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Great Season! Laker Women Come up Short Against Top-ranked Florida Gulf Coast 61-57

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

With a possible shot at a Division II national championship just a game away, the Clayton State Laker women's basketball laid it on the line Thursday night in the NCAA Division II Final Four against top-ranked Florida Gulf Coast.

The Lakers battled back from a huge first-half deficit, and had the Lady Eagles on the edge late in the contest. However, Florida Gulf Coast made some key baskets down the stretch and pulled off a 61-57 victory over Clayton State. The Lakers' best season in school history concludes at 29-6, while Florida Gulf Coast remains an undefeated 34-0 and will battle Southern Connecticut in the NCAA Division II national championship game on Saturday.

"I am so proud of this team. It was a great experience and a huge step for our program," said Clayton State head coach Dennis Cox. "Tonight, we showed the people what our program is about. To come back against a team like that is tremendous."

Indeed the Lakers found themselves in a deep hole early. The Lady Eagles made four 3-point baskets in the first six minutes of the game to lead 22-2. Florida Gulf stretched the lead to 20 points on two more occasions in the first half before Clayton State closed out the half on a 6-0 run. Roberta Phillips' 3-point basket at the buzzer brought the Lakers to within 14 points, 36-22 at halftime.

However, after shooting only 25 percent in the first half, Clayton State shot 46 per-

cent from the field in the second and started playing vintage Laker basketball with its signature defensive pressure.

Clayton State came out strong on a 20-4 run in the first seven minutes of the second half. Marie St. Fort, who had accounted for the only two Laker baskets at the start of the game, hit a 3-point basket and was fouled for a four-point play to bring Clayton State to within nine points, 40-31 with 17:47 remaining. Alecia Humphrey and St. Fort followed with lay-ups, and Kim Lloyd's 3-point basket gave Clayton State its first lead of the game, 42-40 with 13:19 remaining.

The lead changed hands twice before Florida Gulf Coast built its lead back to four points 55-51 with 3:46 remaining.

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Clayton State Women Advance with 60-55 Victory in Division II Elite Eight

At this point in a basketball season, victories aren't determined by style points, and the Clayton State Laker women's basketball team didn't earn too many style points in their NCAA Division II "Elite Eight" showdown on Wednesday.

What the Lakers did earn was a victory as Clayton State edged Texas A&M-Commerce squad 60-55 in the national quarterfinals at Nebraska-Kearney's Health and Sports Center. Clayton State improved to 29-5 overall and advanced to the NCAA Division II "Final Four" on Thursday.

"Our team right now feels a tremendous amount of relief that we were able to win that game, because to a person we all admit that we played nervously," said

Clayton State head coach Dennis Cox. "We didn't feel like ourselves tonight."

That was evident in the first half when the Lakers appeared to be playing on thick nerves. Despite shooting 48 percent from the field, Clayton State committed 13 turnovers and saw a nine-point lead disappear. Trailing 24-15, the Lions ran off an 11-2 run and tied the game 26-26 on a jump shot by Britney Jordan.

However, Clayton State took a one-point lead in at halftime thanks to a 3-point basket by Alecia Humphrey with 2:36 remaining.

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Second Annual All Boards Day at Clayton State Honors University Board and Council Members

by Leigh G. Wills, University Relations

The second annual Clayton State All Boards Day, sponsored for the second year in a row by Tim and Sabrina Crawford of Heritage Cadillac Saab in Morrow, proved to be another excellent opportunity to showcase the growth and the new programs recently added to the institution.

Members of all the advisory boards and councils for Clayton State University were invited to attend breakfast at the university by President Dr. Thomas K. Harden, which included a presentation and overview of the rapidly growing institution. Joining the advisory board members were representatives of the University faculty and administration who all enjoyed the presentation by Steve Stephens, interim vice president for External Relations.

“We are committed to student success, growth and good stewardship,” said Stephens, who talked about not only the new academic programs, the reorganization of the University into three Colleges and three Schools, but also the success of several student organizations and the upcoming NCAA Division II Women’s



Interim Vice President for External Relations Steve Stephens welcomes attendees to All Boards Day.

Basketball championships being played this week in Kearney, Neb.

He went on to brag on Clayton State’s athletes with great pride and enthusiasm, indicating that we have three All-American athletes, four All-Regional athletes and two Academic All-Americans. He didn’t neglect to mention the many fundraising activities the university was

involved in, including the Annual Faculty Staff campaign, which he shamelessly admitted he would stack up against any University in the country, having anywhere from 98 percent to 100 percent faculty and staff participation campus-wide over the past four years, something “unheard of” on most campuses.

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Student Success Forum a Success

by John Shiffert, University Relations

STUDENT S.U.C.C.E.S.S. FORUM

INSIGHTS AND OUTLOOKS:
Student Perspectives on their Experiences at Clayton State University

A panel of students will answer questions about what has helped and hindered them as they pursued their degrees

Moderator: Dr. Jim Braun
Location: Spivey Hall
Date: Wednesday, March 21, 2007
Time: 12:30 p.m. - 1:20 p.m.

Organized by the Student Success Committee

Everyone loves a good success story... and Clayton State faculty, staff, administrators and students heard eight of them at the second Student Success Forum on Wednesday, Mar. 21 in Spivey Hall.

Under the watchful direction of moderator Dr. Jim Braun, eight Clayton State students gave the audience some of the reasons for their success by Swan Lake. Featured on the student panel were Business major Arthur Kiboit, Accounting major Tara Washington, Nursing major Chris Barnes, Integrative Studies major Tammy Brown, IT major Saniabou Jobe, Computer Network Technology major

Rajiv Manborde, English major Dana Staves and Psychology & Human Services major Darius Thomas.

In summarizing the strengths of Clayton State University, and how those strengths played a role in their own successes, the student panel focused strongly on several themes; the small student/teacher ratio and the interaction that ratio engenders, the diversity of the student body, the small class size, and, generally, the support of the Clayton State faculty, who were thrown a number of verbal bouquets by the panel.

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Nurse Managed Clinic's Sixth Annual Health Fair Draws 700



The Clayton State Nurse Managed Clinic's Sixth Annual Health Fair was held on Wednesday Mar. 14, in the James Baker University Center. The Fair was organized by Terrilyn Lemons, director of the Nurse Managed Clinic with the assistance of two senior R.N./BSN students, Nicole Williams, R.N. and Candis Freeman, R.N.

Seven hundred students, teachers, staff and local residents' took advantage of a variety of medical screenings, health and wellness information and free consultations, donated by providers from the Atlanta area as well local businesses. Twenty-six cholesterol tests and 132 blood pressures were taken.

"I am pleased as to how the sixth annual health fair turned out," says Lemons. "The nurse managed clinic wants to help students and the community to be proactive in their approach to their own health and this fair was a good effort toward that self-care. When the students, staff, faculty and community neighbors participated in the health fair they were offered massage therapy. The responses were that they left feeling better. In addition to our serious health and wellness purpose, we had a lot of fun spending the day with members of our community."

Health Fair, cont'd., p. 13

Three Clayton State Students Place First at Georgia DEX Conference

by Gina Finocchiaro, University Relations

Three Clayton State University students placed first at the 2007 Georgia Delta Epsilon Chi (DEX) Conference held last month in Atlanta.

Delta Epsilon Chi is the international professional association for college students interested in careers in marketing, management, merchandising and entrepreneurship. Clayton State's DEX Chapter was founded in 1985, and started winning state competitions right away.

Terry Gallagher (Fayetteville) and Ann Evers (Marietta) took first place in

Advertising while Reginald McCaw (Jonesboro), took first place in Web Site Design.

Each student competed in simulation sessions in their categories. This year's winners will travel to Orlando, FL, to compete in the 2007 Delta Epsilon Chi International Career Development Conference that will be held Apr. 21 to Apr. 24.

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THE KEYHOLE



2007 IMAGE COUNCIL

Steve Stephens, Chair

Bobby Asher

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Scott Burke

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David Furman

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Cindy Knight

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Ryan Whitfield

Lee Wright

**We're having a
Pep Rally!**

**Come out and
congratulate our Laker
Women's Basketball team
for an incredible season!**

When: Monday, March 26

Time: 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Location: UC Commons area

Presented by
Counseling Services

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

KEEP YOUR EYES ON YOUR GOAL(S)...

Spring is here and the end of the semester is near. Perhaps you did well the first half of the semester. Perhaps you didn't do as well as you wanted and are disappointed with your performance. Either way, the semester continues, but you are halfway to the finish line. Stay motivated and focused on your goal(s) so that you can achieve success.

"When traveling the road of success, it is not the destination that is most important, but the journey."
- Patres Hillis, Counseling Services

"Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it."

- Michael Jordan

"Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal."

- Henry Ford

"When you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on."

- Franklin D. Roosevelt

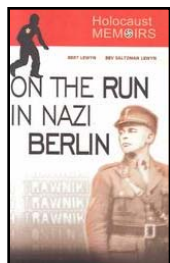
For more information on this or other topics, please feel free to contact Counseling Services.
Office: Student Center 245;
8 a.m. – 5 p.m., M-F
(678) 466-5406
<http://adminservices.clayton.edu/counseling/>

Alumni/Development

Alumni Association Announces Bert Lewyn as Keynote Speaker

by Gina Finocchiaro, University Relations

Bert Lewyn, author of Holocaust Memoirs: On the Run in Nazi Berlin, will speak at the Clayton State University Alumni Association's 15th Annual Meeting and Dinner. The event will be held on Saturday, Apr. 14 at the Omni Hotel's Grand Ballroom at CNN Center in downtown Atlanta.



"We wanted a speaker that had overcome struggles and succeeded," says Sherrie Eoff, vice president of the Alumni Association. "Mr. Lewyn accomplished all of these things, living through one of the most horrific times of history."

Lewyn's book is about his life as a Jewish teen fugitive in Berlin. After spending several years in hiding, he immigrated to the United States and now resides in Atlanta.

The Alumni Association will also hold a silent auction and recognize its 2007 Distinguished & Outstanding Alumni Award winners. Nominations for the

awards may be submitted online by visiting the Clayton State Alumni Association site at www.clayton.edu/alumni2.htm. A link to the distinguished alumni web pages is located on the right side of the homepage, and once on the distinguished alumni page, there is a nomination form and complete listing of previous award winners at the top of the page.

The first Alumni Meeting and Dinner was held in 1993 at Clayton State. Every year since then, the Alumni Association makes it their goal to hold the event off-campus.

"Last year, the dinner at the Atlanta Motor Speedway was wonderful," says Eoff.

By holding this year's dinner in Atlanta, the Alumni Association hopes that the more convenient location will give more alumni throughout the metropolitan area the opportunity to attend the event.

For more information on the dinner, please contact the Clayton State Office of Alumni Relations at (678) 466-4477 or by email at gidrowell@clayton.edu. ■



The Omni Hotel's Grand Ballroom at CNN Center in downtown Atlanta.

Gordon Baker Recognized Three Times in Librarian Community

Clayton State University librarian Dr. Gordon Baker will be keeping busy now that he has been elected secretary of the Southeastern Library Association (SELA) and appointed to the Chapter Relations Committee of the American Library Association (ALA).

He was also recognized by the Henry County Board of Education for his service as their appointee to the Henry County Public Library System's Board of Trustees and in recognition of his two terms as chair of the Board of Trustees.

"I was very honored to be recognized by the Henry County Board of Education," says Baker. "As a retired Henry County Board of Education employee and native Henry Countian, it gives me great pleasure to give back to my community by serving on this board."

Already an active member of the librarian community, Baker is also an active member of the ALA's National Library Week Committee, vice-president of the Region 4 Association for Library Trustees and Advocates division of the ALA, chair for the Trustees and Friends of the Library Section of SELA, chair for the Georgia Council of Media Organizations and editor of "The GAIT Connection," the journal of the Georgia Association for Instructional Technology.

Baker has been an employee of Clayton State University since 1979 and has also worked as a teacher, media specialist and a system level administration in Clayton and Henry counties.

In addition to his associate's degree from Clayton Junior College in education, Baker received his B.S. in Education from Valdosta State, his Masters of Library Science (MLS) and Specialist in Library Services from Clark Atlanta University, and his Doctor of Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University.

Arts Page

Hoover and Meyer to Perform on Spivey Hall Stage

by Gina Finocchiaro, University Relations

Dr. Maya Hoover, assistant professor of Voice at Clayton State University will be performing with Dr. David Meyer, baritone and assistant professor of Voice at Western Washington University, at Clayton State's world-famous Spivey Hall on Friday, Mar. 30 at 8:15 p.m. There is no charge for admission.

At the recital, Hoover and Meyer will be performing songs by composers Johannes Brahms, Gerald Finzi, Henri Duparc, Oscar Lorenzo Fernández and others.

Meyer is a freelance opera and concert singer, a pedagogue, an academician, and serves as the new director of the Western Washington University Opera Studio. Meyer has sung with the Hessische Staatstheater Wiesbaden in Germany, with the Krakow opera in Poland, and with the Staatstheater

Winterthur in Switzerland. His performances credentials in the States include the Indianapolis opera, the Kentucky opera, and the Muddy River Opera Company. He has concertized at the Aldeburgh Festival in England, at the Concertgebouw in Holland, and he has toured with Paul Hillier as a member of Theater of Voices.



Dr. Maya Hoover (Kelsey Edwards Photo)

A leading scholar and researcher of Latin American art song, mezzo-soprano Hoover is an active performer, teacher, clinician, music education philosopher, and author.

Her accomplishments in the performance and teaching arenas have earned her invitations to appear around the world, and her specialty in the music of the 20th and 21st centuries has led her to collabora-

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Clayton State to Hold First Student Author Reading

Eighteen student authors are expected to read from their own creative fiction, non-fiction and poetry in Clayton State University's first Creative Writing Students Reading which will be held on Wednesday, Mar. 28 at 7:30 p.m. in room 267 of the James M. Baker Center. The event is free and open to the public.

Each student will be allotted five minutes to perform their original work, all of which were written and edited during workshop sessions in Assistant Professor of English Dr. Brigitte Byrd's Creative Writing classes.

The student authors who will read are Lacy Barnett of Newnan, David Bearden of Robinson, Tx., Shavaun Brewer of Sacramento, Ca., Candice Brown of Spokane, Wa., Monique Faulkner of St. Thomas, USVI., John Hepner of Baltimore, Mia Howard of Birmingham, Al., Keisha Jennings of Baltimore, Thomas Jones of Ellenwood, Ga., Casey Judson of Stockbridge, Ga., Megan Lawrimore of Fayetteville, Ga., Nicole Oliver of West Orange, N.J., Heath

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Across the Campus...

Admissions

Clayton State University's Undergraduate Admissions Office is holding its annual Spring Open House on Saturday, Mar. 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Spivey Hall. Prospective students will be introduced to the wide variety of undergraduate programs and career opportunities offered by Clayton State. In addition, information about admissions, financial aid, housing and other services will be available. A tour of the Clayton State campus will follow a Question and Answer Forum for prospective students and/or parents.

Athletics

Playing in their first ever NCAA Division II National Tournament game, the Clayton State Lakers needed overtime to advance on Saturday, Mar. 10, knocking off Catawba 72-69 in the quarterfinals of the 2007 NCAA Division II South Atlantic Regional at Augusta State. Clayton State, ranked 25th in the latest Division II Top 25 poll, improved to 24-7 overall. Michael Sloan and Jerome Boyd both paced Clayton State with 15 points. Boyd scored nine points in the first half as Clayton State finished on an 11-3 run and a 32-26 lead at the break. Todd McLaurin scored 11 points despite missing much of the second half with a minor injury, and Brandon Kelley added 10 points. Clayton State was strong on the glass as John Beugnot grabbed 14 rebounds and Aristide Sawadogo had 12 rebounds.

To say that the Clayton State Laker women's tennis team has a monster of a 2007 schedule is an understatement. Playing their seventh nationally-ranked opponent this season, the Lakers dropped a 9-0 decision against Peach Belt Conference rival and second-ranked Armstrong Atlantic on Monday, Mar. 12 at Armstrong Atlantic Tennis Complex. The defeat drops the Lakers to 4-6 overall and 3-3 in the Peach Belt.

Board of Regents

The Actions List for items acted upon by the Board of Regents at their board

meeting on Mar. 20 and Mar. 21 is online: <http://www.usg.edu/regents/action/mar07.phtml>

Bursar's Office

Beginning Apr. 9, the Bursar's Office will observe new office hours. We will be open Monday and Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. By making these changes and coordinating our hours with other student service related departments, we hope to be able to serve our customers better and more efficiently. The exception to these hours will be during registration when our hours will be extended and holiday weeks when we will observe 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. office hours.

City of Morrow

Volunteers are needed for Morrow's Day in the Park -- "The Past is Our Gateway to the Future," Saturday, May 5, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Milton Daniel Park, adjacent to Morrow City Hall. For more information on volunteering, please call Lauren Singleton at the Morrow Tourist Center at (770) 968-1623. For more information on Day in the Park and other events, please visit <http://www.morrowtourism.com/>.

Community Events

The Civic League for Regional Atlanta and Clayton State University will present "Your Money or Your Mobility," a regional town hall meeting about transportation and taxes on Wednesday, Mar. 28 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education. There is no charge, but space is limited. RSVP to The Civic League at (404) 651-1385 or releaz@langate.gsu.edu.

Financial Aid

Students interested in receiving financial aid for summer 2007 must complete the Request for Financial Aid for Summer Semester 2007 if they are not already awarded/reviewed for this term. This survey should be available on the DUCK. Once you complete the survey, you will be reviewed to determine what eligibility, if any, you may have. We

must receive your request for summer 2007 before Apr. 1 in order to determine your eligibility in a timely manner. If you have any questions, call (678) 466-4185, or email financialaid@clayton.edu.

History

Dr. Marko Maunula, Clayton State University assistant professor of History, recently his article, "A Quick Fix in Iraq? Reminds Me of Reconstruction," on the History News Network. The article can be found at <http://hnn.us/articles/33914.html>. The article compares the operation to reconstruct Iraq to the post-Civil War Reconstruction era of the United States. Maunula is also working on his first book, "Guten Tag, Ya'll," which discusses foreign corporations coming to the American South.

Public Safety

The Clean Air Campaign Winners for a \$25 VISA gift card are Cheryl Garvin, Kathy Garrison, Bernie Pascual and Kevin Fitzgerald. For more information about employee programs, see <http://adminservices.clayton.edu/ps/> or contact Joan Murphy in Public Safety.

University System

At the link below, you will find a new monthly publication, "Value Added: USG Serves Georgia," which has replaced the chancellor's "Points of Pride" letter. As the name of the new publication indicates, the focus here is how we, as a University System, and your campuses are serving Georgia (and local communities, and, in the broadest sense, the world). We know that, at any given moment on every USG campus, groups of students, faculty and/or staff are involved in community outreach of some kind. Many campuses have service centers with all sorts of interesting ongoing projects that could stand some visibility. And of course research institutions are continually demonstrating how they add value to society, whether it's out in the community, in the classroom or in the lab. Check out the new publication by going to <http://www.usg.edu/pubs/value/>. There is also a link to "Value Added" on our home pag: <http://www.usg.edu>.

Clayton State University Budget Hearings – March 30

Budget hearings for FY 2007/08 will be held on Friday, Mar. 30, in room 260 of the James M. Baker Center. The schedule is as follows...

- Welcome/Opening Remarks9 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
- Academic Affairs9:15 a.m. – 10 a.m.
- Student Affairs10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- BREAK10:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.
- External Relations10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
- Information Technology11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
- LUNCHnoon – 1 p.m.
- Business & Operations1 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- Spivey Hall1:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.
- Athletics2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- BREAK2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
- Auxiliary Services2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Women’s Forum Luncheon Scheduled for March 26

The Clayton State University Women’s Forum Luncheon for March will be held on Monday, Mar. 26 from noon to 1:30 p.m. in room 101 of the Harry S. Downs Center.

The program, which begins at 12:30 p.m., is the awards ceremony for the University’s Women’s History Month Committee. Student winners of the essay contest will be announced.

“Please join us in supporting our outstanding students and celebrate the conclusion of Women’s History Month,” says the Women’s Forum’s Dolores Cox.

The program will also include the 2007/2008 slate of officers for Women’s Forum elections in April.

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Padgett of Gainesville, Ga., Andrea Rowe of Miami, Claudia Salomon of Mexico, Thomas Tamoy of Jamaica, Setara Lemons and Shakira Townsend.

“This is a nice way to see what our students are writing and a good way to start

a creative writing student’s community,” says Byrd.

Byrd also organizes the Visiting Writers Reader Series, sponsored by Clayton State’s Lyceum and Language and Literature Department and is the Senior

Editor for Cygnet, the arts and literature journal of Clayton State. ■

Student Government Association 2007-2008 Executive Officer and Senator Elections

2007-08 President/Vice President positions
(Term of office—May 2007-April 2008)

Candidate Meeting and Photos Taken
Friday, Mar. 31, 2007, 1 p.m., UC 230

Signature Petitions Available
Monday, Mar. 12, 2007, on-line

On-line Election Dates
Monday, Apr. 2, 12 noon – Friday, Apr. 6, 8 a.m.

Signature Petition Submission
By Wednesday, Mar. 28, 2007, 5 p.m., UC 250

Results posted
Friday, Apr. 6, 10 a.m.

Candidate information and election petitions are available now at <http://adminservices.clayton.edu/sgaelections/>. To find out more about the Clayton State Student Government Association, go to <http://studentorg.clayton.edu/sga/>.



Governor's Office of Customer Service
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March 2007

Team Georgia Grows Again!

Five more agencies have joined the Governor's Customer Service Initiative:

- State Accounting Office, Champion Renee Wheeler
- Dept. of Early Care and Learning, Champion Cindy Tharp
- Dept. of Labor, Champion Ashley Howard
- Professional Standards Commission, Champion Phil Blackwell
- State Board of Workers' Compensation, Champion Kathy Oliver

Georgia State Debuts "Mega" Customer Service

Georgia State University students now enjoy fewer lines and shorter waits for help with key student services. A new "Mega One Stop Shop" event, offered the first two weeks of each semester, brings students together with trained Enrollment Services specialists in a central location.

The "regular" One Stop Shop, launched in Fall 2005, is open year-round in several locations on campus. Students can speak with one of eight full-time specialists who are trained and empowered to help with a variety of needs, including financial aid, registration, student records, accounts and transcripts. The "Mega" event, held in the Student Center, adds such start-of-the-semester services as housing, parking, ID cards, immunizations, book orders and advisement.

"Before, students had to visit multiple offices, and specialists were trained in only one area," said Cherise Peters, Assistant VP for Enrollment Services and University Registrar. "We changed our organizational structure and pro-

cesses to focus on the customer - our students."

The One Stop Shop serves about 1,100 students a month, with wait times typically fewer than two minutes. Staffers also take email questions, answering 3,000 a month within one business day.

This effort is just one part of Georgia State's customer service enhancement plan. "Georgia State is committed to being a university that puts students first, and this initiative works toward that goal," said Nannette Commander, Assistant VP for Recruitment and Retention and Georgia State's appointed Customer Service Champion.

The One Stop Shop enjoys a 97% satisfaction rating based on student surveys, but Peters' team won't rest on their laurels. In addition to online, email and in-person services, they'll open a phone bank this April, with eight more full-time staff manning the phones. At next fall's "Mega" event, they'll add a pick-up point for books ordered online.



Georgia State's One Stop Shop staff members greet students promptly and courteously, providing faster, friendlier and easier student services.

Change Agents & Agencies

DOD: Where Serving Georgia's Soldiers Matters!

The Georgia Department of Defense (DOD) is focusing on its customers: the soldiers of the Georgia Army National Guard and their families. "Customer service must always be the cornerstone of all governmental interaction with the citizens," said Lt. General David B. Poythress, head of DOD.

DOD recently upgraded its process and facilities for **issuing military ID cards more quickly and easily** to soldiers, retirees and dependents.

The card issuance site, located near Fort Gillem at the Oglethorpe Armory headquarters of the Army Guard, receives consistently favorable comments. The soldiers responsible for issuing ID cards report improved cycle times and a reduced error rate.



Inspiration for such customer service improvements comes from the Georgia Army National Guards' **"Soldiers Matter" creed**, a statement of commitment and support to soldiers and their families:

I KNOW THAT YOU ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON ENTERING OUR FACILITY.

I UNDERSTAND YOU ARE NOT INTERRUPTING MY WORK.

I UNDERSTAND YOU ARE THE REASON I SERVE.

I UNDERSTAND THAT SERVICE IS YOUR ENTITLEMENT.

I WILL PROVIDE YOU THE BEST SERVICE FOR YOUR NEEDS.

I WILL PROVIDE SERVICE AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AND COURTEOUSLY AS POSSIBLE.

I WILL TAKE CARE OF THE SOLDIER.

THAT IS WHY I AM HERE:
SOLDIERS MATTER.

Agencies Recognize Employee Customer Service

Dept. of Human Resources: "Right Work, Right Way"

DHR Commissioner B.J. Walker encourages her 19,000 employees to do the right thing to best serve their customers. DHR's new **Right Work, Right Way** employee incentive program offers agency-wide recognition and a cash reward to staff who deliver service above and beyond the expectations of the job or suggest procedural improvements that result in faster, friendlier, easier service.

Any DHR employee may be nominated for this award on a quarterly basis. For the program's "kick-off" quarter, DHR received 75 nominations. Forty-six finalists each took home a \$100 lump-sum reward in thanks for their exemplary service.

Here are excerpts from two of the 46 winning nominations:

From the Division of Public Health: "She anticipated the needs of our parasitology supervisor by assisting in the preparation for laboratory inspections. She implemented and updated maintenance records for our microscopes, quality control records for our stains, and maintenance records for our refrigerator and freezer. Because of her assistance, we were able to pass state and federal licensure inspections. In fact, **inspectors used examples of her maintenance records as suggestions for improvement for other areas of the laboratory.**"

From the Division of Family & Children Services: "Recently, a TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) applicant with three children was evicted from her apartment and not allowed to get their personal belongings. The case worker learned that this customer was working until she had a seizure at work and lost her job. The family had some non-perishables from the food bank but no can opener or cookware with which to prepare those items and no milk, bread, eggs, etc. **The case worker purchased the food items and found resources to provide cookware and other kitchen necessities, which she delivered to the customer.**"

Interested in offering a program like this in your agency? Contact DHR Champion Malika Reed for ideas at mtreed@dhr.state.ga.us. GMS approval is required for monetary awards.

Dept. of Revenue Taxpayer Services Honored For Quarterly Results



The Call Center staff reached quarterly goals. They will partner with OCS for more call center and rapid process improvement. Front row: Manager Darcy Pyle, Joanne Smaw Asomugha, Sharonda Gordon, Gwendolyn Woods. Middle Row: Director Denise Samuel, Carla Williams, Janice Bridges, Patricia Jones, Joy Durrah, Taabilah White, Linda SADBERRY. Back row: Soneka Morton, Supervisor Deloris Maxwell, Miaysha Kendrick, Dionne Rice, Daryl Martel, Carolyn Pitts, Angela Campbell, Trina Evans.

Banking & Finance Recognizes and Remembers Outstanding Service

The Georgia Department of Banking & Finance (DBF) has incorporated a special customer service award in its newly updated employee recognition program. The **Jenny Neville Customer Service Award** will be presented to one employee this summer in memory of a colleague who passed away in 2006.

Neville had recently retired from DBF with more than 24 years of service. She consistently demonstrated great care and responsiveness in assisting customers throughout her career. She was honored in 2004 with DBF's customer service award.

"We thought it was fitting to name our new customer service award after

a beloved employee who spent a great deal of her career providing professional and exceptional service to Georgia citizens," said DBF Customer Service Champion Carol Webb.

In addition to the award in Jenny's name, DBF will recognize outstanding employee performance in leadership, community service and "gold medal" efforts. A humor award will highlight the lighter moments of the past year.

DBF staff members are currently nominating their peers. DBF leadership will select winners to be honored at a department conference in July.

Customer Service on the Web



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Kai McCormack to Speak on Stress in Young Rhesus Monkeys at Next Frontiers in Science



Dr. Kai McCormack

Human children aren't the only youngsters to react to stress. Even young rhesus monkeys can be stressed, as the next speaker in Clayton State University's spring 2007 Frontiers in Science series, Dr. Kai McCormack, assistant professor of Psychology at Spelman College, will explain.

The title of the seminar is "The Effects of Early Life Stress on Behavioral and

Stress Systems in Rhesus Monkeys." McCormack will be speaking on Tuesday, Mar. 27 at 4:30 p.m. in room 327 of the James M. Baker University Center on the Clayton State campus. Like the rest of the Frontiers in Science series, McCormack's presentation will be free and open to the public.

McCormack holds three Psychology degrees, a B.A. from Claremont McKenna College, and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Georgia. In addition to teaching at Spelman, she is also an affiliate scientist at Emory University's Yerkes National Primate Research Center.

Her research interests include developmental psychology, animal behavior, and experimental psychology. Currently, she is examining the behaviors and stress responses of rhesus monkeys physically abused by their mothers. This research, which McCormack says also applies to humans, shows physically abused rhesus monkeys are more "clingy" toward their mothers and are more aggressive toward their peers.

The overall goal of McCormack's work in this area is to understand how early life stress impacts childhood development. ■

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tions with some of today's leading composers.

Hoover has appeared in recital throughout the United States performing works from the standard repertoire as well as lesser-known works. She enjoys a long-time collaboration with pianist José Meléndez, with whom she regularly appears in recitals, concerts, and master classes. Their unique partnership as a performing and teaching team coupled with their spe-

cialization in Latin American art song has afforded them invitations to appear throughout the United States and abroad.

On the operatic and concert stage, Hoover has sung roles from Xerxes (Xerxes) to Cio-Cio San (Madama Butterfly), and has appeared with orchestras in works from Bach to Babbitt. Sought-after for her research on Latin American art song, Hoover serves on the Advisory Board of the Latin American Art Song Alliance, an

organization dedicated to the promotion of songs from South America, Central America, and the Islands of the Caribbean. She has appeared in performances in Colombia, Bolivia, Italy, Hungary, and Peru in addition to numerous venues in the United States. ■

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"We are preparing hard for the national event and practicing quite a bit, so we will be successful," says Dr. Russell Casey, DEX advisor for Clayton State and associate professor of Marketing in the University's College of Professional Studies.

More than 2,000 college students are expected to compete at this year's DEX conference. Last year, Clayton State's DEX Chapter brought home the most national awards in the South Division of the DEX Conference in Dallas. ■

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Stephens then reiterated the need for growth as Clayton State becomes South Atlanta's metropolitan University. Construction on several new buildings will begin this year with the University's very first on-campus student housing and student activities center slated to be completed by fall 2008. Other immediate needs include a new Science building, renovation of the nursing labs and more scholarships.

All-in-all the morning turned out to be a great time of fellowship for all those who support the university on so many levels.

It gave them the chance to get to know each other better and to get to know not only what Clayton State is doing with their help and support, but what the upcoming needs of the university are.

Clayton State appreciates these fine citizens and their time, talents and financial support, without such the growth of the university would not be where it is today. ■



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Youth University Returns to Clayton State

by Gina Finocchiaro, University Relations



Clayton State University's Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education is once again the home of the award-winning Youth University as an exciting alternative to traditional summer day-camp.

Youth University now offers five new theme-based curricula covering academics, science, computers, drama, or music and dance. These innovative programs offer students ages seven to 11 a unique learning experience designed to enhance their academic, cultural and physical skills and knowledge.

"Community response to Youth University has been great," says Hattie Strickland, program coordinator for Clayton State University's Continuing Education department. "Most parents like the program because of its collegiate feel. Parents know that children will be safe

here and that the activities are engaging, fun-filled, and rewarding."

All Youth University classes will be held on campus at Clayton State University and are staffed by qualified teachers and counselors, many of whom attended the programs as children themselves. Selected for their ability to facilitate learning and their enthusiasm in working with students, all Youth University teachers and counselors and have backgrounds in education, technology, recreation, writing, the arts and athletics.

Youth University sessions will be staffed from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. to assist working parents. Sessions run from June 4 – June 15, June 18 – June 29, July 2 – July 13, and July 16 – July 27. To view Youth University courses and register online, visit www.conted.clayton.edu or call (678) 466-5050 for more information.

If you are interested in working with Clayton State as a youth teacher or program coordinator please send your resume and three professional references from

previous employers to Natasha Hutson at natashahutson@clayton.edu or fax to (678) 466-5089. ■

CE Introduces New Courses for Spring Session

Clayton State University's Division of Continuing Education announces seven new courses for its spring 2007 session beginning in March.

Included in the new offerings are; Advanced Basic Grammar Skills, Regulatory Guidelines in the Workplace, Advanced Interactive Child Support Calculator, Property Consultant Certificate Program, Master Electrician Exam Prep, Aircraft Electronics Technician, and Advanced Digital Photography.

For more information on these exciting new career and professional development courses view the Clayton State Continuing Education Winter 2007 course catalog online at www.conted.clayton.edu or call (678) 466-5050.

Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!

On-Campus Interviews

Exel

Wednesday, March 28

Interviewing on campus for
Operations Supervisor

Must have Business degree

Graduate or graduating spring, summer, or fall 2007

Submit a resume and make an appointment
with joanmcelroy@clayton.edu

Walgreens

Thursday, March 29

Interviewing on campus for:

1) Retail Management Trainee:

Alumni, Graduating Spring or
Summer 2007, low to mid \$30,000's,
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2) Retail Management Internship:

Designed for college students to complete during the summer between their junior and senior years, May through August, 40-hour work week, \$12 to \$14 per hour

Submit a resume and make an appointment
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Hertz

Wednesday, April 11

Interviewing on campus for
Management Trainees

All bachelors level majors and 1+ year of
customer service and/or relevant sales experience. Graduate or graduating spring 2007.

Submit a resume for a pre-select screening
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On-Campus Recruiting

FedEx Ground

Tuesday, April 3, and Tuesday, April 24

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

University Center Commons

P/T Package Handlers, \$9.00 - \$9.50 per
hour, tuition assistance, at the Ellenwood
location

McDonalds

Thursday, April 5

9 a.m. – 11 p.m.

Quad area between the UC and BHS –
look for a red tent!

Serving breakfast to the first 300-500
students and providing area employment
opportunities

Upcoming Events

Finding an Excellent Internship

Tuesday, March 27

Career Services, Upper Lobby of Student
Center

12:30 p.m. or 5 p.m.

Email career@clayton.edu for a reservation

Business Etiquette Dinner

Tickets on Sale Now!

Thursday, April 5

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Presented by Peggy Newfield of Personal
Best, Inc.

Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing
Education

Advance Ticket Purchase Required
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Services

Women For Hire

Thursday, April 5

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Cobb Galleria Centre

College-to-Career Fair

Tuesday, April 10

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Cobb Galleria Centre

A state-wide job fair for member
schools of the Georgia Association of
Colleges and Employers
Bring copies of your resume and wear
business attire. Pre-register at
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North Carolina Mountains

Teacher Job Fair

Monday, May 21

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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Success Forum, cont'd. from p. 2

In terms of advice that the student panel wanted to pass along to their fellow students, the message was clear – get involved. The subject of student participation in the life of the campus was one that came up time and again, both in terms of aspects of Clayton State that need to improve, and in the realm of advice the panel wanted to give to their peers. Washington and Staves made the strongest statements, noting that student participation benefits everyone (Washington) and that too many students “hide behind their classes. (Staves)

“Get involved... get to know other students,” urged freshman Thomas.

The other side, the value of student participation, was noted by senior non-traditional student Brown, who said that her fondest memories of Clayton State would be “joining a club, meeting others, just meeting people.” She also noted Clayton State’s traditional attraction to non-traditional students. ■

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Clayton State Hygienists All Smiles At Hinman Dental Society Meeting

by Gina Finocchiaro, University Relations

Clayton State University Dental Hygiene students Anna Hendricks, Donna Rogers and Nikita Willingham were each awarded the prestigious "Hinman Scholar" Scholarship at the Hinman Dental Society Meeting on Mar. 17.

"I felt honored to receive this award," says Rogers, a resident of Griffin.

The Hinman Dental Society provides three scholarships each year for senior Clayton State dental hygiene students. Scholarship candidates must have a 3.0 minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) and must show potential for life-long learning. In addition to satisfying GPA requirements, students must submit a short essay addressing their academic and professional accomplishments.

In her essay in application for the scholarship, Willingham, a resident of Jonesboro, writes, "Since entering the Dental Hygiene program in fall 2005, I have worked extremely hard to become prepared to contribute to my profession, community and society. At this point in my education I can identify...relationships in my clinical situations which enables me to develop individualized treatment plans for patients."

Scholarship winner Hendricks, a resident of Rex, writes, "I feel dental hygiene is what I have been called to do. I look forward to my future and I am eager to learn something new each day."

Each year the Hinman Society awards \$250,000 in scholarships and gifts to dental education programs at 34 colleges and universities, dental education groups and clinics.

The Hinman Society, founded by Atlanta dentist Thomas P. Hinman in the early 1900's, sponsors one of the nation's largest dental meetings, the Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting. ■

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Services and providers included: cholesterol testing and blood pressure screenings by Nurse Managed Clinic and Clayton State Nursing Students; blood pressure screenings were provided by LaTanya Young, assistant professor/coordinator of Medical Assistant Program and the Medical Assistant students; sickle cell testing provided by Sickle Cell Foundation; HIV testing by National AIDS Education Services for Minorities; glucose tests and body fat testing were performed by Southern Regional Medical Center; vision screenings by Sam's Club; health and beauty consultations by Airbonne, Mary Kay, and Warm Spirit; depression screening provided by Clayton State Counseling Services; and massage therapy donated by Michael Clark of Integrated Wellness.

The other vendors that participated in the health fair included: American Heart Association, Arthritis

Foundation, Clayton County Association of Battered Women, the Clayton State Dental Hygiene Clinic, the Clayton State Department of Public Safety, Clean Air Campaign, Goji Health juice, The Good Shepherd Clinic, Human and Health Department Women's Services, Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies, Kaiser Permanente, Lia Sophia Jewelry, Mango Juice Company, Planned Parenthood, Peachcare, Right from The Start, 1-877-Ridefind, Sister Love Inc., Liver Foundation, Life link organ donation, and Southern Crescent Sexual Assault Clinic.

"The health fair provided important information and services to members of our community," says Lemons. "So plan to join us for our Seventh annual event. I'd also like to thank the generic BSN nursing student who volunteered to help make this fair a success." ■

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Marquita Driskell nailed four straight free throws, and then a long 3-point basket by Shanice Dawson tied the game at 46-46 at the 10:32 mark.

Clayton State pushed the lead back to seven points, 57-50 on a lay-up off an offensive rebound by Sharon Wiles with 4:35 remaining. But that was the last field goal that the Lakers would convert in regulation play. Georgia College tied the game 58-58 on a driving lay-up by Lindsey Smith with 56 seconds remaining.

The Lady Bobcats had a final opportunity for the game-winner, but Driskell could not convert a lay-up in traffic as time expired.

Clayton State scored the first two baskets in the extra session – a driving lay-up by Nikkisha Pritchett and a turnaround jump

shot by Jackson – to lead 62-58 with 2:39 remaining. The closest Georgia College got until the final seconds was a lay-up by Driskell to make the Laker lead 62-60 at the 1:48 mark.

Shantel Ragin paced the Lakers with 15 points, seven rebounds and three steals to garner South Atlantic Regional Most Valuable Player honors. Wiles scored 12 points to garner All-Tournament honors, while Brown and Marie St. Fort both scored nine points and Jackson added eight points, six rebounds and five blocked shots for Clayton State.

For Georgia College (22-10), Driskell recorded her third straight double-double of the tournament with 21 points and 15 rebounds. In the Lady Bobcats' three games, the 6-foot-2 Driskell averaged 28 points and 15 rebounds. Ashley Williams scored 10 points for Georgia College. ■

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However, a lay-up by Nikkisha Pritchett in traffic and two St. Fort free throws tied the game for Clayton State 55-55 with 2:30 remaining.

With less than two minutes remaining, Florida Gulf Coast retrieved an offensive rebound, and the Eagles' Steffi Sorensen put Florida Gulf Coast ahead for good, 58-55 with 1:52 remaining.

Clayton State trimmed the deficit to three points with 10 seconds remaining, and then put Florida Gulf Coast's Chelsea

Dermeyer at the free throw line with six seconds remaining. She missed the front end of a one-and-one, but Amanda Pierce grabbed the offensive rebound to preserve the victory for the Eagles.

St. Fort scored 16 points off the bench to pace Clayton State, while Phillips scored 13 points and Alecia Humphrey added eight points and 10 rebounds. All-American Katie Schrader scored 25 points for Florida Gulf Coast and Sorensen scored 14 points. ■

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Brandon Kelley drained a long 3-point basket to give the Lakers a two-point lead 68-66 with 1:02 remaining. The Laker defense got a stop on the ensuing possession, but a Clayton State turnover with 28 seconds remaining gave Virginia Union new life.

Blanks converted a running lay-up and was fouled on the play with 13 seconds remaining. His free throw completed the 3-point play to give Virginia Union a 69-68 lead. However, Kelley was fouled driving to the basket with five seconds remaining. He calmly sank both free throws to give the Lakers a one-point lead.

Following a timeout, Virginia Union had the ball on the side. Buster Perkins fed Banks on the left wing, and he drove for the winning lay-up at the buzzer.

For the Lakers to be in it down to the wire in overtime was a testament to the team itself. Clayton State played without leading scorer Todd McLaurin for much of the game due to a foot injury. And, Virginia Union raced out to a quick 18-5 lead to open the contest, only to see Clayton State battle back and cut the lead to two points 30-28 at halftime.

There were seven ties and four lead-changes in the second half as neither team

Elite Eight, cont'd. from p. 1

The Lakers trailed by as much as five points early in the second half before the hot shooting of Nikkisha Pritchett brought Clayton State back into the game. Her 3-point basket at the 15:06 mark tied the game at 36-36, and then Pritchett came up with a huge lay-up in transition to trim the Texas A&M-Commerce lead to 47-45 with 9:55 remaining.

The lead changed hands four times before Crystal Brown put Clayton State ahead for good 52-51 with a jump shot at the 5:04 mark. However, perhaps the biggest basket of the game came with 2:37 remaining as Brown drove baseline and converted a lay-up in traffic to give the Lakers a 54-51 lead.

"We all stepped up and made some big plays in the second half," Cox said. "Nikkisha knocked down a three and I think that calmed us down a little."

Over the last nine minutes of the game, Clayton State limited Texas A&M-Commerce to one field goal, which came with 18 seconds remaining.

Brown paced Clayton State with 15 points, while Pritchett scored 12 points off the bench. In addition, center Lynette Jackson scored 10 points, grabbed eight rebounds and had four blocked shots off the bench. The Laker bench out-scored Texas A&M-Commerce 29-5.

For the Lions (28-9), Tradawn Short scored 18 points and Jordan scored 12 points. ■

led by more five points. Blanks hit two free throws with 31 seconds remaining to give the Panthers a 61-59 lead. However, Rod Venner, who was stellar off the bench for the Lakers, converted a jump shot in the lane to tie the game at 61-61. Jason Wansley's jump shot at the buzzer was off, forcing overtime.

Kelley completed his solid two-year career at Clayton State with 18 points, seven rebounds and five steals, while Venner scored a career-high 17 points off the bench. Michael Sloan scored 13 points

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LAKER
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM FOR A GREAT SEASON!**

Clayton State's Simmons selected USTFCCCA Regional Athlete of the Year

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

Clayton State sprinter Eric Simmons was honored as the South Region Men's Track Athlete of the Year by the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA). Simmons received his award on Friday, Mar. 9 in conjunction with the NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field National Championships.

Simmons, a junior from Carrollton, Ga., enjoyed a stellar 2007 indoor season in both the 200-meter and 400-meter dash. He qualified for his second straight NCAA Division II Indoor Championships in the 400-meter dash with the fifth-fastest time in the nation at 47.72 seconds that he set at the Indiana Relays.

In addition, he won the both the 200-meter dash and 400-meter dash at the Indiana Relays and the Sewanee Indoor Invitational, the 400-meter dash at the Clemson Opener and the 200-meter dash at the Findlay Classic.

On the women's side, Laker freshman Natasha Gass of Augusta, Ga. was named the South Region Women's Field Athlete of the Year. Gass set Clayton State's record in the triple jump at 34-7 1/2 and held the team's long jump record until it was broken at the last indoor meet of the season by teammate Jon Taylor.

Both Simmons and Allison Kreutzer had rough showings over the Mar. 9-10 weekend at the NCAA Division II Indoor National Championships at Roxbury Community College's Reggie Lewis Center.

Simmons was one of the favorites in the men's 400-meter dash, but was tripped in the final turn of the preliminary run and finished 10th with a time of 48.76 seconds, just missing the finals. Kreutzer, meanwhile, finished 16th in the finals of the women's 5,000-meter run with a time of 18:00.51. ■

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for Clayton State and Jerome Boyd added eight points off the bench. The Lakers shot 78 percent from the free throw line. For Virginia Union (23-5), Brad Byerson and Chris Greene each

scored 16 points, while Wansley scored 13 points and Blanks and Steve Miller each added 11 points. The Panthers shot 53 percent from the field. ■

Trivia Time

A No-Borat Zone

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Sacha Baron Cohen, an otherwise modestly-talented British comedian, has managed to do the nearly impossible, put the sovereign nation of Kazakhstan on the map, at least to the general public. Playing the fictional Kazak journalist Borat Sagdiyev on the screen, Cohen has made the nation of 1,050,000 square miles and just 15,185,000 people, if not a household word, at least less obscure.

Located just west of Mongolia, Kazakhstan is still possibly one of the most remote places on earth, requiring a four-hour flight east from Moscow, and one of the least-populated. The ninth-largest nation in terms of square miles, Kazakhstan has the smallest population of any of those nine countries, made up largely of Russians (Stalin sent people he didn't like there) and Kazaks.

However, not everyone knows Kazakhstan from Borat. Having spent 10 days in a fifth floor, cold water walk-up flat in the heart of Almaty, Kazakhstan's largest city (with about a tenth of the entire nation's population), in September 1999, it is possible to say, "been there, done that." Indeed, the population of Kazakhstan would be 15,184,998 if not for Jared (Yuryi Tshai) and Joseph Shiffert (Valeryi Tshai), who were born in Almaty on Mar. 11, 1999. Happy birthday, guys.

Dr. David Ludley, though an English professor by trade, turned out to be best at world geography. This was also a question made for determined souls like Todd Birchfield and Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller, who came in second and third. Also supplying correct answers were Dr. Robert Caine, Dina Swearngin, Jared Morrison (he gets three Bonus Points for his first name), Rob Taylor and Dr. Hugh Arnold.

However, if you're really good, you'll know something about the national sport of Kazakhstan. No, it's not baseball, nor is it pelting movie screens showing Borat with overripe fruit. First correct answer to johnshiffert@clayton.edu gets a wheelbarrow full of tenge, which, at 135 to the dollar, won't buy you very much.

Sports Page

Clayton State's "Sweet 16" Hopes Turned Back 71-70 Against Virginia Union

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

All that stood between the Clayton State Lakers and a berth in the "Sweet 16" of the NCAA Division II National Tournament was 1.9 seconds.

However, that 1.9 seconds was all Virginia Union needed as well. The Panthers' Lakeith Banks hit a lay-up as time expired in overtime to give Virginia

Union a thrilling 71-70 victory over Clayton State in the semifinals of the men's NCAA Division II South Atlantic Regional at Augusta State.

The Lakers finish their stellar season, which featured a national ranking from the start to the finish and the program's first ever NCAA Division II National

Tournament berth, at 24-8. It's the second-most victories in a season for a Clayton State team.

The end symbolized the overtime period in which the lead changed sides four times in the first three minutes. Clayton State's

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Clayton State Edges Georgia College 66-65 in Overtime for South Atlantic Regional Championship

Playing host to the NCAA Division II South Atlantic Regional Women's Basketball Championship game on Monday, Mar. 12, Clayton State needed overtime, but it was enough to edge in-state Peach Belt Conference rival Georgia College 66-65 at the Athletics and Fitness Center. The 16th-ranked Lakers improved to 28-5 overall with their seventh straight victory and ninth in the last 10 games.

Playing each other for the fourth time this season, there was nothing much more to

hide between the two teams, and both left everything on the court.

After leading 38-38 at halftime, Clayton State led by as much as 12 points early in the second half. Crystal Brown's 3-point play gave the Lakers a 42-30 lead with 17:40 remaining. However, Georgia College methodically battled its way back, using a 16-4 run to tie the game.

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