Clayton State Announces Plans to Start Athletic Hall of Fame

by Gid Rowell, Athletics

Clayton State recently kicked off 2013/14 athletic season, and it will be an extra special one in the history of Laker Athletics program, as it enters its 24th year of competition.

Athletic Director Carl McAloose has announced that Clayton State will start an Athletic Hall of Fame during the upcoming season with the first class of inductees planned for enshrinement in February of 2014.

“After speaking with many people associated with our program, we feel like it is time to start a Clayton State Athletics Hall of Fame,” says McAloose. “We’ve had hundreds of student-athletes along with many coaches, administrators and community members who have excelled at the highest levels, and we look forward to recognizing their achievements with such a lasting honor.”

Nominations for Hall of Fame inductees will be open to the public via the Clayton State Athletics website. Along with an online nomination, the site also includes the criteria for nomination and the selection process.

From the nominations, a Hall of Fame committee consisting of 12 members will select the inductees. The committee consists of athletic department administrators/coaches, university faculty/staff and community members.
Adams Asks Three Critical Questions in
New York Times Talk on “Stand Your Ground” Laws

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Local attorney and Clayton State University adjunct faculty member Herbert Adams recently had the opportunity to ask three critical questions of a group of Clayton State students.

Although Adams serves as an instructor of Criminal Justice for Clayton State, and he was certainly instructing students in a classroom, the occasion was an example of the University providing its students with opportunities for learning outside the classroom. Adams was facilitating a “New York Times Talk” on one of the most controversial social issues of the present day – so-called “Stand Your Ground” laws -- as part of the University’s Constitution Week events.

As part of his presentation, entitled, “Self-defense in Georgia: Lessons from the Zimmerman Trial,” Adams asked his audience to consider three critical questions about “Stand Your Ground” laws. In order, they were;

a. Do Stand Your Ground laws encourage or discourage violence?
b. Do they make our communities, especially communities of color, safer?
c. Should Georgia’s Stand Your Ground law be changed? If so, how?

During the course of the discussion on the Zimmerman Trial and Georgia’s version of the Florida Stand Your Ground law that that trial revolved around, Adams pointed out his goal was to, “define self-defense in Georgia with facts and knowledge.” In regards to the facts, Adams provided his audience with copies of Georgia’s self-defense (O.C.G.A. 16-3-21), use of force in defense of habitation (O.C.G.A. 16-3-23) and Stand Your Ground (O.C.G.A. 16-3-23.1) laws.

“We were talking about stand your ground laws generally, and in particular Georgia’s stand your ground law,” says Adams. “The George Zimmerman trial served as background for the discussion.”

Adams also provided some history about the genesis of stand your ground laws as a variation of self-defense, pointing out that such laws hark back to the ancient English legal doctrine known as the “Castle Doctrine,” which does indeed recognize that a (English)man’s home is his castle (O.C.G.A. 16-3-23 is an example of such a law) or, as Adams explained, “you have protection in the home you don’t have anywhere else.”

If indeed, to paraphrase a famous thought, “it takes a village to educate a child,” then the “village” was present at Clayton State University Sept. 18 at the Fourth Annual Constitution Week Debate.

Moderated by Clayton State Associate Professor of Political Science Dr. Joseph Corrado, “Constitutional Debate on Guns on College Campuses: Defensive or Offensive?” presented educational opportunities outside of the classroom for a diverse group of Clayton State students, and an audience that included 120 students from Rex Mill Middle School. Also making up the “village,” in addition to moderator Corrado, were Clayton State Professor of Education Dr. Mary Hollowell, several of her undergraduate education majors, and Clayton State Teacher Education graduate Cindi LeMon, who also happens to be a seventh grade social studies teacher at Rex Mill Middle, and who arranged, along with Hollowell, to have her students not only listen to, but take part in the debate.

"Debating an issue that relates to the Constitution that clearly affects college students is a great way to enable students to see the clear relevance of the U.S. Constitution in their lives,” notes Corrado, a nationally-recognized expert on gun control issues. “The Rex Mill Middle School students were able to witness a dynamic debate and ask relevant questions. Hopefully this will inspire them to follow political issues in the future.”

Although gun control is both a subject of much debate nationally, and, following the shootings at the Washington Navy Yard, a very current topic as well, Corrado’s point that the debate had a broader educational significance than the specific topic is well-taken.

“This is a good example for our students,” explains LeMon. “There were some good points made in the debate, but it’s also..."
Going Green with the Bio-Digestor: A Hidden Treasure at Clayton State

by Amanda Parham, University Relations

Visitors to Clayton State University, as well as students, faculty and staff, have undoubtedly noticed the different types of recycling receptacles around campus or the newly installed hydration stations at the water fountains. These are two examples of sustainability projects going on around Clayton State. However, there is a new sustainability project that many students and faculty are unaware of that demonstrates the campus’ continual efforts in “going green.”

The Bio-Digestor is the newest treasure within Clayton State, hidden in the kitchen of the Lakeside Dining Hall. This intriguing new device breaks down food waste that is collected from meals and food preparation throughout the day. After about 24 hours, the food waste is turned into an environmentally safe water effluent, referred to as grey water.

The Bio-Digestor is a stainless steel “mechanical stomach” that’s about four feet in length and more than three feet tall. The discarded food is introduced into the Bio-Digestor from a hatch at the top and is then evenly distributed in the machine. The Bio-Digestor usually process around 250 pounds of food waste a day. Once the food is distributed, tiny micro-organisms and enzymes react to the fats, starches, fibers, and proteins in the food waste and break them down into a liquid form. After about 24 hours in the Bio-Digestor, the food waste is completely broken down and all that remains is the eco-friendly grey water.

Clayton State cook Terry Sargent “feeds” the Bio-Digestor

Refill Your Own Water Bottles for Free Sustainability Made Real at Clayton State Hydration Stations

by Sarah Boyd, University Relations

While some schools still have the traditional water fountains for their students, Clayton State University has provided its students with very convenient, eco-friendly hydration stations. These stations not only provide filtered water that tastes great, but they also provide touch-less, sanitary operation for easy use; just place the bottle in front of the sensor and watch as it fills up your bottle with water that is like no other.

Clayton State students and avid water consumers want to get the most for their buck. They definitely don’t want to spend $1.50 on water five times a week. These stations not only reduce spending on water bottles, but also reduce the amount of bottles saved from landfills, as users are able to see from the green tickers provided on the stations.

“I like the new stations; I have used them about 20 times and have saved a bunch of money. The water tastes more refreshing than regular tap water,” says Darrain Frye, a Clayton State student.

As an effort to “go-green,” Clayton State has placed these stations in 12 different locations around campus to make it accessible for every student, faculty and staff member.

“We put one on the first floor of the UC just as a trial and they were a big hit. People were coming from other buildings to fill up their bottles everyday,” says Carolina Amero, AVP of Auxiliary and Administrative Services.

Big hit is right! The green ticker on that particular station has saved of more than 18,330 water bottles. Other stations around campus have saved more than 32,000 just in the month that they have been on campus.

“Actually, I really think they fit well into our sustainability efforts as we are trying to make our campus more eco-friendly and not waste so many bottles each month,” says Amero. She has received an enormous amount of positive feedback from these stations and is excited they are doing so well.

So before going out and buying a new bottle of water every day, think about visiting one of these convenient hydration stations and become a part of making Clayton State University more “green” and less wasteful.

Water fountains locations:
- Facilities Management hallway
- Athletics & Fitness (2)
- Clayton Hall – 2nd floor
- Library-1st floor
- Arts & Sciences – 2nd floor
- University Center-1st and 2nd floor
- Natural & Behavioral Sciences – main lobby
- Lecture Hall
- Student Activities Center – 1st floor
- Student Center-2nd floor

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From Michael Jackson and “Thriller” to Sir Paul McCartney to Spielberg, Lucas, Coppola and John Landis

Producer and Recording Engineer Matt Forger to Lecture at Clayton State

by John Shiffert, University Relations

One of the hallmarks of a Clayton State University education is experiential learning -- the opportunity to further one’s education, and the learning process, outside the classroom.

Clayton State’s Student Activities Center will be just such a site on Thursday, Nov. 7, when the Clayton Media & Entertainment Association (CMEA) hosts a special guest lecture by producer and recording engineer Matt Forger.

While the term “special” tends to be overused, Clayton State Assistant Professor of Music Dr. Shawn Young says that this is one occasion that fits. After all, it is rare that students (and that includes high school students, students from other colleges and anyone else who wants to attend) get a chance to hear from someone who has worked with... Sir Paul McCartney, Michael Jackson, Donna Summer, Patti Austin, Missing Persons, Michael McDonald, James Ingram, Siedah Garrett, Quincy Jones, Steven Spielberg, John Landis, George Lucas, Francis Ford Coppola, Giorgio Moroder, Larry John McNally, George Duke, Patrick O’Hearn, Gilberto Gil, Simon Lynge, Rod Temperton, Bruce Swedien and more than a few other giants in the recording and film industries.

Forger will be lecturing from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Student Activities Center (SAC). As noted, his presentation is free and open to the public. However, the ballroom only seats about 650, so it might be a good idea to come early.

Steven Gillenwater, division senior vice president of Comcast Cable visited the Clayton State campus Oct. 2 to serve as a guest lecturer in Dr. Leon Prieto’s "Management Principles and Organizational Behavior" class. Gillenwater spoke to the students about the importance of career planning, self-assessments, personal branding and having an elevator speech. The title of his presentation was "Navigating Your Career: What's Next?"

"I had the honor of attending the presentation delivered by Mr. Steven C. Gillenwater, senior vice president of Human Resources for Comcast. He discussed several topics including his background, keys to success in career advancement, and the importance of attending college," says Latasha Oliver, president of Clayton State’s Society of Human Resource Management chapter (SHRM) and a graduate of Dodge County High School in Eastman, Ga. “I personally learned that exploring options outside of my comfort zone, being open to relocation, performing self-assessments periodically, and having your own personal board of directors are all essential elements that can help me advance in my career.

“I thoroughly enjoyed the presentation and appreciated all of the valuable information he presented."

As senior vice president of Human Resources at Comcast, Gillenwater is responsible for all people-related functions including compensation and benefits, diversity, employee relations, labor relations, employee communications, HR policy, performance management, talent acquisition, and talent management. He has been a part of the Central Division since August 2005, when he joined as regional vice president of human resources for the Mid-South Region.

An HR professional for more than 20 years, Gillenwater joined Comcast in 2000. Prior to that, he was the director of...
In June of 2013, Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller was awarded a Martha Wood Faculty Development Grant in the amount of $1000 to support his presentation and attendance at the Eighth International Congress of Voice Teachers (ICVT), held July 10 to July 14, 2013 in Brisbane, Australia.

The ICVT is a triennial event that is the most significant international gathering of professional educators in the field of voice and singing and was, on this occasion, being held for the first time in Australia, as well as only the second time ever in the Southern Hemisphere. Zeller’s proposal for a presentation entitled “You Can’t Get There from Here: Avoiding Dead-End Results with Better (Body) Maps” had been selected by the program committee to be the first presentation on Body Mapping in the voice studio ever to be given in Australia.

The ICVT drew approximately 500 participants from 28 nations.

“I attended master classes in both classical and commercial singing styles given by international experts, including international opera star Håkan Hagegård, Swedish contemporary commercial singing coach Daniel Zanger Borch, American Broadway coach Mary Saunders Barton, and the renowned pop music ensemble Take 6,” says Zeller. “I was inspired by plenary presentations on the psychology of music pedagogy, given by Gary McPherson, the director of the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music and on the physics of vocal resonance, given by Dr. Ingo Titze, the director of the National Center for Voice and Speech in Salt Lake City.

“And I attended several dozen presentations given by voice professionals from four continents, learning about topics as disparate as the vocal demands and singing styles of Japanese Noh drama and the efforts of other university teachers to incorporate objective assessment measures into applied music teaching.”

Zeller particularly wanted to capitalize upon the location of this particular ICVT to learn all he could about vocal literature by Australian composers and about curricular and instructional practices in the music training programs in Australian higher education.

“One went to a number of sessions given by faculty at Australian tertiary music programs, including the Australian National University in Canberra, the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music, and the Queensland Conservatorium of Music, and I enjoyed many lively informal conversations and exchanges with other pedagogues from all around Australia and New Zealand,” he reports. “My own presentation was very successful and well received; in fact, the moderator had to turn away people who still wanted to get in, as the legal capacity of lecture hall had been exceeded!”

As it turns out, Zeller’s book, “What Every Singer Needs to Know about the Body,” is already known in voice pedagogy circles in Australia and New Zealand and he was able to cultivate what should be useful contacts for further development of Body Mapping in the Southern Hemisphere.

“Not only did the Martha Wood Faculty Development Grant assist me in attending and presenting at this very prestigious international conference in my field, the support provided by the grant was really the only reason I was able to arrange to extend my stay in Australia and sample a wide range of the musical culture of the continent,” says Zeller. “I attended public performances by Opera Queensland in Brisbane (Rossini’s La Cenerentola) and by the Australian Opera at the famous Opera House in Sydney (Puccini’s Tosca) and through the efforts of a new acquaintance found myself invited as a ‘visiting opera director from Atlanta’ to attend a non-public final dress rehearsal of Donizetti’s Don Pasquale, also at Australian Opera in Sydney. Collectively, these three productions by three different directors gave me significant insight into staging practices in the Australian opera industry.

“I returned home with new understandings in studio practice, the psychology of pedagogy, and other insights that I believe will inform my applied voice teaching, as well as knowledge of new repertoire options that will expand the horizons of our students. I also return to Georgia with a new network of acquaintances and colleagues across the world who may prove to be helpful resources for me or my Clayton State students. For all those experiences, I thank the Wood family and the selection committee for the 2013 Martha Wood Faculty Development Grant.”
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Athletics

After falling behind 2-0 Wednesday, the Clayton State women’s soccer team battled back for three unanswered goals to pull out a 3-2 overtime victory against Montevallo in Peach Belt Conference action in Montevallo, Ala. Clayton State freshman Denisha Paskell scored the game winner in the 96th minute, her Peach Belt Conference leading 10th goal of the season. The score came off an assist from Jahmela Williams. The Clayton State men’s soccer team captured its second Peach Belt Conference victory of the season Wednesday, blanking Montevallo 2-0, also on the road. The Lakers scored two goals late in the match to pull out the victory. The first one came on a goal by forward Alhagi Toure off a penalty kick in the 77th minute of the match, his Peach Belt leading eighth of the season. The Lakers got some insurance five minutes later as Niko GaziBara scored off an assist from Samuel Barnsley to give the squad a two goal advantage.

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Shooting its best score of the three-round tournament last Tuesday, the Clayton State men’s golf team shot a team round of 294 to place ninth in the AFLAC/Cougir Invitational played at the Country Club of Columbus and hosted by Columbus State University. The Lakers finished with a three-round total of 886 in the competitive 18-team field that featured five teams ranked 15th in the nation or better. The Lakers were led by sophomore Keith Egan, tying for 12th place, firing a 3-over par score of 216 on the par-71, 6,515-yard course.

Auxiliary Services

Do you have worn-out athletic shoes lying around? If so, you can donate them for recycling so they can have new life as a tennis court, a playground, or a basketball court. The GoGreen student organization at Clayton State University has placed a collection bin outside the LakerCard Center on the first floor of the James M. Baker University Center for used athletic shoe donations between Oct. 1 and Oct. 31. GoGreen will accept any athletic shoes and any brand, but only athletics shoes – nothing with metal, no sandals or flip-flops, no cleats or dress shoes, and no wet or damp shoes.

College of Business

An article Dr. Leon Prieto co-authored entitled “Creativity, Innovation and Survival: How to Build a Culture of Creativity and Refine Innovative Ideas Among Individuals and Groups” was published last month in Business Excellence, a leading business magazine headquartered in the United Kingdom that has a global reach: http://www.bus-ex.com/article/creativity-innovation-and-survival.

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The College of Business’ Jim Wood Speaker Series has a new angle for October… featuring a panel of recent Clayton State business alumni, who will be sharing their experiences with the audience. Jeffery Martin (Spend Analyst, Procurement, Rock-Tenn), Marcia Greer (Revenue Management - Domestic Inventory, Senior Analyst, Delta Air Lines, Inc.), Sunny Hylton (Commercial Energy Efficiency Program Manager, Georgia Power), Dominique A. Grant, NCMA (Director of Clinical Operations, Caduceus Occupational Medicine) and Martin Sanz (Accounting & Administrative Specialist, Griffin-Spalding Airport) will be speaking from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in room UC272 of the James M. Baker University Center. As is the case with the entire Wood Series, this presentation is free and open to the public.

Enrollment Management

Enrollment Management is planning its second degree completion event to attract prospective students in our service area who have earned college credit, but have not yet earned a degree. Of the 24 people who attended the pilot event in July, four are currently enrolled, and seven are scheduled to attend in the spring. The next event is Tuesday, Oct. 29, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in room 101 of the Downs Center. Please contact Dianna Alsip at DiannaAlsip@clayton.edu or ext. 5020 by Friday, October 18th, if you would like to participate and also indicate if you would like one or two tables.

Health & Fitness Management

Dr. Melanie Poudevigne reports that Health & Fitness Management had 30 seniors at Turner Field in September -- volunteers for the Kaiser Permanente corporate walk/run. The students were there as part of her health and fitness management (HFMG 4110) capstone course that includes mandatory volunteering activities during senior year to boost resumes. The event is one of the largest of its type in the city every year.

History

Clayton State history professor Dr. Adam Tate, a 1994 alumnus of Franciscan University in Steubenville, Oh., was recently honored at Franciscan’s 25th Annual Alumni Awards Banquet as the recipient of the Dr. John J. Carrigg Award for education.

Philosophy

Philosophy adjunct faculty member Austin Dickson, was recently named to Georgia Trend magazine’s “40 Under 40” list. The Executive Director of Literacy Action, Dickson is a Critical Thinking instructor at Clayton State, with a practical bent. “Someone who can think critically and logically has the most transferable of all skill sets,” he says.

Public Safety

Annual Campus Security and Fire report as required by the U.S. Department of Education is now available from the Department of Public Safety. This publication is prepared every fall and includes various campus policies and safety information, as well as the current and previous three years of reportable criminal and disciplinary statistics for specific criminal activity on campus property, non-campus property, and adjacent public property as defined by the federal requirements. A copy of the report will also be posted on the Public Safety website at www.clayton.edu/publicsafety and copies may also be obtained by request to the Department of Public Safety.

SBDC

SBDC’s October Starting a Business class is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 25, from 9 a.m. to noon at Clayton State — Fayette. Interested parties can register at the link
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below or contact Heather Chaney for the Clayton State discount code. http://www.georgiasbdc.org/subpage.aspx?page_name=view_classes&city=Morro w&searchMonths=6. The cost for this workshop is $69 per person. Current Clayton State students and staff get a 50 percent discount. In addition, individuals who buy one at $69 get a 50 percent discount for each additional person who registers with them. All registrations must be made at the same time in order to receive this discount. This discount cannot be combined or used with any other discount or coupon.

School of Nursing
The 2014 Clayton State University School of Nursing Faculty Scholar, Dr. Peggy O. Hewlett, was on campus on Thursday, Oct. 3 and Friday, Oct. 4 for a reception and dialogue (Thursday) and a presentation and Q&A (Friday). The subject of her visit was “IOM and the Future of Nursing: The Work of State Coalitions.” This event is funded by Clayton State’s HRSA Grant # D09HP22614.

Student Veterans
Clayton State University’s Student Veterans Association is calling for all staff, faculty and students who serve or have served in the Armed Forces to provide brief biographies and pictures to display in the University Center on Veterans Day. Please provide a photo (electronic submission preferred) and information to Dennis Brown, SVA vice president. E-mail: dbrown55@student.clayton.edu or drop items by the Veterans Resource Center, Edgewater Hall, Ste. 115 (next to the Loch Shop). The deadline is Nov. 5.

The Loch Shop
What’s on your mind when it comes to course materials and which technology devices you own? Tell The Loch Shop and have the chance to win cash prizes of up to $1000! Everything you have to say — the good, the bad, the indifferent — helps us serve you better. Go to www.student-watch.org to complete the survey, which will be open from Oct. 21 to Nov. 1. “Thanks for sharing what’s on your mind,” says Loch Shop Manager Todd Smith. Student Watch surveys are conducted by OnCampus Research and report student data in the aggregate. No individual data is ever released. As the data is collected no identifiers, including name, address, or e-mail are attached to the data. No respondent of Student Watch surveys will be personally identified as a respondent without permission. When a contest is offered as an incentive, the names are stored separately from the survey data, and winners are contacted individually.

University Health Services
University Health Services at Clayton State University is now offering intradermal flu shots to Clayton State students, faculty, staff and the general public. For those prospective recipients with a dislike of hypodermic needles, it is worth noting that the intradermal flu vaccine is a shot that is injected into the skin instead of the muscle. As a result, the intradermal shot uses a much smaller needle than the regular flu shot. Flu shots will be available without an appointment at University Health Services, located on the second floor of Edgewater Hall, Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The cost is $15 for students, and $20 for everyone else.

Visiting Writers Reading Series
For this semester, the Visiting Writer’s Reading Series is trying something new… a large event featuring Janisse Ray. The event is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 14, and will include a lecture/presentation at 2:10 p.m. in room UC 416 of the Baker Center and a poetry reading at 5:30 p.m. in room UC 272 of the Baker Center. Writer, naturalist and activist Ray is author of four books of literary nonfiction and a collection of nature poetry. She is on the faculty of Chatham University’s low-residency MFA program and is a Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow. She holds an MFA from the University of Montana, and in 2007 was awarded an honorary doctorate from Unity College in Maine.

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human resources for Wesley Industries, Inc., in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., a tier one automotive supplier and Warren/Conner Development Coalition in Detroit, where he led the human resources and administration functions for a large community based non-profit located in a former Enterprise Zone.

He has held several senior leadership positions in three different divisions of Comcast. In his former role for the Southern Division, he was responsible for field operations, employee relations and labor relations, including negotiating collective bargaining agreements. He has held similar positions in the former Midwest and Mid Atlantic Divisions, as well as Regional HR Lead positions.

Gillenwater holds a Master’s Degree in organizational management from the University of Phoenix and a Bachelor of Science Degree in communications from Western Michigan University, where he was a scholarship athlete. He is a certified Senior Professional in Human Resources.

In addition to Prieto’s class members and the Clayton State SHRM Chapter, Director of Development Thomas Giffin, Career Services’ Ryan Whitfield, and Sanford Dennis of the College of Business also attended Gillenwater’s presentation.
Clayton State Women’s Forum Announces Annual Auction, Chili Cook-off, Quilt Raffle

The Clayton State Women’s Forum will be holding its Annual Auction, Chili Cook-off and Quilt Raffle on Thursday, Nov. 7.

The organization’s mission is to sustain a Women’s Forum Scholarship Fund in support of assisting students with general and emergency resources to aid in their successful completion of academic studies. Proceeds from all events go to the Scholarship Fund.

There are several ways to get involved:
- Donate items for the Auction
- Shop the Auction
- Prepare a pot of chili for the Chili Cook-Off
- Join us at the Chili Cook-Off

- Purchase Quilt Raffle tickets

For more information:
http://www.clayton.edu/womens-forum/onlineauction
http://www.clayton.edu/womens-forum/chilicookoff
http://www.clayton.edu/womens-forum/quiltraffle

Online Auction bidding will commence at 10 a.m. on Nov. 4. Donated items will be displayed on Main Street in the University Center on Nov. 7, beginning at 10 a.m. Auction bidding will close at 1:30 p.m.

For Auction donations, contact: Maurica John (678) 466-4078 or Krystal Houston (678) 466-4188.

The Chili Cook-Off is scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (or until the chili runs out) in the University Center Commons. For Chili Cook-off participation, contact: Jill Sears (678) 466-4705 or Amber Bradberry (678) 466-4605.

The Quilt Raffle drawing will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Nov. 7.

Faculty, staff, students, retirees, and community members collaborate for this event which has become an annual campus tradition.

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Clayton State University is serving as the presenting sponsor for the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce’s Eighth Annual Showcase Clayton Business & Community Expo.

The Expo, also known as “Showcase Clayton” will be held on Thursday, Oct. 17, from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the First Baptist Church of Jonesboro’s Recreation Outreach Center, 148 Church St., Jonesboro. A total of 68 exhibitors are currently signed up for Showcase Clayton, and an attendance in excess of 650 is expected for this free event.

While serving as the presenting sponsor for one of Clayton County’s highest-profile annual events, Clayton State is also providing student volunteers for the Expo through the University’s AmeriCorps program.

In addition to providing an opportunity for businesses to exhibit their products and services, Showcase Clayton is also an opportunity to network with the community and business leaders. And, it’s a family-friendly event that includes special entertainment just for children, food, door prizes provided by the exhibitors and festivities.

Expo activities will include, in addition to the exhibitors; secret booth scavenger hunt, a restaurant row featuring free food samples, promotion opportunities and new resources, free massages, prize drawings every hour, a 50/50 cash raffle, free health screenings, and children’s activities including face painting, balloon art and identification finger printing.

For more information, go to the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce website: http://www.claytonchamber.org, or contact Jessica Kinard, chamber events manager, at (678) 610-4021.

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The deadline for nominations will be Monday, Nov. 4. Plans are for the first Hall of Fame Class to be announced in January of 2014 and to be recognized at Homecoming festivities, scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 15, 2014.

For on nomination and selection criteria, visit http://www.claytonstatesports.com/HallofFame/Criteria.

To nominate a candidate online, visit http://www.claytonstatesports.com/HallofFame/nominationform.
Women's Forum
Clayton State University

Mark your calendars for the

Women's Forum
Auction, Quilt Raffle, & Chili Cook-Off

Donate Items
- If you would like to donate auction items, complete the online Donation Form: http://fpforms.clayton.edu/womens-forum/OnlineAuction/donations.aspx
- Contact a member of the Auction Team for pick-up or drop-off
- Donation deadline October 28 for bidding items – minimum bid of $21 or more

Online Auction – November 4-7
- Online bidding begins November 4
- Items on Display November 7 – 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. – Main Street in the University Center

Quilt Raffle
- Beautiful Quilt – Handmade by Lou Brackett
- Raffle tickets available October 15
- Drawing will be held at 1:30 p.m. on November 7 at the close of the Auction

Chili-Cook Off – November 7
- A flavorful and tasty tradition!
- Prize given for best in each category: Judges' Choice and People's Choice
- Chili will be served November 7 – 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or until the chili runs out
- To donate a pot of chili, click here: http://www.clayton.edu/womens-forum/chilicookoff

Join Women’s Forum
- Basic Membership Dues are only $5
- Any additional amount above the basic fee is applied to the Scholarship Fund
- Visit www.clayton.edu/womensforum to complete a membership form
New Science Building: With Construction Comes Some Disruption

by Bobby Hamil, Chief of Police

Construction of the new science building on campus will begin on or about Nov. 8, 2013. The site of the construction will be the areas currently occupied by the faculty/staff parking lot (across from the LAB) and parking lot F. However, part of parking lot F will be restored after completion of the construction.

Here is a summary of the major impacts and changes to campus parking lots and roadways during the construction:

Parking lot impacts…

A section of parking lot D will be designated for faculty/staff parking only to accommodate for those parking spaces affected by the construction.

Roadway impacts…

• Caldwell Drive will be closed from public use for incoming traffic just past the first entrance to parking lot D (across from Arts and Sciences Building). Traffic will be detoured through lot D at that point.
• Caldwell Drive will also be closed from public use for outgoing traffic from the G and H lots. All traffic to and from lots G and H must use Snelling Drive.

We apologize in advance for any inconvenience caused by the construction of the science building, but with any new development, some disruption is unavoidable. However, we always try to minimize the impact on daily life as much as possible.
“As an educator I am committed to offering students a glimpse into the entertainment industry,” says Young. “What better way than to connect them with the person who has worked with some of the biggest names in show business? Given Georgia’s emerging position in film, music, and gaming, Clayton State University is uniquely positioned to prepare students for a field that promises to outlive many other industries.”

Clayton State students, especially music majors and the officers of the CMEA student organization, are already excited about this experiential learning opportunity.

“There are a lot of locally-famous people in the music industry around here,” explains sophomore music major Ryan Stegall of Jonesboro, who is already doing music management in his spare time. “I would love to get experience from someone who’s above locally-famous. (This is) monumental to me.”

Evonee Mitchell, a Berkmar High School graduate from Gwinnett County, is a sophomore Music Performance major (on the viola) who also plans to teach music. She also has a lot of friends who are interested in the music industry but, as she puts it, “don’t know where to get information” about the industry. As a result, Mitchell will be in the SAC Nov. 7, and encourages everyone who does want to hear first-hand about the music industry to also be in attendance.

Jonesboro’s Avys Burroughs is a performer, a jazz saxophonist who is part of the Clayton State Jazz Ensemble. He’s trying to broaden his view of the music world.

“To be successful, you have to understand each little piece of the music world,” he says. “This is how I can better prepare myself for that world.”

Educated at Syracuse University and SUNY College at Buffalo, Forger began his involvement in the music business by mixing live sound for rock bands in the northeast.

Shortly after moving to Los Angeles, he secured a staff position at Westlake Studios, where he met and worked with producers Giorgio Moroder, Keith Forsey, Harold Faltermeyer and George Duke. Later he teamed up with producer Quincy Jones, songwriter/arranger Rod Temperton and engineer Bruce Swedien, working on albums by Lena Horne, Donna Summer, James Ingram, in addition to Michael Jackson’s famed “Thriller.” He also worked on The E.T. Storybook Album with Jones and Steven Spielberg, and the Thriller Video with John Landis.

Forger recorded and mixed the Captain Eo attraction for Disney, produced by George Lucas and directed by Francis Ford Coppola. He continued his association with Jackson on the albums “Bad,” “Dangerous,” “History” and “Blood On The Dancefloor.”

His production contributions also reach across the globe for artists like Japanese pop superstar Yumi (Yuming) Matsutoya. In 1984 he was first asked to bring a new sound and production techniques to her recordings. Overall, he has worked on 15 albums as recording engineer, mixer and co-producer, 14 of which entered the Billboard chart at #1… a pretty decent track record.

Forger’s current involvement with up-and-coming talent and independent artists has helped bring production expertise to a number of singer/songwriters and alternative bands, including songwriters Larry John McNally, Barry Keenan and Greenland artist Simon Lynge.
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on computer gaming. “I also learned about how to be effective in the classroom. Although teachers make it look easy, it’s not that easy.”

Conner Lewis (Locust Grove), a Clayton State computer major who volunteered to give a student session on Lego robotics, also learned something.

“The hands-on aspect opens a lot of doors for the future,” he explains. “It helps me learn what I want to do as a computer science major.”

Clayton State Assistant Professor of Mathematics Dr. Scott Bailey understands the benefits Clayton State students receive from working with the middle schoolers.

“If they can explain it (to the Rex Mill students), then they can get a better feel for what they are learning, and they understand a little more of what they’re getting out of their education,” he said while taking a break from presiding over the computer gaming session. “If a lot more of our students could participate in this type of program, it will make their education real for them, and they’ll understand they’re getting an education by doing this.”

The Rex Mill students were both entertained and instructed with sessions on computer gaming, Lego robotics and inexpensive computing with Raspberry Pi. Meanwhile, their parents had a chance to learn in their own sessions with Roberts (“Building a College-Bound Culture”), Clayton State Director of Financial Aid Pat Barton (“Financial Aid Planning”), Recruitment and Admissions Counselor Fatima Bey Stallworth (“Planning for College Admission”) and Continuing Education’s Tresha Miller (“Lifelong Learning at Clayton State”).

“One of the things that Clayton State students, the $40 Raspberry Pi computer, and the Lego Robotics program that Rex Mill will be participating in at Clayton State early next year.

“When I heard what we would be doing, I was really interested,” said seventh grader Raja’nae Jeffcoat.

“I wanted to learn more about computers and math,” added eighth grader James McDaniel. Considering that the University for Parents and Students is designed to foster a “college-bound” culture, his teacher, Clayton State graduate LeMon, was pleased to hear that he already has his future planned.

“I’ve already made plans,” he said when asked what he thought of this college experience. “I want to be an engineer and design computers and software.”

Although McDaniel has his plans laid out, Hynes, in welcoming the visitors to Clayton State, stressed the overall importance of getting the students and their parents on to a college campus.

“It’s helpful to get rid of some of the fears and mystery of college,” he said.

“The College of Information and Mathematical Science’s partnership with the middle schools targets students and families in Clayton County by promoting the importance and benefits of college and career readiness, providing educational resources for teachers, students, and families, and fostering a ‘college bound’ culture in the communities served by Clayton State,” notes Roberts, who also welcomed Lovejoy Middle School Principal April Madden as an observer to the day’s events. “The University for Parents and Students is designed to move us closer to achieving these goals for the benefit of the children and families in the community. We help make dreams real.”

“I believe that the ongoing exposure to the campus culture makes college participation more accessible and success at college much more likely.” says Murner. “CCPS’s Principals’ Partners Program paired me with Dr. Lila Roberts, who is an advocate for empowering students and teachers of secondary education. It occurred to me that if we could somehow get our kids and their families to Clayton State University for an event, that the idea of postsecondary education would become just a little bit less intimidating for many of them. If they can see Clayton State as more connected to K-12 education, if they are able to perceive open doors there, then perhaps that idea of a family-friendly university might take hold.

“We’re trying to show them where they want to go, and give them a road map to get there. It’s the power of place; we’re showing them that college is not such a strange place.”

Murner also noted the importance of the parents’ role in the day.

“In addition, we want to offer as much support as we can for parents to begin thinking about pathways for colleges and careers for their kids,” she explains. “Our vision is to see these students and families become excited towards college and career engagement, especially in 21st Century fields of work.”

As both Clayton State president, and a first-in-his-family college graduate, Hynes was able to tell the parents and students the “secret” of learning and becoming excited about college.

“Thanks for being here, I think you’ll learn a lot,” he said in his opening remarks. “Don’t be afraid to ask questions. It’s the way you get learning done. You’ll find on a university campus that we like questions.”
Clayton State Schedules
Second Degree Completion Event

On Tuesday, Oct. 29, the Clayton State Office of Enrollment Management & Academic Success will hold its second Degree Completion Event, designed to attract prospective students in the Clayton State service area who have earned college credit, but have not yet earned a degree. The Degree Completion Event will run continuously from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., in room 101 of the Harry S. Downs Center. Interested individuals can drop in at any time between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., without needing a reservation, to learn more about degree completion.

According to Dr. Mark Daddona, associate vice president of Enrollment Management & Academic Success, the July 2013 pilot event attracted 24 people, four of whom are currently enrolled at Clayton State, with seven scheduled to follow them in the spring 2014 semester.

“We feel this is a good start to reaching out to this population,” he says of the first Degree Completion Event.

Indeed, Clayton State is uniquely qualified to reach the estimated million plus Georgians who have some college credit, but no degree, a remarkable statistic that Governor Nathan Deal noted in creating the Complete College Georgia initiative in 2012.

While everyone agrees that it is important to the state, to the economy, and to the individual that these million plus Georgians earn their college degrees, very few think that returning to college after the passage of a number of years is an easy path to take. That’s where Clayton State comes into the picture. Serving these “non-traditional” students (defined as individuals who graduated high school more than five years ago) has long been a hallmark of Clayton State. For the past 18 years, the average age of the Clayton State student body has never been less than 26 years old.

And while statistics do tell a story of Clayton State’s focus on older students, they don’t tell the entire story; nor do they tell the most important part of the story. That comes from Clayton State’s equally-long-standing tradition as a supportive community for students; for its student-centeredness. Whether it’s helping non-traditional students get back up to speed in algebra, holding a large number of night-time classes to serve working students, providing a significant number of on-line classes (something Clayton State has done since the late 1990s), or the many and diverse efforts and tutoring programs of the University’s Center for Academic Success, support for students (of all ages) has long been one of the University’s primary attributes.

Perhaps Dr. Donna McCarty, chair of the Psychology Department, and a Clayton State faculty member since 1978, says it best.

“We are highlighting something that has been here from the beginning,” she says in explaining the support provided to the students. “It is the spirit of this university, a place of genuine humanity, where I can always find someone willing to help a student.”

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The Bio-Digestor is proving to be beneficial to the Clayton State campus in several ways. First, it’s helping to alleviate the dining staffs’ work load through the amount of trash that’s collected from the kitchen and from the time-consuming trek of carrying the trash all the way up to the James M. Baker Center’s second floor loading dock. Second, it’s decreasing the amount of food waste at the dumpster and keeping odors and pests at bay. In addition with the decreased amount of food waste, hopefully the frequency of trash pickups will be reduced, potentially saving the University money. Thirdly, the Bio-Digestor is decreasing the carbon footprint of the University.

Another potential benefit, although not in effect at Clayton State quite yet, is the idea of recycling the grey water collected from the Bio-Digestor and using it towards irrigating the landscape or filling the lakes on the campus.

So, whose idea was it to advocate for a greener alternative in food waste? It was Carolina Amero, assistant vice president of Auxiliary and Administrative Services and the organization advisor for the Clayton State Go Green Student Organization. Amero saw the Bio-Digestor at a trade show a few years back and learned from a few other Georgia colleges how the Bio-Digestor has benefited their campuses. She then proposed the idea at Clayton State.

“It’s inexpensive, clean, safe, and easy to use and that it is just another step in sustainability,” she says.

The fall 2013 semester is the first semester that the Bio-Digestor has been active in helping to reduce food waste on campus and hopefully by the end of the semester Amero says the University will be able to eliminate close to 20,000 pounds of food waste.
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important that nobody called anybody ‘stupid’ and we also didn’t hear anyone say, ‘in my opinion.’ Referencing a higher authority gives more weight to your argument. This is a good debate model for our students. This is invaluable.

“We take our mission of getting our students college- and career-ready very seriously. This gives them an eye for the prize.”

The Clayton State students providing that good model for the Rex Mill students were a diverse group of three political science majors, a sociology major, an economic major and even a computer networking major, Ashley Catron. A non-traditional student from McDonough, Catron is both an IT person and an honored author whose November 2012 essay for English 1102, “The Fallacy of Gun Control in America,” won the College of Arts and Sciences’ Sharon Sellers prize last year, and argues that, “Personal firearms are the most affordable and effective means for the common citizen to resist tyranny in whatever form it may present itself.”

Another non-traditional student taking part on the “pro-gun” side of the debate was Damian Loback, a junior political science major from Newnan who served 10 years in the U.S. Army, including two tours of duty in Iraq. Loback took part in the debate because, “it’s important to put out correct information. Both sides skew the information.”

Although another political science major, Riverdale High School graduate Krysten Long, took the opposite side of the debate from Loback, her concerns were similar.

“I am partaking in this event because, in light of the recent talks over guns and guns violence, there has been more ambiguous information presented rather than clear facts,” she says. It is important that a dialogue is opened that sheds light and facts about guns and gun violence that will not be overshadowed by fear.”

Long also recognizes the value that events such as this bring to a Clayton State education, in terms similar to those used by LeMon is expressing the value to her middle school students.

“These sorts of events bring value to a Clayton State education by causing its students to open their minds, think outside of the box, and learn from and not merely tolerate differing opinions,” she points out. “This event’s educational value lies in open debate. It is from debate that our perspectives can be broadened and perhaps, our opinions changed. By hearing another’s stance we are better prepared for a world laden with disagreement and are taught to dissect and evaluate the significance of opposing arguments.”

Joining Long on the “anti-gun” side of the debate were junior sociology major Ivan Dowdell, (Riverdale) and Kendra Wilson, a political science major from Olympia, Wash., who says that she took part to, “get a better perspective of the roles of guns on campus.”

Adding more diversity to the student debaters was junior economics major Zakery Daniel, a native of Hampton who is also running for a spot on the Hampton City Council in the forthcoming November election. It should thus come as no surprise that Daniel is interested in public policy and constitutional rights, including interpretations of the Second Amendment, which, he points out, had its genesis in English law as far back as the 12th Century.

Following the debate, the Rex Mill students proved they not only had been prepped by LeMon, a 2007 Clayton State graduate in her sixth year teaching social studies at Rex Mil Middle, but that they had prepared some good questions on their own for the debaters, including inquiries about the uses of guns and how each side of the debate might handle hypothetical active shooter situations on campus.
2013 Faculty/Staff Fund Drive Hot Dog Rally and snapshots of fund drive participants
Boroson Jumps 43 places in Heritage Health Prize Competition

by Samantha Watson, University Relations

On Apr. 4, 2011, Assistant Professor of Physics Dr. Bram Boroson began solo participation in a two-year competition held by Heritage Provider Network in California entitled the Heritage Health Prize. In April of this year, Boroson was notified that he had placed 82nd out of 1659 teams. Now he stands at 39th place after a large number of participants were disqualified for cheating.

“It was an unexpected boost, jumping 43 places. I haven’t really won anything but bragging rights, but I’d like to share some of my contest experiences with students at Clayton State sometime,” states Boroson.

On the Heritage Health Prize competition site it was declared that non-compliance with the competition rules sparked an update of the competition leaderboard, which eliminated a hefty amount of participants. The site also alluded that those who had not followed the rules for the first competition would not be allowed to participate in the second.

“The cheaters used extra feedback from the preliminary rankings to try to improve. It was like looking up the answers in the back of the book, but that didn’t help their methods solve other problems,” comments Boroson.

When asked if he would participate in the second contest, Boroson admitted that he is, “a little split! There is the lure of the prize and having already put effort into learning the techniques. On the other hand, I wonder if insurance companies could become too intrusive if they use too much information.” ■

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“My goal was to bring out the opinions of the Clayton State community, and to help the community understand the issues,” says Adams of his intent for the Constitution Week presentation. “As is the case with the Second Amendment, it is important to know what the law actually says and how it is applied before determining whether it needs to be changed.”

Clayton State junior Political Science major Donna Harley, a resident of Riverdale, was one of the participants in the New York Times Talk who learned something about Stand Your Ground and who subsequently felt, in conjunction with Adams’ third question, that Georgia’s law should be changed.

“I think (Georgia’s law) encourages violence,” she says. “I think it gives people a false sense of bravado, a false sense they wouldn’t have otherwise. It’s not a deterrent, it provides a loophole.

“I’d like (Georgia’s Stand Your Ground law) taken away, given what’s already in place with the self-defense and castle laws.”

Adams also points out that, if individuals feel “stand your ground” laws should be changed, there’s a way to do it.

“Who sets the laws?” he asked of his audience. “The legislators. Who elects the legislators? You do. If you don’t like a law, vote to change it.

“If you’re going to replace a law, though, be careful what you’re replacing it with.” ■

Trivia Time

“The Persecution and Assassination of Jean-Paul Marat as Performed by the Inmates of the Asylum of Charenton Under the Direction of the Marquis de Sade”

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Now if that mouthful isn’t worth a bonus… nothing is.

In case you haven’t been following the plot line, the last question asked how Jean-Paul Marat met his untimely end. As everyone surely knows, the renowned Jacobin was stabbed to death in his bathtub by one Charlotte Corday. Well, maybe everyone doesn’t know that, but Rob Taylor, Kurt-Alexander Zeller, David Ludley, Lou Brackett and Jill Ellington certainly recall one of the oddest assassinations in history. And, in case you were wondering, Marat was in the bathtub because he needed to soak in medicinal fluids for hours at a time due to a skin condition, “he had contracted while hiding out in the sewers of Paris during the French Revolution.”

This last piece of information comes from Professor Ludley, who also becomes the first person in Trivia Time history to garner 10 Bonus Points at one fell swoop. Though not a history professor, Ludley notes that, “every year I have taught my (art) students about the painting entitled The Death of Marat by Jacques Louis David and his subsequent demise at the hands of Mme. Corday. That was good for five points.

Back to our headline… “The Persecution and Assassination of Jean-Paul Marat as Performed by the Inmates of the Asylum of Charenton Under the Direction of the Marquis de Sade” is, among other things, the longest movie title in captivity. Better known as “Marat/Sade,” this bizarre affair is not be missed by either aficionados of the outré, budding film critics, or high school English students (namely yours truly, many years ago.) Yes, Ludley knew about Marat/Sade (and even the fact that the executioner picked up Corday head and slapped it after the guillotine), which is surely good for another five points.

Let us also throw a sabot into the works for Zeller and Ellington, who also recalled Marat/Sade, although neither was impressed with the work, Ellington pointing out that it’s not historically accurate and Zeller labeling it “dreadful.” In both cases, good for five Bonus Points.

And speaking of revolutions and assassinations… just what all did it take to put the quietus on Rasputin? Send your answers, not to Anastasia, but to johnshiffert@clayton.edu. ■
Clayton State’s Paskell and Collins Named AstroTurf PBC Players of the Week

by Gid Rowell, Athletics

Last week two Laker women’s soccer players were recognized by the Peach Belt Conference office for their fine play.

Clayton State forward Denisha Paskell and defender Saidhbh Collins were named the AstroTurf PBC Player of the Week and AstroTurf PBC Defender of the Week, respectively.

Paskell scored three goals in the Lakers' two wins over North Greenville and UNC Pembroke. She began by scoring the golden goal five minutes into the first overtime period on the road at North Greenville. She followed that up by scoring the first and third goals of Clayton State's 4-0 win over UNC Pembroke, the Braves' first conference loss of the year.

A freshman from McDonough, Ga., Paskell leads the PBC with nine goals scored this season and also leads the league with 18 points.

Collins, a sophomore from Dublin, guided the Laker defense to a pair of wins last week, giving up just one goal in 184 minutes. Clayton State held North Greenville to six shots, three on goal, with one score in a 2-1 overtime win. She also added an assist on the Lakers' first goal.

Collins followed that up with Clayton State's fourth shutout in a 4-0 win over UNC Pembroke. The Lakers held the Braves to four shots on goal. Collins leads the PBC with six assists on the year and Clayton State is fourth in the PBC with a 1.17 goals allowed average.

Clayton State Battles Georgia College to 1-1 Tie

The Clayton State women’s soccer team battled Georgia College to a 1-1 double overtime tie Saturday in Peach Belt Conference action at Laker Field.

Trailing 1-0 in the second half, the Lakers leveled the match in the 75th minute at one apiece on a goal by Jahmela Williams, her second of the season. After a ball from Jency Ramirez, Williams quickly turned and fired a shot from 20 yards out that ricocheted off the post and into the back of the net.

Clayton State outshot Georgia 8-2 in the second half and several chances but were unable to find the net for the game-winning goal. For the match, the Lakers allowed only one shot on goal, which was a score in first half.

Georgia College jumped out to a quick lead 28 minutes into play as Ashley Veilleux scored on a header off a corner kick. Abby Dalton served the ball in the box and was credited with the assist on the play.

With the tie, Clayton State stands at 6-3-2 overall and 3-0-1 in Peach Belt play. Georgia College’s record is 4-5-1 and 1-3-1 in league play. The Lakers will return to action on Wednesday, traveling to face Armstrong in a 3:30 p.m. Peach Belt Conference match in Savannah, GA.

The Lakers finished with a 16-7 advantage in shots and a 6-2 edge in corner kicks.