

Secretary of State Cathy Cox to Speak at Clayton State Alumni Association Annual Meeting

One of the State of Georgia's most notable public figures, Secretary of State Cathy Cox, will be the keynote speaker at the 2004 Annual Meeting and Dinner of the Clayton College & State University Alumni Association. This year's Annual Meeting theme is, "Your Legacy Starts Here."

The meeting will be held on Thursday, Apr. 22 in the University's Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education. A 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Reception in the Downs' Center's Spivey Board Room will be followed by a buffet dinner at 7 p.m. in the Downs' Center Atrium.

Cox is no stranger to the Clayton State campus, having given the University's December 2002 Commencement address, and having been a major supporter of the establishment of the Georgia State Archives adjacent to the campus.

The other highlight to the Annual Meeting will be the presentation of the Outstanding Alumni Awards for the University's schools, and the overall Outstanding Alumni Award.

Although Clayton State is best known for serving the residents of the Southern Crescent, the University's alumni are currently spread out over more than 100 of Georgia's 158 counties. The top 10 counties represented among the University's 10,000 identified alumni are; Clayton (2210), Henry (1995), Fayette (1077), DeKalb (588), Fulton (572), Coweta (565), Gwinnett (294), Rockdale (259), Cobb (244), and Spalding (192). Other counties in the Top 25 among Clayton State alumni include; Newton (148), Douglas (116), Butts (99), Pike (79), Cherokee (50), Hall (42), Paulding (38), Forsyth (37), Walton (35), Lamar (32), Carroll (33), Chatham (22), Upson (18), Jasper (17) and Meriwether (15).



Georgia Secretary of State Cathy Cox, speaking at the December 2002 Clayton State Commencement.

For more information on or reservations for the Annual Meeting of the Clayton State Alumni Association, call (770) 961-3580. ■

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A Tale Of Two Chillers (Part I)

by Greg Adams, Plant Operations

1968. Lisa Marie Presley is born. Dwight Eisenhower gets a hole-in-one. "Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" wins the Beatles a Grammy. The Big Mac is created by a McDonald's franchisee, and sells for the tidy sum of 49 cents. The motion picture rating system is created. O.J. Simpson wins the Heisman Trophy. The Delphonics sing, "La-la-la-la-la-la-la means I love you." And, also in 1968, a brand-spanking new Trane 350-ton chiller is cranked up for the first time on the gleaming new campus of Clayton Junior College.

Well, it must be true that "It's hard to stop a Trane," because 35 years later, just days short of when she was to be retired for good, the brave old gal coughed up her last few gallons of chilled water. Not bad, considering the life expectancy of a chiller is around 20 years. Many a maintenance man has patched her, prayed over her, and lain awake, wondering if this could be her last night. But she held on to the end, a faithful servant for generations of students, staff, and faculty.

She wasn't alone, though. Her partner of 31 years, a Carrier, worked right beside her. They must have had an unspoken agreement to never let themselves both go down at the same

Susan Henry Co-Writes Screenplay to Commemorate War Hero

by Lauren Baker, University Relations

Korean War hero and Medal of Honor recipient General Raymond G. Davis passed away in 2003; but, thanks to a screenplay by Clayton State's Dr. Susan C. Henry and Georgia Perimeter College's Wade Marbaugh, Davis' legacy may reach the Big Screen. Hollywood Symposium recently named their screenplay "Cold War" as a finalist in the Symposium's 5th annual screenplay competition.

"Korean War vets particularly are the most ignored," says Henry, who was close friends with the late general. "People who fought in the World Wars and in Vietnam receive attention, both positive and negative, but, it's been a while since a movie was made about Korea."

"Cold War" tells the story of Davis and the Seventh Marines as they fight the brutal cold and overwhelming enemy numbers to rescue hundreds of U.S. Marines trapped in North Korea's Chosin Reservoir. Narrated by Davis and Captain Roland Marbaugh of the Fifth Marines, father of author Wade Marbaugh, their story is one of valor, suffering, courage, humanity, and even humor.

To keep the screenplay true to life, Henry and Wade Marbaugh consulted audiotapes of Davis's war memories and the unpublished memoirs of Roland Marbaugh.

"One of the most pleasing things to me about writing this screenplay occurred when I gave a copy of the work to General Davis to read," remembers Henry, who finished the rough cut of the work prior to Davis' passing at the age of 88. "He told me it would take a few weeks to read it, but four days later he faxed me [saying] he couldn't put it down... It was rewarding to write something a man of that stature appreciated."

Roland Marbaugh was also impressed by the screenplay. The reality of the work brought back a flood of memories, he told Henry.

The screenplay scored very well in the Hollywood Symposium contest, and Henry and Marbaugh are reworking sections of "Cold War" based on Symposium critiques. The screenwriters are also seeking an agent who will present "Cold War" to Hollywood filmmakers. Since "Cold War" has a production scale similar to that of "Saving Private Ryan," the independent film sector would not be able to accommodate the number of extras, battle scenes, and effects needed to retell the story of the 1950s Chosin Reservoir Campaign.

"This screenplay is a way to immortalize General Davis and his contribution to America," says Henry.

Davis was the most decorated American alive, having received the Medal of Honor, the Navy Cross, two Distinguished Service Medals, two Silver Stars, two Legend of Merit awards, a Bronze Star, a Purple Heart, five Presidential Unit citations, and three Naval Unit citations.

Nursing Faculty and Students Provide Community Service at Kendrick Middle School

by Dr. Astrid Wilson, Health Sciences

One of the focuses of the Department of Nursing at Clayton State is to provide valuable health service for the surrounding community. On Thursday, Feb. 19, Clayton State Department of Nursing faculty members, along with eight nursing students, in partnership with Carrie D. Kendrick Middle School of Jonesboro, provided blood pressure and cholesterol screenings for parents and school staff. In addition, nursing as a career was showcased with a display and an exciting nursing video.

Drs. Astrid Wilson and Lydia McAllister, (associate dean and head of the department of Nursing) faculty members of Clayton State's Department of Nursing, accompanied juniors Scottie Young, Mark Ehrlich, LeighAnn Steele, Amy Bouchell, Beth Turner, Beverly Hill, Tamu Spruill and Jeanne Starr - all residents of Conyers, Hampton, Ellenwood, Fayetteville and Jonesboro - to Kendrick's PTA meeting.



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Students Honored by GACTE, Governor Purdue

Clayton College & State University Marketing and Merchandising students Latasha Hurt (Ellenwood) and DeAngelo Evans (Stone Mountain) were honored at a legislative breakfast held by the Georgia Association for Career & Technical Education (GACTE). Among the dignitaries in attendance was Georgia Governor Sonny Purdue.

Every February, GACTE recognizes presidents and advisors of student organizations. In addition to Hurt, president of Clayton State's chapter of Delta Epsilon Chi (DEX), the international professional association for college students interested in careers in marketing, management, merchandising and entrepreneurship, and fellow DEX member Evans, Dr. Russell Casey, assistant professor of Marketing at Clayton State and advisor to DEX, was also recognized.



Also in attendance at the GACTE breakfast from Clayton State were: Dr. James E. Mackin, associate provost; Dr. Arthur J. Rosser, dean of the School of Technology; Dr. Benita H. Moore, associate dean of the School of Technology; and Dr. Ginny W. Bass, head of the Department of Technical Studies. ■

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The Clayton State Department of Nursing and Kendrick Middle School have a partnership under the University's Nursing Workforce Diversity Grant, the purpose of which is to increase the number of minority and disadvantaged students able to enter and complete a baccalaureate nursing program.

Twenty-four parents and staff who attended the PTA meeting took advantage of the blood pressure screening. Five people were referred to the Public Health Department or their personal physician for follow-up blood pressure testing. Thirty-one parents and staff members had cholesterol screening performed and nine were referred to have additional testing. Participants also received health education related to the importance of blood pressure screening as a method to prevent strokes.

From Clayton State's perspective, the health screenings provide a needed service to the community and offer a positive learning experience for students. In addition, the concept of volunteerism is instilled in nursing students. Participation in the PTA meeting was not a course assignment and the students did not get academic credit for their time, but rather they volunteered their time and skill.

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time for any extended period. Oh, it was touch and go at times. The Carrier had a mighty bad habit of losing her prime. She was slow to crank, and you could never count on her to get up and running very quickly if the Trane burned a set of those baseball-bat sized resistors that had to be custom made out-of-state. But somehow, between the two of them, and with a little help from their friends, not a day of school was ever lost in all those years due to both chillers being down at once.

That isn't to say it was always comfortable in the classroom. Energy was cheap enough in 1968, but it was only a few years prior, in the mid-1950s, that air conditioning in public buildings was more a novelty than it was the norm. People in 1968 just didn't expect the temperature to always be just right in every classroom, so the designers of the school didn't think folk would mind too much if they saved a little money on construction costs by installing a two-pipe system versus a four-pipe system to most of the campus buildings.

A two-pipe system saves money on installations costs, but it only allows either chilled water or heated water to be delivered to a given zone at any one time. Both chilled and heated water cannot be delivered to a zone simultaneously, as with a four-pipe system in modern buildings. In a two-pipe system, not only does a zone get either heating or cooling, but if the zone is switched too quickly, hot water can run back into the chilled water lines, return to the chiller and overheat the refrigerant in the chiller. Potentially, this can cause chiller damage or cause a sudden release of the refrigerant to the atmosphere.

Consequently, time delays of up to several hours are required for water temperatures to normalize before a zone is allowed to switch from heating to cooling, or vice versa. While this is happening, there is no conditioning at all to the air in the building zone.

It was a sad day in fall of 2003 when the two old work horses were hauled out of the basement of the Business & Health Sciences building on the campus of Clayton State, but they had done their chillerly duty, and had done it well, and it was time for a thoroughly modern, more efficient generation to take over the reigns.

Coming in Campus Review's next issue, "A Tale of Two Chillers (Part 2)" the story of Clayton State's newest chiller edition. ■

Across the Campus

Admissions

Clayton State will hold an Information Forum for non-traditional and transfer students on Thursday, Feb. 26, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. in room 101 of Clayton State's Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education. Adult students who are considering starting college or returning to college should attend this event to learn about admission requirements, financial aid opportunities, and to talk with representatives from the academic departments at Clayton State. Prior registration for the Information Forum is not required. For more information or for directions to the Clayton State campus, call the Office of Admissions at (770) 961-3500 or visit the University website at www.clayton.edu.

Campus Store

Clayton State Campus Store Spring Break hours: Mar. 1 - Monday, Closed for Inventory; Mar. 2 - Tuesday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Mar. 3 - Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Mar. 4 - Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Mar. 5 - Friday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Health Sciences

To all LPN's and RN's... Global Diagnostic Services has immediate openings for nurses in all areas of Georgia. Please call Pat Barrios at (770) 602-0502 for more information.

The Clayton College & State University Department of Nursing is currently accepting applications from currently enrolled Clayton State students for the Summer Opportunity for Success (SOS) program. SOS is an annual, 10-week academic skills enhancement program run by the Department of Nursing. The goals of the program are to enable Clayton State students interested in nursing to be better prepared for the University's nursing program and ultimately to become successful registered nurses. The program strives to meet these goals by helping students to enhance crucial academic skills in the areas of reading, writing and mathematics. The program is offered free of charge and offers a stipend to those who qualify

according to federal guidelines. Applications are being accepted through Mar. 1, 2004. Interested Clayton State students may obtain an application by visiting the web site at <http://healthsci.clayton.edu> and clicking on the Nursing Workforce Diversity Program link, or they may contact the Department of Nursing at (770) 961-3484.

Human Resources

Effective immediately, all Change of Addresses must be submitted on the form in the Human Resources Forms Library. Go to http://admins-services.clayton.edu/ohr/forms/change_of_address.htm. This submission will arrive via e-mail and will be updated accordingly.

Mathematics

On Feb. 6, Mathematics faculty members Nathan Borchelt and Jeremy Underwood made a presentation at the annual Georgia Perimeter Mathematics Conference which was held this year at the Gwinnett University Center. Their presentation, entitled "MathCAD in Undergraduate Calculus," highlighted the various ways that both instructors make use of the MathCAD software as an integral part of the teaching and learning process in their Calculus courses.

Music

Clayton State Opera presented its annual production of "Domestic Dramas," a double bill of two, short, American operas in English set in 1950s New York on Friday, Feb. 20, and Saturday, Feb. 21 in Spivey Hall.

SmartBodies

Strength training is not just for athletes! Anyone at any age can and should engage in proper functional strength training. Come to SmartBodies on Wednesday, Feb. 25 at noon and learn why and how to get stronger and better enjoy the warm weather activities that are just around the corner! SmartBodies' Lunch and Learn will discuss "How Strength Training Benefits Anyone at any Age" in room 43 of the Athletics and Fitness Center... featuring Neil Gewirtzman CSCS

(Strength and Conditioning Specialist). Wear loose fitting clothing if you wish to participate in the "hands on" portion of this presentation. Otherwise just bring a lunch and a friend, everyone is welcome! Snacks will be provided.

Student Life

Rob Stevenson, Clayton State's best-known singing student, will address the University's Campus Christian Ministries on Tuesday, Feb. 24. Stevenson, who is just back from an appearance on the Grammy Awards program, will be speaking from noon to 1 p.m. in room 10 of the University's Lecture Hall. His subject of his presentation? It's the same person he sang background for on the Grammys... "Faith in the Fast Lane: Touring with Justin Timberlake."

The American Medical Student Association announces the winners of the AMSA Valentines Day Raffle. Jennifer Kimble won a gift basket and a \$50 Gift Certificate for OLDE MILL STEAKHOUSE. Shaquitta Lowe won a gift basket and a \$30 Gift Certificate for JOHNNY CARINO'S. Keisha Simmons won a gift basket and a \$20 Gift Certificate for LEE'S GOLDEN BUDDHA/MOMO YA.

Women's Forum

If you are interested in applying for a Women's Forum Scholarship (staff members or students), please click on the web link below. The deadline for the Women's Forum General Student Scholarship and the Women's Forum Staff Member Professional Development Scholarship is Monday, Mar. 8, 2004. The details on the requirements and how/where to submit scholarship applications are included in the link below. http://admins-services.clayton.edu/wom_forum/scholarships/default.html.

Alumni/Development

Alumnus Brent Davis Auditions For “The Met” in Spivey Hall

Clayton State alumnus Brent Davis is coming home.

To the University’s world-class performance center, Spivey Hall, to audition for the Metropolitan Opera, yet. On Sunday, Feb. 22, Spivey Hall hosted “The Met’s” Southeast Regional Auditions. Among those auditioning was Stockbridge resident Davis, accompanied by Clayton State faculty member Craig Kier.

“Spivey Hall, which features many of the Metropolitan Opera’s finest singers in recital, now hosts the Met stars of the future,” notes Spivey Hall Executive Director Sherryl Nelson. “Last year’s auditions were a spectacular success, as a sold-out crowd watched a parade of brave and brilliant young singers do their best.”

Baritone Davis is currently a studio artist with The Atlanta Opera. He performed in The Atlanta Opera 2003 Studio Tour as The Mayor in Dr. Miracle and will be returning for the 2004 Studio Tour. He will also be performing the role of Prince Yamadori with The Atlanta Opera in Madama Butterfly in May 2004. He was a Young Artist with Des Moines Metro Opera in Summer 2003.

In addition to his Bachelor of Music from Clayton State, Davis received his Master of Music from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His other roles have included Pelléas in Pelléas et Mélisande, Eisenstein in Die Fledermaus, Hermann and Schlémil in Les Contes D’Hoffmann, and The Son in Six Characters in Search of an Author with Illinois Opera Theater and Bob in The Old Maid and The Thief, Enrico in Il Campanello di Notte, Clod in The May Day, Figaro in The Marriage of Figaro with Clayton State Opera and King Xerxes in the concert premiere of William Whitefield’s musical Orphan Queen at Spivey Hall.

His honors and awards include 2004 Metropolitan Opera Competition Georgia District Winner, Vocal Finalist in the 2002 Krannert Debut Artist Recital Competition, University of Illinois Opera Graduate Assistant, 2001 University of Miami in Salzburg, Austria Recital Competition Winner, 1999 Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, Clayton College & State University Spivey Foundation Scholarship Award, and the Rossini Award at the 1999 Orpheus National Vocal Competition. ■

SunTrust/Nelnet Donation to go Toward Clayton State Honors Scholarships

by Leigh Duncan, University Relations

In December of last year, Jennifer Heter, assistant vice president of Nelnet Campus Solutions, an educational finance company, presented a \$5000 check on behalf of SunTrust Corporation’s Education Loan Campaign to Clayton College & State University’s Melody Hodge, Director of Financial Aid.

Hodge notified Reda Rowell, director of Alumni/Development at Clayton State who informed Hodge that the donation would be added to the Clayton State Excellence Fund, supporting the Honors Scholarships. In January, Heter returned to Clayton State for an unofficial visit and to meet Rowell, who offered her congratulations and appreciation for the gift.

Heter was pleasantly surprised to find out exactly what the donation would be going toward. “Usually, we just give the money to the schools and have no idea what it’s used for,” says Heter. “It’s very gratifying to know that the donation will go specifically to the Honors Scholarships.”

“The Honors Scholarship is an area that can always utilize funding,” says Rowell. “We’re flattered that SunTrust and Nelnet chose Clayton State to be a recipient of the award.”

The Honors Program, designed to help academically talented students, offers special enriched sections of core curriculum courses such as critical thinking and American government in an international context. ■

Arts Page

Spivey Hall Calendar of Events

Saturday, February 28 at 8:15 p.m.

Los Angeles Guitar Quartet with
Colin Currie, percussion
\$45

The West Coast foursome returns with percussionist Colin Currie to perform a new work co-commissioned by Spivey Hall. The LAGQ creates an eclectic sound by mixing classical traditions with contemporary style and world cultures.

Sunday, February 29 at 3 p.m.

Simon Trpceski, piano
\$25

Twenty-three year old superstar-to-be, Macedonian pianist Simon Trpceski has a repertoire that runs from Bach to present day. For his Spivey debut, Trpceski will perform works by Stravinsky, Tchaikovsky, Scriabin and Rachmaninov.

Friday, March 5 at 8:15 p.m.

Netherlands Bach Society with
Marion Verbruggen, recorder
\$30

An important musical institution in Holland, the Netherlands Bach Society makes its United States premiere with this tour. Focusing on Bach and his contemporaries, the Society performs music by Schelle, Kuhnau and Buxtehude, as well as cantatas, motets and *Brandenburg Concerto No. 4* by Bach.

Saturday, March 6 at 8:15 p.m.

Daniil Shtoda, tenor with **Larissa Gergieva**, piano
\$25

This highly heralded 25 year-old singer makes his Atlanta debut at Spivey Hall. Shtoda has received not only rapturous critics' reviews but also great audience acclaim. Larissa Gergieva, sister of Kirov director Valery Gergiev, accompanies Shtoda.

Sunday, March 7 at 3 p.m.

The Georgian Chamber Players with **Orion Weiss**, piano
\$25

Friday, March 12 at 8:15 p.m.

Susan Graham, mezzo-soprano
\$45

Given Susan Graham's electrifying voice, commanding stage presence and artistic range, it's no surprise that she is an American favorite. A star on the opera stage and in the recital hall, this performance marks Graham's long-awaited return to Spivey Hall.

Saturday, March 13 at 8:15 p.m.

Shorter College Chorale
\$15

Clayton State Theater Premieres Musical "Lotte's Dream," Feb. 26-28

by Lauren Baker, University Relations

When Atlanta's Duncan Teague landed the lead role in Clayton State Theater's 1996 production "Three Weeks," he fell in love with his character, Miss Lotte Jones. Inspired by Miss Lotte, Teague - with the help of Atlanta's Andy Ditzler - wrote a musical entitled "Lotte's Dream" which will be performed at 8 p.m., Feb. 26-28 in the Clayton State Theater. General admission is \$8.

The character of Lotte originated in "Three Weeks," which was written by Dr. Larry Corse, former artistic director of Clayton State Theater, and Brad Fairchild, a former Clayton State student. Originally performed at the Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Visitors Center during the 1996 Olympic games, "Three Weeks" tells a story of the 1936 Olympics in Berlin.

"At the time, Germany wanted to show the world what a cosmopolitan place it was," explains Corse. "An order came down from Heinrich Himmler to cease harassment and arrest of homosexuals during the Olympic Games. Gay men who had been previously arrested were released. For three weeks, the gay community regained the freedom they had lost under Hitler."

After performing as Lotte, Teague felt such a strong connection to the character that he requested permission to write "Lotte's Dream," which focuses on the life and memories of the now-aging African American drag queen. "Lotte's Dream" retains some of the songs originally featured in "Three Weeks," and has received the blessing of Corse and Fairchild.

"During the first reading of the script, everyone realized that this was a powerful play that was going to leave an impact on audiences," says Corse. "Brad and I were both pleased with his characterization of Lotte." ■



Duncan Teague

Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!

Job Search Strategies

Tuesday, February 24

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Student Center 223

Presenter: Rex Trewin, SE Regional Manger w/ MonsterTRAK

Review basic job search skills; learn new innovative ideas to enhance your job search.

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Georgia State University 6th Annual Health Sciences Career Fair

Wednesday, February 25

12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

GSU Student Center Ballroom

Open to all Health & Human Sciences Students

www.gsu.edu/career

Resumes and the Application Process

Thursday, February 26

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Student Center 223

Presenter: Keith King, HR Recruiter w/ UPS

Learn do's and don'ts of resumes employment applications.

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Dress to Impress - Females & Males

Thursday, March 11

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Student Center 223

Presenter: Susie Grindstaff, Independent Sales Director w/ Mary Kay

Learn to make that perfect first impression and how to look like a million...but not spending a million.

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The Career Expo

Thursday, March 18

CCSU Athletics & Fitness Center

Currently enrolled CCSU students and graduates of all majors are invited to attend

<http://adminservices.clayton.edu/ccs/careerexpo.htm>

Research Career Fair (Graduate or Graduating in May - Biology Majors)

Friday, March 19

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Emory University

Register at <http://emory.hr.emory.edu/fair>

The Interview

Thursday, March 25

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Student Center 223

Presenter: Stephanie J. Searcy, Staffing Manager -

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Hormel Foods Corporation

Thursday, March 25

Interviewing on the CCSU Campus

Business majors - May 2004 graduates

Interviewing for: Production Supervisors

For an appointment call 770.961.3518 or email

joanmcelroy@mail.clayton.edu

www.Hormel.com

Women For Hire

Thursday, March 25

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Cobb Galleria Centre

Register at www.womenforhire.com

Newton Co. Teacher Job Fair

Saturday, March 27

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Indian Creek Middle School

www.newtoncountyschools.org

Walgreens

Thursday, April 1

Interviewing on the CCSU Campus

All majors

Interviewing for:

1) Retail Management Intern (\$12 - \$14 per hour) must be Jr. level student - Internship is for Summer 2004

2) Retail Management Trainee (Approximately low 30's with an opportunity for paid overtime plus benefits) must be graduate or graduating Spring 2004

For an appointment call 770.961.3518 or email

joanmcelroy@mail.clayton.edu

www.walgreens.com/careers

Business Etiquette Dinner

Thursday, April 8

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Harry S. Downs for Continuing Education Center

Advance ticket purchase required - \$15 (cash or check)

Tickets sales go on sale March 8 - Student Center 223

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AAA Membership Benefits Specialist
Office - 770-287-1808
Cell - 404-310-1084

Contact HR (ext. 3763) for further information. ■

Retirement Contributions

The 2004 maximum contribution that an employee may allocate to his/her 403(b) Tax Deferred Annuity Plan is \$13,000 if he/she is under age 50, and \$16,000 if he/she is age 50 or older.

The maximum contribution for 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan is \$13,000 if he/she is under age 50, and \$16,000 if 50 or older. This means an employee under age 50 may contribute a total of \$26,000 combined to 403(b) and 457(b) for 2004. And an employee 50 and older may contribute a total of \$32,000 combined to 403(b) and 457(b) for 2004. Salary Reduction Agreement forms are available on the HR web under the Forms Library tab. These contributions can be started at any time.

Contact HR (ext. 3763) for further information. ■

2004 Alice Smith Staff Award Nominations Due Feb. 27

The deadline for nominations for the 2004 Staff Smith Award is Feb. 27.

That's right, the time has come to nominate a full-time or part-time benefited staff member (non-faculty) for the 2004 Alice Smith Staff Award (aka, the Staff Member of the Year.)

Please follow the link for background information about the award and for your chance to submit your nomination via online. Hard copies will be forwarded to the department shortly. Go to, <http://adminservices.clayton.edu/development/SmithAward.htm>. ■

Clayton State Employee Anniversaries

February Anniversary

Name	Years in Service
Park,Carol L.	18
Zewide,Mickael Abate	18
Weir,Isodora E.	15
Montgomery,Carol S.	14
Miller,Donna W.	12
Cheyne,Angelyn H.	10
Phelps,Kimberly	9
Landrum,Sondra	8
Evans,Angela M.	7
Marks,Susan K.	6
Krieger,Dawn I.	6
Collins,Kimberle A.	3
Gannon,Erica J.	2
McElroy,Scott B.	2
Duncan,Leigh G.	2
Sanders,Jamye M.	1
Byrd,Gina J.	1

Transportation Fair Scheduled for March 26

Want to learn how you can improve our environment or maybe win some door prizes? Stop by the Clayton State Transportation Fair & Environmental Awareness Day.

Clayton State will be holding its third Transportation Fair on Tuesday, Mar. 26, between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., in the Student Center Cafeteria. This event is sponsored by the Department of Public Safety's University Rideshare Program and I-87-RideFind. The program emphasizes how to care for our fragile environment and how you can be part of the solution instead of part of the problem.

Exhibitors in the fair will provide information and answers to your questions, you can get the latest information on public transportation, bicycling and other alternative forms of transportation including alternate fuel vehicles that help improve the air quality in the metro area.

Special speakers to talk about alternate fuel vehicles (Clean Air Campaign) and about how our environment is affecting our forests and animals (Sierra Club).

If environmentally concerned clubs or organizations on campus would like to have a display for this event, please contact Joan Murphy, (770) 960-4237, or joanmurphy@mail.clayton.edu.

Stop by and register for door prizes and learn more about our environment. For further information, visit the Public Safety web page at <http://adminservices.clayton.edu/ps/> or for further information, contact the Department of Public Safety at (770) 961-3540 or e-mail RideShare@mail.clayton.edu. ■

Nursing Program Receives Full Approval from Board of Nursing

by Leigh Duncan, University Relations

In December 2003, Clayton State's Department of Nursing received full approval from the Georgia Board of Nursing, maintaining the department's status as one of the state's excellent nursing programs.

On Feb. 27-28, 2003, two Board members, Julia Gould, Nursing Educational Consultant and Dr. Jeanette Bernhardt, former dean of Department of Nursing at the State University of West Georgia, and teaching methodology specialist, visited Clayton State's Department of Nursing, for a thorough observation of the departments curriculum, testing, and methodology.

The purpose of the visit was to observe and consult with the department, and if necessary, make recommendations for improving its program, a practice that all nursing programs undergo on a periodic basis.

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Life's Transitions...

Director of Alumni/Development Reda Rowell's grandmother, Ida Begley, passed away in Kingsport, Tn., on Feb. 15. A graveside service was held in Kingsport on Wednesday, Feb. 18.

One life,—a little gleam of time between two Eternities.
Thomas Carlyle (1795–1881)

Music Students Perform at NARA Records Center Groundbreaking

On Thursday, Feb. 19, the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) and Highwoods Properties hosted a Groundbreaking Ceremony for NARA's new Southeast Region Records Center, located in Southpark Industrial Park, Ellenwood, Ga.

Located just off I-675 at Anvil Block Road, the new 350,000 square foot facility will house approximately 1.75 million cubic feet of temporary and pre-archival Federal records and complement the region's new archival facility currently under construction adjacent to the campus of Clayton College & State University and the Georgia State Archives.

In keeping with Clayton State's support of both archival facilities, the University supplied the musical talent for the event, as Clayton State students Chelsea Cook and Lacy Griffin, performed "The Star Spangled Banner" and "America the Beautiful."

Mezzo-soprano Cook is a junior in the Bachelor of Music in Voice Performance major at Clayton State, where she studies singing with Assistant Professor of Music Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller, and plans to pursue a performance career in opera after graduate studies. She already has made several appearances before Atlanta area audiences, notably as mezzo-soprano soloist in Messiah with the Southern Crescent Symphony Orchestra and in performances with the Goldovsky Foundation-supported Harrower Opera Institute in Atlanta. Cook is a resident of Lithonia and graduated from the DeKalb School of the Arts.

Griffin is a sophomore piano major from East Point, studying under Associate Professor of Music Dr. Michiko Otaki. ■

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Other health education issues discussed at the PTA meeting included the importance of incorporating an annual health checkup, exercise, diet, and rest in personal lifestyles. The PTA meeting also provided a platform to showcase nurses as role models and the Clayton State faculty the opportunity to talk with students and parents about a career in nursing or healthcare. ■

Clayton State Continuing Education Offers Speechcraft - Toastmasters Style

by Leigh Duncan, University Relations

Clayton College & State University's Division of Continuing Education, along with the Southern Crescent Toastmasters, announces "Speechcraft," an extensive interactive program designed to teach public speaking to anyone interested in learning or enhancing their communication skills.

Two 2-hour sessions are being offered, the first beginning on Sat., Mar. 13 at 1 p.m., and the second on Mon., Apr. 5 at 6:30 p.m. Each session is six weeks long. Experienced Toastmasters will present the fundamentals of public speaking in an atmosphere similar to a Toastmasters Club meeting.

Recently, the Southern Crescent Toastmaster conducted a Speechcraft program at WorkTec, a unit of the Clayton County School System, located in Jonesboro, with 10 employees participating. At the graduation ceremony held on Wed., Feb. 18, WorkTec employees gave their final speech and evaluations, and were awarded Certificates of Completion by Toastmaster Mike Hayworth, DTM, and Mark Williams, Director of the Contract Services Division at WorkTec.

Marlene Torres, WorkTec human resource specialist, and treasurer of the Southern Crescent Toastmasters club, initiated the workshop at her job.

"When I asked the Southern Crescent Toastmasters club to teach the Speechcraft class, I expected that our participants were going to learn presentation skills. What we got was more than that. It was a pleasure to see people overcoming their fears, gaining confidence, and developing a spirit of teamwork," she says.

"The Speechcraft class not only achieved all the objectives delineated, but also exceeded our expectations. The classes created a spirit of teamwork and camaraderie among the participants. We are very pleased with the results," added Williams.

Even though public speaking isn't most people's favorite pastime, statistics show that communication and presentation skills are crucial to success in the world of work today. A person with strong communication skills has a clear advantage over others who don't.



*WorkTec Speechcraft graduates
(front row, from left)
Lillie Stewart, Tina Huntley, Carolyn Shaw
(back row, from left)
William Fisher, John Burdin, Ken Cobb
not pictured
Steve Andrews, Pam Schaf, and Kathy Jenkins*

In the Speechcraft program, participants "learn-by-doing," preparing three speeches in quick succession, learning to evaluate other participants speeches, and partaking in interactive step-by-step modules throughout the six week session.

Orientation for the session that begins on Mar. 13 will be held on Sat., Mar. 6 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Space is limited, but there are still openings remaining. Call Continuing Education at (770) 961-3550 or register online at <http://conted.clayton.edu>. ■

High School Counselors Visit Clayton State Campus

By all accounts, last week's Clayton State Office of Admissions luncheon for area high school counselors was a rousing success.

A total of 27 high school counselors from Alpharetta to Suwanee to Conyers to Griffin attended the luncheon, and had the opportunity to learn more about Clayton State and its new academic programs, highlighted by the keynote address by Clayton State President Dr. Thomas K. Harden. In addition to representatives of the Clayton State Office of Admissions, students, faculty and staff also participated in the annual event.

"I think our guests today left with a very positive impression of Clayton State," says interim assistant vice president for Enrollment Services Diane Burns.

"I thoroughly enjoyed myself and the opportunity to tell our visitors about all the new and exciting programs at Clayton State," adds Dr. Catherine C. Aust, dean of the University's College of Information and Mathematical Sciences.

In addition to counselors from Chattahoochee High School in Alpharetta, Collins Hill High School in Suwanee, Heritage and Salem High Schools in Conyers and Griffin High School, Clayton State also hosted representatives from the following area high schools... Banneker (College Park), Eagles Landing (McDonough), Fayette County (Fayetteville), Frederick Douglass (Atlanta), Mays (Atlanta), McIntosh (Peachtree City), Morrow, Mt. Zion (Jonesboro), Riverwood (Atlanta), Stockbridge, and Union Grove (McDonough). ■

Jackeline Nieto Named Women's Tennis Peach Belt Conference Player of the Week

by Gid Rowell

Clayton State's Jackeline Nieto, a two-time All-America, was named the Peach Belt Conference Tennis Player of the Week after opening the season with two wins last weekend.

Nieto received the honor earlier after leading the 16th-ranked Lakers to season-opening PBC victories at Augusta State University and at 39th-ranked University of South Carolina Aiken. She cruised to wins over top seeded singles opponents, dropping only seven games in two matches. She also helped lead the squad to a couple of wins at No. 1 doubles.

With a trio of four-year letterwinners returning, two of who are All-Americans and all three who have been Peach Belt All Conference performers, expectations for the Clayton State team are high.

Nieto leads a talented trio of seniors that also include Nathalia Collantes and Natalia Koulechova. The program also has a talented crew of newcomers, as four incoming freshman will join the squad this spring.

The senior trio has led the Lakers to national prominence in the last three years, as Clayton State has been ranked among the top 20 teams in the country for three consecutive years. They have led the team to a Peach Belt Conference Championship in 2001 with a 17-3 record, followed by a 10th place national ranking and their first-ever berth in the Division II NCAA Championships in 2002.

The Lakers have four newcomers this spring in freshman Kim Lennartsson, from Kunsbacka, Sweden; Daniela Petkova, from Boucherville, Quebec; Elizabeth Syrova, from Pierrefonds, Quebec; and Michell Zulu, from Harare, Zimbabwe. ■

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Leading by four points, 49-46, with 4:04 remaining, Lakers went on a 14-4 run over the next three minutes to take control of the game. The squad led 63-50 with 1:19 remaining on a free throw by junior Darien Chavis. Clayton State extended its lead to as many as 15 points in final minute on a dunk by junior B.J. Puckett, two of his game high 16 points. The Lakers hit 6-of-10 free throws in the final three minutes of the game to seal the victory.

With the win, the Lakers improve to 18-6 overall and 8-5 in the Peach Belt.

In earlier action in the Peach Belt, the Lakers defeated South Carolina Spartanburg 65-56 and Georgia College 74-60. They lost 59-51 to Kennesaw State.

In women's basketball action, the Lakers lost to North Florida, Georgia College, Kennesaw and USC Spartanburg. On the year, they stand 10-14 and 2-11 in the Peach Belt. ■

Nursing, from p. 9

The Georgia Board of Nursing is the regulatory agency for the practice of professional nursing by registered nurses (RN) in Georgia. It develops rules and regulations that set the standards for nursing practice and education, provides the minimum qualifications for licensure, and ensures that disciplinary process is implemented in a fashion that guarantees due process and public protection.

The visiting board members reviewed testing practices, progression procedures, methods of teaching, and the nursing labs. In addition, they reviewed each course in the program, including the departments ongoing evaluation plan, and interviewed students, faculty and administrators, including Head of Department of Nursing Dr. Lydia McAllister, at the time acting dean of the School of Health Sciences, Dr. Sharon E. Hoffman, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, and Dr. Thomas K. Harden, president of Clayton State.

After reviewing the results and making their recommendations, the Board of Nursing awarded Clayton College & State University's baccalaureate degree Nursing Program a passing grade and full approval status through December 2007. ■

Trivia Time

You Can't Tell the Popes Without a Scorecard

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Although OITS' Todd Birchfield was the winner of last issue's Trivia Time question... "What was all the fuss about in the French city of Avignon in the 14th Century?" it was the Music Department's historian/vocalist, Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller, who came up with the best answer.

"The problem in Avignon in the 14th century was that the Papacy came to visit and stayed so long that, before it was all over, there were three different guys around Europe all claiming to be Pope at the same time — and then everyone had to go to Konstanz and sort it all out at the Council of Constance. Now, that's a very picturesque town, but who wants to be stuck in meetings for two years? Makes our faculty meetings look short by comparison!"

That's right, for much of the 14th Century, there was a Pope in Rome, and one in Avignon. This was called "The Great Schism" in the Catholic Church(es). And, of course, as any right-thinking Pope would do, they excommunicated each other. In order, following Birchfield, correct answers came from Jean Myers, Zeller, Russ Camp and Kevin Dixon.

From the ridiculous to the sublime. Who, in real life, was "Layla?" Send your answers to johnshiffert@mail.clayton.edu.

Sports Page

John Rootes Resigns as Head Men's Soccer Coach

by Gid Rowell, Sports Information

Clayton College & State University athletic director Mason Barfield announced on last Monday that six-year head coach John Rootes has resigned as the head men's soccer coach. Rootes, one of the nation's all-time winningest coaches in NCAA Division II, has accepted a position as head coach at Savannah College of Art & Design, a NAIA school located in Savannah, GA.

"John is one of the top soccer coaches in the country, and his impact on our program will be felt for several years to come," said Barfield. "He led our young program to national prominence in a short period of time and will always be remembered for building and taking our soccer program to the next level."

Rootes has a 238-68-20 career record as a Division II coach and ranked as the all-time winningest coach in Division II prior to last year. He had a 69-38-9 record in six seasons at Clayton State, including four straight winning seasons. The program had only two winning years prior to his arrival.

"I would like to thank Clayton State for the support my family and I received during our six years here at the school," said Rootes. "This was a hard decision for me, especially hard for me to leave these players that I recruited and also difficult since I'm originally from the Atlanta area. But in the long run, this is the best decision for my family."

Rootes' top season at Clayton State came in 2000, as he led the Lakers to its first NCAA Division II national tournament with an 18-3-1 record. The Lakers won the Peach Belt Conference Tournament and finished the season ranked 14th in the country. In 2001, he led the Lakers to the school's first Peach Belt Conference Championship, to its second straight NCAA Tournament and a final ranking of 13th in the nation. ■

Clayton State's Gibbons Captures 300th Division II Victory

Clayton College & State University's Gordon Gibbons captured a milestone victory last Wednesday in an area he knows, oh so well, the Sunshine State.

The Laker coach won his 300th Division II game, defeating the University of North Florida 71-57 at UNF Arena in Jacksonville, FL. A coaching legend in the state of Florida for more than 20 years, Gibbons won 246 games in 12 years at Florida Southern College before taking over at Clayton State three years ago where he has won 54 games.

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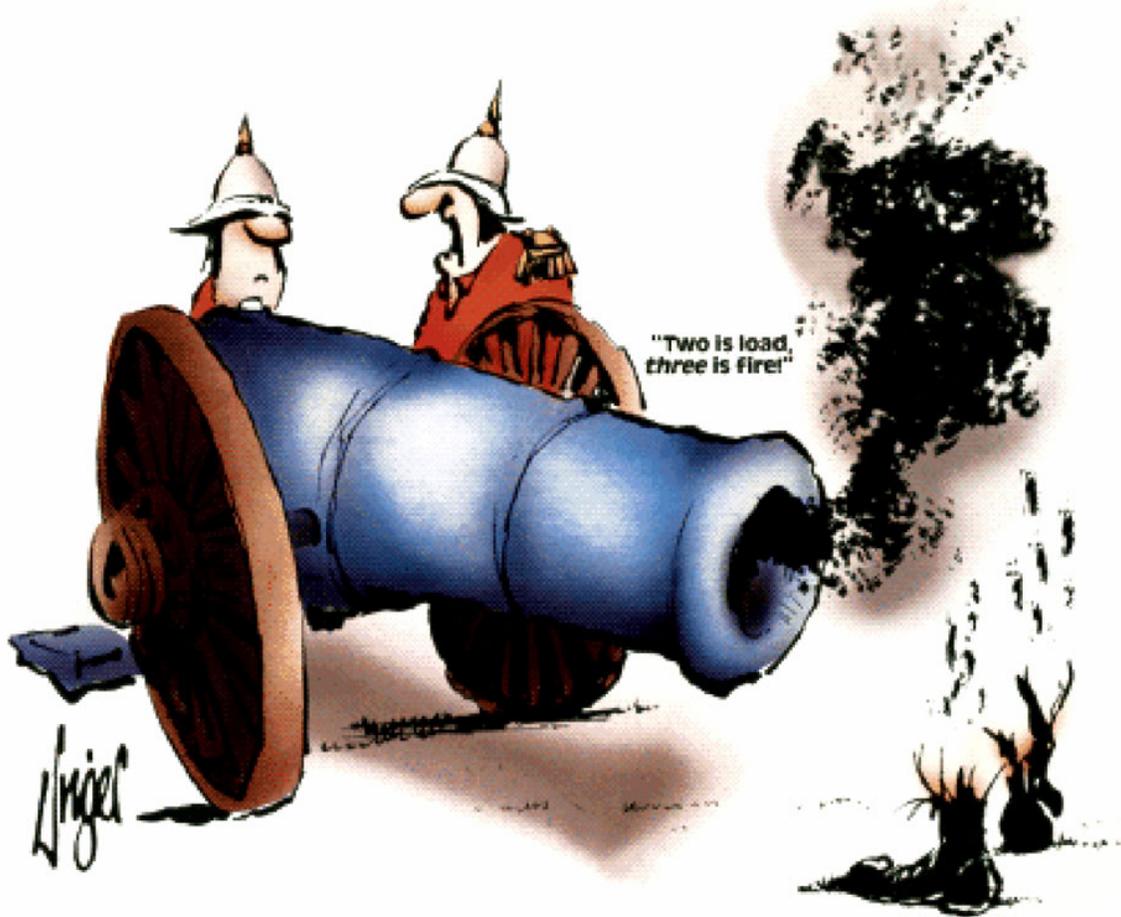
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