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Council Notes

By Jillian Jones

The March 27 council meeting featured a duo of guest speakers: Dr. John Bryan and Tom Marshall. Bryan and Marshall gave the Council and constituents a very in-depth and informative look at the new Luminis Portal—SWAN. The SWAN (Secure Web Access Network) portal is a customizable intranet based development tool that makes accessing Clayton State information easier.

Marshall encouraged questions and feature requests from everyone.

Visit the portal today at <http://swan.clayton.edu>



OTHER COUNCIL NEWS

— Staff Appreciation Day is just around the corner. See page 3 for more.

— Desperate to know the winner of this year's Alice J. Smith Staff Award, see the Smith Awards section for more details.



By Svetlana Soroka

With a glow on his face, John Zubal carries an almost childlike appearance with his eyes and smile that seemingly matches his heart.

Staff Spotlight

John is the Head Athletic Trainer, and in addition, a person in charge of the medical billing. John makes sure that medical insurances are used correctly. When asked the question 'what makes his job significant to the University' – he replied 'helping spend money more efficiently'.

John has a background in Sports Medicine. As a youth, John dreamed of attending the United States Naval Academy and becoming a heart surgeon, however, by accident, fell into Sports Medicine. John has a Bachelor's Degree in Sports Medicine from the University of Pittsburgh, a Master's Degree in

Athletics Administration from the University of Utah, and being six classes, and a 'thesis statement' away from his PH.D, which would have allowed him to sign Christmas cards stating Dr. John Zubal, he adds.

In 1991, John left Salt Lake City for a job at the Physiotherapy Associates Clinic Outreach with Clayton State University, and in 1996 became their full time Athletics Trainer. John says he spends 75% of his time away from home, traveling with the team. The most gratifying feeling about his job is 'to meet new kids, and see them graduate,

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Smith Awards

"The Smith Awards were established in 1995 by Joseph Smith as a memorial to his wife Alice. He wanted to honor her career in teaching and her love for learning, and wanted Clayton State University to be a part of her legacy."



By Jillian Jones

With having so many helpful, outstanding, generous and deserving staff members on our campus, it is always hard to decide a winner for such an honor. As always, the Smith Staff Award Committee takes this task head-on and selects five finalists.

Your have been received. Thank you for your assistance in making such a difficult decision.

Find out which one of these finalists will receive this special award at the Service Awards Ceremony on April 30 at 2 p.m. in Spivey Hall.

This year's finalists are:

- Kathy Garrison
- Mary Alice Gladin
- Sandy Haught
- Celeste Wade
- Vicky Stewart

"...there's more besides work at work!"



Meet Your Delegate

knowledge first hand and that "with becoming a delegate [she has] realized there is more besides work at work!"

In her work with Plant Operations, Soroka has heard many complaints. She likes that Staff Council "helps to intercept" these complaints and serve as a sort of a mediator.

As a Staff Council delegate, she maintains the Staff Council webpage and serves on the Professional Development Committee.

Soroka says that she "loves to be here [to] add some flavor to the pot!"

By Jillian Jones

Meet Svetlana Soroka. Soroka represents Plant Operations and is serving the first of a two year term, ending in 2009. Soroka says that she enjoys that Staff Council allows her to gain



Have A Concern?

Be sure to tell us your concern. You can email Staff Council at StaffCouncil@clayton.edu

To anonymously voice your concern, click the POST YOUR ISSUE button on the Staff Council webpage. Remember, concerns or issues should be something that will improve conditions on campus or benefit the campus community as a whole.

Staff Appreciation Day

Staff Council has decided to make Staff Appreciation Day not one, but **two** days, June 3rd and 4th. The first of these two days will kick off with a recap of how Staff Council has been able to serve you with its Chair, Bob Ward, followed by what we expect to be a highly entertaining and inspiring motivational speaker, Mike Robbins. The following day will be a Carnival where everyone can come feel like a big kid with entertainment and refreshment. Read on for more details.

SPEAKER

Former professional major league pitcher for the Kansas City Royals and Stanford graduate, Mike Robbins was injured after three seasons of professional baseball. This injury cut his athletic career short and Robbins found that he had a passion for helping and inspiring others.

Robbins will be visiting the Clayton State campus on June 3 and teach us the *Power of Appreciation*, the title of his book. To find out more the speaker and

his book *Focus on the Good Stuff: Power of Appreciation*, visit the Staff Council's Professional Development Committee events webpage at <http://adminservices.clayton.edu/staffcouncil/profdevelopment/events.htm>

CARNIVAL

Come one come all, it's time to be a kid again! Staff Council presents its 4th annual Staff Appreciation Day. This year's event will be held June 4th. There will be fun, games, food, and prizes. So step right up and be appreciated! Be sure to come by the April 24 Staff Council meeting for the brainstorming session.



Staff Spotlight (cont'd from p. 1)

come back as successful businessmen and women, and feel that his input made a difference.'

John's office walls are filled with shelves covered with souvenirs including tennis and golf balls, maps, badges, and other little insignificant objects from a perspective of an outsider, but to John they possess a priceless value that reminds him about what he seems to care so much about -- students.

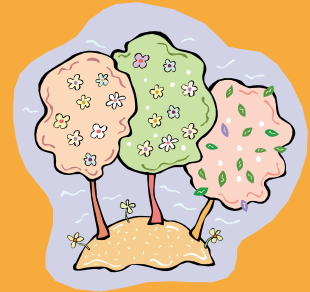
Born under the solar sign of Taurus, on the grounds of Pennsylvania, John had roamed through canyons of Utah, and finally settled down within 3 miles of Clayton State, where he met his wife Chrissie. They have been married 5 years, and his cat Molly, along with two pet rats Smokey and Sammy, keep them company.

In John's leisure time he enjoys watching basketball ('but not playing', a

point he made clear quickly). He also enjoys reading about Eastern European history to help him understand what influenced his ancestors decision immigrate from the Ukraine to the United States at the beginning of the 20th century.

John carries with him a symbol of Trident on his keychain that he brought back from his visit to Kiev, Ukraine. This Trident symbolizes Power, Stability and Strength, and perhaps charges him within. John is very lively person, and an absolute pleasure to be around.

Please stop by Athletics Department to say hello to John, and perhaps some of his "Inner Charge" will rub off on you.



Campus Connect

The next Campus Connect will be Thursday, April 17 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Presidential Plaza in the University Center. This Campus Connect, titled Spring Fever, will be hosted by the University Center offices.



Staff Council Meets

April 24

UC 260

2:00-3:00 pm

Bring your ideas to this month's Staff Council meeting! There will be a Staff Appreciation Day Carnival brainstorming session instead of a featured speaker.

April Staff Anniversaries

Name	Years of Service	Dept
Boger, Cassandra	3	Information Technology & Services
Bush, Victoria	1	Office of the President
Coursey, James	5	Plant Operations
Dilbeck, Roxanne	11	Counseling Services
Haripar, Betty	11	College of Professional Studies
Lockhart, Tarrell	3	Plant Operations
Pujalte, Alma	5	Plant Operations
Reed-Jones, Tiekeya	3	Admissions
Summers, Timothy	7	Public Safety
Volkert, Susan	3	Spivey Hall
Washington, Yolanda	1	Plant Operations
Williams, Sabrina W.	3	Financial Aid
Wilson, Tammy	11	Academic Affairs
Winkler, Janet	8	Continuing Education

Staff Matters Trivia



The first person with the correct response wins \$30 in gas! What is the largest Great Lake, the smallest Great Lake, the largest body of water bordering the United States, and the longest running river in America? Email answers to staffmatterstrivia@clayton.edu.

Visit the Staff Council Website at

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