Clayton State University President Dr. Thomas J. Hynes, and Dean of the College of Business Dr. Alphonso Ogbuehi, are two of the top 100 leaders in education in the Atlanta area, according to the Atlanta Business Chronicle (ABC).

As part of the ABC’s annual “Who’s Who in Education” issue, both Hynes and Ogbuehi are featured as local leaders in education. The two Clayton State educators/administrators are in good company among the 100 leaders thus profiled. As the Business Chronicle notes in its introduction to the special insert, “Each year we offer a look at some of the top leaders in the education field – from those vested with government responsibility for our education system to the leaders of public and private primary and secondary schools, and the heads of our top universities and colleges. Within this section you will find names and faces of key leaders of metro Atlanta and Georgia educational institutions and programs.”

The ABC Who’s Who highlights Hynes’ Clayton State career from his appointment by the University System Georgia as interim president on May 18, 2009. Among the highlights noted are the University’s comprehensive strategic plan, its ranking in the first tier of regional colleges by U.S. News & World Report, and its encomium from James magazine (a “treasure of a Georgia university”). Also noted is the doubling of the University’s on-campus residential housing, a record enrollment, and the establishment of growing partnerships with the Clayton, Henry and Fayette public schools.

Clayton State receives USG funding for strategic institutional priorities

by John Shiffert, University Relations

How do you close an 18 percent gap between the numbers of Georgians who currently have some type of college degree and what the state’s workforce will need in 2020? That is the challenge facing Georgia, its colleges and universities. It’s a challenge being addressed through the state’s Complete College Georgia Initiative.

Ongoing work by Georgia’s public colleges and universities to close this gap will get a boost in the upcoming year with $72.5 million in new funds. Gov. Nathan Deal and the General Assembly fully funded the University System’s enrollment formula, and as a result, all 35 institutions will receive new funding to strengthen programs serving the system’s almost 320,000 students.

At Clayton State University, a total of $636,200 in funding will be used to address Clayton State key institutional priorities and support the college completion efforts of Clayton State students.

Included in these funds are: $473,200 for seven new faculty positions; $118,000 for three staff positions that will enhance student services, these include a Financial Aid counselor, an academic advisor, and a position in the Registrar’s Office; and $45,000 for a development officer.

In addition to these funds, Clayton State has also received $250,000 funding for the Complete College Georgia Plan. According to Clayton State Provost and
Clayton State Welcomes Athletic Director Carl McAloose

A new era for one of the most successful athletic programs in NCAA Division II began on Monday, June 4… the first day on the job for Clayton State University’s second Director of Athletics, Carl McAloose.

“I’m excited to be on campus,” he says. “We have a great opportunity to do something special and take our athletic program beyond even what it is already. I’m looking forward to building our program both athletically and academically. There’s no question we can do both, athletics and academics mesh at Clayton State.

"I would like to thank (Clayton State President) Dr. Tim Hynes for the great opportunity he has given me. (Clayton State’s first athletic director) Mason Barfield did a great job assembling a fantastic group of coaches, and I hope to continue to build upon his dream. And, I’d also like to thank all of Clayton State’s student/athletes for all of their efforts.”

“Carl brings to Clayton State a wealth of knowledge and experience both as an athletic director and as a conference commissioner,” says Hynes. “We anticipate that he will build on the foundations of an excellent program now, and only make it better-measured not only by continued athletic excellence, but by expanded student academic success, community engagement, and community support.”

McAloose most recently served as president and CEO of Athletics Staffing & Consulting, a consulting company that supports college and university athletic programs with feasibility studies, strategic planning, compliance reviews, NCAA membership initiatives and conference realignment proposals.

Prior to his role with Athletics Staffing & Consulting, he served as the director of athletics at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) in Fort Myers, Fla., from 2000 to 2008. As Barfield did at Clayton State, McAloose built the FGCU program from scratch, overseeing a program with 14 sports and an annual operating budget of $8 million.

A few of his more notable achievements at FGCU include: leading the program’s move to NCAA Division I and the A-Sun Conference in 2007, the fastest in NCAA history; overseeing the construction of the University’s $30 million athletic complex, which included multiple facilities; and

The Loch Shop’s Linda Campbell to Retire on June 30

“I am really looking forward to retirement. It is going to be fun.”

That’s what Linda Campbell, assistant manager of business operations for Clayton State University’s The Loch Shop, said in a recent interview on the subject of her pending (June 30, 2012) retirement.

Anyone who has had the opportunity to work with Campbell during her 16 years at Clayton State would agree, she’s earned the opportunity to take it easy. One of the best-known and best-liked staff members on campus, Campbell has been a constant at the University’s bookstore through several iterations of that entity, including four moves (between the Student Center and the James M. Baker University Center), three different locations, and a name change.

Indeed, Campbell says that her most memorable moment at Clayton State was last year’s renovation of The Loch Shop, and how wonderful the new facility looks.

While Campbell has been at Clayton State for 16 years, that’s less than half of her 38 years in the University System of Georgia. Prior to coming to Clayton State, she spent seven-and-half years at what is now Georgia Perimeter College, and fourteen-and-a-half years at Georgia State University. Not surprisingly, she has a lot of good memories, including the people, the campus and the transitions she’s witnessed.

“Watching Clayton State go from a junior college to a University,” she says when asked about the rewards of working at Clayton State. “(And) the campus is so beautiful.

“The students and faculty and staff are wonderful to work with, and has made my time here fly by. I have really enjoyed my time at Clayton State University. I will miss everyone.”

Following her retirement, Campbell says she is looking forward to spending time with her husband Ray and their horses, cats and dog.

“The Loch Shop has kept me busy the last couple of years, so I hope to get back to riding,” she adds. “I have really missed riding, now I will have time to do that.

“It has been wonderful working at Clayton State University. Good luck to everyone in the future! Keep Clayton State University great!”

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Day of Action Volunteers Needed for June 21

Ann Cramer, director for IBM Corporate Citizenship & Corporate Affairs for the Americas, and a commencement speaker at Clayton State’s May 2011 ceremony, has invited Clayton State faculty, staff and students to participate in the upcoming Day of Action on Thursday, June 21. This is a national strategic effort on the longest day of the year to advance the common good. More than 74,000 individuals participated nationwide last year.

Cramer, a past chair of the United Way Board of Directors, notes that, to celebrate United Way’s 125th anniversary in 2012, there have been created 125 volunteer opportunities in conjunction with the Day of Action. The activities range from a scheduled project at a local nonprofit, to something on your own for a neighbor or an activity at the office with your coworkers. A few of the options include:

• Create a home away from home by donating bedding for children receiving treatment
• Help your local library prepare for reading programs
• Paint line games in children’s centers
• Host a clothing drive at work & donate items to a local nonprofit

To see the full list of activities and register, please go to: http://unitedwayatlanta.org/dayofaction/.

Any Clayton State individuals or organizations planning to take part in the Day of Action should also contact the Office of University Relations, so that University Relations can maintain a record of the University’s participation in this event.

Kodály Teacher Training Workshops to Feature Leading Expert Dr. Jill Trinka

Spivey Hall Announces Major Teaching Training Workshops

Clayton State University’s world-famous Spivey Hall will once again be making a significant contribution to music education with its annual Kodály Teacher Training Workshops, to be held Monday, July 16 to Friday, July 20, in Spivey Hall.

The two workshops, one offering an introduction to Kodály, and the other a Kodály refresher, will be taught by one of America’s leading Kodály experts and a top clinician in the field -- Dr. Jill Trinka. The workshops are designed for music teachers and college students who are interested in teaching music students (and college students get a discount).

The Kodály Concept is a comprehensive, sequential program that integrates the best ideas, techniques, and approaches to music education universally proven to be successful. The program builds musicianship through the singing of folk songs, classical music, and other quality materials.

The cost for the “Intro to Kodály” workshop, which will run from July 16 to July 18, is $180 ($50 for currently enrolled college students). Workshop participants will learn the basics of Kodály-based music curriculum essentials for grades K-5, gaining valuable tools and techniques that can be put to use in the classroom. The workshop includes a wide range of music repertoire, engaging instructional activities, and excellent sequencing that will stimulate planning for the 2012/2013 school year.

The “Kodály Refresher” workshop, which will run from July 18 to July 20, is $180, and $50 for currently enrolled college students. Individuals already familiar with Kodály, can take this refresher course which will explore pedagogy and process in depth. Attendees will also learn to write meaningful lesson plans, create smooth transitions, and expand their knowledge of literature. The workshop is designed to re-inspire and teachers ready to start the new school year prepared and refreshed.

Interested individuals can register for both courses for only $350, with currently enrolled college students getting both workshops at a real deal – just $75.

For more information, call the Spivey Hall education Department at (678) 466-4481 or visit http://www.spiveyhall.org/professional-development-for-teachers/kodaly-teacher-training-workshop.
Across the Campus...

Alumni Association
The Clayton State Alumni Association will be sponsoring a "Monday Mixer" on Monday, June 18 at 6:30 p.m., at the Skyboxxx Restaurant and Bar in Morrow. TheMixers are casual, free from admission (you just pay for what you order), and without agenda. In other words, come enjoy yourself, bring a friend, relax and network with other alumni and friends of Clayton State. Skyboxxx Restaurant and Bar is located at 2180 Mt. Zion Pkwy., in Morrow (located next to Country Inn & Suites). To RSVP, please contact gidrowell@clayton.edu or call Gid at (678) 466-4477.

College of Business
Clayton State University welcomed the Pan African American Chamber of Commerce (PAACC) to the Clayton State campus on Thursday, June 7 for a panel discussion and networking event, “Doing Business in Africa; the Next Frontier.” “I was honored to be the keynote speaker for the PAACC earlier this year, during which I extended an invitation for them to consider our lovely campus as a venue for a future gathering,” notes Clayton State Dean of the College of Business Dr. Alphonso Ogbuehi. “I believe this event represents a further strengthening of the partnership between the College of Business and the PAACC.”

Continuing Education
"Things are so hot at CE they sent the Fire Department to check us out," says Richard Sinrich.

Dual Enrollment
Blake Traeger, a Starr’s Mill High School student and a Clayton State – Fayette dual enrollment student, has been awarded one of over 600 National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y) scholarships for 2012-2013. The NSLI-Y program is funded by the U.S. Department of State and provides merit-based scholar-ship for eligible high school students to learn less commonly-taught languages in summer and academic-year overseas immersion programs. The NSLI-Y scholarship enables Traeger to study Chinese in China for the summer. The scholarship covers all program costs for participants including domestic and international travel; tuition and related academic preparation; language testing; educational and cultural activities focused on language learning; orientations; meals; and accommodations, commonly with a host family.

External Relations
The Clayton County Rotary Club is on the lookout for speakers for its weekly meetings. If you’re interested in speaking to the Rotary Club (they’re interested in just about any topic), please contact John Shiffert or Gid Rowell (who is a member of the Clayton County Rotary.)

International Programs
John E. Parkerson, Jr., honorary consul of Hungary for the southeastern United States, president of World Trade Center Atlanta, and director of the Office of International Programs at Clayton State University, notes that the Georgia Council for International Visitors hosted four visiting Hungarians who are all leaders of Hungarian Human Rights Non-Governmental Organizations ("NGOs") on Tuesday, June 5, at World Trade Center Atlanta. The four guests came to the U.S. under the auspices of the U.S. Department of State’s International Visitor Leadership Program. Parkerson arranged for them to lead a small round-table discussion at the World Trade Center Atlanta on. The “Roma" in Hungary: Evolving Roles of Minorities and Meeting the Needs of Diverse Groups in a Pluralistic Society.

Visual & Performing Arts
The National Opera Association’s June 2012 Sacred in Opera Newsletter features an extensive article by Clayton State Director of Opera and Vocal Studies and Coordinator, Division of Music, Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller on the 2009 Clayton State Opera production, “Noye’s Fludde.” Also included in the newsletter is a profile of Zeller, who is a committee member of the National Opera Association’s The Sacred in Opera project.
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helping secure a $5 million gift, the largest cash contribution in the school’s 10-year history, for the construction of the school’s $20 million Alico Arena.

In addition to his success in building the FGCU program, several individual teams and many student-athletes were also successful on the playing field, in the classroom and active in the community during his tenure at the school.

The FGCU student-athlete grade point average was over 3.1 each semester and the department averaged more than 7,500 hours of community service each year. A total of 10 athletic squads advanced to the NCAA postseason in the school’s final year at the Division II level, which included two teams ranked number one in the country. Later, at the Division I level, seven FGCU teams won conference championships in the school’s first two years of competing at the NCAA’s highest membership level.

Along with his experience as an athletic director, McAloose also brings a wealth of experience in athletic conference administration. He served as the commissioner of the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Valley Conference from 1996 to 2000 after serving as the associate commissioner in the Big South Conference from 1992 to 1996. He also served in associate athletic director roles at both Coastal Carolina University and at West Chester State (Pa.) University.

He earned a master’s degree in Education with a concentration in Physical Education and Athletic Administration from Frostburg State University in 1988. He holds a bachelor’s degree in Physical Education from McDaniel College.

McAloose has three children: Krista, 19; Savannah, 16; and Hunter, 14. Krista McAloose is just starting her college career this month at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Co.

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Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Micheal Crafton, these funds will be used to hire a data analyst and to provide support for those bottleneck academic areas that tend to lengthen a students’ time to degree, notably Math and English. These efforts will come under the direction of Dr. Mark Daddona, associate vice president for Enrollment Management & Academic Success, whose office has already established a track record of success with the University’s First Year Advising & Retention Center (FYARC).

“Our Complete College Georgia Team is currently finalizing the Clayton State plan which will include a detailed budget developed to support the institution’s goals, objectives, and strategies,” says Daddona.

The seven academic positions which make up the heart of Clayton State’s institutional priorities as previously submitted to the USG include faculty lines in Health Care Management, Psychology, Chemistry, Interdisciplinary Studies, Social Sciences, and Archival Studies.

“We listed in our original statement of institutional priorities several faculty and staff positions that we considered critical to maintain and enhance our academic and student support mission,” explains Crafton. “Our requests for funding were based upon strategic needs and upon overwhelming demand on our resources.

Crafton notes that the University’s primary strategic priority in Academic Affairs is health education. At Clayton State, that includes Nursing, Dental Hygiene, Health Care Management, Psychology and the science courses and majors that feed those health care majors. As a result, two of the seven positions are assigned to Health Care Management, a program Crafton characterizes as “growing and ever burgeoning.”

Along these same lines, two other positions in this strategic area were assigned to Psychology and Chemistry.

“The Psychology position was demanded by exceptional enrollments, whereas the Chemistry position was not yet over-taxed by enrollment, but is needed to meet our strategic priorities,” he explains.

Two more positions were assigned to the new department of Interdisciplinary Studies and to the Teacher Education Program.

“These two likewise fit our strategic needs,” says Crafton. “The interdiscipli-nary department handled all of our adult education and degree completion objections and their enrollments are exception-al. The second position assigned to our teacher education program is likewise a strategic need and a growing part and soon to be a significant pillar of our academic programming.”

The archives position is based on the desire by the University, and by funding from both the state and federal government, to take advantage of Clayton State’s unique strategic geographical location adjacent to both the national and state archives; the only location in the country where a national and state archival facility are co-located. Clayton State’s growing Master of Archival Studies program is in need of a second faculty position in order to achieve its potential, adds Crafton.

In addition to the seven faculty positions, the USG funding also benefits staff support of various aspects of Clayton State’s strategic plan, including the University’s ability to seek additional funding on its own.

“The office of development has collaborated with various departments and divisions on campus to prioritize initiatives which advance the University’s strategic plan,” notes Director of Development Reda Rowell. “The addition of a development officer will enhance our ability to seek funding sources to fulfill those priorities.”

Trivia Time

The Winning Team
by John Shiffert, University Relations

Grover Cleveland Alexander, in addition to being named after president Grover Cleveland (the subject of the last Trivia Time question), was a tremendous major league pitcher, with 373 wins.

What wasn’t so tremendous was the film biopic about Alexander. “The Winning Team” was anything but a winner, both artistically and historically, and it’s generally considered one of the worst baseball movies of all-time (Quite an accomplishment, there have been a raft of bad baseball pix.) And yes, in keeping with the recent presidential theme of Trivia Time, “Alex” was played by none other than Ronald Reagan in this classic stinker. It may not have been “Bedtime for Bonzo” bad, but it was close.

Coming up with the correct answer were film and/or trivia buffs Kathy Garrison, Norman Grizzell, Jill Ellington, Bobby Hamil, Dotty Bumbalough, Scott McElroy, Rob Taylor, David Ludley and B.D. Stillion… some of whom actually admitted to having seen this turkey. (However, points will NOT be deducted for this admission.)

Having beaten the presidential theme into submission for now (and reserving the right to return to same as November draws nearer), Trivia Time presents the first-ever Trivia Time-themed question? Who was the very first Trivia Time champion?

At the (roughly) halfway point of the Trivia Time year, the race for the 2012 Tom Eddins Virtual Trivia Trophy looks like a three-way contest. Ellington leads with 30 points, followed by Taylor and Stillion, both with 22 points. The only other players in double figures are Garrison (14), McElroy (10) and Brett Reichert (10).
Clayton State Places Two on Capital One Division II Academic All-District for Cross Country/Track and Field

Recently selected as Capital One Division II Academic All-District from District 3 for men’s cross country and track and field were Clayton State’s Russell Lawless and Robert Spezzacatena. With these All-District selections, both Lawless and Spezzacatena are now eligible for Capital One Division II Academic All-American honors. This marks the first year that the Capital One Academic All-American program, which is run by CoSIDA, has split into separate divisions (Division I, II, III, NAIA and Junior College).

Lawless, a sophomore from Richmond Hills, Ga., was a USTFCCCA (United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches’ Association) Division II Outdoor All-Region selection in three events this season, becoming the first Laker to accomplish that feat. He was selected in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, the 1,500-meter run and the 800-meter run. It was the steeplechase where Lawless truly excelled, setting the school record with a time 9:41.94 at the Division II Southeast Regional.

In the classroom, Lawless has a cumulative 4.0 grade-point average, and was selected Peach Belt Conference All-Academic in men’s cross country this past season. In addition, he was also a Peach Belt Presidential Scholar recipient last season and has been selected to the Dean’s List at Clayton State.

Spezzacatena, a senior from North Bergen, N.J., lettered four seasons in track and field at Clayton State. He participated in a wide range of events from the distance runs to relays and the long jump. Academically, Spezzacatena graduated this month with a Business degree with a cumulative 3.90 GPA.

He was a two-time recipient of the Barfield Award, recognizing the top male scholar-athlete at Clayton State, and has been a three-time Peach Belt Presidential Scholar recipient. In addition, Spezzacatena was selected to the Dean’s List on multiple occasions during his time at Clayton State.

Clayton State University has finished third overall in the 2011/12 Peach Belt Conference Commissioner Cup standings, behind only Columbus State and Armstrong Atlantic. This marks the fourth time that Clayton State has finished in the Top Three in the Commissioner Cup standings. In addition, Clayton State has finished in the Top Five every year since 2006.

With 89 possible points, Clayton State accumulated 56 points for a rating of .629. Armstrong won the Cup at .750, followed by Columbus State at .721. Finishing behind Clayton State was USC Aiken (.607), Augusta State and UNC Pembroke (both .591), Georgia College (.544), Lander (.530), Flagler (.504), Montevallo (.483), Francis Marion (.468), North Georgia (.441) and Georgia Southwestern (.239).

Clayton State captured a regular season championship this season in women’s basketball. In addition, women’s cross country finished second, while men’s cross country placed third.

The Commissioner’s Cup is presented annually to the best overall athletic program in the league. The PBC Commissioner’s Cup is determined by calculating the number of points possible to each school, given the number of sports they participate in, divided by the number of points earned during the year.

Points are determined by placement in the final regular-season standings of each of the PBC’s 13 championship sports.