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## Clayton State to Hold Naming Ceremony for Lucy C. Huie Hall

Clayton State University will officially name its Jonesboro facility in honor of long-time Jonesboro resident and former Clayton State University Foundation trustee Lucy C. Huie on Thursday, Mar. 26.

The naming ceremony for Lucy C. Huie Hall will take place at Huie Hall at 11 a.m. Formerly the Clayton State University Aviation Training Center, Huie Hall is located on land donated by Huie adjacent to the Clayton County Justice Center, at 9157 Tara Blvd. in Jonesboro. The facility is currently used by Clayton State's Division of Continuing Education.

One of the local pioneers of the Civil Rights movement through her participation in Help Our Public Education

(HOPE), an organization formed to counter the threat to close down the public school system rather than allow any black child to attend school with whites, Huie has a history of public service that dates back to the days of Brown v. Board of Education.

"It [HOPE] was needed much more in outside counties than in Atlanta. One of the jobs was to influence public opinion," Huie recalls. Of course, some public opinion was harder to influence than others. Huie and her husband Arthur had three crosses burned on their lawn in the late 50s and early 60s.

Huie originally studied to become a librarian, and at one point in her school-

ing, left the south to attend college in Colorado.

"In Colorado the public restrooms were not segregated by color. They were not [segregated] at the University of Denver, so I had seen another way of life," she points out.

A social worker later in life, Huie also conducted a number of oral history interviews in Clayton County. Now a widow in her eighties, she still exhibits the self confidence and openness to new ideas that made her a leader in the Clayton County HOPE movement.

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## Clayton State Celebrates Women's History Month

March is designated as National Women's History Month to ensure that the history of women will be recognized and celebrated. This year at Clayton State University, the celebration of Women's History Month will focus on diversity among women. All of the events are free and open to the public, except where noted otherwise.

On Wednesday, Mar. 18, the Campus Events Council will sponsor "Becoming the Subject of Your Own Story" at 7 p.m. in the Student Activities Center ballroom. This spoken word performance uses humor and first-person storytelling to uncover the various ways that women (and men) focus too often on appearance, sweetness and popularity, rather than living full lives.

Earlier the same day, the Clayton State University Women's Forum will hold an

Afternoon Tea (pass the scones, please...) from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Harry S. Downs Center's Spivey Board Room. An R.S.V.P. is required due to limited seating. Please contact territaylor-hamrick@clayton.edu by Tuesday, Mar. 10. The cost for this event is \$5 per person.

On Thursday, Mar. 19, performance poet Megan Volpert will be the next author to take part in Clayton State University's ongoing Visiting Writers Reading Series.

Appearing as part of the National Women's History Month celebration, Volpert will be reading on at 7 p.m. in room L200 of the Clayton State Library. Each reading in the current Visiting Writers Reading Series is followed by a Q & A and book signing and is free and open to the public.

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## USAF General to Speak to WiSTEM

According to Dr. Mary Hudachek-Buswell, assistant professor of Mathematics at Clayton State University, Brigadier General Teresa Djuric is referred to as the “rock star” for women in the United States Air Force (USAF).

Clayton State’s College of Information and Mathematical Sciences is bringing the USAF general to speak to the student members of WiSTEM on Thursday, Mar. 19, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in room UC 322 of the James M. Baker Center. Djuric’s presentation is free and open to the public.

WiSTEM (Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), was formed at Clayton State last month for female students as a means of mentoring and encouraging women in those fields, says Hudachek-

Buswell. Djuric, who will be speaking on careers in the military for women in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics fields, is an excellent example of mentoring and encouragement who will, according to Hudachek-Buswell,



Brigadier General  
Teresa Djuric

“motivate and inspire our students to continue in these programs.”

Djuric was commissioned in 1983 through Officer Training School. She has operated space systems at North

American Aerospace Defense Command, three space wings and headquarters of the 14th Air Force. She has commanded at the

squadron, group, and wing levels, and served on staffs at the Air Force Personnel Center, U.S. Strategic Command and Headquarters U.S. Air Force. Currently, she is commander of the Jeanne M. Holm Center for Officer Accessions and Citizen Development at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama and leads the training for the Air Force ROTC, Junior ROTC and Officer Training School.

Djuric earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from Mary Washington College, her Master of Arts degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Colorado, and a Master of Strategic Studies degree from the Army War College.

For more information about Djuric, visit <http://www.af.mil/bios/bio.asp?bioID=11604>. ■

## Names Changing On Some Buildings At Clayton State

As part of an on-going effort to better and more clearly identify the buildings on the Clayton State University campus, name changes for several buildings will be taking effect, starting today. They are as follows...

Current or Previous Name	New Name
Administration Building/Business	Faculty Hall
Technology Building	Clayton Hall
Aviation Building	Lucy C. Huie Hall

Look for appropriate sign changes for these buildings in the near future. ■

## Clayton State Students Going to Costa Rica this Summer

The Clayton State University Office of International Programs has announced a new study abroad program for Clayton State students in Costa Rica for the summer of 2009.

The program will be run through the Department of Language and Literature in the College of Arts & Sciences and has both cultural and language components.

The Costa Rica study abroad program will run from Thursday, May 14 through Saturday, June 6 at a cost of \$2,650 plus airfare per student. Among the features of the three-week program will be 60 hours of Spanish instruction, an excursion to the Monteverde Cloud Forest, and a walking tour of San Jose, Costa Rica.

For more information contact Clayton State Associate Professor of Spanish Dr. Dennis Miller at (678) 466-4742 or Clayton State Associate Director for International Programs Dr. Orlando Pacheco at (678) 466-4092. ■



Tamarindo Beach, Costa Rica

# Clayton State Offers Options for Nursing Professionals Seeking Education

by Erin Fender, University Relations

Clayton State University offers a wealth of bachelor and master degree options for nursing professionals seeking educational advancement.

The School of Nursing at Clayton State offers a RN-BSN track for registered nurses with associate degrees or diploma programs to obtain a BSN. This program is available on a full-time or part-time basis with flexible schedules for the working RN. Many of the courses are offered online as well.

To offer more flexibility and options, general studies courses for the RN-BSN program began this spring at the Clayton State University -- Fayette instructional site after a successful fall 2008 open house. Nurses were invited to the open house from Piedmont Fayette, Piedmont Newnan, Spalding, Southern Regional Medical Center and South Fulton Hospitals.

“We believe the convenience of having a site near their workplace and the online flexibility will make it easier for these busy associate degree/diploma prepared nurses to return to Clayton State for their

BSN degree. The BSN degree is very attractive and sought after by hospitals seeking magnate status and for nurses climbing the clinical ladders to enhance their professional development,” says Dr. Karen Weaver, program coordinator for the RN-BSN program.

Not only does Clayton State offer the RN-BSN program to support the education advancement for nursing professionals, Clayton State also offers a Master of Science in Nursing degree (MSN). The full and part time program is offered with students only required to meet on campus up to three times per semester.

“We do, however, have real time interaction with faculty and fellow students via the internet. Our students are able to study at home, but not alone. Our hybrid program offers the flexibility of an online program, but the contact of a traditional program,” says MSN Director Dr. Katie Willock.

The MSN program is ideal for nursing professionals interested in nursing education or nursing leadership and management. The MSN program can be complet-

ed in two academic years or four semesters of full-time study of nine credit hours per term.



Dr. Katie Willock

Clayton State’s School of Nursing missions is to be committed to providing comprehensive nursing education to residents from a diverse range of ethnic, socioeconomic, experiential, and geographical backgrounds.

“Choose Clayton State for the quality and flexibility of our program and faculty,” suggests Willock. ■



Clayton State Assistant Professor of Biology and Yerkes National Primate Research Center research associate Dr. Jared Taglialatela with Representative Bob Smith of District 113 and Representative Mike Glanton of District 76. Taglialatela was recognized at the State Capitol on Feb. 5, 2009 by Representative Smith as one of Georgia’s “Shining Stars.”

## Across the campus....

### Athletics

It took the entire regular season to get to it, but Clayton State head coach Gordon Gibbons recorded yet another milestone last Saturday. On "Senior Day" at Clayton State, the Laker men closed out the regular season in winning fashion with a 66-55 Peach Belt Conference victory over visiting Francis Marion at the Athletics and Fitness Center. The victory improved Clayton State to 14-13 overall and 7-13 in the conference heading into next week's Peach Belt Conference Tournament. For Gibbons, however, it was his 400th victory in his 18-season Division II career. Overall, he is now 400-150 with a winning percentage of .727. He's 154-85 in his eighth season at Clayton State, and 246-65 in 10 previous seasons at Florida Southern.

### Bursar

After 27 years of dedicated service to the university, Bursar Linda Stanford will be retiring. Her retirement party will be held in the Harry S. Downs Center, room 101 on Wednesday, Mar. 18, from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Please join us as we celebrate her retirement.

### Campus Life

The Apr. 2 CulturalFest will feature music, entertainment, cultural vendors and food from various countries as art of Cultural Shock Week 2009. The Department of Campus Life needs volunteers to host the various food stations as well as to assist with other areas. If you are interested in assisting with this celebration, please contact Lakiesa Cantey at [lakiesacantey@clayton.edu](mailto:lakiesacantey@clayton.edu). A meeting with all interested groups will be held after Spring Break. Further details will be given out after Spring Break about all of the upcoming events.

### Career Services

If you missed last night's broadcast, you can see WGCL-TV's coverage of Thursday's 23rd Career Expo on the web at <http://www.cbsatlanta.com/video/18865654/index.html>.

### City of Morrow

The City of Morrow will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day at Olde Town Morrow, behind Sears of Southlake Mall, on Mar.

17, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. with an Irish-style celebration... a traditional Irish band -- The Ballybeg Band, food, beverages and spirits. Admission is free.

### Counseling Services

On Mar. 31, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Campus Life, Counseling and Psychological Services, and the Gay Straight Alliance will host Clayton State University's first Safe Space training. The Safe Space program is a national movement to increase the visible presence of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) student allies and places that are "safe" for LGBT students across college campuses and school environments. An ally is a member, often of the majority group, who works to end oppression by supporting and advocating for the oppressed population. Attending the Safe Space training is one way to serve as an ally and can provide you with a chance to learn about yourself and others and to create a campus climate that is accepting of all people, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, race, ethnicity, nationality, religion or other differences. All faculty and staff are invited to attend. Please call Jennifer Dean (678) 466-5406 to sign up.

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On Tuesday, Apr. 7, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Yolo Akili, poet, activist, and instructor/trainer for the Men Stopping Violence Mentor Training Project, will be speaking at Clayton State on "Sexual Assault & the History of Seduction." He is a graduate of Georgia State University with a B.A in African American & Women's Studies, and is currently in enrolled in the Yoga of India School to become a certified Yoga Teacher. Akili is a recipient of many awards, including the "Unity in Community Award" from Unity

Fellowship Church in Christ in Atlanta and is author of the Poetry Book "Poems in the Key of Green". He will be speaking and facilitating a discussion in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness month. The event is free for students, faculty, and staff and will be held in room UC 265 of the Baker Center.

### Financial Aid

The Office of Financial Aid will be closed on Monday, Mar. 9 for its annual Financial Aid retreat. Please feel free to email your questions to the Financial Aid email box at [financialaid@clayton.edu](mailto:financialaid@clayton.edu). The office will re-open on Tuesday, Mar. 10.

### Graduate Studies

The Clayton State School of Graduate Studies will be holding its next monthly informational Open House on Tuesday, Mar. 17 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Spivey Board Room of the University's Harry S. Downs Center. The Open House will give prospective graduate students a chance to learn more about the University's six graduate-level programs - Master of Arts in Liberal Studies, Master of Arts in Teaching English, Master of Arts in Teaching Mathematics, Master of Business Administration, Master of Health Administration, and Master of Science in Nursing.

### Health & Fitness Management

The Health and Fitness Management Student Association is now an officially recognized student organization at Clayton State University. According to Dr. Melanie Poudevigne, the first meeting of this new association will be on Apr. 30 in T-117, starting at 6 p.m. All are invited.

### Human Resources

On each recurring Wednesday, beginning Feb. 25 and ending Mar. 25, you will have an opportunity to obtain more detailed

### Smith Awards...

It's that time again. Please fill out your 2009 Alice Smith Staff Award Nomination forms and send back to Roxanne Dilbeck in Counseling and Psychological Services, Student Center room 245, no later than Wednesday, Mar. 11. If you rather go online you can fill out the form at <http://admins-services.clayton.edu/staffcouncil/smithaward/NominationForm.htm>

## Across the campus....

information on the MetLife Long Term Care plan. Long Term Care insurance helps to cover the cost of expenses incurred when assistance with chronic illnesses or daily living activities is needed. Each session will be held in the Arts and Sciences building, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in room 133. Light refreshments and giveaways will be provided.

### Operations

In an effort to improve operational efficiency, Mail Services plans to modify its daily mail pick up and delivery procedures. Beginning on Monday, Mar. 9, there will only be one mail delivery and pick up daily (at around 11 a.m.), with special pick ups available upon request. The elimination of the current afternoon mail pick up should have minimal impact on campus operations and will allow for more efficient use of resources. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Dirk Morrell in Mail Services at (678) 466-4251.

### President's Office

The Clayton State University faculty and staff will hold a farewell reception for Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Harden on Thursday, Apr. 30 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Harry S. Downs Center, Room 101 and the Atrium. More details will be provided as they are available.

### Public Safety

On Wednesday Mar. 11, Clayton State's police officers will be participating in an "Active Shooter" training session on campus with the Clayton County PD SWAT team. From 8 a.m. until noon, classroom training will be held in the Lecture Hall, room B14. The afternoon, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., will be devoted to practical exercises using SWAT equipment and weapons in the Business and Health Sciences (BHS) Building. Public Safety requests that all campus personnel not involved in the training stay clear of the BHS Building that afternoon.

### Retirees Association

The Clayton State Retirees Association presents a graduate scholarship endowment fund raising event... the Second Annual Gourmet Dinner and Wine Pairing, on Thursday, Mar. 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the Harry S. Downs Center. Dress is

Business Casual, cost is \$100 per person (tax deductible donation). Please RSVP by Mar. 2. Dinner will consist of gourmet fare served in an innovative, interactive way complete with cooking demonstration, wine pairing, and recipes. The Clayton State Retirees Association will use this opportunity to build the endowment for the Clayton State Retirees Scholarship, the first scholarship endowment for graduate students. Plan to take advantage of the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for exciting prizes including AirTran Airways tickets for two, a round of golf for four, and gift cards for restaurants and Publix. Please contact the Office of Development at (678) 466-4470 for reservations or to make a donation to the Clayton State Retirees Scholarship Fund.

### Staff Council

Please join Staff Council for Business Etiquette Workshop on Wednesday, Apr. 1 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Baker Center 327. Presenter is Angelyn Hayes from Career Services. Come to the seminar ready to ask questions and to practice. To register please go to <http://adminservices.clayton.edu/staffcouncil/events.htm>.

### University System

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.



An ice cream social in honor of another successful Clayton State Faculty/Staff Fund Drive was hosted by the Office of Development in the Harry S. Downs Center.



Faculty and staff gather in Harry S. Downs Center Atrium for Campus Connect on Feb. 23, 2009. The Mardi Gras-themed connect was hosted by Continuing Education and the School of Nursing.

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"It's a good place to be on a Thursday evening... you'll get poetry, humor, and much fun," says Dr. Brigitte Byrd, assistant professor of English in the Department of Language and Literature in the College of Arts & Sciences at Clayton State, and director of the Visiting Writer's Reading Series.

Volpert holds an MFA in Creative Writing from Louisiana State University. Her second full-length book of poems, "the

desense of nonfense" is forthcoming from BlazeVOX books later in 2009. A board member of Poetry Atlanta, Inc., Volpert has twice been nominated for Georgia Author of the Year in Poetry.

For additional information on the series, contact Byrd at [brigittebyrd@clayton.edu](mailto:brigittebyrd@clayton.edu).

Finally, on Wednesday, Mar. 25, the Campus Events Council will sponsor a showing of "Real Women Have Curves,"

a 2002 American movie starring America Ferrera, and based on the play "Real Women Have Curves" by Josefina Lopez. "Curves" will be shown at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Activities Center Ballroom.

For further information regarding these events, contact the Clayton State Department of Campus Life at (678) 466-5433. ■

## Arts Page

### Three Artists Debut at Spivey Hall, March 6 to March 8

Spivey Hall's entire weekend of Mar. 6 to Mar. 8 will be devoted to artists making their debut's at Clayton State University's world-famous performance facility.

On Friday, Mar. 6, Spivey Hall will celebrate Teacher Appreciation Night with the Terell Stafford Quintet in an 8:15 p.m. concert. A gifted and versatile player with a voice all his own, jazz trumpeter Terell Stafford combines lyricism and a deep love of melody with a spirited, adventurous edge. This uniquely expressive, well-defined musical talent allows Stafford to dance in and around the rich trumpet tradition of his predecessors while making his own inroads.

To thank teachers in the metro Atlanta area for their quality teaching and positive example to students, both inside and outside of the classroom, Spivey Hall will offer one free ticket (pending availability) to all teachers and administrators (current and retired) to this concert. A dessert reception in honor of teachers will follow the performance. To acquire a free ticket to Teacher Appreciation Night, please call the Spivey Hall box office at (678) 466-4200. Teachers may purchase additional tickets at the special rate of \$10 each; this offer is subject to availability.

All other tickets to this performance are \$40 (50 percent off for Clayton State faculty and staff); Clayton State students pay just \$10. For tickets and more information, call the Spivey Hall Box Office at (678) 466-4200. Full-price tickets only are available online at [www.spiveyhall.org](http://www.spiveyhall.org) (a per-ticket service fee applies).

On Saturday, Mar. 7, the Belcea Quartet will make its Spivey Hall debut with an

8:15 p.m. performance, preceded by a 7:15 p.m. pre-concert talk.

The resident quartet of London's illustrious Wigmore Hall from 2001 to 2006, the Belcea Quartet wins fervent praise for its high-energy performances throughout Europe, Asia, Australia and the U.S., as well as for its acclaimed EMI recordings. Romanian native and violinist Corina

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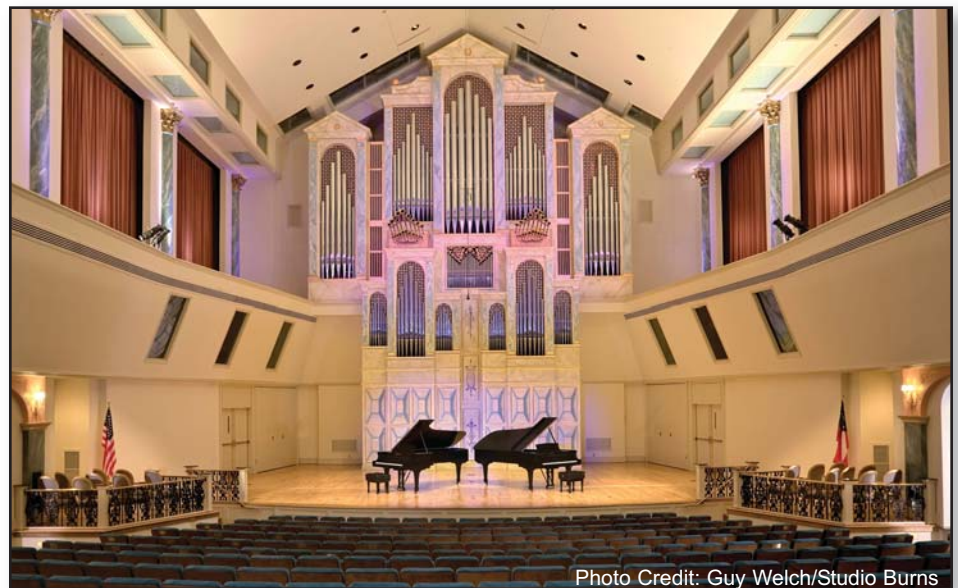


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### Featuring the Debut of Christel Vinot's "Luminous Star"

## Clayton State University Takes Part in a "Night at the Opera"

by Erin Fender, University Relations



Christel Vinot

Clayton State University faculty, staff, and students get a chance to use their vocal talent to accompany the Southern Crescent Symphony Orchestra (SCSO) at an upcoming concert titled a "Night at the Opera."

The concert will take place Friday, Mar. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in Spivey Hall. Tickets cost \$12.

"The SCSO, which is a community orchestra in which Clayton State students play, had its spring concert scheduled for Mar. 13 in Spivey Hall, and Dr. Richard Bell, SCSO conductor, thought it would be an excellent idea to do a 'Night at the Opera' concert with both orchestral overtures and vocal excerpts from famous operas," explains Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller, Clayton State director of Opera and Vocal Studies. "He invited our voice faculty and our Opera Production class students to perform."

A "Night at the Opera" will consist of a duet from Mozart's "Cosi Fan Tutte," pieces from Humperdink's "Hansel and Gretel," a quintet performing Rossini's "The Barber of Seville," and excerpts from Johann Strauss's "Die Fledermaus." The entire company will join for the finale of Act II of Die Fledermaus to close the concert. Of particular interest to Clayton State will be the premier of a Clayton

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## Auxiliary Services Adds New Online Features

Auxiliary Services is pleased to announce several new online features, including weekly menus for the Lakeside Dining Hall.

First is Essentials on the SWAN Portal. All Auxiliary Service information on the SWAN has been consolidated on the Essentials tab. Click there to get quick information about all of Auxiliary Services. There will be new features added soon, such as online Vending and Laundry refund requests, which can only be accessed through the SWAN.

Another new feature on the SWAN is quick access to menus for the Lakeside Dining Hall. No more guessing about the Mystery Meat. Click on the Essentials tab and you'll find a link for Daily Menus in the Dining Services channel. (The Lakeside Dining Hall is closed during Spring Break. See Laker Lines for other Auxiliary Services

Spring Break hours.) Menus for other locations are coming soon as well.

There's also a new dining website – the Dining Services website is all-new. Check

it out soon to get more information about each dining location, meal plans, and about hosting a catered event on campus. ■



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Belcea-Fisher, English violinist Laura Samuel, Warsaw-born violist Krzysztof Chorzelski and French cellist Antoine Lederlin are the musicians of the Belcea Quartet. Their Spivey Hall debut program features the First String Quartet by English composer, Benjamin Britten, as well as a Haydn quartet and Schubert's emotionally-charged D-minor Quartet, "Death and the Maiden."

Tickets to this performance are \$40 (50 percent off for Clayton State faculty and staff); Clayton State students pay just \$10. For tickets and more information, call the Spivey Hall Box Office at (678) 466-4200. Full-price tickets only are available online at [www.spiveyhall.org](http://www.spiveyhall.org) (a per-ticket service fee applies).

Finally, on Sunday, Mar. 8, Russian pianist Yevgeny Sudbin will make his Atlanta and Spivey Hall debut in a 3 p.m. concert.

Sudbin's concerts and recordings reveal a formidable technique, fresh interpretations and remarkable virtuosity. Sudbin will perform works by Scarlatti, Haydn, Medtner, Chopin, and Prokofiev.

Tickets to this performance are \$35 (50 percent off for Clayton State faculty and staff); Clayton State students pay just \$10. For tickets and more information, call the Spivey Hall Box Office at (678) 466-4200. Full-price tickets only are available online at [www.spiveyhall.org](http://www.spiveyhall.org) (a per-ticket service fee applies). ■

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Lucy Huie

Her sense of responsibility to her community still guides her life," says Clayton State Associate Professor of History Dr. Kathryn Kemp, who has interviewed Huie extensively. "Lucy and Arthur

Huie and the other HOPE supporters may not be equivalent to the great martyrs and famous heroes of the civil rights movement, but the willingness of people like these to lead their communities a step forward was also essential to the progress of the greatest American social movement of the century."

The public is invited to the naming ceremony for Huie Hall, however, an RSVP is required. Please RSVP to Linda Castleberry at (678) 466-4470 by Monday, Mar. 23. ■

# Barry Harwell... Will Wilcox... Clayton State Golf... Success Follows Success

by John Shiffert, University Relations



Success follows success. Maybe that explains the success of the Clayton State University golf team and its star, Will Wilcox.

One of the best collegiate golfers in the state of Georgia, and certainly the top-scoring golfer in the Peach Belt Conference (PBC), Wilcox is a two-time All-American concluding his career at Clayton State this spring under the direction of another pretty fair golfer, Clayton State coach Barry Harwell. A former player on the PGA Tour, Harwell, a native and resident of Carrollton, Ga., is helping

mold the future on another potential member of "the Tour," that is, Wilcox. And, on his part, Wilcox is leading the Lakers' NCAA Division II golf program to new heights.

Starting first with Harwell's successes on the links...

A four-year letterman at the University of Alabama, Harwell was co-captain and second team All-Southeastern Conference for the Crimson Tide's 1979 Southeastern Conference championship team, placing third in those SEC championships as the top Crimson Tide scorer for the event. That season, Alabama also won the St. Andrews Intercollegiate Invitational played at the Historic Old Course at St. Andrews, Scotland.

Turning professional after college, Harwell played three seasons (1980-1982) on the PGA Tour, highlighted by a runner-up finish at the 1980 Walt Disney Team Championship with partner Mike Harmon and high finishes at both the Bob Hope Desert Classic and the Atlanta Classic. In addition, Harwell won the 1982 Georgia Open in a field that included 1974 Masters champion Tommy Aaron and Tim Simpson.

Thus, Wilcox, a Pell City, Ala., native who transferred to Clayton State from the University of Alabama-Birmingham, could hardly have a better tutor to help sharpen his own impressive game.

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## Men Advance in PBC Tournament with 63-48 Victory over Georgia Southwestern

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

The Clayton State Laker men's basketball team took its first step towards defending its Peach Belt Conference Tournament Championship on Wednesday with a 63-48 victory over in-state rival Georgia Southwestern in the first round at USC Aiken's Convocation Center.

The victory was the second straight and third in its last four games for Clayton State, now 15-13 overall on the season. It sets up a 7 p.m. Peach Belt Conference quarterfinal showdown on Friday between Clayton State and 17th-ranked USC Aiken at The Convocation Center.

"Georgia Southwestern is a good offensive team that matches up well against us," said Clayton State head coach Gordon Gibbons. "We wanted to play our game, which is defense and shutting them down.

"In the second half, our defense took over and we played very well together as a team."

Georgia Southwestern (10-18) stayed close with Clayton State much of the first half, shooting 55 percent from the field and 60 percent (6-for-10) from 3-point range. However, the Clayton State defense clamped down in the second half. The Lakers limited the Hurricanes to only 32 percent shooting from the field and only 3-for-17 (17 percent) from 3-point range.

Senior forward Brian Kelly scored a career-high 19 points to pace the Lakers, while Jaquas Dobbs and Will Lewis each scored 12 points. ■

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State alumna's first symphonic work. Christel Vinot wrote the symphony "Luminous Star" for the SCSO to debut. A spring 2008 graduate of Clayton State with a B.M. in Music Composition, Vinot was one of the Music Department's luminous stars during her undergraduate days.

"It's very rare for a composer less than a year out of an undergraduate degree to get a professional performance," notes Zeller.

Assistant Professor of Voice Dr. Gina Harvey and Zeller will perform, along with Spivey Hall's education assistant, Deborah Teske. Sophomores José Caballero and Salvatore LoCascio will sing as well as juniors Afolabi Giwa and Lindsey Martin. Brad Raymond, one of Zeller's Adult Preparatory students, will also perform.

For more information on the Southern Crescent Symphony, please go to <http://www.scsymphony.org/> or to purchase tickets to the upcoming concert please go to <http://www.spiveyhall.org/> or call the box office at (678) 466-4200. ■

## Wilcox, cont'd. from p. 10

"While there have been previous All-Americans at Clayton State, Will has the opportunity to leave a golf legacy here that will stand for many, many years," says Harwell. "He broke the all-time PBC tournament scoring average last season and is on target to do it again this year. This record includes many outstanding college players at other PBC schools; USC-Aiken, Columbus State, etc.

"This spring, Will is reaching a level of play that has enabled him to have confidence and use his natural ability to post some impressive scores."

During a 2007/2008 season that saw him earn Ping Division II first team All-American honors, plus Division II All-Southeast Region and All-Peach Belt Conference honors, and win four individual tournament championships, Wilcox became Clayton State's first Peach Belt Conference individual champion and set both a Clayton State and Peach Belt Conference record with a 71.1 scoring average combined for the spring and fall. He also led the Lakers to the NCAA Division II championships, where they finished 10th. This past summer, Wilcox won the 92nd Alabama State Amateur championship. And he was just warming up for the 2009 season.

Thus far in 2009, Wilcox is two-for-two, winning both the Outback Steakhouse Collegiate Tournament (a six-under 138) and the Matlock Invitational (an 11-under 205) and leading the Lakers to second and first place finishes respectively in what promises to be an even better year than the 2008 10th place NCAA finish.

"I think the fact that he has a solid team behind him this year is helping his own play and is giving him the chance to get even better," comments Harwell. "These guys need some of the credit for his confidence."

Although Clayton State has played in the Division II national championships in 1998, 1999, 2000, 2003 and 2008, this year's team, with Wilcox leading the way, might be the best of all.

Clayton State Athletic Director Mason Barfield has a similar perspective on

Wilcox and his contributions to the Laker golf program, in effect noting the program's success from Harwell, through Wilcox to the other members of the current team, currently ranked 19th in NCAA Division II.

"At the NCAA Division II level, you are lucky to get a player that can single-handedly raise the level of your program every 10 years. These players are not just talented, but they have the gift of exhibiting this talent at the key moments needed to produce championship play for not just themselves, but their team as well," says Barfield. "Will Wilcox is a young man that has demonstrated this gift during his career here at Clayton State. We feel very fortunate to have Will as a member of our intercollegiate student-athlete family. His performance has not only elevated the success of our team, but has attracted other quality golfers to our program who want to be a part of the success he has helped bring to our team. His contribution to the revitalization of our men's golf program will be felt for years to come."

Although the Lakers and Wilcox still have a lot of golf ahead of them this spring, including three tournaments in March, the PBC championships in April, and the NCAA regional and national championships in May, there's no denying that Wilcox' long-term aspirations include the PGA Tour.

"The opportunity for him to play professionally after leaving Clayton State is there, it is just up to him to handle the challenge of playing for a living versus competing for the school colors," says Harwell.

And while Harwell certainly knows about those challenges, there would seem to be a pretty good chance that Wilcox will figuratively carry Clayton State's colors to the professional level in the near future. ■

## Trivia Time

### Who's Reading The Laker Connection?

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Having tied the last Trivia Time question to the current edition of The Laker Connection, we have discovered that individuals featured in the magazine, either as authors (Kelly Adams) or subjects (Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller) tend to also be readers. Gee, what a surprise.

Anyway, having asked the subject of this year's Clayton State Opera (coming up later this month... further information to come via Zeller), we found that Adams, Kathy Garrison, Zeller, Lou Brackett and Rob Taylor (who even though retired knows everything that's going on a Clayton State) knew that it was "Noye's Fludde."

Sticking with the operatic theme as a means of honoring the Clayton State Opera, here's a theoretical question from the director of said opera, the distinguished tenor, Dr. Zeller. Speaking strictly theoretically, "Die Fledermaus" (which, although it is being performed on Mar. 13 as part of Clayton State's "A Night at the Opera" has nothing to do with the musical "Cats") SHOULD be the favorite opera of what Clayton State professor? And, as a special bonus, if one were humorously inclined, what might be a companion production for "A Night at the Opera?" Send your answers, not to Zeller (he's too busy), but to [johnshiffert@clayton.edu](mailto:johnshiffert@clayton.edu). ■

## Sports

# Women Survive PBC Quarterfinal Scare Against Columbus State, 55-52

By Lee Wright, Sports Information

There was nothing pretty about the way the Clayton State Laker women's basketball team played in its Peach Belt Conference Tournament quarterfinal showdown against Columbus State on Thursday.

What mattered was the result, and that's all Laker head coach Dennis Cox cared about.

With Lesheria Stevens scoring the Lakers' final six points and getting a key steal with three seconds remaining, second-seeded Clayton State survived a 55-52 victory over Columbus State at The Convocation Center. The victory was the third straight and 11th in the last 12 for the Lakers, now 23-5 overall.

Clayton State will meet the winner of the USC Aiken/Georgia College game in the PBC semifinals on Saturday at 4 p.m.

"The toughest game in this tournament is the first game," said Cox. "We struggled shooting the ball for whatever reason. But even if we don't shoot well, we can win if we defend well, and I thought we did."

Clayton State was clinged to a 53-52 lead when Columbus State center Phoebe Smith hit a jumper in the lane with 30 seconds left. Stevens was fouled with 6.9 seconds left, and calmly sank both free throws to give the Lakers a three-point lead. On the Lady Cougars' ensuing possession, Stevens picked the ball from the blind side of Columbus State's Monique Jefferson to preserve the victory.

Clayton State won despite shooting only 25 percent from the field and 25 percent from 3-point range. The Lakers hit only five of their first 25 shots and fell behind 28-16 with 4:58 left. But Clayton State

responded with a 13-0 run to cut the Lady Cougar lead to 30-29 at halftime.

The start of the second half was a key for the Lakers as they opened with a 9-0 run on two 3-point baskets by forward Lisa Jackson and another by guard Dominique Jennings.

"Those three big 3s were the difference in the game," Cox said. "That was one of the few times we got some separation on them, but we never could seem to put them away."

Jackson paced Clayton State with 14 points, while Stevens scored 13 points and Jennings added nine points and Shanrika Hardeman grabbed 14 rebounds. In addition, senior Marie St. Fort became Clayton State's all-time leader in 3-point field goals with 137 for her career thanks to two 3-point baskets for the game. ■

## Rolle Qualifies for NCAA Division II Indoor National Championships

The NCAA Division II Track and Field Committee announced its qualifiers for the upcoming NCAA Division II Indoor National Championships on Tuesday. For Clayton State, Ahmad Rolle will make a return trip to the championships, Mar. 13-14 in Houston.

Rolle, a senior from Nassau, Bahamas, finished fourth at last year's Division II Indoor National Championships to garner Division II All-American honors. He was the second Clayton State athlete to ever earn All-American honors in the indoor season, and Rolle's qualifying marks the fifth straight year that Clayton State will have at least one qualifier in the NCAA Division II Indoor Nationals.

This season, Rolle's best jump was 48' 6¼" this past weekend at the George Mason Last-Chance Meet. He won the men's triple jump this season at the Tiger Invitational at Clemson, and recorded second-place finishes at three additional meets. ■

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