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“Women’s Art: Women’s Vision” Women’s History Month at Clayton State

By John Shiffert, University Relations

“Women’s Art: Women’s Vision.” That’s the theme for a series of event events celebrating Women’s History Month at Clayton State University.

“In this series of events we celebrate women as artists and visionaries who inspire us and move us forward,” explains Dr. Deborah Deckner, assistant professor of Psychology and chair of the Clayton State 2008 Women’s History Month Committee.

In this case, a “month” runs from a musical kick-off celebration on Monday, Mar. 10 through to a discussion on pregnancy in the workplace on Tuesday, Apr. 8. All Women’s History Month Events at Clayton State are free (with the exception of the Women’s Forum Luncheon) and all are open to the public.

The Mar. 10 musical kickoff will run from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. and will feature Clayton State music faculty members Dr. Michiko Otaki and Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller, plus additional Clayton State University faculty and students. The Musical Kick-off Celebration will be held in the Choral Room of Spivey Hall.

On Wednesday, Mar. 12, Clayton State’s unofficial poet laureate, Dr. Brigitte Byrd, assistant professor in the Department of Language and Literature, will perform selected readings from her book, “The Dazzling Land” in room UC 272 of the James M. Baker Center from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The next day, Thursday, Mar. 13, Women’s History Month moves off-campus with Assistant Professor of

Communicative Arts and Integrative Studies Dr. Wendy Burns-Ardolino’s reading/discussion/book signing of her new book, “Jiggle: (Re)Shaping the American Woman” at the Morrow Barnes and Noble on Mt. Zion Road. Burns-Ardolino will be appearing at the Barnes and Noble from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

On Monday, Mar. 17, Dr. Susan Copeland, assistant professor in the Clayton State Language and Literature will lecture on Georgia author Flannery O’ Connor in room UC 272 of the Baker Center from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, Mar. 18, the Clayton State Women’s Forum will celebrate Women’s

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The Portal Goes Live

On Monday, Mar. 10, the Clayton State University campus community will have a new web communications tool: the Luminis Portal.

According to Dr. John Bryan, vice president of the Office of Information Technology and Services (OITS) and the project sponsor for the portal implementation, Clayton State will be the first university in the University System of Georgia to implement the new Version 4 Luminis Portal from SunGard Higher Education. He anticipates that the SWAN (Secure Web Access Network) Portal will provide a world-class intranet vehicle offering many benefits to students, faculty and staff.

In conjunction with the new student email conversion, students will now be able to access Exchange email, Banner, and the

DUCK via a single sign-on – using one Network ID and password. WebCT will use the same username, but it will not have single sign-on initially. Faculty and staff can also access email, Banner, and more through the Portal. This dynamic, customizable environment will deliver important campus material and will also enable each user to personalize his/her Portal site with the links and information most relevant and desired.

A new link to the SWAN Portal will be in place on the University Web site home page on Monday. Simply go to www.clayton.edu and click on the Portal link. You will arrive at the landing/log-in page. Use your network ID and login password to access the Portal, which displays informa-

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Clayton State University Welcomes Katherine Ott to the Library

By Erin Fender, University Relations

Katherine Ott recently joined the staff of the Clayton State University Library. Ott officially began the head of Access and Information Services position on Feb. 1, 2008.

Ott is a part of the public services department of the library, an area responsible for customer service and establishing and improving library support for students, faculty, and staff.

“As a part of our customer service initiative, we are striving to serve our constituents better by keeping longer hours, working to make sure that distance education students have the same service as those who are on campus, as well as working to better serve the new programs such as graduate studies,” she says.

The library is working on giving the staff more of an online presence through blogs



Photo Credit: Erin Fender

and virtual reference. Teams are also being created to promote communication and service.

“Right now, Technical Services is

downstairs and separated from the other departments. Cathy Jeffery and I are trying to combine the separated departments so that we can work together better,” explains Ott.

Ott currently resides in McDonough and has only been in Georgia for approximately three weeks.

“I am an ‘air force brat.’ I was born in New York but primarily raised in Texas, where my parents still live. Since becoming a librarian, I have lived in Oklahoma and Florida,” she says.

Ott received a bachelor’s degree in Psychology and master’s degree in Library Science from Texas Women’s University. Ott also obtained a master’s degree in Education from Northeastern State University.

In her spare time, she likes to crochet stuffed animals and read fun fact and curiosity books. Not too long ago, Ott learned to belly dance and plans on picking that back up. She has two cats and says they are spoiled rotten. ■

Black History Month Finale Filled With Intriguing Performances and Speeches

By Shavaun Brewer, University Relations

Clayton State University’s Black History Month has gone off without a hitch. The finale of the month’s events was held in the James M. Baker Center’s Commons area on Thursday, Feb. 28.

The event was filled with exciting and intriguing performances and speeches. Keynote speaker Kim Carswell, chief executive consultant/founder of Persona Affairs, LLC (and former Clayton State employee) spoke about “What are you going to do for others.” Ramar Freeman did his own poetry, “These are our roots,”

there was a selection of “Still I Rise” by singer and Clayton State student Avis Adams, and the Clayton State University’s Gospel Choir asked the crowd to join them in singing “Lift Every Voice.”

When asked what is her inspiration was for a great performance, Adams, a resident of Atlanta, said that she remembers her favorite quote by an anonymous author which goes “one half of knowing what you want is knowing what you must give before you get it.”

Roland Benoit, Jr., a member of the Black History Month Committee, had this to say about the events for the month, “It’s refreshing to see the student body energized and interactive.”

Assistant Director of Campus Life Lakiesha Cantey, who coordinated all the Black History Month events, had many staff members and students to thank and show her gratitude towards. Likewise, Cantey was thanked at the end of the ceremony with a personalized plate and a bouquet of flowers. ■

Life’s Transitions...

Nicole Palazzo gave birth to Meryl Rae on March 3, 2008 at 10:12 a.m.

Meryl Rae weighed in at 8lbs 1oz and was 20" long.

Mother, Dad, Meryl, and big sister, Morgan, are all doing well.



Above: Palazzo with Meryl Rae

Dr. Joseph Bowler became a first time grandfather on Mar. 4 with the birth of his grandson, Caleb Nathaniel Jolly. He weighed in at 7 pounds 12 oz and 20.5 inches long. Mother and baby doing well... Grandfather ecstatic.

Clayton State University Professor Awarded NIH Grant

By Erin Fender, University Relations

Dr. Fran Norflus, an assistant professor for the Department of Natural Sciences in the College of Arts & Sciences at Clayton State University, was awarded a portion of a grant from the National Institute of Health. This is a collaborative project that Clayton State University has with Emory University.

“The grant that I was awarded is entitled Localization and Function of Huntington Associated Protein 1 (HAP1) in *C. elegans*. I was notified that this grant would be funded in early February and will begin this summer,” explains Norflus.

Norflus has worked in research areas of Huntington’s disease preceding her work on this grant. Prior to her accepting a position at Clayton State University in 2005, she was a postdoctoral fellow at Emory University and Massachusetts General

Hospital. At this time she was performing studies to develop treatments on transgenic mice that have Huntington’s disease.

“When I came to Clayton State, I switched my research to studies that used the model organism *Caenorhabditis elegans* (*C. elegans*). This is an excellent model for research due to its small size, ease of manipulation, short lifespan and low cost,” says Norflus.

For this grant, Norflus is collaborating with Dr. Claire-Anne Gutekunst and Dr. Guy Benian at Emory University.

“We will use a knockout strain of *C. elegans* that has the Huntington Associated Protein 1 (HAP1) knocked out. HAP1 is a protein that interacts with the Huntington protein but its specific function has not been fully determined. We

will use these worms to try to elucidate more on its role,” says Norflus.

At Clayton State, Norflus will characterize the behavior or the knockout strain to determine if it is deficient compared to wild type worms. An undergraduate student, Kathy Szeniewski (McDonough), will work on this project as a part of requirements for her biology research course.

Szeniewski will perform some preliminary genetic studies with the worms. She will then start the behavioral studies. Szeniewski plans to continue with this project throughout the summer.

“I am anxious to start the studies on the HAP1 knockout and hope in the future to present the findings at a research meeting,” adds Norflus. ■

Clayton State University’s First ROTC Scholarship Awarded

Clayton State University recently welcomed Col. Chuck Waggoner, ROTC Eastern commander, and the new Clayton State University cadre, with a reception that also recognized the awarding of the University’s first ROTC scholarship.

The reception, hosted by Clayton State Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Sharon Hoffman, welcomed the new Clayton State University cadre; Maj. Peter W. Almedia, Sgt. 1st Class

Curtis Ricks, human resource technician Sylvia Simmons, and a Gold Bar recruiter. Waggoner, along with Lt. Col. Kevin Anderson, professor of Military Science at Georgia State University, presented the first ROTC scholarship awarded at Clayton State University to Oriskany Carr (Douglasville).

“I am very excited to come to Clayton State and I am very thankful for the scholarship I have received,” said Carr.

Carr is a senior at Chapel Hill High School and will begin the pre-nursing program at Clayton State fall 2008. Her father is a retired master sergeant.

The Clayton State University ROTC program will begin with the fall 2008 semester and will be initially introduced as a military science (MS) program for freshman and sophomores. The ROTC program will begin as a full partnership program with Georgia State University.



Photo Caption: Douglasville’s Oriskany Carr receives the first Clayton State ROTC scholarship. Left to right: Chuck Waggoner, Dean of the Clayton State School of Nursing Dr. Lisa Eichelberger, Carr, Clayton State Provost Dr. Sharon Hoffman, Kevin Anderson.

“The goal is to quickly do well and earn an invitation to expand the program to include MS programs for juniors and seniors,” says Dr. Mannie E. Hall., Clayton State director of Academic Outreach. “Finally, it is important to reinforce that Interim Dean of the School of Arts & Sciences Dr. John Campbell skillfully formulated the MS curriculum pieces up to this point, which is much appreciated.”

The value of the new Clayton State University MS program is the availability of the robust ROTC scholarships for Clayton State students who want to become future Army officers. ■

Women's History Month Musical Kickoff Features Some of Clayton State's Finest Talents

"Women's Art: Women's Vision," Women's History Month at Clayton State University, will start off with a performance by some of the University's finest musical talents.

The Monday, Mar. 10 Musical Kickoff Celebration for Women's History Month will run from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Choral Rehearsal Hall (room 157) of the University's Music Education Building, and will feature Clayton State music faculty members Dr. Michiko Otaki (director of Keyboard Studies), Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller (director of Opera and Vocal Studies), Dr. Gina Harvey (assistant professor of Voice) and Staff Accompanist Alex Benford. Clayton State students per-

forming will include Stephen Odom, Nicole Wilder, Leah Davis and Laverne Huggins.

Otaki and Zeller will perform four songs by Rebecca Clarke (1886-1979), one of the most fascinating figures in British music in the first half of the 20th century, according to Zeller. One of the first women to study at the Royal College of Music, she trained both as a composer and as a violist. Despite the violent objection of her father, she became one of the first women to play professionally in formerly all-male orchestras.

Although she was not a prolific writer of songs, Clarke was one of the most impor-

tant writers of English-language art song in the decade of the 1920s, and her songs are marked by a sense of drama and character that no British composer before Benjamin Britten in the next generation can equal," notes Zeller. "The four songs we will perform demonstrate the power and range of her song writing."

Harvey will also be singing and Benford will be serving as accompanist for many of the performers. The entire Musical Kickoff Celebration is free and open to the public. ■

Wendy Burns-Ardolino Appearing at Morrow Barnes & Noble on March 13

By John Shiffert, University Relations

Women's History Month is celebrated/recognized in many ways. However, only the Barnes & Noble outlet on Mt. Zion Boulevard in Morrow will feature the author of a unique new book for Women's History Month.

Clayton State University Assistant Professor & Coordinator of Integrative Studies & Women's Studies Dr. Wendy A. Burns-Ardolino will be at the Barnes & Noble on Mt. Zion from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Mar. 13 for what can only be called an event. Burns-Ardolino will be giving a reading of her new book, "Jiggle: (Re)Shaping American Women," followed by a discussion and a book signing.

While readings/discussions/book signings are not uncommon for authors and/or bookstores, the Mar. 13 event at Barnes & Noble will be an uncommon event, since Burns-Ardolino has written a most uncommon book, looking at the reshaping of American women... or, at least, the cultural significance of the relationship between American women and their bodies as mediated by both traditional and contemporary foundation garments.



Photo Credit: Erin Fender

Above: Wendy Burns-Ardolino

"Jiggle" has just been released by Lexington Books (www.lexingtonbooks.com). Beginning in the 1930s with a discussion of traditional foundation garments, Burns-Ardolino analyzes contemporary shapewear in terms of shaping women physically, culturally and socially.

"This book is for everyone," she explains. "But, particularly for people interested in cultural studies, sociology, media studies

and women's studies. The popular audience would most likely be women who wonder about how other women experience their bodies and how the media influences how women see and experience their bodies."

Focusing on the corporate, cultural and individual practices and meanings of women's experiences with foundation garments, Burns-Ardolino says her goal in writing "Jiggle" is to raise awareness and consciousness about how women experience their bodies, and to continue a discussion about how women's social agency is linked to femininity and female embodied experience.

Mar. 13 should be an interesting evening at Barnes & Noble. ■

Women's Forum to Celebrate Women's History Month with Cynthia Kirkland Cathy

The Clayton State University Women's Forum will be celebrating Women's History Month on its Tuesday, Mar. 18 meeting with a special guest speaker, Cynthia Kirkland Cathy.

The luncheon meeting will be held in the University's Harry S. Downs Center in room 101 from noon to 1:30 p.m. The cost of the luncheon is \$12 per person. Please RSVP to Terri Taylor-Hamrick at (678) 466-4475 or territaylorhamrick@clayton.edu. The Women's Forum welcomes walk-ups, but may only be able to accommodate those without reservations on a space available basis.

Cathy graduated from Georgia State University with a bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree in Christian counseling in conjunction with the Psychological Studies Institute. A former member of the Clayton County School Board, she serves on the board of trustees for Psychological Studies Institute.

Cathy's husband Don "Bubba" Cathy, senior vice president of Chick-fil-A, Inc., one of the largest privately-held restau-

rant chains in the country. He is also president of the Chick-fil-A Dwarf House® concept which operates 11 full-service restaurants offering table and counter waitress service, self-service dining and drive-thru window service. Dwarf House®, Inc. has also developed a new dining concept called "Truett's Grill®" with locations in the metro Atlanta area. He is also vice president of Chick-fil-A's WinShape Foundation®. In this role, he oversees the WinShape Homes, WinShape Wilderness, and WinShape Retreat. ■



Above: Cynthia Kirkland Cathy

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History Month with its monthly luncheon featuring Cindy Cathy, who will speak on WinShape Home, which was established to provide loving, nurturing homes to children who are victims of circumstance and need a secure family environment in which to grow and mature. The cost of the luncheon, which begins at noon in room 101 of the Harry S. Downs Center, is \$12. Go to http://adminsivices.clayton.edu/wom_forum/meetings/default.html for more information.

On Monday, Apr. 7, Polly McKinney, executive director of the League of Women Voters of Georgia, will be speak-

ing on political participation in room UC272 of the Baker Center from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. A voter registration table, staffed by Clayton State students from the School of Business' Women in Leadership Class, will be available directly outside UC 272 during this event.

Finally, on Apr. 8 at noon in room UC265 of the Baker Center, Karina Bull, attorney with the City of Seattle Office for Civil Rights, will speak on Pregnancy in the Workplace. Bull will discuss a range of Federal statutes that impact family planning in the work place, including FMLA, ADA, and Title VII. ■

Life's Transitions...

Former Vice President Of Academic Affairs, Dr. Jack Carlton, 85

Dr. Jack K. Carlton, Clayton State's first vice president of Academic Affairs, passed away at the age of 85 on Tuesday, Feb. 26.

In addition to serving as Clayton State's VPAA from 1986 to 1990, Dr. Carlton was also the founding president of Macon Junior College (now Macon State College), serving in that role from July 1967 to July 1972. His appointment as Clayton State's vice president of Academic Affairs came at the time when Clayton State was making the transition from a junior college to a four-year college.

A chemist by training, Dr. Carlton spent his entire professional career in higher education. In addition to his leadership roles at Clayton State and Macon State, he also served as dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at Louisiana State University in New Orleans, dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at the University of West Florida, chancellor of Western Carolina University, vice president of Academic Affairs at Middle Tennessee State University and chairman of the department of Mathematics and Science at Gordon College. He was also a faculty member at the University of Arkansas and Georgia Tech.

Born in Baileyville, Tx., Dr. Carlton earned his B.S. degree in Chemistry from Centenary College and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees, also in Chemistry, from Louisiana State University.

A memorial service for Dr. Carlton was held on Friday, Feb 29 at the First Presbyterian Church in Milledgeville, Ga.

Across the Campus...

Biology

Amphibians are becoming extinct at an increasingly rapid rate. Scientists across the globe have gathered evidence to assert that humanity could be facing one of the biggest amphibian extinction crises of recent times. Dr. Jeffrey Bonner, President and CEO of Saint Louis Zoo, Council member of the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums will make a groundbreaking presentation as part of the Geoffrey Bourne Lecture Series to discuss the amphibian crisis and global initiatives to combat their extinction. Bonner is also Chair of the Amphibian Ark, an organization created to develop, promote and guide short term captive management of threatened amphibians. Bonner's presentation will take place at Zoo Atlanta on Thursday, Mar. 27 at 7 p.m. in the Coca-Cola World Studio (Conservation Action Resource Center -ARC); doors open at 6:30 p.m. The Bourne Lecture is free; however reservations are required by Mar. 24. Visit www.zooatlanta.org to make reservations.

Bursar

Beginning Apr. 1, 2008 (no fooling...), all payroll checks will be mailed to the address you have on file with Human Resources. Until then they may be picked up from the Bursar's Office with a valid picture ID only. No exceptions will be made. Avoid unnecessary delays and receive your money sooner. Sign up for Direct Deposit today.

Campus Life

If you're a Clayton State student and would like to be a part of Clayton State's Gospel Choir, either vocally or as a musician, feel free to join us. The Clayton State Gospel Choir holds its rehearsals on Wednesdays, at Rock Springs Baptist Church from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Rock Springs is located on Reynolds Road, directly behind Walmart. We hope to see you there. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact LaQuisha Smith at lsmith@student.clayton.edu.

City of Morrow

Volunteers are needed for Day in the Park, "Celebrating the City of Morrow's 65th Anniversary!" To be held on Saturday,

May 3, 2008 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Milton Daniel Park, adjacent to Morrow City Hall, 1500 Morrow Rd. For more information on volunteering, please contact Clayton State alumna Lauren Singleton at the Morrow Tourist Center at (770) 968-1623 or lsingleton@cityofmorrow.com. For more information on Day in the Park and other City of Morrow events, please visit <http://www.morrowtourism.com/>.

Honors Student Association

The Honors Student Association is hosting a Saturday night of swing dancing on Mar. 15 in the Baker Center Commons area from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. A dance lesson will be given from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and the dance will be from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. The cost is \$3 and singles and couples are welcome. Contact dchapman4@student.clayton.edu or call (678) 315-6788.

Human Resources

Liberty Mutual will present a seminar on Identity Fraud on Apr. 1 (no fooling...) in the James M. Baker Center. It will be held in room 272 from noon to 1 p.m. The seminar will provide information on simple things that you can do to reduce your risk of becoming a victim. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP no later than Mar. 24 by emailing: janice.laws@libertymutual.com or jennifer.coker@libertymutual.com

Pre-Dental Student Association

The Pre-Dental Student Association will be selling Chili-Cheese Fritos for dirt cheap (dental floss cheap?) on Tuesday, Mar. 11 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Main Street of the Baker Center.

Procurement Services

We no longer have a statewide contract for air travel with Delta and AirTran Airlines. The AirTran Airlines contact expired on Feb. 28, 2008. There has been no movement by Delta or AirTran to negotiate a new contract with the

State of Georgia. In accordance with the State travel regulations, State employees must endeavor to obtain the lowest possible fares, either searching on the Internet or using Cheap Tickets, Travelocity, Orbitz, Mobissimo or any of the other airline websites. All State employees must comply with the travel policies outlined in the Board of Regents Travel Regulations (4.6 of the regulations) found at: <http://adminsivices.clayton.edu/procurement> and click on travel regulations. If there are any questions concerning air travel, please do not hesitate to contact Procurement Services.

Recreation & Wellness

Bored with the same old cardio? Learn how to mix it up and keep your workout fresh with George Brown and Cindy Lauer on Mar. 11 at 12:30 p.m. and Mar. 13 at 5:15 p.m. in the Student Weight Room of the Athletics & Fitness Center. Open to all on a space available basis. Call (678) 466-5428.

University Bookstore

The Clayton State University Bookstore is in the process of moving to its new, larger facility on the first floor of the University's Student Center. The Bookstore will complete the move during the Spring Break week, and then reopen for business in its new location on Monday, Mar. 10 at 8 a.m.

University Relations

The Clayton State University Office of University Relations is celebrating Leap Year by taking a leap forward in providing the news media with an information source. University Relations has for the first time posted a systematic listing of the University's experts in one spot on the University's web page. This Experts List is a service to the news media and can be found at <http://about.clayton.edu/expert-list.aspx>. Note: This URL is not disseminated to the general public, and this Experts List is for use by news media representatives only. Any faculty or staff (or retirees, for that matter) who wish to be added (or deleted) from the Experts List should contact University Relations at johnshiffert@clayton.edu.

Across the Campus...

University System of Georgia

This week's issue of the University System of Georgia's Legislative Update has been posted and is available for downloading at <http://www.usg.edu/pubs/lu/>. Back issues of the newsletter are also available there.

Got News?

Send your
campus news to
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Carpooling can be Fun! Be part of the solution--Not part of the problem.



Congratulations to the Clayton State University RideShare March 2008 Winners Who Carpoled in February

Drawing was held on February 29, 2008.

Thanks to Jeff Chastine and Jon Preston for developing our random drawing program!

These carpoolers were eligible because they registered with Clayton State's University RideShare or 1-87-RIDEFIND, completed a Carpool Registration application with Public Safety, **AND** carpoled at least once a week.

March 2008 Winners for February Carpoolers

Name of Winner	Prizes Won
Leslie Moore, Academic Affairs	\$25 BP Gas Card
Mhailene Lui, Student	\$20 BP Gas Card
George Messer, School of Business	\$15 BP Gas Card
Joann Quattlebaum, CAS	\$10 BP Gas Card
Jessica Wade, Admissions	\$5 BP Gas Card
Kara Mullen, Library	SmartBodies Massage Therapy by Integrated Wellness —gift certificate for 1/2 hour therapeutic massage by Michael Clark, Certified Massage Therapist—located in the A&F Center (678-984-2943).
Lauren Sutton, Student	Truett's Grill coupon for free Chick-fil-a sandwich
Aries Jones, Student	Truett's Grill coupon for free Chick-fil-a sandwich
Floyd Gordon, Student	Truett's Grill coupon for free Chick-fil-a sandwich
LaTasha Johnson, Student	Drawstring back pack from The Clean Air Campaign
Chris Mills, Student	Water Bottle from Truett's Grill Chick-fil-A

To learn more about eligibility for prizes, potential carpool matches, or verify that you are included in carpool drawings, call (678) 466-4050 or visit University RideShare at <http://adminsivices.clayton.edu/ps/>. You also can stop by Public Safety, 2nd floor of the Student Center. Public Safety is open 24 hours a day. The Dispatch window is open 7 am until 10 pm.

Note: Winners must present picture ID to claim prizes.

Lou Brackett Quilts for Military Wounded

By Erin Fender, University Relations

Clayton State University's Lou Brackett, along with other members of the Tara Quilt Guild (TQG) of Clayton County, recently sent off seven war time quilts.

"We try to do a philanthropic project each year and this year we decided to make quilts for the Quilts of Valor Foundation (QOVF) who sends quilts to wounded service members and veterans," explains Brackett, an assistant professor of Office Administration in Clayton State's College of Professional Studies.

This is the second round of quilts sent through the QOVF by the TQG which hopes to send more. Brackett's personal goal is to send at least two more quilts.

"Each quilt comes labeled with the name and city of the quilter and place for the recipient's name. It also includes a hand written note from the quilter and it is all



Above: Lou Brackett and some of the TQG quilts for QOVF. The quilt tacked to the wall is Brackett's contribution to QOVF.

placed in presentation bag," says Brackett. "I really enjoyed making the quilt and I truly hope whoever receives the quilt likes it."

In previous years, the TQG has made quilts for Project Linus, donated quilts to

Scottish Rite/Eggleston Hospital, and auctioned or raffled quilts to raise funds for local animal shelters and breast cancer research.

"One of our ongoing projects is preemie quilts for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Southern Regional Hospital. You wouldn't believe how small some of those quilts are," says Brackett.

The guild works to teach and pass on the art of quilting. The guild has members of all ages, abilities and always welcomes new members.

The Tara Quilt Guild of Clayton County meets on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Morrow First United Methodist Church. For more information, contact Brackett at loubrackett@clayton.edu or (404) 766-7167. ■

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tion based on roles. Three roles are in place for the initial implementation: student, faculty and employee.

The University Tab, the HUB Tab, and the Library Tab are seen by all users. Other tabs are viewed only by students, faculty, or employees – depending upon what your role may be. Some users will have multiple roles. There is also a "My Tab" page which users may customize and tailor based on their preferences.

During the previous two weeks, Beta test groups have been viewing the Portal and giving feedback. The project team has also met with key departmental personnel to obtain comments and further refine the information which is presented in the Portal. As increasing numbers of people access the Portal and begin using it as a primary source for information, the next phase of the project will commence. Over the second half of spring semester, the

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Secure Access Login

User Name:

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Welcome to Clayton State University

This secure site provides students, faculty, and administrative staff with world-class Intranet and Internet services. This is where you can check e-mail, register for courses, and explore the Internet.

What's Inside?

-  **E-mail:** Send and receive e-mail, and create your own personal address book.
-  **DUCK:** Access and manage your personal, course and school information.
-  **Groups:** Create, manage and join group homepages for clubs, affiliations, and interests.

and much more...



Introducing the SWAN Portal

Beginning March 2008, checking all of the resources you need is easier than ever



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Winners of National Recreational Sports & Fitness Day

The Department of Recreation & Wellness would like to thank everyone who participated in the National Recreational Sports & Fitness Day. We are happy to announce the winners of the individual fitness contest as well as the overall Fitness Champions. If you have not claimed your prize, please visit the front desk of SmartBodies between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Monday – Friday. Thanks for playing.

Student Winners:

Bench Press Contest (Male) –

1st - Daniel Huynh, 2nd – Minh Ho, 3rd – Michael Walker

Bench Press Contest (Female) –

1st – Ashley Edwards, 2nd – Stephanie McWilliams, 3rd – Radiance Elueme

Total Gym Pull-Up Contest (Male) –

1st – Angel Kalinov, 2nd – Brandon Johnson, 3rd – Minh Ho

Total Gym Pull-Up Contest (Female) –

1st – Ashley Edwards, 2nd – Chelsea Ellis, 3rd – Latoya Evans

Balance Creek Contest (Male) –

1st – Angel Kalinov, 2nd – Tapan Shah, 3rd – Christon Smith

Balance Creek Contest (Female) –

1st – Chevonder Caesar, 2nd – Stephanie McWilliams, 3rd – Radiance Elueme

Employee Winners:

Bench Press Contest (Male) –

1st – Matt Parrott

Bench Press Contest (Female) –

1st – Shiraz Karaa

Pull-Up Contest (Male) –

1st – Matt Parrott

Pull-Up Contest (Female) –

1st – Susan Hornbuckle

Balance Creek Contest (Male) –

1st – James Sumner

Balance Creek Contest (Female) –

1st – Deborah Greer

Clayton State Fitness Champion:

Student Male – Angel Kalinov

Student Female – Ashley Edwards

Employee Male – Matt Parrott

Employee Female – Susan Hornbuckle



A reception honoring Sharon Bookmiller's retirement was held on Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008. She retired after 11 years of dedicated service to the Division of Continuing Education and the Department of Budget & Finance.



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Denzell and Diana Join Clayton State Office of Career Services

By John Shiffert, University Relations

The two newest staff members of the Clayton State University Office of Career Services don't have a lot to say, but they nonetheless set a good example for the University's 6000 students.

They're Denzell and Diana, mannequins who model suits donated by the K & G Fashion Superstore at 1294 Mt. Zion Rd. in Morrow.

"Our goal is to educate students about professional attire," explains Dr. Angelyn Hayes, Clayton State's director of Career Services.

"One of my goals for the Office of Career Services for this academic year was to create a 'Dress 2 Impress' campaign for our students," says Bridgette McDonald, associate director of Career Services and the person "behind" Denzell and Diana. "We often see students show up for on-campus interviews and career fairs inappropriately dressed. The mannequins are a fun way to educate students and it also helps our office fulfill our vision which is

'Opportunities Discovered.
Professionalism Developed. Careers Launched!'"

McDonald approached several local retailers with a proposal to sponsor the "Dress 2 Impress" campaign. K & G was supportive from the beginning and store manager Fabian Cushenberry assigned their marketing manager, Willie Gray, to work with McDonald to identify suits that would be appropriate.

"In the end, they donated two male and two female suits," she notes... thus giving Denzell and Diana each a change of outfits. ■



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Above: Diana and Denzell dressed for success.



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Left: Dr. Angelyn Hayes and Bridgette McDonald with Denzell and Diana

State Representative Harbin To Speak at Clayton State March 19

State Representative Ben Harbin, chair of the appropriations committee in the Georgia State Legislature, will be speaking at Clayton State University on Wednesday, Mar. 19.

Harbin will be speaking on why he chose to run for his present position and what people can do to get involved in their communities. His address will start at 12:30 p.m. and will be held in room B14 of the University's Lecture Hall. The public is invited, free of charge.

The event is sponsored by the Clayton State Political Science Association. For more information, contact Dr. Joseph Corrado, assistant professor of Political Science, at joecorrado@clayton.edu or call (678) 466-4803. ■



Above: State Representative Ben Harbin

School of Graduate Studies to Hold Open House March 11

The Clayton State University School of Graduate Studies will be holding an informational Open House on Tuesday, Mar. 11 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The Open House will give prospective graduate students a chance to learn more about the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies, Master of Business Administration, Master of Health Administration, and Master of Science in Nursing. The event will be held in the Spivey Board Room (room 201) of the University's Harry S. Downs Center.

The University is now accepting applications for all four of its graduate programs. Go to <http://graduate.clayton.edu> or call the School of Graduate Studies at (678) 466-4113. ■

Dr. Susan Duley Named ADEA Teaching Fellow



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Above: Dr. Susan I. Duley

Dr. Susan I. Duley, department head of Dental Hygiene and associate professor of Dental Hygiene at Clayton State University, has been named a 2008 American Dental Education Association/GlaxoSmithKline Dental Hygiene Teaching Fellow.

According to Dr. Rodger Bates, dean of the Clayton State College of Professional Studies, this fellowship allows Duley to give clinical education presentations related to oral health and disease at professional meetings, in dental hygiene schools and before community groups. Corporate Member GlaxoSmithKline provides American Dental Education Association (ADEA) fellowship recipients a stipend of \$13,000 to be used for travel and education.

One of just three recipients of the 2008 award, Duley, as 2008 ADEA/GCK Fellow, will also be promoting the profession of dental hygiene. A member of the Clayton State University faculty since 2003, Duley previously received the ADEA/Colgate-Palmolive Allied Dental Educators Fellowship, joining the fellows of the 2007-2008 American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Leadership Institute.

Duley holds a bachelor's degree in dental hygiene, a master's degree in human services, a specialist's degree in counseling and a doctorate degree in educational leadership. She has a license in counseling, is certified as an eating disorders specialist, and has worked as a practitioner in a number of settings as well as a consultant to Novartis Nutrition. Involved in dental hygiene education for more than 30 years, she has taught courses in preclinical dental hygiene, nutrition, ethics and jurisprudence, and community dental health. Her department recently developed a BSDH degree-completion program for the University. ■

Portal Goes Live, cont'd. from p. 9

Project Team will conduct training with specific individuals to begin the gradual transition of Portal content development to various departmental areas.

In addition, OITS staff members will be working with designated department groups to evaluate the ongoing development of the Portal and to enhance their capability to utilize the Portal's many additional features, such as Course Studio and Group Studio. Training and content development will continue over the summer.

Also serving on the project team is Tom Marshall, director of Administrative

Systems for OITS, as the technical lead. Dolores Cox, communications coordinator in the Office of University Image and Communications, is serving as the organizational lead to assist with departmental liaisons, foster a smooth connection with the University's public Web site, and to incorporate portal policy and procedure elements into the Image Book. Ben Simpson and Luca Yearsovich in the OITS Administrative Systems Department, have also contributed significantly to the technical development and implementation of the Portal. Leanne Scott, web support specialist in the Office of University Image and Communications, assisted with graphic

design elements and content development.

"Since September 2007, many people from across campus have participated in the planning, preparation and installation of Luminis. The Portal implementation team wants to thank all who have participated. This is a job very well done," says Bryan. "Now we can share their work with the rest of the campus, and begin moving the University to the next phase that will be broader and more inclusive." ■



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On-Campus

(I)nterviews and (R)ecruiting

Tuesday, March 25th
11:30am – 3:30pm (I) Exel
See details on LakerTRAK

Wednesday, March 26th
8:30am - 4pm (I) Walgreens
See details on LakerTRAK

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678-466-5400

■ Submit resume by 03/18/08 to
ryanwhitfield@clayton.edu or
Tomekamayo@clayton.edu

Re: name of company interviewing for

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February 27, 2008



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Sloan Selected All-Peach Belt Conference for Men's Basketball

By Lee Wright, Sports Information

Clayton State's Michael Sloan was selected to the All-Peach Belt Conference Men's Basketball squad for the 2007/2008 season.

It's the first ever All-Peach Belt Conference selection for Sloan, a senior guard from Jonesboro, Ga. He becomes the eighth different Laker to earned All-Peach Belt Conference honors since Clayton State officially joined the Peach Belt in 1997.

Sloan has stepped to the forefront this season for the Lakers and head coach Gordon Gibbons. The 6-foot-4, 185-pounder leads Clayton State in scoring, averaging 13 points a game. Sloan scored in double-figures in 21 of the Lakers' first 27 games, and scored 20 or more points on three occasions. He scored a career-high 28

points against UNC-Pembroke, along with 23 points in the season opener against Tennessee Temple and 20 points against North Georgia.

Sloan eclipsed four Clayton State career records this season. He set the Laker career marks for 3-point field goals and 3-point field goal attempts, while setting the Clayton State career mark for steals with 170. Sloan has also played in 117 career games at Clayton State, a new Laker all-time record.

In addition, this season Sloan also became the sixth player in Clayton State history to break the 1,000-point mark for his career. He's currently fifth all-time in scoring for the Lakers. ■

Ninth-Ranked Clayton State Knocks Off Eighth-Ranked Nova Southeastern, 6-3

The nationally-ranked Clayton State Laker women's tennis team faced its first big road test of the 2008 season with a showdown on Mar. 3 at eighth-ranked Nova Southeastern. The Lakers passed the test with a 6-3 victory. The win kept ninth-ranked Clayton State undefeated at 8-0 on the season.

The key for the Lakers was in doubles, where Clayton State swept the three matches. Clayton State head coach Tamas Szabados made a key strategic move by splitting the No. 1 team of Anna Redecsi and Julia Chergova.

Chergova teamed with Kristina Jonutyte at No. 1 as they stunned the nation's ninth-ranked doubles team, Ulia Talakenko and Alexa Korotkevich from Nova Southeastern 8-6. Redecsi, meanwhile, was paired with Selma Hidass at No. 2 and they posted an 8-3 victory over Nova Southeastern's Tsippy Waterman and Edita Kulichova. At No. 3, the Laker team of Elena Bondari and Viktoriya Semyrodenk won 8-4 over Andee Johnson and Elena Vahl.

In singles, the Lakers won three matches. Chergova knocked Korotkevich 6-4, 6-1 at No. 2, while Clayton State's Katie White won a 6-1, 6-1 decision over Johnson 6-1, 6-1 and Bondari prevailed at No. 6 with a 6-1, 6-2 over Miranda Falzone. ■



Right:
Michael Sloan

Number 22 Clayton State Wins Southbridge Pirate Invitational by Three Strokes

By Lee Wright, Sports Information

Following up a tremendous first round, the 22nd-ranked Clayton State Lakers carried over that momentum into the final round and won the Southbridge Pirate Invitational on Feb. 26 at the Southbridge Golf Club.

The Lakers followed up Monday's one-over 289 with a four-over 292 in Tuesday's second and final round to capture the title in the 11-team field with a five-over 581.

Individually, Clayton State's Will Lewis followed up Monday's four-under 68 with a three-under 69 on Tuesday to win the individual title with a 7-under 137. Wilcox finished two strokes ahead of Queens' Iain Hall, last season's NCAA Division II South Atlantic Regional champion, and five strokes ahead of Clayton State teammate Jonathan Visconti (68-74 = 142) and Lander's Cooper Tinsley (71-71 = 142).

As a team, Clayton State finished three strokes ahead of 13th-ranked Georgia, which made a late rally with a second

round score of two-under 286, followed by Coker at 590, 24th-ranked Lander at 591 and Newberry with a 594.

The five-over 581 is the second-lowest score ever for a Clayton State team in a 36-hole tournament. It's the second tournament championship for the Lakers this season combined fall and spring, and the third tournament championship since Barry Harwell took over as Laker head coach last season.

Wilcox's 7-under 137 is a new record for the lowest score to par in a 36-hole tournament in the history of Clayton State men's golf. It's also his third individual championship in his career – the most ever by a Laker golfer.

In addition to Wilcox and Visconti, Wade Binfield finished tied for 16th for Clayton State with a five-over 149 (74-75), while Neil McBride finished tied for 28th with a nine-over 153 (79-74). Rounding out the Laker scoring was freshman Kevin Duncan finishing tied for 48th with a 158 (80-78). ■

Ragin Selected All-Peach Belt Conference for Women's Basketball

Clayton State's Shantel Ragin has been selected to the All-Peach Belt Conference Women's Basketball squad.

It's the second straight season that Ragin, a senior forward from Pembroke Pines, Fla., has been selected All-Peach Belt. She joins former Clayton State greats Sharon Wiles (2006, 2007), Jasmine Patterson (2005, 2006) and Cattreria Shaw (2002, 2003) as two-time All-Conference selections at Clayton State.

Throughout the season, Ragin had 19 games in which she reached double-figures in scoring, including four double-doubles. She scored a career-high 28 points in her last regular season home game against Lander on Feb. 23, plus 24 points against USC-Aiken, 22 points each against Lenoir-Rhyne and Georgia Southwestern and 20 points against North Georgia.

Down the final stretch of the regular season is when Ragin has played her best basketball. In the last eight games of the season, Ragin averaged 19 points and seven rebounds a game with three straight games of scoring 20 or more points. For the season, Ragin ranked fourth in the Peach Belt Conference in steals, fifth in assists, eighth in blocked shots, ninth in rebounding and 10th in field goal percentage.

For her career, Ragin is ranked fifth all-time at Clayton State in steals and seventh all-time in assists. ■

Trivia Time

That's a Big Twinkie

By John Shiffert, University Relations

One of the truly memorable lines in "Ghostbusters" came not from Peter Venkman, Egon Spengler or Ray Stantz, but from hired hand Winston Zedemore.

As Trivia Time's official Psychologist/Thespian, Dr. B.D. Stillion explains, "Egon compared the normal amount of psychokinetic energy in NYC to a Twinkie; as the crisis builds, Egon tells us the current amount would be 'a Twinkie 35 feet long, weighing approximately 600 pounds.' Winston quips, 'That's a big Twinkie!'" Yes, it's true, Ghostbusters is probably the only movie to compare psychokinetic energy to a Twinkie.

Now while Stillion came up with the best answer to this theatrical snack food question, and gets three Trivia Points for same, she didn't have the first correct answer. That came from Todd Birchfield, who lives for opportunities like this. Following Birchfield were trivia regulars and Twinkie fans Rob Taylor (who nonetheless, will never turn his back on Tastykakes), Dina Swearngin and Norman Grizzell.

In honor of the Clayton State SWAN Portal going live... what Star Trek episode featured a portal, and what was the name of that portal? First correct answer to johnshiffert@clayton.edu gets to say, "Beam me up, Scotty, there's no intelligent life down here." ■



Sports

Lakers Defeat USC Aiken in Triple Overtime to Advance to NCAA Tournament

Drama. In college basketball, when you think of overtime games, you think of drama. When you think of games against nationally-ranked teams, you think of drama. When you think of conference tournaments, you think of drama. When you think of “win-or-go-home” games, you think of drama.

Thus it was yesterday afternoon and evening, when Coach Gordon Gibbons’ Lakers faced all four dramatic scenarios in the finals of the Peach Belt Conference Tournament. After having already disposed of second-seeded (and nationally-ranked) Augusta State and third-seeded (20 game-winner) Georgia College in the previous two rounds of the tournament, the Lakers took on tournament top seed, 27-2 USC-Aiken on the Pacers’ home court for the league championship. After a 13-14 regular season (including a 1-5 mark against Augusta, Georgia and Aiken), and even with three tournament wins, the Lakers were still in a must-win situation as far as advancing to the NCAA Division II tournament for the second straight year. It took an exhausting three overtimes and almost three hours, but Clayton State eventually won the most dramatic basketball game in Laker history, 89-87.

In the course of an average season, a college team might play three overtime games. Double overtime comes up maybe once every three years or so. Triple overtime? You go look for the record books. In Clayton State’s entire basketball history, there’d been one, a 119-116 win at Columbus State in 1999. Until Sunday night. After losing a 14 point lead with seven-and-a-half minutes left in regulation (the Lakers actually had the lead for the bulk of the game), Clayton State ended the first 40 minutes tied at 71. The three overtimes turned out to be an endurance test, made even more so by Gibbons’ full court, full game man-to-man pressure, with neither team gaining more than a four point advantage.

Tied at 80, the Pacers had the last shot in the first overtime. Brian Kelly blocked it. Tied at 84, the Lakers had the last shot in double overtime. Backup point guard Trey Goss (starter and tournament MVP Tracy Williams had fouled out in regulation) missed a three. Finally, with the game tied at 87 in triple overtime, Laker All-Peach Belt senior forward Michael Sloan took a pass from Goss and hit a jumper from the foul line with three seconds left. Two subsequent turnovers gave the Pacers the ball back with 2.7 seconds

remaining, but a desperation three was short at the buzzer.

Assuming everyone survived, the Lakers will find out about their next dramatic performance in the NCAA tournament later this week. ■



Right:
Michael Sloan

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