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A Commencement and A Commencement at Clayton State

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Clayton State University's annual Fall Commencement on Thursday, Dec. 11 proved to be a commencement in more ways than one. Perhaps Dr. Tom Barnett, faculty marshal, the University's senior faculty member, and first director of the University's first graduate program, said it best...

"Today marks the commencement of Clayton State as a full service university."

Barnett was speaking on several levels. To the 350 or so assembled graduates at the two commencement ceremonies. To Anna Cox, the Jonesboro High School Latin teacher who received Clayton State's first master's level degree. To anyone interested in graduate-level education. As Clayton State President Dr. Thomas K. Harden, who presided at the dual cere-



Anna Cox' hooding ceremony. From left to right, Dr. Sharon Hoffman, Becky Gmeiner, Dr. Thomas K. Harden, Dr. Thomas Eaves, Dr. Gwen Jones-Harold (back to camera), Anna Cox, and Dr. Nasser Momayezi.

monies, noted, "the 21st Century will be the century of graduate and professional education. We must meet the needs of a global-based economy."

It was indeed, as Harden noted in his remarks to the graduates, a very special day for Clayton State University.

While a total of 600 graduates were recognized in the Commencement program, there was no doubt that Cox, who received the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS) in her hooding ceremony at the first session, was first among the graduates in more ways than one. The University's first master's graduate, and the first individual to receive a degree on Dec. 11, Cox was assisted in the hooding ceremony by Dr. Gwen Jones-Harold, her thesis director, and Dr. Nasser Momayezi, dean of the School of Arts & Sciences. Also looking on were Dean of the School of Graduate Studies Dr. Thomas Eaves, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Sharon Hoffman, current MALS program director Dr. Wendy Burns-Ardolino, Clayton State Instructor of Speech Communications Larry Wiley (Cox's father) and fellow Jonesboro High School teacher Andrew Cox (her husband).

Barnett, the original director of the MALS program, and Hoffman spoke to all the graduates on the significance of both the occasion and graduate-level education. Barnett noted that the University now has more than 70 graduate-level faculty, has received almost 500 applications for its four current graduate programs and has enrolled more than 150 graduate students. With two Masters of Arts in Teaching degrees (Math and English) enrolling students in 2009, a proposal in to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for an M.S. in Dental Hygiene, and masters programs in Psychology and Archival Studies under development, Thursday was clearly just the start of something big at Clayton State. However, as is always the case with a major step for any organization, there has to be someone to take the first step.

"We acknowledge and celebrate her accomplishment," said Barnett of Cox. "Congratulations, Anna. You are a pioneer. You will blaze the trail for those who will follow." ■

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Clayton State University's Colleges Sponsor Local Families in Need

by Erin Fender, University Relations

Amidst the hustle and bustle of final exams and graduation, Clayton State University's College of Information Technology and Mathematical Sciences (CIMS) and College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) have opened their hearts to the Angel Tree, sponsored by the Salvation Army.

"This is our ninth year participating with the Angel Tree program. In the past we have worked to sponsor 10 to 14 children, but this year we issued a challenge to sponsor 20 children. Each year we always feel like we can help more and we were glad to take on more this year," says Dr. Mary Hudachek-Buswell, assistant professor of Mathematics in CIMS.

The faculty and staff of CIMS and CAS worked with Captain Candace Marquez of the Jonesboro chapter of the Salvation Army to coordinate their efforts. Hudachek-Buswell notes there are 1,000 families to help in Clayton, Fayette and Henry counties.

The Kohl's department store, located in Fayetteville, Ga., generously supports this



Clayton State's Angel Tree Santa's Helpers

effort and assists the "super shopper" for CIMS and CAS with the Angel Tree shopping.

"Kathy Kroll at Kohl's really helps us out every year. They allow us to start holding clothes and toys up to week before our purchase. They also provide us with business partner coupons that really allow us

to maximize our money," says Hudachek-Buswell.

This community effort continues to reach out to faculty and staff that are no longer with Clayton State.

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Nursing Students Lend a Helping Hand

Kaiser Permanente and the Clayton County Public Health department partnered together this fall for a disaster preparedness drill with volunteers from Clayton State University's School of Nursing.

"Our students, about 15 volunteers, played various roles in the drill which covered a mass flu vaccination scenario," says Associate Professor of Nursing Dr. Jennell Charles.

"Each one of us had a specific role to assist Kaiser Permanente and Clayton County Public Health with the disaster drill. The drill was extremely organized

and ran smoothly. This was a great experience because I gained a better understanding of how and what roles are necessary in an emergency disaster," says senior nursing student, Erika Foy of Vermillion, S. D.

Foy, a member of the Student Nurses Association and a peer mentor, also participated in a hosting a forum to educate Clayton State students about their experiences at the drill as well as disaster preparedness.

"Our forum was held on Nov. 12 and it included information on how to assess you and your family's needs, how to cre-

ate a disaster plan and what to include in a disaster preparedness kit," says Foy.

"The follow up teaching project with the students was a good experience and we had good questions from the students here," notes Charles. ■

Website for “The Status of the Dream...Where Are We Now?” Goes Live

The official website for Clayton State University’s Ninth Annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Commemorative Event is now live at <http://a-s.clayton.edu/mlking>.

Created by Dr. R.B. Rosenberg, associate professor of History and acting head of the University’s Department of Natural Sciences, the website contains information on all of the week’s events planned by the University’s MLK Committee, along with the University’s Department of Campus Life and the National Archives

and Records Administration (NARA) Southeast Region. The theme of this year’s event is, “The Status of the Dream...Where Are We Now?”

Also included on the website are interactive links to other relevant organizations (e.g., the National Civil Rights Museum, the King Center) and a photo gallery.

Dr. John Eaves, chairman of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners and formerly the assistant dean of students at

Clayton State, will give the keynote address for the University’s 2009 Martin Luther King, Jr., Commemorative Event in Spivey Hall on Thursday, Jan. 22. Eaves’ 7:30 p.m. address in Spivey Hall will be preceded by a reception in the lobby of Spivey Hall that will begin at 6:30 p.m. ■

Security Gates to Close at 10:30 p.m.

Beginning on Monday, Dec. 22, Clayton State Public Safety Officers will begin a nightly closing of the gates adjacent to the new Visitors and Welcome Security Station (VWSS) on Clayton State Boulevard.

At this time, the security gates on the north and south ends of the campus, at the entrances on Simpson and Caldwell Drives, will also be closed. All gates will

be secured at approximately 10:30 p.m. each night, with flexibility depending on conclusion time of any special events held on campus. They will be reopened each morning at approximately 6:30 a.m.

When the north and south gates are closed, all traffic will be routed through the main entrance on Clayton State Boulevard. Drivers will have to identify themselves for entry to the security offi-

cers assigned to the VWSS, either by display of their Laker Card or valid driver’s license.

Between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 10:30 p.m., all gates will be open, and with no requirement for drivers to stop or present identification at the VWSS. ■



Across the Campus

Auxiliary Services

Running until Dec. 23, the University bookstore is having a Christmas Sale... 15 percent off all gift and clothing items. Discounts are available upon the time off purchase. Also, if you looking for a great gift for a friend or co-worker, Jazzman's and the University Bookstore now have gift cards available just in time for the holidays! Jazzman's gift cards are ready for purchase in the LakerCard Center. University Bookstore gift cards ready for purchase in the Bookstore. Both can be purchased with cash or credit card and are available in any amount you choose. Holiday-themed cards are available through Dec. 23. Regular gift cards are available any time.

CIMS

On Saturday, Dec. 13, Clayton State University and the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences hosted the Third Annual Clayton State University First Lego League Robotics Tournament in the James M. Baker Center. A total of 28 middle school teams from across the state competed.

Language & Literature

Language and Literature's Visiting Writers Reading Series is now on the Atlanta Forum Network webpage (in audio and video), a site enjoys more than 100,000 visitors each month. Go to pba.org (that's Public Broadcasting Atlanta's homepage) to see Kodac Harrison's performance.

Recreation & Wellness

Due to low enrollment, the 2009 Ski Trip is cancelled. Please help inform students should they inquire about the trip. We will create the check requests in order to issue the refunds. All unused ski trip packets can be returned to Cindy Lauer for use for next year. If you have any literature in your office advertising the ski trip, please recycle the paper.

University System of Georgia

A new issue of the USG's The System Supplement is online:
http://www.usg.edu/pubs/sys_supp/.

Bo Bolander Faces a Challenge

by Rob Taylor, Emeritus Director of Student Life

Former Clayton State Dean of Students and Assistant Professor of History (among his other assignments for the University) Bo Bolander has been having challenges with stability in the last few months. The doctor initially thought it was the result of long-standing knee problems (no, that's not mentioned tongue-in-cheek), but that was not the case.

After an MRI, the doctors discovered a lime-sized tumor on his brain. This type of tumor is called a meningioma. Bo is currently scheduled to have surgery to remove the tumor in January. Bo will spend several days in the hospital and then have an additional two-month recovery period at home, with his wife, Holli, as his primary caregiver.

If you would like to send a note of encouragement before the surgery (or a get well card after the surgery), their home address is: Bo & Holli Bolander, 616 E. Church St., Monroe, Ga., 30655-2514. Bo's email is bobolander@alltel.net. ■



Arts page...

Cabaret Deserves an A+

by Ciji Fox, University Relations

“Willkommen, Bienvenue, Welcome.”

The Clayton State Theatre brought Berlin’s “Cabaret” to the University. Audiences were invited into a riskier night club called Kit Kat, which opened Nov. 14.

The musical takes place during the 1930’s, demonstrating parallels about love, hate, hope and despair. As the Nazis come to power in Germany, the play foreshadows one of the darkest moments in history. It also reminds the audience that controversial issues such as sexuality and racism are still present.

The Kit Kat club’s colorful emcee (Kalani Fraser) opened the show with confidence. Leading with a song, titled “Willkommen” which encouraged the audience to get comfortable. In addition, the setting in the Clayton State University’s cozy and intimate theater and the intricate details, including dim lights, cabaret girls, waiters, made you feel as if you were in a night club, and the Clayton State University students did an excellent job in bringing the story to life.

Almost immediately following the first number the audience is introduced to Clifford Bradshaw (David Henry), an American writer seeking inspiration,

which he hopes to find in Berlin. On Bradshaw’s journey he meets a gentleman by the name of Ernest Ludwig (Bryan Meadows) who is overly friendly and acts suspicious. Ludwig offers Bradshaw work if he ever needs it.

While in Berlin Bradshaw stays in a boarding house which is run by the adorable Fräulein Schneider (Kimberly McCloud). After Bradshaw explains that he can only afford to pay half of the boarding house fee, Schneider sings “So What?” a song that makes a statement about accepting what one has in life.

Shortly thereafter, Bradshaw makes his way to the Kit Kat club where he becomes an instant super star. Everyone, including Sally Bowels (Shanika Vail), a promiscuous singer at the Kit Kat club, is fascinated with Bradshaw because he is an American.

The story continues and takes twist and turns, including Bradshaw and Bowels falling in love, and the singer becoming pregnant. Schneider also falls in love, with a Jewish fruit shop owner Herr Shultz (Deion Collins), who proposes to her. As the two celebrate their engagement their reality suddenly changes. Ludwig, an undercover Nazi, is told that Shultz is Jewish and encourages Schneider not to



Kalani Fraser as the Emcee

go through with the engagement. With songs like “Tomorrow Belongs to Me” it is evident that Germany’s future is dark.

The show demonstrated several hard realities, while keeping the audience’s attention with an action packed performance. I believe “Cabaret” deserves an A+. With strong vocals, excellent talent and great plot, Philip DePoy, director of the Clayton State Theater, did a great job directing the show. The cast is as follows:

Master of Cermonies (Emcee)

Kalani Fraser

Clifford Bradshaw

David Henry

Ernest Ludwig

Bryan Meadows

Customs Officer

Tim Hand

Fräulein Schneider

Kimberly McCloud

Fräulein Kost

Erica Jones

Herr Shultz

Deion Collins

Telephone Girl

Tierra Canup

Sally Bowels

Shanika Vail

Kit Kat Girls

Marie Banks, Tierra Canup, Veronica Ingram, Susan Maddox, Tiffany McClanahan

Two Ladies

Susan Maddox, Tiffany McClanahan

Max

Efrem Whitaker

German Sailors/Thugs

Clayton Beatty



Water Conservation

by Kelly Adams, Business and Operations

Drought conditions in Georgia the last couple of years have encouraged residents and businesses to be more mindful of water consumption. Are you doing all that you can to help conserve this valuable resource? If not, here are a few ideas to get you started:

1. Read your water meter and then read it again after two hours of not using any water. If the numbers have changed, then you probably have a leak somewhere. Check your faucets. Also, place a drop of food coloring in your toilet tank. If the water in the bowl changes color without flushing, then there is a leak.

2. Install a water saving showerhead to reduce the flow of water. Even a five-minute shower can use 10-25 gallons.

3. Turn off the bathroom faucet when brushing your teeth.

4. Wash only full loads of laundry.

5. If you drop an ice cube on the floor, don't throw it in the sink. Instead, put it in a houseplant. It will help water the plant when it melts.

Most of these suggestions are simply common sense. If you get into the habit of consciously thinking about your water usage, then you will be able to more readily identify where you can save both water and money. ■



Clayton State conserves water on campus by watering campus landscaping with rainwater run-off that collects in the campus lakes.

Clayton State SBDC Puts Clayton County Business Start-Ups on a Fast Trac

The Clayton State University Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is partnering with the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce and the Atlanta Regional Workforce Board to put potential entrepreneurs on a FastTrac to success.

SBDC is offering a class for people interested in starting a business in Clayton County. A 10-session course that teaches potential entrepreneurs, as well as entrepreneurs who are just getting started, Fast Trac New Venture is a comprehensive program that goes over all aspects of a business.

The program will be offered to 30 people, starting on Feb. 2, 2009. Fast Trac New Venture costs \$495 for the 10 week program and there are scholarship opportunities, including full scholarships. Applications for Fast Trac New Venture can be downloaded from the SBDC website, www.business.clayton.edu/sbdc. The deadline for scholarship applications is Jan. 5, 2009.

The 30 hours of class time will be a hands-on, interactive program that will cover all areas of business start-up, planning and management by working with peers and successful entrepreneurs. The course has two phases – a Concept Analysis component from Feb. 2 to Feb. 23, and an Effective Business Planning component from Mar. 2 to Apr. 20.

For more information on this initiative, go to <http://www.sbdc.uga.edu/> or call the Clayton State SBDC at (678) 466-5100. ■



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Department of Commerce

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Year: Not Stated
GPA: ≥ 3.0
Location: Atlanta, GA

Economics /Development

Year: Not Stated
GPA: ≥ 3.0
Location: Chicago, IL

Public Administration/Planning

Year: MPP, MPA, MBA, PhD
GPA: ≥ 3.0
Location: Washington, DC

Interested students should visit www.orau.org/doc to access the application form and additional programmatic information. Students may also ask questions via email to DOCprogram@orau.org.

Georgia Secretary of State

Karen Handel is pleased to announce several full-time or part-time internship opportunities:

Capitol Museum and Tours
Elections Division
Front Office
Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission
Legal Affairs
Press Office
Professional Licensing Board
Securities Division

Interested students must submit an application and a resume. Applications and

resumes must be received by Friday, March 20, 2009. For more information and qualifications, please visit: <http://sos.georgia.gov/misc/intern.html>.

CDC

Summer Environmental Internship:
<http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/cleh>

T. Howard Foundation

Seeking minority and female students for unique paid summer internship opportunities in the multimedia entertainment industry. Apply online at: www.t-howard.org. Application deadline is Dec. 31, 2008.

Angel Tree, cont'd. from p. 2

"We continue to have former colleagues donate to our Angel Tree efforts. It's wonderful that this project has touched many hearts that they are still drawn to donate," says Hudachek-Buswell.

After the secret "super shopper" spent up to one hour of shopping for each child, totaling near 20 hours of shopping, all the items were carefully sorted for each child. All the presents are delivered to the Salvation Army who wrap and deliver the gifts to the parents.

"We plan to take on more families next year and fulfill more wishes," says Hudachek-Buswell. ■

GOT NEWS?
Send your campus news to
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Clayton State Places Three on Peach Belt Cross Country All-Academic Team

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

For the first time in its history, the Peach Belt Conference is presenting All-Academic teams for each sport. On Thursday, the conference released the All-Academic team for men's and women's cross country, and Clayton State had three runners selected.

Selected for Clayton State were Walid Berkhedle and Au Nguyen for the men's team and Chelsea Ellis second team All-Academic for the women.

Berkhedle, a sophomore from Scarborough, Ont., was selected first team All-Peach Belt Conference for a second straight season after winning Peach Belt Conference Runner of the Year honors last season. He recorded three Top 10 finishes this season, and two more Top 20 finishes in the process.

A senior from Mesa, Ariz., Nguyen was steady and consistent this season for the Laker men. He recorded two Top 10 finishes and four Top 20 finishes, finishing in the Top 15 three times.

Ellis, a sophomore from Port St. Lucie, Fla., enjoyed a solid season as the Laker women's No. 2 runner behind Peach Belt Conference champion Allison Kreutzer. She garnered three Top 10 finishes and three more Top 20 finishes on the season. ■

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Dominique Jennings paced the Laker women with 18 points on six-for-eight shooting from three-point range, while Lesheria Stevens scored 14 points, Marie St. Fort scored 13 points and Nikkisha Pritchett added 10 points off the bench.

Clayton State will take off for the holidays, and then return to action playing host to the Heritage Bank Holiday Classic on Dec. 29-30. ■

Have a
safe and happy
holiday season from the
Office of
University Relations!



Trivia Time

Walter and Emilie

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Surely you knew that Spivey Hall's two grand pianos are named Walter and Emilie, after Walter and Emilie Spivey, the patrons who made the Hall a reality?

A lot of people did know, with Scott McElroy being fastest with the send button, followed by Vickie Smith. In third place, it was a real treat to hear from Ms. Spivey Hall Herself, Sherryl Nelson, who added this bit of trivia that you probably didn't know.

"Walter is not the original name of the newer piano... it was originally Malcolm," she confides. "Before the piano was delivered in 1994 someone vandalized the finish as it sat in a local warehouse. The piano had a large X etched into the side that faces away from the audience (left of keyboard). Before we accepted delivery the finish was repaired and the X was never visible... however, Simone Steverson, production manager, referred to the piano as Malcolm (as in Malcolm X)... our own little secret."

Also answering correctly were Kathy Garrison, Kurt-Alexander Zeller (who has, of course, sung on the Spivey Hall stage), Joan Taylor and Dina Swearngin.

Sticking with the performing arts for the last trivia question of 2008 – in honor of Jared Shiffert making his Shakespearean debut Thursday on the Odyssey School stage as Horatio in "Hamlet," what is the famous last line of the Bard's most famous work... one of the most famous lines in all of English literature? Send your responses, not to Jared (he's already proved he knows the answer, and how to act it out), but to his father at johnshiffert@clayton.edu.

Sports

Lakers a Combined 12-1 on the Year

Clayton State Sweeps UNC Pembroke in Peach Belt Openers

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

Playing their Peach Belt Conference opener of the 2008-09 season against a vastly improved team, the Clayton State Laker men's basketball team needed all it could muster on Wednesday at rival UNC Pembroke. However, despite some struggles from the free throw line (shooting just 50 percent), the Lakers made some key defensive stops down the stretch and held on for a 78-72 victory at the English Jones Center. The victory keeps Clayton State undefeated at 7-0 overall on the season.

Playing their Peach Belt Conference opener of the 2008-09 season, the Clayton State Laker women's basketball team got all they could handle and then some at conference rival UNC Pembroke. However, the Lakers overcame a lot and made a late charge to pull of a 76-68 victory at the Jones Center. The victory was the fifth straight for Clayton State, now 5-1 overall heading into the holiday break.

"UNC Pembroke is much improved from over the last couple of seasons," said Clayton State men's head coach Gordon Gibbons. "When you play on the road in a tough environment, you need to play good defense and hit your free throws. We did not shoot free throws well tonight, but we guarded them well in the second half and down the stretch."

"I so wanted to go into the break feeling good about us," said Clayton State women's head coach Dennis Cox. "Opening conference on a winning note is huge. You have to win all your conference games at home and steal a few on the road. We stole one tonight."

Freddie Williams and Bernard Fields each scored 15 points for the Clayton State men, Fields scoring all 15 of his points in the second half as the Lakers never relinquished the lead after taking a 35-33 lead at halftime. Will Lewis scored 12 points

for Clayton State, while Brian Kelly and Jaquas Dobbs each scored 11 points.

The Laker men play host to Southern Polytechnic State on Friday, Dec. 19 at 7:30 p.m. before the breaking for the holidays.

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