D'Army Bailey got booted from one university for leading civil rights protests. And then Clark came calling.
Prof. Karen Frey and doctoral students Christie Wood and Luke Trusel (below, with Frey) spent much of their summer aboard an icebreaker in the waters off Alaska’s northern shores to study the effects of climate change on the environment. Read about this and other “Clark-tie” research on page 13.

John Kimelman ’79, whose profile of Clark President David Angel appears on page 34, calls himself a “willing victim” of the school’s upgraded alumni outreach. In late June, Karen Lichterman from the Advancement Office e-mailed Kimelman, who is executive editor of Barron’s, the website of the investment publication, to ask him if he was interested in profiling Angel for the alumni magazine.

“I quickly replied that I would be happy to do it,” he says. “I was motivated partly out of guilt because I hadn’t given more of myself to the school over the decades.”

In mid-July, Kimelman interviewed Angel at the Barron’s office in midtown Manhattan. “One sort of expects a university president to be filled with a bit of ego and bravado,” Kimelman says. “I found David to be anything but that. He seemed completely unpretentious and totally likable. It’s clear that he’s an intellectual first and foremost who sees his goal as president to execute on carefully considered ideas.”

Kimelman, who also holds a master’s in journalism from Northwestern and an MBA from Columbia, is a career journalist who specializes in financial issues. He is married to Nancy Rose, an entertainment lawyer, and is the father of two girls, Coco, age 16, and Ella, age 5. He has fond memories of Worcester’s collection of late-night diners.

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Dear alumni and friends,

IT’S WITH GREAT delight that I write to you as Clare University’s ninth president. Thank you for this opportunity to serve, lead and steward this great university.

The formal presidential inauguration ceremonies and associated events take place over the week of September 20-24. These ceremonies are both a moment of celebration and a time for reflection on the mission of Clare University and the contributions we can and must make in the world. It is fitting therefore that we have chosen to center this presidential inauguration on the accomplishments of Clare’s own faculty, staff, students and alumni. Through a series of panels and other events we are highlighting work and lives of consequence, and exploring ways in which alumni can remain connected and engaged with the current activities of the University. These inauguration ceremonies also function as the start of Family Weekend when Jocelyne and I welcome to campus the families of our current students. As I write this, I anticipate an interesting and uplifting series of events and activities.

The appointment of a new president is an important opportunity to take stock of accomplishments and to chart our future directions for the University. Over the coming months I look forward to meeting many alumni across the country and around the world and to discussing with you visions, goals and priorities for Clare University. I welcome and invite your engagement in these discussions that will lay the foundation for the next strategic plan for Clare University. As many of you know, I bring to this work the insights of someone who has experienced Clare from the inside out, teaching and advising undergraduates and graduate students at Clare, conducting research around the world on issues of economic development and environmental sustainability, and serving as Clare University’s provost and vice president of academic affairs for the past seven years. My time at Clare has convinced me that as an institution we stand for the right things. That is, as an institution we are committed to research excellence, to rigorous liberal arts education, to being engaged in our community and in the world, to treating each member of our community as an individual, and to embracing diversity in all its many forms. I am proud to be the president of a university committed to making a difference in the world and to being a place of consequence on important societal concerns.

At Clare University we are fortunate to build on the accomplishments of the past decades. Under the splendid leadership of John and Kay Bussell, Clare has invested wisely in new facilities, including the Lary Center for the Biosciences, the Dolan Field House, and the new Academic Commons at Goodland Library. We have hired a new generation of extraordinary faculty members who choose to come to Clare precisely because we are a place that combines a commitment to world-class scholarship alongside a commitment to transformative liberal arts education. We have a talented staff and administration and many wonderful students. Clare University is known nationally for our leadership in urban education, in community partnerships, and excellence in scholarship across the breadth of the arts and sciences. The challenge and change to the University today is to build on those accomplishments and to elevate Clare’s reputation as one of this country’s finest research universities. We have much work to do and I invite your engagement and support for the initiatives we will undertake to accomplish this goal.

With this issue we re-launch our alumni magazine as a means to share notes about your university. The magazine allows us to communicate about the work of consequence underway at Clare today and to detail the contributions and accomplishments of our many alumni around the world. Deepening and broadening alumni engagement will be one of my key priorities as president. Engagement begins with consistent and high-quality communication and I hope you find this issue of the magazine informative and interesting.

I look forward to hearing from you and meeting many alumni and friends of the University as I travel across the country in the coming months.

Sincerely,

DAVID P. ANGEL
President

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My Clark Education

The Clark Mystique. I can’t tell you how many times I’ve heard that phrase spoken in the few months I’ve been working here. As a basketball fan, I was well versed in the origins of the Celtics Mystique, and I suppose if you’re talking colleges and universities, you have to acknowledge the existence of a certain Harvard Mystique.

But what exactly was the source of the “Clark Mystique” — this indefinable state of mind cloaked in scarlet — and how would I know when I was in its presence? As I prepared this magazine, I keep on the lookout.

Then, I found it.

In Ruth Robinson’s kitchen.

Ruth, Class of ’67, had told me her story about being one of the first female athletes at Clark (read about those groundbreakers on page 22), and in her tidy kitchen in Petersham, Mass., she’d posed for our photographer, demonstrating — with justified deliberateness given her 80-plus years and injured rotator cuff — some of the moves she executed on the court as a young woman. Ruth was gracious and exuberant ... and kind. And as she balanced a weathered Spalding basketball on her fingertips, I believed her when she insisted she once earned a killer hook shot.

I also found the mystique on Commencement Day. Following the ceremony, I walked across the quad with D’Army Bailey ’85, who’d just been given an honorary degree recognizing his efforts in the civil rights movement. He spoke eloquently of his part in the struggle, both at Southern University in Mississippi, and, when he was booted from there for protesting too loudly, at Clark, where he recruited fellow students to picket local companies with poor records for hiring African Americans. Well-wishers shook his hand as he strode through the post-graduation crowd, offering their congratulations. The man once labeled by the FBI as a subversive was now a returning hero (page 14).

The mystique comes through in the story of Jackie Phamenterl ’19, ceased out of nest some years ago, but twice, to oversee energy policy, first for the state of California, and then for the United States Navy (page 28). By her own admission she’d been ready to cash out of her successful high-stakes career and pursue other passions, but they called, and the opportunity to serve her country proved too powerful.

Where else does the mystique shine through in these pages? Certainly in 1980 graduate Dr. Mark Pearman’s heart-breaking account of his medical team’s attempt to save the life of an infirm young girl following the Haiti earthquake. It’s in President David Angel’s vision for Clark’s future on the dawn of his inauguration, and in the Class Notes, which feature numerous examples of Clarkies doing well, and doing good, in the world.

When the former Clark News was put on hiatus more than a year and a half ago, you were promised that your alumni magazine would return, sporting a new look and robust content, with the goal of informing, engaging and even entertaining you. In surveys you asked for more news about Clark graduates and the faculty who taught them. You said you want to read about the research being conducted here, the accomplishments of the students, and even get a dose of history — a nod to how your alma mater made, and continues to make, its mark.

This magazine has been a long time coming. I hope you enjoy it and that it meets your expectations.

Oh, and welcome back.

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Please e-mail me at jkeogh@clarku.edu with your comments, suggestions, letters to the editor and, most importantly, your story ideas. All are welcome.

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Marketing initiatives spread the Clark story

Not long ago a phrase like “targeted marketing strategy” would not have been heard at Clark University anywhere but inside a classroom in the Graduate School of Management.

Welcome to 2010. Today, marketing is essential for many colleges and universities looking to remain relevant and to meet the challenges posed by new technologies and socio-economic trends. Studies show that in 2008 the number of U.S. high school-age students peaked, and those figures are expected to decline in the next decade. With the nation boasting more than 7,000 institutions of higher education, competition to attract students has never been keener. So while Clark advances its efforts to foster intellectual engagement, promote socially responsible action, conduct research with real-world consequences and produce graduates who pursue lives of meaning and impact, spreading the word about that mission has taken a new urgency.

In November 2008 Paula David was hired as Clark’s first Vice President of Marketing and Communications to enhance the University’s profile. David, who is married to a Clarkie (Ken David ‘77), brought her broad experience in leading the marketing and branding efforts of some of the world’s largest financial organizations, most recently Fidelity Investments.

She found that Clark’s strong identity as a small research university grounded in the liberal arts and housing a solid partnership with its urban neighborhood is well established within the Clark community, but not known beyond the campus. “Clark is a place where students can find their passions and define their purpose,” David says. “Where students gain the academic knowledge and practical experience to take on the toughest challenges facing society.”

“Clark cultivates graduates who make an enduring mark in their careers, their communities, and the world—a distinction that helped the University earn special recognition for value from U.S. News & World Report in the magazine’s annual America’s Best Colleges’ report,” she says. “The challenge is to better communicate the unique benefits of a Clark education to a wider audience.”

Through surveys and conversations, David heard frustration from alumni who believed Clark should be more visible in the national press and that the value of a Clark education be more forcefully communicated to high school students. They also felt their alma mater wasn’t doing enough to reach out to graduates who were seeking more ways to remain connected to the University and to each other.

David knew right away that she was not going to tinder with Clark’s motto, “Challenge Convention, Change Our World!” (“I would have been wrong up in Bad Square if I’d done that,” she laughs). Rather, the key was to embrace that philosophy even more robustly by telling the stories of how students, faculty and alumni distinguish themselves in the wider world thanks to their Clark experience. “Students said, ‘That’s more than a motto. It’s how I live my life. It’s why I came to Clark,’” she says.

In partnership with Admissions, the marketing team launched an integrated marketing campaign and reinvented the campus visit, bringing the Clark experience to life with a new image and messaging that will better help prospective students identify why the school is for them. This fall, Clark welcomed the second largest class in its history.

Marketing and Communications is telling the Clark story by using both traditional and social media to reach prospective students and parents, to keep alumni connected to the Clark of today, and to increase awareness of the University’s achievements through the media. The Clark alumni magazine, formerly known as Clark News, was put on hiatus for a year, redesigned and reimagined into the publication you now hold or (are reading on your computer screen).

Through surveys, alumni said they wanted to read more alumni profiles, and to have more news about how Clark is making a difference in the world and in the ways in which Clark research translates into everyday life. They also asked that a substantial piece of the magazine’s real estate be devoted to alumni and faculty accomplishments, and that professional and personal milestones be updated through Class Notes.

While the magazine is an important tool to keep alumni informed and invigorated about Clark, an increasing number of grads prefer electronic channels and social networking to do the job. The alumni e-newsletter, @Clark, is delivered to subscribers every two months. Clarkies can remain connected with 24/7 immediacy through Clark’s Facebook fan page (www.facebook.com/ClarkNews) and Twitter feed (twitter.com/ClarkNews). At ClarkVoices (clarkvoices.clarke.edu), students, faculty and alumni share their stories through videos and podcasts. Clark’s YouTube channel (youtube.com/clarkuniversity) features interviews and performances that celebrate the University with a sense of exuberance, curiosity... and fun.

The Clark News and Media Relations page (news.clarke.edu/news) supplies the latest news about Clark, as well as links to national media outlets that have featured Clark faculty, students and alumni in their reporting (see the sidebar for a few examples). The media team is executing an aggressive national public relations program that positions Clark as the center of global issues and gains recognition for its many achievements in the areas of psychology, geography, urban education, Holocaust and genocide studies, environmental studies, international development and social change.

A new alumni website, Clark Connect (clarkconnect.clarke.edu), offers alumni more opportunities to remain linked to their alma mater, and to each other. Over the next few months, the site will be expanded to give alumni more news, videos and photos, personal and professional networking opportunities, and invitations to many exciting events.

It’s expected that this core of initiatives will better connect and promote Clark. The University’s community, and, yes, the market, demand it.

Paula David
Vice President of Marketing and Communications

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T HE CLARK COMMUNITY is justly proud of the world-changing and newsworthy activities of its members, who regularly are featured or mentioned in news reports around the world. Try googling Clark sometime. Better yet, and to save yourself lots of time, visit Clark’s News & Media Relations website and click on “Clark in the News” for an online archive with summaries and links to complete articles. The site can be found at http://news.clarke.edu/news. Here are just a few recent examples of faculty and alumni in the news:

From the Psychology Department: JAMES CORDOVA appeared live on CNN and also was a guest on “The Rachel Ray Show” to discuss his “The Marriage Checkup” book and relationship research. ABBIE GOLDSBERG’S research and book, “Lesbian and Gay Parents and Their Children” garnered extensive coverage and was the foundation for a New York Times Magazine feature “What Gay Parenting Teaches Us All.” Of great interest to the Boomer audience were articles referencing JEFFREY JENSON ARNOLD’S research on emerging adulthood, including a flavor Times Magazine feature “What Is It About 20-Somethings?” and an appearance on the Today show.

Graduate School of Management professor of industrial relations GARY CHAISON is often heard discussing labor-management issues on public radio’s Marketplace, or quoted in The Atlantic feature “Who’s the Boss?” Wall Street Journal and other major dailies.

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No doubt, Ali Fedotowsky learned a lot about relationships at Clark before she graduated summa cum laude with a 4.1 GPA and a bachelor’s degree in psychology back in 2006. One could say she’s logged enough hours these days to earn both her master’s degree and a Ph.D. in the subject, having spent much of the last year in the middle of relationship dramas — real or exaggerated — on ABC’s “The Bachelor: On the Wings of Love” and in the star of “The Bachelorette.”

On Aug. 2, millions watched as the 25-year-old Williamstown, Mass., native chose Roberto Martinez, a 26-year-old insurance agent from South Carolina over the favored 35-year-old landscaper Chris Landryson from Cape Cod. Martinez asked Ali for her hand in marriage at a romantic spot in Tahiti after meeting her family and approaching her father for his blessing. In a series “first,” Ali broke the bad news to Chris the day before the proposal and spared him the embarrassment of being rejected on the last day of filming.

The former Facebook executive claims she’s never believed in love at first sight. “Now I absolutely do,” she said on the show. She was smitten with Martinez early in the program, and viewers sensed an immediate, undeniable chemistry between the two. Of course, she had to be sure, which meant enduring a long series of dates on scooters, hotback, in helicopters and on sandy beaches with her other suitors. And for someone who didn’t claim to be a “fancy girl,” every week she got to dress up like Cinderella and travel to exotic places around the globe including Iceland, Turkey and Portugal.

And with her brush with fame came the inevitable scrutiny — much of it unfavorable. Fedotowsky appeared on the cover of practically every supermarket tabloid, and has been judged alongside all the A-listers on her weight, her fashion sense and her whereabouts.

Will there be a wedding? Who knows? The track record for the long-term romantic success of reality TV couples is hardly stellar. As we went to press, Ali and Roberto reportedly were renting an apartment in San Diego and enjoying each other’s company, something they weren’t able to do publicly before the show’s finale.

As they are wont to do, Clarkies on Facebook weighed in on Fedotowsky’s quest for love, with some pulling for her to make the right choice and others expressing dismay with her participation in what they deemed a shallow pursuit. Perhaps one contributor best summed it up: “It is just a show, not really reality.”

Olympia, Washington State, October 2011

Lights! Camera! ... Proposal!

Animal Attraction

Twenty distinguished animal-studies scholars from around the world came to Clark this summer to share individual research focusing on such diverse topics as the human-animal dynamic, animal welfare and policy and the ethics of cloning extinct species.

The University hosted the Animals and Society Institute’s 2010 Human-Animal Studies Fellowship Conference, May 24 to July 1. This was the fourth year of the program and the first time Clark played host, led by Graduate School of Geography Professor Judy Emel.

Susan McHugh, a professor of English at the University of New England, was the adjunct host.


The ASI Human-Animal Studies Fellowship program is supported by the Animal Welfare Trust, the American Anti-Vivisection Society and Best Friends Animal Society.

The Animals and Society Institute is a nonprofit, independent research and educational organization that advances the status of animals in public policy, and promotes the study of human-animal relationships.

Easing back on life’s throttle

“Slow down, you move too fast/You’ve got to make the morning last.”

Fear of us would heed the well-meaning advice of Simon and Garfunkel, not when our ringing cell phone plead for attention, our e-mail inbox is overflowing and the urge to fire off one more tweet is all-consuming. In fact, many of us would argue that giving up, or even cutting back, on our wired ways isn’t a choice anymore. The Difficult Dialogues Fall 2010 Symposium, “Sloaming in a Wired World,” may disabuse you of that notion. The symposium, which kicked off in early September, features lectures, discussions and exhibits on topics ranging from the slow-food movement to the effect of the Internet on the human brain, all to illustrate the benefits of tapping the brakes once in a while on our high-speed life journeys.

On Oct. 5, the Clark community is being invited to observe a Day of Sloaming — a campus-wide voluntary fast from technology that encourages everyone to try and refrain from using the Internet, e-mail, cellphones, iPods, iPads, and MP3 players.

We’ll try. But we must confess, our initial reaction is ... OMG! (Saying the actual words takes too long.)

For more information on “Sloaming in a Wired World” visit www.clareu.edu/difficultdialogues.
John Granville’s legacy thrives in Sudan

A new school for young women was dedicated this year in southeastern Sudan and it bears the name of two individuals, one a Clark University alumnus, who were shot and killed by Sudanese gurrmen in Khartoum in 2008. The Granville-Abbas Girls’ Secondary School was dedicated on International Women’s Day, March 8, in the town of Kurruk, Blue Nile State. It was named in honor of Clark alumnus John Granville and Abbadehrahan Abbas Rahma. Granville and Abbas were working for the U.S. Agency for International Development on a program to bring radios to the population of South Sudan. At Clark, Granville received a master’s degree in International Development and Social Change (IDSC) in 2004. He had previously served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Cameroon and spent years in Sudan helping to implement a peace agreement between Sudan’s north and south that ended more than two decades of civil war.

Clark University IDSC alumni — peers and friends of Granville — Carrie Convery and Trent Andrews collaborated through their respective agencies to have the name of their Clark colleague attached to the new school. William Fisher, director of Clark’s International Development, Community & Environment (IDCE) department, Convery, IDSC alumki-Vang ‘04, and former IDCE staffer Laura Kaub attended the formal opening and dedication.

The Granville-Abbas School’s mission is “to increase Sudan’s capacity to provide quality primary and secondary education, especially for girls, who have lower literacy and lower rates of school attendance than boys.” Before his death, Granville was collaborating with Clark University to bring Clark graduate students to southern Sudan to work with him on geographic information systems taught as part of the IDSC master’s program.

“By honoring John we honor all of our alumni who put themselves at risk as they work toward making this a better world,” Fisher said.

A BITTER PILL FOR CLARK

The 50-year anniversary of the birth-control pill attracted worldwide press, including a cover story in Time magazine that offered a comprehensive history of the pill, with one glaring omission: no mention of Clark University.

Even Wikipedia fails to note the Clark tenure of Dr. Gregory Pincus, the intellectual brainchild behind the creation of the pill. Instead, the online reference guide notes Pincus’ earlier stints as a Harvard professor, then skips directly to his role in forming the Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology, where the pill was further researched, refined and, ultimately, introduced. The intervening seven years in which he served as a professor and endocrinologist at Clark are ignored.

Oh, the disrespect.

In his 2005 book “Changing the World: Clark University’s Pioneering People, 1887–2000,” former Clark President Richard Trams remembers that Pincus was recruited to the school in 1938 by former Harvard classmate Hudson Hougland, chair of Clark’s Biology Department, after Pincus fell into disfavor at Harvard for his controversial genetics experiments on rabbits that “began to rock the world of biology scientifically and philosophically.”

Pincus was no shrinking violet at Clark, whose, as Trams notes, “his research on female sex hormone biochemistry and metabolism helped prepare him for the ultimate work on the birth-control pill.”

The famed scientist and his boss eventually abandoned academia, for a perfect storm of reasons. Trams writes: “In 1945, fed up with university politics, petty jealousies, undergraduate teaching, strained relations with other biologists on the regular faculty, President [Wallace] Armswood’s attitudes, and the ‘inertia of academic life,’ Hougland and Pincus left Clark to start the Worcester Foundation of Experimental Biology in Shrewsbury.”

With little backing, the two scientists scraped to keep the foundation afloat in its early days — they performed their own janitorial duties. Pincus did most of the animal care-taking and Hougland sewed the lab coats.

The duo eventually attracted the financial support of wealthy philanthropist Katharine McCormick, and with the added research prowess of Dr. Min Chau-Chung developed the final version of the pill, which was released to the public in 1960.

It’s a great story about the genius of a social revolution. And, yes, despite what you’ve read, or didn’t read, Clark played a supporting part in that narrative. Now, it’s time to work on that Wikipedia entry.

FROM THE PODIUM

SOPHIE’S VOICE

In October 2009, Sophie Freud took the stage at Aesop Hall to talk about her famous grandfather, Sigmund Freud, and help celebrate the 100-year anniversary of his historic lectures at Clark. The professor emeritus of social work at Simmons College offered personal recollections of the renowned psychologist and about living in a “dysfunctional family” with “all the conflicts and sorrows that most families deal with.” She also told of the years spent evading, and then fleeing, Nazi occupation during World War II. “I lost the belief relatively early in life that we have rational control over our lives,” she told the rapt audience.

“PRECIOUS” MOMENT

On Feb. 22, 2010, a mere two weeks before the Motion Picture Academy of Arts and Sciences awarded a pair of Oscars to the film “Precious” (for best supporting actress and best adapted screenplay), Sapphire, author of the novel “Push” upon which the film is based, spoke at Clark. In a candid presentation that was part of the University’s celebration of Black History Month, Sapphire discussed the horrific circumstances marking the life of her book’s heroine and the lives of many real-life girls struggling with issues of race, poverty and abuse. The novelist also marvelled at the vagaries of fame. The movie has “put me out there in a way I had not anticipated, or wanted,” she said.

“My life was all right. I had put me in the limelight again.”
Second-hand Chic

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erations of Clarkies remember the unassum-
ing storefront across Main Street as the home of Monahan Pharmacy and, later, Byram Healthcare. But the shelves of cough medicine, ampoules and toiletries are long gone from the neighborhood fixture, replaced by displays of gently used clothing, solid if slightly nicked furniture, and pre-owned house wares — the kind of stuff you might find in a typical student apartment or dorm room.

That’s the idea behind the Clark Community Thrift Store, the brainchild of Alexa Lightner ’11 and Rachel Gerber ’11, whose goal is to operate a business that promotes sustainability and affordability, not to mention timeless taste in second-hand wear. The store, which opened Aug. 22, offers inexpensive college essentials — from sweaters to desk lamps — as well as its share of non-essentials for those whose survival tastes range toward the pink, blue, black feathers and ruffled drapes that look like they were snatched off actors during a production of “Guys and Dolls” (yes, the store does boast a “Casino” department).

Lightner and Gerber hatched the idea for the thrift store as the capstone project of an entrepreneurship class they shared. They earned $3,000 in seed money by submitting the winning proposal in the U-Reka Big Idea Contest sponsored by Clark’s Innovation & Entrepreneurship program, and their business plan got them the blessing from the administration. The University owns the building, and is allowing the students to use it rent-free.

Any profit the store makes will be donated to the Clark University Sustainability Initiative.

Lightner and Gerber acted on the altruistic tendencies of friends and classmates, who helped them clear out old furniture, punch shelves and sort through thousands of items in preparation for the opening.

The two used the “dump and run” method of collecting items — piling bins in dorms where students could conveniently deposit their donations.

Faculty, Clark staff and alumni have stopped by to drop off unwanted items as well.

“So many people throw so much away during the year,” Lightner says. “A lot of value is lost.”

The students have aggressively promoted the store through word of mouth and social media. White their main target is students (there are no children’s clothes, for instance), the public is more than welcome to stop by and nail for second-hand treasures.

“We’re learning the art of running our own business. A lot of people are watching us, so we’d better not slack off,” Lightner laughs. “But we work.”

The Clark Community Thrift Store hours of operation tentatively are Wednesday, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m.–5 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, 1-5 p.m.

For more information visit clarkstraightforths.tshirts.com, e-mail thriftstore@clark.edu, or call 508-751-5946.

Under the Midnight Sun

Several Clark researchers found themselves swimming in Siberia, admiring a June snowfall in Alaska, and sampling ice cores beside an icebreaker — with armed escorts spotting for polar bears — as they embarked on a variety of scientific expeditions during the summer of 2010. Call it Clark’s icy research.

Here’s a breakdown of their projects:

NASA ICESCAPE mission

Graduate School of Geography assistant professor Karen Frey and doctoral students Christi Wood and Luke Tussel spent much of June and July studying ice in the waters off Alaska’s northern shores with NASA’s ICESCAPE (Impacts of Climate change on the Ecosystems and Chemistry of the Arctic Pacific Envi-

ronment) mission.

Frey leads a NASA project titled “Impacts of Sea Ice Decline and River Discharge Shifts on Biological Productivity in the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas.” Her research is based aboard the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Healy icebreaker for 2010 and September 2011. In 2012, the scientists will join others aboard a Chinese icebreaker.

The Foster/Baker Lab

This team of students, professors, and research fellows is dedicated to the study of the three-spined stickleback, a fish whose origins predicate the last ice age. Based in the Foster/Baker Lab in Clark’s Biology Department, the group conducts field research in British Columbia and Alaska, focusing on the evolu-
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tion of sticklebacks behavior and growth.

Students also maintain the lab’s famous Stickleblog of fun and informative online dispatches from the field.

Susan Foster, professor and Warren Little Endowed Chair in Biology, and John Baker, associate research professor and Research Fellow at Clark’s George Perkins Marsh Institute, are the lab’s principal investigators.

The 2010 field team in British Columbia included Diarre Suggs and Justin Golub, both Ph.D. students, and Josh Buckner, Lily Hughes and Shannon O’Neill, all Class of 2011. In Alaska were Bruckner, Colin Rut-

ner ’13, Arica Barline ’10, Miguel Reyes (Ph.D.) and post-doctoral research fellow Daniella Swanton. Un-
dergraduates Gabriel Kukes ’11 and Audrey See ’13 assisted at Clark while others went to the field sites.

The Polaris Project: Rising Stars in the Arctic

The office of the Collage Round Print Network writes: “Clark receives a healthy mix of news stories (including listings for [Cinema 320 at Clark] that shows acclaimed foreign and independent films) and intriguing topics like this one: Q: What does it mean to be a Clark student? A: You can find Clark on YouTube and Facebook.”

“After appearing on the bronze winners list were Harvard, U.S., and Vanderbilt among others. For a complete list, visit CollageSurfing.com.”
D’ARMY BAILEY ’85 got booted from one university for leading civil rights protests. And then Clark came calling.

By Jim Keogh
Photography by Steve Jones

D’ARMY BAILEY WAS NOT BORN WITH AN APOSTROPHE IN HIS NAME.

That came later. In the summer between eleventh and twelfth grade he decided the way most folks pronounced his birth name of “Darrey” was too pedestrian — Didn’t they realize there was supposed to be a slight pause between the “D” and the “A”? —  and that the collection of letters by which he’d be known throughout his life needed something to distinguish itself. So he adopted the apostrophe.

The sideways wink of punctuation may have set him apart early in life, but D’Army Bailey wouldn’t need it to get noticed later on. His name found its way into newspaper headlines and police reports, into movie credits and legal decisions, and onto the cover page of a thick FBI file that labeled him a “subversive.”
The civil rights movement found Bailey at Southern University in Louisiana, the largest all-black university in the country, where he discovered a streak of discontent among his fellow students that turned him from dispassionate observer to hesitant participant, and finally to a key leader of protests that spilled off the campus and onto the streets of Baton Rouge.

If you had taken the white kids at Clark and put them in Baton Rouge, they would have been in the front lines, perhaps not as ready for the vehemence of the southern reaction, but with the same spirit.
That was the shocking truth for Dr. King. Bailey, when in the spring of 1963 he called the Black Muslim leader with an offer to speak at Clark. No secretaries, no mideem, just Malcolm on the other end of the line.

This was no minor request. Malcolm X and his “by any means necessary” philosophy toward achieving racial equality had unsettled much of America, white and black. But Bailey embraced the notion of bringing a healthy dose of controversy to campus and shaming up the status quo in the process.

Not everyone was enamored with the idea of Malcolm X speaking on campus. Members of the Worcester Student Movement board of advisers objected, with the chairman threatening to resign if Bailey didn’t cancel the speech. The board insisted that rather than give Malcolm X his own forum, he instead debate a civil rights leader proposing peaceful resistance.

Malcolm X was intrigued by the suggestion, though he insisted he would only participate if his opponent was Martin Luther King.

King’s people declined the offer, but Malcolm agreed to speak anyway. Bailey calmly the board by pledging to bring in a more palatable speaker at a later date.

During a recent interview on the Clark campus, Bailey pointed to two trees where he had hung a banner announcing Malcolm X’s impending arrival. One night the banner was torn down. Bailey got a tip that some students had removed it and carried it to their apartment. He and some friends confronted the students, advising them to turn over the banner or there would be trouble. It was returned, and he hung.

On April 11, Bailey ushered Malcolm X to appointments with the Worcester Telegram editorial board and a radio interview. “He favored the experience,” Bailey recalls. “He was like a cat playing on a mouse. The editors thought they could trap him, but Malcolm was so self-confident in his beliefs. He wasn’t mad, wasn’t hostile, he was just firm with what he was saying. He could smile sitting at that table.”

The crush of people in Alwood Hall that evening seemed to shrink the room — there were students and members of the public, a strong representation of black audience members who traveled from as far as New Haven, Black Muslims selling copies of the newspaper Muhammad Speaks, and security guards and police officers patrolling in response to threats of violent retaliation against the Muslims.

“It was an electric atmosphere,” Bailey remembers. “Malcolm was energized by this young, receptive audience. It doesn’t mean that they believed what he believed in, but they were fascinated to have this man here to talk to us … and he wore them out. He was informa, he wasn’t forgoing, he didn’t back down.”

Clearly, in his closing statements, as Bailey records them in his memoir: “The Education of a Black Radical,” Malcolm X threw down the gauntlet:

“The time is up for the oppressor, the end of time has come for whittled and colonialism. The white man is on the way out … We have reached the stage where we no longer think you are capable of twisting us right. You do not have it in your hearts. We are turning to God”

Malcolm X later attended a reception in a student lounge, where he quietly answered the students’ questions. In this intimate setting, Bailey was shy of the man’s controlled demeanor so soon after issuing his fiery pronouncements from the Alwood Hall stage.

The evening concluded at Malcolm X’s apartment, where he and Malcolm X chatted about the day’s events.

“At about midnight, he charged me $75 for his expenses and I paid him,” Bailey recalls. “And then he disappeared into the night and back out of Worcester.”
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to the Baton Rouge jail to protest the arrests of Southern students at downtown whities-only lunch counters. They were greeted by the city’s police force, armed with tear gas canisters and mimicking German shepherds snarling at their leashes. In his memoir "The Education of a Black Rad- ical: A Southern Civil Rights Activist’s Journey, 1959- 1964," Bailey describes the ensuing confrontation:

"We shall receive. I fought a overwhelming desire to hit them, slap them, or scream then into realizing we are the same.

We shall receive. I fought a deep, gut-wrenching need to run.

Deep in my heart... I breathed deeply.

I do believe... We will stand up courageously to stand love beautifully until they let us go forward.

We shall..."

The begun singing too. When I turned, the group behind me had already started running.

Some of the students were arrested during the melee, and were later expelled by Southern University President Fulton G. Clark. An enraged Bailey and other student organizers launched a boy- 

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A LEAGUE of THEIR OWN

As World War II raged, Clark's first women athletes brought their 'A' game to campus

BY JIM KEOGH

PHOTO ILLUSTRATIONS

BY CLIFF ALEJANDRO
since the steamed feet of a Clark woman first raced across the hardwood floor that now lies beneath the blue carpet in Room 001 of Jonas Clark Hall. Two poles are visible holding up the ceiling in this portion of the former Women’s Gym, a stark contrast to the grove of pillars that once made playing basketball seem the equivalent of dribbling, passing and shooting in a pine forest.

The hoops are long gone; the chump of ball on wood and the shouted instructions of Coaches McLean and Coit. These have been replaced by the quizzer rhythms of academic instruction. Room 001 is now just, well, a room. In fact, the Women’s Gym has been sublimed into classrooms and offices comprising the Jacob Hunt Center for Urban Education, with 901 a men’s dormitory of the real square footage that once housed the women’s winter sports and physical fitness programs.

The retrofit has left Clark with a bright, clean, efficient space to train future teachers, a valuable mission for any institute of higher learning. But on May 22, 2010, Room 001 was transformed into the Women’s Gym one more time, if only in the memories of the people who passed through its doors. This day, former athletes and well-wishers, including retiring and incoming presidents John Bassett and David Angel, gathered to celebrate the history of women’s sports at Clark and specifically recognize those who helped make the title a reality. Dr. Dr. named the equitable funding of male and female athletic programs from fair tale into legal law.

Elle Young ‘70, Pat Bitzer ’51, the Mag Line ’68 and Donna Roedem ’69, who led the organization, spoke about the robust accomplishments of Clark women on the court, on the field and in the pool, and how the shockingly sparse documentation of those early exploits spurred them to conduct the research that provided the seed for the May 22 event.

Bitzer, dressed in a borrowed red nhl jacket that was the uniform of Clark’s women athletes in the 40s and early 50s, recalled the Women’s Athletic Association, which kept competitive sports afloat for female athletes at Clark after the program was stripped of its varsity status in 1952.

Dearaley recognized Pat Bassett, retired women’s basketball coach/assistant director, as “the architect of today’s women’s athletic program.”

“You could be a rough bread when you had to do it,” Dearaley quipped.

“Still am!” Bassett shot back, bursting laughs from the crowd.

Among Bassett is a small contingent of women, most of whom were white-hair, some walking with canes, a few who hadn’t been on campus in more than half a century. They’d begun arriving at Clark in 1942, looking to launch their adult lives, ready to learn, and itching to play some ball.

When the Clark men began marching off to war, these women seized the opportunity to fill the void and keep the classrooms and campus buzzing.

Barbara (Norris) Andersen ’46 was a member of that first class. She’d learned about Clark while wassailing in the summer of 1942 at The Inn in West Falmouth, Mass. Among the guests was Dr. Lottin Doolittle, professor of English and fine arts at Clark, who regaled her with stories about the University, which was preparing to admit its first class of women. Enamored by the prospect, Barbara filled out an application and was soon accepted as one of 50 students in Clark’s newly formed Women’s College.

But her road to Worcester was rocky. When Barbara returned home to Hanover, Mass., at the end of the summer and announced she would be attending Clark, her mother “for the roof.” No daughter of hers was going to attend this small school in a gritty mill town.

“My mother was a Garthner from Cambridge, and all the Garthner women went to Radcliffe, and that’s where I was supposed to go,” Barbara recalls.

“We were neither east, because at that time there were no women in college,” says M. Catherine Butler ’46.

“In most families, the guys always got the money to go to college, and the girls were sent to seminatal and nursing schools or to a teaching college. That was a woman’s role outside of getting married and raising a family.”

Clark’s newest batch of students found themselves contributing to the war effort in any way possible. From the upper reaches of Jonas G. they would monitor air traffic, listening for the trademark drone of an enemy fighter. They toiled at the departing banks and stores that would be shipped overseas, wrote letters to those students, offering encouragement and keeping them informed about the goings-on on their school.

As the war effort siphoned most of the male students from campus, the Clark women stepped into the breach, assuming leadership positions in clubs and organizations that had long been the sole domain of men. Barbara became the editor of The Scarlet and Ann the sports editor. In the theatrical productions inside Armstead Hall, Clark women played prominent roles onstage — roles that had been performed by women in the community — and offstage as well. All the aunts, dressed in formal attire, were coeds.

“We didn’t know what to expect,” Andersen says.

“The men weren’t used to women being on campuses, and grunts, that’s what we were called to do. But they also enjoyed us. They were also being off to war, so they realized someone had to take over.”

Most of Clark’s women were commuters either from Worcester or the surrounding towns; those who hailed from greater distances lived during the school year with faculty and administrators.

Barbara, for instance, shared an apartment with elderly benefactress Charlotte Chandler, who began working at the University under the administration of G. Stanley Hall.

The Women’s Lounge in Jonas Clark Hall ("Jonas G." as the women labeled it) was a haven for Clark’s newest students. Between classes or after school, they could put aside the pressures of the classroom to do, do homework and play hours of bridge. No men were allowed, though English professor Paul Mable would regularly drop by at 10 a.m. to inform the card-playing ladies that he was ready to begin his class.

A true softball evolved in that lounge as this small college of women began carving our place in the Clark others.

Ann (McKenny) Early ’46 recalls being “shocked that Clark had opened its doors to women. We were coming out of the Depression and we were starting to look at what was possible for us.”

Stories and memories about Clark women’s athletic programs from the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s are still being sought. Contact the Alumni Affairs office at 800-703-6248, by e-mail at alumni@Clark.edu, or mail items to Clark University, Alumni Affairs, 801 Main St., Worcester, MA 01610.

A video featuring interviews with some of the University’s first women athletes can be viewed at www.clark.edu/alumni/athletes/
No student called her Hazel. She was always Miss Hughes to her Clark girls, who came to respect and adore her. “She wasn’t just a coach,” says Mary (Goldblatt) Gorst ’60. “She was our mother confessor.”

“She was coach, mentor, model and friend for me, and, I’m sure, for all of us,” says Early. “We all remember her gentle ways, her courage and her tact,” wrote Claire (Cassidy) Condon ’86 in a reminiscence about her time at Clark. “She taught us to stand up for our rights, listened when we crumbled and cried, and held both sides of arguments. She taught us how to be part of a team — a lesson which we carried through our lives after Clark.”

If a student was having familial difficulties, Miss Hughes helped find her employment or recommended her for scholarship assistance. She was a counselor and confidante behind closed doors, roles that sometimes even continued beyond Clark’s gates, when an alumna in California could pick up the phone and find Hazel Hughes on the other end of the line inquiring about her welfare.

Skilled as she was in sports, Miss Hughes faced some significant obstacles prior to the start of the basketball season. Of chief concern there was no gym. Alumni Gym (now the dining hall) was strictly the provenance of the men — not just the Clark men’s basketball team, but also the Army Specialized Training Program, which conducted military drills there. Eventually, by a vote of the male student body, the women’s team was granted access to the gym for four hours a week, but otherwise they were restricted to the basement of Jonas Clark Hall, christened the Women’s Gym.

The Women’s Gym was relatively clean and well-lit — but, ah, those pillars. In a crowded game of six-on-six half-court basketball — the rules of the women’s game at the time — the poles were like a third team of defenders.

“It was very tough on the shoulders because you’d try to get the ball going one way and you’d hit up against the damn thing, and then you’d have to go another way. It was crude,” Miss Hughes remembered.

“They moved very carefully around those pillars,” says Mary Gorst. “They were moronic.”

Pillars aside, Miss Hughes put together an invincible sports program in those early years. The basketball team was an instant powerhouse, compiling a 7-1 record.

Women’s crew was made a varsity sport, and swimming, tennis and archery became popular at the intramural level.

Ruth (Butterfield) Robinson ’48 came to Clark to study geography and international relations and quickly found her way onto the basketball and swimming teams.

“I was a 5’6 forward, but because I was fast I could get around those tall girls and put up my hook shot. I had a good hook shot, just like my idol [Bob] Cousy over at Holy Cross,” Gorst remembers. A particularly satisfying basketball victory over varsity Rudolphi.

“We weren’t very big, and they had a girl who must have been 5’10. She looked 10 feet tall to us. But we were fast, and we went there and beat them in their own gym. The Harvard newspaper had a headline, ‘Rudolphi Girls Go Down Valentia in Defeat’ What a feather in our cap — nobody had ever heard of us!”

By and large, the men on campus were welcoming, though Butler recalled that some professors (who didn’t know names) “were less than enthused by the prospect of teaching women. ‘Typically, those professors were older. The younger guys were quite accepting.”

Concessions were made for propriety’s sake. When the women players crossed the campus wearing their signature red jumpers, they were required to wear long coats to hide their bare legs.

H. Martin Dension DDS ’47 remembered some professors feared that admitting women would erode the University’s high academic standards. “It didn’t happen,” he says.

“This was a disreputable time already because of the war. And on top of it all, these beautiful women started arriving on campus among all these red-blooded goys. Yes, it was an immense change demographically, but it was a privilege to be here at that time. We were ecstatic.”

Acceptance wasn’t universal, however. At April 30, 1943 editorial in The Source urged the student body to oppose adding women to the Athletic Council. “If women want to have an athletic council, must they try to infiltrate the present setup?” the writer asked. “Why can’t they set up their own and leave ours alone?”

The editorial also objected to women being awarded the same ‘Block C’ insignia — the varsity letter — as the men for their participation in varsity sports.

Ann McKeen counter-punched in her Source sports column, decrying “the misconceptions [who] just didn’t want us,” noting that the women athletes “were knocked in assembly.” From that point on, she cheekily re-titled her column “Block C’s.”

Barbara Norris did find a second family at Clark, with her teammates, her classmates, and a fellow student named Roy Anderson. The two met at Barbara’s first-ever dinner as a freshman in the Clark dining hall, where she encountered the tall, lanky senior working the steak table. (Her first magical words to him: “No potatoes, please.”)

They fell in love and the romance accelerated with typical war-time speed and passion. The couple married at the end of Barbara’s sophomore year, with Dr. Dodd giving away the bride, and Roy soon shipped off to serve aboard the Navy destroyers U.S.S. Marnett L. Ahele near Okinava. Barbara wrote often, and when Roy’s letters arrived at Clark, custodian and mushroom attendant Harvey Curry made sure they found their way into Barbara’s hands. Harvey was even known to interrupt class to deliver letters to Clark coeds eager for news from their soldier sweethearts.

On the afternoon of April 12, 1945, two kamikaze planes rammed into the U.S.S. Marnett L. Ahele, sending the ship to the bottom of the Pacific within three minutes. Barbara read the news of the sinking in the Worcester Telegram, but for weeks knew nothing about the fate of her husband. She continued on with her studies and her sports.

“One night we were playing Fitchburg State. I was no star, but I’d made a couple of baskets, and was doing pretty well. Then Miss Hughes called me off the floor, and I was thinking, ‘Why take me out now?’ She said, ‘There’s Navy man in the front hall who wants to speak to you.’ I thought, ‘It’s Roy. He’s alive!’ And I went tearing out of the gym.

“The man in the hall was Roy. He was Walter Nyland, a fellow Clarkie who served on a ship that was part of the recovery effort for the U.S.S. Marnett L. Ahele. He told Barbara that Roy had been plucked out of the ocean, wound up at home.

“He said when he saw Roy he hardly had any clothes on,” she smiles, “and he was drinking a big glass of medicinal brandy.” A letter from Roy finally made its way to Clark in early June bearing good news: he was coming home.

Clarks first women athletes moved on to launch careers and start families. Some returned to higher education, M. Catherine Butler as the associate dean of graduate studies at Brandeis University. Ann Early as head of the Women’s Studies Program at Southern Methodist University. Ruth Robinson and teammate Marion Erickson ’48 began their teaching careers at rival high schools in Maryland, and found themselves coaching teams that squared off on the basketball court.

After years spent on the West Coast, Roy and Barbara Anderson returned to Clark in 1961 when Roy was hired as chairman of the Physics Department. Hazel Hughes was promoted to director of student activities at the Women’s College, and later was named dean of women. She remained a stalwart for Clark’s women until her death in 1968 at the age of 58. Upon her passing, The Source wrote of Miss Hughes, “She was the force that made co-education an established part of Clark.”

Athletic Director Linda Moulton spoke at the May 22 reunion about strides — both literal and figurative — made by Clark’s women athletes over the course of nearly seven decades.

“It’s really ironic that while the Clark rag line of Challenge Convention, Change Our World is still relatively new, the women athletes of the earlier eras... did just that during a time when challenging was not conventional,” Moulton said.

Before the party broke up, eight of the 1940s-era athletes gathered for a photos in the hallway at Jonas Clark, just beyond the doorway to their old gym. They stood in a line, chanting and laughing, some putting their arms around each other. The women are all in their 80s now, but just that moment, in that place, they were Miss Hughes’ girls again.
Assistant Secretary of the Navy
Jackalyne Pfannenstiel ’69
sails into uncharted energy waters

greening the fleet

BY ANNE GIBSON, Ph.D. ’95
PHOTOGRAPHY BY KATHLEEN DOOHER

A swath of green grass greets me as I emerge from the Washington, D.C. Metro. Thanks to a local friend who had clarified the difference between the Pentagon City Metro stop (a shopping mall) and the Pentagon stop, I’ve managed to arrive at my destination on time and without getting lost.

I follow several people proceeding in the direction of the nation’s defense headquarters, to where an awning extends from a kiosk, and join the “official business” line. In just a few minutes I enter the approximately 12-by-12-foot kiosk for the required security check. Presenting two IDs, I explain that I have an appointment with Jackalyne Pfannenstiel ’69, the Navy’s recently appointed Assistant Secretary for Energy, Installations and Environment. I empty the metallic objects on my person into a tray, and submit it, my shoulder bag, and myself for screening. Unlike at the airport, I do not need to remove my shoes.

I had been instructed, after clearing security, to phone Pfannenstiel’s office for an escort. Presently, a young man dressed in the Navy’s khaki uniform appears and introduces himself as Lieutenant Commander Jesse Santiago, USN. Entering the Pentagon, he escorts me past the random screening area to another checkpoint where, after being directed to stare into an electronic device, I receive an identity badge.
The more people know and are able to deal with energy on a rational basis of tradeoffs, I think [the dialogue] becomes, not always easier, but perhaps less emotional. We’ve not, as a society, done a very good job educating people about energy.

Green is the new Navy

A slam, petite woman who speaks with quiet authority, Plataimnon was appointed to her post by President Barack Obama on March 5, 2010. She is one of four assistant secretaries, each with a different area of responsibility in this civilian “secretariat” of the Navy headed by Secretary Raymond Mabus. In concert with the Obama administration’s emphasis on first steps after taking office was to co-host, with U.S. Department of Agriculture Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan, the first of several energy forums on biofuel production. According to Plataimnon, the Navy/UNDOE partnership will enable us to reduce our petroleum consumption and increase our alternative energy opportunities. The Navy and Marine Corps’ operational capabilities will benefit from a more secure energy future.

Plataimnon’s first Earth Day at office coincided with a test flight at the Naval Air Station in Patuxent, Md., of the F/A-18 Super Hornet fighter jet, dubbed the “Green Hornet.” The jet flew on a 30-30 min of conventional jet fuel and biofuel derived from camellia, a non-food member of the mustrad family that can be grown in all 50 states and rotated with food crops. In May, Plataimnon headed to the island of Guam, where a new base is being planned for 8,800 Marines and their families being relocated from Okinawa, Japan. The relocation is contentious it is estimated that the new installation will increase the island’s population by as much as 20 percent. Residents are voicing concerns about the new base’s impact on the island’s environment and resources, and Democratic Rep. Hank Johnson made headlines by complaining that the influx of population would cause the island “to tip over and capsize.” It’s one of Plataimnon’s many responsibilities to navigate these tricky political waters and arrive at a sustainable solution.

The fuel, called “Green Hornet” along with biofuel, replaces the conventional jet fuel in the F/A-18 fighter jet.

TEAMING WITH SCHWARZENEGGER

Plataimnon attributes much of her success to being in the right place at the right time. When she graduated from Clark in 1989 as an economics major, she had no idea that energy would become her passion and career focus. Her first job was as a statistician with the Connection Department of Welfare. But then came the 1973 OPEC oil embargo, which woke the resource-conscious to the fact that energy was a scarce, costly resource. Plataimnon says she “embarked” onto an opening at the California Utilities Commission helping to price energy.

“My task was first introduction to energy, and I was just hooked,” she recalls. “There were so many aspects of it—pricing and conservation, different resources and resource capabilities, structural and regulatory issues, ownership.” Two and a half years and a master’s degree later, she was a relatively experienced public utilities executive and the embodiment of her favorite quote by Louis Pasteur: “Chance favors the prepared mind.”

With the expertise reached the West Coast, and Plataimnon was recruited by the California Public Utilities Commission as a senior economist. From there she moved to Pacific Gas and Electric Company in San Francisco. When she retired 20 years later, it was as the company’s vice president for corporate planning. In 2004 Plataimnon was called out of retirement to serve as Governor Schwarzenegger, who appointed her to a five-year term with the California Energy Commission, which she served until 2008. The governors initiative she promoted in that capacity was a plan to include solar energy panels in new-home construction by getting major developers to invest in the technology and applying the economics of scale to keep the price of materials and labor affordable.

The dementia of the Schwarzenegger administration was a bonus.

“His administration was exciting,” she says. “He was somebody who absolutely seemed to have no issue of gender or political party or age. So it was a very good administration in which to work.”

At the close of her term in 2009, Plataimnon again returned to private. Although a self-described “energy junkie,” who couldn’t “understand why everybody else isn’t just fascinated by energy,” she had been harboring a desire to do something different, perhaps study photography, teach history, or open a bookstore.

“I was very happy being retired. But Ray Ma- bus had just come in, and he was looking for someone to help him with an energy program,” she says. “The word went to the White House and they interviewed somebody who, for various reasons, ended up not being able to take the position. She recommended me, so the White House called me completely out of the blue last August. I went from being totally relaxed, on vacation, to getting woken up and finding myself here.”

COMING OF AGE IN THE AGE OF AQUARIUS

Platimnon attended Clark during the social and political turmoil of the 1960s and she noticed a big change on campus over the course of her undergraduate career.

“My first two years at Clark were more of a traditional college experience,” she muses. “More fraternity parties, pranks, much more what people would think of in the 1950s. The last two years were marked by Vietnam and

NAVY ENERGY TARGETS

- By 2020, half of the Navy’s total energy consumption, ashore and afloat, will come from alternative sources.
- By 2020, the Navy will make half of its installations net-zero energy consumers, using solar, wind, ocean, and geothermal power generated on base.
- By 2018, the Navy will sail the Great Green Fleet, a carrier strike group composed of nuclear ships, hybrid electric ships running on biofuel, and aircraft flying on biofuel.
- By 2015, the Navy will cut in half the amount of petroleum used in its commercial vehicle fleet through phased adoption of hybrid, electric, and fuel flex vehicles.
- The Navy and Marine Corps will change the ways contracts are awarded to hold industry contractually accountable for meeting energy efficiency targets.
CLOUDEST FROM LEFT:] Jacklynne Pfennestiel ’69 outside the Pentagon. This photo of her grandparents, who met while both served in the Navy during World War I, adorns Pfennestiel’s office. The Assistant Secretary of the Navy walks through the day’s paperwork.

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Source: Remarks by Navy Secretary Raymond Mabus at Center for Naval Analysis Earth Day Luncheon, April 29, 2010

NAVY BY THE NUMBERS
Navy and Marine Corps

4.4 million acres

72,500 buildings

286 ships in battle fleet

3,800 aircraft

50,000 non-combat vehicles

When it comes time to leave, I am excused from Pfennestiel’s office by Sgt. Lauren Forrell of the United States Marine Corps. With her working uniform and boots, tightly restrained hair and thick mascara, her demeanor is at once feminine and fierce. As we chat, I ask why she had joined the Marine Corps. She explains that she wanted to serve her country, and that the Marines had made it possible for her to earn a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice and an MBA. She says she had been wounded in Iraq and that her husband had served six tours in the Middle East.

I am taken aback by this revelation, and experience a rush of humility. I don’t remem-
ber owning the building. I just remember shak-
ing her hand, and thanking her for her service, inspired by another woman who, like her boss, had found a place to follow her passion.

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Source: Remarks by Navy Secretary Raymond Mabus at Center for Naval Analysis Earth Day Luncheon, April 29, 2010

NAVY BY THE NUMBERS
Navy and Marine Corps

4.4 million acres

72,500 buildings

286 ships in battle fleet

3,800 aircraft

50,000 non-combat vehicles

When it comes time to leave, I am excused from Pfennestiel’s office by Sgt. Lauren Forrell of the United States Marine Corps. With her working uniform and boots, tightly restrained hair and thick mascara, her demeanor is at once feminine and fierce. As we chat, I ask why she had joined the Marine Corps. She explains that she wanted to serve her country, and that the Marines had made it possible for her to earn a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice and an MBA. She says she had been wounded in Iraq and that her husband had served six tours in the Middle East.

I am taken aback by this revelation, and experience a rush of humility. I don’t remem-
ber owning the building. I just remember shak-
ing her hand, and thanking her for her service, inspired by another woman who, like her boss, had found a place to follow her passion.
MAPPING THE FUTURE

> Geographer, provost and now president, David Angel looks to redefine the liberal arts education at Clark

BY JOHN KIMELMAN ‘79

PHOTOGRAPHY BY STEVEN KING

DAVID ANGEL CAN TACKLE a slew of statistics demonstrating that Clark has made advancements as a college and university in the past decade.

But as the veteran Clark professor and administrator takes on the biggest job of his life — the University’s presidency — he is also keenly aware that the school faces some significant challenges.

As the 52-year-old British-born geographer sees it, the highest priority of his term is to make Clark both a better-known and more respected institution in the United States and throughout the world.

“I sense that the Clark community feels good about what we stand for as an institution,” says Angel, during an interview in New York City. “What alumni and students are looking for is the leadership to increase the visibility and the reputation of the school.”
The Newest Clarksie Settles in... 

Ocellyne Baudy grew up in Haiti, once lived with a Maroon tribal community in French Guiana, taught English to high-school kids in Cambridge and managed a multi-year study of homelessness in Worcester. She speaks four languages, manages a social-services website, and with her husband David Angel has raised two sons. That’s a pretty intriguing resume at every level — academic, professional and personal.

Now Clark University beckons.

As the wife of Clark’s ninth president, Baudy will be a visible presence on campus and in the community for years to come, but she’ll take some time to gauge where her talents and interests are best applied.

“I’ll get acquainted with what’s going on and see what’s a good fit for me and how I can be of help,” she says.

Baudy moved with her family from Haiti to the United States in the 1960s to escape the brutal Duvalier regime. Her father, a lawyer, was not particularly political, but he was outspoken, which left the family vulnerable in an unstable, sometimes volatile, environment. Her mother’s family had already suffered at the hands of the government; one uncle was exiled and other relatives had been taken into custody, never to be seen again.

She earned her undergraduate degrees at Simmons College in Boston and pursued graduate studies in anthropology at UCLA. It was there, in 1981, that she met her future husband, David Angel, at the International Student Center.

For her field work, Baudy traveled to French Guiana where she spent a year and a half among the Bororo tribe, studying the Bororo’s migration patterns from the deep rainforest into the city and how those movements affected family life, the local economy and the people’s cultural understandings.

She earned her doctorate in 1986 and moved to Worcester in 1987 when he accepted a teaching post at Clark University. They purchased a house on Worcester’s west side, where they raised their sons, Sebastian, now 22, and Nathan, now 18, both students at Clark and the University of Pennsylvania and is taking a year off before heading to law school, and Julian, 18, who is studying biochemistry at Brown University.

“Julian did apply and was accepted at Clark, but, as Baudy notes with a laugh, ‘There can be a lot of pressure when your father works here.’”

Though most of her immediate family live in the States, Jocelyn Baudy retains ties to her native country. One of her brothers is a retired World Bank economist and former Haitian senator. A second brother, a civil engineer, was buried under rubble and badly injured during the earth- quake that hit Haiti in January.

“Some of his claims were in the firm where he worked lost their lives,” Baudy says. “He was lucky to have gotten out.”

Baudy has spent most of her career in the social-services field. While at the New England Research Institute in Watertown, Mass., she researched a range of topics, mainly to do with children. She moved on to the National Center on Family Homelessness where she worked as the field supervisor on a seven-year study of homelessness in Worcester, following various families to trace the root causes and patterns of homelessness in the area and finding the information into a national database.

For the past eight years she’s worked for ON, a non-profit organization that provides information about federal, state and local programs for people in need living in Massachusetts. Her role includes maintaining a website that collects the essential information in a single location, making it easier for people to locate the services they require. She plans to cut back on her consulting work while making the transition from the west side to Harrington House on Woodland Street. One downside to moving: leaving behind the perennial and vegetable gardens she’s nurtured for years.

“Gardening is how I relax,” Baudy says. Despite having a grounds crew that handles basic maintenance at Harrington House, she vows to put her own stamp on the landscape, including expanding the community gardens in the back yard.

In time, she will cultivate her own role at Clark.

“The life of the president and his partner is a very public one, it will be a change for me,” she says. “But I look forward to an exciting and challenging year getting involved in university life and working with David to help move Clark forward. It is a great privilege.”

– Jim Kacig
Carrol D. Wright

For many first-year students, their initial experience at Clark will occur within the walls of the newly renovated Wright Hall.

Few will care where the building gets its name, but in fact it comes with an illustrious history.

The residence hall is named for New Hampshire native Carroll D. Wright, the first president (1912-1919) of Clark's undergraduates in their time at college. Wright was a proponent in the study of labor statistics during the Gilded Age, when labor conditions, immigration, and increasing disparity between rich and poor were key concerns of Americans.

While at Clark, Wright also served as professor of statistics and social economics and co-taught a seminar on socialism and communism. Wright believed strongly that participation in intercollegiate sports distracted students from their academic work, and Clark’s ban on intercollegiate football dates from this time, despite the fact that "Lancaster Magazine" had in 1902 anticipated match-ups between WPI, Holy Cross and Clark.

David Angel (with beard) teaching an urban geography course in the late 1980s.

be the basis for additional funds from a 30,000-person alumni network that Angel admits hasn’t been as strong as it needs to be for Clark to thrive.

A big part of convincing alumni to give more money and support the school with their time is to get them to better understand recent improvements on campus.

“When I talk to most alumni, most of their associations to the school are historic,” he says. “It’s not to say what we are doing at Clark now.”

Currently, Angel says, only 18 percent of Clark’s alumni make donations on an annual basis. “If we want to push that number up to 24 percent, that would be a significant accomplishment.”

Moreover, Angel is now entrusted with raising Clark’s profile with college-bound students, so that more students apply to Clark and a greater percentage of those accepted decide to enroll.

On that front, he must contend with Clark’s visibility problem. It doesn’t help, for example, that Clark University doesn’t score well in popular rankings of colleges and universities that are used by high-school students when applying to schools.

According to the latest U.S. News & World Report ranking of U.S. colleges and universities, Clark ranked 86th among “national universities,” a ranking of many schools that arguably lack Clark’s level of intellectual vitality and academic quality.

In addition, dozens of additional colleges (which lack graduate offerings) are ranked on U.S. News separate liberal-arts college list. Thus, it’s easy to understand how a small university like Clark might not appear on the radar of many would-be college and graduate students.

Angel would like to see Clark rise in the rankings, arguing that the school needs to move the needle on several key measures of success that rankers employ, such as the percentage of students graduating from the University within six years, the percentage of accepted applicants attending the university, and the percentage of alumni contributing money to the school every year.

“We are not going to game the rankings, but if something makes sense for us to do and it helps to make Clark a stronger institution, our rankings will rise in the process,” he says.

Angel wants more students from the U.S. and abroad to apply to Clark, "but more importantly, we would love to see a greater percentage of people who get accepted actually enrolling. We call that ‘yield.’"

Currently, the college’s yield is 20 percent. "If we were 33 percent, or would make an enormous difference. If we get more people accepting in this year, we can afford to be more selective next year,” Angel says.

Angel recently focused on the issue of Clark’s graduation rates, which despite improving slightly under the administration of President John Jasen over the past decade, could be higher. A quality school retains most of its incoming freshmen, keeping them from transferring or dropping out.

Under Jasen, says Angel, Clark has improved its graduation rate from 72 percent to 79 percent in the last five or six years. Tufts University, by contrast, is over 90 percent and is ranked 26th on the U.S. News list.

Angel would like to further improve Clark’s graduation rate in the coming years and he thinks he knows how to do it.

“Of the most important contributors to retention and graduation is ensuring students make connections early in their time at college,” Angel says. “These connections can be with a faculty advisor, with a coach, with peers students in clubs and organizations, and with other mentors.

The goal of retaining more students is also tied to Angel’s boldest initiative in the coming years — the rolling out of “liberal education and effective practice.”

“Instead of giving a course liberal arts education, we need to graduate students who have a broader set of capabilities,” says Angel. “I have spoken to folks who have been out of college for three or four years and they hit a roadblock and it knocked them off that path. If we can cultivate in our students curiosity and resilience so they can deal with the challenges of the working world or with graduate or professional education, he says. That’s the ‘Effective Practice’ part of the program.

“If we want seniors and juniors to go out into the world, what do we need to do for them in the first year of college to give them a fast start?” he asks.

Angel says that Clark will create a short-course study abroad program between freshmen and sophomore year in part of the experience early in the student’s college education might influence the career of their remaining years at Clark.

“If we can encourage students to think more broadly about what they are passionate about, and do a summer at Clark, then we empower them to take full advantage of the University,” he says.

As Angel marks Clark accomplishments on campus to a wider audience off campus in the coming years, he knows that he will have to deliver a focused message.

“We spent a lot of time studying institutions that have elevated their reputations,” he says. “One key is that you have to be bold. Higher education is a very noisy marketplace. It’s full of claims. It’s easy to say that you are going to get the very best education by going to College X or University Y, and it’s very challenging for an institution to break through that noise and demonstrate real differential value relative to other institutions.”

David Angel insists he’s prepared to meet that challenge, and maybe even make some noise of his own.
Six Not to Miss

Matchups in the fall and winter that you’d hate to say you didn’t witness

1. Women’s Soccer vs. Wheaton
   Saturday, September 25
   Clerk and the Lyons have squared off in some dramatic affairs over the past few seasons, none more so than the 2008 NEWMAC semifinals when Wheaton scored the match’s lone goal in the 89th minute of action. The teams played to a scoreless tie in 2009, setting up a 1-3 match losing streak that lasted back to 1998.

2. Volleyball vs. Connecticut College
   Thursday, October 7
   The Cougars beat the Camels in a midseason non-conference affair that will say a whole lot about where Clark stands in the region. Connecticut College advanced to the semifinals of the NESCAC Tournament with a win over Bates and could have advanced to the title game with a win over the Cougars.

3. Field Hockey vs. Mount Holyoke
   Saturday, October 23
   The Cougars will be out for revenge against the Lyons, who defeated them twice a season ago, including at home in the NEWMAC Tournament quarterfinals. Clark returns a pair of high scoring underclassmen in sophomores Mel Millholland (Worcester, Mass.) and Madeline Lutts (Saline, Mass.), but will have to replace the graduated Kathryn Davy (Storrs, Conn., N.Y.), who started 45 of the last 49 games.

4. Men’s Soccer vs. Framingham State
   Wednesday, October 27
   In the 2008 season, Clark knocked off the Rams in the final regular season contest, helping secure them of their first trip to the NCAA Tournament in more than 20 seasons. Framingham State got revenge last season with a 3-1 win, but the Cougars return a wealth of experience from the 2009 squad that was second away from a chance at the NEWMAC Tournament Championship match. Headlining the group of returning is sophomore Brian King (Broomfield, Mass.) and all-conference honoree junior Kenny Howard (Longmeadow, Mass.).

5. Men’s Basketball vs. Rhode Island College
   College vs. Rhode Island College – Wednesday, November 27
   Clark wins no time in jumping back into the fray as hosts perennial Little East power Rhode Island College in a matchup of teams that advanced to the NCAA Tournament in 2009-10. The Cougars return with all-conference forward Brian Vazula (Sturbridge, Mass.), and the much-improved Mitch Densmore (Bedford, Mass.), forming one of the best inside combinations in New England. The Cougars will look to avenge last year’s two-point loss to the Anchormen.

6. Women’s Basketball at Bowdoin
   Monday, January 3
   The Cougars face one of the nation’s elite teams when they visit Bowdoin for a two-day tournament in the first few days of 2011. The Polar Bears have won 20 or more games in nine of the last ten seasons and were within seconds of advancing to the Sweet Sixteen a season ago. Clark returns six of its top seven scorers, including rising sophomores Kelsey Johnston (Shelby, Mass.) and Kelsey Giuliani (Shrewsbury, Mass.).

The Terrific Ten

Clark student-athletes to watch in 2010-11

BRIAN VAYDA, Junior, Sturbridge, Mass., Men’s Basketball

A two-time All-NEWMAC (New England Women’s and Men’s Conference) selection, Vayda is on pace to top the 1,500-point barrier in 2010-11. He has started 35 of 36 games in his career and helped the Cougars to the second round of the NCAA Tournament in 2009-10.

JOANNA CLARK, Graduate Student, Windham, Maine, Women’s Soccer

A three-time All-NEWMAC goalkeeper, Clark was named first-team All-New England in 2009 as she posted seven shutouts, giving her 19 for her career — 7-5-10 on the school record. Over a seven-game stretch in the heart of the NEWMAC season, she posted five consecutive shutouts and had a shutout streak that spanned parts of eight contests.

GIANNI RANALDO, [A] Sophomore, Scarsdale, N.Y., Men’s Soccer

One of the best passers in the NEWMAC, Ranalo led the team with eight assists and was third on the squad in total points (12) while appearing in just 16 of 18 games. He tied a school-record with four assists in a game in just his second career contest. His biggest assist came on the game-winning goal in the 82nd minute of the NEWMAC semifinal against Wheaton.

EILEEN GARCIA, [B] Junior, New York, N.Y., Women’s Diving

A two-time All-American, Garcia was named the 2010 NEWMAC Diver of the Year, and holds all the major diving records in school history. The reigning, two-time Worcester City Championships Diver of the Meet, Garcia was featured in Sports Illustrated in February 2010.

DIEGO ANGEL, Sophomore, Lima, Peru, Men’s Tennis

The 2010 NEWMAC Rookie of the Year, Angel is just the second Clark men’s tennis player to ever earn all-conference accolades. He went 6-3 in No. 1 singles play and also won four matches at No. 1 doubles.

MEL MELROSIAN, Sophomore, Worcester, Mass., Field Hockey/Softball

The NEWMAC Rookie of the Year in both field hockey and softball, Melross led the conference in points per game (2.88) in the fall and led the team in runs scored (39) in the spring. She was named first-team All-Region in field hockey in addition to second-team all-conference in both sports.

CHRIS JOHNSON, [C] Junior, Amherst, Mass., Lacrosse

A key cog in the resurrection of the lacrosse program, Johnson is the Cougars’ leading returning scorer having tallied 62 points (46 goals, 16 assists) in his first two seasons. He finished 2010 as the team’s second leading scorer (33 points — 25 goals, eight assists) and had seven games with two goals or more.

ERTE MINSER, Junior, Manchester, England, Women’s Basketball

The NEWMAC’s leader in three-pointers made (102) over the last two seasons, Minser had nine games last season with three made-three-pointers or more. She has started all 51 games of her career and is on pace to become the 18th player in school history to reach 1,000 career points.

RYAN GARR, [D] Junior, Kingston, R.I., Men’s Swimming

The 2010 NEWMAC Men’s Swimmer of the Year, Garr was named All-America following his performance in the 100-yard backstroke. The existing NEWMAC champion in both the 100- and 200-yard backstrokes, Garr earned the conference championship in the 200 and set six individual school records in 2009-10 and is part of four record-setting relay teams as well.

ERIN McGINTY, Junior, Vail, Colo., Volleyball

One of the most feared middle blockers in the NEWMAC, McGinty led the Cougars in kills in 2009 with 241 and was second on the squad with 157 as a freshman in 2008. Her career total of 482 puts her on pace to finish in the top ten in school history. In addition to her offensive firepower, she has 114 blocks in her first two seasons — the most of anyone on the team over that span.
Ultimate Beginners

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Flashback

By Jane Salerno

ULTIMATE BEGINNERS

It was the year of Roe v. Wade, Watergate hearings, the King–Rigas Battle of the Seas, and streaking. The World Trade Center was officially finished. U.S. troops were leaving Vietnam. And a Clark sporting legacy was woven into the crazy-quilt that was 1973. OK, perhaps it’s more of a point of pride than an institutional legacy.

In any case, Clark University is among a small group of recognized founders of the original collegiate competitive Ultimate Frisbee league, vanguard of a sport that captured the sulfurous hearts and shaggy-haired minds of ’70s-era all-jocks. For fact, Clark comes tantalizingly close to claiming a long-encumbered right of being the first school ever to host an intercollegiate Ultimate meet.

A wonderful online conversation exists, with recollections of pioneering games and minor arguments about which campus teams can claim the disputed Ultimate root. It seems Rutgers and Princeton were the first college to officially compete, on Nov. 6, 1972. Clark recorded hosting its first-ever match on April 21, 1973, which Tufts won 31-21.

Today, the team sport of Ultimate (the trademark-protected “Frisbee” was dropped) reports more than 12,000 college players on more than 700 teams. And millions worldwide play the game, according to organizers. However, the “official” rules and unique spirit of Ultimate remain much the same as when the sport was invented at a New Jersey high school in 1968. Those high school graduates became the Ultimate diplomats, spreading the sport to college in the Northeast and beyond.

Walter Belding and Steven Fremik, both Class of ’76, began recruiting players for Clark in March 1973. The Cougars played 13 games during the ’73-74 academic year, winning nine, according to Belding, who also wrote about the team’s matchups in the student newspaper, The Saturd.” It was in the fall of ’73 that Ultimate really got going in New England,” he recalls. “There was an anti-jock attitude to the sport. It appealed to people who liked sports but didn’t necessarily like the form of competition the way it was played.

The luck of fortune didn’t mean Ultimate was for the laid-back, meek or geeks. Massoud Abdolfattah ’76 and others lavished the Cougars some strong soccer playing skills. “We did take it seriously, as did the folks at Holy Cross and the people at Tufts, Rutgers and Hampshire. We practiced and we were actually pretty good. There was no precedent for it. That’s what, from a personal perspective, really interested me,” says Abdolfattah, a Clark Athletics Hall of Famer who was named an All-America soccer player in his senior year. “We played our early games on the University Green. The fun of that was that we attracted an audience looking at something they hadn’t seen before — every throw and every catch was something really new.”

Ultimate also offered a new and somewhat rare cool team experience at the time. The Title IX guarantee of equal opportunity in school sports had been enacted in June of 1972. In one Saturd’ account, a reporter wrote “GIRLS play Frisbee, too. Their presence on the team is greatly appreciated, as it exemplifies the main idea of Frisbee’s play: that is, sportsmanship and enjoyment mixed with competition. More important than winning the games against Tufts and Rutgers will be assuring that participants come away from the game healthy and in good spirits.”


Nowadays, the mostly club-level sport of Ultimate still figures into college-coach checklists. Many a campus tour guide still hears, “Does your school have an Ultimate team?” The highly organized and elite college championships are covered by the CBS College Sports Network. But, despite its evolution and slick online presence, the culture of Ultimate still reflects and embraces an ethos of free-spirited, egalitarian sportsmanship. USA Ultimate defines the sport as a “player defined and controlled non-contact team sport played with a flying disc on a playing surface with end zones in which all actions are governed by the “Spirit of the Game.” A dearly held tradition is that “of sportsmanship that places the responsibility for fair play on the players rather than referees.” Referees? “We don’t need no stinkin’ referees!”

Ultimate is still active as a club sport at Clark, but like Ultimate teams on many campuses, it remains loosely stitched into the fringes of mainstream athletics and campus fandom.
ALUMNI NEWS

LETTER TO ALUMNI

I'm proud to introduce myself in this, the new and relaunched Clark Alumni magazine. The wait has clearly been worth it.

It's an honor to greet you as the new alumni president. I'm especially humbled to be one of the youngest to hold this position in Clark's history — I believe that my election, along with that of Shakle Sullivan '20, our president class, shows the University's deep commitment to young alumni.

A little bit about me: I graduated from Clark in 2004 with a degree in history and education, and got my master's in public administration through the fifth-year program in 2005. I was a proud Wright Scholar and my freshman year, and lived in Dana Hall my sophomore year. My sister Emily graduated in 2008/2009, and we've both been active in AAPP over the past several years, as has our mother Ronni.

I currently work on Massachusetts Congressman Jim McGovern's reelection campaign as the director of new media, and as an associate on representative with Allen & Spiegel Fine Arts.

Clark was — and is — a place where I met my closest friends, explored new ways of thinking, and developed into the person I am today: intellectually, socially and morally.

And although Clark means something a little different to each of us, there is a thread of “thinking differently,” or “challenging convention” that is universal to all our life experiences, regardless of graduation year or post-Clark path.

We're clearly emerging a brilliant new era at Clark under new University President David Angel, an era that will bring that concept of challenging convention to new heights. President Angel has pledged to continue to build Clark's academic reputation through some landmark changes, and I'm excited to see what is in store.

On our end, I can assure you that David's commitment to alumni is unmitigating, his dedication to helping us grow as a group, absolute. I'm looking forward to teaming up with him on a host of new initiatives over the next two years, many that I will keep you updated on in this space.

One of our main goals over the next two years is to increase how many of us as alumni give back to Clark through volunteering and donating. I've already told you why I love Clark, but I encourage you to think of what Clark has meant to you over the years, and how your life is different because of your experience there. So here's my challenge to my fellow alumni: This year, the graduating class of 2010 had a 60 percent giving rate. That's extraordinary. I challenge you to get your class to 30 percent giving for 2011. And for those who do so, donations don't need to be large to be worthwhile. If you haven't given already, give $20.00 for the year, or $19.75 in honor of the year you graduated.

My personal goals for my term include the development of a “virtual” alumni center — a constellation of services available for alumni visiting campus. I'm also looking for more frequent two-way communication between the University and alumni; and a growth in programming, including the Regional Communities that have been a great success so far.

I'll update you on those and other programs in this space regularly over the next two years. I also encourage you to sign up for online news updates by going to http://www.clark.edu/news/. In the meantime, if you have anything you'd like to contact me directly about, please feel free to reach me at snback@alumni.clark.edu.

Best regards,

SCOTT ZOBAY '04, M.P.A. '05
Alumni Association President

A Clark connection that's by the books

JON PACE AND STEPHANIE MARTINEZ just missed each other at Clark. She graduated in May of 2011, three months before he arrived to begin his four years on campus.

Though the two never connected in Worcester, they did meet up in Manhattan years later, in the shadow of two famous stone lions that guard one of the country’s biggest book collections.

Pace had been working for the New York Public Library since 2006, most recently as a publicist pitching stories to the media about programs, exhibits and openings throughout the 90-building library network.

In January, Martinez joined the library as the associate director for government and community affairs, working as a liaison to elected officials and the public. She'll moved to New York to earn her master's in public administration at Columbia’s University following several years in Washington DC, working for Sen. Hillary Clinton's chief of staff and for U.S. Sen. Mary Landrieu of Louisiana.

Pace and Martinez met on the job, but the topic of college didn't come up. It was Martinez's boss who later mentioned to Pace that this new hire had graduated from Clark University.

"Whenever I hear about a Clarkie, I have that 'oh!' moment and I want to immediately seek them out," Pace says. "We ended up talking for about 40 minutes, trading stories about professors and different locations.

Pace and Martinez have collaborated on a number of projects, none more important than the recent fight to preserve library services in the face of steep budget cuts and prevent the threatened closure of branch locations.

Among their initiatives was the launch of a web page advocating for full library funding, and the creation of several promotional videos, including one that cleverly plays off the film "Ghostsbusters" (it exceeded two million views on YouTube).

The campaign did the job. Mayor Michael Bloomberg and the City Council restored enough funding to avoid library closures and maintain most services.

Martinez, a native of Bethesda, Md., spent her childhood summers in Maine and New Hampshire and harbored a "romantic idea" of attending a liberal arts college in New England. Clark was only one school on her list, but after she attended an overnight, "I was sold."

Pace, who grew up on Long Island, knew next to nothing about Clark when he began his college search. One November day, he and his father made the drive to Worcester and walked the campus.

"It wasn't the buildings or the look of the place that got me excited," he recalls. "It was the kids. They were just normal, down-to-earth, likable kids. That evening my mother asked my father what he thought of Clark, and he said, 'That's the school where he's going to go.'"

Martinez was won over by the intimate atmosphere at Clark, particularly the connection between the faculty and students. She counts Professor of History Janine Thomas-Grnewood among her favorites — "I would take everything she taught."
Reunion 2010

Reunion 2010 was a blast, and 2011 promises to be just as much fun. Save the dates of May 20, 21 and 22 to catch up with former classmates and take advantage of a full slate of activities:

- 2nd Annual Reunion Golf Tournament on Friday, May 20
- Class dinners
- Learn Through Inquiry Series featuring panels and talks from fellow alumni
- 75th anniversary celebratory events

![Clockwise from left] Jonas Clark Hall is the perfect building for a group shot. Blue Clarence, Ashley Waggon and Shaevee Franklin to enjoy a reception and art show at Dana Commons. Clark may not have “Dancing With the Stars,” but “Dancing Under the Stars” is always a hit. Tom and Joan Dolan, and friend. A future Cougar gets acquainted with the Cougars.

![Three tops] (Left) WenYing Wei, George Stiles, Ray Anderson '72 and Barbara Anderson, all applied at the conclusion of a program honoring retiring president John Bennett and wife Kay. Trustee Peter '72 and wife Sue '72 Eleftherakis.

- Forty-five years later, the Class of ’65 was back on campus. Pat Brinaute was all smiles at the reunion of Clark’s women athletes, which she helped organize. For the occasion Brinaute wore a classic Clark game uniform.

- (Left) Patricia (Baker) Handerson '54, M. Catherine BDue '60, Lilian Laks '64 and Kim (Paterson) Robinson '62 relived good times at the reunion honoring Clark’s women athletes.

How suggestions for making Reunions even better? Interested in joining your Reunion Committee? Email alumni@clarku.edu.
1958
CHARLES A. DEGRANDPRE received the New Hampshire Bar Association’s Distinguished Service to the Profession Award. He wrote the “Lee List” column for the NHBA Journal for 40 years, the spring issue of the Journal was dedicated to DeGrandpre and may be viewed online at nhbar.org/uploads/pdf/BJ-50-1.pdf.

1959
ANTHONY AARONSON has been appointed director of the Presidential and Key Executive MBA program at Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif. Prior to this position, he founded Aaronson Textiles, serving as an agent for better imported fabrics sold to the contemporary women’s wear market. He has held senior executive positions with Fashion Futures, Forest Fabrics, EMDY and Lobert Industries. He has served as a partner and owner in a number of textile ventures with broad global interests. He earned a Presidential M.B.A from Pepperdine in 1989.

1965
PAUL WIDING retired after 18 years as chief of administration and finance in the Sacramento County District Attorney’s Office, preceded by 11 years as management chief in Sacramento CountyUniversity of California Mental Health programs. He was the former consultant to state education and private mental health services. He served as adjunct faculty in psychology, sociology and behavioral research statistics at several colleges and universities for many years.

1966
NANCY (ELMA) SHERIDAN writes, “I recently sold my D.C. home and moved to the greater Berkeley, Calif. area. I plan to establish a private psychotherapy practice as I did in Washington, continue to act, sing, do poetry, fused glass and travel. It’s a good thing I love to travel because my second grandchild is due in Cambridge, England in March.”

FREDERICK GRINWELL, PH.D., had his new book, “Everyday Practice of Science: Where Huxley and Passion Meet: Objectivity and Logic,” recently selected by the U.K. Royal Society as one of the 12 best books about science published in 2009. The judges said, “This is the most accessible and comprehensive book on how science is done that we’ve ever come across — indispensable to anyone who wants to understand the science behind the headlines.”

1968
DANIEL RAMALLI held a one-man art show in New York City at the Freight and Volume Gallery last January and February. He was also the recipient of an Artist’s Fellowship from the Massachusetts Cultural Council for this year.

1970
LEE KASSAM’s fifth book, “Peer Supervision Groups: How They Work and Why You Need One,” will be published this fall by Jason Aronson, a division of Rosenburg and Littlefield. “It’s the first and only book on an important aspect of professional life in my field. Therapists in private practice can become very isolated, and need a forum to bring and discuss difficult cases with colleagues,” he says. For the book, Kassam interviewed 34 people from 20 different groups to reveal how peer groups work, and the advantages and drawbacks of being in such a group. He also gives guidelines and recommendations for forming and running an ongoing peer group. Kassam has been in private practice in New York City as a psychotherapist and psychologist since 1980. He specializes in couples therapy, and will be offering workshops on this topic with his colleague Lynn Perl at the annual convention of the Eastern Group Psychotherapy Society in November, and the national conference of the American Group Therapy Association in February, both in New York. He lives with his wife, Lily Mancini, an actor and screenwriter, and three cats in mid-Massachusetts. You can visit his website at www.kassam.com.

1971
LARRY HERSHEY retired in April from Citizens Financial Group in Providence, after over 35 years in banking. He continues as an adjunct lecturer in finance at Bryant University, and is active in many local charities including The San Miguel School. Larry recently completed a 3,000-mile circumnavigation of the U.S., which included his first flight in one.

1972
DAVID WOLH has been named Dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, S.C.

1973
STEVEN DEPAUL and his wife Beth Rendezo ‘76 traveled to Kenya, Tanzania and Zanzibar with their children Nicky, 18, and Rosy. M. Steven writes, “The animals were amazing, the people wonderful, and the poverty sometimes overwhelming.” Nicky is off to Johns Hopkins this fall.

1974
BARRY HERDEN, M.D., of Rochester, N.Y., says he was thrilled when his daughter Anna Elizabeth was accepted for admission early decision to Clark for the class of 2014. Barry left Pfizer, Inc. last January after almost eight years to accept a position at Sanofi-aventis, Bridgewater, N.J., as area chief medical officer of one of Sanofi’s six U.S. regional business units. In his free time Barry travels and collects rock and roll memorabilia and first-edition books written or illustrated by the British artist Ralph Steadman. He would love to hear from former classmates.

LAURENCE "DUTCH" KLAGMAN retired from his position as director of research and information management for the City of Philadelphia’s Department of Behavioral Health and Mental Retardation Services in July 2009.

1975
KIRK LINDGREN writes, “I’m keeping jive alive via my blog of Developing World travel sales and photography at lettering-wordpress.com. Currently my very agented in New York is shopping this manuscript to my novel, ‘Descending the Cairo Sides,’ to the major publishing houses.”

1976
FAITH LINSKY recently accepted the position of director of development and alumni relations at Antioch University New England located in Keene, N.H. She is responsible for the design, implementation and management of all fund-raising, friend-raising, and alumni relations activities within the division of Institutional Advancement. This includes the cultivation and solicitation of major and planned gifts, supervision of the annual fund and design of a newly formed Alumni Association.

LESTER BLUMBERG, who is general counsel to the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health, was recently awarded the Executive Achievement Award from the Jewish Community Relations Council of Boston. This annual award recognizes a member of the executive branch of state government who has been instrumental in policy and
legislative initiatives that benefit disadvantaged members of society: children, the elderly and the disabled. He was recognized for his role in initiatives such as Mental Health Parity, the Children’s Mental Health Act, Civil Commitment reform and CHiRES reform.

1977
MICHAEL FISHBEIN, M.A. ’77/PH.D. ’81 is president of Antioch University McGuire in Yellow Springs, Ohio. He assumed his duties on July 1, 2009, and was inaugurated on June 12 of this year. Prior to serving at Antioch McGuire, Dr. Fishbein was president and vice president of academic affairs at Daniel Webster College in Nashua, N.H. Immediately preceding his appointment at Daniel Webster, Dr. Fishbein served as chief academic and chief student affairs officer at Lyndon State College in Lyndonville, Vt.

1978
JILL GREENBAUM writes, “All The Kids of Girls (AKOG) program at Clark brings girls 8-12 years old from the Worcester community to the campus for mentoring by female undergraduates. Dark Sundays on Saturdays during the academic year. Last year the exhibition asked me to design a session to train the mentors about self-esteem issues, girls’ development, and how to be great mentors. The all had a great time, and I was so impressed I am thinking of another fabulous session.”

1979
DR. PAUL KARISH MA. ’79/PH.D. ’77 was appointed executive director of The President of the Produce Power Association of British Columbia. Prior to his appointment, Dr. Karish was teaching leadership at the Graduate School at Trinity Western University. He has served as executive director of the Pacific Regional Foodservice, chief executive officer of Fishers Renewal B.C. and executive director of the B.C. Treaty Commission.

1981
ERICA S. BILSKY ’81, M.A. ’86/PH.D. ’90 was appointed managing director of the Maine Junior Center for Housing Studies in June 2010.

1982
PAUL SALTZMAN has been appointed as the executive vice president, general counsel and head of The Clarington House Association, a not-for-profit, membership-based business league that represents the interests of The Clarington House ownership on a diverse range of legal, tax, financial and regulatory matters. Prior to joining The Clarington House, Saltzman was the managing director and general counsel of Clarington Management Group, a leading alternative investment manager specializing in mortgage-backed securities, and executive vice president and chief operating officer of Episcopal, Inc., a publicly traded electronic marketplace. Saltzman was also former the vice chair counsel for Greenwich Capital Markets and Kidder Peabody Co. as well as an attorney for New York and Washington, D.C. firms. He received his Juris Doctor from Boston University School of Law. He is a member of the New York City, New York State and American Bar Association.

1984
DENISE L. DAVIDSON received her Ph.D. in high education administration from Bowling Green State University, Ohio. Her dissertation is an examination of “National Job Satisfaction of Minority and Mid-level Student Affairs Administrators.” While a doctoral student, she earned the 2006-09 Graduate Teaching Assistant Award and the 2009 Higher Education Administration Faculty Award for Academic Excellence.

1985
WILLIAM HEYNGER ’85 married Hyle Matthews on Aug. 22, 2010, in Kenne, N.Y. William is a senior manager and legislative analyst in the lobbying unit of Ernst & Young in Washington, D.C. Hyle graduated from Benjamin College and theater improvisation for Imagination Stage and other Washington, D.C.-area schools. They reside in Washington, D.C.

1986
MAJOR CLIFFORD TROTZ is deployed to Afghanistan as the brigade psychologist supporting the members of the 89th Infantry Brigade during their one-year deployment. Major Trotz received his master’s degree in psychology in 1989 from the University of Pennsylvania, and was awarded his Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of South Dakota in 1996. In 2002 he joined the U.S. Army Research with a direct commission as a clinical psychology. He is a graduate of the Army Avn Medical Psychology Training School at Natick, Alabama and deployed to Iraq in 2004-2005 with the 108th Combat Stress Control Detachment, where he served as the chief of a forward support team. He was appointed as the Chief Behavioral Health Officer for the Army National Guard in 2007-2009 and was subsequently selected to serve as the brigade psychologist for the 89th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Mountain).

1992
BRAN STEIN is an associate justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court. He was nominated by Governor Donald Carcieri, for whom Stern served as chief of staff. Justice Stein’s nomination was approved unanimously by the state Senate and he was sworn in on Oct. 5, 2009. He received the Juris Doctor fromBrooklyn Law School in 1987 and subsequently worked as a paralegal in the New York Attorney General’s office, a lawyer in the New York firm of Kaiseman, Taub and Bremer and a partner in Stern and Gordon. He has also served in the Rhode Island state government since 1996.

1999
MELINDA CHIH AMORATIS ’91 and Michael Amoratis announce the birth of their son, Anthony Philip Amoratis, on Feb. 4, 2009.

2009
As both a delegate for her congregation and a member of UFE’s (Unanimity for the Ethical Treatment of Animals), GRETCHEN (GRIMM) OSTREEDER ’99 met Wyatt Paradise, the President of the Human Society of the United States. She was attending a national convention for the Unanimous Universalist Association, which was held in Salt Lake City during the last weekend in June of 2009.

TERNY (TED) TIBBITS JR. won a Million Award for teaching excellence and was runner up for Mentor of the Year in the 2008. He has served as the faculty advisor for Bennington College Shakespeare Club, a Shakespeare acting troupe. He has practiced as the Family Law & Experienced in the National Council of Teachers of English conference, the New England Council of Teachers of English, and been featured in The Portland Press Herald and The Casco Bay Weekly. More information about how he teaches Shakespeare through performance can be found online at manesbyshakespeare.com/index.html.

2011
SEAN KINGS recently accepted a position as a clinical specialist at Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, located in Pittsburgh, Penn. Sean recently employed at Fak Library of the Health Sciences as a copy cataloger. He writes, “After a year of unemployment due to a lack of the University of Pittsburgh, I have moved my em- tion within the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh system. This is still a part time, so I need to keep looking for something with health benefit, but the paycheck is healthcare.”

2012

2010
MURTON J. BURTON III and his wife Sara announce the birth of their son, Isaac, in October 2009. The family resides in Worcester.

2003
CHRISTOPHER M. IANANZI M.D. was named the vice chairman of the St. Vincent’s Medical Center Department of Oncology in Bridgeport, Conn. He also serves as the medical director of radiation oncology at the center. Dr. Iannuzzi was recently elected president of the Greater Bridgeport Medical Association. He previously served as an assistant professor in radiation
MAUREEN HEALY '94/MA '95 recently released her first book, “365 Things to Say to Your Kid.” She is also the founder of Growing Happy Kids and has a popular blog, “Creative Development,” on Psychology Today’s website. She can be contacted at maureen@grownappy- pildows.com.

REBECCA LEE PROKANSKY ’94 married David E.S. Mitchell on Aug. 31, 2008, at the St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Springfield, Mass. Rebecca received her Juris Doctor degree from Western New England School of Law in 1999 and is an attorney for the National Association of Government Employees in Springfield. Clarkes Scott Bradbury ’94 and Martin Fähr ’95 were in attendance.

CLARK RIVERO ’95, of Hudson, Mass., married Kim Williams on Jan. 20, 2007. The reception was held at the Green Mountain Inn in Stowe, Vt. Those in attendance included (from front row; left) Michael Moulaw ’86, Todd Kietzer ’86, Mark, Adam Mihlest ’86, Dan Barten ’86, (from back row, left) Jeff Boisfein ’95, Danie Cheung ’96 and Chad Leibert ’95.

THERESA SOLIS ’96 used Zach Philippon on April 1, 2010, in Las Vegas, Calif.

AMY E. TIERMAN received her master’s in art history from the Open University in England on June 9, 2010.

2001


DR. DANIEL R. RIESE ’80 and Christine Bergonis were married on June 19, 2010.

2002

DEBORAH MILLIS BUTLER, PH.D. ’92, assoc. professor of sociology at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., has been granted tenure. She is the first African-American woman to earn tenure in Union College history. Her research area encompasses the sociology of African-American culture and African-American women’s represen- tations in society. Her current focus is the role of African-American women in contemporary step- mothers and stepfathers. She has published articles in New York Times, The Journal of the American Academy of Religion, and the Boston Globe. She has also guested on an African-American themed edition of the Journal of the African American Studies.

CHARLES QUINTAL hosted his annual Clark Reunion on Martha’s Vineyard last summer. Attending were (left) Christ, Geoff Peers’ ’01, Ron Sayen’ ’01, Dan Bobrowski ’02, non-Clarkie Mark Glendon, Shulayr Dion’ ’01, non-Clarkie Jim Kaiz, and Debra Christie of Wellesley.

2003

RICHARD R. W. FEIOLO was recently elected the vice chairman of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Middlesex County, Inc. Rich has served on the Boys and Girls Clubs’ board for the past few years and is excited to step into this new leadership role. He is otherwise still employed as a litigation associate at Popeo & Gray, LLP in Boston.

2004

ALEXANDRA BULLOCK ’94 and MATTHEW GILSEN ’96 were married on Aug. 15, 2003, in New York, N.Y. Alexander is in the second year of the master’s degree program in food studies at New York University and works as the executive assistant to the president of the Institute of Culinary Education in New York, from which she received a diploma in culinary arts. Matthew is a marketing specialist at Patterson-Bellows Whipp and Tyler, a New York law firm. He is also studying for a M.B.A. from Fordham University.

LACEY B. ARCHAMBAULT ’94 and Andrew J. Lumaca were married on March 6, 2010.

2005

CARA POWERS ’96 married Jordan Berg on June 21, 2009, in Hingham, Mass. Cara has been working in sales at the New York Times since 2004 and is currently the advertising manager for the New York Times.

ALEX MCCOWAN writes, “I have been accepted for fall 2010 to the Mills College Graduate School of Business where I plan on pursuing my MBA in finance.”

CLARK RIVERO ’95, MARK RIVERO AND HIS BRIDE AND A HOST OF CLASSMATES

Cruise with a Clarkie

George Allen ’80 has more than a mere brush with fame last year at Worcester Regional Airport, where Tom Cruise was shooting scenes for his action comedy “Knight and Day.”

A break in filming, Allen and his mother, Debra, chatted with Cruise about for a half hour, mostly about aviation-related sub- jects (Cruise is a pilot and plane owner -- and, ooo, of course, “piloted” a Navy jet in “Top Gun”). “He was down to earth, softspoken; very, very nice,” Allen recalls. “Of course, Mom was in her glory.” Allen is vice president/CFO of The Worcester Regional Flight Academy, which he operates at the airport with his brother-in-law, William. Allen is a seasoned pilot in his own right, though with the kind of edgic outside interests that built a former American civilizational and philosophy major the great classical pianist rockstars and will deliver a lecture on Plato at Clark this fall. For now, he’s focused on mar- keting the family flight school throughout the Worcester area, with particular emphasis on attracting high school and college students into the cockpit, perhaps even for course credit. Talking to the skies should be a natural purist for local students. Allen suggests, given that the father of the modern space program, Dr. Robert Goddard, earned his master’s and Ph.D. degrees at Clark and taught here.
of Education in Oakland, Calif., to earn a master of arts in education with an emphasis in Early Childhood Education and Early Childhood Special Education.

2007
LAUREN MOSKOVSKI was admitted into the School of the Art Institute of Chicago’s Master of Design in Designed Objects program, and was selected by the school’s faculty for Trustee Merit Scholarship. This award is given to students who display exceptional promise.

PAUL GRUCK of Torrington, Conn. received a June Doctor degree from the Roger Williams University School of Law during May 21 Commencement ceremonies. Gruck served as a member of the Honors Program, Roger Williams University Law Review, Multi-Cultural Law Students Association and Student Bar Association. He served as a judicial extern for Chief Justice Paul A. Sutell at the Rhode Island Supreme Court in Providence. He was also a legal extern for the Connecticut Division of Public Defender Services in Hartford. He earned his B.A. in philosophy and psychology from Clark.

CYNDI GREENSTEIN ’11 and GREGORY ARTEGLLER ’07 were married October 11, 2003, in Cardiff, Calif. Pictured, from the Clark Class of 2007 are (from left to right): Stephen Albano, Lisa Talman, Megan Yode, Elise Savaie, Brecki Anthony Davis, Jane Kaplan, the groom, Gregory Artelagger, and the bride, Cyndi Greensteins Artelagger.

2009
RUTH BAUMGART has been named Judge of the Appellate Court of Nepal by the government of Nepal. This is the first instance in the history of Nepal and in the swedesac-and-long modern judicial history in the country that anyone from a Dakit community has been appointed to the position of Judge. Prior to his appointment, Hon. Justice Bagband was working for the justice of the marginalized, disadvantaged and discriminated community in Nepal through Lawyers National Campaign against Unconstitutionality-Head. He is also a recipient of the Nepal Bar Council’s Best Lawyer Award.

PROFESSOR EMERITUS HARRY C. ALLEN JR. died Thursday, Dec. 12, 2004. Professor Allen came to Clark in 1960. Recently retired Professor Doug Brenner recalled that Allen “established the department and provided a sense of direction — he really brought the place together.”

Allen’s arrival was the culmination of a national search for someone to lead the Chemistry Department, which Brenner said was in a “state of normalcy” at the time. (His three renamed faculty members were in charge, including himself, he noted.) Allen recruited faculty of the highest caliber, and made the department a more cohesive, friendly place.

Brenner said Allen encouraged the department’s professors to engage with their students, including playing a friendly game of wall ball on the quad. And on Spet 11, the faculty would make snowballs with the department’s ice machine, go to the roof of the building, and pelt unsuspecting students below.

“The students liked him,” he said. “A number of them have gone on to do good things.”

Brenner served as associate chair of the department under Allen. “Harry was a great mentor to me personally,” Brenner said. “I’ll always be grateful.”

Allen’s tenure at Clark included time as dean of the Graduate School and associate provost. After serving his time on the administrative side, Allen returned to teaching. Following his retirement, he endorsed the Harry C. Allen Jr. Symposium Fund. Brenner said it is a testament to Allen that many of his former students have contributed to the fund in order to ensure Allen’s legacy continues.

DR. JOHN ALAN DAVIES, 79, who was a professor of physics at Clark for more than 40 years, died on July 12, 2005.

Born in Milwaukee, Davies pursued a career in theoretical physics, earning three degrees at the University of Maryland and including his PhD in 1960. As a 2nd Lieutenant, Reserve, in the United States Air Force, he spent several years working at Kirtland Air Force Base in New Mexico, and then transferred to US NOE in Maryland where he met his wife Mollie. He later joined the faculty at Clark, where he taught until his retirement in 2003.

“John was a valued member of the Clark University Physics Department, respected by advanced physics students and introductory astronomy students alike for his deep knowledge and patient, caring approach to his teaching. We still miss him greatly,” Professor Les Blair said of his colleague who was also a research associate and visiting professor at the Plasma Fusion Center at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for several years.

Davies had a keen interest in physics and all types of science, especially astronomy. He had other broad interests, and was well-read in many areas, particularly history. He was a gentle man, with a love for animals and an ability to tell a winning story. To his many students and colleagues, he was known for his caring nature, and he was someone who always saw to the core of complicated problems and willingly offered insightful advice.

SHELDRON G. GILDORE, chair of the Board of Trustees from 1979 to 1984, died on Feb. 12 at his home in Napa, Calif.

During his tenure as chair, Clark began requiring students to take a writing course as part of the new Program of Liberal Studies. Gilgore served on the board that brought Richard P. Trumka to campus as Clark’s seventh president.

One of his strengths as a teacher was his ability to write “tremendous critiques of his students’ writing,” the added.

A memorial service for Tappory was held in New Hampshire last fall. “Some Clark kids rented a small bus so she said, “A lot of people from Clark made the one hour and 45 minutes drive. I was so thrilled!”

Along with the Brady Gynie mysteries, Tappory wrote a handbook, “The Elements of Mystery Fiction: Writing a Modern Whodunit,” that is used in writing classes and workshops across the country. He also was widely requested for his writings on fly-fishing and the sundance, his essays and articles were regularly published in Field and Stream and Sports Afield. A member of Mystery Writers of America and Authors Guild, Tappory ran the Writers Studio with Stedil at Chickadee Farm in Hancock.
By Kathleen Batcheller '83

RICHEE KENDRICK (Jan. 15, 1930-March 4, 2008) had a direct and significant impact on the Clark community. It is due to the great love, respect and friendship for him that a permanently endowed Emergency Fund in his name has been established by the Board of Trustees. The fund provides financial assistance to undergraduates in the event of a medical emergency. The fund was initiated by friends and family to honor this great man and a life well lived.

The purpose of the Richard E. Kendrick Memorial Endowment Fund is to provide assistance to Clark undergraduates in the amount of $10,000 per student. The fund is permanent and provides for the continuous financial support of students with demonstrated financial need. The fund is designed to help ensure that students can continue their education without interruption due to unforeseen financial circumstances. The fund is managed by the Clark University Office of Financial Aid and is administered by the Office of Student Life.

$14.2M gift sparked by a priceless teacher

The event was a gift to Clark from the late Jack Adami, who had attended the university in the 1950s. The gift was made in memory of his late wife, Ruth Adami, who had been a significant figure in the Clark community. The gift was the largest single donation in the university’s history and was used to create the Adami Scholarship Fund, which provides financial assistance to students who demonstrate exceptional need.

The gift was made in recognition of the university’s commitment to excellence in education and its long-standing tradition of providing a high-quality education to students from diverse backgrounds. The gift was accepted by the university’s Board of Trustees and will be used to support student scholarships, faculty research, and other initiatives that advance the university’s mission.

The gift was announced by the university’s President, Dr. David Greene, who expressed his gratitude to Jack Adami for his generosity and his commitment to the university and its students. Dr. Greene said that the gift would have a profound impact on the university and its ability to provide a world-class education to students from all walks of life.
Clark is armoring his corner of the world... one cow at a time

With his talk of what defines success, Fajar Taher, M.A., IEDC ’99, doesn’t speak in the first person, or mention personal goals or aspirations. He talks about teamwork.

“Being successful isn’t about myself, but about other people,” he says. “When I am able to help people working with me become successful, I believe I am successful.”

That’s not a bad philosophy, especially when you’re 25 years old and own a longhorn ranch and more management titles than most people do at mid-life.

Without a doubt, from social gaming to being the son of renowned industrialist and philanthropist Engr. M. Abu Taher, who leads Fortuna Bangladesh, a collection of companies including fast food, leather tanning, furniture manufacturing, agricultural products, insurance, financial leasing and information technology. At age 17, when his peers were finishing up their homework or playing cricket, Fajar was helping the family establish Fortuna Fried Chicken, a fast food chain that competes with Kentucky Fried Chicken in Bangladesh. The company is going strong, and expects to open four more locations this year and another 10 restaurants in 2011.

In 2003, while an undergraduate at Baldwin College, Taher launched InfraTech Technology with his brother Farid and cousin Arif, working with the major telecom operators in Bangladesh. He served as co-founder and chief marketing officer of its U.S. subsidiary, Infasys.com, which won $25,000 in a Facebook fund-raisement competition, along with membership and support to develop applications.

In 2008, when cricket fans enjoyed the Twenty-20 World Cup, Taher and his team created “Twenty-20 Clucks,” a popular online cricket application that let users worldwide act as virtual team managers to compete against other cricket fanatics. They later introduced a series of successful games such as Street Football, Winning Eleven and Casino Empire. Infasys.com has since taken a break from such social gaming in order to concentrate on innovative projects like Socialbuddy, a group-buying site for tickets, high-end luxury services and products. The company now employs 12 people and offers a range of software solutions and web development services.

Last September, Taher was named CEO of the shirt and bag manufacturing retail division of Fortuna Bangladesh, with over 600 employees. By the end of the year, Fortuna expects to employ almost three times that number of employees, and Taher anticipates he’ll be managing 1,400 of them, if not more.

One would say Taher has some big shoes — or at least many shoes — to fill. This fall, he will be managing two new shoe-material factories, namely, the Fortuna Last factory (a joint venture with Chinese partners — the first one of its kind in Bangladesh — that will produce the mold for a shoe called a “last”), and Fortuna Outsole Factory (a venture with a Spanish company to manufacture outsoles).

Taher’s resume shows he’s up to the task. He has experience working with large management teams, understands cost control and what it’s like to raise capital. He’s familiar with labor management and social compliance and does not shy away from taking the risks whenever necessary, troubleshooting issues in order to meet deadlines. Taher is clearly excited about recent changes in how the factory operates its factories.

In the past, the factories often suffered a shortage of electricity and voltage fluctuations that would result in lost production time and increased maintenance costs. Taher’s family relied on a generator 50 percent of the time to keep the factories running. His father struck on a novel solution. He sold his garments factory and started a cattle farm and a bio-gas plant. The plant is powered by cow dung, which creates methane and generates 20 kilowatts an hour. “We are saving a lot of money, up to $130 to $200 a day. Not only that, after the cow dung dries up we can process and make organic fertilizer, which will further increase our benefits,” Taher says.

The shoe factory runs on bio-gas afternoons and at nightime. At Taher’s suggestion, the building uses natural light whenever possible during the day, it also is equipped with natural exhausts on the roof that remove hot air.

“We are trying to be environmentally conscious as much as possible when [we weren’t before],” Taher says. “This is because of my Clark education and experience. We are trying to make an eco-friendly project to be part of the green revolution and we have plans to sell our products in the U.S. through online stores, which we hope will be attractive for consumers.”

Taher, who is married to Jennifer Enloe ’99/MPA ’10, welcomes Clark alumni to visit Bangladesh to learn about his business. After all, he notes, his company of 100 million people needs considerable help with development, and Bangladesh is an emerging market with plenty of opportunities.

“We are open to new partnerships and ventures,” he offers, “so if you think you have the next big thing, we are looking to expand your business with ethical companies, feel free to talk to us.”

Fajar Taher can be reached at Fajaray@fordham.edu.

Steinbrecher Clarkies span three generations

At the May 23 commencement, when Rachel Pulin was handed her diploma for earning a bachelor’s degree in psychology, the Steinbrecher clan could officially boast three generations of Clarkies. (Mary is also married to a Clark grad, Alan Pulin ’81.)

The Steinbrecher family have seen Clark University at different stages of its evolution, especially with the physical look of the place. New buildings and new programs mean Rachel was offered opportunities that never existed for her grandmother.

But the critical elements of a Clark education span the decades, Stephen Steinbrecher insists.

“One of the ingredients that gets overlooked is if you wish to give of yourself, create, or do something, then the faculty and administration will support you 100 percent,” he says. “They don’t say, ‘You can’t do that way.’

Mary notes the famous poster depicting Clark students as multi-colored peas in a pod says it all.

“That’s exactly the Clark experience,” she says. “Everybody gets out of Clark what they put into it, and then some. This is not the place for the passive student; it’s a participatory experience.”

“There’s a uniqueness about Clark,” Rachel adds. “There’s never a dull moment, something will shock you. That’s what makes it interesting.”

Rachel, now a fifth-year student in elementary education, began student teaching this fall. She’s unsure if teaching will be her career path, but she is certain that she wants to work with children in some capacity.

An active alumnus, Stephen served three terms as a Clark trustee from 1981-1995. He received Clark’s highest alumna award, the Distinguished Service Award, in 1998.

In 2005, Stephen and his wife Phyllis (who died in 2009 after a long battle with breast cancer) endowed the Steinbrecher Fellowship Program with a generous gift that established a permanent endowment in memory of their son David C. Steinbrecher ’81. The fellowships allow Clark undergraduates to pursue original ideas, creative research, public service or enrichment projects. The awards, given to 8-10 students each year, range from $500 to $2,500.

This year’s fellowships funded a wide range of projects, from archaeological research on the southern coast of Turkey to a study of the effects of climate change on griizzly bear food sources in Wyoming. Mary ran into several fellowship recipients during Reunion Weekend.

“It’s amazing what the students are doing,” she says. And who knows? If the stars align as they did for the Steinbrecher family, perhaps the children of those students, and even their grandchildren, may one day be in line for a fellowship.
Jonas Clark Fellows Annual Dinner

Clark University celebrated the generosity of the Jonas Clark Fellows donors at the annual dinner held Oct. 24, 2009, at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston. The night brought together many members of the Clark community, who enjoyed a fine dinner, a musical performance by the Clark Band and heard a compelling presentation by the Hon. D’Army Bailey ’65, who helped lead civil rights protests from Baton Rouge to Worcester.

The donor recognition program pays homage to Jonas Clark, the University’s founder who established Clark with a gift through his will and an initial endowment for the University Library.

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Academic leaders appointed

DAVIS BAIRD assumed the role of provost and chief academic officer this summer, coming to Clark from South Carolina Honors College, where he served as dean.

His background and training is in the philosophy of science; his most recent work focuses on the social and ethical issues associated with nanotechnology.

To pursue this work, Baird put together an interdisciplinary team of researchers spanning 10 academic departments and secured in excess of $5 million in external funding from the National Science Foundation and other organizations.

Baird graduated with a bachelor’s degree in mathematics and philosophy from Brandeis University and holds master’s and doctoral degrees in the philosophy of science from Stanford University.

He joined the faculty at the University of South Carolina in 1982 and was promoted to the rank of full professor in the Department of Philosophy in 2001. Davis chaired the Department of Philosophy from 1992-2005 and was appointed Dean of the South Carolina Honors College in 2005.

ANTHONY BEBBINGTON has joined Clark as director of the Graduate School of Geography, also assuming the title of Higgins Professor of Environment and Society.

In April 2009, he was elected a member of the prestigious National Academy of Sciences. Bebbington’s work addresses the political ecology of rural change with a particular focus on the factors that drive the relationships between humans and the environment under conditions of inequality and poverty.

Bebbington studied geography and land economy at the University of Cambridge, where he graduated with distinction. He completed a mas-
ter’s and Ph.D. at Clark in 1986 and 1990. He has been a Professor of Geography and Development in the School of Environment and Development at the University of Manches-
ter (UK), where he has been an Economic and Social Research Council Professorial Fellow and a Research Associate of the Centre Pemano of Estados Sociales, Peru.

Bebbington has held fellowships from the Center for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University, the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization, the Fullbright Commission and the Inter-American Founda-
tion, as well as positions at the World Bank, University of Colorado-Boulder, University of Cambridge and the International Institute of Environment and Development.

Gugenheim supports “Struggling for Beauty”

THOMAS KUHNE, professor of history and Strasser Family Chair in the Study of Holocaust History, was recently awarded a fellowship from the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foun-
dation in support of his proposed book-length essay, “Struggling for Beauty.”

His work will focus on the rise of “beauty” in modern world societies since the 18th century Enlightenment, linking issues of self and society, body culture and visual culture, racism and con-
sumerism, national particularities and globaliza-
tion. Professor Kuhne explains his interdisciplinary examination of these issues invite further inquiries into how and why modern societies, in particular in Europe and North America, struggle for beauty.

He has been at Clark’s Strasser Center for Ho-
locaust and Genocide Studies since 2004.

Headling to Woods Hole

Assistant Geography Professor KAREN FREY has been appointed a visiting scientist at the Woods Hole Research Center in Falmouth, Mass. for fall 2010, during which time she will be on pro-
batical leave from Clark.

Frey’s research interests involve the combined use of field measure-
ments, satellite remote sensing, and GIS to study large-scale link-
ages between land, at-
mosphere, ocean, and ice in high-latitude arctic environments. Her most recent work focuses on impacts of permafrost thaw on tree biogeography and impacts of sea ice variability on biological productivity in shelf environments.

Moulton retires

Athletic Director LINDA MOULTON announced that she will retire in December 2010 after a 26-year career at Clark. Moulton, the University’s fifth athletics director, began her career at Clark in August of 1987 and has overseen tremendous growth within the University’s athletics and recreation programs.

In the last five years alone, variety participa-
tion has seen a men’s increase of 21 percent with an 18 percent increase for women. Moul-
ton reflected on her career at clarkvoices.clarku.
edu/2010/08/24/sporting-news/

Two centuries of service

A number of faculty members said farewell to the classroom in 2010, with an astonishing 236 years of combined teaching experience at Clark University. They are:

L. LESLIE BLAY, joint appointment in Physics and Education (1867-2010)
DAEG BRENNER, Chemistry (1867-2010, teaching fall 2010)
KAREN ERICKSON, Chemistry (1965-2010)
DOUGLAS JOHNSON, Geography (1972-2010)
PAUL ROPP, History (1984-2010, teaching during 2010-2011)
LINDA KENNEDY, Biology (1983-2010)
MAURICE WEINROHT, Economics (1976-2010).

Prof. Mark Turnbull’s 45,000-piece hobby

When you approach the office of the professor deemed “the scary guy” in the Chemistry Department, you might be surprised to find the door to his office covered in comic strips.

What few might realize is that the door offers a quick glimpse into the private world of Mark Turnbull.

Turnbull, who recently packed up the contents of his office to move down the hall, confessed that past moves in his personal life didn’t happen as easily. He typically enlisted friends to help on the Big Day, but inevitably waited until the last minute to reveal an essential fact: that their muscles would be needed to help relocate his 45,000-piece comic book collection.

Turnbull has been collecting since he was five, and has memories of long walks with his grandfather who rewarded him with a comic book. He recalls when the books cost 10 cents (now they cost $2.50 and more), and he and his friends would trade them.

“My folks really liked reading. This was something one was supposed to do,” he said. “So as long as we were reading, they didn’t care too much about what we were reading.”

“My father brought home one of the company chemists for dinner one night, and apparently for someone of the age of seven or eight, I carried on a relatively intelligent conversation about the merits of tritium steel with this guy.”

When the discussion was done, his father asked, “Where did you learn all of that at school?” Young Mark replied, “My Iron Man comic books, Daddy.”

It was then moment when his affinity for chemistry was

realized. After all, according to Turnbull, lots of comics “have fairly accurate scientific bases.” Iron Man had an enemy, the Titanium Man. So, in order to defeat the enemy, he needed to figure out how to make himself stronger.

“You learn that you can put carbon into iron to make steel, although I have a lot of carbon and chromium and other things you might dope into the iron, you get all different kinds of steel,” said Turnbull.

Superhero comic books were favorites, especially the “scary” stories like X-Men, Justice League and Avengers.

Turnbull’s collection also contains some of the earliest comics that appeared in newspaper strips. Apple Mary (later called Mary Worth), Andy (which evolved into Mint and Jeff), Betty and Veronica, Archie, Richie Rich and Classics Ill-
strumented. He also has a complete set of Fourfoot Flats – a comic strip popular in New Zealand, where he spent his first subdivision.

Turnbull stopped buying new comic books in the mid-’70s, when some of the storylines took 10 to 15 con-
secutive issues to play out. And at $2.50 per book, he realized that purchasing 100 books every month constituted more of an investment than a hobby. He now works to fill holes in his older collections, whose worth he estimates at between $15,000 and $100,000.

Each comic book is shelved in a plastic cover and catalogued on new cards.

“I read them all. They were fun to read and exciting, and it was a way to imagine lots of unusual things,” said Turnbull, who also enjoys reading science fiction and fantasy books in his spare time.

“Of the people I know who are interested in comics, science fiction, fantasy writing…they are male, and they tend to be geeks,” he noted. “It’s heavily people with science interests and science backgrounds.”

The scientist can’t contain his enthusiasm when he describes his collec-
tion. Perhaps the books keep him young at heart, and his imagination sharp.

“I lose pets, they get me into trouble occasionally,” he said. “I try not to take myself too seriously, although I have a lot of students who think I do.”

A student once presented him with a tie featuring an eight-inch-high Martin the Martian, the old Bugs Bunny nemesis. “If you are attending an international conference, and you have Martin the Martian on your chest, it is very difficult to take yourself too seriously.”

There may be a correlation between Turnbull’s role as teacher/rescuer and that of the superhero. Every semester might bring in a new group for him to lead on a problem-solving mission. Turnbull could be their “Green Lantern,” lighting the way on a journey of discovery similar to the escapades literature he reads so much. His syllabus might read:

Here’s a problem. Let’s work together to solve it

And let the good guys prevail.

By Angela Bazzolo
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By Dr. Mark Pearlmutter ’80

Surrogate Child

I T’S AMAZING how beautiful Haiti is from the air. Mountainous terrain with steeply angled peaks and lush valleys stretches as far as the eye can see. The contrast to the post-earthquake scene on the ground is almost surreal. Escaping the tragic day-to-day drudgery of displaced severely injured patients happens momentarily in a chopper.

Today, I awoke to the news that our 4-year-old who was diagnosed with tetanus decompensated during the night. She was without family, which perhaps explained her sad, penetrating eyes. On the day of her arrival, she presented to us with a crush injury to both of her legs. She required surgical debridement, a procedure that essentially cleans a wound. The following day she developed a fever and generalised spasms of her muscles, especially her jaw. Her body would arch back in that typical way I’ve seen only in textbooks. The girl was immediately given antibiotics and an antitoxin and returned to the OR for further cleaning of her wounds in the hopes we could reduce the tetanus toxin load. The timing of this event couldn’t have been better as our new ventilator had just arrived that day. However, the following night, her IV accidentally fell out, and unfortunately wasn’t noticed until the effect of the medications wore off. By this time she was in severe respiratory distress. The best decision was to transfer the patient to a higher level of care: the Navy hospital ship USNS Comfort, located in Port-au-Prince Harbor.

As I ran the non-breathing child across a soccer field that had been converted into a hospital, my nurses and delivery of ventilations with an ambulance bag. As we swept across the countryside on the chopper, I reflected on the past few days. Up to this point there really hadn’t been any time to think about the intense and indescribable situation that both the Haitian people and our medical team had experienced.

We arrived on the Comfort approximately 25 minutes later. There, we were directed down the elevator into the pediatric ICU where a team of 10 awaited us. We provided a brief report to the medical officers in charge and were ushered back to a holding area where we waited for the next Navy chopper to take us back home. The return trip was much more relaxing and provided a respite from the stark reality on the ground.

It amazed me that although we had 250 patients in our hospital compound, the entire team was emotionally connected to the fate of this child. Part of this was because not one of us had ever diagnosed, seen, or treated a case of tetanus. But I’m convinced it had more to do with the dependent fragility of a sick child who was alone without her parents. We’ll all assume a surrogate role that went beyond simply being medical caregivers. Now, all we could do was hope and pray that the exceptional care being provided on the Comfort would make a difference.

The next day we got word that the parents had arrived by bus, a 36-hour ordeal from Port-au-Prince. Our hearts went out to this mother and father as we told them that their little girl had succumbed to the effects of overwhelming tetanus infection. We showed them pictures of her — and who would have known that these photographs would be the last they would see of their child? Although we all mourned the loss of this young girl, we took solace and were even somewhat uplifted when the parents thanked us for all that we had done.

As I watched them leave our compound, I couldn’t help but feel that the entire country of Haiti had become our surrogate child.

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