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Clayton State Sets Spring Enrollment Record

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Dr. Thomas K. Harden's nine years as president of Clayton State University have been marked by significant growth in the University's enrollment. Since Harden took office in July 2000, Clayton State's overall enrollment exceeded 6,000 for the first time, and the University went through a period of posting record enrollments for eight consecutive spring semesters.

As Harden prepares to leave the University to assume the chancellorship of the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay on June 1, 2009, it seems only fitting that Clayton State set one more enrollment record under his watch. According to figures released yesterday by the Board of Regents of the University System of

Georgia (USG), Clayton State's enrollment for the spring 2009 semester reached 6,127 – the highest spring figure in the University's history and the second-highest enrollment for any semester in Clayton State's 39-year history. The only higher enrollment figure was a spike to 6,212 in the fall 2005 semester.

According to the Spring 2009 Semester Enrollment Report by the USG, spring 2009 semester enrollment in the 35 colleges and universities of the USG increasing 14,896 students from spring 2008 to spring 2009, to a total of 272,910 students. The report also indicates that USG students are taking more courses, as evidenced by an increase in the full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment of 6.6 per-

cent from spring 2008 to spring 2009. The FTE enrollment is a statistical measurement of how many courses students take in a given semester. Clayton State, which typically enrolls large numbers of part-time students who hold down jobs in addition to attending the University, had its FTE increase from 4,796 to 5,507.

"Traditionally, spring enrollment is well below fall semester, but this spring's enrollment approached that of fall," said Cathie Mayes Hudson, USG vice chancellor for the Office of Research and Policy Analysis, which prepared the report. "And the numbers show students are becoming

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Clayton State to Honor Terrell Starr and Bill Lee at President Harden's Final Graduation

Clayton State has undergone many changes in the past nine years. On Saturday, May 9, the graduating class of spring 2009 will be present at another significant moment in the history of the University... the final Clayton State Commencement Ceremony for President Dr. Thomas K. Harden.

The University's dual spring commencement ceremonies will be held in the Athletics & Fitness Center. The first ceremony will be held at 9 a.m., the second starts at noon. Graduates of the College of Arts & Sciences will receive their diplomas at the noon ceremony, while graduates of the University's other four schools – Business, Nursing, Information & Mathematical Sciences, and Professional Studies -- will take part in the 9 a.m. ceremony. A total of 628 students will be

graduating, including 32 students receiving master's degrees.

Also receiving degrees will be two of the seminal figures in the history of the University and Clayton County. Highlighting the noon ceremony will be the presentation of honorary Doctorates to retired State Senator Terrell Starr and retired State Representative William J. "Bill" Lee. Both of these long-time public servants (Starr 38 years in the Senate, Lee 42 years in the House) were instrumental in the selection and location of a new University System of Georgia junior college in Clayton County in the 1960s. That junior college now honors Starr and Lee with their own Clayton State degrees.

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Clayton State University 2009 Smith Award Nominees Announced

by Erin Fender, University Relations

Clayton State's Alice J. Smith Awards, for both faculty and staff, will be presented at Clayton State's Faculty/Staff Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, Apr. 28 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Spivey Hall. An annual event since 1995, the Smith Awards are presented to the faculty member and staff member ranked most outstanding as determined by committees of their peers. The two, \$1000 awards were established by local philanthropist Joseph Smith in honor of his wife, Alice. The winners of both categories will be announced at the Apr. 28 ceremonies.

Smith Award Faculty Nominees

This year's nominees are: from the College of Arts & Sciences, Dr. Alexander W. Hall and Dr. Antoinette Miller; from the College of Professional Studies, Dr. Melanie S. Poudevigne; from the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences (CIMS), Dr. Kelli Nipper; from the School of Business, Dr. Nikki Finlay; and from the School of Nursing, Susan Walsh.

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Dr. Alexander Hall



Dr. Antoinette Miller



Dr. Melanie Poudevigne



Dr. Kelli Nipper



Dr. Nikki Finlay



Susan Walsh

Smith Award Staff Nominees

Clayton State University has announced the five finalists for the University's 2009 Alice Smith Staff Award. They are: Kathy Garrison, from the Center for Academic Success; Seth Davis, from Continuing Education; Shiraz Karaa, from Counseling Services; Bernadette Pascual, from Building Services; and from Budget and Finance, Celeste Wade.

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Kathy Garrison



Seth Davis



Shiraz Karaa



Bernadette Pascual



Celeste Wade

Entire Core Curriculum Now at Fayette Site

The Sky's the Limit... Clayton State – Fayette to Offer Astronomy Courses

Beginning in the fall semester of 2009, Clayton State University will offer a sequence of Astronomy courses at its instructional site in Peachtree City.

“These courses will satisfy a core curriculum requirement we have been unable to offer at Peachtree City due to a lack of laboratory space,” notes Dr. John G.

Campbell, professor of Physics and associate dean of the Clayton State College of Arts and Sciences, who will serve as the instructor for the Astronomy courses.

With the addition of the Astronomy courses, Clayton State's entire common core curriculum will now be available to students at the Clayton State University –

Fayette instructional site in Peachtree City.

The first course in the sequence, Solar System Astronomy, will be taught in the fall semester. This course covers astronomy from early ideas of the cosmos to

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Parkerson Represents Hungary at NATO 60th Anniversary Observance

Clayton State University Director of the Office of International Programs John E. Parkerson, Jr., is having a busy spring.

Parkerson, who wears at least three hats... his position with the University, his role as a trustee of the Clayton State University Foundation, and as Honorary Consul of Hungary... not only presides over the University's growing and varied international programs, but also represents Hungary at various official and ceremonial functions.

A case in point was the Apr. 6 observance of the 60th anniversary of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, better known as NATO. The 60th anniversary was observed at Robins Air Force Base's

Robins Museum of Aviation with a ceremony held in conjunction with the State of Georgia and Georgia-based NATO consuls, of which Parkerson is one. In all, diplomats representing NATO countries of Canada, Germany, Greece, Luxembourg, Denmark, Hungary, Slovenia, France, Lithuania and United Kingdom in addition to the United States were represented.

Parkerson's diplomatic trip to Warner Robins on behalf of the nation of Hungary comes less than a week after he announced that Clayton State and the University of Pannonia in Veszprem, Hungary, had signed an agreement of collaboration that will result in numerous opportunities for the two institutions,

including study abroad, student and faculty development exchanges, and research collaboration.



John Parkerson

Parkerson received word of the signing of the agreement late last month via email from Dr. Irina Golubeva, director of the Office of Scientific and International Affairs at the University of Pannonia. According to Golubeva, who is Parkerson's counterpart at the Hungarian university, the Senate of the University of Pannonia voted unanimously to sign the agreement between the two universities. ■

Clayton State Students, Nurses Heading to Guatemala for Maymester

by Ciji Fox, University Relations

Fourteen Clayton State University nursing students, alongside Drs. Sue Odom, associate dean of the School of Nursing, and Karen Weaver, director RN-BSN program, will head to the jungle of Rio Dulce, Guatemala for their 2009 Maymester trip in a month.

The Maymester course will be a total of 14 days and is a three credit hour elective. The group will depart May 15 and return on May 25. Students will stay in a dormitory overlooking Lake Izabal in Guatemala. There will also be recreational time to visit the area including trips to museums and parks.

"Students and faculty will work together to provide healthcare to Guatemalan villagers in remote areas of the jungle. These villagers have no access to healthcare and walk many miles to attend the traveling clinic that provides free services for those in need," Weaver says. "Students will benefit by receiving credits for the Jungle Health course, learning about the people of Guatemala and their healthcare needs,

helping those suffering from illness/disease/malnutrition to recover, and teaching the Guatemalan villagers ways to improve their health and prevent these maladies.

"There are other fundamental benefits that will be unique to each individual participating in the program that have to do with personal satisfaction and fulfillment."

The participants in the Jungle Health Maymester course recently had an orientation session and were honored to have Beatriz Illescas Putzeys, consul general of Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Guatemala, come to Clayton State to speak at the orientation, Weaver explains. Putzeys answered questions related to Guatemala and its people and expressed her appreciation to the students who were going on the trip to help her people who are without healthcare resources. ■

Green Cleaning

by Kelly Adams,
Business and Operations

Spring is an ideal time for cleaning, so it seems appropriate to mention that Clayton State University's Building Services' staff uses environmentally friendly products to keep the campus spic and span.

The staff acquires the majority of its cleaning products from Buckeye International — a company that offers several Green Seal Certified products. On their website, they explain that the Green Seal is "based on its reduced human and environmental toxicity and reduced volatile organic compound content."

Several of the products used by our staff include: RAM, a heavy duty cleaner/degreaser; True 7, a pH neutral cleaner used for mopping finished floors; and Star Spray, a glass cleaner that contains no alcohol, butyl or ammonia. Additionally, it is safe to use on computer screens.

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Arts Page

Clayton State University Jazz Combo Presents "Spirit of Rhythm" in Spivey Hall, Apr. 22

by Lauren Graves, University Relations

The Clayton State University Department of Music presents the Clayton State University Jazz Combo in "The Spirit of Rhythm: Latin, Swing, Urban & Beyond" on Wednesday, Apr. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Spivey Hall. Admission is free and open to the public.

"This semester's concert celebrates rhythms from a variety of sources outside of the swing tradition, including Latin, samba, New Orleans street parade, and urban hip-hop settings," says Clayton State University Jazz Combo Director Stacey Houghton. "This concert (as well as all our concerts) features the art of improvisation performed by our music students."

Highlights of "Spirit of Rhythm" include several compositions by jazz master Horace Silver, original compositions and arrangements by Houghton and Clayton State student Wilgens Pierre, a special guest vocalist appearance by Clayton State Director of Vocal and Operatic Studies Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller, and a special audience participation number.



And speaking of audience participation, a colorful concert participation prop will be given to the first 60 people in attendance.

Lending their music talent to the Clayton State University Jazz Combo are the following musicians: Houghton (Rex) on soprano saxophone; Michael Wheeler (Forest Park) and Wilgens Pierre

(Mableton) on trumpets; Carl Dixon (Morrow) on tenor saxophone; Shaun Brooks (Peachtree City) on trombone; Pablo Melgar (Lawrenceville) on piano & keyboard; Chris Odom (Lovejoy) on guitars; Chris Whitley (Forest Park) on bass; and Jack Adams (Lovejoy) and Courtney Tatum (Lovejoy) on drums & percussion. ■

Clayton Community Big Band Performs Free Concert in Spivey Hall, May 4

The Clayton State University Department of Music presents the Clayton Community Big Band (CCBB) concert "Ties That Bind - a Cavalcade of Musical Friends" at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 4 in Spivey Hall. This concert is free and open to the public.

"This should prove to be our biggest concert ever," says CCBB Director Stacey Houghton who shares that several special guests - including Clayton State University President and bongo aficionado Dr. Thomas K. Harden - will perform in the concert.

Highlights also include feature performances by several CCBB soloists, a special tribute to late composer Neal Hefti by tenor saxophonist and jazz educator Bob Greenhaw and Houghton, and an appearance by the Clayton State University Jazz Combo.

In addition to Harden, the guest percussionists contributing their musical talents in "Ties That Bind" are as follows: Clayton State music faculty members Dr.

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Two Performances by Chanticleer in Spivey Hall This Weekend

Chanticleer loves Spivey Hall, and Spivey Hall audiences adore Chanticleer.

The superlative San Francisco-based, 12-member male vocal ensemble, honored as Musical America's 2008 "Ensemble of the Year," is returning to Clayton State University's equally-incomparable performance venue this weekend on Friday, Apr. 17 and

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Clayton State Librarian Shares Her Inauguration Perspective

by Ciji Fox, University Relations



Yalonda Carson, Clayton State librarian, recently hosted “America Embraces Diversity,” a presentation of the 56th presidential inauguration.

After she returned from the inauguration in Washington D.C., Carson wanted to share her historical experience with the Clayton State community to show and tell them how this experience impacted her life.

The following faculty members and student volunteers helped to make the event a huge success, with more 100 people attending: Gordon Baker, director of Libraries; Katherine Ott, head of Access and Information Services; Jasmine McDuffie, Adedoyin Kassim, Shanna Weaver, Thedren Kemp, Wanda David, Thuy Huynh, William Tino, Erick Castillo, and Huy Tran.

Carson and a friend were very enthusiastic about attending the event.

“I drove to North Carolina from Georgia, met with one of my friends, Reggie Robinson,” says Carson. “We left North Carolina Saturday evening and headed to DC. We stayed at a Comfort Inn in Fredericksburg, Va., about 45 minutes from downtown.”

Carson says the experience was life changing.

“I value the importance of establishing a relationship as a nation with other countries,” Carson explains. “This experience also reminded me of the song, ‘We are the World’

“It also reminded me of the ‘I Have a Dream’ speech by Dr. Martin Luther King

Jr. Not only did I see little black boys and black girls join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers,’ But, people of every race, creed and color shared that moment. Dr. King’s vision had been brought to fruition and beyond. America has become a world. America embraced diversity.”

The Clayton State community was very appreciative of Carson sharing her experience.

“I felt it was a positive and memorable presentation, I felt as if I traveled to Washington with her!” David says.

“My most memorable moment was when the soldier was talking about his and other

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Clayton State’s Fuqua Receives BHAA “Best Paper” Award

Dr. Ronald Fuqua, Clayton State University assistant professor of Health Care Management, recently received the “Best Paper Award” at the Business and Health Administration Association (BHAA) International conference for his paper, “Aging, Health Services and Long Term Care Track.”

“The paper is the qualitative part of my dissertation,” Fuqua explains. “I had analyzed data on the reduction of physical restraints in a nursing home as the result of the Nursing Home Reform Act known as OBRA 87. This paper presents the qualitative research I conduct-

ed through in-depth interviews with the nursing home’s management team.

“My dissertation was an extended effort over almost four years. The adaptation of this paper was about a month’s worth of effort.”

Fuqua admits that there were some challenges which included extensive research.

“The greatest challenge was updating the literature since much of the original work was funded on some older work,” he says. “I conducted in-depth interviews using a prepared interview schedule. Probing was

determined by the answers provided. The analysis required transcribing the recorded interviews and a process of categorizing and identifying when saturation had occurred. Once the same answers began appearing, the need to collect more information was satisfied.”

Despite a few challenges the experience was very rewarding.

“I feel great about what was learned in the research but I must admit that little recognition was a nice feeling!” he says. ■

Across the campus...

Academic Affairs

Questions have been asked regarding the 13 semester credit hour limit for students. We have corrected an error in the posted statement regarding maximum load without special permission. The catalog statement refers to "regular" Fall and Spring Terms. The Summer term(s) of two five-week or one 10-week term compresses the instructional time available for loads past full-time. Rather than set 12 hours (full-time) as the limit, we used 13 credits which provides one to have a four-credit course in their load. Students who wish to take more than the 13 hour limit for the summer term may request an exception through their Dean to the Provost's office. Generally, exceptions are based on student GPA with 3.0 GPA being the minimum necessary for the extra load.

Academic Outreach

Clayton State will be holding an Open House/Information Session on its Dual Enrollment Program in Henry County on Tuesday evening, Apr. 21. The Information Session will be held at the Henry County Board of Education, located at 33 N. Zack Hinton Pkwy., McDonough, on Apr. 21 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. On the agenda for the evening will be an overview of the dual enrollment program, including benefits, application procedure, cost, etc. Students who will be high school juniors or seniors next year will be eligible to attend. Their parents and guests are also welcome to attend. More information on this event is available at <http://Henry.Clayton.edu>.

Athletics

The Clayton State Laker men's and women's track & field teams each came away with eighth place team finishes at the Gem of the Hills invitational at Jacksonville State. Approximately 20 schools were represented as Alabama State University claimed both team titles. For the Lakers, sophomore Joey Chino came away with the lone victory in the meet, winning the men's 3,000-meter steeplechase. Chino ran a personal-best 9:56.43 to not only win but also set a meet record.

Auxiliary Services

To make vending and laundry refunds easier, you can now request a refund

through the SWAN. Click on the Essentials tab and go to either the Vending or Laundry channels. Inside each you will see a link for requesting a refund. Complete the refund request, read and agree to the refund agreement, and click Submit. Your refund will be credited back to your LakerCard by 10 a.m. the following business day. If you need an immediate refund or a prefer cash refund, please visit the LakerCard Center.

Reading Tree (www.readingtree.org) is holding a book drive on the Clayton State campus during the month of April. This organization primarily collects children's books, but they will take any book that is donated. According to Carolina Amero, their goals line up well with some of Clayton State's since their main points are to promote child literacy, to "recycle" books by providing them to those who need them, and to keep unwanted books out of landfills. Amero also notes that this does not overlap with the book recycling efforts of the University Bookstore – which collects and donate used textbooks only. The Reading Tree collection cart has been placed in front of the LakerCard Center. More information is available at www.readingtree.org.

Campus Life

Clayton State University, and the Clayton State Vietnamese Student Association (VSA), will be hosting the Vietnamese Student Association of Georgia 2009 Olympics on Saturday, Apr. 18 and Sunday, Apr. 19. Students from a dozen VSA college chapters in five states throughout the southeastern United States will be competing in soccer, volleyball and flag football at two venues on the Clayton State main campus in Morrow. With the assistance of the Clayton State Departments of Athletics and Recreation & Wellness, soccer and flag football will be played on Laker Field, while the volleyball competition will take place in the new Student Activities Center. Saturday's preliminary rounds will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday's semi-finals and championship games will start at 9 a.m. with soccer, continue at 10:30 a.m. with flag football, and conclude with the volleyball competition from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Center for Academic Success

On Wednesday, Apr. 29 and Thursday, Apr. 30, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., the Center for Academic Success will hold its Finals Tutoring Blitz. During this time, students may come into the Center on a walk-in basis to work with peer tutors, staff tutors, and faculty members. This event is an excellent opportunity for students to receive extra help while developing strong relationships with their instructors (and improve retention). Please encourage your students to attend. Faculty members are encouraged to volunteer an hour or two during this event. Please e-mail Kathy Garrison the days and times you will be available and the subjects in which you would like to tutor.

College of Professional Studies

People retire all the time. However, there are very few retirements wherein the retiree only needs to be identified by their first name. Such is the case for the retirement reception for Dr. Benita Moore, associate dean of the College of Professional Studies, which will be on Wednesday, May 6 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the lobby and patio areas of Clayton Hall (formerly Technology Building). A graduate of Clayton Junior College, Benita has been a faculty member and administrator (including the director of the Alumni Association at one time) at Clayton State University for 27 years. Faculty, staff and administration members are cordially invited to this event to recognize Benita's many (as in, beyond number) contributions to the Clayton State community. Benita, you will be missed...



Human Resources

Over the next several weeks you will start to see the implementation of the USG Shared Services at Clayton State University. Many Human Resources/Payroll forms and processes will change. HR will provide specific details at informational meetings for all faculty and staff. For more information : <http://adminservices.clayton.edu/ohr/adp.htm>.

Language & Literature

Please join us on Tuesday, Apr. 21, from 2

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p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Harry S. Downs Center Atrium for a retirement reception to honor Dr. Tom Barnett and Dr. Ted Walkup.

The newest edition of Clayton State's University's student journal of arts and literature, *Cygnets*, will officially launch on Thursday, Apr. 23. The *Cygnets* 2009 launching party will begin at 6 p.m. in room L200 of the Clayton State Library and will include readings from faculty and students, displays of artwork included in this year's edition, an announcement of the winners of the student PoetryPalooza contest, and maybe even a bit of music.

Library

The Clayton State Library will have its annual used book sale Tuesday, Apr. 21 through Friday, Apr. 24 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Baker Center, in front of the Library's main entrance and Jazzman's Cafe. Paperback books will be \$1.50 each or five for \$5. Hardback books will be \$5 each or five for \$20. Come early to get the best selection! All great deals while they last. Proceeds go to the library.

Political Science

On Tuesday, Apr. 21 from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., JoAnn Yoon will be speaking at Clayton State University, discussing

children's health issues in Georgia. A child policy specialist who works for Voices for Georgia's Children, Yoon received her J.D. from Emory University. This event will be held in room 265 of the James M. Baker Center on the Clayton State campus and is sponsored by the Clayton State Political Science Association. It is free and open to the public.

University System

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.

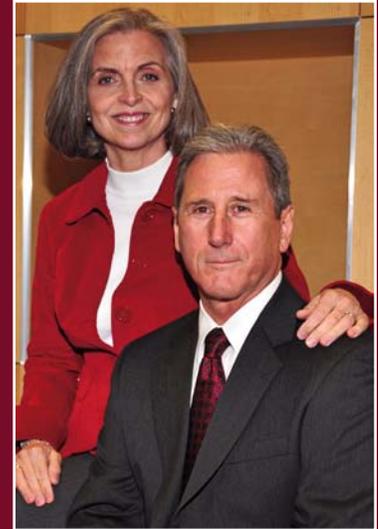
A new issue of the University System of Georgia's The System Supplement is online: http://www.usg.edu/pubs/sys_supp/.

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR PRESIDENT AND MRS. THOMAS HARDEN

THURSDAY, APR. 30
2 P.M.
HARRY S. DOWNS CENTER
ATRIUM AND CE 101

Faculty and Staff please RSVP
online by Apr. 22 so that we can adequately estimate catering
needs for the event:

<http://www.clayton.edu/harden.htm>



Booth Paper Accepted for Presentation At Distance Learning Administrator's Conference

A paper written by Clayton State University Associate Professor of Information Technology Larry Booth, his wife, Vickie Booth, and Fred Hartfield has been accepted for presentation at the Distance Learning Administrator's Conference to be held in June at St. Simon's, Ga. The paper won a best paper award, which will be presented during the opening dinner on Sunday, June 21. In addition to being published in the Distance Learning Administration Annual, award winning papers are invited for publication in the Online Journal of Distance Learning Administration.

The paper, "Continuous Course Improvement, Enhancements, and Modifications: Control and Tracking," develops an innovative process that employs roles and business rules to define a change management system for continuous improvement, enhancement, and modification of an online curriculum. All three authors are part of the University System of Georgia's (USG) WebBSIT program. The WebBSIT, a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology degree, is a fully online degree offered through a consortium of five USG institutions. At Clayton State University, the WebBSIT is offered by the Department of

Information Technology in the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences.

In addition to his teaching position at Clayton State, Larry Booth serves on the WebBSIT operating board. Vickie Booth is the executive director of the Georgia WebBSIT, with her office at Southern Polytechnic State University. Hartfield is an associate professor in Information Technology at Southern Polytechnic and also serves on the WebBSIT operating board. ■

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Douglas Wheeler and Dr. Kristen Lyman, and Clayton State Director of Human Resources John Brooks.

Personnel performing include the following accomplished musicians: Houghton (Rex), director and tenor saxophone; Sorrell Carr (Jonesboro), Paul Powell (McDonough), Peter Swan (Jonesboro), Clifton Stewart (Lovejoy) and Michael Terry (Meansville) on saxophone; Michael Wheeler (Forest Park), Anthony Bailey (Decatur), Mark Lewis

(McDonough) and Daniel Sims (Forest Park) on trumpet; Doug Murray (Jonesboro), Dr. Patrick Carney (Stockbridge), Amy Castillo (Jackson) and Mark Gladfelter (Ellenwood) on trombone; Stephanie Butler (Atlanta) and Pablo Melgar (Lawrenceville) on piano; Tony Terrell (Lake City) and Chris Whitley on bass; Courtney Tatum (Lovejoy) on drums and Marc Agenor (McDonough), Caleb Halstead (McDonough), and Chris Odom (Lovejoy) on guitar.

“Ties That Bind” will also feature Clayton State student vocalists Danan Arnold and Kristy Bryant.

The CCBB is made up of Clayton State music students and talented community volunteers who meet and rehearse regularly nine months out of the year. The group performs two concerts a year in Spivey Hall, as well as at various community events. ■

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Assistant Professor of Philosophy Hall, began teaching at Clayton State in 2005. He obtained his doctorate from Emory University in 2004. In 2001 and 2002 Hall worked at Clayton State as adjunct faculty. Hall is married with two children, five year old Maia and three year old Dylan. He practices tae kwon do and enjoys science fiction and comic books. Hall grew up in California and now resides in Tucker.

“It is an honor to be recognized for one’s efforts in the classroom. The best part of the nomination process was reading the letters my students wrote in support of my application,” expresses Hall.

Miller is an associate professor of Psychology, coordinator for the Department of Psychology and has worked at Clayton State since 2001. She is currently an advisor for the Psychology department and serves on the faculty council. Miller received her doctorate in Psychology from Northwestern University. Miller is married with two daughters. She enjoys making beaded jewelry and being a part of the unofficial book club at Clayton State with other faculty and staff.

“Being selected by my peers is a great honor, particularly since the person who nominated me is someone I respect deeply. I won’t embarrass her by mentioning her name. I am grateful for the opportunities I’ve had to be creative in the classroom; I love that it’s encouraged and supported,” says Miller.

Poudevigne has been with Clayton State since 2004. She is currently director for

the Health and Fitness Management Program and assistant professor of Health Care Management. She received her doctorate at the University of Georgia. She is a native of France and currently lives in Atlanta. She enjoys scuba diving, running, reading “how to” books, traveling, and visiting her family in Europe.

“It means the highest recognition from my peers and it is such an honor to be nominated. Working with students is very rewarding, to change the way students study and get them to put effort into the right things. I want to give them the maximum opportunity to perform, I want to provide a wide variety of opportunities,” says Poudevigne.

Nipper, a 1995 graduate from Clayton State, since 2004 has served her university as an associate professor of Mathematics. She obtained her doctorate from the University of Georgia. She is from Social Circle and is married with two children. In her free time she enjoys spending as much time as possible with her friends and family.

“I am very fortunate to work with many colleagues in CIMS that are talented teachers. So, to be recognized by my peers for excellence in teaching is quite an honor. The faculty at Clayton State remained in contact with me as I completed my graduate work at UGA which made the decision to return to Clayton State an easy one,” says Nipper.

Associate Professor of Economics Finlay, has worked at Clayton State since 2002.

She obtained her doctorate from Georgia State University. She just celebrated her 27th wedding anniversary. She has two grown children and several pets -- at last count three dogs and two cats, she notes. She is interested in reading DC comics, as well as mysteries and manga. She also enjoys puzzles.

“Being nominated for the Alice Smith Award is a true honor -- it recognizes the work I do with students and that is important to me. I know that it is a teaching award, but I also like to think the nomination recognizes all the work I do for Clayton State. More importantly, the nomination is a reflection of all the work others in the School of Business and across the University have done to help me excel, as a teacher and as a member of the Clayton State community,” says Finlay.

Walsh, an assistant professor of Nursing, has worked at Clayton State since 2005. Originally from New York, she now resides with her family in Peachtree City. She is married with two children and a recently adopted cat. She is currently pursuing a doctorate degree in Nursing, but in her spare time she loves to travel, the culinary arts, and gardening.

“I feel an obligation to do my best for students, to cause learning in a way that is engaging, fun, and as painless as possible. Of course, students do nearly all the work, but setting up a course so students can be successful is a real challenge. I am honored to have my peers recognize my efforts to bring excellence to teaching,” says Walsh. ■



The School Shooter: A Quick Reference Guide

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REMEMBER

- There is not a “profile” of a school shooter-instead the students who carried out the attacks differed from one another in numerous ways.
- School shootings are rarely impulsive acts.
- They are typically thought out and planned in advance.
- Prior to most school shootings other students knew the shooting was going to occur but failed to notify an adult.
- Very few of the attackers ever directed threats to their targets before the attack.
- The most common goal was retribution. The justifications and excuses offered indicated this stemmed not from an absence of values but from a well-developed value system in which violence was acceptable.
- In many cases, other students were involved in the attack in some capacity.
- Many offenders experienced a significant personal loss in the months leading up to the attack, such as a death, breakup, or divorce in the family.
- Many offenders engaged in repetitive viewing of violent media and were often fascinated with previous school shootings. Repeated viewing of movies depicting school shootings, such as “Zero Day” and “Elephant,” may indicate a fascination with campus attacks.
- Be aware of the subject’s online videos, blogs, and social networking activities.

Assessing Threatening Communications - Five Dimensions (Mohandie, 2000)

- Organized vs. disorganized thought processes
- Fixed vs. variable themes
- Focused vs. general target identification
- Violent action imperative vs. alternative coping means
- Short time imperative vs. lack of urgency

Threat assessment - 11 Key Questions (U.S. Secret Service, 2002)

- What are the student’s motive(s) and goals?
- Have there been any communications suggesting ideas or intent to attack?
- Has the student shown inappropriate interest in school attacks, weapons, and/or mass violence?
- Has the student engaged in any attack-related behaviors?
- Does the student have the capacity to carry out an act of targeted violence?
- Is the student experiencing hopelessness, desperation and/or despair?
- Does the student have a trusting relationship with at least one responsible adult?
- Does the student see violence as an acceptable/desirable way to solve problems?
- Is the student’s version of events consistent with his/her actions?
- Are other people concerned about the student’s potential for violence?
- What circumstances might affect the likelihood of an attack?

Motives

- 24% motivated by desire for attention or recognition.
- 27% motivated by suicide or desperation.
- 34% motivated by attempt to solve a problem.
- 54% had multiple motives.
- 61% motivated by desire for revenge.
- 75% felt bullied/persecuted/threatened by others.

Statistics

- 27% of attackers exhibited interest in violent movies.
- 37% of attackers exhibited interest in violence in their own writings, poems, essays, and journal entries.
- 59% of attacks occurred during the school day.
- 63% of attackers had a known history of weapons use.
- 68% acquired the weapon used from their own home or that of a relative.
- 93% of attackers engaged in some behavior prior to the attack that caused others to be concerned.
- 93% of attackers planned out the attack in advance.
- 95% of attackers were current students.
- Odds are one in 1 million that a student will die at school as a result of a violent act.

Warning Signs

- Investigators should probe to discover if the subject has engaged in research, planning, or preparation (e.g., researched weapons or made attempts to obtain a weapon). Movement from thought to action represents a severe escalation of the risk of violence.
- In around 80% of school shootings at least one person had information that the attacker was thinking about or planning the school attack. In nearly 2/3, more than one person had information about the attack before it occurred. In nearly all of these cases, the person who knew was a peer, a friend, schoolmate, or sibling.
- Despite prompt law enforcement responses, most attacks were stopped by means other than law enforcement intervention.
- Be conscious of the “Werther Effect,” defined as a duplication or copycat of another suicidal act. School shootings are typically well-publicized, sensationalized events that can trigger an increase in similar acts for roughly days or weeks after the attack.

Resources

- www.fbi.gov
- www.safetyzone.org (DOE and DOJ)
- www.ncjrs.org/school_safety
- www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/SDFS
- www.secretservice.gov/ntac.htm
- www.keepschoolssafe.org

Information compiled from the *Safe School Initiative Report*, United States Secret Service and Department of Education, (2002); *School Violence Threat Management*, Dr. Kris Mohandie, (2000); *The School Shooter: A Threat Assessment Perspective*, CIRG/NCAVC, (1999).



Life's Transitions...

Keya Reed-Jones from the Office of Recruitment and Admissions and her husband, Eric Jones, welcomed their son Joshua Peyton Jones on March 24, 2009 at 6:28 p.m.

Joshua was 8 lbs, 20 1/2 inches. Mom and baby are doing well. Keya thanks everyone for their thoughts and prayers.



The Clayton State Women's Forum held its Annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon on Monday, April 13. The featured speaker was Ann W. Cramer, Director Americas, IBM Corporate Citizenship and Corporate Affairs. Her message of envisioning and empowering was especially meaningful to the audience. Debra Cody, Chair of the Scholarship Committee, recognized scholarship recipients Juanita Henderson, Beverly Myers, Julie Sengpraseuth-Steele, and Jennifer Simba. Outgoing officers for 2008-2009 were acknowledged. The Inspirational Service Award was presented to Lou Brackett. In addition, Women's Forum officers for 2009-2010 were elected: Cathie Aust, President; Lou Brackett, Vice President for Logistics; Katrina Barnes, Vice President for Programs; Francine Mocniak, Secretary; and Vickie Fennell Smith, Treasurer.

Green, cont'd., from p. 3

Our foaming hand soap — Symmetry — which is also made by Buckeye International, “meets the Green Seal environmental standard for institutional hand cleaners. This is based on its reduced human and aquatic toxicity and reduced smog production potential.” It is biodegradable and free of dyes.

Many cleaners use harsh chemicals that are not only dangerous but also produce strong odors that can result in eye or nose irritation. Our diligent staff works with these “greener” products to create a cleaner university and a healthier environment that makes each day more enjoyable for students, faculty, and staff. ■

Spivey, cont'd., from p. 4

Saturday, Apr. 18. Both performances will begin at 8:15 p.m.

This incomparable “Orchestra of Voices,” guided by artistic director Joseph Jennings, performs a rich diversity of music in two different programs. On Apr. 17, Chanticleer will perform “Wondrous Free,” a celebration of 300 years of American song, from early hymns and shape-note singing to madrigals, part songs, folk songs, and a newly commissioned work by an American composer to be confirmed. On Apr. 18, it’s “Divine Tapestry: A Mass For All Time,” a kaleidoscopic Latin mass interweaving compositional voices old and new, from Tallis,

Gabrieli, Dufay and Desprez to John Tavener, Augusta Read Thomas, William Albright and Olivier Messiaen.

Tickets to both performances are \$50 (50 percent off for Clayton State faculty and staff); Clayton State students pay just \$10. For tickets and more information, call the Spivey Hall Box Office at (678) 466-4200. Full-price tickets only are available online at www.spiveyhall.org (a per-ticket service fee applies). ■

Inauguration, cont'd., from p. 5

soldier’s time spent with the president,” Kassim says. “For example, how the president greeted, thanked, and commended their efforts. It was a touching moment listening to him says a little about the soldier’s life in relation to the war. Also, I like the fact that the president had dinner with them.”

Even though the trip was very memorable, there were a few challenges.

“My biggest challenge was trying not to freeze,” Carson says. “It was about 15 degrees; I was layered with tights, socks, thermal pants, two thermal tops, and a turtle neck sweater, a sweater over the turtle neck, bomber jacket, gloves, knitted scarf and hat, not to mention my high top boots.

“We had our Metro tickets. The day before the inauguration we did a dry-run. Metro was jam packed like sardines in a can. But, I was there, in the midst of the crowd. The day of the inauguration, due to the crowd, Metro had shut down. Parking was beyond imagination. We actually watched the inauguration at my cousins’, Robert and Bridgette Cox, in Fort, Md., along with my aunt, Jean Carson.”

Despite a few challenges the experience will always be cherished.

“I have a greater appreciation for people. Before my very eyes, I saw a rainbow creation, from people from across the world united as one,” she says. ■

Enrollment, cont'd., from p. 1

more serious during these tough economic times about taking heavier course loads.”

In Clayton State’s case, the University’s spring 2009 enrollment actually exceeds the fall 2008 enrollment, 6,217 to 6,074.

One type of student that Clayton State has been particularly successful in recruiting is the joint or dual enrollment student. The dual/joint enrollment program provides one way for high school students to ease their transition into college. These programs allow students to take college courses while still in high school. The courses they complete fulfill high school requirements but also count as college credit. Such programs expose students to the nature of the college classroom, while they still have the support they receive from parents and their high school.

The USG Spring 2009 Semester Enrollment Report shows that Clayton State has the third-highest dual enrollment numbers among the Systems’ four-year colleges and universities. Only Georgia State University (146) and Georgia Tech (193) have more dual enrollment students than Clayton State’s 143, and Clayton State’s figures will likely increase with the fall 2009 semester when the University starts offering dual enrollment courses in Henry County at the Academy for Advanced Studies in McDonough. ■

Honors, cont'd., from p. 1

There will not be a graduation speaker per se, but Harden, who takes office as the chancellor of the University of Wisconsin Green Bay on June 1, 2009, will say a few words to each group of graduates.

In addition to the two commencement ceremonies, the Clayton State School of Graduate Studies will also hold a Hooding Ceremony for the 32 master’s degree recipients on Thursday, May 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the University’s Spivey Hall. ■

Got News?

Our May 1 issue of Campus Review will recognize the accomplishments of Dr. Harden during his tenure at Clayton State. If you have news you would like to share with the Clayton State community, our next news issue will be released on Friday, May 15.

Please send all news or story ideas to johnshiffert@clayton.edu.

Fayette, cont'd., from p. 2

modern observational techniques. Topics included are solar system planets, satellites and minor bodies, and the origin and evolution of the solar system.

The second course in the sequence, Stellar and Galactic Astronomy, will be offered in the spring semester of 2010. This second course will cover the study of the Sun and stars, their physical properties and evolution, interstellar matter, star clusters, our galaxy and other galaxies, and the origin and evolution of the Universe.

The third course, Astronomy Laboratory, will also be offered in the spring semester of 2010. This course consists of a series of laboratories designed to measure the physical properties of planets, stars, and galaxies. The two spring courses are required to be taken together.

"I am so pleased that we can offer the astronomy science sequence in Fayette County. Not only is this an excellent course on its own, it also allows us to accomplish the goal of offering the entire

general education curriculum in Fayette County," says Dr. Kevin Demmitt, Clayton State assistant vice president for Academic Outreach and director of Clayton State – Fayette. "This is a tremendous step as we continue to grow to meet the needs of the community." ■

Smith Staff, cont'd., from p. 2

Garrison is marking her 21st year at Clayton State University. As the assistant director of the Center for Academic Success, she oversees peer tutoring and supplemental instruction programs. Garrison and her husband will celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary this December. They have two children and reside in Social Circle.

Right now her hobbies include being a "taxi service" for Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, soccer and softball practices and games for her children. She also enjoys camping and staying very active in their church. She is a delegate to Staff Council and co-chair of Laker Angels at Clayton State.

"It is such an honor just to be nominated for this award. The fact that I have been nominated amazes me. There are so many people on campus that I feel are more deserving of this nomination," says Garrison.

Davis is program coordinator for Continuing Education and has worked at Clayton State for the last four years. He has held a wide capacity of roles after originally working with the Youth University program. He is a 2007 Clayton State graduate. He has a large extended family that he loves to spend time with, but is currently single and caring for his pet goldfish. Davis currently lives in Stockbridge.

A music major at Clayton State, he appreciates music and theater. He spends a great deal of time performing, teaching, and directing musical and theater produc-

tions. He is currently directing a local production of "Steel Magnolias."

"I am thrilled to be chosen as a nominee! We have such a wonderful group of employees here at Clayton State that I am really surprised to be nominated. It is truly an honor and I feel very blessed to be working with such great fellow staff members who are all award winners in my eyes," says Davis.

Karaa is the associate director of Counseling and Psychological Services. She has been with Clayton State since 2005. Originally from Zahle, Lebanon, she has lived in Atlanta's Buckhead area since age 10. She enjoys making connections with the students she counsels and knowing she has been part of their journey in making life changes. Her interests and hobbies include travel and languages, gourmet cooking, reading, going out to eat, shopping, and exercise.

"Being nominated for the Alice Smith Award is an honor and an affirmation that I am practicing the values I uphold: striving for excellence, continually self-improving, and giving back to others," says Karaa.

Pascual, known as "Bernie" around campus, is working in her 10th year at Clayton State as a building service employee. She is celebrating her 13th wedding anniversary this year. She and her husband have a German shepherd named Rocky and reside in Rex. She enjoys reading, music, and watching her favorite lifetime and travel channels.

"It is an honor to be nominated for the Alice Smith Award because someone really appreciates my contributions on campus," says Pascual.

In 1995, Wade began working in Plant Operations as a clerk and in 1999 moved to Administrative Systems to work as an analyst. Since 2005 she has also provided IT support for the accounts receivable side of Banner and PeopleSoft Financials as part of the Budget & Finance Office. She grew up in East Point, but currently lives in Locust Grove. Wade has two daughters. Crystal is a 2004 Clayton State graduate and Jessica is currently a medical assisting student.

She enjoys spending time with family and friends, but most recently is spending more time exercising. Her latest challenge is the Nintendo Wii Fit and she has enjoyed tackling fitness with this game.

"The thing that makes Clayton State a great place to work is the people who work here. They are encouraging during tough times and tough when they need to be. Being nominated for the Alice Smith award is such an honor, there are so many people here who deserve to win this award," says Wade. ■

The Clayton State Archives Wants to Know... *Bo and the pig?*

Here's a fun game that also benefits the Clayton State Archives...who has lots of photos of folks through the years that need to be identified for preserving the history of the University. The Clayton State Archives asks for your help in identifying



why Bo Bolander is presenting flowers to a pig and acting amorously towards the swine. Tom Eddins, a devout Trivia Time respondent, is pictured on the right.

If you know what's happening in these photographs please contact RosemaryFischer@clayton.edu and copy LaurenGraves@clayton.edu (so the readers of Campus Review can learn the answer in the next issue).



Please continue to keep Bo in your thoughts and prayers. For our latest update on Bo, please see the April 3, 2009 issue of Campus Review. Past issues are available at <http://about.clayton.edu/CR/CRArchives.htm>



To send Bo a thinking of you card or a note of encouragement, his address is: New London Health Care, 2020 McGee Rd., Room C-13, Snellville, Ga., 30078.

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Last issue's mystery person... "The Lady on the Right" of Valerie Lancaster... was identified as Dianne Jordan, long-time administrative assistant to the first president of Clayton State, Dr. Harry S. Downs. Our first correct respondent was Linda Castleberry, followed quickly by JoAnn Quattlebaum. Other correct responders included: Robert Holmes, Tammy Wilson, Dotty Bumbalough, Judy Gifford, Mary Coursey and Dr. Robert Welborn. Thanks for your help!

Trivia Time

The Brothers Were Grim

by John Shiffert, University Relations

If you are at all squeamish, you don't want to read any of the original versions of the Brothers Grimm fairy tales. They are, to be totally candid, pretty grim.

Maybe it's just that Germans think that children need to be taught a lesson, or maybe mores were different a couple of hundred years ago. Whatever the case, certainly don't let your kids read anything like "Little Suck-A-Thumb" or "Aschenputtel." They are, in a word, gruesome. (At least, that's the word this week's Guest Questioner, Maggie Shiffert, uses to describe the latter.) In fact, you may not want to read further in this story, either.

As our distinguished Guest Questioner points out, Aschenputtel is actually one of several versions of the Cinderella (which is a pretty close translation of "Aschenputtel" into English) story from different cultures. There are also similar tales in, among others, Chinese, Native American and Appalachian folklore. And while they aren't all as gruesome as Aschenputtel, none of the other stories exactly match up to what Walt Disney has told us in the past.

In Aschenputtel, the wicked stepsisters don't just get left at the altar, they cut off parts of their feet to try and fit same into the lost slipper (which is not glass, but gold), and then get their eyes pecked out by birds at Aschenputtel's wedding. That'll sure teach somebody a lesson...

Clearly, though, such gruesome lessons will not necessarily do severe damage to everyone that reads them. A total of nine respondents had at least some part of the story correct, and it can be certified that they're all fine, upstanding citizens. (Maybe because they were scared straight as kids?) In order, they were; Vickie Fennell Smith, Kelly Adams, Diana Johnson, Kurt-Alexander Zeller, Rob Taylor, Lou Brackett, B.D. Stillion, Robert Caine, and, all the way from Arkansas, the inimitable Dr. Ray Wallace – proving that little Irish children read the Brothers Grimm as well. (University Relations' Erin Fender knew this one, but she's not eligible.)

Completely changing directions... who has the longest tenure with a single team among all baseball radio broadcasters? Send your answers to johnshiffert@clayton.edu.

Sports

Clayton State to Host PBC Women's Tennis Tournament

The Peach Belt Conference has released the bracket for the 2009 women's tennis tournament which begins on Friday at the Clayton County Tennis Center in Jonesboro, Ga. The event is hosted by Clayton State University. All 11 PBC women's teams will compete for the tournament championship and an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

The PBC tournament will be one of the premier Division II women's events in the nation with six teams ranked in the latest ITA national poll. PBC singles players also account for more than 25 percent of the top 50 ranked players in the country.

Armstrong Atlantic State will be the #1 seed for the PBC Tournament once again. Columbus State is the second seed after blazing through the PBC schedule with a 9-1 record, their best PBC finish since 2006. Francis Marion is the third seed for the PBC Tournament after finishing the

PBC schedule with an 8-2 record and 16-3 overall. Clayton State, which is hosting the Tournament for the first time ever, will be looking for their first tournament championship. The Lakers enter the PBC as the #4 seed, 6-3 in conference play this season and 9-5 overall. Clayton State is ranked #11 in the nation and are led by Viktoriya Semyrodenko who has played both first and second singles and is ranked 23rd in the nation. Semyrodenko and doubles partner Katie White also have the sixth-ranked doubles team in the nation.

Augusta State is the fifth seed and will face Clayton State in the first round of the tournament. The Lady Jaguars are ranked #19 in the nation with a 13-6 overall record, 5-4 in conference play. Nathalia Rodriques is 12-6 playing at #1 singles and is ranked 22nd in the nation.

Georgia College is the sixth seed. Lander enters the PBC tournament as the seventh

seed. USC Aiken will be the #8 seed, UNC Pembroke is the #9 seed, North Georgia the 10th seed and Georgia Southwestern will make its first PBC Tournament appearance as the 11th seed after moving up to full Division II status last summer.

The PBC Tournament format has changed for 2009 in that there will be no back draw on the bracket. The tournament will begin with three matches on Friday at 11 a.m. and continue on to the championship match on Sunday at noon.

Clayton State Holds Steady at 10th in Golf World/Nike Division II Men's Golf Poll

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

The Clayton State Lakers are holding steady at 10th in the latest Golf World/Nike Division II Top 25 poll for men's golf.

Head coach Barry Harwell's Lakers leaped nine spots to 10th in the last Division II Top poll on Mar. 11. This matches the highest ever regular season ranking for Clayton State men's golf in program history. This spring season, Clayton State has recorded five Top 10 finishes, including finishing second at the Outback Steakhouse Intercollegiate and winning the Matlock Invitational.

The Lakers are one of five teams from the Peach Belt Conference ranked in the new

Division II Top 25 poll, and four teams are ranked in the Top 10. Columbus State replaced USC Aiken as the new top-ranked team in Division, followed closely in second by Georgia College. USC Aiken is ranked fourth, while Lander is ranked 14th in the nation.

Clayton State competes next in the 2009 Peach Belt Conference Tournament on Apr. 20-21 at Little River Golf Resort in Pinehurst, N.C.

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