

Patterson Leads Lakers to First NCAA Tourney Appearance

Clayton State Women's Basketball Wins 2005 PBC Championship, 83-76

by Gid Rowell, Sports Information

After capturing its first Peach Belt Conference regular season crown, the Clayton State women's team added another title to its trophy case, capturing the 2005 PBC Tournament Championship with a trilling 83-76 overtime victory over Columbus State at Christenberry Fieldhouse in Augusta.

"I am so proud of our kids," said head coach Dennis Cox. "We knew we would have to battle to win. "Jasmine (Patterson) had an unbelievable game, and another factor was our ability to rebound on the offensive glass. I thought our kids did a really good job of that."

With the win, the Lakers improved to 24-6 on the season and receive the automatic bid from the Peach Belt Conference to the 64-team NCAA Division II National Championships... a first for a Clayton State basketball team. The win also extended the Clayton State winning streak to a school record 10.

Junior Jasmine Patterson was the hero, pouring in a career and school record 35 points in the game, garnering the Most Valuable Player award for the tournament. Patterson hit big shot after big shot down the stretch and came just two points shy of tying the single game PBC Tournament record for points in a game of 37 set by Columbus' Que Gilliam in 1997.



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Clayton State Awarded Second Fulbright-Hays Grant

Thanks to the efforts of Professor Rajgopal Sashti of the Clayton State Office of International Education, 15 local educators will be journeying to Thailand this coming summer. Last year, Clayton State received its first Fulbright grant for a similar program in Chile and Argentina.

Clayton State President Dr. Thomas K. Harden has announced that the university has been awarded its second Fulbright-Hays Grant from the U. S. Department of Education. As a result, 15 area educators — faculty members, academic administrators and K-12 teachers in social sciences, education, humanities and business — will be able to study and travel in Thailand for four weeks from June 30, 2005 to July 28, 2005. The actual participants will be chosen by Clayton State and the U. S. Department of Education on a competitive basis.

According to Sashti, director of the Nine University and College International Studies Consortium of Georgia, the \$62,000 cost-sharing award will allow 13 to 15 individuals to participate in an overseas professional development program entitled "Seminar on Traditional and Modern Thailand."

"This program will enhance intercultural understanding between Thailand and our country, while at the same time producing opportunities for international exchange with universities

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Alice Smith Staff Award Finalists Named

Join us in congratulating the 2005 finalists for the Alice Smith Staff Award:

Dolores Cox, University Image & Communications

Jeff Jacobs, Student Life

Sharon Long, Testing Center

Gid Rowell, Athletics Department

Celeste Wade, Administrative Systems (OITS)

The committee appreciates the nominations received so far and would like additional comments from faculty, staff, and students. This will provide valuable information to the committee for selecting the final recipient of the Alice Smith Staff Award. The deadline for additional comments is Mar. 23 at noon. Submit comments to Rhonda Boozer at rhondaboozer@mail.clayton.edu or send interoffice (Library Room 205).

The recipient will be announced at the Clayton State Service Awards program on May 3, 2005. ■

Heritage Bank Creates Scholarship for Clayton State Students

Heritage Bank has just made it a little easier for Clayton College & State University students to earn their college degree. The two institutions will come together Mar. 16 to announce a new scholarship, made possible by a \$50,000 endowment from Heritage Bank.

Any student enrolled in Clayton State's School of Business can apply for the annual scholarship, which will first be available for the Fall 2006 semester.

"The Clayton College & State University Foundation is most appreciative of this generous gift from Heritage Bank," said Reda Rowell, director of Development at Clayton State. "Since the Foundation's mission is to assist the University to achieve its goals, and since educating students is foremost among those goals, we consider Heritage Bank to be a true partner in education with the University."

"Scholarships such as those endowed by Heritage Bank are a major factor in the University's ability to recruit and retain first-rate students," added Clayton State President Dr. Thomas K. Harden. "On the behalf of the University and the Foundation, I would like to thank Heritage Bank for their commitment to education."

Leonard Moreland, president of Heritage Bank, and David Turner, CEO of Heritage Bank, will officially present the check to Rowell and Dean of the Clayton State School of Business Ernest M. "Bud" Miller.

"Heritage Bank is an active supporter of our community," explained Moreland. "The university is an important asset to our community, and we want to help the school and their students flourish."

The \$50,000 endowment will be used as a scholarship fund for current business school students who demonstrate a need for financial assistance. Preference will be given to students with a 2.8 GPA or higher, while students with a 2.5 GPA or higher will also be considered. These grade point averages were set to give students who may just miss the required 3.0 HOPE grade point average an opportunity for help with the cost of tuition. An important goal of the endowment is to assist good students who may have had difficulty in a few courses, particularly non-major courses.

The endowment will be self-perpetuating, as scholarship monies will be based on the interest generated from Heritage Bank's initial \$50,000 investment. In order for interest to accrue on the fund, the first date of use for the scholarship is set for the fall of 2006. The first application deadline is scheduled to be Apr. 1, 2006.

Heritage Bank, a state chartered commercial bank, has been serving metro Atlanta's Southern Crescent since 1955. The independent community bank features a well-rounded offering of commercial and consumer products, and is an active, involved member of the communities it serves. The Bank has seven full service offices. The company's stock is traded on The Nasdaq SmallCap Market under the symbol "CCFH". For more information, visit the Heritage Bank website at www.heritagebank.com. ■

Table Tennis Tables, Anyone?

The Clayton State Table Tennis Club is growing... up to 14 members including Soccer All-American Nkiru Okosieme.

"Our club is developing very well and I hope we will soon have 20-25 members," says co-founder Dennis Groseclose.

The club is currently formulating a budget proposal to submit to the Student Advisory council and trying to find some donated tables.

"Our budget, if approved, will not provide us with funding until the start of the next cycle of the Student Club funding year, which begins in July," notes Groseclose. "So, until then I will try to find us some tables from donated sources."

Anyone who might know of a source for donating tables should contact Groseclose at csu10553@mail.claytonstate.net



Clayton State to Hold 2005 University Health Fair on March 23

The Southern Crescent's focus on education will turn to health education on Wednesday, Mar. 23 when Clayton College & State University will hold its annual University Health Fair from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. This year's event will be held for the first time in the new University Center's Food Court.

"The health fair will provide health education information and screening to our students, staff, faculty and the entire Clayton State community. The health fair is also part of the Women's Awareness celebration in conjunction with Women's History Month," notes Terrilyn Lemons, director of the Clayton State Nurse Manages Clinic and the Health Fair.

Lemons also notes that Health Fair is a public event that will have something for everyone, including free health education information from...

Aids of Atlanta
Clayton State Counseling Services
Clayton State's SmartBodies fitness and wellness center
Life Link Organ Donation
Southern Regional Medical Center - Women's Center
The Clayton County Board of Health & Nutrition Services
University Rideshare
Clayton State Dental Hygiene Clinic
Lifestyle Principles – plus free nachos & cheese and smoothies
No Limit Enterprises – plus free energy drink samples
Department of Public Safety
1-87-RideFind
Georgia Dept. of Community Health, Office of Women's Health under the women special vendor's
Southern Crescent Sexual Assault Clinic
The Good Shephard Clinic

In addition, numerous free health screenings will be performed by: Kaiser Permanente (body fat and blood pressure); Nurse Managed Clinic (The American Diabetes Association blood sugar check); The Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation (Sickle Cell test); The National Aids Education Services (AIDS test); The Clayton Eye Clinic (vision and glaucoma screening); Southern Regional Hospital (blood pressure and body fat testing).

Cholesterol screenings will also be provided for a \$5 fee by the Nursed Managed Clinic.

The Health Fair will also place special emphasis on women's health issues,

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Get a Faster Tax Refund With Clayton State's VITA, Mar. 19

by Lauren Baker, University Relations

With tax day looming just one month away, wouldn't it be nice to have your taxes finished before crunch time? If your annual income is \$36,000 or less, you can have your taxes figured for free by IRS-certified Clayton State business students through the University's annual Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program on Mar. 19 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. in room 222 of the University's Technology Building.

If you are interested in filing your taxes with the help of Clayton State's VITA program, please bring the following information to the Mar. 19 session: photo identification, social security cards for the taxpayer and his/her spouse and dependents if applicable, birth dates for primary, secondary and dependents on the tax return; current year's tax package if you received one; wage and earning statement(s) such as the Form W-2, W-2G, 1099-R from all employers; interest and dividend statements from banks (Forms 1099); a copy of last year's Federal and State returns if available; and bank routing numbers and account numbers for direct deposit.

VITA participants who use a child care service should also provide information on the total amount paid for child care and the child care provider's identification number. For married couples filing joint tax returns, both spouses must be present to sign the required forms.

And if all this sounds a bit complicated, Clayton State student Bridgett M. Bailey (McDonough), a senior accounting major and VITA coordinator, says it's definitely worth the while.

"Students and members of the community should attend not only because it is free, but also because those entitled to returns can receive their return within two weeks," says Bailey of the electronic filing process. "Plus, interest rates on cash advance places are ridiculous!"

While VITA is definitely an asset to student and community tax payers, Clayton State business students participating in VITA also get a lot out of the program. Although their return is not monetary like many of the clients they serve, VITA volunteers are rewarded with hands on experience that may help them in their future careers in the business field.

"VITA provides excellent experience for students," shares Judith Stilz Ogden (Stockbridge), faculty advisor for Clayton State's VITA program. "VITA not only reinforces the student's

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Across the Campus

AMSA

Clayton State's American Medical Student Association (AMSA) hosted American Cancer Society guest speaker Pam Ashman on Thursday, Mar. 10. "Our AMSA chapter thought it would be beneficial for the college and public communities to become more aware about cancer screening, it boils down to trying to save lives" says Nate Mansperger, event coordinator for the Clayton State AMSA chapter.

Athletics

The Clayton College & State University men's basketball season came to an end last week in the quarterfinals of the Peach Belt Conference, as the Lakers fell to tournament host Augusta State University 67-53 at Christenberry Fieldhouse. The Lakers trailed by as many as 19 points with 11:11 remaining in the second half but made furious comeback in the final five minutes. The Lakers cut the deficit to nine points, 60-51, with a basket by Craig Butts with 1:08 remaining but could come no closer. The loss dropped Clayton State to 18-13 on the season. Senior Craig Butts led the Laker attack with 23 points and 12 rebounds, while senior Darien Chavis added 10 points.

The 17th-ranked Clayton College & State University women's tennis team (4-4) dropped its fourth match of the season last Monday, falling to the nation's third-ranked team, the University of West Florida 7-2 in Pensacola, Fla. The Lakers won at the two top singles seeds but were unable to win another match, falling in the remainder of singles matches and all three of the doubles contests. In singles, freshman top-seeded Julia Gandia defeated Nicole Plikat 6-4 and 6-1, while second-seeded freshman Julia Chergova beat Paola Arevalo 6-1 and 6-1. Both Gandia and Chergova are undefeated at the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds this season.

The Clayton College & State University men's golf team finished 10th in a rain-shortened 2005 Richard Rendleman Invitational at the Country Club of Salisbury in Salisbury, N.C. Clayton State shot an opening round

of 309 and tied with Peach Belt Conference foe the University of North Carolina Pembroke out of 17 teams. Presbyterian College won with a team score of 279 on the par-71, 6,665 yard course. Junior Danyel McKibben (Covington, GA) was the team's top finisher, tying for 10th after firing a two-over par 73 in the opening round. Sophomore Matt Beall (Newnan, GA) tied for 28th after a round of 76, while junior Andrew Dagneau (Kitchener, Ontario) tied for 49th with a round of 78.

Career Services

Clayton State's annual Career Expo is being held on Thursday, Mar. 17. The Career Expo is designed to bring Clayton State students and alumni together with local businesses/prospective employers. This year's event will run from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the University's Athletics & Fitness Center. Employer registration for the Career Expo will be held from 10:30 a.m. until noon in the Athletics & Fitness Center, followed by the 18th Annual Allan Vigil Ford Luncheon at noon in the University's Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education. Each year, upwards of 100 local businesses set up at the Career Expo, looking to attract Clayton State students and alumni. In addition to Allan Vigil Ford, the Career Expo is sponsored by the Clayton College & State University Foundation, Enterprise Rent-a-Car, Northside Hospital, Southern Crescent Personnel, Inc., UPS and U.S. Air Force Reserves.

The Business Etiquette Dinner & Effective Networking Seminar will be held on Tuesday, Apr. 5, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education. The evening includes a five-course dinner and training. Seating is limited to 40 participants. Purchase advance tickets for you and a friend - \$15 - from Career Services, Student Center 223 (checks or cash). This event is presented by Peggy Newfield, Personal Best Inc. (www.PersonalBest.net) and sponsored by United Parcel Service and Lyceum.

Health Sciences

Sue Odom, Katrina Barnes and Martha Wicker have just received written notifica-

tion that their article, Incorporating Pedagogical Principles in Developing an Online Nursing Research Course, has been formally accepted for publication CIN: Computers, Informatics and Nursing. The article will be published in the May/June 2005 issue. They have presented this material to several audiences and it has always been well received. Now, it will have broader circulation and increase its potential for a greater impact on instruction in baccalaureate nursing education.

Deborah Gritzmacher and Debra Cody, both of the Health Care Management Department, have published in the Winter 2005 edition of the Journal of Legal Nurse Consulting an article titled "The Clinical and Legal Aspects of Massage Therapy."

History

Atlanta Preservation Center volunteer tour leaders will hear a talk on Thursday, Mar. 31 by Clayton State history professor Dr. Kathryn W. Kemp, author of the biography "God's Capitalist, Asa Candler of Coca-Cola." Kemp will discuss the role of Candler, who in addition to founding The Coca-Cola Company was a banker and real estate entrepreneur, in the development of east Atlanta, particularly the Inman Park and Druid Hills neighborhoods. The Atlanta Preservation Center promotes "the preservation of Atlanta's architecturally, historically and culturally significant buildings, neighborhoods and landscapes." The meeting will be held at the King-Keith guest house on Edgewood Avenue in Atlanta.

Library

"Women Change America" exhibit now displayed in the foyer of the Library in con-



junction with Clayton State's celebration of Women's History Month.

Music

A past performance of Dr. Maya Hoover (Canciones de America Latina, Indiana University, 2002) will be broadcast on WABE-FM on Apr. 4 at 9 p.m.

SHRM

Southern Crescent SHRM will present, "Workplace Violence: Establishing a Program of Defense" by Clayton State Director of Public Safety Bruce Holmes on: Mar. 22, from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. in The Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. and SHRM applications and other membership material will be available at the meeting. The meeting costs are: non-members - \$12; chapter members - \$5; Clayton State employees - \$5; student members - \$2; walk-ins — \$14. Please RSVP online to <http://ctl.clayton.edu/cid/shrm/rsvpmarch05.htm> or call Vickie Fennell at (770) 960-4271.

Spivey Hall

Spivey Hall Children's Choir auditions will be held on May 6 and 7 for singers ages 10 to 14. Contact Carol Abarr for information regarding scheduling an audition... (770) 946-9072 or shcc-tc@juno.com.

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knowledge of the tax rules, but also gives them an opportunity to interview and work with the public."

Ogden says employers are often impressed with VITA participation, even if the students were not interviewing for tax related jobs.

Bailey also sees the VITA program as beneficial in professional development. "Experience is much needed in a society where many pursue higher education. An employer is more apt to hire someone that has more experience in dealing with people in a professional environment," she says.

For more information on Clayton State's VITA program or to learn more about the Clayton State School of Business contact Ogden at judithogden@mail.clayton.edu or call (770) 961-3452. To learn more about VITA and the IRS certification held by all Clayton State student volunteers, visit www.irs.gov and enter keyword VITA. ■

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and cultural exchange organizations," says Harden. "There are various means for institutions of higher learning to gain recognition, but none more prestigious than a second Fulbright grant.

"Clayton State has been recognized in this impressive way as one of the leading universities in our country and we are very pleased to participate in a Fulbright venture. The prestige a Fulbright-Hays grant brings to Clayton State and to the Atlanta's Southern Crescent is a tribute to the efforts of Raj Sashti and occasion for pride for all of us."

The seminar will focus on tradition and transformation in Thailand. Academic and cultural learning will be interwoven with meetings, conferences, travel and guided tours in and around Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Chiang Rai, Phitsanulok and Phuket. Seminar participants will gain insights not only into historical and contemporary aspects but will also be able to learn about the contributions of Thai people to art, architecture, music, dance and drama.

Please contact Sashti at rajgopalsashti@mail.clayton.edu for additional program details. ■

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"I was confident coming into this game and tried to get my teammates confident as well," said Patterson. Without the help of them finding me open and getting me good looks, I wouldn't have been capable of this."

Her biggest threes of the game came in the clutch and when the Lakers needed them the most. With the Lakers trailing 66-62 and only 1:50 remaining in regulation, Patterson drained a three-pointer, cutting the Columbus State lead to a single point, 66-65.

After a Columbus basket by Tabasha Taylor extended the lead for Columbus to 68-65 with 1:13 remaining, Patterson drained another three-pointer from the baseline with 51 seconds remaining to knot the score at 68 apiece, the third tie of the contest.

A Clayton State steal by Jamika Hindsman on Columbus' next possession set up a final shot for the Lakers, but a jumper by Patterson bounded off the back rim.

In the overtime period, Clayton State outscored Columbus 8-2 in just a little over three minutes taking a six-point advantage on a basket by Brandi Catia.

A three-pointer by Columbus' Noelle Griffin cut the deficit to three points with 1:23 remaining, but the Lakers won the game at the free throw line in the final 30 seconds, draining 5-of-6 attempts from the stripe. Shelcey Harp and Shanakie Ward both hit pressure free throws in the final seconds.

It's a wonderful feeling," said Hindsman, who was also named to the All-Tournament team. "We stayed together, we had good chemistry, we all played together. It's a dream that I want to never end."

Of Patterson's 35 points, 26 of them came after halftime when the Lakers trailed 37-33 at the break. Hindsman finished with 18 points, 10 rebounds, five assists and five steals, while Harp had 15 points, eight boards, three assists and three steals. Catia also chipped in nine points along with six rebounds. ■

Life's Transitions....



Vice President of Campus Life, Dr. Kevin Rome and his wife Stefanie, are the proud parents of twins, born around 11 a.m. on the morning of Mar. 1. Son Kevin Darnell Jr. weighed 5 lbs. 11 oz. and daughter Kendel Alyse Carrington weighed 4 lbs. 11 oz. Mom and babies are doing fine.

Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!

CAREER EVENT OF THE MONTH: The Career Expo, Thursday, March 17th, Athletics & Fitness Center, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

INTERNSHIP OF THE MONTH: Walt Disney World College Program, all applicants must attend a presentation Mar. 30, 5:00 p.m. at Georgia State University

Making the Most of the Career Expo
Presented by Angelyn Hayes, Director, Career Services
Tuesday, March 15 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Student Center 223
Reserve your seat w/
roxannedilbeck@mail.clayton.edu

The Career Expo
Thursday, March 17
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Athletics & Fitness Center
<http://adminsivices.clayton.edu/ccs/careerexpo.htm>

Interviewing
Presented by Angelyn Hayes, Director, Career Services
Tuesday, March 22 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Student Center 223
Reserve your seat w/
roxannedilbeck@mail.clayton.edu

Interviewing
Presented by Margie Woodhurst, Nationwide
Thursday, March 24 Noon – 1:00 p.m.
Student Center 223
Reserve your seat w/
roxannedilbeck@mail.clayton.edu

UPS
Monday, March 28
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
University Center Commons
Recruiting for P/T Loaders/Unloaders
\$8.50 – \$9.50 per hour
www.upsjobs.com

Walgreens
Thursday, March 31
Interviewing on CCSU Campus
Schedule an appointment and submit a resume w/ joanmcelroy@mail.clayton.edu
Recruiting for:
1) Retail Management Intern – must be a jr. level student for a summer 2005 internship (May-August), 10 week program, \$12-\$14 per hour
2) Retail Management Trainee – must be graduating spring 2005 or alumni, salary is low 30's w/ opportunity for paid overtime, plus benefits www.walgreens.com/careers

Atlanta Hawks Sports & Entertainment
Career Fair Friday,
April 1 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Philips Arena
Registration (\$25 or \$30 after March 28th) for the Career Fair includes a ticket to the Atlanta Hawks vs. Boston Celtics game @ 7:30 p.m.
More information and registration forms available in Career Services, STC-223 ■

“Women Change America” Celebrated at Clayton State March 21-24

by Leigh Duncan, University Relations

Clayton College & State University is celebrating Women's History Month on campus Mar. 21 to Mar. 24 with a host of very special events. A panel of Clayton State students will start the week of with a lively discussion centered on “Women Change America,” the national theme of this year's Women's History month. Prominent women who have influenced the lives of these students will be the focus of the panel discussion..

Tuesday, Mar. 22 brings two special events to the campus... Pamper Me Beautiful Day and the third annual Knowtables Tea, a special event for student leaders. Those who love to be pampered can relax in a “pod” along Main Street on the second floor of the University Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nigel Traylor will be crooning tranquil melodic tunes, while a message therapist gently smoothes the blues away. Delicious treats will melt away any hint of residual anxiety leftover from the message therapy. As an added bonus, one might have time for a mini-manicure/pedicure, but you'll have to get in line and sign-up early. Rumor has it that Pamper Me Beautiful will be on campus in an abbreviated form on Mar. 17. Be on the look-out for a chance to get an early “taste” of indulgence.

On Wednesday, Mar. 23, the University's Nurse Managed Clinic, along with School of Health Science, the Diversity Program, Diversity Services and the Women's Awareness Committee will host the University Health Fair in the University Center Atrium from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. With nearly 20 vendors present, students, faculty, staff and the community will be able to get information on a variety of health issues, from breast cancer awareness, heart disease, and message therapy, to dental hygiene, public safety and AIDS.

Thursday, Clayton State will host Barbara Frazier, founder and past president of SCAVA, the Southern Crescent Alliance of Visual Artists. Frazier will speak on two of her favorite subjects, women's history and art. SCAVA incorporated these two interests three years ago in the first traveling exhibit, “Women of Substance,” a special exhibit designed to

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through the following vendors: Mary Kay Cosmetics; Metro Atlanta recovery; Warm Spirit; Sister's Love, Inc.; Planned Parenthood; Women's Health Specialist - Osteoporosis screening; Women's Crisis Center; Battered Women of Clayton County; AIDS of Atlanta Women's Outreach.

Finally, for all the stressed-out office workers, mini-massages will be provided by Integrated Wellness' Michael Clark.

The 2005 University Health fair is sponsored by the Nurse Managed Clinic, the Clayton State School of Health Sciences, Women's Awareness Committee, and the Clayton State Office of Diversity Services.

For additional information concerning the University Health Fair, contact Lemons at (770)961-3459.

If you need to request accommodations related to a disability in order to participate in these programs, please contact the Clayton State Office of Disability Services at (770) 961-3719 no later than one week before the dates of the programs. ■

Clean Air Campaign Announces Two New Programs

Commuter Rewards is an internet-based program that would allow employees to track their daily commute to work. There will be a monthly drawing that will reward 10 percent of the registered employees who take alternate transportation to and from Clayton State with \$25 American Express gift cards. This program starts Mar. 1. If you carpool, walk, bike, take transit, telework, or work a condensed workweek, you will want to participate in this program.



You can register right away by going to: <http://208.200.70.7/CCSU>. This program is open to all Clayton State employees — full-time, part-time, casual labor and student assistants. For employees who work part-time, you only report the days you are supposed to work at Clayton State.

After you register, you log on daily (Monday-Friday) and enter how you got to work that day. The more times you take alternate transportation, the more times you are entered into the drawings. There will also be random “Prize Patrols” from the Clean Air Campaign. This is an on-going program.

The Walk Challenge is another Clayton State employee program that is being launched for the month of April only. Each interested employee will receive a “Walker Kit” that will include a pedometer and instructions on the usage of the pedometer. Each employee will log the number of steps taken each day. At the end of the week, there will be two iPod Shuffles distributed to the two employees with the most overall steps for all participating companies. At the end of the month, a trip to Aruba will be awarded to the person with the most steps.

To participate, an employee should register at <http://208.200.70.7/CCSU> and each day beginning on Apr. 2, you will log on to this web site and enter your steps taken for the previous day. Interested employees should register before Mar. 21. The Clean Air Campaign will be on campus on Tuesday, Mar. 22, time and place to be determined, to distribute “Walker Kits.”

Some departments are having internal competitions and if you are interested in creating a “walkers group”, please email Joan Murphy at joanmurphy@mail.clayton.edu. We can try to develop some “peer” groups who walk at certain times of the day to help keep you motivated.

For more information about these programs, contact Public Safety, Student Center, D-209, or call (770) 961-3540. ■

Xi Rho Holds Annual Induction

The nursing honor society, Xi Rho had its annual induction ceremony on Friday, Feb. 18. Twenty three new members were inducted:

Adoness Almon
Emily Bell
Amanda Bohn
Catherine Brady
Al Braun
Hannah Froelich
Dara Goodwin
Kristi Hendrix
Tangie Henry
Deborah Leake
Cynthia McNeill
Angela Norris
Leslie Ratasky
Brooke Snellgrove
Jeanne Starr
Heather Turner
Heather Underwood
Stephanie Williams
Scottie Young
Jill Ellis
Lewis Perry
Pamela Roberson
Jack Prue

The speaker was Dr. Astrid Wilson, professor of Nursing at Clayton State. The title of her presentation was “Chosen for Excellence.”

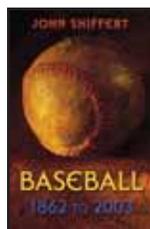
A new member orientation is scheduled for Thursday, Mar. 31 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. ■

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honor women and includes 35 portraits of American women who have left their footprints on history.

Clayton State invites all community members to join in this week-long celebration of “Women Change America.” For more information, contact DeBorah Greer, director of Diversity Programs at (770) 961-3510. ■



On Thursday, Mar. 24, Clayton State Director of University Relations John Shiffert will be speaking to the Clayton State History Society's monthly meeting on “The Origins of Baseball.”

Shiffert's first book, “Baseball: 1862 to 2003” has just been published by Publish America and combines baseball's past with baseball's present... comparing events and players from as far back as 1862 with the events of the 2003 season.

His presentation to the History Society will trace the game back to ancient Egypt and into the 18th Century in both this country and Europe.

The meeting, which is free and open to all interested students, faculty, staff and the public, will start at noon in a room to be determined in the University Center. ■

Arts Page

Hooray for Bollywood!

by Lauren Baker, University Relations

The vibrancy of India's Bollywood cinema – the largest film industry in the world – is coming to Clayton State. Free and open to the public, Clayton State's Indian Film Festival will present evening screenings of four popular Indian films Mar. 17, 23, and 24 in University Center room 272.

Film	Date	Time
"Mr. and Mrs. Iyer"	Mar. 17	6 p.m.
"Lagaan: Once Upon a Time in India"	Mar. 23	6 p.m.
"Apur Sansar" ("The World of Apu")	Mar. 24	6 p.m.
"Ghare Baire" ("Home & the World")	Mar. 24	8 p.m.

Films in the Indian Film Festival are in Hindi or Bengali with English subtitles. For a description of each film, visit <http://a-s.clayton.edu/vbonner/film/festivals/indian.html>. A reception of Indian cuisine will follow the Mar. 17 screening of "Mr. and Mrs. Iyer."

"We are reaching out to the Indian community of the Southern Crescent and hoping to make a connection between Clayton State and that community," says Assistant Professor of Film & Media Studies Dr. Virginia Bonner.

Bonner hopes to make that connection through the cultural medium of film – a medium that has the potential not only to teach audiences about other cultures, but also to expose and even undo the oftentimes inaccurate Hollywood portrayal of other cultures. In the case of Bollywood, watching films made by Indians for Indians can offer a more accurate representation of India's culture since, as Bonner says, we hear about the Indian culture through Indian voices.

"Cinema is one of our primary social languages of the 21st Century, and as such it can uniquely address social and cultural issues from around the world... Viewing the cinema of other cultures reduces our tendency to stereotype, and it demonstrates respect for those cultures through our willingness to reconsider our *a priori* notions," says Bonner.

Plus, viewing Bollywood productions can give Indian students and community members a feeling of pride not only in seeing their culture on the big screen, but also in sharing their culture with non-Indians.

"India has a rich cultural heritage...Although viewing cinemas of other nations by no means replaces the experience of actually visiting or living in those cultures, it definitely increases our ability to learn about those cultures," shares Bonner.

Committed to sharing films from other countries, Bonner helped organize a Mexican Film Festival in fall semester 2004 and an International Film Festival – which screened films from Mexico, Viet Nam, and India – in spring semester 2004. In addition to featuring foreign films, Bonner organized the on-going Mondays at the Movies film festival showing each Monday at noon this semester in University Center room 272. She also recently organized a special film event in honor of Black History Month.

Clayton State thanks the following people who worked to bring the Indian Film Festival to the University: Bonner; Jose Gonzalez, lecturer of Spanish; Dr. Sandy Harrison, professor of psychology and human services; Dr. Victoria Pasley, Assistant Professor of History; and Clayton State student Shelley Chinnan (Riverdale). The Indian Film Festival is funded through Clayton State's Lyceum.

For additional information on the upcoming Indian Film Festival, contact Bonner at virginiabonner@mail.clayton.edu, call (770) 960-4336, or visit <http://a-s.clayton.edu/vbonner/film/festivals/indian.html>.

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Former Saturday Night Live Writer to Make Clayton State Laugh

Feeling a bit stressed and need a little laughter in your life? Clayton State Theater presents An Evening with Mark Podojil, former writer for "Saturday Night Live" and current stand up comedian, on Wednesday, Mar. 16, at 8 p.m. in the Arts & Sciences Theater (room 132, Arts & Sciences Building). This event is free and open to the public.

"A look inside the mind of this comic genius will prove enlightening and enlivening for anyone who hears this interview," says Clayton State Theater Director Phillip DePoy,

who will interview Podojil in a style similar to cable television's "Inside the Actors Studio." "He's got the Soul of Funny."

But the man with the Soul of Funny wasn't always in the comedy business. Originally a student at the University of Georgia studying classical guitar and geology – not exactly courses that lead to a life of comedy – Podojil came into his own when he joined Dad's Garage, an improv theatre near Little Five Points, in 1998. After working with comedy groups and going it solo for a while,

Podojil started his own humor magazine, "The Rag" (www.TheRag.com), in 2001.

Then, in 2001 and 2002, Podojil lived the comedic writer's dream when he worked for the popular late night television show "Saturday Night Live" as a joke writer for the show's Weekend Update segment. DePoy feels that Podojil's "Saturday Night Live" experience along with his current job as a comedian with the sketch comedy group Waking the Neighbors, will make for some interesting interview questions,

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Clayton State Presents - Poetrypalooza Student Poetry Contest

by Lauren Baker, University Relations

Calling all poets and connoisseurs of the spoken word! Come support the next generation of poets at Clayton State's second Poetrypalooza Student Poetry Contest on Wednesday, Mar. 30, from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. in room 132 of the Arts & Sciences Building.

Designed to give Clayton State students the opportunity to share their poetry with an audience, Poetrypalooza not only gives students an outlet to express their creative writing talents, but also rewards students through cash prizes. Cash awards will be given for first (\$150), second (\$100) and third (\$75) place winners. An honorable mention award will also be presented.

While cash may be an incentive for students to share their talent, the opportunity to have their work critiqued by local poet Ayodele Heath may give some Clayton State poets that extra push to read their poetry. Heath will co-host Poetrypalooza with Clayton State Professor of English and Art Dr. David Ludley and will also serve as a judge in the contest.

Ludley, who brought Heath to the University last year during the Poetrypalooza Professional Poets series, felt the student poetry contest would benefit from the input of a professional poet. And student poets should learn a lot from Heath, since he not only writes poetry, but also performs his work as a "slam poet."

"A 'slam poet' adds performance art to poetry," explains Ludley. "Also, the audience is usually much more intimately and energetically involved in the poetic performance." A professional at slam poetry, Heath's energetic performances have earned him "Creative Loafing's" Readers & Critics selection as Best Spoken Word Artist (2001) and the Atlanta Bureau for Cultural Affairs Emerging Artist of the Year award (2001).

In addition to the Heath's expert assistance as a contest judge, Clayton State faculty and student judges will also participate in this year's Poetrypalooza Student Poetry Contest. These judges include: Ludley; Dr. Jennifer Griffith, assistant professor of English; and Brennan Collins, instructor of English. Student judges include: Sibongile Lynch, Joshua Smith, and Dana Staves.

The judges will have a lot of excellent poets to hear, says Ludley. "The number of submissions from Clayton State students has been very impressive, indicating the success and appeal of this program within the Clayton State community... Poetrypalooza is a great opportunity for people to see our gifted and how diverse our talented students are," he says.

And the surrounding Southern Crescent community will soon be able share their own poetry talent in the Poetrypalooza contest. Ludley says plans are in the works to open the contest to include area high school students for next year's competition.

For additional information on Poetrypalooza or to learn more about slam poet Heath, contact Ludley at davidludley@mail.clayton.edu or call (770) 960-3633.

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Southern Crescent Toastmasters Working Towards President's Distinguished Club Mark

by Leigh Duncan, University Relations

The District 14 Southern Crescent Toastmasters convened on Thursday, Mar. 3 with a record breaking crowd at Clayton College & State University, indicative of the club working toward the President's Distinguished Toastmasters Club status, a highly coveted award consisting of accomplishing 10 of 10 achievement standards established by Toastmasters International.

Chartered in October of 2003, Southern Crescent has struggled at times to maintain a minimum membership, but in recent months the guest count has risen steadily with every meeting. The club meets the first, third and fifth Thursday each month at noon on the Clayton State campus and is open to everyone in the community.

The Mar. 3 meeting featured Toastmaster Area 10 Governor, Southern Crescent Immediate Past President and charter member, and Clayton State's former Senior HRIS/Compensation Analyst John Kosky, giving a heartwarming speech about friendship, along with fellow Toastmaster Thomas Downing, who gave an advanced storytelling speech titled, "The Devil Made Me Do It," and Valerie Laney-Marshall, who met her ½ CTM (Certified Toastmaster) presenting a very compelling speech on "Superstitions."

Randall Coppelino, who joined the Southern Crescent Toastmasters club in January, mustered the courage to give his very first speech – The Ice Breaker at the Mar. 3 meeting. The Ice Breaker invites the speaker to talk about a familiar subject – themselves – and is designed to ease the first-timer over that initial "pit" fall every Toastmaster experiences – fear! Coppelino sat down to rousing applause; his wit and wisdom were entertaining to say the least, and the content of his speech, enlightening to say the most. He is an investigator for the Henry County Solicitor General's office.

This week, Southern Crescent was proud to welcome 13 guests, some old, many new. Clayton State faculty member Jean Jacques Medastin, assistant professor of Information Technology, staff members Dr. Deborah King, Clayton State's new Vice President for External Affairs, Valerie Lancaster, executive assistant to the President, Jenny Godby, Campus Store operations coordinator, Heidi Benford, Library acquisitions assistant, and Cheryl Garvin, applications support, Administrative Systems, Office of Technology were only a few of the many guests at the meeting.

Additional guests included Tonya Pellew, account executive with Edward Jones accounting firm, Juanita Cox a regular and welcomed friend, and several enthusiastic Clayton State students... Terry Novak, Shea Crawford, Felicia Anderson, Wanda Kelley and Alicia Powell.

Kosky was presented the "Mike Hayworth Award" as a special farewell and thank-you for his leadership and faithfulness to Southern Crescent Toastmasters. Mike Hayworth was one of the clubs founding sponsors/mentors and Vice President of Membership until his death in July, 2004. Hayworth had been a toastmaster since 1993 and at the time of his death, a member (and club officer) of three clubs. He had attained the ranking of Distinguished Toastmaster

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Clayton State Pair Headed To NCAA Indoor Championships

The Clayton College & State University men's track & field team learned earlier this week that two of their three provisional qualifiers will compete this weekend at the NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field Championships.

Senior Carlos Guyton (Thomasville, Ga.) and sophomore Brian Etelman (Marietta, Ga.) will compete in next week's championship meet at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston. Guyton will compete in the 200m and 400m events while Etelman will compete in the 60m. Guyton will enter the meet ranked 16th of 20 competitors in the 200m and 15th of 20 competitors in the 400m. Etelman enters the meet ranked fourth of 14 competitors in the 60m.

"These guys have worked hard this season, particularly Carlos," said head coach Mike Mead. "This is definitely a highlight to our first season of indoor track. Brian is in an excellent position to earn All-America honors in the 60-meter dash while Carlos gets stronger each week. This will be a great experience in a great facility!"

A third Laker, junior Greg Galloway (Atlanta) had made a provisional time in the 200m, as did Etelman, but neither one was ranked high enough on the list to advance in the event.

The Clayton State pair will compete in preliminary heats Friday. Those advancing to the finals will compete on Saturday afternoon, Mar. 12. The top eight finishers in each event will earn All-America honors. Both Guyton and Etelman earned All-America honors during the 2004 outdoor season as members of the 4 x 400m relay team. Sprint coach Clive Caesar, a former Riverdale High School and Clayton State student-athlete, will accompany the pair to the meet. ■

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especially when it comes to Clayton State students who hope to make it big in improv.

"Many of our theatre students want to write comedy or participate in improv comedy, and Mark's a veteran at both," says DePoy. "He can speak to them with the voice of authority. Which, in his case, sounds oddly like Daffy Duck – but still authoritative."

When he's not on the stage performing comedy routines, Podojil works as a contract software programmer and makes time for the novel he's writing. Born in Cleveland, Podojil currently lives in east Atlanta. ■

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and received numerous awards, including District 14 Toastmaster of the Year in 2000-01. In August of 2002, he was awarded a Presidential Citation at the 72nd Annual International Convention, and served in many leadership roles at all levels, including Area Governor for two years.

Hayworth was beloved for his famous "A Toastmaster Wears Many Hats" speech, and he lived that speech daily by taking any role necessary, from Sergeant-at-Arms to Evaluator to Toastmaster – anything needed to ensure a smooth, productive, and enjoyable meeting. A tireless leader and mentor, Hayworth never disregarded his beloved Toastmasters. The chapter chose to recognize Kosky with the special award due to this same tireless care, effort, and concern for the club and its members.

More information about Southern Crescent Toastmasters can be found at www.sc-toastmasters.org. ■

Trivia Time

Never Mind...

by John Shiffert, University Relations

When is someone in the movies "an actor?" That deathless question came up in conjunction with our last question... name the U.S. Presidents that appeared in the movies.

Although Tom Eddins suggested there were five – Presidents Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Reagan and Clinton – no one seems to really know what the correct answer might be. It sort of depends on the definition. The first three-named individuals were all in "Forrest Gump," or, at least, their images were. And, a clip of Clinton was featured in "Bowling for Columbine." As to whether or not you consider Reagan an actor, well, that's another story, especially if you've ever seen "Bedtime for Bonzo."

But... both Bushes were in Fahrenheit 9/11 (though neither one probably appreciated the honor), and alum Kevin Dixon claims "the presidents who were are actors were: Ronald Reagan, Warren Harding, William Henry Harrison, Bill Clinton and Franklin Pierce." Franklin Pierce? As Kurt-Alexander Zeller noted in a separate comment, "I'm not sure Hollywood has gotten around to 'The Life of Franklin Pierce' yet." So... we'll collectively take a mulligan on this one.

Trying once again... Prior to this year, what was the only other Clayton State basketball team to play in a national, post season tournament? Send your answers to johnshiffert@mail.clayton.edu. ■

Sports Page

Clayton State Women to Face Newberry In NCAA South Atlantic Regional Friday

by **Gid Rowell, Sports Information**

Clayton State will enter the NCAA Division II South Atlantic Regional as the No. 2 seed and face Newberry College, the seventh seed out of the South Atlantic Conference. Tip-off for today's game will be 3 p.m. at Shaw University in Raleigh, N.C., the top seed and host for the 2005 South Atlantic Regional.

If the Lakers win today, they will advance to the play the winner of the game between Carson-Newman, the No. 3 seed, and Fayetteville State, the No. 6 seed.

Newberry will enter the game with an 18-11 record and is coming off a 67-53 loss to the Wingate, the conference's top seed, in the SAC semifinals. The Indians advanced to the semifinal game against Wingate with an upset win over Catawba 73-59 last Wednesday.

The Indians have been led this season by freshman sensations Carnicha Bellinger and Tonique Frasier. Bellinger, a 5-10 guard, leads the team, averaging 16 points per game, while Frasier, a 6-0 forward, is the team's second leading scorer and top rebounder at 11 points and eight rebounds per contest.

Bellinger, who has led the team in scoring 19 times this season, had 17 points and 10 rebounds against Wingate on Friday, while Frasier poured in 21 points last week in its win over Catawba to go along with Bellinger's 13 rebounds.

Newberry has had some success this season against several Peach Belt Conference teams, defeating USC Aiken, Lander, USC Upstate and Kennesaw State. All four of the wins were by seven points or less. The only loss the Indians had against a PBC team came at the hands of Columbus State, 82-74.

Clayton State faced Newberry once in women's basketball with that game coming last year. The Lakers defeated the Indians 77-42. Carlie Anderson led the way for the Lakers with 22 points in the game.

Clayton State is riding a school record 10-game winning streak and is coming off a thrilling 83-76 overtime victory over Columbus State in the finals of the Peach Belt Conference Tournament.

Clayton State's appearance in the NCAA Division II National Tournament will be a first since the program has been competing at the Division II level since 1997-98. For a full bracket for the Division II tournament, please visit the NCAA site at ncaasports.com. ■

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