, Clayton State has won 14 Peach Belt Conference regular season championships and finished conference runner-up on 11 occasions. In addition, Laker teams have also won eight Peach Belt tournament titles and finished as tournament runner-up four times, establishing Clayton State as an elite power in the Peach Belt. The Lakers combined PBC Commissioner's Cup points total since 2000 distinguishes the program as one of the top three most successful programs over that period of time.

At the national level, Clayton State teams have advanced to the NCAA Division II National Tournament 27 times since 2000, including three "Final Four," six "Elite Eight" and fourteen "Sweet 16" appearances. The culmination of that success was last spring when the Laker women's basketball team captured Clayton State's first-ever NCAA Division II national championship, defeating Michigan Tech, 69-50, on Mar. 25, 2011, in the title game in St. Joseph's, Mo.

"The one thing I would like to stress more than anything else is that this has been a

team effort on behalf of everyone here at this institution. It's been the most important ingredient to our success," he says. "What we've accomplished here is directly related to the literally hundreds of people here at Clayton State, and in our community, who have supported what we have done over the past 22 years.

"I firmly believe this athletic program's best days are still ahead, for it will continue to reflect the continued success of this great institution and the wonderful future that lies ahead for it."

Barfield also points out that such widespread support was a necessity, given the challenging circumstances that accompanied the building of the athletic program.

"We created a NCAA Division II intercollegiate program at the same time the institution's mission was changed from that of a small, two-year community college in 1986, to a senior college unit offering four year degrees," he points out. "Since we began putting our athletic program together in 1989, Clayton State has added more than 30 baccalaureate degree and eight graduate level degree programs while almost doubling its enrollment. Needless to say, there was a great demand for the institution's resources to focus on accomplishing this tremendous academic endeavor. Therefore, since resources were stretched during these formative years, I utilized the resources available to us in a way that prioritized substance over style, with an emphasis on attaining quality people to both fill our student-athlete rosters and lead our programs as coaches and staff. My philosophy of success has always put a higher value on people of substance who represent your program over the style of uniform or shoes that you wear."

"Mason Barfield is not only a superb athletics director, he is one of the finest people I have known," says University of Wisconsin – Green Bay Chancellor Dr. Thomas K. Harden, president of Clayton State University from 2000 to 2009. "As president, I was always confident that in all his decisions and actions, Mason kept the interest of students foremost in his mind. Always honest and forthcoming, I knew I could trust him to make excellent

## Content Management System Conversion Update

The ongoing project of converting the editing/management/maintenance of the University website from Microsoft FrontPage to a content management system is now back on track. A significant obstacle was discovered with Sitefinity, the original CMS product. The Sitefinity developers and support team could not resolve the problem.

Features and usability were reviewed for an alternate CMS product. Based upon recommendations from several other universities, Administrative Systems (OITS) and Image and Communications (External Relations) selected DotNetNuke as the new product. Training on our content management system product, DotNetNuke (DNN), was conducted July 25-28 for

staff members from Administrative Systems, University Image & Communications, and the Center for Instructional Development.

While the project is essentially starting over, there is a sense of excitement in discovering the adaptability of DNN. All indications are that DNN is a tremendously robust CMS with greatly enhanced flexibility, and the feasibility exists to utilize special applications that will particularly appeal to faculty. Information sessions will again be available to demonstrate DNN and discuss the revised implementation sequence.

An information session for web editors was held on Aug. 4, and another session is scheduled later this month. Meetings will

be scheduled with individual departments to discuss the process and timeline. In the meantime, those responsible for website content are encouraged to go ahead and begin reviewing web pages so that content will be accurate and current when sites are converted. This will speed the process along and will assure that all sites are up-to-date. An archive copy of existing pages will be made before the conversion occurs. ■

### Barfield Retires, cont'd. from p. 8

decisions and lead the Lakers in ways that made me proud to be associated with the program. His mark of excellence is evident in all aspects of the athletic program at Clayton State, and he has positioned athletics for further success. He has worked tirelessly as a great ambassador for Clayton State. Those who know Mason also know that he is a dedicated family man. I am happy for him to reach the point in his professional life that he can now devote more time to his family.”

“After consultation with program staff and university leadership, we will identify an acting AD within the next 10 days,” says Hynes in regard to the University’s

plans to move forward. “That individual will serve until a permanent director is named. We will then immediately begin the process of identifying a search committee to help recruit the next athletic director, whom we anticipate will be able to join us by June, 2012.”

Barfield’s future plans do indeed include “going home” to Hahira, a move that will allow him to pursue some personal obligations to family and to pursue some future professional opportunities. As for his time at Clayton State, as the only administrator at Clayton State to serve under all four presidents (and interim president Michael Vollmer), and the

University’s senior administrator in terms of length of service, Barfield notes that all of the University’s leaders, beginning with founding president Dr. Harry S. Downs, have been men in the right place at the right time, and not just for the athletic program, but for the institution.

The same might be said for the athletic director. When he was hired by Downs in 1989, as a one-year college coach with no experience as an athletic director, Downs told him, “Mason, you’ve never done this before, but neither have we. So we’re going to learn how to do this together.”

And learn they did. ■

### 9/11 Tribute, cont'd. from p. 1

through the small town in West Virginia where I resided at the time, I saw American flags flying and illuminated in front of home after home, none of which had been there that morning when I drove to work. This display of pride and patriotism was a very emotional, yet uplifting moment at the end of a long and difficult day. I have never been prouder to be an American.

I hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable weekend, but I also hope that we all

took a few moments of silence on Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011, to honor all those whose lives were cut short 10 years ago as a result of the terrorist attacks. Also, keep the families of the victims in your thoughts and prayers. Many children lost parents, many husbands and wives lost their spouses, and many others lost close friends, relatives, and coworkers.

Additionally, please consider taking some time to cherish your own relationship with family and friends, and if you have the

opportunity, say “thank you” to a police officer, firefighter, or member of our armed services for keeping us safe and ensuring that our Constitutional freedoms are protected. They will appreciate it.

We will never forget the terrorist attacks of 9/11.....nor should we. ■

## Advising & Retention, cont'd. from p. 2

Academic Success by Daddona. Garrison has also previously served as the assistant director of the Center.

Finally, beginning Thursday, Sept. 1, the Department of Orientation & New Student

Programs joined the Division of Enrollment Management & Academic Success.

“Under the continued outstanding leadership of Celena Milner, this addition to the Division will allow us to continue stream-

lining programs and services within the Division and to expand our collaborative efforts across campus,” notes Daddona. ■

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# Clayton State Women Recover for Impressive 4-0 Shutout Over West Alabama

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

The Clayton State Laker women’s soccer team came back with a strong vengeance on Sunday from Thursday’s 1-0 defeat at Young Harris, rolling to an impressive 4-0 shutout victory over visiting West Alabama at Laker Field.

The victory evened Clayton State’s overall record on the season at 2-2 heading into Wednesday’s non-conference showdown at West Georgia. West Alabama, which is in its first season of women’s soccer, is also 2-2.

“We were looking for a much-improved performance from Thursday and the girls played with a lot more energy today,” said Clayton State head coach Gareth O’Sullivan. “We created more chances and came away with the result.”

The Lakers scored twice in each half. Natalia Valentine wasted little time putting Clayton State in front as she scored two minutes into the game on an incoming pass down the middle from Becky Brown. The Lakers scored their next two goals off corner kicks – Patricia Galan Olleros in the 33rd minute and Luisa Alvarez in the 53rd minute.

Both assists came from junior Dior McGruder. Valentine finished off the Laker scoring with a goal on the left side of the penalty box in the 81st minute off an incoming pass from Angela Jolly.

Clayton State goalkeeper Laoise O’Driscoll recorded her second shutout of the season with five saves, while her Tiger counterpart

Jess Martin had seven saves. Clayton State out-shot West Alabama 17-9.

Clayton State and West Georgia square off in Carrollton on Wednesday night at 7 p.m. ■

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## Cross Country, cont'd. from p. 12

“The hot weather affected the runners, but the nice thing was to watch was the competitive spirit of our guys.”

Clayton State placed three runners in the overall Top 10. Senior Albert Mong’ony was the top Laker finisher in third place with a time of 15:46.03. He was five seconds off the pace of Jacksonville State’s Mickey Sanders and Samford’s Layton

Dorsett. Highly-touted freshman Alex Foss had an impressive debut, finishing sixth in 16:13.22, followed closely by sophomore Charles Anderson finishing seventh in 16:16.06.

Sophomore Ayrton Azcue, coming off an injury last season, returned solidly with a 13th-place finish in 16:59.06. Freshmen Tanner Thomas and Preston Valencia

rounded out the Clayton State scoring as Thomas placed 22nd in 17:37.17 and Valencia placed 26th in 17:49.04. ■

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## Got News?

Send your Clayton State news or events to [JohnShiffert@clayton.edu](mailto:JohnShiffert@clayton.edu).



## The Laker Angels Need You

The Laker Angels are a campus organization of staff and faculty volunteers dedicated to providing assistance and encouragement to Clayton State University employees in need. We help out by supplying care packages and meals to employees who are undergoing a crisis such as hospitalization or experiencing a death in the family. We also offer assistance in other ways ranging from providing transportation when needed to simply sending cards to let people know they are in our thoughts.

You can help the Laker Angels help fellow employees either by giving your time as a volunteer or by contributing funds. Send an email to [LakerAngelClub@clayton.edu](mailto:LakerAngelClub@clayton.edu) to be included on our mailing list if you are interested in joining us.

We are open to all staff and faculty, and there are many ways in which you can help. You can find more information at: <http://adminservices.clayton.edu/lakerangels/> and also use the web site to notify us of opportunities to assist employees.

If you would like donate money to the Laker Angels foundation account simply designate Laker Angel Club on your form during the Staff/Faculty Fund Drive. Let our coworkers know that we can depend on each other in times of difficulty. ■

## Second-Half Rally Propels Lynn Past Clayton State Men 2-1 In Lightning-Shortened Game

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

Lightning struck the Clayton State Laker men's soccer team on Friday – literally.

Playing in the Wyndham Garden Inn/Lynn Soccer Classic, Clayton State suffered its first defeat of the 2011 season as the fell to host Lynn 2-1. The game was halted by a combination of lightning and darkness in the 80th minute, preserving the victory for the Knights.

Clayton State, ranked fifth in the nation in Division II, fell to 3-1 overall. Lynn, coached by former Laker head coach John Rootes, improved to 2-1 overall.

The Lakers had their difficulties penetrating a sturdy Lynn defense. The Knights limited Clayton State to only three shots for the game. However, Clayton State struck first as senior All-American forward Ryan Pugh scored his third goal of the season on an assist by fellow senior Matty Phillips.

But the turning point in the game came in the 47th minute when the Lakers' Roger Boniface was whistled for red card inside

the penalty box. That gave Lynn the opportunity to tie on the penalty kick, and Heiko Eberhardt cashed in on the chance.

Up a man, Lynn took the lead for good in the 71st minute as Harald Gracholski scored the go-ahead goal off a deflection.

Clayton State goalkeeper Brian Garcia recorded six saves in the defeat, while his Knight counterpart Matt DiCerbo had two saves. Lynn had 19 shots for the game. ■

### Trivia Time

## The Hunger Games

by John Shiffert, University Relations

It's a genre that never seems to grow old... novels about a post-apocalyptic future society, usually dominated by a tyrannical presence of one kind or another.

While George Orwell's "1984" may have been the first of these, there have been plenty more, with the most recent being Suzanne Collins' trilogy, the first book being titled, "The Hunger Games." (The Loch Shop has all three – definitely recommended reading.)

Without going too much into the plot, the basic premise is based on the story of Theseus and the Minotaur, wherein Athens was forced to send to Crete seven young man and seven maidens every nine years. Said sacrifices were sent into the Labyrinth, therein to be eaten by the half-man, half-bull Minotaur. In the case of "The Hunger Games," the 12 districts of a post-apocalyptic America are each forced to send a teenaged boy and girl to the capital, where they gift to the death in an outdoor arena (a little bit of Roman history in there as well.)

Although there were a couple of incorrect answers, those who knew the backstory to "The Hunger Games" included Jill Ellington, Rob Taylor, and Kurt-Alexander Zeller.

Having brought up the subject of this genre, another entry in this field was referred to in the final words of Randy Claggett. What was the book Claggett referred to, and what did he say? If you know this one, you're really good. ■

## Sports

### No. 5 Clayton State Men Rebound, Win 2-1 Over Palm Beach Atlantic

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

The Clayton State Laker men's soccer team rebounded successfully from Friday's tough defeat against Lynn by recording a hard-fought 2-1 triumph over Palm Beach Atlantic on Saturday in the Wyndham Garden Inn/Lynn Soccer Classic.

The victory improves Clayton State, ranked fifth in the nation in Division II, to 4-1 overall heading into next Saturday's Peach Belt Conference showdown at rival Lander. Palm Beach Atlantic, the defending NCCAA national champion, drops to 2-2 overall.

Clayton State took the early lead in the first half on senior forward Ryan Pugh's fourth goal in as many games in the 23rd minute. He took a through ball from Kenny Mena on the right side of the penalty box and beat Sailfish goalkeeper Jonathan Strunk one-on-one for the game's first goal.

The score stayed 1-0 until a quick scoring sequence in the second half. Palm Beach Atlantic tied the game in the 65th minute when Kenny Hogg scored for the Sailfish off a ricochet off the crossbar on a shot attempt by Kevin Ireland. But the deadlock was short-lived as the Lakers struck a minute later on Mena's fifth goal of the season off an assist by Arturo Cruz.

The Lakers held Palm Beach Atlantic without a shot in the game's final 25 minutes. Overall, Clayton State had 21 shots to only eight for the Sailfish. Laker goalkeeper Brian Garcia recorded two saves in the victory, while Strunk recorded eight saves for Palm Beach Atlantic.

Clayton State and Lander will square off next Saturday (Sept. 17) at 3:30 p.m. at the Jeff May Athletic Complex. ■

### Clayton State Men Place Second at Strut's Season Opener at Jacksonville State

The 2011 men's cross country season got off to a strong start for the Clayton State Lakers last Friday as they placed a strong second in the Strut's Season Opener, hosted by Jacksonville State.

The Lakers garnered 49 points to finish second in the eight-team field, only 14 points behind host and overall winner Jacksonville State. Clayton State finished 14 points ahead of Samford and 57 points in front of West Georgia.

"This was a very similar start to that of last season when we finished second to a Division I host school, and defeated another Division I," said Clayton State head coach Mike Mead.

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### Clayton State Women Finish Close Second At Georgia Southwestern Remembrance Run

The Clayton State women's cross country team got the 2011 season off to a strong start on Saturday, recording a second-place finish at the Georgia Southwestern Remembrance Run.

The Lakers recorded 56 points, just six points off the pace of overall team winner Columbus State in the nine-team field. Mercer finished third with 65 points, followed by Valdosta State (95), Young Harris (115), Darton (120), Georgia Southwestern (181), Wesleyan (254) and Tuskegee (282).

Individually for Clayton State, freshman Jessica Smith had an impressive Laker debut as she finished fifth overall in the 5K event with a time of 20:22.1. Sophomore Samantha Walling placed 10th in 20:37.1,

followed by senior Kourtney Aylor in 12th at 20:38.5 and junior Paige Galvin placed 13th in 20:53.9.

Rounding out the Laker scoring was freshman Maia Kuhnen finishing 21st in 21:44.9, freshman Holly McNorton placed 30th in 22:32.4 and sophomore FeLeshia Dyer placed 33rd in 22:51.7.

Both the Clayton State women and men will compete in the Georgia State Invitational next Saturday (Sept. 17) at Nash Farms. ■

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