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Clayton State Wins Visionary Award from South Metro Development Outlook Conference

The South Metro Development Outlook Conference on Tuesday, Feb.10, presented Clayton State University with its prestigious Visionary Award.

The award was presented to President Dr. Thomas K. Harden at the Conference's luncheon meeting in the Student Activities Center Ballroom by The Collaborative Firm, in recognition of Clayton State's extraordinary vision for quality growth in South Metro Atlanta, including its recent facilities expansion.

The South Metro Development Outlook Awards are presented annually to recognize outstanding new developments in the South Metro area, as well as organizations and individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to smart growth and economic development in the Region.



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Public Safety to Initiate Town Hall Meetings on Campus

The Department of Public Safety is initiating monthly "town hall" meetings on campus to address concerns of students. These will be informal, with date, time, and location to be advertised in advance. The agendas will vary from discussions of specific topics upon request to open discussions of topics of general interest.

Some areas to be addressed in the next few months include: increasing awareness of the various functions of the department; discussion of security issues that may impact students on a daily basis; hot topic discussions, e.g. internet security, identity theft, etc.; and law enforcement career opportunities.

If students have particular question or topics they would like to be addressed at upcoming monthly meetings, they are

encouraged to email them to Chief Bobby Hamil in advance. Hamil will try to attend each meeting personally. If he is unable, Captain Rex Duke will attend in his absence. Occasionally, other officers may attend as well.

There will be two meetings each month. One will be held in Laker Hall to facilitate resident students, and one in the Baker Center to facilitate the general student population. The first meeting in the Baker Center will be on Tuesday, Mar. 3, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in room 262. The first meeting in Laker Hall will be on Wednesday, Feb. 25 at 8 p.m. in the game room.

"Feel free to drop in at any time during the hour. You just might hear something of interest and/or benefit," says Hamil. ■

Civic Engagement Research Conference a Success

Last weekend's first Civic Engagement Research Conference at the National Archives and Records Administration's (NARA) Southeast Regional Archive was, in the words of Clayton State Assistant Professor of Political Science Dr. Joseph Corrado, a "successful event."

The Clayton State Civic Engagement Committee, in conjunction with NARA, sponsored the conference, which focused on the 2008 presidential election. More than 50 individuals took part, including numerous Clayton State students.

The keynote speaker for the conference was Glen Baker, state representative for legislative district 78. Clayton State students who made presentations included Terrence Green (Rex, Ga.), Sara Martin (Suwannee, Ga.), Michael Ivie (Stockbridge, Ga.), Dipti Khanna (Jonesboro, Ga.), Chardonnay Thomas (Fairburn, Ga.) and Markeita Turner (Hampton, Ga.)

In addition to the student presentations on the election, the conference also featured the second Ogden essay competition, wherein Clayton State students are invited to write an essay on a First Amendment topic. The winner of this year's competition, writing on the subject of "speech codes on college campus: good policy or unconstitutional?" was Joseph Brown of Jonesboro.

"The conference provided a valuable opportunity to exchange ideas with other students and to learn about different approaches to understanding how a presidential election, arguably the most important event in a democracy, impacts our country," notes Dr. Mark May, chair of the University's Civic Engagement Committee

According to Corrado, the Civic Engagement Committee plans on working with Georgia State University for next year's research conference. ■



Chardonnay Thomas (Fairburn) making her presentation at the Conference.

Science, Technology, Engineering And Mathematics Faculty Form WiSTEM

by Ciji Fox, University Relations

Mary Hudachek-Buswell, Kim Gardner, Yvette Gardner, Cherie Long and Catherine Matos are all women faculty members at Clayton State University in the disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), who recently decided to start an organization for female students called WiSTEM.

"We saw the need to mentor and encourage women in these fields," says Hudachek-Buswell. "We have gathered women faculty from each of these areas to mentor and cheer Clayton State University women who have a need to connect with other women in these disciplines."

As the new group emerges, their intent is to motivate, inspire, network and connect women with each other and resources who are interested in Science,

Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics.

There are several benefits to students who participate.

"We are making study resources available, creating a network of study groups, creating opportunities for women at the junior/senior rank to lead women, and having a support system in place that the women can fall back on when they encounter difficulties in their pursuit of academic studies," Hudachek-Buswell explains. "We make university resources more approachable and attempt to answer questions they may have."

WiSTEM looks forward to the future of their organization, of which the next step is Thursday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. in room B11 of the University's Lecture

Hall. WiSTEM will have a night meeting for women who attend night courses, Hudachek-Buswell says.

"This is also our first 'reach down and greet' opportunity where our Clayton State University students are to reach down into the high schools and bring a young woman interested in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics to our meeting," she says.

In March, the group will have two women speakers, a USAF general and an Atlanta physician, who are in prominent positions in STEM fields, come share their experiences. In April, they plan to have a women's outing and dinner.

For more information about WiSTEM contact: Hudachek-Buswell at (678) 466-4431. ■

Clayton State Professors Return from India Exchange Program

by Erin Fender, University Relations

Clayton State University faculty members have had an opportunity each year to participate in a scholar exchange program with Smt. Chandibai Himathmal Mansukhani College (University of Mumbai, or CHM), in Ulhasnagar, India and with Birla college in Kaylan, India. Associate Professor of History Dr. Victoria Pasley and Assistant Professor of Biology Dr. Paul Guy Melvin participated in the scholar exchange program in December 2008.

“I found it a very enriching experience both professionally and personally. I had the opportunity to discuss issues about India that I would not have had elsewhere. I was able to exchange ideas with faculty and make firm contacts for the future,” says Pasley.

Pasley is the first Clayton State faculty member to participate in the new scholar exchange with Birla College. She gave a series of lectures to classes of history, media, and commerce students. She was also invited to lecture at two other colleges in the Mumbai system.

“Both of these colleges were eager to develop a relationship with Clayton State after my visit,” notes Pasley.

Melvin says; “much of what I learned from this experience was cultural. The Indians are in so many ways just like us, but in other ways are extremely different. I also learned increased tolerance and understanding of different religions, differing viewpoints on politics, and different lifestyles. The Indian people must be among the friendliest on earth.”

Melvin gave lectures on biology and was also a guest lecture as part of a seminar series at CHM.

“A large part of the value of this program is that it is also a cultural exchange. So I served as a representative of my school, state, and country by talking to students and faculty members about life in the U.S., our politics, our education system, and our lifestyle,” says Melvin.

Between giving lectures and meetings, Melvin and Pasley did experience many of the local sites and were graciously invited to visit with many faculty members at their homes.

“Being invited to people’s home was a wonderful way of seeing how people lived, being fed with wonderful food, and having the

opportunity to exchange ideas and really experience Indian culture. I visited temples, a day trip to Nasik where we took students to see ancient Buddhist caves, had a tour of the Numismatics Museum,” says Pasley.

“I was taken to a yoga institute to learn some of the science behind yoga. We took a horse riding trip to a local mountain area where I was able to see some of the forested and hill areas, including several encounters with monkeys. Also, as part of my personal time, I made my way to Agra to visit the Taj Mahal, which was fascinating to see” says Melvin.

Both Pasley and Melvin look forward to the spring scholar exchange. Professor

Subhash Athavale from CHM and Professor Swapna Samel from Birla College will visit Clayton State. ■



Melvin poses with some of the Biotech students at CHM College during their annual Chandi Utsav Festival.



Pasley on a day trip to Nasik with a group of CHM College history students.

Clayton State’s International Profile Grows with Formation of Clayton State African Forum

The international profile of Clayton State University took another step ahead yesterday with the formation and first meeting of the Clayton State African Forum (CSAF), Clayton State’s first African organization.

Under the direction of founder Dr. Eugene Ngezem, assistant professor of English in the Department of Language & Literature, CSAF is dedicated to the following goals:

- * providing a support system for African students at Clayton State;
- * educating the campus and its environs about Africa by providing a true and current picture of the continent and its peoples through various programs and activities;
- * recruiting students from Africa for Clayton State;
- * facilitating and/or providing study abroad opportunities (particularly to Africa) for Clayton State students;
- * welcoming new Clayton State students, faculty, staff and peoples from Africa and helping them adjust to their new environment;
- * organizing forums and symposia on Africa at Clayton State.

Elected at the first CSAF meeting were the following interim executive officers; President Samuel Onuigbo

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Athletics

The heartbreak continued for the Clayton State Laker men's basketball team as the Lakers dropped a tough 64-63 Peach Belt Conference squeaker at in-state rival North Georgia on Wednesday. Clayton State had battled back from a late seven-point deficit and tied the game with three straight free throws by Bernard Fields with nine seconds left. However, North Georgia's Anthony Rowe was fouled on an offensive rebound with two seconds left, and made the second of two free throws for the difference in the game. Fields paced the Lakers (12-12, 5-12) with 16 points.

Biology

Dr. Jared Tagliatela, a research associate at the Yerkes National Primate Research Center and assistant professor of Biology at Clayton State University, who was recognized at the state capitol by State Representative Bob Smith as one of Georgia's "Shining Stars" on Feb. 5, is currently featured on the University System of Georgia website... <http://www.usg.edu/>.

Bookstore

From Feb. 10 through Feb. 27, get 20 percent off; T-shirt, Sweats, Jackets, Shorts, Pants, Children's Clothes, Caps, Hats, Mugs, Glass Ware, Lanyards, Lunch Boxes, Picture Frames, School Supplies, Post Cards, Umbrellas, Gifts, Plush Animals, License Plates and Frames in the University Bookstore (which obviously carries a lot more than books.) Exceptions to the sale; Books, Course Supplies, Electronics, Software, Greeting Cards, Graduation, Food/Beverage.

Bursar's Office

After 27 years of dedicated service to the university, Bursar Linda Stanford will be retiring. Her retirement party will be held in the Harry S. Downs Center, room 101 on Wednesday, Mar. 18, from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Please join us as we celebrate her retirement.

Career Services

The Career Expo is Thursday, Mar. 5 at a new location in the Student Activity Center. The Office of Career Services is asking the campus for assistance! We

need volunteers. Please respond by Feb. 24 to Ryan Whitfield at ryanwhitfield@clayton.edu. As a volunteer, you will be invited to attend the Employer Luncheon in CE room 101.

Financial Aid

The Office of Financial Aid will be hosting the Sixth Annual Financial Aid Awareness Fair on Wednesday, Feb. 25, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the James M. Baker University Center. The Financial Aid Office staff will be available to answer general financial aid questions throughout the day. In addition to answering questions, the staff members will be able to assist students in completing their 2009/2010 FAFSA's. Student volunteers with the Peer Financial Counseling Program will also have a table set up handing out information on upcoming financial literacy presentations on campus. Also, representatives from several loan and guarantee agencies will be on hand to answer student's questions.

Language and Literature

Clayton State University Assistant Professor of English Dr. Brigitte Byrd will appear at two upcoming readings of her 2008 poetry collection, "The Dazzling Land." The first reading will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 8 p.m. at the Schwartz Theater Lab at Emory University. The second reading will be held at the Charis bookstore, 1189 Euclid Ave., Atlanta, on Thursday, Mar. 5 at 7:30 p.m. "The Dazzling Land" collection is framed by two crowns of sonnets written in Alexandrines, a line of poetic meter

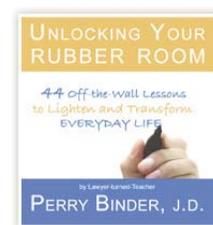
common in German and French poetry, while the rest of the collection fluctuates between prose poems and free verse.

Operations Services

Clayton State University, in its commitment to be a good steward of the environment has implemented a building-wide Paper Recycling program in the Student Center. The goal is to achieve 100 percent departmental participation and for the Student Center to become the first "green" building on campus.

Paralegal Studies

Former (1996-2000) Assistant Professor of Paralegal Studies Perry Binder has written what he describes as an offbeat book about law and life, "Unlocking Your Rubber Room." "Fresh, funny, lively, engaging every inch of the way. Perry creates an enormously entertaining book worthy not only for teachers and students, but all readers who love good books." -- Professor Richard Walter, screenwriting chair, UCLA Film School. Go to <http://www.yourrubberroom.com/> for more information.



Payroll

Effective Feb. 1, 2009, all monthly paid employees (including 10-month faculty) will be required to submit a Monthly Leave Report. The leave report must be signed by the employee, submitted to the

Come to the Campus Connect, Feb. 23

The Center for Continuing Education and The School of Nursing invite you to join the Mardi Gras fun at Campus Connect on Monday, Feb. 23 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Join us in the Continuing Education Atrium for a great time of fun and fellowship! Wear your favorite Mardi Gras

mask for a mask contest at 3 p.m. and a chance to win a special prize!

Go to <http://cards.100free-ecards.com/cgi-bin/cards/showcard.pl?cardnum=7ZRE80217104801244&log=freec100> for your invitation. ■

Across the campus...

departmental supervisor for approval, and forwarded by supervisors to the Payroll Office by the fifth day of the following month. Therefore, the first reports are due to Payroll on Mar. 5. This report is required even if leave is not taken during the month. Employees are still required to have prior approval from supervisors before leave is taken, and managers are responsible for determining and communicating departmental procedures to employees for requesting prior approval for leave. The Monthly Leave Report can be found on Clayton State's Payroll Office website. All leave taken during the month of February must be reported using this form. If you have questions concerning the new reporting policy, please contact vickiesmith@clayton.edu.

Public Safety

An icon has just been added on the Department of Public safety website for confidential reporting of criminal activity. It is identified as "Police Tip Line." Occasionally, criminal activity is observed but the witnesses don't want to get involved. This form can be used to address those situations, to advise Public Safety of criminal activity while maintaining your confidentiality, if you choose. However, if you submit this form and request confidentiality, please provide as much details as you can about the activity.

School of Business

Clayton State University's AACSB-accredited School of Business has announced that it will offer a GMAT Prep Course by Success Prep for \$50 (plus the cost of two GMAT books -- currently \$37.99) on four Saturdays during March, 2009. The course is open to all undergraduate majors from all disciplines. Classes will meet from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Mar. 7, Mar. 14, Mar. 21, and Mar. 28 in room UC322 of the James M. Baker University Center. The schedule of what will be covered on those dates and a registration form is shown the following websites... <http://fayette.clayton.edu/MBA/gmat.htm> and <http://business.clayton.edu/MBA/gmat.htm>.

Staff Council

The lucky winners of the Staff Council Valentine's Raffle are: Alisa Kirk – Olive Garden \$25 Gift Card; Bob Ward –

Longhorn \$25 Gift Card; Jean Hughley – Red Lobster \$25 Gift Card; Carolyn Schaer – Bouquet of Flowers.

Student Affairs

Information on each university department is being requested for the University Student Handbook to be distributed to the incoming fall freshman class. A 100-word limit for departments and resources is requested. Please ensure that listed phone numbers are supplied with the area codes placed in parentheses [e.g., (678) 466-5418]. Please submit your departmental information to deborahgreer-dupree@clayton.edu on or before Monday, Mar. 16, 2009 at noon to insure your department is included. You are urged to submit any and all information as you complete it, as the compilation of the handbook is cumulative and we want to be certain all of your information is included. For more information, or the template for information, contact Deborah Dupree at the above address.

University System of Georgia

This week's issue of the University System of Georgia's Legislative Update has been posted and is available for downloading at <http://www.usg.edu/pubs/lu/>. Back issues of the newsletter are also available there.

The latest issue of the University System of Georgia's "A Worthy Investment" is online and available for viewing at: http://www.usg.edu/pubs/worthy_investm ent/.

Women's Forum

Karen Gilpin Thomas, director of the Gwinnett County Legal Department, will be the featured speaker at the February Luncheon Meeting of the Clayton State Women's Forum. The meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 26 from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Spivey Board Room of the Harry S. Downs Center. The cost of the luncheon (a pasta buffet with meat sauce and alfredo sauce) is \$13 per person. R.S.V.P.s are required. Contact Terri Taylor-Hamrick: (678) 466-4475 or territaylor-hamrick@clayton.edu.

Update on Bo Bolander

Dear Friends and Family -

Good news - Bo was safely moved Wednesday afternoon to Walton Rehabilitation Center in Augusta! It is a wonderful facility and we are so happy that Bo will be receiving the specialized rehabilitation he needs for a successful recovery. He has a semi-private room in the brain injury wing. It is large, bright and cheerful. Bo is especially motivated by the fact that he is only 2 miles from Augusta National!

Dr. Salazar is Bo's doctor and also the medical director of Walton Rehab. I was fortunate to meet her Wednesday when she came by Bo's room. She and Bo established a great relationship right from the start. It was clear that she doesn't just focus on the patient, she focuses on the human being.

Bo is in great spirits and enthusiastic about moving forward with his recovery at Walton Rehab. I am absolutely jumping for joy!

Please feel free to call Bo often. Since he is in Augusta, he needs to hear voices from home as often as possible.

His direct line is: (706) 823-8639.

His address is: Walton Rehabilitation Health System, 1355 Independence Dr., Room 121A, Augusta, GA 30901 (706-724-7746) www.wr.org.

Visiting hours are 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. There are meeting rooms available for large groups. ■

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(Nigeria), Secretary Joy Uyanwune, (Nigeria) and Publicity Secretary Akwasi Twumasi Appiah (Ghana). According to Ngezem, the slate of officers will be expanded at the next meeting. The group's faculty advisors are Ngezem and Assistant Professor of Chemistry Dr. Augustine Agyeman. ■

Life's Transitions



Dr. Elaine Manglitz, assistant vice president of Student Affairs, is now a grandmother. Her grand-

daughter – Sutton Elaine Forbis – was born on January 15, 2009. She weighed in at 7 lbs., 9 ounce and was 21 inches long.

Hakim Groome's wife Shameka gave birth to a beautiful baby boy this on Friday, Feb. 6 around noon. Kaleb Alexander Groomes weighed in at 7 pounds, 3 ounces and is 19.5" long. Mom, baby, and dad are all doing fine!

"Tell Us!" Looking For Feedback; Holding Drawing for iPod

The Clayton State Customer Service Team's "Tell Us!" customer service feedback program has been available with over a dozen feedback boxes around campus since September.

As Team Chair/Customer Service Champion Carolina Amero, Clayton State's assistant vice president Auxiliary & Administrative Services notes, this program is a tool to measure to how successful Customer Service is at Clayton State, and is in keeping with the governor's customer service initiative, which mandates a measurement function in customer service plans. Students, faculty and staff can provide specific feedback for any office or store across campus. The Office of Student Affairs collects the completed forms at the end of each month from the "Tell Us!" boxes and the results are tabulated and evaluated by the Customer

Service Team. Individual departments receive their own feedback results and are urged to monitor them closely as a form of constructive criticism.

So how is the program doing thus far?

"A good number of our responses have provided written comments, which is what we really need," notes Amero. "Right now, everybody is looking at their comments. We'd like to urge everyone to continue submitting their feedback."

To help encourage submissions, Amero has announced that a random drawing would be held from all cards collected from the "Tell Us!" boxes during the month of February. First prize in the drawing will be an iPod Shuffle. Additional prizes will be donated by the University Bookstore. ■

Travel & Expenses Training and Assistance Lab

The Office of Budget & Finance will continue providing training and assistance on the PeopleSoft Travel & Expenses module twice a month as follows:

Thursday, February 26	2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Tuesday, March 10	2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Thursday, March 26	10 a.m. – noon
Tuesday, April 14	10 a.m. – noon
Thursday, April 30	2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Tuesday, May 12	2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Thursday, May 28	10 a.m. – noon

The first hour of each session will be dedicated to group instruction; the second hour will be dedicated to providing faculty and staff with individualized assistance. All training and assistance sessions are scheduled in STC-277. Bring your laptop with wireless accessibility and your expense request information. Seating is limited, so please e-mail sonyaholtzclaw@clayton.edu to register. ■

Baker Books It as Part of National Library Week Subcommittee

by Ciji Fox, University Relations

Dr. Gordon N. Baker, director of Libraries at Clayton State University, recently helped to select the Moline, Il., Public Library as the recipient of the 2009 Scholastic Library Publishing National Library Week Grant while serving on the National Library Week Subcommittee.

"The purpose of the National Library Week Subcommittee is to choose an annual theme for National Library Week and to select the winner of the Scholastic Library Publishing National Library Week Grant," Baker explains. "The theme for this year's National Library Week (April 12-18, 2009) is "Worlds Connect @ Your Library. This year there were 32 applications submitted for the \$3000 grant."

Baker was first appointed to the National Library Week subcommittee in 2006. This is my second two-year term on the committee, he says, adding that his current term will expire in June 2010.

Baker was recommended for appointment to the committee by Judith Gibbons of the Kentucky State Library & Archives Department and former president of the Southeastern Library Association.

"In addition to this subcommittee under the umbrella of the Public Awareness Committee, I also serve as a member for the Campaign for America's Libraries subcommittee," Baker says. "The National Library Week Subcommittee meets twice each year for face-to-face meetings at the ALA Annual Summer Meeting and the Mid-Winter Meeting." ■

Arts Page

Clayton State Alumna Christi Zuniga to Perform Recital of Schubert Classics

Southern Crescent Chorale Presents “An Evening of Schubert” at Spivey Hall



The Southern Crescent Chorale will be making its fifth appearance at Spivey Hall with “An Evening of Schubert” on Saturday, Feb. 28 at 8:15 p.m.

The concert will begin with the Chorale’s performance of Schubert’s Mass in G accompanied by Marty Alexander on the world famous Spivey Hall organ. Soloists for the Mass are Clayton State Music faculty members Dr. Gina Harvey, soprano, and Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller, tenor. Also singing solo will be bass John LaForge. Well-known Fayetteville native and Clayton State alumna, Christi Muse Zuniga, currently the principal keyboardist for the Omaha

Symphony Orchestra, will also perform a 30-minute piano recital of Schubert classics.

Zuniga graduated from Fayette County High School in 1986. She earned her Bachelor of Music degree in Piano Performance from Clayton State, where she studied piano with Dr. Jeannine Morrison. Before moving to Omaha, Zuniga was the staff accompanist and classical piano instructor at Clayton State. She later received a Master of Music degree in Chamber Music and Accompanying from the world-renown Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia.

Zuniga has previously performed with the Atlanta Symphony, the Charleston Symphony, and the Curtis Symphony Orchestra. In addition to regular engagements with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, she also performed with fellow

orchestra members in recitals and other performances. As an accompanist, she has worked with performers in master classes taught by Jean-Pierre Rampal, Yo Yo Ma, Isaac Stern, Lynn Harrell, Elly Ameling, David Gordon, Peter Lloyd, Bonita Boyd, and Paula Robison.

The soloists in the Feb. 28 performance will also perform a number of Schubert art songs, including *Liebesbotschaft*, accompanied by Zuniga. The Chorale will complete the evening by singing other Schubert choral classics such as *Ave Maria*, *Lebenslust*, and *Der Tanz*.

The Southern Crescent Chorale is a 70-member auditioned community chorus who have been heard on WABE 90.1 FM. Tickets can be purchased through Spivey Hall by calling (678) 466-4200 or on line at www.spiveyhall.org. ■

Clayton State Students Treated to Master Class with Stotijn and Breinl

by Erin Fender, University Relations

Clayton State University students were recently treated to a private master class with Dutch mezzo-soprano Christianne Stotijn and pianist Joseph Breinl through the generosity of Spivey Hall’s Artistic and Executive Director Sam Dixon and the Friends of Spivey Hall.

“Ms. Stotijn and Mr. Breinl were open, friendly, and supportive of all the students and very eager to be helpful and useful to each singer. I thought — in particular, it clearly demonstrated to the students the level of detail that is expected in their work in this professional field,” says Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller, Clayton State’s director of Opera and Vocal Studies.



Joseph Breinl and Christianne Stotijn

Four voice students sang one piece each with staff pianist, Alexander Benford. Stotijn and Breinl worked with each student for approximately half an hour. Based on the artists’ request, the repertoire offered was mostly German music.

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Zeller/Otaki Recital in Spivey Hall

Clayton State University professors Dr. Kurt -Alexander Zeller, director of Opera and Vocal Studies, and Dr. Michiko Otaki, director of Keyboard Studies, will perform a faculty recital on Feb. 22 at 3:00 p.m. in Spivey Hall. This event is free and open to the public.

“Dr. Otaki and I have a recital partnership of long standing; indeed. She is one of the most skilled and sensitive collaborative pianists I have ever encountered anywhere—I never feel as if she is “accompanying” me, but rather that we are truly making the music together. This will be the fifth full recital program we have developed and presented together (in addition to numerous shorter performances),” says Zeller.

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Southeast Philosophy Conference a Success

From Friday, Feb. 13 through Saturday, Feb. 14, Clayton State University hosted the Second Annual Southeast Philosophy Congress, an event dedicated to giving undergraduate and graduate students from Clayton State, around the nation and across the globe the opportunity to share their research on an international stage.

The Congress kicked off with concurrent sessions on Friday morning, followed by the keynote address, "Ten

Myths about Medieval Philosophy," given by Dr. Jack Zupko of Emory University.

Over the course of the Congress, students deliberated issues ranging from morality and religion to the political foundations of a just society. The well attended talks were full of lively discussion, and the Congress' proceedings will appear in print next fall. ■

Clayton State to Celebrate National Recreational Sports & Fitness Day, February 24

Clayton State University will once again be celebrating National Recreation Sports & Fitness Day.

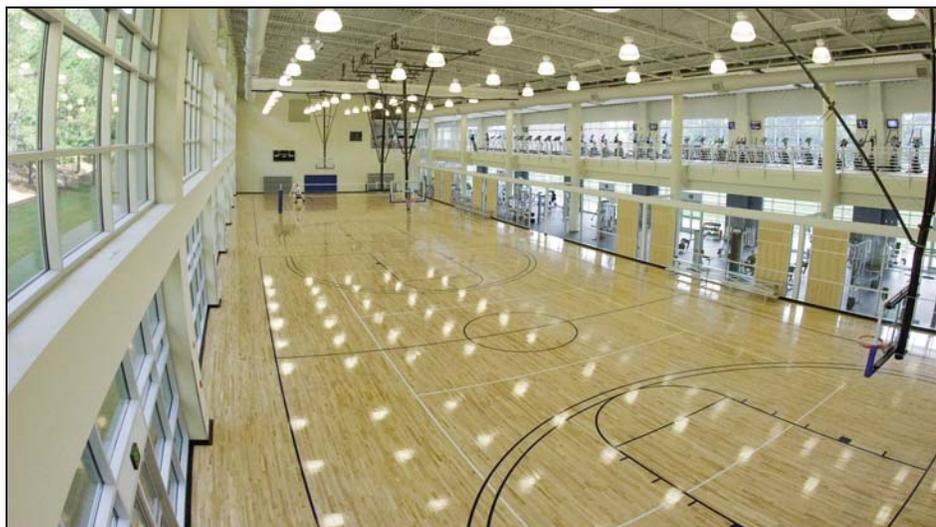
According to Director of Recreation & Wellness Cindy Lauer, Clayton State students and employees are encouraged to make plans to take part in the Tuesday, Feb. 24 event which will this year take place in the new Student Activities Center (SAC) Fitness Center.

The Department of Recreation & Wellness will kick off the event at 10 a.m.

and will continue with fun activities throughout the afternoon and early evening hours.

"We are once again offering cash prizes to students who place in our Fitness Challenges," says Lauer. "Freebies will also be available while supplies last. Everyone on campus is encouraged to come over to the SAC Fitness Center and be active."

For further information, contact Lauer at (678) 466-4974. ■



A view of the courts in Clayton State's new Student Activities Center.

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Other award winners included: the City of Riverdale; Thomas Enterprises, Inc.; Ambling Development Partners; and Watkins Retail Group.

South Metro Development Outlook is an annual event that was established by The Collaborative Firm, an Atlanta based land use planning and real estate development firm, in 2003, for the purpose of convening professionals with an interest in fostering smart growth in South Metropolitan Atlanta. The conference includes: Clayton, Coweta, Fayette, Henry, South Fulton and Spalding Counties. Each year, the forum continues to grow in participation and content. Since its inception, the conference has attracted more than 3,500 attendees. ■

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The afternoon program consists of three song cycles. The first song cycle is Robert Schumann's 16 song cycle on the poems of Heinrich Heine, *Dichterliebe* ("Poet's Love") and will be performed in German. The other two cycles are "We'll to the Woods No More" and "The Land of Lost Content", both settings of poems of the English poet A.E. Housman by the 20th-century English composer John Ireland.

"Dr. Otaki and I usually try, with at least part of each program, to present something that our students and the local community wouldn't have a chance to hear otherwise. Try something new—it's pretty risk-free; it doesn't cost a cent, and it will take only one hour of your time," says Zeller. ■

Master Class, cont'd., from p. 7

Offering insight to a career in music, Stotijn and Breinl noted they often worked for a half an hour or more on just a few measures of music.

"I think there were students singing or auditing the class who truly had never believed that it was necessary to be that painstaking in preparing music in the real world," says Zeller. "I was particularly gratified to hear Ms. Stotijn say to every single student that he or she needed to give more attention to the inhalation because the inhalation always needs to be appropriate to the thought about to be expressed. I loved hearing that because my students know it's my studio mantra." ■

Tami Adams Receives NDTA Scholarship

by Ciji Fox, University Relations

Tami Adams (Thomaston), a Clayton State University MBA Logistics and Supply Chain Management student, was recently selected to receive a \$1000 scholarship from the National Defense Transportation Association (NDTA).

NDTA's mission statement states: To foster a strong and efficient global transportation and distribution system in support of the economy and national security of the United States by:

- Advancing the knowledge and science of transportation/distribution within government and industry.
- Facilitating the sharing of knowledge between government and transportation/distribution related industries.
- Educating members on the important issues affecting the global transportation/distribution system.

Adams' academic excellence proves that she is a great candidate for the scholarship, says Dr. Michael Deis, director of the Clayton State MBA program.

"At the time I applied I had maintained a 4.0 GPA in the MBA program in Logistics and Supply Chain Management," Adams explains. "I submitted a brief bio and from my knowledge, a faculty vote was taken to award the recipient."

Adams also says she is grateful for the networking contacts and the \$1000 she was awarded. ■

Text Messaging in Case of an Emergency

In attempt to increase the number of text message addresses that Public Safety has in the campus network for students, as well as faculty and staff, please note the following instructions from OITS...

Text messaging is an important adjunct to email because text messaging can often reach you when email and cell phone messages cannot. Clayton State University will only send out text messages in the event of an emergency. There is no additional charge for this service from the University. However, you must have purchased and activated text messaging capability from your cell phone company to receive the text alerts. Once you have done that, you can enter your text address into the campus network.

The instructions are as follows:

You first need to know your cell phone company's text message address. If you don't know it, go to the company's website to obtain. For example, AT&T's text address is (subscriber's ten digit cell phone number)@txt.att.net. Your ten digit cell phone number in the address should not contain any spaces or symbols.

Next, log in to the DUCK via the SWAN at <http://swan.clayton.edu> using your Laker ID and password.

When inside the SWAN, click on the DUCK icon, and select Personal Information.

Select Update E-mail Addresses.

In the box next to Type of E-mail to Insert, select Text message E-mail Address, and then click on Submit. The DUCK will open the Update/Insert page and you may enter your text message address in the E-mail field.



Do not make this your preferred address as it is only to be used for emergencies.

After clicking on Submit, you should see that your text message address has been added. Verify that it is correct, consisting of your ten digit number, an @ symbol, followed by your cell phone company's text message email address (e.g. txt.att.net).

If your text message address is incorrect, click on the address, go back to update mode, and re Submit.

You are now registered to receive campus text message alerts, and you can exit from the DUCK.

Please note that if you change your cell phone number or company, you will also need to update your new text message address in the DUCK.

By taking a few minutes to follow these prompts, it will be a great benefit to the Department of Public Safety in its efforts to reach the entire campus community, wherever they may be, in the event of an emergency. ■

Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Start early...finish ahead)

PRACTICE INTERVIEW DAY

Be interviewed and receive positive feedback by an actual employer.

Wednesday, February 25, 2009 in the Student Center, Room 250 (Interview by appointment only)

Call the Career Services Office 678-466-5400 to schedule a time.

15 TIPS FOR ACING FEDERAL JOB APPLICATIONS

<http://www.jobweb.com/studentarticles.aspx?id=2261>

ATLANTA AREA CAREER FAIRS

(Information purposes only; No affiliation with Clayton State)

We are pleased to announce that our international students now have the opportunity to connect with interested employers through a virtual career fair just for international students.

Sponsored by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), the NACE International Students Virtual Career Fair is FREE and open to international students at schools that hold NACE membership who:

wish to return to their home country for full-time or internship/co-op opportunities.

are currently pursuing one-year Optional Practical Training (OPT) and/or long-term opportunities in the United States.

are currently pursuing summer Curricular Practical Training (CPT) internships in the United States.

Visit <https://nacelinkvcf-cfm.symplicity.com/students>, then select the Register tab and complete the form. Once your registration is received you will be sent an email, you must confirm receipt of that email to verify that you have registered for the fair and then your registration will be processed and you will receive a second

email with your password to enter the system.

LAW ENFORCEMENT TESTING

Saturday, February 28, 2009 Atlanta, Georgia

Qualified applicants will receive notification with the location and time upon completion and submission of an application package.

To obtain registration information, visit website at www.secretservice.gov/join or call 404-222-4955.

There are over 500 jobs available in the Atlanta, GA. area. Once you have logged on <http://admservices.clayton.edu/career/main/jobsearch.htm> choose the Jobs and Internships tab to view Laker CareerZone and NACELink Networking jobs.

Financial Asset Management Systems
Collector
Tucker, GA.
Full Time

Modern Woodmen of America
Financial Representative
Macon, GA.
McDonough, GA.
Full Time, Internship/Co-op

Loving Independence Home Health Care
Marketing Manager
Atlanta, GA.
Internship/Co-op

Lanier Parking Systems
Valet Attendants
Atlanta, GA.
Full Time, Part Time

Goldberg & Cuvillier, P. C.
Office assistant for attorneys
Decatur, GA.
Full Time, Part Time, Internship/Co-op

HH Capitalists
Work @ Home Professionals
Nationwide, US
Full Time, Part Time

AIS Solutions Group, LLC
Marketing Representative

South Metro Atlanta, GA.
Full Time, Part Time, Internship/Co-op,
Temporary/Seasonal

Chiquita Brands International, Inc.
Cost Accountant
Morrow, GA.
Full Time

Scotttrade, Inc
Internship (Finance/Economics) 101
McDonough, GA.
Internship/Co-op

Enterprise Rent-A-Car
Management Trainee
Metro Atlanta, GA.
Full Time

CAREERECO - ECOJOB PANEL

Thursday, February 26, 2009 from 5pm-7pm at the Centergy Building in Midtown.

Students get in free if registered in advance with student ID at the door.
<http://www.careereco.eventbrite.com>

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However, Clayton State responded. St. Fort drained a huge 3-point basket on the Lakers' ensuing possession, and a lay-up off a North Georgia turnover by Woodard increased the Clayton State lead to 54-39 with 6:35 left.

In addition to St. Fort, Hall scored 12 points and Jennings scored 11 points. In addition, forward Shanrika Hardeman grabbed 12 rebounds. Marble scored 18 points for North Georgia. ■

Attention Readers...

Due to budgetary constraints, the Campus Review newsletter will no longer be available in hard-copy. (This also has the added benefit of making Campus Review a "green" publication.) Please continue to visit <http://about.clayton.edu/campusreview> for the latest electronic issue of Campus Review. You can also read past issues and print out issues of the newsletter on the website.

Lakers Set 13 Records in Indiana

Led by sophomore Walid Berkhedle, the Clayton State Laker men's track & field team set five team records over the weekend at two indoor meets in Indiana.

Berkhedle's victory in the 800-meter run on Saturday at the DePauw Invitational highlighted Clayton State's productive weekend. He won the event in a time of 1:58.23 minutes, just edging Bellarmine's Zach Pittman for the Lakers' lone individual victory over the weekend. Overall, Clayton State placed eighth in the 19-team field at the DePauw Invitational, which was won by Bethel.

Led by senior Jon Taylor and junior Keisha Etienne, the Clayton State Laker women's track & field team set eight team records over the weekend at two indoor meets in Indiana. Taylor highlighted the weekend with an NCAA Division II provisional mark in the triple jump on Saturday at DePauw.

In addition to Berkhedle, three indoor team records were improved at DePauw. Junior Anthony Aguilar bettered his own marks in the 5,000 meter run with a time of 15:44.46 for an eighth-place finish. Aguilar also improved the Lakers' 1,000-meter run record by placing fourth in 2:42.55. Also, Joey Chino bettered his 3,000-meter run record for a second straight day (he also set the mark the night before at Indiana) with a 12th-place finish in 9:12.27.

On Friday, the Lakers competed at the Hoosier Hills Invitational at Indiana. Rolle had the highlight of the evening by finishing a strong second in the triple jump with a distance of 47-0³/₄ feet. Also, Berkhedle had the best race of the night for Clayton State as he finished sixth in the mile run, shattering his own school record in the process with a time of 4:15.34.

In addition, Spezzacatena improved on the team's 600-meter run record with a time of 1:25.55, while Chino out-dis-

tanced Laker teammate Au Nguyen in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 9:14.07. Moran cracked seven seconds for the first time in the 60-meter dash, finishing seventh with a time of 6.99, and Russell broke two minutes for the first time ever in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:59.27.

Competing in her first triple jump competition of her collegiate career, Taylor came away with an NCAA provisional leap of 37-5¹/₄ feet to win the event and break the Clayton State indoor record. Taylor also finished a close second in the 55-meter dash and ran a leg on the 4x200-meter relay with Etienne, Masiah Hutchinson and Tamara Marshall that finished second and bettered the team record for the event. Clayton State finished eighth out of 19 teams.

A third team record set at DePauw came from sophomore Chelsea Ellis, running the 1,000-meter run in 3:12.91 for a fifth place finish.

Etienne led the Lakers on Friday night at the Hoosier Hills Invitational at Indiana by bettering her own team record in the 400-meter dash with a time of 57.55 that was just 0.05 seconds short of the NCAA Division II provisional qualifying time. Etienne ended up finishing second overall in the 400-meter dash competition.

Earlier in the meet, she bettered her own 60-meter hurdle record and ran a leg on the women's 4x400-meter relay team with Taylor, Hutchinson and Adrienne Turner. That team improved on the indoor record for a second straight meet.

Additional records set at Indiana on Friday included Hutchinson, a freshman, bettering the team's mark in the 600-meter run (1:41.18) to finish sixth overall, while senior Nyisha Nelson improved her team indoor mark in the shot put with a throw of 32-0³/₄ feet. ■

Trivia Time

On Kissing a Wookiee

By John Shiffert, University Relations

There are clearly a lot of Star Wars fans out there. That was proved after the inimitable Jared and Joseph Shiffert suggested a Star Wars trivia question, inducing a record-breaking flood of answers, possibly enough to populate the Forest Moon of Endor.

No fewer than 15 correct responses came in to the question... who said "I'd rather kiss a wookiee?" (In case anyone doesn't follow Star Wars, the answer is Princess Leia.) Props go to Todd Birchfield, Tammy Wilson and Kathy Garrison for being fastest with the "reply" button, but David Ludley, Kelly Adams, Melanie Nolan, Francine Mocniak, Lou Brackett, Vickie Smith, Kurt-Alexander Zeller, Robert Caine, B.D. Stillion, Rob Taylor, Ginny Bass and Dotty Bumbalough also had the correct answer. Although unbidden, we'll award a Bonus Point to everyone who mentioned Han Solo's response ("I can arrange that.") That would be Adams (who lives for Star Wars trivia, just as Dolores Cox lives for Star Trek trivia), Brackett, Caine, Stillion and Taylor.

Volume Four, Number One of The Laker Connection should be in everyone's hands by now... let's see how closely you've been reading this edition. What is this year's production of the Clayton State Opera? Answers (not arias) to johnshiffert@clayton.edu.

Sports

19th-Ranked Clayton State Wins Matlock Invitational with 6-Under 858

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

After storming out to a big lead on the first day of the Matlock Invitational on Monday, the Clayton State Laker men's golf team put it in cruise control on Tuesday and won the tournament at the Lone Palm Golf Club.

The Lakers shot a final round of 294 on Tuesday and finished the 15-team tournament with a 6-under-par 858 for the three rounds. Clayton State shattered the team record for a 54-hole tournament by 13 strokes, and it is the fourth team tournament championship under third-year head coach Barry Harwell.

In addition, Clayton State is the first team to shoot under par all three rounds of the Matlock Invitational since 1998. The Lakers won by six strokes over fifth-ranked Columbus State, 11 strokes over defending NCAA Division II National

Champion West Florida, 12 strokes over sixth-ranked Georgia College and 14 strokes ahead of first-round leader Newberry.

"This is a big tournament with a lot of region teams that we will see again later in the season," says Harwell. "Obviously the second round (11-under 277) gave us a nice cushion. So we played very solid today. I'm very excited – these guys played real well."

Individually for the Lakers, two-time Division II All-American Will Wilcox put the finishing touches on low-medalist honors with a 2-under 70 for the final round. He broke his own Clayton State record for a 54-hole tournament with an 11-under 205, finishing three strokes ahead of Rollins' Colin Dolph and six strokes in front of Valdosta State's Brent

Witcher and Columbus State's Michael Hicks.

It was the fifth individual championship for Wilcox in his distinguished Clayton State career.

In addition to Wilcox, junior Neil Thomas finished tied for 14th with a 1-over 217 (72-70-75), while freshman Jordan Tyler Massey finished tied for 23rd with a 4-over 220 (75-71-74) and junior Wade Binfield finished tied for 28th with a 6-over 222 (78-69-75).

Rounding out the Clayton State scoring was sophomore Si Clemo tied for 46th with a 9-over 225 (72-77-76).

Clayton State plays next at the Samford Intercollegiate in Oneonta, Ala., on March 9-10. ■

Another 20-win Season for Clayton State Women After 60-50 victory at North Georgia

What has become a precedent for Clayton State women's basketball was reached yet again on Wednesday night.

Behind 14 points from senior guard Marie St. Fort, Clayton State made it eight straight victories in a hostile environment with a 60-50 Peach Belt Conference triumph at in-state rival North Georgia. The victory improves the 24th-ranked Lakers to 20-4 overall and 14-3 in the Peach Belt Conference.

It's the fifth straight 20-victory season for Clayton State under head coach Dennis Cox.

"It's been a little easier getting there this season than last season," says Cox on reaching the 20 victories. "We're a little better this season than last, but so is the rest of the Peach Belt and the region. This

is the most hostile crowd we've played in front of this season, and it actually worked in our favor."

It was Spirit Night at North Georgia, and a near-capacity crowd. However, Clayton State fed off the energy by racing out to an early 13-2 lead behind 3-point baskets by Brittany Hall and St. Fort. The Lakers stretched the lead to 15 points on a lay-up by Hall and two free throws by Tanisha Woodard at the 11:54 mark.

However, North Georgia (7-18, 4-14 PBC), spearheaded by 12 first-half points by Syretha Marble, cut the Clayton State lead to 30-23 at halftime.

Every time North Georgia made a move in the second half, Clayton State had an answer. The Lady Saints twice cut the Laker lead to seven points, including 40-

33 on a Marble lay-up with 13:37 left. And two free throws by Alyssa Stokes cut the Clayton State lead to 47-39 at the 8:24 mark.

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