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Chancellor Davis, Faculty Marshal Aust To Speak at Clayton State's Fall Commencement

by Erin Fender and John Shiffert, University Relations

Clayton State University President Dr. Thomas J. "Tim" Hynes, Jr., has announced the speakers for next month's dual Commencement ceremonies.

The Fall 2010 Commencement will be held on Saturday, Dec. 11, with ceremonies beginning at 9 a.m. and noon. Both ceremonies will be held before capacity (about 1500) crowds in the University's Athletics & Fitness Center.

University System of Georgia Chancellor Erroll B. Davis Jr., will speak at the 9 a.m. ceremony. Soon to retire after 35 years of dedicated service, Dr. Cathie Aust, Clayton State's senior faculty member, will speak at the noon ceremony.

As chancellor of the University System of Georgia, Davis is responsible for the

state's 35 public colleges and universities, approximately 310,000 students, 40,000 faculty and staff, and an annual budget of approximately \$6.3 billion. The University System also has administrative responsibility for the Georgia Public Library Service, which manages the state's 58 public library systems.

Davis took office in early 2006. Previously, he had served as chairman of the board of Alliant Energy Corporation – an energy holding company with \$8.3 billion in total assets and annual operating revenues of \$3 billion at that time – since 2000. Davis joined Alliant in 1998 as president and chief executive officer. He retired from his dual roles as president



Davis

and CEO in July 2005, and retained the chairman's post until his move to the University System of Georgia.

The former head of the Department of Mathematics and former dean of the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences at Clayton State, Aust retires in December as professor of Mathematics, the University's faculty marshal, and the University's senior faculty member.



Aust

Aust is a native of Clayton County (she was named Star Student for Clayton County in 1964) and a current resident of

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Banner Season Ends for Clayton State Men in NCAA Division II "Elite Eight"

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

In a game that will go down as a classic, the Clayton State Lakers dropped a tough 3-2 decision in double-overtime at Rollins in the 2010 NCAA Division II Men's Soccer National Tournament "Elite Eight."

The defeat ends the 19th-ranked Lakers' banner season at 19-4 – the best season the history of men's soccer at Clayton State. Rollins improves to 14-3-3 overall and the Tars advance to the NCAA Division II "Final Four" on Dec. 2 in Louisville.

"What a tremendous game," says Clayton State head coach Pete Petersen. "Rollins is a real good team, but we showed a lot of character and never quit. We wish Rollins a lot of luck. Our four seniors [Brett Neilson, Jonathan McKeever, Igor

Lukic and Deni Lukic}, I am so proud of them. They did something very special.

"We had a great season and the support was tremendous."

Rollins got the game-winner in the 105th minute of the second overtime period as Chase Neinken scored off a direct kick by Kevin Boone. That gave Neinken a hat-trick for the game Rollins. The game-winner spoiled a tremendous charge by Clayton State, which rallied twice to tie the game.

After Neinken gave the Tars a 1-0 lead in the 13th minute, Clayton State answered in the 57th minute on an unassisted goal by Lukic, his sixth goal of the season. However,

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Non-Traditional Student Week a Success

The Clayton State University Office of Orientation and New Student Programs, and the University's Center for Academic Success co-sponsored four receptions over two days during the week of Nov. 8, honoring the non-traditional students of Clayton State during National Non-Traditional Student Recognition Week.

The University's Non-Traditional Student Organization (NTSO) also made its official debut on campus last week.

"NTSO is very appreciative and grateful for the tremendous support its members have received from both the Office of Orientation and New Student Programs and the Center for Academic Success," notes NTSO President Diana Peters. "Both offices played a crucial role in the development of NTSO.

"NTSO also wishes to thank the 80 plus students, faculty and staff who attended the receptions and participated in the 'Let Your Voice Be Heard' activity. It was very helpful for the NTSO officers to speak with non-traditional students about their needs and concerns. The information gathered will provide NTSO with a direction for activities and events during spring semester."

There were four drawings for door prizes during the receptions. The winners of \$5 gift cards to Jazzman's in the Baker Center were; Bonita Tarplay, Charlotte Johnson, Quiana R. Lewis, and Carole Simon.

The Non-Traditional Student Organization was formed for the purpose of providing a collaborative community consisting of faculty, staff and students in order to facilitate an effective learning environment at Clayton State University;

identifying areas of needed support for non-traditional students; creating and maintaining a listing of all available on-campus and off-campus resources for nontraditional students; and, in turn, providing support to all students of Clayton State University to enable them to successfully achieve their educational goals at Clayton State University. Membership in NTSO is open to all Clayton State University students, faculty, staff, and alumni who desire to provide a supportive community for non-traditional students.

For more information, please contact NTSO President Diana Peters at dpeters2@student.clayton.edu, or join NTSO's group page, where you can get the latest information about upcoming meetings and events. ■

Clayton State History Department Authors – From Brezhnev to Global Trade in Spartanburg

The Department of History at Clayton State University offers a number of concentrations, such as Southern Studies, World Cultures, and Public History. These concentrations prepare students for advance work and research in those respective fields.

At the graduate level, Clayton State has a concentration in History in the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS) degree program. This master's degree program strives to encourage students to "gain insights into the relationships between disciplines, ideas, and historical developments" and to "grow their awareness of cultural tendencies." In addition, three faculty members from the History Department who teach in the MALS program, Dr. Christopher Ward, Dr. Marko Maunula, and Dr. Adam Tate, have all recently published historical books and journal articles that highlight their individual interests.

Ward, a specialist in Russian history, has been an associate professor of History at Clayton State for the past six years. He values the importance of professional writing, saying, "I write all the time for my job. They are kind of one and the same. I tell my students frequently that it's not just history professors that need to write — it's everyone. Writing is critical."



Ward

Ward's attention to the value of writing is one of the many reasons his historical Russian book, "Brezhnev's Folly," was so well received by Russian and historical critics. "Brezhnev's Folly" is a historical account of the Soviet Union's attempt to build a new railway system through Siberia and to open new routes for trade and commerce between the Soviet and East Asia. However, 10 years into the project, with completion nowhere in sight,

the negative impacts of the Baikal-Amur Mainline Railway (BAM) began to show. Ward's "Brezhnev's Folly" emphasizes the struggles of the BAM workers and how they dealt with the failed project, the negative environmental impacts, and the government propaganda. The Soviets, realizing the project was verging on disaster, attempted to convince the workers and the general public that the project could still be a success.

"'Brezhnev's Folly' contrasts myth versus reality," says Ward. "The government devoted a lot of time to propaganda."

Highlighting the role of foreigners, women, and young people in the building of BAM, "Brezhnev's Folly" is a true historical account of the Soviet government's attempt, and ultimate failure, in trying to expand trade options.

Cathie Aust Continues Improving Mathematics Achievements of Students

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Although Professor of Mathematics Dr. Cathie Aust is retiring next month after 35 years at Clayton State University, she continues to be involved with the teaching of mathematics, on both the university and secondary school levels.

Over the past four years, Aust has been involved in the development and implementation of the new high school mathematics curriculum designed to implement the Georgia Performance Standards in Mathematics. She has served as a writer and editor for extensive portions of the Georgia Department of Education's Frameworks for Mathematics I and II and, in the last two years, has provided a variety of professional development sessions for mathematics teachers in the metropolitan area and beyond.

Although the fall 2010 semester is her last at Clayton State, concluding a distinguished career that started in 1975 at the then-Clayton Junior College, Aust has continued working with high school mathematics teachers. Currently, she is doing model teaching in the Rockdale County Public Schools under an agreement between the Rockdale school system and Clayton State University. Her last day of model teaching in Rockdale County will be Tuesday, Dec. 7, just four days before she serves as one of the two speakers at Clayton State's Fall 2010 Commencement ceremonies.

"Since 2006, I have spent hundreds of hours in various endeavors to support the Georgia Department of Education's efforts to improve the mathematics achievement of Georgia's students, con-

tinuing through this semester in Rockdale County," she says. "All of my work has been in support of a good cause.

"I've enjoyed the work in Rockdale County and getting to know some of the teachers there. It has been challenging and tiring, but great to have a chance to be in real high school classrooms and see first hand what works, what doesn't, and have the opportunity to understand the numerous issues classroom teachers face every day. ■

Book Buyback to Be Held at Three Locations

The Clayton State University Bookstore, as a convenience to students, is offering more than one location for book buyback this semester.

Book buyback will be held from Friday, Dec. 3 to Friday, Dec. 10 at the Bookstore, in the Baker Center, and at Clayton State – Fayette. Go to: <https://academicinfo.clayton.edu/news/2010/10/textbook-buyback-starting-dec-3/> for more information.

Buyback Dates & Times

University Bookstore:

Friday, Dec. 3:
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 6:
8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 7:
8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 8:
8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 9:
8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 10:
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Baker Center:

Friday, Dec. 3:
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 6:
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 8:
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 9:
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 10:
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Fayette Campus:

Tuesday, Dec. 7:
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Bookstore Goes Green with Book Drive

Special recognition to Christine Smith (Counseling Services) partnering with The Clayton County Humane Society who donated 58 boxes of books to the Bookstore's Go Green Book Drive! The University Bookstore collected more than 80 boxes of books from: Christine Smith and the Clayton County Humane Society, Nimul Chheang, Jasmine Cook, Sandra Kilpatrick, Jennifer Dean, Cindy Knight, Pam Healan and the Department of Social Sciences, Angelyn Hayes, Teda Tunstall, John Shiffert, Sundiata Bradshaw, Brenda Carr, Cindy Lauer, and Emmanuel Shepherd. ■

Arts Page

Salvatore LoCascio Wins Mu Phi Epsilon Music Scholarship Competition

Salvatore “Sonny” LoCascio, a senior Bachelor of Music in Music Composition major at Clayton State University, was the prize winner in the annual music scholarship competition sponsored by the Atlanta Alumni Chapter of the professional music fraternity, Mu Phi Epsilon, on Sat., Nov. 20.

A graduate of Coweta County’s Northgate High School where his choral director was Rachel Gordon, LoCascio is currently a composition student of J. Wesley Flinn, director of Music Composition and Theory, and a voice student of Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller, director of Opera and Vocal Studies.

LoCascio submitted a competition portfolio consisting of scores and recorded performances of several of his works, including Postlude for Organ: The

Opening of the Gates and Book (performed by Clayton State Staff Accompanist Alex Benford) and two songs from his five-song cycle, Songs of William Blake, which he sang himself, accompanied at the piano by Benford.

The Atlanta alumni of Mu Phi Epsilon holds its scholarship competition every November; it is open to college and university students in music performance, music composition, and conducting who are members of one of Georgia’s eight Mu Phi Epsilon chapters. LoCascio is the president of Clayton State’s Delta Psi chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon and was the only prize-winner in this year’s competition; he will receive \$1,000, having been cited by the Atlanta Alumni’s scholarship panel for achievement in both composition and performance.

The general public will have the opportunity to hear LoCascio’s prize-winning

compositions and several others on Tuesday, Nov. 30, at 7:30 p.m., in Spivey Hall, when LoCascio presents his senior recital in partial fulfillment of the University’s requirements for the Bachelor of Music Composition.

Mu Phi Epsilon is a coeducational fraternity for both men and women. The scholarship will actually be awarded in next academic year for use in LoCascio’s graduate studies; he will begin a Master of Music in Music Composition degree in the fall. Previous winners of the scholarship have completed graduate degrees at the College-Conservatory of Music of the University of Cincinnati, Yale University, the Cleveland Institute of Music, the Eastman School of Music, Florida State University, the University of Michigan, and the University of Georgia.

Philos Brass Quintet Performs a January Young People’s Concert at Spivey Hall

The acclaimed Philos Brass Quintet will perform a Young People’s Concert at Clayton State University’s world-famous Spivey Hall on Monday, Jan. 10, 2011, at 9:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

This Young People’s Concert will truly be a world-class event, since it will bring a group of musicians from the prestigious Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia to the southeast’s premier small performance venue. The Philos Brass Quintet is touring the southeastern region in January, and will be making a stop at Spivey Hall to perform for students from throughout metro Atlanta.

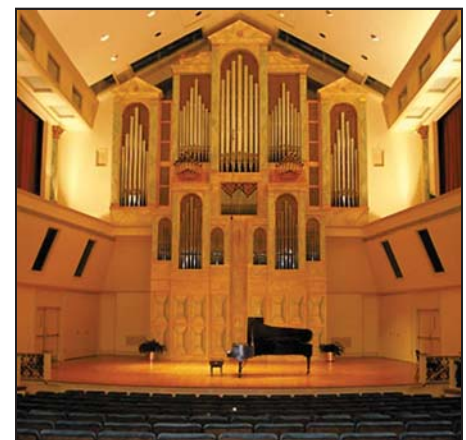
Philos Brass will present an educational program designed to introduce students to the brass family through the classic story

of Little Red Riding Hood. Much like students learn about the wind family through Peter and the Wolf, Philos Brass will use their instruments to represent characters in the story in an entertaining and educational way. The story is full of twists and turns and is narrated and animated with musical selections by Philos Brass.

If you’re a music teacher in metro Atlanta, don’t miss out on this opportunity for your students to see a national chamber ensemble performing in their own backyard. The program is designed for students in first through eighth grades and the cost to attend is just one dollar per person.

To register, download and submit the registration form found at

www.spiveyhall/education/ypc or call (678) 466-4491. For more information about Philos Brass, visit their webpage at <http://www.kindredspiritsprograms.org/p/philos.html>.



Theft – the Most Common Crime Reported on College Campuses

by Bobby Hamil, Public Safety

Theft is the most common crime that is reported on college campuses. Reports of theft far outnumber the reports of assaults, robberies, and other crimes on college campuses.

Clayton State University's campus is no exception. Recently, there has been an increase in theft reports on our campus, mostly wallets and handbags. Although some of these items have been recovered, valuables and money were missing.

One reason that theft cases are especially challenging to solve is because thieves are difficult to detect on campus and suspicious activity is rarely reported. Most campus thefts are crimes of opportunity or convenience.

It is common knowledge that most students come to college with lots of expensive "stuff," to include various types of cell phones, laptops, and bicycles. All of these items are enticing to thieves as being potentially easy to steal, and just as easy to sell. Here are some relatively simple steps that can be taken to ensure the safety of your "stuff:"

- Don't bring expensive items to campus if it isn't necessary. If you do, ensure valuables are secured at all times. If you live on campus, keep your dorm room locked when you are not there, even if just going down the hall to visit a friend.

- Maintain a list of serial numbers of all valuable items, especially electronic equipment. Also maintain receipts and records for all valuables for insurance use, if needed. Personalize items if practical with ID stickers, markings, etc. Photographs of unique items can also prove to be beneficial.

- Don't leave valuables, laptops, cell phones, handbags, backpacks, etc., unattended in study areas, dining hall, library, or other public areas.

- Don't flaunt or draw unnecessary attention to expensive items.

- Don't leave valuables in plain view in your vehicle. Even if vehicle is locked, skilled thieves can quickly defeat the lock.

- Get to know other students on your residence hall floor, and report any suspicious activities or persons to Resident Advisors and Public Safety, and encourage others to do so as well.

Although most of these crime prevention tips are common sense and well known, most of the thefts that occur on our campus are attributable at least in part to one or more of these factors. We want all students to feel comfortable and safe on our campus. However, being an open campus, there may be others on campus who do not have the same values as our students, faculty and staff. Being vigilant and careful will not only help ensure the safety of the campus, but also contribute to our goal of your college life being a productive and enjoyable experience. ■

Math Club Students Attend UNC-Greensboro Mathematics and Statistics Conference

On Saturday, Nov. 6, Drs. Chris Raridan and Elliot Krop of the Clayton State University Mathematics Department escorted six Clayton State students to the Sixth Annual University of North Carolina Greensboro Regional Mathematics and Statistics Conference.

The students attending the conference were Keli Sikes (Stockbridge), Brandi Luongo (Northgate High School, Newnan), Candace Swords (Stockbridge), Noah Ellis (Denton, Tex.), Tranisha Guthridge (Forest Park High School), and Jarvis Turner (Ellenwood).

Sikes, Luongo and Swords each gave 15 minute talks at the conference on their ongoing research. Luongo and Sikes are working with Krop on their Capstone



projects in graph theory, with each providing new contributions in original research, making progress in previously open problems. Swords, who is a Dual Enrollment

student at Clayton State and Stockbridge High School, has been working with

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Athletics

The first regular season USA Today/ESPN Division II Top 25 Coaches' Poll for women's basketball was released on Tuesday, and the Clayton State Lakers are making a rapid ascension upwards after the first week. Clayton State is ranked 13th in the nation in the first Division II Top 25 poll of the regular season, up eight spots from being ranked 21st in the Division II Top 25 preseason poll. The Lakers received 343 points, only one point shy of being tied for 11th with both Alaska-Anchorage and West Texas A&M.

Clayton State athletic director Mason Barfield announced on Wednesday, Nov. 10, the resignation of head soccer coach T.O. Totty, effective immediately. Just the third head coach in the history of women's soccer at Clayton State, Totty steps down after 13 seasons at the helm of Laker women's soccer. He compiled a 105-113-15 record at Clayton State. He had the longest tenure of any women's head soccer coach in the Peach Belt Conference. This season, he became the first Clayton State head coach in women's soccer to reach 100 career victories. Overall, he has paced the Laker women to two NCAA Division II National Tournament appearances, one Peach Belt Conference regular season championship and one Peach Belt Conference Tournament championship.

Clayton State's Cherie Sayon was honored as a second team Daktronics Division II All-Southeast Region selection for women's soccer. The All-Region team consists of players from the Peach Belt Conference, South Atlantic Conference and Conference Carolinas. A senior forward from Monrovia, Liberia, Sayon earns the All-Region honor for a second straight season, becoming the fifth Laker player in program history to earn All-Region in multiple seasons. She joins Nkiru Okosieme (2001, 2002, 2004), Judith Chime (2004, 2005), Olaitan Yusuf (2004, 2005, 2007) and Nkese Udoh (2005, 2006) on that level. Sayon enjoyed another banner year offensively for the Lakers, earning Peach Belt Conference co-Player of the Year honors. She is currently tied for third in the Peach Belt in

goals scored with 13 and ranked fourth in points scored with 30. Sayon finished her career ranked fourth at Clayton State in goals with 27 and fourth in points scored with 59.

In a rematch of last season's first round of the NCAA Division II Women's Basketball National Tournament, the Clayton State Lakers made it five straight victories to open the season as the Lakers won a 72-65 thriller over visiting Tusculum on Nov. 20 at the Athletics and Fitness Center. The victory gained a measure of revenge for 21st-ranked Clayton State, which was eliminated in that first-round game by the Pioneers. Tusculum, which advanced to the NCAA Division II "Elite Eight" last season and is ranked third in the nation, is now 0-3 to start the season.

Junior forward Torrin Greene enjoyed a record-setting night on Nov. 18 as Clayton State rolled to an impressive 113-44 rout over visiting Knoxville at the Athletics and Fitness Center. Greene, a 6-foot-6 junior from Riverdale, Ga., was tremendous offensively for the Lakers with a career-high 23 points on 8-for-10 shooting from the field, including 7-for-9 from 3-point range. The seven 3-point baskets is a new single-game Clayton State record.

Clayton State placed five players on the 2010 Daktronics Division II All-Southeast Region men's soccer team. Selected first team for the Lakers was forward Ryan Pugh and defender Igor Lukic, while forward Arturo Cruz, midfielder Matty Phillips and goalkeeper Brian Garcia were both second team All-Southeast Region selections. It's the first All-Region honor for the Laker quintet.

Human Resources

Effective Nov. 29, the Human Resources Department will be relocating to Clayton State – East. We will be the same HR Department offering the same services to you. Our mail delivery will continue to be on the same schedule as in our current location. If you need to talk us directly, please do drop by or give us a call. During the transition, we will be working very closely with you to insure that the

level of service continues without interruption. If you have any questions, please call (678) 466-4230 or email HumanResources@clayton.edu.

Public Safety

When driving on campus roadways, everyone should not only be knowledgeable of the parking rules and regulations (accessible for viewing through the university's Department of Public Safety website link), but also be attentive to compliance with general traffic laws. For example, driving in excess of the established speed limit and failure to stop at stop signs may result in citations. These citations are for violations of state traffic laws, in contrast to citations for violations of campus parking rules. Be mindful that state traffic citations will usually carry much higher fines than campus parking violations, and may also result in points being assessed against your drivers license, that could affect not only your driving privilege but also your insurance premiums. Also, everyone should be aware that traffic safety is enforced by our police officers 24/7, the same as any municipal department.

Recreation & Wellness

The Department of Recreation & Wellness is pleased to announce a new initiative which will begin Wednesday, Dec. 1 at noon, entitled the "Faculty-Staff FREE Recreation Hour." This program is geared toward getting employees playing again and to also help provide some much needed stress relief! Games such as basketball, volleyball, badminton, disc golf, broom ball, and more will be offered. A Fitness Center membership is NOT required to participate; however, a completed membership packet is required prior to participation. <http://adminservices.clayton.edu/recwell/fitnesscenter/>. Employees wishing to participate are encouraged to RSVP directly to Nick Kilburg so that he will know how to plan the event. If you have any questions, please contact x4972 or nicholaskilburg@clayton.edu.

Staff Council

The Provost Office, Colleges and Schools will host an upcoming Campus Connect on Dec. 2 at 3 p.m. This will be a prelude to the campus wide tree lighting ceremony.

Across the Campus

ny. The Campus Connect will take place in the University Center just outside of the President's Office Suite and the Dining Hall. Please come out and stay for the tree lighting!

After a rousing success, Staff Council will hold another Chick-fil-a biscuit sell on Main Street in the University Center on Dec. 1 beginning at 8:30 a.m., till they run out! Chicken biscuits will be \$2.50 each. Staff Council will also sell a "combo" on the day of only, for one chicken biscuit and your choice of juice or water for \$3. In the spirit of the holiday season, we are offering a "special" pre-pay price. The chicken biscuit is \$2.25 and the plain biscuit \$1.25. Again, this is only for pre-paid

biscuit orders by Nov. 29. No combos are available for delivery. Plain biscuits are available through pre-order only. If anyone would like to "pre-order" a biscuit to make sure they get one, please see your Staff Council Delegate. We will take pre-orders(including your money) through Nov. 29.

Staff Council will hold its annual Candy Cane Gram this holiday season beginning Dec. 1. The sell will begin at the Chick-fil-a Biscuit sell. Please stop by the table to place your orders and fill out your cards that will be attached to the candy canes. The table will be set up on Main Street in the University Center beginning at 8:30 a.m. After Dec. 1, please see your Staff

Council delegate to place your order and fill out your card(s). Candy Grams are \$1.00 each. The Candy Grams will be delivered on Dec. 16.

The Staff Council Calendar fund raiser is back! Please see your Staff Council delegate to place your order. Calendars are \$13 and each month features a seasonal campus photo. To preview the photos, please go to the Staff Council Website: <http://adminsivces.clayton.edu/staffcouncil/> Delegates will take your order (and cash only payment) through Dec. 3. Calendars will be delivered no later than Dec. 22.

Women's Forum Silent Auction & Chili Cook-off 2010



The Clayton State community gathers for the Women's Forum Silent Auction and Chili Cook-off. Winners of the Chili Cook-off are as follows: **Judges Choice:** 1st place – Diana Johnson, CAS; 2nd place – Brenda Carr, President's Office; 3rd place – Cathie Aust, CIMS and **Peoples Choice:** 1st place – Tom Eddins, Retired, CPS; 2nd place – Susan Fitten, Dental Hygiene; 3rd place – Michael Campbell, Facilities Maintenance. John Burningham won Lou Brackett's handmade quilt in the quilt raffle.

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Fayetteville. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics (Magna Cum Laude) from the University of Georgia in 1968, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi, Aust earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Mathematics from Emory University in 1973.

She served as an instructor of Mathematics at Georgia Tech from 1972 to 1974, and as an assistant professor of Mathematics at Georgia Tech from 1974 to 1975 before taking the same position at Clayton Junior College. ■

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Neinken answered five minutes later with his second goal, giving the Tars a 2-1 lead.

But there was no quit in the Lakers. Junior Ryan Pugh got Clayton State its second equalizer of the game in the 78th minute off an assist by junior midfielder Matty Phillips. It was the 16th goal of the season for Pugh, the Peach Belt Conference Player of the Year.

Clayton State goalkeeper Brian Garcia recorded five saves in the defeat, while his Rollins counterpart Keneil Baker recorded three saves. Rollins out-shot the Lakers 18-9. ■

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Raridan on special topics in fractals. Their abstracts are available at <http://www.uncg.edu/mat/rmsc/talks-abstracts.html>.

All six students clearly both enjoyed the conference, and came away with an increased appreciation of mathematics.

"Each of our speakers gave excellent talks," says Raridan. "Keli won third place in the Undergraduate Presentations division and Candace won a special recognition award. Both awards come with an undisclosed monetary amount as well as award certificates."

Staff Council Turkey Raffle

Congratulations to the Clayton State staff members who won Thanksgiving turkeys in the turkey raffle.

Raffle proceeds benefit the annual Staff Appreciation Day. ■



Shannon Thomas, Director of Client Support Services, was Staff Council's first prize winner, taking home a 20 lb. turkey!



William Bedingfield, Facilities Management, was Staff Council's second prize winner, taking home a 12 lb. turkey!

I gave a talk on the edge-balance index sets of complete bipartite graphs," explains Sikes. "I had a lot of fun, and would love to attend another conference anytime. I had been going back and forth on whether or not to go to graduate school; however, after attending this conference, it has really inspired me to continue my mathematics career."

"If it were not for the funding through the Math Club, I would not have been able to experience this unique opportunity," says Swords. "It was, indeed, my first time away from home, but I would highly recommend this adventure to future students. Presenting at the conference benefitted me extraordinarily, and furthered my ability of understanding 'complex' mathematics."

"I am so glad to have been given the opportunity to attend the North Carolina conference," says Luongo. "Not only did I learn a lot of interesting mathematics, but I also got an idea what pursuing a further degree in math could entail. I would most definitely be interested in conferences in the future."

"I enjoyed our trip to the UNCG math conference," says Guthridge. "I enjoyed meeting a few new people, but also getting to know my classmates better. I wouldn't mind going to another conference. Although I did not give a presentation, I would consider possibly giving one at a future conference."

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The campus celebrated with Payroll Assistant Sonya Holtzclaw during her baby shower. Sonya is expecting a boy in mid-December. Congratulations!

History Professors, cont'd. from p. 2

Ward was recently named editor-in-chief of "The Soviet and Post-Soviet Review," a historical and social journal published in both English and Russian. He is also working on a new project titled "Sibalar," which follows the attempts to reverse the flow of the rivers in Siberia from south to north, directing the flow from the Baltic Sea to the Siberian desert in order to help irrigate Central Asia. Even though "Sibalar" is only in the beginning stages of research, it is bound to be an insightful look into Siberia, its rivers, and the social and cultural impact of reversing the river's flows.

Maunula's interests are in Southern history, which led to his writing of the book, "Guten Tag, Ya'll." With a new edition arriving in October 2010, "Guten Tag, Ya'll" is a historical account of Spartanburg, S.C., and its role as a Southern economic hub for global trade and industry. Spartanburg was a small town that in the 1960's, that, with the help of local Chamber of Commerce boss Dick Tukey, decided to open its proverbial doors to foreign trade and global business. In doing so, Spartanburg became famous for its ability to draw foreign investment and business, without losing sight of its fundamental character and economic traditions. Spartanburg's unique cultural make up and diverse population are rare for a Southern, conservative, blue-collar town. However, its business model has been one that offered the town and its citizens great success.



Maunula

Maunula believes that his job as an associate History professor serves to strengthen his writing career.

"Being an historian consists of being a reader, a speaker, and a writer," he says. "In a classroom, you get constant and immediate feedback from the students. In academic forums, such as publication and conferences, you get scholarly feedback that all help you to sharpen your writing and thinking."

Continuing to delve further into Southern history, Maunula is currently working on a book about Southern pastors from the 1910's to the 1940's, and how they addressed the economic changes in their sermons.

Tate has been an associate professor in History at Clayton State University for six years. He also heads up the Clayton State Honors Program. Aside from his book, "Conservatism and Southern Intellectuals, 1789-1861: Liberty, Tradition, and The Good Society" which was published in 2005, Tate has published numerous articles.



Tate

His article, "Confronting Abolitionism: Bishop John England, American Catholicism, and Slavery" was published in the September 2009 issue of "The Journal of the Historical Society." In this article, he explores the roles that religion, specifically Catholicism, and Southern politics, played in forming John England's view on slavery,

abolitionism, and the function of religion in government.

Tate has been studying the cultural and social influence of religion and politics in Southern history since he was an undergraduate. His interest has also led to the publication of "John Adams, John Taylor of Caroline, and the Debate about Republican Government" in the book "History on Proper Principles: Essays in Honor of Forrest McDonald" published in 2010. This article follows the political careers and correspondence of Adams and Taylor. Although usually expressing opposing political viewpoints, Adams and Taylor experienced a unique communication and sharing of ideas.

Tate is currently working on a book about Catholics in South Carolina, expanding some of his earlier discussions to not only include slavery, but politics and society in general. Tate says he enjoys teaching at Clayton State because it offers him a chance to develop and teach courses that relate to his interests. Currently he is working with two MALS students who chose to research Southern History for their thesis projects.

Ward, Maunula and Tate are all teaching graduate level history courses during the fall 2010 semester. For more information on the classes offered at Clayton State and the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies concentration in History, please visit <http://a-s.clayton.edu/mals/>. You may also wish to visit the School of Graduate Studies website at <http://graduate.clayton.edu/> for information about the other graduate degree programs currently offered. ■

Mutiso Qualifies for NCAA Division II Men's Cross Country National Championships

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

Despite running some of his best career times this season, Clayton State head coach Mike Mead figured the challenge would be greater for the Lakers' Fidelis Mutiso to qualify for the NCAA Division II Men's Cross Country National Championships. However, Mutiso proved his coach wrong.

Competing in the NCAA Division II Southeast Regional, Mutiso finished a strong eighth place overall in the 10K event in a time of 31:14.3. The finish was good enough to qualify the senior from Nairobi, Kenya in the NCAA Division II National Championships as an individual for a second straight season. Mutiso will compete in the national championships in Louisville, Ky., on Dec. 4.

From a team perspective, Clayton State finished 10th overall in the 25-team field with 242 points. The Lakers, who have battled injuries for much of the last half of

the season, finished 13 points ahead of Anderson and 14 points behind Peach Belt Conference rival Georgia College. Host Queens won the event with 30 points, ahead of Columbus State (79) and Mars Hill (118).

In addition to Mutiso, junior Albert Mong'ony finished 15th overall in 32:17.7 for Clayton State, earning him All-Southeast Region honors in the process.

Clayton State women accumulated 258 points in the NCAA Division II Southeast Regionals, also at McAlpine Park. That was good enough for a seventh-place finish for the Lakers in the 28-team 6K event. Clayton State finished 18 points ahead of Peach Belt Conference rivals Georgia College and UNC Pembroke and 11 points off the pace of Lenoir-Rhyne.

Junior Kourtney Aylor had the best finish for Clayton State as she placed 22nd over-

all with a time of 23:35.5. Senior Chelsea Ellis concluded her distinguished Laker cross country career finishing 38th overall in 24:09.6, while sophomore Paige Galvin placed 48th in a time of 24:29.3 and sophomore Monique Belmudes finished 61st in 24:47.1. ■

Strong Second Half Propels Valdosta State Past Clayton State

The Clayton State Laker men's basketball got off to a fast start on Saturday at in-state rival Valdosta State, but could not sustain the momentum as the Blazers pulled away with an 81-69 victory at the Complex.

Clayton State is now 4-2 overall, and has its three-game winning streak snapped, while Valdosta State improves to 5-2 overall.

"We had offensive opportunities and could not take advantage of them," said Clayton State head coach Gordon Gibbons. "We were well-prepared and got off to a great start. But they hit some big shots throughout the game, and that made us have to play catch-up."

Clayton State was in control for the first part of the first half, holding Valdosta State to only 1-for-16 shooting from the field to open the contest. Meanwhile, senior point guard

Timmy Downs scored eight points early, including a pair of 3-point baskets to stake the Lakers to an early 16-4 lead.

However, Valdosta State broke the game open with a 15-2 run in the second half. Clayton State tied the game at 43-43 at the 15:11 mark on a driving lay-up by Downs, but the Blazers responded with five 3-point baskets over the next three minutes. A 3-point basket by Harris gave Valdosta State a 58-45 lead with 12:40 remaining.

Clayton State answered with an 8-0 run of its own as Downs scored six points during the span. His lay-up at the 10:01 mark brought the Lakers to within five points, 58-53. But Valdosta State responded again, this time with an 11-0 run as Christian Hunter drained three straight 3-point baskets.

The closest the Lakers would cut the deficit was nine points down the stretch.

Downs paced the Lakers with 22 points, followed by Brandon Robinson with 17 points. Sophomore forward Andrew Bachanov added 10 points.

Clayton State returns home on Tuesday for a 7:30 p.m. match-up against Carver. ■

Griggs Erupts as Clayton State Women Rout Albany State, 99-62

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

There was a lot of fanfare when Drameka Griggs transferred to the Clayton State women's basketball program from Division I Jacksonville. On Tuesday night, the Albany State Lady Rams saw what all the hype was about.

Griggs scored a career-high 27 points as Clayton State rolled to an impressive 99-62 rout over Albany State at the ASU HPER Building. Now ranked 13th in the nation in the new Division II top 25, Clayton State improves to 6-0 overall, while Albany State falls to 0-4.

"She is just a bundle of energy," said Clayton State head coach Dennis Cox about Griggs. "What she brings every night is just unbelievable. She generated a lot out of the press tonight with her speed and quickness."

Griggs, a sophomore guard, hit on 12-for-14 from the field and recorded seven steals to pace the Lakers. But she was not alone as six Clayton State players reached double-figures in scoring, and the Lakers

shot 55 percent from the field for the game.

Senior forward Teshymia Tillman scored 22 points - 18 of which came in the first half when the Lakers took control from the opening tip. Clayton State scored the game's first 13 points, and the Lakers did not allow Albany State to reach double-digits in the points for the first 10 minutes.

"The key was getting off to a great start," Cox said. "I was guarding against the let-down after three big wins over the weekend, and letting them (Albany State) get into a dogfight. That was the key - putting the game away early."

In addition to Griggs and Tillman, Brittany Hall scored 13 points off the bench, while Renee Jackson scored 11 points in a reserve role. Breanna Fort and Latonda Bruce each added 10 points for the Lakers, who forced 39 Albany State turnovers with their full-court pressure defense. ■



As temperatures begin to fall and the holidays approach, the Office of University Relations brings you this wintry photo of the campus front entrance.

Trivia Time

Furlong Gives Three Students a Stomach Ache

by John Shiffert, University Relations

It's true. Back in 2005, three of Dr. Michelle Furlong's Clayton State biology students got a Stomach Ache from their summer 2004 project that involved studying fecal contamination in Jesters Creek. However, no one had to go to the University Health Services for a cure.

That's because the Stomach Ache that Maggie Mills, MyHang Nguyen and Cheryl Bettis received came from Furlong... they were giant, stuffed microbes. That's Giant Microbes, plush toys that sort of resemble germs and bacteria. Coming in every variety from Bubonic Plague to Bad Breath, the furry little monsters are about the size of a softball, with a tag attached that explains the microbe's symptoms.

While no one was exactly sure which professor had actually given students a stomach ache, leave it to the irrepressible Tom Eddins to comment, "There are so many at Clayton [State] who gave their students stomach aches, I am surprised you can only say one."

Having set aside the Tums, will go on to an easier question... What were FDR's best-known efforts in speaking directly to the American people called? Send your answers, not to Fala, but to johnshiffert@clayton.edu.

A Special Trivia Time Bonus – in Memory of Leslie Nielsen

In memory of one of Trivia Time's all-time favorites, and one of the funniest people ever to appear on the silver screen... what was the name of the opera singer that Leslie Nielsen briefly impersonated in "The Naked Gun?" ■



Sports

Eight Straight... Clayton State Women Down Eckerd

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

Playing its sixth game in the last nine games, fatigue may have caught up with the Clayton State Laker women's basketball team on Saturday, but not enough to render a defeat.

The Lakers made it eight straight victories to open the 2010-11 season with a hard-fought 58-40 victory over Eckerd in the Eckerd Thanksgiving Classic. Clayton State, ranked 13th in the latest Division II Top 25 poll, improves to 8-0 overall, while Eckerd is now 3-1. It's the most consecutive victories to start a season ever by a Laker squad.

"We felt like we survived – I knew we were tired," said Clayton State head coach Dennis Cox. "But they (Eckerd) played tough defensively, and we had to play more conservatively on defense. But our half-court defense was strong and we gutted it out again like yesterday."

The key moment for Clayton State was midway through the first half when the Lakers broke the game open with a 13-0 run over a nine-minute span. Drameka Griggs started the rally with a fast-break lay-up, and then she and Brittany Hall both drained 3-point baskets. A lay-up by Latonda Bruce at the 1:29 mark gave Clayton State a 30-13 lead.

That enabled the Lakers to keep the Tritons at bay for the second half. Eckerd closed the deficit to 10 points early in the second half, but Clayton State twice stretched the lead to 20 points. Two free throws by Griggs gave the Lakers a 42-22 lead at the 12:31 mark, and then a driving lay-up by Griggs stretched the lead to 46-26 with 10:31 remaining.

Teshymia Tillman paced Clayton State with 13 points, followed by Griggs with 11 points. Bruce and sophomore center

Kayla Mobley each added eight points. Ashley Lutz and Katie Rausberg each scored 11 points for Eckerd. ■

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"I enjoyed spending the weekend with like-minded students and educators with interests in math and science," say Ellis. "From the conference itself I benefitted mostly from seeing tangible examples of higher mathematics used in modern applied science research, as well the process some graduate students go through in order to present their work to others. In addition to this, I feel in a small way my mathematics education was advanced, particularly regarding the use of differential equations in physical research."

"I enjoyed the trip and the learning experience from the presentations at the con-

vention," adds Turner. "Being around other math majors was quite inspiring and helped me appreciate math even more. The company whom I was with was nice and I wouldn't mind going back again. I hope to go to another convention to learn more and have more appreciation of math."

The students' travel was funded entirely by the Clayton State Math Club. For more information about the Math Club and upcoming events, please visit the web site: <http://studentorg.clayton.edu/math-club/>. ■

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