Homecoming 2013 to be Highlighted By Parade, Basketball Doubleheader

Clayton State University’s annual Homecoming, where both students and alumni will gather to celebrate their dreams made real, is fast approaching. This year’s event, which will run from Monday, Feb. 4 to Saturday, Feb. 9, will be highlighted by the return of the Clayton State Homecoming Parade and, following a tailgating festival, a basketball doubleheader against Montevallo University. Also among the “Don’t Miss” events will be a 5K race and the Annual Alumni Breakfast – all on Saturday.

Various student-related activities will take place early in the week – Clayton State Idol (Feb. 4), the Annual Student Choice Awards (Feb. 5), a Hump Day Party and a faculty/student basketball game (athletic trainer John Zubal promises to stand by for that one) on Feb. 6, a Homecoming Step Show (Feb. 7) and the Homecoming Pep Rally and Bonfire on Friday, Feb. 8.

Even though the bonfire will be the day before, Homecoming will really get hot on Saturday, starting at 9 a.m. with the 5K Run/Walk, “Run Clayton State.” The race will run entirely on the University’s campus, starting and finishing in front of the Harry S. Downs Center. Actually, check-in for the race will begin at 7:45 a.m. in front of the Downs Center with the race beginning at 9 a.m. All runners will receive a T-shirt and age group winners will be recognized with awards. A special grand prize will be awarded to the top female and male winners.

Clayton State Music Division Granted Full Membership in NASM

The Clayton State Division of Music, part of the Department of Visual and Performing Arts in the University’s College of Arts & Sciences, is honored to announce that it was granted full membership (accreditation) by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM).

NASM is a professional organization that specializes in accrediting degree and non-degree music programs at U.S. institutions of higher learning. Established in 1924, NASM helps support artistic and academic excellence by setting national standards for music study. It also conducts statistical research and policy analysis to promote the importance and achievements of music education.

Clayton State Division of Music was granted full membership in NASM at NASM’s annual meeting in November, 2012, a dream made real for one of Clayton State’s signature academic programs. Clayton State was initially granted associate membership in NASM in 2006, when the then-Department of Music was chaired by Dr. Douglas Wheeler.

“Our achievement of full membership in NASM, as a result of an extensive peer review process, acknowledges that Clayton State has been recognized to meet comprehensive national program standards held by college and university member programs nationwide,” says Dr. Susan Tusing.

“NASM has 644 institutional members, including 21 public and private colleges and universities in Georgia. Tusing is chair of the Clayton State Department of Visual and Performing Arts, and Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller is program coordinator for Music.
Michael Deis Named Interim Dean for College of Business

He wants students to succeed and to have an enriched, personalized, educational experience. Dr. Michael H. Deis, long time faculty member in the College of Business at Clayton State University, is serving as interim dean of the College of Business, beginning Jan. 1, 2013.

As part of the University’s concept of dreams made real, Deis recently stated how proud he is to be able to work with an outstanding community of students, faculty, staff, and alumni. He is confident that the College of Business will, “continue to assist students in becoming productive members of society, developing their intellectual curiosities, expanding their capacity for critical and reflective thinking, and developing an awareness of the needs of a global economy. The College of Business mission will include providing a student-centered environment, enriched by experience-based learning, active community service, and the use of technology to enhance student learning.”

Although Deis will now be serving in an administrative role, he feels that he will always be a teacher. He has taught at the middle school, high school, and college levels (16 years as a faculty member at Clayton State), and in 2006 was chosen from the regional and state universities’ faculty to receive the University System of Georgia’s 2005/06 Excellence in Teaching Award. He also received the College of Business’ Professor of the Year Awards for 2002, 2005, and 2010, and University’s 2003 Alice Smith Award for the Faculty Member of the Year. He was also the first director of the College of Business’ highly successful MBA program.

Deis, holds a B.S. degree in Industrial Management from the University of Cincinnati, an M.B.A. from the University of Dayton, and an Ed.D. from Nova Southeastern University. He is a professor of Management and will continue to teach some classes, primarily Strategic Management and Performance/Quality Management.

Deis says he is sincerely interested in each student and that he always had an open door policy.

“I want to bring out the best in all students. I want them to have fun, be motivated, and strive to succeed,” he says. “I

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Names Chosen for Clayton State – East Buildings

Clayton State University Vice President for Business and Operation Corlis Cummings has announced that new names have been chosen for the two buildings on the Clayton State – East campus.

Previously known as the Main Building and the Multipurpose Building, the new names chosen for the two facilities are, respectively, Arbor Hall and Woodlands Hall.

The Clayton State – East Naming Committee was initially charged with deciding on new names for the buildings and was comprised of a cross-section of the Clayton State campus community.

“The committee primarily considered names that showed a link between the two buildings and paid homage to the beautiful Clayton State campus,” notes Cummings.

“This was truly a team effort and one of the most enjoyable projects in which I have participated,” says Naming Committee Co-Chair Dolores Cox, the University’s director of Marketing and Communications. “I believe the outcomes reflect the University community’s continuing appreciation for and stewardship of our natural environment.”

“I’m so glad to have had the opportunity to collaborate with this incredible committee. We had a lot of interesting discussions that took into consideration all of the proposed names,” says Kelly Adams, co-chair of the Naming Committee.

The committee members included;

Kelly Adams, Business & Operations Harun Biswas, Facilities Management Dr. Jim Braun, Natural Sciences faculty Dolores Cox, Image & Communications Kristen Davis, Athletics Nicole Harris, Budget & Finance

Dr. Angelyn Hayes, Student Affairs Rasheen Hunter, Student Government Association president Keevia Jackson, Human Resources Cindy Lauer, Recreation & Wellness Rosalind Williams, Public Safety

During the deliberation process, members had to comply with Clayton State University Naming Guidelines as well as University System of Georgia Board of Regents policies regarding naming facilities. The Committee solicited input and comments from occupants in both buildings as well as from the Clayton State campus community, eventually providing recommendations to Cummings. The building names, which still require approval by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, were then selected by the President’s Cabinet.
Tina Lake Appointed First Permanent Coordinator of Clayton State’s Veterans Resource Center

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Tina Lake was recently appointed the first permanent Coordinator of Clayton State University’s Veterans Resource Center (VRC), a move that Dr. Angelyn Hayes, assistant vice president for Student Affairs, characterizes as, “another significant milestone for the University.”

As VRC coordinator, Lake is primarily tasked with communicating and collaborating with the University community to promote and implement military and veteran student retention and success efforts and to advocate for military/veteran student population. She will also be leading initiatives to identify specific needs of military and veteran students including additional support service needs, and to collaborate with and advise the University’s Student Veterans Association (SVA). In conjunction with SVA, Lake will also be organizing, marketing and implementing targeted programs and events for active-duty military and veterans.

Lake will also serve as a resource for Clayton State’s student veterans, referring students to University departments and resources and developing and maintaining relationships with local and state military and veteran’s organizations and University System of Georgia.

The Clayton State VRC officially opened in March 2012, with Shiraz Karaa, associate director of Counseling and Psychological Services, as interim coordinator. In announcing Lake’s appointment, Hayes also recognized Karaa’s long-term commitment and efforts on behalf of Clayton State’s student veterans.

“For the past four years, Shiraz Karaa has led initiatives from a coffee social for student veterans to the establishment of a Veterans Task Force to the opening of the Veterans Resource Center,” says Hayes. “Her leadership has been invaluable.”

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“Tina Lake will lead efforts to reach out to student veterans and active military students to assist in their successful transition from military to college to graduation, while providing outreach and programming to strengthen the University’s...

Hynes Heading Task Force
Planning Begins on Transfer of State Archives to University System

A nine-member working group will begin the planning work needed to ultimately transfer control and operation of the Georgia State Archives from the Georgia Secretary of State to the Board of Regents. The transfer requires passage of legislation that Governor Nathan Deal will propose in the 2013 session of the General Assembly.

The group’s purpose is to identify and research the immediate issues related to the transfer and bring these before University System Chancellor Hank Huckaby. The group will focus on the transition issues; long-term planning will be addressed if the transfer is completed.

This marks the first step in the potential transition, following the announcement earlier this fall by Gov. Deal and Secretary of State Brian Kemp to transfer the State Archives to the Board of Regents.

Kemp and Huckaby have met to discuss the next steps and are in full agreement to work closely together to do what is best for the State Archives.

Huckaby said, “Secretary Kemp has expressed his full cooperation and support of this transition effort and we look forward to working with him and his staff on this important part of the process.”

Dr. Tim Hynes, president of Clayton State University, will chair the working group. Other members include:

- Dr. William Potter, university librarian and associate provost, the University of Georgia
- Dr. Lamar Veatch, executive director of the Georgia Public Library Service

- Dianne Cannestra, member, Friends of the Georgia Archives & History
- Lorene Flanders, library director, University of West Georgia
- Dr. Toby Graham, deputy university librarian and head of the Hargrett Library, UGA
- Dr. Catherine Oglesby, professor of history, Valdosta State University
- Richard Pearce-Moses, professor and director of the archival studies program, Clayton State University
- Merryll Penson, executive director of Library Services, University System of Georgia
Graduate Psych Students Receive High Honor

by Samantha Watson, University Relations

Two graduate psychology major students at Clayton State University had their Southwestern Psychological Association (SEPA) proposals accepted late last year.

Kecia Ellick and Nick Langley are both second year students in the Applied Developmental Psychology program, and with the guidance and assistance of Dr. Deborah Deckner, they are part of a select few who have the opportunity to present their research at the 59th Annual Meeting of SEPA, which will be held from Mar. 13 to Mar. 16, at the OmniCNN center in Atlanta.

“Kecia and Nick have really exemplified the values of our program by immersing themselves in the science of child development and have already started to contribute to new realms of scientific dis-

Ellick, a native of Chicago, conducted her research on teen pregnancy.

“I am particularly interested in studying resiliency factors for teenage mothers that lead to their continued academic engagement, high school completion, and post secondary education attainment,” she comments.

Instead of focusing on the detrimental outcomes of teenage pregnancy, which constitutes the bulk of past research, Ellick focuses on those mothers who persevere. This research is near to her heart since she herself was a teenage mother. Langley (Ellenwood) conducted his research on student engagement. He used high school sophomores’ responses to questions concerning student attitudes and efforts towards schooling.

“Students’ scores on this assessment were significantly correlated to their scores on standardized tests in the same year, and were predictive of high school completion and dropping out in the next two years,” says Langley.

Deckner was co-author to both of the accepted proposals, and serves as a mentor, helping to make these students’ dreams real. She feels, “honored to work with such exceptional young talent and I look forward to watching the careers of these two exceptional scholars.”

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Psychology Graduate Students to Present at Society for Research in Child Development Conference

Clayton State University graduate students Christie Wooten and Eris Adams have had their work accepted for presentation at the upcoming Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) Conference, which will be held in Seattle in April 2013.

Wooten and Adams are graduate students in the Master of Applied Developmental Psychology program and both are slated to graduate from Clayton State in May 2013.

“This is very exciting, Deborah, and a tribute to Christie and Eris as well the efforts you, Dr. (Samuel) Maddox, and our other faculty make in mentoring these students,” says Dr. Donna McCarty, chair of the Clayton State Department of Psychology, in an email to Dr. Deborah Deckner-Davis, associate professor and coordinator of the Clayton State Master of Science in Psychology program.

“SRCD is one the most prestigious child development organization in the world, so I am extremely pleased for both of these students that their work will be presented in this setting,” adds Deckner-Davis.

Wooten will be presenting her poster, “Regional Differences in Sexual Education and Sexual Risk Taking” from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, Apr. 18. Adams will present her poster, “The Role of School and Social Connectedness in Academic Achievement for Students with Internalizing Behavior Problems” from 1:20 p.m. to 2:20 p.m. on Saturday, Apr. 20.
John Morrow Marine Commissioning
A Clayton State Family Affair

John Lewis Morrow, a May 2012 honors graduate of Clayton State University with a B.S. in Biology, returned to the University’s campus last month to be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United State Marine Corps.

Now-U.S. Marine Corps 2nd Lt. Morrow accepted his commission during a commissioning ceremony which took place at the Lawson Amphitheater on the Clayton State campus. The commissioning ceremony is a formal ceremony where officer candidates transition from their status as a candidate to that of a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps. Following the ceremony, Morrow conducted his own “pinning ceremony” by enlisting the help of his parents, Daniel and Cheryl Morrow, and his wife, Anna Morrow, to pin the gold bars, the insignia of a Second Lieutenant, on his uniform. At that time, he also received his first salute from an enlisted Marine and his orders from his commanding officer.

Morrow’s choice of the Clayton State campus as the site of his commissioning was a natural. His parents met at Clayton State, and Morrow and his wife also met at Clayton State and were married by Swan Lake.

The Officer Selection Officer, Captain Andrew Smith, spoke highly of Morrow when he addressed those in attendance by acknowledging the hard path Morrow chose to take in becoming an officer. Typically, candidates will take the easy road by finishing college first and then entering Officer Candidate School (OCS). Morrow chose to enter OCS while in the middle of his college career, which meant he had the added burden of excelling at OCS while keeping his GPA at the required level needed to qualify to be commissioned. Morrow achieved both.

Morrow will now go on to Platoon Commanders School, TBS Quantico, and then Flight school, NAS Whiting Field Pensacola, as the next step in his military career.

A tutor at the Center for Academic Success during his undergraduate years at Clayton State, Morrow previously graduated OCS in August 2011. OCS is a 10-week course designed to train, screen, and evaluate potential marine officers.

“After graduation from OCS, I left Quantico and arrived in Georgia a day before I began fall classes of my senior year,” he explains.

Health & Fitness Management Program to Provide Free Student Personal Trainers for Student, Employee, Public Members of SAC Fitness Center

Clayton State University’s Health & Fitness Management Program (HFMG), now a part of the University’s College of Health, is initiating a new program whereby members of the Student Activities Center (SAC) Fitness Center will be able to make use of the skills of Clayton State student personal trainers – at no cost.

Starting in February 2013, this personal training program will be put on by the students in the HFMG4999 course. The 12 senior students in the course will be providing clients with a free, one-on-one, eight-week weight training program (twice a week), cardio program, pre/post test, and goal setting. The training (and trainers) will be available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, depending on the individual trainer’s schedule. Bios of the student personal trainers will be available at the SAC front desk starting on Tuesday, Jan. 29.

Any members of the Fitness Center (students, professors, alumni, and community members) who are interested in the free training can go to the front desk of the SAC after Jan. 31 to sign up for training. All that’s required is filling out the proper paperwork, including selecting a student personal trainer, and having a membership at the Fitness Center.

Participants in the initiative who are not Fitness Center members will need to purchase a Fitness Center membership.

While the student personal trainers are not professionally certified, they have obtained senior level status in the Clayton State HFMG program, notes Health & Fitness Management’s Jeremy Galloway, an ACSM-Health Fitness Specialist who is in charge of the student personal trainer initiative.

For more information, please contact jeremygalloway@clayton.edu.
Alumni

The early-music ensemble Armonia Celeste performs as part of the Musica Sacra concert series at First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta on Feb. 1, at 7:30 p.m., an event that will have a distinct Clayton State University presence. The featured instrumentalists for the performance will include Armonia Celeste co-founder Dr. Lyle Nordstrom, the former head of the music department at Clayton State, and Atlanta-based historical harpist Paula Fagerberg, a 2000 graduate of Clayton State, who plays a rare copy of the c.1630 Barberini Baroque triple harp for this concert tour. Nordstrom, who is retired from teaching and now lives in Maryland, plays lutes and baroque guitar in the group. Armonia Celeste specializes in rarely heard repertoire from the Italian Renaissance and early Baroque. The concert is free and open to the public, with a free pre-concert lecture on the group’s historical instruments and repertoire at 6:45 p.m. A reception will follow the concert.

Counseling and Psychological Services

Clayton State University will be hosting the Counseling Directors Association (CDA) of the University System of Georgia’s (USG) crisis response training, “Crisis Management for Professionals: From Planning to Responding to Recovery,” on Thursday, Feb. 21, and Friday, Feb. 22, (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both days) in room 203 of the Harry S. Downs Center. The CDA-sponsored crisis response training is open only to University System counseling center personnel. According to Dr. Christine Smith, Clayton State director of Counseling and Psychological Services, the unpredictable aspect of the occurrence of crises makes it necessary that the USG be ready to respond as quickly as possible to a disaster involving member schools.

Dental Hygiene

Each year, in recognition of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, Clayton State University’s Dental Hygiene students, faculty and staff provide a Day of Service for the community. This year’s Day of Service was held, on Tuesday, Jan. 22, at the Clayton State Dental Hygiene Clinic, when new patients were provided oral-health screening, X-rays and patient education services free of charge. “The sound of Dr. King’s voice still resonates within the hearts and minds of those who love peace and serving others,” says Dr. Gail Barnes, Clayton State department chair of Dental Hygiene.

Library

The Clayton State University Library will be hosting more than 500 people for the Fifth Annual Metro Atlanta Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl Competition on Saturday, Feb. 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Helen Ruffin was a library media specialist who wanted to excite kids about reading. In response to her posting on the selection committee for DeKalb County Georgia’s Children Book Award Nominee program, she decided to engage students throughout the county in a regional reading bowl. To help with the Reading Bowl, Clayton State Dean of Libraries Dr. Gordon Baker has called for 60 volunteers from the Clayton State campus to serve as readers, score keepers, and other general volunteers. There will be training sessions for volunteers on Friday, Feb. 1, at 4 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 2, at 7:30 a.m.

Music

Clayton State University coordinator, Division of Music, and director of Opera and Vocal Studies Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller returned to his hometown of Portland, Ore., on Jan. 4 to direct a Sacred in Opera (SIO) production during the convention of the National Opera Association (NOA). The SIO initiative of NOA presented “The Shepherds of the Delectable Mountains” Act IV, Scene II from The Pilgrim’s Progress by Ralph Vaughan Williams, and excerpts from The Masque of Angels by Dominick Argento at the First Congregational Church in downtown Portland.

Public Safety

The University has recently purchased additional defibrillators (commonly known as AEDs) to be used by trained personnel only if CPR has been implemented and is unsuccessful. In addition to the ones located in the SAC, AEDs are now located in the Athletics and Fitness Center, Clayton State — East, Clayton Hall, the Downs Center, Arts and Sciences, and NBS. Also, additional evacuation chairs have been purchased for use in transporting disabled persons or others unable to walk down stairs in the event of a building evacuation. The chairs can be used by anyone physically capable of operating them. They are located in or near stairwells in the upper floors in the following locations: Student Services Center, SAC, Clayton State — East, Laker Hall, School of Business, the LAB and Clayton Hall.

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Campus faculty and staff; for those of you who are new to the campus, and to refresh the memory of those who have been here a while, the following is a link directly to the University’s Emergency Response Quick Reference Guide which is located at Public Safety’s website and contains guidance for responding to various emergency situations that may occur on campus. Hard copies can also be obtained at our office. (Note that page two is intentionally left blank.) http://www.clayton.edu/Portals/39/docs/emergency-quick-reference.pdf. In addition, a PowerPoint entitled “Keeping Yourself and Your Classrooms Safe” has been posted on the Public Safety website. Its primary focus is to provide guidance and suggestions for faculty in identifying and addressing issues in the classroom. The presentation can also be provided by Public Safety staff to any groups on campus upon request.

Teacher Education

The Clayton State University Department of Teacher Education has announced two new information sessions for students seeking information about Clayton State’s Middle Level Education or Music Education degree programs. Interested individuals are invited to attend the Information Sessions on Thursday, Feb. 7 and Tuesday, Apr. 9. Faculty will host a one-hour dialogue on the nature of the programs, admission criteria, course scheduling, and other items of interest to prospective students, allowing them to discover how to make their dreams real -- what it takes to earn a degree in teacher education. The Feb. 7 session will take place in the Arts & Science Building, room G-227, from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. The Apr. 9 sessions will be in the same building and room, from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.
“Code Blue! Code Blue!” Students jump into action in the patient’s room, assess the situation, interpret the heart rhythm, and begin CPR using the skills just learned in class. The “patient” survives, although the “patient” is not actually a live person in a hospital, but a high fidelity simulator in a realistic-looking setting in the Clayton State University School of Nursing’s Simulation Center.

Simulation has transformed nursing education because it provides experiential learning and a chance to practice critical thinking skills, as in a hospital setting, but in a safe environment. Students work in groups, often changing roles, to practice caring for “patients” with conditions they may not ever encounter as students in a hospital, including uncommon but potentially life-threatening problems such as shock or hemorrhage.

The Clayton State nursing faculty is skilled in providing simulated experiences and providing multi-layered scenarios that meet sound educational goals to provide the best possible clinical nursing education.

The Clayton State University Simulation Center, located on the first floor of the Harry S. Downs Center, has several medium fidelity simulators, as well as three adult, an adolescent, and an infant simulator, plus Noelle, a pregnant female who actually delivers a baby. The Center’s latest acquisition is SimManTM 3G, a fully wireless simulator, who even can “sweat” on command. Students care for patient simulators which replicate human functions such as blood pressure, pulse, breath sounds, and bowel sounds, and can even “talk” live with the use of an audio system.

Action in the Simulation Center can be stopped for teaching, and a video of the entire simulation recorded for debriefing, an essential component of simulation as students can critique their own work, ask questions, and allow the instructor to discuss best practices. Often students debrief each other, pointing out gaps and errors, and congratulating good decisions by their teammates.

Students can practice many skills at once in simulation, such as therapeutic conversations, medication administration, and dressing changes. Experiences are planned by the faculty to meet course objectives and promote key concepts such as communication, safety, teamwork, and leadership to prepare future expert nurses.

Having enough hospital experience to “think like a nurse,” and be confident upon graduation, is a concern of most nursing students. The Simulation Center provides a way to practice on patients without ever harming them, to “do over” when results were not what were expected, and to could practice critical thinking and patient care skills.

As a result, high-fidelity simulation is changing nursing education in a radical way, by allowing the student to drive his/her educational experiences in a safe environment, one that does not pose the risks and hazards of an actual hospital environment. High-fidelity simulation has opened a frontier in experiential learning for the practice disciplines such as medicine and nursing because students can practice on “patients” without harm. Simulation is conducted in a realistic environment to foster the transfer of skill acquisition to the clinical environment.

Simulation is used to teach students how to manage basic patient care which becomes progressively more complex as students move through the program. Simulation mannikins are moulaged to have the sights, sounds, and smells of real situations, such as bloody bowel movements, stab wounds, or vomit. In their capstone experience, students practice managing patients with complex problems such as cardiac arrest in preparation for patient care on graduation.

Starting more than five years ago, Clayton State was one of the first schools of nursing in Georgia to use the cutting-edge technology and state-of-the-art equipment, and is still one of the few with a complete simulation lab. Simulation is integrated into the nursing program in clinical courses so that students have advantages of both actual patient care and simulation, and support of nurse educators.

Simulated environments include real hospital equipment, including IV pumps and foley catheters. There are functioning oxygen gauges and suction, and a crash cart for codes. The School of Nursing also partners with the Clayton State College of
Information on Clayton State’s Emergency Weather Procedures

The following is information about how Clayton State University handles disseminating information during weather emergencies.

During emergency weather situations, information about Clayton State’s plans will also be available on the University’s web page (www.clayton.edu), through emails sent directly to all faculty, staff and students, on the University Relations Facebook and Twitter accounts, and through the University’s main telephone number (678) 466-4000. In addition, the four major Atlanta network television stations (ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox), All-News 106.7 WYAY-FM and WSB-AM (750) radio will also be notified for their school closing announcements.

Clayton State’s "Stay Safe" weather policy is as follows…

"At times of bad weather or other emergencies, University officials make decisions on whether or not to close the campus based on public safety reports and other considerations. In such cases, the safety and security of the majority of students is a prime consideration. If the University is closed, then classes are cancelled for all students."

"If the institution remains open, we recognize that there may be special circumstances that pertain to individual student that are more serious than those that apply to the majority. So, students are advised to use their best judgment about their safety and that of their families in those situations, and to consult with individual faculty members about making up lost time."

“University closure also applies to all University faculty and staff except those designated by their supervisors as essential personnel. If the institution remains open, staff should consult with their supervisor and make them aware of any individual circumstances that may exist that prevents them from reporting to duty.”

The opening/closing policy for Clayton State – Fayette and the Academy for Advanced Studies in McDonough is as follows… basically, the rule will be, if the main campus is closed, Clayton State – Fayette will be closed and Clayton State classes in McDonough will not be held.

Also, if the Henry County schools are closed, Clayton State classes in McDonough will not be held. If Clayton State is open during inclement weather, the status of Clayton State – Fayette will be determined independently.

When in doubt, check the Clayton State website for details.

Women’s Forum Scholarship Applications Due Feb. 15

Clayton State Women’s Forum is accepting applications for the organization’s annual scholarship awards. Applications are due by Feb. 15. For more information visit http://www.clayton.edu/womens-forum/scholarships or contact Dr. Angelyn Hayes. The Women’s Forum Scholarship Committee considers applications for the General Student Scholarship and for the Staff Member Professional Development Scholarship.

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Ellick praises Deckner, associate professor and coordinator of the Master of Science in Psychology program, for her “guidance, assistance, encouragement, and patience” throughout construction and research of her thesis and proposal.

“I am grateful for the direction she provides and the genuine care she exhibits for me academically, professionally, and personally. I truly appreciate her,” says Ellick.

Langley is also appreciative of Deckner’s assistance and comments that she and the other, “Applied Developmental Psychology faculty have been very helpful with the formulation and execution of this project.”

The honor of having their proposals accepted by SEPA, and being awarded the opportunity of presenting their research to decorated members of the psychological field, will be sure to open doors says Ellick, as she continues her education at the Ph.D. level.

“I am confident that I will complete this endeavor because of the foundation, education and experience I am gaining here at Clayton State University,” she states.

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Arts and Sciences, using theater major students who practice improvisation techniques as patients, family members, or physicians with a goal of having the simulated environment as real as possible.

Simulation allows students to practice not only psychomotor skills such as listening to heart tones or taking a blood pressure, but thinking skills. Because the environment is so real, students learn to cope with distractions, prioritize actions, perform under pressure. Students often talk about the mannikin as if it were alive!
The Inauguration: At First Glance

by Atawanna Royal, Department of Campus Life

On Nov. 9, 2008, I stood in line to cast my vote at a local polling station in Clayton County. I was seven months pregnant and I stood in line for seven hours, which to me was a small price to pay to carry out my civic duty and be a part of history. Unable to travel to the Presidential Inauguration per my doctor’s orders in 2009, I swore that if I had the opportunity in 2013, I would seize it. That is exactly what my family, friends, and others did.

The winter chill in the air was unlike the airs felt here in Georgia once we arrive in Washington D.C., but it was no match for the adrenaline and anxiety I felt as I couldn’t wait to be in the multitude of those ready to witness the swearing in of our 44th President, Barack Obama.

There were vendors selling everything from t-shirts and mugs to buttons and plaques displaying our President’s picture along with various patriotic sayings. As we navigated down the crowded streets, walking almost penguin-like due to the massive crowd, you could feel the excitement in the air as we begin to get closer and closer to the inauguration viewing site. From where we were standing, there were large jumbo-trons lining the side of a massive field of the National Mall. Even as far back as we were standing, and over the sea of hundreds of thousands of people ahead of us, we could still see the reds, whites, and blues that so elegantly decorated the inauguration site at the capital. Among the sea of people showing their patriotic spirit with “Obama gear” on, were loud cheers and thunderous applauds as the jumbo-trons showed the entry of various national officials.

When President Obama stepped forward to be sworn in, the silence that swept over the crowd was almost eerie. As he delivered his inauguration speech, everyone was hanging on to his every word. There were rounds of applause when the President spoke of a decade of war ending and an economic recovery beginning, and the openness and diversity of our country, and equality.

Many people may say that they could get the same experience as we did by watching the Inauguration right here at home or anywhere else and, yes, I agree that watching this historical event is special from any location. But the sense of civility, the sense of pride, and the sense of unity felt during this moment couldn’t have been felt any stronger anywhere else then amongst the hundreds of thousands standing in the winter airs at our nation’s capital.
Spring 2013 Visiting Writer’s Reading Series Opens with Young Adult Fiction Author Terra McVoy

Clayton State University’s popular Visiting Writer’s Reading Series is returning for another semester under the direction of Associate Professor of English Dr. Brigitte Byrd. The first reader of the spring semester will be young adult fiction author Terra Elan McVoy, who will be appearing on Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m., in room L-200 of the Clayton State Library.

McVoy has held a variety of jobs centered around reading and writing, from managing an independent children’s bookstore, to teaching writing classes, and even answering fan mail for Captain Underpants. She lives and works in the same Atlanta neighborhood where her young adult novels After the Kiss, Being Friends with Boys, and Pure are set. She is also the author of The Summer of Firsts and Lasts and Criminal (forthcoming May 2013). To learn more, visit TerraElan.com and follow her on Twitter at @TerraMcVoy.

As is the case with all of the Visiting Writer’s Reading Series, the event is free and open to the public, and will last for about an hour, with a 20-minute reading followed by a Q&A and book signing.

Leon Prieto Co-Authors Editorial in “Diverse: Issues in Higher Education”

Dr. Leon Prieto, assistant professor of Management in the College of Business at Clayton State University, recently co-authored an editorial column for the “Last Word” section of “Diverse: Issues in Higher Education” magazine.

Prieto, writing along with Macon State College Assistant Professor of Management Dr. Simone Phipps, had the column “Battle of the Sexes: Why do men outnumber women in Entrepreneurship?” published in the Jan. 3 issue, appearing on-line at http://mydigimag.rrd.com/publication/?i=140845&p=24.

Based on a 2009 study by the Center for Women’s Business Research, Prieto and Phipps list three main reasons why men outnumber women in entrepreneurship; women had significantly fewer entrepreneurial intentions than men, women perceive themselves to be significantly less creative than men perceive themselves, and fewer non-traditional undergraduate students were women.

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As an added bonus, the race will also include admission to come-one, come-all Annual Alumni Breakfast, which starts at 9:30 a.m., and runs to 11 a.m., also at the Harry S. Downs Center.

One of our featured events for this year’s Homecoming is the return of the Homecoming Parade, starting promptly at 11 a.m. The parade will start at the Morrow Municipal Complex (Morrow City Hall) and proceed northbound on Hwy 54/Jonesboro Road, turning right on Clayton State Boulevard, and ending on campus in parking lots C & D. It is the Homecoming Committee’s hope that this will be an event that the campus and local community can participate in and be proud to support.

Student organizations and campus departments are encouraged to enter a unit in the parade. You may build a float, decorate a truck/car, walk with a banner or any other expression of creativity and originality you can think of — the choice is yours! Please do not hesitate to contact Natasha Hutson via email at NatashaHutson@clayton.edu should you have questions or need additional information, or check out the Homecoming web page at www.clayton.edu/homecoming.

The parade will be followed by the Tailgate/Homecoming Festival, which will run from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., in the parking lot of the Student Activities Center. That’s a warm-up for a couple of high-level basketball games, which are scheduled for 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. In the first game, the Clayton State women, the 2011 NCAA Division II national champions and currently ranked fourth in the nation, will take on Montevallo. In the second game, the 2012 NCAA Division II runner-up Montevallo men will take on the Lakers in a 5:30 p.m. start. The men’s game will include the crowning of the Homecoming king and queen at halftime.

Also on Saturday, starting at 8 p.m., the Clayton State Alumni Association will hold an Alumni Social at PinStrikes in Stockbridge, Ga.
Campus Life Preparing for Alternative Spring Break

With the spring semester now underway, Clayton State University’s Department of Campus Life is preparing for the Alternative Spring Break, which will run during the week of Mar. 2.

Alternative Spring Break is an opportunity for Clayton State students to engage in community-based service projects during the University’s designated Spring Break. The program was developed to an understanding and appreciation of the issues people of various communities encounter daily. Students return from the experience with a deeper understanding of volunteerism, community service and activism to help create change. This year, students have the opportunity to choose between two service sites focusing on two different social issues.

**Memphis, Tennessee – Service Focus: Water Protection and Conservation**
Volunteers will traverse the Mississippi River both on foot and in boats while working with the Living Lands & Waters crew and other alternative break college students to remove debris (tires, appliances, barrels, etc.) that is polluting our rivers and impairing the habitat of indigenous fish, birds, and wildlife. To learn more about Living Lands and Waters visit http://www.livinglandsandwaters.org/.

**Biloxi, Mississippi – Service Focus: Early Childhood Education**
Volunteers will be working with Head Start and Early Head Start centers in the Biloxi area providing direct service to pre-school children and support for the overall program. For additional information about Community Collaborations International visit www.communitycollaboration.org.

**Study Abroad Sign Ups: Deadline is Feb. 1**

Time is running out for students to sign up for 2013 Maymester and summer semester study abroad programs. The deadline for sign-ups is Feb. 1.

Director of International Programs John Parkerson and Assistant Director Cele Blair are available to visit classes, upon request, in order to provide a short, 10 minute information sessions about available programs. Parkerson and Blair can provide general overviews of all programs, or they can tailor the presentation to attract students from particular disciplines (e.g., speak to Biology students about the Tropical Ecology course in Costa Rica).

Students should consider the applicable deadlines in making their decisions: most important, many students may need to sign up for the programs and make deposits while they still have available financial aid.

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Through Clayton State’s participation in USG consortia (European and Asia Councils), there are also summer semester programs to Scotland (Maymester); London; Waterford, Ireland; Madrid; St. Petersburg, Russia; Berlin; Paris; China and Korea.

For additional information, please consult the Office of International Programs website http://www.clayton.edu/international-programs/home, or contact Parkerson or Blair.

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status as a Veteran Friendly Campus,” Hayes adds. “Ms. Lake brings a strong background in serving active military and veterans along with a positive attitude about providing services and enhancing the VCR.”

Lake holds a Bachelor of Science in Communications Studies from the University of Maryland, and a Masters in Human Relations from the University of Oklahoma. Immediately prior to coming to Clayton State, she served as communication specialist for the Dorchester School District Two in Summerville, S.C. Prior to that, she served in operations for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Tacoma, Wash., RAF Mildenhall in the United Kingdom, and Lajes Field on Portugal’s Azores Islands. She also served as an Office Automation Assistant for the 65th Civil Engineer Squadron at Lajes Field.

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care about the students, but, more importantly, I want them to care about others and themselves.”

Deis currently lives in Newnan, Ga., with his wife, Sandra, and her mother, Estelle, who is 106.

Deis encourages all individuals interested in the College of Business and its programs to get in touch. Such individuals are welcome to send him an e-mail at MichaelDeis@clayton.edu.
Academic Research Conference
March 15, 2013

Learn about research from all departments on campus presented by our exceptional students.

Poster Presentations
12:00 – 2:00 PM
University Center

Oral Presentations
2:00 – 4:00 PM
Lecture Hall

All students are welcome to apply.

www.clayton.edu/ARC2013
The Clayton State University Department of Recreation & Wellness is proud to host the Aerobics and Fitness Association of America’s (AFAA) semi-annual APEX event in the University’s Student Activities Center from Feb. 8 to Feb. 10, 2013.

During APEX, AFAA, the world’s largest fitness and TeleFitness® educator, offers certifications and workshops in multiple cities for the special price of only $99 per day, per program. The training is targeted to primary group exercise instructor and kickboxing instructors seeking certification for the first time, or renewing a certification.

The primary group exercise instructor certifications will take place on Friday, Feb. 8, and Sunday, Feb. 10, 2013, while the kickboxing instructor certification will take place on Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013.

Registration is currently available on AFAA’s website http://www.afaa.com by clicking on the APEX link and searching the Atlanta area.

For more information, please visit AFAA.com or contact Williamson at (678) 466-4975 or email lisawilliamson@clayton.edu.
Clayton State Captures Three Wins, School Record, NCAA Provisional Mark at Winston-Salem Meet

by Gid Rowell, Athletic Department

The Clayton State women’s and men’s track and field teams returned to action on Sunday, Jan. 20, in the Winston-Salem State Open and posted three event wins, a school record and a NCAA Division II Indoor Championships provisional mark at the meet in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Freshman Jessica Matthews led the squad improving her school record in the triple jump by three inches and her standing on the NCAA Division II provisional list. Her jump of 38-feet 7-1/2 inches won the meet, her first win in a collegiate competition.

Clayton State’s distance medley relay team of senior Paige Galvin, junior Gisele Javois, junior Sam Walling and sophomore Racquel Valadez won with a time of 13:00.14, which ranks 10th on the NCAA Division II performance list this season. Galvin also came back and placed third in the 3,000m run with a time of 10:37.92, just .12 seconds off her school record in the event.

Senior Monique Belmudes and freshman Taylor Galvin placed second and fourth, respectively in the mile with times of 5:34.08 and 5:40.21. Valadez finished fifth in the 3,000m with a time of 10:54.49.

On the men’s side, senior Ayrton Azcue had the best effort. He led the distance medley relay team to a third place finish by setting a blistering pace of 3:06 for the 1200m leg and came back later in the meet to win the mile run with a time of 4:17.48 and just missed the NCAA provisional time for the event by a quarter of a second.

Along with Azcue, senior Shelby Russell, junior Charles Anderson and freshman Job Kemboi ran on the relay team that finished with an overall time of 10:37.93, which is the 10th fastest in NCAA Division II so far this year.

Clayton State’s 4x400m relay team of sophomore Dinero Nicholas, Russell, Anderson and junior Wilson Louima placed second with a time of 3:31.84. Anderson placed fifth in the 800m run with a time of 2:00.68.

Clayton State vs. Aiken, cont’d. from p. 15

“Kayla is one of best players in the country. It is a shame that someone got hurt in a game like that.”

With the win, the Lakers improved to 14-0 overall and 7-0 in the conference.

Clayton State senior sensation Griggs once again led the attack, scoring 20 points to go along with nine boards. She also had five assists and three steals in the game. Behind Griggs’ 20 points, Pryce and Jackson each had nine points. Jackson also finished with six rebounds, three blocks and three steals. Center Shannon Smith finished with seven rebounds.

For USC Aiken, guard Daniela Tarailo finished with 12 points, followed by Harris with 11 points. Forward Porscha Martin chipped in 10 points and had a game high 15 rebounds.

Wednesday, February 13, 2013
CARE & Majors Fair
10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
and
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
University Center Main Street

Trivia Time

“Hang Jeff Davis from a Sour Apple Tree”

by John Shiffert, University Relations

While Andy Jackson, had he lived until the outbreak of the Civil War, might have wanted to turn that little ditty (sung to the tune of “John Brown’s Song”) into reality, in reality it was another southern leader that Old Hickory wished he’d hung while he was president.

While that may seem a little extreme, Jackson’s own vice president, John C. Calhoun, did commit treason while he was vice president, in a little matter called the Nullification Crisis. Jackson, a man of few inhibitions, indeed regretted late in his life that he hadn’t had Calhoun hung. The correct respondents to this death bed wish of Old Hickory were: Lou Brackett, Rob Taylor (who still insists that Zachary Taylor was his great uncle), Jill Ellington, Elizabeth Zaharopoulos, Brett Reichert, David Ludley and Scott McElroy.

Such an action by Jackson wouldn’t have prevented the Civil War, nor would it have prevented the embarrassing circumstances when Jeff Davis wasn’t hung, but was captured by Union troops while he was hiding out in Georgia’s Irwin County. What was so embarrassing about Davis’ capture, other than the fact that, as he was being hauled off to prison, he was serenaded with “hang Jeff Davis from a sour apple tree?”

In the next issue of Campus Review, we’ll review the 2012 season of Trivia Time and name the winner of the 2012 Tom Eddins Virtual Trivia Trophy.
Fourth-Ranked Clayton State Defeats Third-Ranked USC Aiken 56-50

by Gid Rowell, Athletic Department

It was a match-up between the third- and fourth-ranked women’s teams in NCAA Division II, and the game lived up to all the billing… and more.

The 4th-ranked Clayton State Lakers won the battle between the two undefeated teams from the Peach Belt Conference, pulling out the victory in the final minutes of a tight game at USC Aiken’s Convocation Center.

With the game tied at 50 apiece and under a minute to play, the Lakers scored six straight points and held the Pacers scoreless on its last three possessions to pull out the win.

Center Shacamra Jackson gave the Lakers a two-point lead, 52-50, on a driving layup, off a pass from guard Drameka Griggs. After a USC Aiken miss, Clayton State guard Kayla Pryce hit another driving shot in the paint off another assist by Griggs to give the team a 4-point lead with 25 seconds remaining.

A Clayton State foul on the ensuing possession led to two misses at the free throw line by the Pacers, but USC Aiken got the rebound only to misfire from 3-point territory. After a Pacer foul, Griggs drained two free throws to seal the victory 56-50.

“The game lived up to all the hype,” said head coach Dennis Cox. “It was a matchup of two good teams, and two really good defensive clubs. We showed a lot of toughness in a real physical game. Aiken is a great team, and in a game like that, it really is a shame that someone had to lose. Both teams played their hearts out.”

The Lakers defense, which ranks among the nation’s best shined again, especially in the second half. The Lakers held the Pacers to 26 percent (14-of-54) from the floor for the game, and only four baskets in the second half (4-of-29). USC Aiken kept the game close, hitting 16-of-24 free throws in the period.

The game was tight throughout the second half, as the lead changed hands six times and was tied on six different occasions.

USC Aiken raced out to an 11-2 lead to open the game only to have the Lakers battle back. Clayton State took its first lead, 18-16, on a layup in transition by Griggs with 8:27 remaining in the first period. The Lakers pushed its lead to six points, but USC Aiken closed the half with a 6-0 run to knot the score at 25 at intermission.

Commenting on a second half injury (a torn ACL and MCL) by USC Aiken standout forward Kayla Harris, Cox said,

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The senior began with a 20-point effort as the Lakers downed previously unbeaten and third-ranked USC Aiken on the road, adding nine rebounds, five assists and three steals. She then poured in a career-high 32 points, three off the Clayton State record, with seven rebounds in a win over Francis Marion on Monday.

Griggs joined Clayton State’s 1,000-point club in the process and sits at 1,045 for her career, 8th on the school’s all-time list. For the week, she added 3.7 assists and 3.7 steals per game. She is second in the PBC in scoring, third in field goal percentage, second in steals and leads the league in free throw percentage. She also ranks among the NCAA Division II leaders in all three categories.

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