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International Education Having a Record-Breaking Year at Clayton State

By John Shiffert, University Relations

Dr. Robert Welborn, in addition to his position as a professor of History and one of Clayton State University's longest-tenured faculty members, has also been the heart and soul of the University's International Education programs since, well before the Turn of the Century, when he was initially Clayton State's Study Abroad Coordinator.

In fact, Welborn was the first Clayton State faculty member to lead tour groups abroad, originally through the Continuing Education Division's Travel Abroad program in 1980.

Now serving as the University's director of International Education, Welborn is pleased to report that the University's growing international programs will have

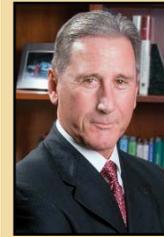
another record-breaking year in the 2007/2008 academic year.

"We have had another record breaking year, both in total numbers of students, total number of programs, number of faculty teaching abroad, and numbers of students in new destinations," he says, pretty much covering the entire international program. "We have four of our own programs this year, up from three last year. As of 2004, we had none of our own programs. In 2005, we did our first Clayton State study abroad program. In 2006 we did two, 2007 -- three, and in 2008 we are doing four."

For the 2007/2008 academic year, which runs from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008,

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President's Message



President Harden

You may have recently read or heard the news that the Clayton County Public Schools may lose its accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

It is important to understand that Clayton State is not in jeopardy of losing its accreditation. Please do not confuse the two completely separate entities: Clayton State University and the Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS).

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A Grant Brings Smiles To Clayton State University

By Erin Fender, University Relations

The Clayton State University Foundation recently received a \$40,000 grant from the Mary Allen Lindsey Branan Foundation, managed by Wachovia Trust. The grant, for the Clayton State Department of Dental Hygiene, was written by Director of Development Reda Rowell for the Clayton State University Foundation. Rowell worked collaboratively with Tamara W. Patridge, assistant vice president of nonprofit and philanthropic services for Wachovia Trust.

"The grant will mean that we can update our dental equipment in areas such as digital radiography and paperless charts and evaluation instruments which will move us into the direction of a paperless clinic," explains Dr. Susan Duley, head of the Department of Dental Hygiene.

The objective of the grant was to become a source of financial assistance in the renovation of the dental hygiene clinic, which had previously undergone no major renovations since its opening. The renovations have been identified as a campus priority. Aside from updating the clinic with new technology, the clinic is in need of more work stations to accommodate the growing program and increased demand.

The clinic allows students to gain hands-on experience in addition to their classroom training. The clinic is also an important entity serving an underserved popula-

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College of Professional Studies Nominates Six for GOAL 2008

Faculty members of the College of Professional Studies at Clayton State University have nominated six of their students for the Georgia Occupational Award of Leadership (GOAL) for 2008.

Assistant Professor of Office Administration Dr. Laveda Pullens is coordinator for the University's GOAL program this year.

GOAL, a statewide program of the Georgia Department of Technical and Adult Education (DTAE), honors excellence in academics and leadership among the state's technical college students. The purpose of the program is to spotlight the outstanding achievement by students and to emphasize the importance of technical education in today's global workforce.

Chosen for recognition this year from Clayton State are: Andrita Brown, Marketing and Merchandising, College Park, Ga.; Chabree Kinloch, Marketing and Merchandising, Jonesboro, Ga.; Arwen Mullikin, Office Administration, Fayetteville, Ga.; Karen Render, Office Administration, Hampton, Ga.; Ahmad

Rolle, Marketing and Merchandising, Morrow, Ga.; and Jessica Vickson, Office Administration, Peachtree City, Ga.

The Clayton State nominees will start the interview process with the College's Internal Screening Committee on Thursday, Feb 21. The screening committee will review each of the instructors' nominations then conduct personal interviews with the students.

The finalists will then take part in another round of interviews and evaluations by representatives from local business and industry. That panel will consider the students' qualities like academic achievement, personal character, leadership abilities and enthusiasm for technical education.

The student judged most outstanding will be designated as the college's GOAL winner and move on to the competition for the state GOAL award and selection for the DTAE's 2008 Student of the Year. The Clayton State GOAL winner will be announced on Wednesday, Mar. 12 at the Clayton County Rotary Club Luncheon.

The Rotary Club is the co-sponsor of the 2008 Clayton State GOAL program this year.

GOAL winners are selected at each of the state's 33 technical colleges as well as the four University System of Georgia institutions with technical education divisions. Clayton State University has various programs of study in the College of Professional Studies that receive DTAE funding, hence Clayton State students participate in the GOAL competition.

GOAL winners from each DTAE campus will compete in Atlanta in May and one will be named as the statewide GOAL winner.

The state GOAL winner also earns the student the important responsibility of traveling the state as an ambassador for the entire technical college system. To make that travel easier, the winner also receives a new car from Chevrolet, the statewide corporate sponsor of Georgia's GOAL program. ■

Allan Vigil Earns Ford Salute to Dealers Award

Allan Vigil acknowledges he was not a star student. As it turned out, tenacity and natural abilities kicked in later -- leading to business success and statewide prominence.

That allows the chairman of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia (USG) and long-time member of the Board of Trustees of the Clayton State University Foundation to reach out to support students and educators at every level of learning.

"I struggled with my education, but as an adult, came to realize how important education is for everyone," says the president and CEO of Allan Vigil Ford. "My number one focus of community service is education. From elementary school through college, there is so much we can do to encourage, mentor, and support our children, our schools and our teachers."

Vigil puts that commitment into action with donations of his time and resources.

As a member of the University System of Georgia Foundation, he contributes annually to Excellence in Education awards that provide scholarships and faculty recognition grants. Vigil also brings business expertise and leadership ability to the Board of Regents and to Clayton State, where's he been an active supporter since 1983.

For his distinguished corporate citizenship, Vigil has earned a Salute To Dealers award from Ford Motor Company. He is among nine North American dealer principals who received the eighth annual tribute at a ceremony held Feb. 8 in San Francisco. Honorees were selected from among more than 6,000 dealers across the United States and Canada for exhibiting unparalleled dedication to their communities.

In addition to energetic involvement with education, medical care is another area of interest for Vigil. The Ford dealer is in his

fifth year as a board member of Southern Regional Health System, a nonprofit medical network.

"You see so many things that need to be done, but at some point you have to focus your efforts on areas in which you really feel you can make a difference," he explains. "Having a good hospital and the necessary health care services contributes so much to making a community strong."

In the area of education, Vigil's impact reaches every corner of Georgia. In 2003, Gov. Sony Perdue appointed Vigil to the Board of Regents, which oversees state libraries and 35 public campuses. The dealer has visited each university and college, "to obtain first-hand insights by touring the facilities and meeting with students, faculty and administrators. I became aware of what a vital role is filled

Clayton State History Professor Authoring History Of Clayton County

By John Shiffert, University Relations

Clayton State University Associate Professor of History Dr. Kathryn W. Kemp is hard at work on another book project.

The author of "God's Capitalist, Asa Candler of Coca-Cola," the highly-acclaimed biography of the Coca-Cola founder, Kemp is currently writing a history of Clayton County that will be published this summer as a coffee table book by Historic Jonesboro/Clayton County as "Historic Clayton County: The Sesquicentennial History."

It's a project that Kemp, herself a Clayton County resident, describes as "interesting," in part because of the source materials she has been using, and in part because of the much different Clayton County they show.

"Just lately, I have been working in a scrapbook of Clayton County that was made about 1950 or '51; it has photos of two-thirds of Jonesboro's three-man police force, and their one and only patrol car, plus a view of Jodeco Road as a country lane paved in gravel," she says. Also included in the scrapbook are such forgotten Clayton County enterprises as a Shetland pony farm. Of course, Clayton County also once had a flourishing dairy farm in the Morrow/Lake City area... it's now the site of Clayton State University.

"Writing is part of the work of a university professor, but I am also a Clayton County resident, so this project for the Historic Jonesboro/Clayton County organization gives me the opportunity to make a contribution to the community where I live," she adds. ■

National Eating Disorders Awareness Week at Clayton State

The Clayton State University School of Nursing, Department of Recreation and Wellness, Department of Dental Hygiene and the Office of Counseling Services are joining together to sponsor programs in conjunction with the 21st National Eating Disorders Awareness Week (NEDAW), Feb. 24 to Mar. 1.

Sponsored by the National Eating Disorders Association (NEDA), this is the nation's largest eating disorders outreach effort. During the week, hundreds of volunteer activists across the country will partner with NEDA to help individuals in their communities to "Embrace Their Genes."

Locally, the offices of Counseling Services, Recreation and Wellness, and the Departments of Dental Hygiene and Nursing are collaborating to bring awareness to Clayton State and the local community. Programming will include participation in the annual Great Jeans Giveaway, which is NEDA's signature event for the national awareness week, used to reinforce the message "Embrace Your Genes, Wear Jeans that Fit the TRUE You." The event asks participants to bring in old pairs of jeans because too often individuals struggle against their natural, genetically influenced size just to fit into that pair of "skinny jeans" in the back of their closets.

"Fighting your natural size and shape can lead to unhealthy dieting practices, poor body image, and even eating disorders," says Elaina Chance, assistant director, Outreach and Prevention, for Clayton State's Office of Counseling Services.

Bins for donating jeans will be placed in academic buildings throughout the Clayton State campus. Other planned programs for Clayton State are:

"Lunch and Learn" Workshop for Clayton State students, faculty and staff on Feb. 26 in room TEC 118 on the University's Technology Building from 12:30 p.m. to 1:20 p.m. A video presentation of "How

You Look Is Not Who You Are?" will be shown. Additionally, participants will be encouraged to discuss how messages from the media influence their own personal body image. A free lunch will be provided on a first come, first served basis.

The "Love Your Body Fair" will be held on Feb. 27 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Commons area of the James M. Baker Center featuring free screenings, giveaways, door prizes and much more.

"We'll celebrate our bodies and the 'Genes We Are In!'" says Chance.

Also on Feb. 27 will be a free Belly Dancing Class for women from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the gym of the University's Athletic & Fitness Center

"Come and celebrate your body with a professional belly dancer from one of Atlanta's premier dance studios," says Chance. "The class will include an instructional overview of the history and artistic expression of belly dancing. Come early, space is limited."

While the 2008 key message of National Eating Disorders Awareness Week highlights the fact that body size and shape are strongly influenced by biological factors, it also calls attention to some of the new discoveries surrounding the role of genetics in the development of eating disorders and supports the fact that eating disorders are serious illnesses, not choices. Everyday researchers are discovering more about the influence of genetics and finding that while environmental factors may pull the trigger, but genetics loads the gun.

For information about eating disorders and other NEDAW events, please contact Tera Watkins (twatkins7@clayton.edu) or Chance (elainachance@clayton.edu). ■

President of Clayton State Philosophy Club Wins NCSAA Muay Thai Kickboxing National Championship

By Erin Fender, University Relations

Clayton State University student Michael Hobgood won the National Combat Sports Amateur Association (NCSAA) Muay Thai Kickboxing National Championships on Feb. 15, in Washington, D.C.

“The competition is an adrenaline high, it’s an empowering feeling,” says Hobgood who is also currently a sergeant in the U.S. Army.

Hobgood is also the president of the Clayton State Philosophy Club. After resting up and flying back home from his kickboxing championship, on Saturday Feb. 16 he participated in the inaugural Southeast Philosophy Conference held at Clayton State. He presented his research on “Boots on the (Philosophical) Ground: Human Nature According to a Solider.”

Hobgood became interested in mixed martial arts when a friend in the army needed a sparring partner. He began training in 2001; however it was not until December 2005 that he began competing in mixed martial arts. He has participated in 76 fights and has held eight titles.

Hobgood retired from mixed martial arts in February 2007 and began Muay Thai kickboxing. He won the 2007 and 2008 Georgia State and Southeast Regional titles. Last year he placed third at the



Above: Hobgood with championship belt

national competition, but this year he won and took home the hand-made champion belt.

“My fiancé, Kim, has been very supportive, as have my parents. My dad encourages me and my mom hopes that I come out alive,” he explains with a bit of humor.

The light of his life is his fiancé Kim’s daughter, Lauren, who he says he is thankful to have in his life everyday. Hobgood looks forward to being with Kim and Lauren full time – they are currently separated while they both are in school.

Graduation is nearing for Hobgood -- spring 2008 -- and with that many things will change for him. He will marry his fiancé this summer. He also plans to continue his military career with the U.S. Army. All of this will mean his retirement from Muay Thai kickboxing.

“I’m very excited about winning, but retiring and giving up a huge chunk of my life was rather sad. But that win put the perfect capstone on my career, I’ve done more than I ever thought I could, and I have no regrets about it,” says Hobgood.

“I do not like to sit still, I just don’t know what to do with myself. I prefer to stay active whether it is physically or mentally,” he says of his joint athletic and philosophical interests.

Hobgood is a history major with a minor in philosophy and currently has a 3.53 grade point average. In his spare time, he does like to read military history as well as biographies and also likes to play video games.

“I’m 26 years old and a national champion with my health still intact. I’m living up to my promise; I always said I would leave the sport on my terms rather than get tossed aside when the sport was done with me,” he says. ■

Shontelle Thrash Performs One- Person Show, “The Journey” at Clayton State on Feb. 28

Clayton State University Adjunct Instructor of Theatre Shontelle Thrash will be performing her one-person show, “The Journey” in the Clayton State Theatre (room G132 of the Arts & Sciences Building) at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 28. Thrash’s performance is free and open to the public.

“This is an especially theatrical piece for Black History Month,” comments Clayton State Theatre Director Phillip DePoy.

“The Journey,” written by Dorothy Myles, is a play that tells the beginning of a nation of people in a country without a legacy to remember, following four black women through moments in time, beginning in Africa, and going from slavery to the hope of freedom.

“No pictures, no fortunes, no roots that were not tainted by another nation’s seed. Imposed upon in every way; no dawn to follow a new day -- a struggle to know where they belong when freedom rings.

Women are said to be the backbone of every family. The black nation is no exception,” states Thrash’s website, www.shontellethrash.com. ■

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Clayton State will have 48 students studying abroad... up from 44 last year.

“And this has been a very difficult year economically,” Welborn notes, adding that some students have had to drop out of the program due to financial considerations.

Destinations for this year’s Study Abroad students include:

The London Maymester (May 7 to May 21, 2008) – the second year this English Department program has been offered. Dr. Gregory McNamara will be this year’s professor.

Italy Honors Spring Break – also a second year program, this one sponsored by the Clayton State Honors Program. South Africa is the biggest program in terms of the number of students – 11. It’s the second year Clayton State students have gone to South Africa, however, last

year Clayton State collaborated with Albany State on this program, and this year the program is strictly a Clayton State program.

Italy Summer Study Abroad has six students.

“That’s a record number of Clayton State students for this program, which has operated since 1999,” notes Welborn. “For the first time we have a Biology professor, Dr. Jere Boudell, who will be teaching biology courses in the program.”

One Clayton State student is doing a Paris Summer Study Abroad and seven will be going to the Bahamas during Maymester.

“This is the first year of this program and it is a research program aimed at Clayton State Biology majors,” explains Welborn. “They will be staying at a research institution on San Salvador Island and snorkeling on a coral reef.”

On the teaching side, nine Clayton State faculty members are teaching students

abroad. (That’s up from six last year.) Two taught foreign students in faculty exchange programs -- one in India (Dr. Michael Tidwell from the School of Business) and one in Peru (Jean-Jacques Medastin from the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences). The Peruvian program is one of the very few where University System of Georgia professors teach in the native language of the host country. The other seven Clayton State faculty taught Clayton State students and students from other University System institutions in study abroad programs... two in South Africa, three in Italy, one in London and one in the Bahamas. ■

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tion that might not otherwise be able to afford proper dental hygiene care.

With the planned renovations to the dental hygiene clinic, the program anticipates an increase in student enrollment and will be able to admit 40 new students instead of the current 28 each year. Additionally, the number of patients served through the

clinic is anticipated to increase from 2,100 to 3,000, a 30 percent increase.

“Updating these two areas, the digital radiography and move to the paperless clinic, will impact the quality of education for the dental hygiene students,” says Duley. ■



Photo Credit: Erin Fender

Photo Caption: From left to right: Dean of the College of Professional Studies Dr. Rodger Bates, Clayton State President Dr. Thomas K. Harden, Tamara W. Patridge of the Wachovia Trust, Clayton State Director of Development Reda Rowell, Head of the Department of Dental Hygiene Dr. Susan Duley and Clayton State Interim Vice President of External Relations Steve Stephens.

Life’s Transitions...

Dr. Virginia Bonner and Dr. Steve Spence welcomed the arrival of Daniel Morgan Bonner-Spence, on Jan. 28. Daniel weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz. Both mother and baby are doing very well.



Clayton State University Foundation Board of Trustees member Lata Chinnan is now a grandmother. Her son Vikas and his lovely bride had a son on Feb. 20. Bailey Bakshi Chinnan was born at 7:55 p.m. He was 6 lbs., 5 oz. Mom and baby are healthy. Dad is thankful.

Clayton State to Hold Black History Month Finale February 28

By Shavaun Brewer, University Relations

Clayton State University's Department of Student Life is proud to announce Black History Month's Finale events schedule. The finale will be Feb. 28, at 6:30 p.m. in the Commons area of the James M. Baker Center.

The keynote speaker of the evening will be Kim N. Carswell, chief executive consultant/ founder of Persona Affairs, LLC, a brand imaging firm that manages public service events and cause-related marketing campaigns to corporations and non-profit organizations. With more than two decades of operational, enrollment services and training experience, Carswell consults regularly with executives from a variety of fields to help create innovative brands for diverse audiences.

Clayton State Assistant Director of Campus Life Lakiesa Cantey says, "we will reflect on the events that have taken

place throughout the month and hopefully inspire attendees to celebrate Black History during the entire year through our guest speaker."

This event is free to the public, however you must RSVP to attend by contacting Cantey by email at LakiesaCantey@clayton.edu.

For a detailed listing of the events, please visit the Department of Student Life's homepage at <http://adminservices.clayton.edu/campuslife/default.htm>. From this link, click "Campus Programs" and then "Black History Month."

As an entrepreneur who quickly built her own successful consulting business, Carswell also assists the Southern Christian Leadership Foundation with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's Kingian Nonviolence Reconciliation training for

the City of Atlanta and the U.S. Department of Justice. Prior to her current position, she launched "There is an 'I' in Team" workshop to teach higher education personnel conflict resolution strategies at the 2007 SACRAO conference. In October 2008, she will travel to Tel Aviv, Israel to assist with the international SCLC Conflict Reconciliation Center.

Carswell earned her Bachelors of Art degree in communication from Georgia State University, earned certification of mediation while pursuing a Master of Science in Conflict Management degree from Kennesaw State University, and received Kingian Nonviolence Trainer Certification from the University of Rhode Island. ■

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by the smaller schools and community colleges."

"With Chairman Vigil's leadership, the Board of Regents developed a strategic plan that will transform the University System, change Georgians' lives and strengthen the state of Georgia. The University System is proud to have him as its leader," comments USG Chancellor Erroll B. Davis Jr."

Two decades before his high-profile role in statewide education, Vigil began serving the campus in Morrow, where he has lived for 30 years. His long-term dedication as a foundation board member at Clayton State is in its 25th year.

"He has filled numerous leadership roles for the university, including making one of the initial gifts towards the building of Spivey Hall, recruiting the first dean of the School of Business, and serving for the past 20 years as a sponsor of the annual career fair," says President Dr. Thomas

K. Harden. "Clayton State has been fortunate to have Allan Vigil as a champion and an advocate. He is generous with his time and resources, and has been a consummate community servant, a successful businessman and a committed trustee."

As much as he values the appreciation of community leaders, Vigil said he is especially moved by simple expressions of thanks from local schools and sports teams he assists – such as, "hand-drawn pictures from children and pictures of proud teams in uniform. What more could you ask for to keep you going?"

It is also gratifying, he added, when an Allan Vigil Ford employee voices thanks for an impact on his or her family.

"We could have been involved at their child's school or been a team sponsor and they stop to offer their appreciation," Vigil says. "I think this also makes them proud of the dealership and gives them an opportunity to feel a part of what the company is doing in the community."

Salute To Dealers is conducted under the guidance of Edsel B. Ford II, a member of Ford's Board of Directors. The program was launched in 2001 to demonstrate the company's commitment to its thousands of dealer principals who step beyond their showroom doors to make a difference where they live and work. Each honoree was recognized at a reception held Feb. 8 before the four-day National Automobile Dealers Association Convention in San Francisco.

"Allan's inspiring dedication to his neighbors underscores the commitment to corporate citizenship that my great-grandfather built into the fabric of Ford Motor Company more than a century ago," Edsel Ford says. "He and fellow honorees strengthen communities, set an example for others and bring hope to thousands of people across our country. We are very proud of them." ■

Avoid the Flu -- Stop the Spread of Germs that Make You and Others Sick

By Latrice Barlow, Nurse Managed Clinic

Influenza is a respiratory illness that is caused by flu viruses. Flu symptoms usually start to appear one to four days after the virus gets into your body. The flu is contagious and can be transferred to someone else one day before symptoms occur and up to five days after getting sick. The flu virus is spread mainly through respiratory droplets of coughs and sneezes.

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/disease.htm>

Symptoms of the flu include sore throat, high fever, headaches, cough, muscle pains, and lethargy.

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The flu can cause added medical complications for people in "high risk" groups, such as the elderly and children.

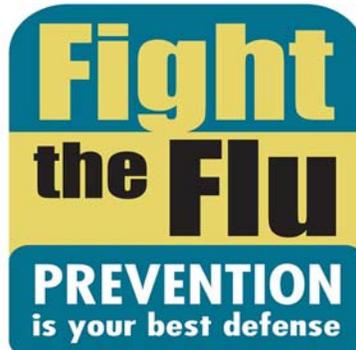
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Different strains of the flu emerge each year, meaning that flu vaccines must be altered yearly.

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/keyfacts.htm>
Flu season can last anywhere from October to May.

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/keyfacts.htm>

The Centers for Disease Control recommends six good health habits for prevention...



1. Avoid close contact. Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick, too.
2. Stay home when you are sick. If possible, stay home from work, school and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness.
3. Cover your mouth and nose. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. If no tissue is available cough or sneeze in your elbow. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.
4. Clean your hands. Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs.
5. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.

6. Practice other good health habits. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.

If You Get Sick

Most healthy people recover from the flu without complications. If you are on campus and think you may have the flu stop by the Nurse Managed Clinic for instructions and prescriptions if necessary.

If you get the flu, stay home, get lots of rest, drink plenty of liquids, and avoid using alcohol and tobacco.

There are over-the-counter (OTC) medications to relieve the symptoms of the flu (but never give aspirin to children or teenagers who have flu-like symptoms, particularly fever).

Remember that serious illness from the flu is more likely in certain groups of people including people 65 and older, pregnant women, people with certain chronic medical conditions and young children.

Consult your doctor early on for the best treatment. ■

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Clayton State University is not affiliated with the Clayton County Public Schools. We are a part of the University System of Georgia and are under the governance of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. The Clayton County Public Schools system operates under the auspices of the CCPS Board of Education.

The Clayton County Public Schools system has been under investigation by SACS-CASI (Council on Accreditation and School Improvement), which is the component of SACS that deals with elementary and secondary education. SACS'

recent report on its investigation of CCPS has recommended loss of accreditation for the Clayton County Public Schools. Although this is very disappointing, it does not have a direct impact on Clayton State University.

Clayton State University is in good standing with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. We were awarded our most recent reaffirmation of accreditation by the Commission on Colleges, the component of SACS that deals with colleges and universities, after a routine 10-year review, in 2004. We are not, nor

have we ever been, a subject of investigation by SACS, or any other accrediting agency.

Clayton State University has several accreditations, certifications, and approvals from various agencies and associations. Our accreditation with SACS is, without a doubt, the most important. The faculty, staff and administration of Clayton State University will continue to insure that the University provides quality education in all ways to protect our status with SACS. ■

Across the Campus...

=Athletics

The Clayton State men's basketball team split four decisions over the past two weeks, to remain at .500 on the year (12-12). The Lakers lost to Augusta State (75-65) and North Georgia (76-70) and defeated Georgia Southwestern (63-38) and Armstrong Atlantic State (61-55).

The Clayton State Laker men's track and field team finished up the indoor regular season on solid note last Saturday at the Chick-fil-A Invitational at North Carolina. The Lakers had a total of five Top 10 finishes and set two school records at the meet. Senior Eric Simmons recorded two top 10 finishes. He placed second in the 400-meter dash in 49.30 seconds and fourth in the 200-meter dash in 22.35 seconds. In addition to Simmons, Clayton State had two top 10 finishers in the 5,000-meter run – Anthony Aguilar finished sixth in a school-record time of 15:55.50, while Au Nguyen placed eighth in 16:04.60. Tim Moran had the other top 10 finish for Clayton State by placing 10th in the 60-meter dash in 7.04. Freshman Walid Berkhedle finished 11th in the mile run, recording a school-record time of 4:24.16.

Dr. David Ludley Helped to "Connect the Dots" for Chick-fil-a, Inc.

On Tuesday, Feb. 12, Dr. David Ludley, professor of Art History and English, gave a very well-received presentation before the national marketing division of Chick-fil-A, Inc.

As a lead-in to a day spent on discussing the new national organizational plan for Chick-fil-A. Ludley addressed the company in downtown Atlanta with a lecture on Georges Seurat, the French Neoimpressionist, who painted exclusively with dots. Ludley lectured them on the need to "connect the dots" and "connect with people," which eventually led into their "connecting the dots" with their national organizational strategy.

Integrative Studies

Women's History Month is celebrated/recognized in many ways. However, only the Barnes & Noble outlet on Mt. Zion Boulevard in Morrow will feature the author of a unique new book for Women's History Month. Clayton State University Assistant Professor & Coordinator of Integrative Studies & Women's Studies Dr. Wendy A. Burns-Ardolino will be at the Barnes & Noble on Mt. Zion from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Mar. 13 for what can only be called an event. Burns-Ardolino will be giving a reading of her new book, "Jiggle: (Re)Shaping American Women," followed by a discussion and a book signing.

Psychology

Dr. Antoinette Miller traveled to Buffalo on Oct. 5 to present the poster "Geeky Science Fairs: Mock Poster Sessions as Capstone Exercises" at the National Center for Case Study Teaching in Science annual Case Conference. Miller also attended the International Society for Exploring Teaching and Learning's annual meeting in Atlanta on Oct. 12, presenting "Let's Play House! Problem-Based Learning in Psychology (and other courses)." Dr. Celeste Walley-Jean spoke on Oct. 13 at the Inaugural Women and Girls

in Georgia Conference hosted by the University of Georgia's Institute on Women's Studies. Dr. Donna McCarty presented "The Annual Faculty Evaluation Conference: An Opportunity to Promote Success" at the annual meeting of the Association of Heads of Department of Psychology on Nov. 16.

Clayton State's Chapter of Psi Chi (the National Honor Society in Psychology), along with the Psychology Department, recently co-sponsored the first-ever Psychology Graduate School Fair at Clayton State. Dr. Erica Gannon, the faculty advisor for Psi Chi, reports that there was enthusiastic feedback from both students and program representatives, and the fair will now be an annual event.

University System of Georgia

This week's issue of 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.

Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!

Business Etiquette Dinner & Effective Networking

Harry S. Downs Center
For Continuing Education
Tuesday, April 1, 2008
6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Purchase advance tickets for \$15
Office of Career Services,
Student Center, Suite 250
Space is limited to 40 participants only

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The whole setting was linked to Ludley's presentation, with Seurat projections, as well as Seurat placemats, paintsets, magnets, etc., at every table. One of Ludley's former students, alumna Jenny Kilgore, is now one of their top marketing strategists...and thought of him. ■



Dr. David Ludley

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Office Depot Ordering OK

By Row Anderson, Procurement

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Communities contract. We may get better
discounts on supply items with the
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I will be sending two letters in campus
mail to p-card holders explaining U.S.
Communities with a letter from Office
Depot. Through US Communities we
will receive a rebate on the amount that
we order just as we did several years

ago. The letter will explain all of this
information. We can also continue to use
our p-card for in store purchases with tax
exemption and same discounts as online.

One of the big issues that we have with
Office Depot is their delivery service.
They have assured us that this will be
corrected. We explained to Office Depot
that it is an unacceptable practice for
delivery after 5 p.m. and having a non
employee sign for the merchandise or
leave it in the rain over a weekend.

Please feel free to continue ordering
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contact with Office Depot for resolution.

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Gary May Looking at Team Projects

By Shavaun Brewer, University Relations

Dr. Gary May, an associate professor of Management for the School of Business at Clayton State University, is currently focusing his research on ways to improve the peer evaluation process in team projects.

May believes that his research findings are significant to society in general because teams are an integral part of the workplace and his research has applications for business leaders as well as instructors in academia.

“Based on my research I believe all businesses should include rater-training as part of the support system for teams when peer evaluations are required,” he says.

When asked how the research findings will be used in his Business courses at Clayton State, May replies, “I’ve incorpo-

rated learning modules in all my courses on effective team behaviors and how to complete peer evaluations in a valid, reliable manner.”

When asked what his favorite things are about the Clayton State campus, May says, “I like our beautiful campus and the friendly, collegial work environment. I enjoy working with the faculty and the students in the School of Business. Everyone cares and everyone works hard. It gives me great joy to know we’re equipping our students to have a competitive edge in the marketplace.”

Amongst his research efforts May has also published two refereed journal articles, a literature review, and his most recent publication -- a research paper that tests the effort of a rater-training program on reducing social style bias in project

team peer evaluations. The most recent journal has been accepted for publication in 2008 in the Business Communication Quarterly.

May has been a professor at Clayton State for the past eight years. He has an extensive background in business management, consulting, and he is associated with a host of professional organizations. ■



Dr. Gary May

Third Annual CARE Fair An Academic Support Services Event



The Office of the Dean of Retention & Student Success and the Center for Academic Success sponsored the Third Annual CARE Fair - An Academic Support Services Event, on Thursday, Feb. 14, 2008. The event took place on Main Street in the Baker Center from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. This fair provides an opportunity for departments to promote programs and services that support student success and retention.

Clayton State University Student Uses Class Project and Wins a Grant

By Erin Fender, University Relations

Clayton State University nursing student Kathleen Johnson recently put a class project to the test and watched it come to fruition.

In Dr. Karen Weaver's health education course the students' main project throughout the semester is to develop a teaching/learning experience in which students select a health education topic and audience.

"Throughout the course students develop goals and objectives for achieving learning outcomes, study and choose instructional strategies, search for and evaluate teaching resources, and prepare a teaching/lesson plan," explains Weaver.

Johnson, who is the director of the Multi-Cultural Achievers Program at the Butler Street YMCA in Atlanta, knew her topic.

"I like working with inner city teens. I came up with a plan to help those kids, a plan to teach teens how to manage and fight obesity through diet and exercise," she says.

During the summer of 2007, Johnson learned of a grant available in partnership with the Community Foundation Neighborhood Fund and the Atlanta Falcons Youth Foundation Fitness Zone, that would help her implement her teaching experience into a real program for the Butler Street YMCA.

"I used my lesson plan and made the necessary adjustments for the application requirements and submitted the proposal for the grant. We were awarded \$1500 to put my program into action," explains Johnson, who also notes that the program will continue to receive funding each summer.

"I am so proud of her, she is always enthusiastic. She thinks big and doesn't recognize limitations," says Weaver.

Johnson, along with her fellow co-workers, organized and implemented her program with the budget funded through the grant. Johnson designed a day of activities to emphasize nutrition and health for the teens attending the workshop.



Photo Credit: Erin Fender

Left: Kathleen Johnson
Right: Dr. Karen Weaver

The day began with a trip to a Whole Foods market in which the manager gave the teens a tour and discussed the benefits of natural and organic foods. Next, the group headed to a local church that donated use of their building for a presentation on obesity, a physical fitness activity presented by an expert, and a nutrition discussion with a dietician. The dietician

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Farewell to Nicole Palazzo On Feb. 21, 2008

The Disability Resource Center held a farewell reception for Nicole Palazzo on Feb. 21, 2008. The reception honored Palazzo, who has served as the assistant director since August, 2005, including nearly a year and a half as the Interim Director.



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Clayton State University's
Inaugural Southeast
Philosophy Conference
February, 16, 2008

Undergraduate Students from around America and as far away as the UK presented their research.

Top left: Chelsea Ruxer (University of Evansville, IN) delivering paper.

Bottom Left: Speakers waiting to begin.

Top Right: Michael Hobgood (holding the belt) speaking with Robert Case after his presentation. Hobgood had just returned from Washington, D.C. where he won the National Thai Kickboxing Championship.



Business Services and Human Resources sent Luciana Mariani away in grand style. Everyone enjoyed a brunch with all the fixings. We will miss Luci, but wish her well on her new endeavors as she transfers to Emory to work in their payroll department. Good luck Luci.

Jazzman's Grand Opening, Feb. 27

Join us Wednesday, Feb. 27 for the grand opening of Jazzman's Café in the Baker Center. There will be free samples of our pastries and drinks, and we'll be giving away some great prizes. One lucky person will win an iPod Shuffle! (No purchase necessary to enter the drawings.) Follow this link for more information about Jazzman's menu.

<http://www.jazzmanscafe.com/Menu.htm>
We hope to see you soon at Jazzman's!



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even showed the teens how to make an easy fruit smoothie at home.

Bags with a wealth of nutritional goodies, nutritional snack options, a pedometer, a t-shirt and a nutritional cookbook were also given to the teens.

"A few of the kids could not attend the workshop, so I took those kids to a vegetarian style restaurant to discuss nutrition and to give them a good healthy experience," adds Johnson.

After the day was over, the teens filled out program evaluations.

"We got such a wonderful response from the teens. They enjoyed what they learned which was very gratifying," Johnson expresses.

Johnson is a mother of two and explained that her daughter was her inspiration to become a nurse, and who convinced her it would fit her personality.

"I am a service oriented person. I like to work with teens and within the community," she says.

Johnson is a member of the Clayton State University Student Nurses Association,

Toastmasters, the Black Nurses Association, an investment club, and volunteers for the Apex museum, the Alliance Theater, the Red Cross, Hands on Atlanta, and has served with the United Way. She plans to pursue a master's degree and says education is her plan for the next several years.

"The health education course helps students to think big and recognize what they can do, that they can have an impact. The project is a step by step process to form a lesson plan that can be implemented in the real world and Kathleen proved it," says Weaver. ■

CIMS to Take Part in DOE Information Management Conference

The Clayton State University College of Information and Mathematical Sciences will be represented at the upcoming Information Management Conference (IMC), held by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) in Atlanta at the Omni Hotel at the CNN Center from Mar. 17 to Mar. 20.

The 2008 IMC addresses acquisitions, implementation, operation and maintenance of Information Technology (IT). The theme of the conference is "Modernizing the DOE Legacy with IT Enterprise Solutions". The focus is providing meaningful information, interacting to improve IT management, and maximizing the contribution and value of IT for DOE.

"Part of their agenda is an outreach to colleges and universities who might have

students and graduates interested in career opportunities," explains Dr. Angelyn Hayes, Clayton State director of Career Services.

"This event will give the students and faculty an opportunity to learn about DOE and the employment opportunities, as well as meet with some of our senior executives," says DOE Program Analyst Kia Jackson. "This event is open to all majors. Students are encouraged to bring their resumes and unofficial transcripts."

For more information, including the IMC agenda and registration information, go to <http://www.imconferences.energy.gov> and click on Outreach Event. From there, you can see the agenda as well as registration information. ■

Kitty Deering Elected Fellow of the Georgia Psychological Association

by Maggie Shiffert, University Relations

Dr. Catherine (Kitty) G. Deering was elected Fellow of the Georgia Psychological Association (GPA) at its 2007 Annual Conference. She is a professor of Psychology at Clayton State University.

Fellows are nominated and elected by the Executive Committee of the Georgia Psychological Association for outstanding service to the organization. Deering has been a member of GPA for 15 years, serving on the Academic Affairs Committee, reviewing abstracts and grant proposals for the Division of Women Psychologists, serving as a judge for the annual graduate student research poster competition, and providing continuing education for psychologists.

Deering earned her Ph. D. at the University of Rhode Island, her M.S.N. at Yale University, and her B.S.N. at Duke University.

Clayton State Celebrates National Recreational Sports & Fitness Day

For the first time, Clayton State University's Department of Recreation and Wellness participated in National Recreation Sports & Fitness Day on Feb. 22, 2008. Everyone, meaning literally everyone on the Clayton State campus -- students, faculty and staff -- were invited to participate. The events centered in and around the University's James M. Baker Center and included activities in four categories -- recreation, education, assessment and fitness. Among the activities were; fitness contests (with prizes awarded), group exercise sessions, physical assessments, chair massages, information tables, nutrition consultations and more.

Photo Credit: Erin Fender



Chergova, Redecsi Selected Preseason All-Peach Belt Conference for Women's Tennis

By Lee Wright, Sports Information

The Peach Belt Conference released its preseason All-Conference team for women's tennis last week, and the Clayton State Lakers placed two players on the preseason squad.

Representing Clayton State on the preseason All-Peach Belt Conference team are returning Division II All-Americans Julia Chergova and Anna Redecsi. They join the Armstrong Atlantic duo of Johanna Dahlback and Iuliia Stupak, plus Georgia College's Celine Martin and Francis Marion's Sarka Vitkova.

Both Chergova and Redecsi are coming off banner seasons in 2006-07 for Clayton State.

Chergova, a senior from Sofia, Bulgaria, went 14-4 last season at No. 2 singles for the Lakers and 16-4 with Redecsi at No. 1 doubles. She was selected All-Peach Belt Conference in both singles and doubles, plus ITA Division II All-American in doubles for the second time in her Laker career.

Redecsi, a sophomore from Gyongyos, Hungary, went 14-5 last season at No. 1 singles, in addition to her success in doubles with Chergova. She was selected both All-Peach Belt Conference and ITA Division II All-American in both singles and doubles. In addition, Redecsi was also Peach Belt Conference and ITA Mid-Atlantic Regional Freshman of the Year.

The team of Chergova and Redecsi have excelled at a national level for Clayton State. They are the two-time ITA Mid-Atlantic Regional champions, and finished second in the nation in 2006, and fourth in the nation last fall. Chergova and Redecsi enter this season ranked fourth in the nation in doubles, while Redecsi is ranked 15th in the nation in singles.

Clayton State, which is ranked ninth in the nation in Division II entering this season, then opened the 2008 campaign with dominating wins over Emory (8-1), Fort Valley State (9-0, losing just one game in the entire match), North Georgia (9-0) and Georgia Southwestern (9-0). ■

Clayton State Finishes Sixth At Matlock Collegiate Classic

Clayton State golf coach Barry Harwell has said that the telling tale of how successful the Lakers would be this spring would be determined by the first two tournaments. Based on the first two tournaments, signs are positive.

After finishing in fourth place at the Outback Steakhouse Intercollegiate, Clayton State finished a strong sixth at the prestigious Matlock Collegiate Classic at the Lone Palm Golf Club. The Lakers shot second and third round scores of 299 and 296 to finish with an 893.

Clayton State finished a stroke ahead of 14th-ranked Valdosta State and nine strokes in front of sixth-ranked and defending NCAA Division II National Champion Barry. The Lakers finished 11 strokes behind third-ranked Nova Southeastern and 13 strokes behind 18th-ranked Georgia College.

Individually for the Lakers, junior Will Wilcox shot an even-par 216 with rounds of 73 and 75 to finish tied for fifth place overall. Wilcox finished sixth strokes off the lead of individual medalist Matthew Galloway from West Florida.

In addition to Wilcox, sophomore Jonathan Visconti finished tied for 10th with a four-over 220 (79-70-71), followed by Neil McBride tied for 36th with a 228 (79-74-75) and Wade Binfield tied for 41st with a 229 (72-82-75). Rounding out the Laker scoring was Daniel Sommerville finishing 75th with a 256 (87-83-86).

Fifth-ranked Florida Southern won the tournament with an 870 (294-287-289) with a four-stroke victory over top-ranked West Florida. Overall, nine of the teams in the 15-team field were nationally-ranked in the Division II Top 25. ■

Trivia Time

The Hohner Melodica

By John Shiffert, University Relations

Although an exhaustive survey has not been conducted, it's unlikely that even Clayton State's superb Music Department has someone who can play the Hohner Melodica... a name that perhaps brings to mind a Gregorian plainchant more than a 20th/21st Century cross between a harmonica and an organ. Or maybe a piano. Or something like that. The melodica looks a little like a keyboard that you blow into, and the sound it makes, well, it's best described as a "hooter."

Which is where the last trivia question comes in. When University of Pennsylvania graduates Eric Bazilian (who also happens to be the Class of 1971 at Germantown Friends School, a musical genius and one of the nicest stars you'd ever want to meet) and Rob Hyman decided to form a band after graduation, they were casting around for a name. Since their music prominently featured this funny wind instrument/harmonica, they became known as "The Hooters," and begin their rise as the foremost musical aggregation to come out of Philadelphia since Leopold Stokowski was leading the Philadelphia Symphony. So noted were The Hooters (who are currently in the midst of a comeback, by the way) that they were asked to be the official opening act before 100,000+ at Philadelphia's J.F.K. Stadium for the Live Aid Concert.

Although several respondents pointed out that Bill Graham, on a whim, let an 18 year old kid named Bernard Watson open the show; Bazilian, Hyman, et al were the first act everyone else all over the world saw, so Norman Grizzell, Dina Swearngin and Rob Taylor (who is, of course, a Philadelphian himself) had the three correct answers, along with a bonus point (two for Taylor, for being from Philly) for knowing about the Hohner Melodica.

Staying in the '80s (a great time for trivia), what snack food did Igon Spengler use to characterize the amount of psychokinetic energy in New York City? If there's something strange, and it don't look good, send your answers to johnshiffert@clayton.edu. ■

Sports

Kreutzer, Taylor Earn NCAA Provisional Marks at Chick-fil-A Invitational

By Lee Wright, Sports Information

The Clayton State Laker women's track team finished up the indoor regular season on solid note last Saturday at the Chick-fil-A Invitational at North Carolina. The Lakers had a total of five Top 10 finishes and set two school records at the meet.

Allison Kreutzer had the big meet for Clayton State. The senior won the 5,000-meter run in a school-record time of 17:27.36 minutes. In addition, that time was also an NCAA provisional-qualifying time for Kreutzer, ranked her 11th in the nation. Jon Taylor also recorded an NCAA provisional qualifying mark by finishing third in the long jump in a school-record 18'-8".

Also setting a school record for Clayton State was Keisha Etienne, who placed eighth in the 400-meter dash in 59.36 seconds. ■

Clayton State Women Win 67-65 Peach Belt Thriller Over North Georgia

By Lee Wright, Sports Information

Locked in a classic late-season Peach Belt Conference battle, the Clayton State Laker women's basketball team needed a "go-to" player down the stretch on Wednesday, and that player was Shantel Ragin.

The senior forward scored 20 points and hit some big shots late in the game as Clayton State edged visiting in-state rival North Georgia 67-65 at the Athletics and Fitness Center. The victory improves Clayton State to 16-8 overall and 11-6 in the Peach Belt, still alive for the conference regular season championship. Francis Marion leads the PBC with a 12-5 record, followed by Columbus State at 11-5, and Clayton State, Augusta State and Lander all at 11-6.

Clayton State pretty much controlled the first half with a 35-24 lead at halftime, and held a 12-point lead in the second half before the Lady Saints made their move.

Down the stretch however, the teams went to their big-game players – Syretha Marble for North Georgia and Ragin for Clayton State. Every time one would score, the other would answer. Ragin

finally missed the front end of a one-and-one with 17 seconds left, giving North Georgia one final shot. But Marble's jump shot from the free throw line was off at the buzzer.

In addition to Ragin, Lisa Jackson scored 16 points for Clayton State, while Dominique Jennings and Marie St. Fort each added 10 points. Marble had a double-double with 26 points and 11 rebounds.

Clayton State plays its final regular season home game of the 2007-08 season on Saturday against Lander at 5:30 p.m. ■

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