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## Senior Faculty Member Dr. Thomas Barnett To Speak at 36th Annual Spring Commencement

by John Shiffert, University Relations

One of the most impressive parts of the Clayton State University Commencement exercise is the University's senior faculty member, Dr. Thomas V. Barnett, leading the assembled faculty into the hall. Carrying the ceremonial mace, Barnett leads his colleagues in the faculty procession, and then initiates the official proceedings with a call to order by pounding the mace on the floor three times.

All that will happen again on Saturday, May 13, except that Barnett will then take his place on the platform, as the commencement speaker for the University's 36th Annual Spring Commencement... a singular honor for a singular individual. In addition to his position as the University's senior faculty member, Barnett is also both

the longest-tenured faculty member in the University's history, and the only Clayton State employee to earn a 35-Year Award from the 37 year-old University.

Clayton State's Spring 2006 Commencement will be held in the University's Athletics & Fitness Center in two ceremonies, the first at 9 a.m. and the second at noon. Graduates from the School of Business, the School of Health Sciences, and the School of Technology will "walk" in the 9 a.m. ceremony, and the School of Arts & Sciences and the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences will hold their ceremony at noon.

A 1968 graduate of the University of North Carolina, Barnett earned an M.A. in English from the University of Georgia in

August of 1971, and his Ph.D. from Georgia State University in 1982. After, as he says, "making the rounds of the junior colleges in the Atlanta area," Barnett was offered a position at the, then, Clayton Junior College, following his graduation from UGA. And, the rest is (Clayton State) history.

Currently Department Head of Communicative Arts and Integrative Studies and Professor of English, Barnett is also heading up Clayton State's move to the next academic level – the University's first graduate-level program, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies. "Our confirmation as a University," he says.

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## Spivey Hall's Sherryl Nelson to Retire

by Jared Morrison, Spivey Hall

Clayton State University President Dr. Thomas K. Harden has announced the retirement of Spivey Hall's founding Executive and Artistic Director, Sherryl Nelson. For Nelson, this decision marks the culmination of a 36-year career in arts management in which, among many other accomplishments, she established Spivey Hall as one of the world's leading classical, jazz and world-music presenters.



Under Nelson's leadership, Spivey Hall's annual concert season has become one of the nation's most renowned and respected series, presenting the highest quality artists from throughout world. During its 15 seasons, Spivey Hall has presented more than 600 musical artists and is considered to be at the top of jazz and world-music presenters in the nation.

The hall has garnered consistent praise from media around the world, and The Atlanta Journal Constitution has stated that "no other venue or arts organization in the Atlanta area comes close to Spivey's consistent level of quality in everything that matters – in

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## Michiko Otaki and Reginald Evans Named 2006 Alice Smith Award Winners

A world-renown pianist and the first winner from the Office of Plant Operations were named Tuesday as the 2006 Alice Smith Award winners at Clayton State University.

Dr. Michiko Otaki, professor of Music and director of Keyboard Studies in the Department of Music in the School of Arts & Sciences is the 2006 Alice Smith Faculty Award winner.

Reginald Evans, groundskeeper I in the Office of Physical Plant Operations is the 2006 Alice Smith Staff Award winner. Evans is the 12th winner of the Smith Staff Award, but the first from the Office of Plant Operations.

An annual event at the University 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, and are considered the highest honor to be earned by an employee of Clayton State University.

Born in Japan, Otaki is a world-renown pianist who studied in the U.S., receiving advanced performance degrees from the San Francisco Conservatory, Manhattan School of Music and the University of Miami. A Clayton State faculty member since



Dr. Michiko Otaki

1994, she is a favorite with both audiences and fellow musicians throughout the U.S. and Europe, and has performed at major venues in the U.S. and abroad, including Washington's National Gallery, Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall, Cleveland's Museum of Art, the Chamber Music Hall of the Warsaw Philharmonic, and numerous times in Clayton State's prestigious Spivey Hall. A noted chamber musician, she has performed with such world-class ensembles as the Warsaw Wind Quintet, Kodály String Quartet, Gideon String Trio, Swiss Wind Quintet, and Martin String Quartet.



Reginald Evans

Evans, a resident of Stockbridge who faithfully attends New Birth Church in Lithonia, is a groundskeeper in the Grounds Department of Plant Operations, working with a team to help set up the campus for special events. He says that the gratitude that everyone pays him and his team for these services makes him proud to be a member of the University. To him, Clayton State is all about "opportunity."

The other finalists for the 2006 Alice Smith Staff Award included: Diane Burns, from the Office of the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs; Dolores Cox, from the Office of University Image and Communications; Gid Rowell,

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## Liszt Academy Rector to Visit Clayton State May 11

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Dr. Andras Batta, rector of Liszt Ferenc University of Musical Sciences (Liszt Academy) in Budapest is visiting the United States from Apr. 24 to May 12 under the auspices of the Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program. As part of his tour of America, the rector will be visiting Clayton State University on Thursday, May 11.

Batta, whose position with the Liszt Academy -- a premier European music conservatory -- is analogous to the president of an American university, will be renewing his acquaintance with another university

president, Clayton State's Dr. Thomas K. Harden, as well as with the Executive Director of Clayton State's Spivey Hall, Sherryl Nelson. Harden met Batta in October 2004 when three Clayton State Department of Music students, and Assistant Professor of Music Dr. Maya Hoover, journeyed to the Liszt Academy to perform. That visit was a follow-up to Harden's and Nelson's fall 2003 economic and educational development trip to central Europe, a trip that included Budapest and several cities in the Czech Republic and Romania. Nelson also visited the Liszt Academy and the rector in the summer of

2005, prior to a series of performances in many of Europe's great cities by the Spivey Hall Children's Choir.

At the time of Harden's 2004 visit to Budapest, Liszt Academy Director of Studies Franciska Ispan noted that the prospect of student and faculty exchange between the Academy and Clayton State would build greater understanding and appreciation between the cultures and the people of Central Europe and the Southeastern United States.

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## DEX Students Excel At National Conference



The members of the Clayton State University chapter of Delta Epsilon Chi (DEX) had the most national wins in the South Division at this year's national DEX conference in Dallas.

Delta Epsilon Chi is the international professional association for college students interested in careers in marketing, management, merchandising and entrepreneurship. Clayton State's DEX Chapter was founded in 1985, and starting winning state competitions right away.

Competing in this year's national competition from Clayton State were; Jerome Hawk (Riverdale), Reggie McGraw II (Riverdale), Shaun Washington (Fulton), Felicia Janeway (Jonesboro), Billy Evans (Jonesboro), Diane Jack (Jonesboro) and Shawona Willis (Riverdale). Together, they brought back to Morrow five national awards ... more than any other Clayton State DEX team.

The competition was a day long intensive academy where the Clayton State students had to compete to win the best business plan award. More than 2,000 people competed in different events, and five Clayton State students won national honors. Hawk received a top 10 award for his ECommerce role-play, McGraw earned a top 10 award for Web Site Design Presentation, Washington and Evans won 3rd place in Sports Marketing, the most competitive event (46 teams) at the conference, and Janeway won top 10 in Advertising for her advertising campaign for the new Atlanta Aquarium.

Another highlight of the conference was Kelly Perdue, the winner from the television show "Apprentice 2," speaking to the students at the Entrepreneurship Academy, a two-day intensive event where the students have to prepare a presentation on a franchisable business that they create.

"It takes hundreds of hours to get the students ready," notes DEX Advisor and Clayton State Assistant Professor of Technical Studies Dr. Russell Casey. "In fact, Billy said to me at the conference, 'Dr. Casey I didn't know what the Four Ps of marketing were four months ago, but after all our practices this was easy.'" ■

## Antell and Williams Win First Ogden-Daily Awards

Clayton State University students Adam Antell and Sheena Williams are the winners of the First Ogden-Daily First Amendment Essay Contest.

Sponsored by the Clayton State School of Business and made possible through the generosity of the Clayton News Daily, the Ogden-Daily Award is named in memory of James H. Ogden, Jr., late husband of Clayton State Assistant Professor of Business Law and Taxation Judith Stilz Ogden. James Ogden was a lifelong supporter of First Amendment Rights. The Ogden-Daily Award will be presented each year to a currently enrolled Clayton State student for literary achievement in the area of First Amendment rights and free speech generally. This year's topic was "Cybersmear: Free speech or defamation?"

First place winner Antell is a senior Marketing major in the School of Business. A resident of Peachtree City and a graduate of McIntosh High School, he will graduate from Clayton State in December 2006.

"Being a strong believer in freedom of speech and personal responsibility, I decided not to restrict my viewpoints when approaching the issue of Cybersmear," he says. "Cybersmear is an issue that is not exactly as easy as black and white. It is an issue which many people either don't know about, take for granted or just simply don't care about. Through my research on the subject, I have learned that our technology driven world economy thrives on instant information for lethal business decisions but every now and then there is going to be a bad apple in the mix."

Antell also says his analytical skills benefited from his work on the Ogden-Daily Prize and he learned to approach issue from a legal frame of mind.

"After finishing the paper, I realized that I had established a fondness for the Constitution of the United States, which has provided an intriguing seed of curiosity for me into other legal issues," he says. "I am now more easily able to approach an issue from a legal frame of mind as opposed to being emotional or political."

"I would encourage more students to get involved in individual projects such as the Ogden-Daily competition where they can learn more about their own abilities and express their untapped talents."

Antell's talents and interests are broad, including; drums, skateboarding, football, soccer, fishing, skiing, snowboarding, swimming, hiking, reading, music, entertainment, traveling (everywhere), writing, politics, economics, popular culture and self improvement.

Second place winner Williams is a senior Management major in the School of Business with a concentration in Logistics and Supply Chain Management. She went to high school in Charlotte, N.C.

## Development/Alumni

# Perry Slaughter Named Wesleyan's First Cross County Coach

First for Women  
**WESLEYAN**

by John Shiffert, University Relations

The Wesleyan College Athletics Department has announced that former Clayton State cross country and track runner Perry Slaughter will be the college's first intercollegiate cross country coach, beginning in the fall of 2006.

Slaughter, a resident and native of Forsyth, Ga., is a USA Track & Field Certified Coach and currently serves as both the boys and girls cross country coach at his former high school, Mary Persons High School, where he has built a successful program – each of his teams has reached the State Championships in his six-year tenure.

Slaughter, 37, graduated from Mary Persons in 1986, and from Clayton State,

with a B.A.S. degree in Technology Management, in 2000. Formerly a technical analyst in the Repair Process Engineering department with Delta Air Lines, in 2004 he opened Run Fit Sports in Macon.

The former Clayton State record holder at 10,000 meters on the track (34:20), Slaughter has “moved up” to longer races since graduation. He won the 2005 Georgia USA Track & Field 50 Kilometer Ultramarathon in 3:41 and has competed in 15 marathons, placing first in the Warner Robins Aviation Marathon in January of 2002. He also has finished in the top 12 percent of the Boston Marathon and was named the Macon Track Club's “Male Runner of the Year” in 1999, in addition to

his running success at Clayton State University.

“This is a great opportunity for Perry! He’s been coaching at the high school level the past few years and now he’ll be able to experience coaching at the next level,” says Clayton State’s first and only track and cross country coach, Mike Mead. “His business is close to the Wesleyan campus, so it makes a great fit.”

Wesleyan College is located in Macon. ■



## Clayton State Starts Packing for New Literary London Study Abroad Program

by Lauren Graves, University Relations

Beginning in May of 2007, Clayton State's study abroad program continues its evolution with the addition of Literary London, one of the University's first study abroad programs to offer specific course credit to participants.

While all Clayton State study abroad destinations offer students general academic credit, the 2007 Literary London program will allow students to earn credit expressly for English 2200. This three-credit course will satisfy the general education requirements for all Clayton State students and will fulfill area C.1 or area F requirements for English majors.

“Students on the Literary London trip will have the incredible opportunity to visit one of the world's greatest metropolitan cities and witness the rich and diverse history of London,” says Clayton State Assistant Professor of English Dr. Rebecca Godlasky, who will be teaching in the Maymester program with Assistant Professor of English Dr. Gregory McNamara.

The two British literature experts will team with the University's Office of International Education (OIE) to offer this unique educational experience.

Director of International Education Dr. Robert Welborn looks forward to working with professors like Godlasky and McNamara to offer more home-grown



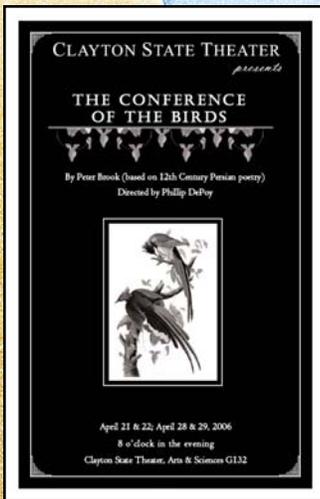
# Arts Page

## critic corner

### Soaring Performance In “Conference of the Birds”

by Lauren Graves, University Relations

**When talented student actors come together to produce a challenging stage piece, good things happen. Clayton State’s 2006 spring show “The Conference of the Birds” is a feather in the cap for Clayton State Theater.**



As is the nature of theatre, there is always dichotomy amongst the audience. Show ends. Actors bow. Audience stands. And the comments begin. While I, milling about the dissipating crowd, heard mostly praise for our birds, there were a few squabbles here and there. To those who squabble, I offer this criticism.

#### Ruffled Feathers

They squawked, honked, jumped and flittered about with scarves. Not the typical theatre production. But if all you saw were birds, then you were probably as lost as a bird that flies north for the winter.

“The Conference of the Birds” relies on sustained allegory and vignettes to tell a story beyond the tale of a motley flock of birds. Audiences are encouraged to trade the aves for the atman; to see the human spirit represented in the characters as a surrogate for the demons we each face in our individual quests for truth.

This said, the birds on stage are not the only birds in the theatre. After several direct addresses, one begins to see the challenge. No fourth wall can cage these birds. They are throwing down the gauntlet to each member of the audience, asking everyone to take courage, join in the journey, and hold up his or her own mirror of self-reflection.

#### A Bird in the Hand...

While the allegory flew over the heads of some, the talent of the student actors was recognized by all.

As a former thespian, I know it takes a dedicated spirit to parade about as though one were of the feathered persuasion. I am proud to see Clayton State Theater take on such a difficult piece, successfully blending the weighty quest for enlightenment with the uncaged spirit of modern theatre.

To speak quickly on blocking and other technical matters, The “V” formation the birds assumed for flight was a great touch. Creative not only for the flight visual, but the formation also served as a useful tableau for delivering lines without obstructing other actors.

I also appreciated the production’s pacing. The actors masterfully transitioned from the main story to the vignettes, and this transition proves useful on a subtextual level. Though rapid, segueing changes the focus of the production, visually representing the birds’ (and therefore humankind’s) tendency to vacillate. The use of vignettes is also indicative of the play’s origin in Islamic poetry, as religious writings commonly employ parables to help followers make life changing decisions.

And so, I segue, offering this last thought: A theatre production that makes you think is worth two productions that don’t.

#### Fine Feathered Friends

I am excited to see a student-centered production house that allows Clayton State student actors to really...ahem... spread their wings. A special thanks to Clayton State Theater Artistic Director Phillip DePoy for his role in this latest evolution of Clayton State’s dynamic theatre program and kudos to all in “The Conference of the Birds” cast.

### The Cast

Todd Denson (Cincinnati, OH)  
Timothy Hand (Honolulu, HI)  
Ben Hopkins (Tenaha, TX)  
Redd Horrocks (Rudgwick, England)  
Richard Khouri (Lebanon)  
Brittany Loffert (Atlanta)  
Wyatt Lowe (McDonough)  
Kimberly McClould (El Paso, TX)  
Andrea Rowe (Miami, FL)  
Ralph Stovall (Atlanta)  
Cody Wilson (Marietta)

Julia Burke, stage manager  
Phillip DePoy, director

# Across the Campus...

## Auxiliary Services

Chef Tom Pritchett has left Clayton State to start his own catering and concession business. Auxiliary Services hosted a reception for him on Wednesday, Apr. 26 in the Downs Center.

## Health Sciences

The School of Health Science's Department of Nursing is hosting its fourth annual nursing summer camp for Clayton County high school students the week of June 5. The camp offers a variety of activities and training opportunities for students in biology, chemistry, CPR and nursing skills. Designed to stimulate interest in the nursing profession, some 25 students from diverse and disadvantaged backgrounds are rewarded a stipend for participating in the program and are given the opportunity to strengthen their science skills. The week-long camp is funded by a federal grant, Preparing the Next Generation of Nurses.

## Media & Printing Services

The last day to submit printing and copying requests to Media & Printing Services for FY 2006 is May 9. Any printing requests after this date will be charged in FY 2007. All institutional copier charges will be billed through May 2006 for FY 2006.

## President's Office

Dr. Thomas K. Harden will chair the ARCHE (Atlanta Regional Council on Higher Education) Government Relations Committee for 2006/07.

## Public Safety

Clayton State University had an i-Pod Shuffle winner last week from the Clean Air Campaign's Walk There Challenge! Sandra Starr (right) from Business Services was chosen as a random winner during the week of Apr. 17. Five other Clayton State employees were awarded a \$25 VISA gift card each... Sundiata Bradshaw, Alisa Kirk, Shannon Kelsey, Ricardo Pascual and Lisa Eichelberger.

## SHRM

The Southern Crescent Chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management's (SHRM) Board of Directors was presented with the SHRM 2005 Superior Merit Award at the organization's monthly breakfast meeting Apr. 25 at Clayton State University's Harry S. Down's Center for Continuing Education. Presented by district director for Henry and Clayton Counties, Robert Parker, the award was granted for excellence in chapter organization and for commitment to providing meaningful programs and services to its members. Robert Young, president of the Southern Crescent chapter, accepted the award on behalf of the board. Southern Crescent SHRM earned the award because they met specific criteria of holding meetings and presenting programs for the membership, staffing board positions and having board member planning meetings, attending state and national leadership conferences and working with area high schools to certify their business education programs through SHRM/DOE.



Robert Young



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The Georgia Council for International Visitors is coordinating Batta's current tour. In addition to strengthening ties between the Liszt Academy and Clayton State University, the rector's visit will also provide a stronger link between Budapest and metro Atlanta. The rector's agenda for May 11 at Clayton State will be announced at a later date.

Batta was a student of Violin and Musical Studies at the Liszt Academy from 1972 to 1977, and also undertook a program of Musical Studies from the State University of Vienna in 1978 and 1979. From 1979 to 1996 he held a position in the Department of Musical Sciences at the Liszt Academy. In addition to serving as rector, he also holds a concurrent position as a teacher of Musical Theory at the Academy.

The broad purposes of Batta's trip to the United States are fourfold: to examine higher education in the United States with a special focus on music programs; to learn about the different philanthropic organizations in the U.S. dedicated to preserving the arts and arts education; to find suitable partners in the U.S. for further cooperation in musical education and programs; and to develop partnerships between Liszt Academy and relevant U.S. higher educational institutions. ■

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"My essay mentioned current cases of cybersmear and I was able to find sources that provided me with some great quotes of the thoughts and reactions from people who went through these cases," she says. "I concluded that the law will have to address this new arena of communication eventually, as it is only going to get bigger and more out of control unless legal ramifications are handed out."

Williams' interests are also diverse. "I love skydiving and any activity that keeps me fit: mostly swimming, tennis, and running," she says. "I also enjoy reading and swinging in my favorite hammock on my boyfriend's back porch. I travel a good bit, as well, and hope to find a job that will allow me to do so in my work."

Antell and Williams are also both members of the Clayton State Chapter of the Society for Advancement of Management and incoming officers for the 2006-2007 year. Williams will be vice president of Promotions and Antell will be vice president of Membership.

The Ogden-Daily prizes include a cash stipend in the amount of \$300 and a plaque presented to the first place finisher, and a cash stipend in the amount of \$100 and a plaque presented to the second place finisher. The first place paper will also be published in the Clayton News Daily, and the winning student will present their paper at the Business Conference sponsored by the School of Business or other similar, appropriate forum.

Clayton State Assistant Professor of Business Michael Baird chaired the 2006 Ogden-Daily project, while Judith Ogden and Clayton State Assistant Professor of History Dr. Adam Tate were among the judges. ■

### Retirement, cont'd. from p. 1

performers and the music they play, in the comfort and ambiance of the room itself, in superior acoustics."

The hall has also built nationwide audiences through its unprecedented number of broadcasts on National Public Radio's Performance Today, a program heard by more than 1.5 million listeners each week. During its history, Spivey Hall has presented the world's best musicians and has orchestrated the professional, national and regional debuts of some of today's most recognized and respected artists.

Nelson oversaw the planning and installation of Spivey Hall's magnificent Albert Schweitzer Memorial Organ, built by the great Italian organ builder Fratelli Ruffatti. Her consistently high quality programming of organists from throughout the world earned Spivey Hall the reputation as one of the world's great organ venues, as evidenced by Spivey Hall's selection as the North American host of the most prestigious organ competition in the world, the Royal Bank Calgary International Organ Festival and Competition.

Nelson was instrumental in the development of Spivey Hall's educational programs, which serve 15,000 children from 17 counties annually. She also created the Spivey Hall Children's Choir, which recently celebrated its 10th

anniversary with performances in Salzburg, Vienna and Prague in 2005, and worked with the late Robert Shaw to create choral and chamber orchestra workshops for young people. Spivey Hall's Delta Air Lines Arts Education Partnership was cited by The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. as a national

model of distinction and earned an "Abby" award for Arts Education from Atlanta's Arts & Business Council.

Nelson's collaboration with Atlanta's diplomatic, trade and cultural organizations has made Spivey Hall and Clayton State University a place where Atlanta meets the world. During her recent bestowment of the

title Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres by the French Republic, Consul General Philippe Ardanaz praised her dedication to cultural trade, international economic development and unflinching pursuit of artistic excellence. Nelson's work with international artists and consulates has also earned her recognition as Clayton County Chamber of Commerce International Business Person of the Year and recipient of the German-American Friendship Award, bestowed by the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany.

"Sherryl Nelson has accomplished what many would have considered undoable," says Harden. "She has made Spivey Hall



### *What to know...*

French Consul General Philippe Ardanaz kisses Spivey Hall's Executive and Artistic Director Sherryl Nelson after presenting the medal distinguishing her as a Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres (Knight of the Order of the Arts and Letters.) The ceremony, which took place at Spivey Hall on Saturday, January 28, was witnessed by friends and family, campus and community leaders, and dignitaries from Atlanta's consular corps.

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programs like Literary London. The University has already surpassed the University System of Georgia's goal of 23 Clayton State study abroad participants by 2007. Some 34 students are currently enrolled in the 2006 Maymester study abroad and European Council five-week programs, and Welborn believes that Literary London and similar programs will help raise that number even higher.

"This program is certainly not the norm. It is something unique, exciting and has real possibilities, since it is the only way students can earn credit for English 2200, which is a highly recommended course," says Welborn.

In addition to earning college credit among the sights and sounds of London, study abroad students will experience firsthand the literature most students only read about in college classrooms.

"We'll actually be considering the literature where much of it was written," says Godlasky. "We can take literary journeys in our minds, but this course actually puts us in the original setting."

And students should also know that the Literary London program features professors who really understand England, its authors and culture. "Students are in for a treat as Godlasky and McNamara have both traveled extensively in the United Kingdom and are both British Literature specialists," shares Welborn. "What better place to teach British literature than in Britain?"

Students will not only gain a deeper understanding of the course's literary works, but they will also get an inside look at the lives of the men and women who wrote them. According to the Literary London professors, the itiner-

ary includes visits to homes of authors, stops at restaurants and museums that the authors frequented, and a trip to the reconstructed Globe Theatre for a Shakespearean play.

"Study abroad experiences make a huge impact on a student's life and views on the world. They are exciting, enriching and unforgettable" says Godlasky. "Plus, traveling abroad is actually least expensive as a student, so it's best to jump on the opportunity now rather than wait until after college." The cost of the trip is \$2,385. Students must



submit an application and pay a \$500 deposit by Feb. 16, 2007 if they intend to enroll in the Literary London program. The final payment is due on Mar. 2, 2007. Travel dates for the program are from May 8 through May 23, 2007.

"The best way to increase the number of students who are able to go abroad is to offer programs like Literary London that are relatively short, relatively inexpensive and that carry specific academic credit," shares Welborn.

Welborn would like to express his appreciation to Clayton State Provost Dr. Sharon Hoffman for creating OIE and for having the foresight to encourage study abroad. He also applauds Godlasky and McNamara for their capability and enthusiasm. "They made this proposal work. It was a pleasure working with them," he concludes.

For more information on the 2007 Literary London study abroad program, contact [rebeccagodlasky@clayton.edu](mailto:rebeccagodlasky@clayton.edu) or [gregorymcnamara@clayton.edu](mailto:gregorymcnamara@clayton.edu). To learn more about Clayton State's Office of International Education, visit <http://adminsivices.clayton.edu/oie/>. ■

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from the Office of Alumni Relations; and Joyce Sandusky from Client Support Services.

The additional finalists for the 2006 Alice Smith Faculty Award included: Katrina Barnes (School of Health Sciences), Joan Bass (School of Technology), Debra Durden (School of Arts & Sciences), Dr. Gregory Kordecki (School of Business) and Dr. Kim Robinson (College of Information and Mathematical Sciences). ■

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Although Barnett has seen many changes as Clayton State has grown from a junior college to a university during his long tenure, he says that what strikes him the most over the years is not what has changed, but what has remained the same.

"Clayton State has been and is now a remarkably beautiful campus. We have done a superb job of preserving that beauty and accommodating new buildings to the overall architectural theme of the campus," he comments. "I often am called upon to give campus tours to applicants for faculty positions, and these applicants invariably comment on the beauty of the campus and how unique our campus is."

Barnett and his wife, Gwen, a nurse and the supervisor of the Kennestone Hospital Emergency Room, live in Sandy Springs. Their sons Will and Taft, are, respectively, a rising senior at Presbyterian College, and a rising junior at Warren Wilson College. ■

*Thank you...*

A special thanks to University Relations' spring intern Joey Rogers for his quality contribution to the "Campus Review." Best wishes as you graduate!

# Students Named to National Positions In American Medical Student Association

by Lauren Graves, University Relations

Clayton State University School of Arts & sciences students from Clayton, Henry and Carroll counties were named to national positions within the American Medical Student Association (AMSA) at the association's national convention in Chicago.

Clayton State now holds the distinction of having the most pre-medical students (four) from any institution in the country to hold National Pre-Medical AMSA offices.

The following members of the Clayton State chapter of AMSA were named to these national offices: Rebecca Tercy (Jonesboro), National Program Director for the Women in Medicine Specialty Group; Bethany Exum (Ellenwood), National Pre-Medical Coordinator for the Osteopathic Medicine Interest Group; Reja Khan (Stockbridge), National Pre-Medical Representative for the Minority Affairs Committee Advocacy Group; and Bonnie

Rhodes (Carrollton), National Pre-Medical Regional Director for Region Five (North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida).

"I am happy to be a member of the American Medical Student Association at Clayton State University," shares Tercy, whose national position will entail promot-

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## Clayton State Freshman Going To Georgia Forestry Pageant

by Joey Rogers, University Relations



Rachel Wall

Clayton State University freshman Rachel Wall has been selected to represent the school at this summer's state Georgia Forestry Pageant.

Contestants are chosen and approved by both the college and the Georgia Forestry Commission. Forestry is a \$20 billion industry for Georgia, and its pageant system is the state's oldest.

Beginning its 67th year, the Georgia Forestry Pageant is widely recognized. Titleholders receive large scholarship awards for college tuition. They also travel the state to promote the Georgia Forestry Commission and the Educational Association.

Winners are crowned after spending several days in preliminary events and interviews with judges. Contestants must also deliver speeches on causes that they feel are important in today's world.

As one of 2004's Miss Georgia Teens, Wall is already well known in the state of Georgia. She is also a model and actress for the Atlanta area, and has numerous credits on her resume.

She is pursuing a degree in mass communications at Clayton State, and plans on returning to the university for her sophomore year after the pageant.

According to her mother, Robin, Wall is "excited to represent the college!" ■

## SGA Officers Set New Goals for 2006

Clayton State students recently elected new executive officers for the Student Government Association (SGA). Toke Adetayo of Stockbridge, a pre-engineering major, was elected president. Jessica Charles of Conyers, a nursing major, was elected vice president.

"Many of the students involved with SGA have visions for our campus," begins Adetayo. "They just need a leader with the same vision and the students of Clayton State in mind."

"My main goal is to increase member retention," says Charles. "If leaders are not passionate about what they are doing, then no one else will be willing to follow."

"We would love to see more students attend our meetings," says Adetayo, "...since they are open to every Clayton State student." And, he adds, there are still SGA senatorial positions that students can apply for.

The SGA has many goals for the coming year. Along with Student Appreciation Ceremonies and the Winter Formal in December, they are planning on holding many more campus events to inform the campus of their presence and capabilities.

Keep an eye on the SGA website <http://studentorg.clayton.edu/sga> for upcoming events and important dates. ■



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into a highly respected, world-renown venue acclaimed for its excellent concert programming and outreach to the community. She has opened Atlanta to the world through engagement of international artists, presentation of world music and partnerships with our vast consular corps. Sherryl has developed a program that any university would desire, and to say she will be missed is a great understatement.”

“These past 16 years have been the most rewarding of my career, a dream come true,” remarks Nelson. “It has been a thrill to participate in the development of Spivey Hall, and a personal pleasure to show the world that Clayton State University in Morrow, Georgia could be a land of opportunity. Spivey Hall, our musical field of dreams, now draws subscribers from five states and 31 Georgia counties and serves as an economic development engine attracting cultural tourists to the region.”



# Clayton State Recognizes Dental Hygiene Seniors



by Leigh Duncan, University Relations

Clayton State University, the University’s School of Health Sciences and Health Sciences’ Department of Dental Hygiene held the first annual Day of Student Service Learning Recognition Ceremony on May 4 to honor 26 dental hygiene seniors who will be presenting their final projects for the Community Dental Health course.



These students will be receiving their Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene (BSDH) degree, May 13. According to Dental Hygiene Department Head, Dr. Susan Duley, of the 13 dental hygiene programs in Georgia, Clayton State University is the only one which offers a true BSDH.

The community service project was aimed at improving the oral health status of citizens in the Atlanta and Decatur areas and recognizing the value of community input in the identification of dental health needs. It is part of a subgrant from Morehouse School of Medicine which was used to cover expenses associated with the student’s activities for the dental healthcare interventions and the Day of Service ceremony.

Community organizations, residents, and academic institutions were equal partners in delivering health services, interventions, and community service activities. Duley will be presenting the project “How other dental hygiene programs can get involved in a service learning grant,” to the American Dental Education Associations 39th Annual Allied Dental Program Directors Conference in Itasca, Il., on June 10-13.

Project options included - Medication and Your Oral Health: raising awareness about the dangers of polypharmacy and oral health care; Adult Geriatric Daycare: assessing the needs and teaching participants to manage their personal oral care; Oral Health Education for Non-insured Clients at Jonesboro Crisis Pregnancy Center; Women’s Resource Center - oral health education at the Safehouse for Battered Women and Children; and Oral Health Awareness

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Department of Dental Hygiene seniors Claudia Smith, Sheila Pizzo, Anhthu Nguyen, and Johanna Franco pose after winning Student Service Learning Recognition Award Thursday night. The women presented their findings on “Medication and Your Oral Health: Raising Awareness About the Dangers of Polypharmacy and Oral Health Care” to their peers, their professors, a panel of three judges, the Dean of the School of Health Sciences Dr. Lisa Eichelberger, and distinguished guests.

# CIMS Celebrates First Awards Ceremony and Dinner

by Leigh Duncan, University Relations

On Apr. 21, 2006, the Clayton State University College of Information and Mathematical Sciences celebrated its outstanding award winners for 2005-2006, highlighting the nominees for and winner of the first Catherine Cowan Aust Award, named after founding Dean of the College, Dr. Catherine Aust, who celebrates 31 years with Clayton State University this spring. Most of the awards were received at the annual Convocation Ceremony on Apr. 6, but all were recognized at this first dinner.

The evening began with a covered dish banquet and a welcome and recognition of guest by Aust, founding dean of the College. Current Dean Charles Ford recognized all 62 of the Dean's list students before others of the faculty took the podium to recognize the individual awardees.

Awards recognized were the Experiential Learning Students of the Year, Frances Fernandez and James Carroll, Outstanding Scholars, Patrice Richmon and Luca Yearovich, the Billy R. Nail Mathematics Award winner, Eric S. Turner, CIMS Chancellor's Academic

Recognition, John A. Shaffer, and the Catherine Cowan Aust Award Nominees, Dianna L. Knight and winner, Ashely Askew.

The criteria for the Aust award included having a minimum of a 3.5 GPA in all their CIMS courses (Math, Information Technology and Computer Science) and a minimum 3.0 overall GPA.

Dr. Aprillya Lanz, one of Askew's professors said, "I am very proud of Ashley, she's a wonderful student. I'm too young to be her mother, but I feel that close to Ashley. She's been like a sister to me and I will miss her."

"Thank you all for everything," said Askew. "You are the reason I've been so successful and why I can go on to pursue my career goals."

The College is looking forward to making this an annual event. The positive feedback from the faculty, students and guests, guarantees it will become a tradition for CIMS and Clayton State University. ■



Clayton State mathematics student Ashely Askew, recognized at the CIMS awards ceremony and dinner, is one of the College's two Catherine Cowan Aust Award nominees.

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ing women's interest in medicine. "I would like to inform women that medicine is open to them and that no one should be hesitant about entering this field of study."

Exum, who will serve AMSA on the national scale by assisting the organization's Medical Coordinator with projects, scheduling speakers and much more, is also proud to be an AMSA member. "I hope to educate other pre-medical students about osteopathic medicine, so that they realize that a D.O. is a real doctor just like an M.D."

"I am thankful to be a member of the American Medical Student Association," says Khan, whose position within the National Organization will allow her to address minority student issues and serve as a support network for the culturally diverse AMSA membership. "I want to give back some of the many benefits [I have received] to other pre-medical students," she says.

"Being a contributing member of AMSA at Clayton State has been a life changing event," shares Rhodes, who will take on the task of increasing National Organization awareness among the 4,000 pre-medical AMSA members in Region Five. "My dream of being a medical practitioner has been fueled and made possible from the information the club has provided. I am thrilled to be of assistance on a national level."

Clayton State's Dean of Arts & Sciences Dr. Ray Wallace applauds these students and their faculty mentors for their success on a national scale. In all, eight Clayton State AMSA members attended the national convention.

"We are proud to have put Clayton State University of the national AMSA map," says Rhodes. "We hope that this is the beginning of a long future of Clayton State University AMSA chapter members showing leadership in the national arena." ■

# Lisa Earls Stars at SAM Competition, Clayton State

by Joey Rogers, University Relations



Lisa Earls

Clayton State University students recently participated in the 2006 Society for Advancement of Management International Case Competition in Orlando, Fl. Of 33 participating teams, one of Clayton State's teams won the second place award in the open division competition.

Lisa Earls, captain of the top Clayton State team, is a 23 year old senior marketing student from McDonough. She is currently president of the Clayton State Chapter of the Society for Advancement of Management (SAM), treasurer of Phi Eta Sigma Honors Society, and serves on two different campus committees: the Advisory Committee for Campus Life (ACCL) and the Council of Clubs.

Earls was one of two students who were also recently named the co-winners of the 2006 Clayton State University Laker Vision

Award. This award is given to students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, as well as impacted and helped to shape the campus community.

Earls was crowned Clayton State's Homecoming Queen in October 2005. She is also the 2005-06 Future Business Leader of America (FBLA) business person of the year, and she received the 2005-2006 Clayton State University School of Business SAM Leadership Award.

Earls attended Eagle's Landing High School, where she graduated in May 2001 after participating in joint enrollment with Clayton State University. Earls' goal is to obtain a job as a pharmaceutical sales representative after her graduation, which is scheduled for August 2006. ■

## Arts & Sciences Recognizes 10 Students at Academic Honors Convocation

by Lauren Graves, University Relations

The Clayton State University School of Arts & Sciences recognized 10 students for their academic achievement at the University's 31st Annual Academic Honors Convocation.

Junior Biology major Julie Kornder (Atlanta) received the Chemical Rubber Company Freshman Chemistry Award. This honor is presented to the student with the best academic performance in Clayton State's freshman chemistry courses Principles of Chemistry I and II and their corresponding laboratories.

Junior English major Josh Nelson (Tyrone) received the Stanley Cyrus Award in Poetry for his poetry manuscript "Parliament of Rooks," "My 45th Haiku," "In house so healthy the walls are heavy. . .," "Into the Tent" and "The

Holy Grail." In addition to his recognition, Nelson received a \$50 award for his group of poems. This award is named in honor of the late Dr. Stanley Cyrus, associate professor of Humanities.

Junior English major Candice Brown (Ellenwood) received the Stanley Cyrus Award in Fiction for her short story "Cry Me a River." In addition to her recognition, Brown received a \$50 award for her short story.

Junior English major Cristi Ehrig (Covington) received the Goldberg Essay Prize for her essay "Turning a Page in Domestic Fiction" based on Fanny Fern's novel "Ruth Hall." Named in honor of Associate Professor Emeritus of English Dr. Frederick

Goldberg, who retired at the end of the 2002 academic year, this prize included a \$50 award.

Junior Music Education major Christina Patterson (Conyers) received the Cheryl Boyd-Waddell Memorial Scholarship in Music. This \$500 scholarship honors the memory of Clayton State voice faculty member Dr. Cheryl Boyd-Waddell. It provides financial assistance to the voice principal music major who meets the scholarship's criteria and has demonstrated significant progress during the academic year.

Senior Psychology & Human Services major Taj Woods (Conley) received the Psychology & Human Services Award for outstanding achievement in Clayton State's Psychology & Human Services

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## Clayton State Administrators to Attend Harvard Summer Leadership Programs

Two Clayton State University administrators are going back to the classroom this summer, as participants in separate management training programs at Harvard University. Dr. Ray Wallace, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, and Dr. Jacob Chacko, associate dean of the School of Business, have both been selected as members of their respective 2006 classes, having gained early admittance status to these internationally respected summer programs. Both programs will take place at the Harvard Graduate School of Education in June.

Wallace has been selected to participate in the Institute for Management and Leadership in Education (MLE). The MLE institute is designed for skilled, experienced administrators, deans and directors, provosts and vice presidents, who will help

their institutions adapt to a changing future by fostering new curricula, implementing new modes of delivery, creating new alliances, and attracting more diverse students. The program helps university administrators lead and manage change, develop and implement effective strategies, realign faculty and financial resources, and evaluate the impact of new initiatives

Chacko has been selected for the Management Development Program (MDP), for deans, directors, and other administrators, and will study critical management issues including budgeting, human resource management, planning, and effective leadership skills. MDP provides innovative and practical ideas about critical management challenges facing mid-level administrators and prepares par-

ticipants to become better leaders of their unit, department, or school. Participants will learn, by acquiring a more sophisticated understanding of how different institutional units function, how to incorporate broader strategic considerations into management decisions.

During these intensive, 13-day sessions, participants will be introduced to groundbreaking instructional techniques, the latest innovations in teaching and learning partnerships and new strategies involving the reallocation of resources. Academic diversity, curricula, alliances, personal leadership analysis and educational delivery methods are examples of some of the many topics that will be discussed over the two-week period by both the MLE and MDP Programs' international facilitators. ■

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## Clayton State IT Professor to Speak to Jonesboro Middle School Students for Career Day

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Jonesboro Middle School will be having a Career Day for its approximately 300 eighth graders on Friday, May 12. Naturally, the best source of information on Career Days comes direct from the source... individuals involved in the fields that draw the most student interest.

"We have quite a few students interested in computers at our school," noted Jonesboro Middle School Eighth Grade Counselor LaShawnda Butler in a request for assistance with Career Day to Clayton State University.

No sooner asked than done. Butler's request was passed on to Dr. Charles Ford, dean of the Clayton State College of Information and Mathematical Sciences, and before you could say, "computer information systems," Jean-Jacques Medastin, assistant professor of Information Technology at Clayton State, was ready to come talk to the Jonesboro eighth graders.



Jonesboro's Career Day will start for the speakers around 8:15 a.m., with the first session starting at 8:40 a.m. The last session will end at 9:50 a.m. and Career Day will be finished around 10:15 a.m. According to Butler, each eighth grade student will attend three, 20-minute sessions during Career Day. Each speaker will be in a classroom with an classroom teacher and will have the opportunity to speak with three groups of eighth graders. Prior

to the event, students will have an opportunity to select the speakers that they would like to hear based upon their career interest.

Medastin originally earned a B.A. in Biology from Kean College in New Jersey in 1995. However, like many others, he later gravitated to the IT field, earning an M.S. in Information Technology from American Intercontinental University in 1998. He is currently teaching courses on web page development and production, and computer programming. ■

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program. A senior, this academic honor marks a rewarding ending to Woods' undergraduate education.

Senior Middle Level Education major Kimberly Calleiro (Fayetteville) received the Outstanding Teacher Education Student Award for her extraordinary academic performance. An exemplary student in the program, Calleiro concentrated her Middle Level Education studies in language arts and social sciences respectively.

Senior Middle Level Education major Shawndelle Wright (Conyers) received the Doris Fisher Memorial Teacher Education Award for excellence in student teaching. Wright concentrated her Middle Level Education studies in social sciences and language arts respectively. This award is named in memory of Associate Professor of History Doris Fisher.

Since the Academic Honors Convocation is held each spring semester, two Arts & Sciences award recipients are recent Clayton State alumni who graduated in fall semester 2005. Congratulations to Lindsey Huether (Peachtree City) who received the Georgia Music Teachers Outstanding Performer/Alma Lilly Farfan-Northway Award and Ashley Phillips (Stockbridge) who received the Robert O. Allen Music Prize. Phillips' prize includes a \$100 cash award and her name will be engraved on a perpetual plaque displayed in the Music Building. ■



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and Instruction for the diabetes self-management class at West End Medical Center.

The students divided into five teams and presented their projects in front of a panel of three judges; Dr. Peter Fitzpatrick, head, Department of Health Care Management, Clayton State; Dr. Sue Odom, acting head, Department of Nursing, Clayton State; and Tunde Anday, associate member of the Georgia Board of Dentistry.

Morehouse sought out Clayton State to partner with them on this project, which

was so successful they've decided to seek additional funding to continue the partnership. Course requirements included assessing, planning, implementing and evaluating their particular project in a community dental health setting.

"This class has just done this," says Duley. "With everything else they've had going on - their boards and their finals - they went after this and made it happen. They've been great and I'm very proud of them." ■

## BOR Commitment Brings Doctor of Nursing Practice to Clayton State

by Leigh Duncan, University Relations

The University System of Georgia announced a \$5 million initiative on April 18 to expand the USG's commitment to produce more nurses for the State of Georgia. Part of that commitment is to enable the Medical College of Georgia (MCG) to offer its existing Doctor of Nursing Practice program as an external degree program on the campuses of eight other colleges and universities across the state. Clayton State University is one of those eight.

"We will accelerate the production of nurses at as many locations and in as many different ways as possible," Chancellor Erroll B. Davis Jr. said in a news release from the Board of Regents office. "Our goal is to drive our budget allocations toward system-wide priorities and compelling needs in key policy areas. The nursing shortage represents a critical issue for the state."

"The key to making this happen on Clayton State's campus was getting the equipment necessary to broadcast and receive the classroom and instruction from MCG and to provide a faculty member to supervise the program," says School of Health Sciences Dean Dr. Lisa Eichelberger.

The teleconferencing equipment will allow Clayton State to broadcast to all the sites participating in the program.

The IT departments at both Clayton State and MCG are working together to get the equipment ready and it is being installed this week in BHS C-26. Each institution is responsible for the on site management of the distance learning program.

Dr. Betty Glenn, a part-time Ph.D. research nurse at Southern Regional and a part-time faculty member at Clayton State will be overseeing the project here at Clayton State. The Doctor of Nursing Practice program will focus on improving nursing practice and improvement of patient care through clinically focused research, or better bedside healthcare delivery.

"This degree is not designed to prepare nursing educators," says Eichelberger. "But they certainly can and we hope that many will choose that career path."

"Having this program at Clayton State is going to change the whole culture here," she says. Twenty-seven nurses came to the first meeting and only 10 were currently nursing faculty members."

The course will take approximately 12-15 months or full-time course work to complete and is expected to be very intense. Eichelberger anticipate the program will begin with only 4-5 individuals, but the numbers should to grow, if successful. ■

## All Boards Day Recognition a Success



(Left) First All Boards Day Recognition – Members of all external advisory boards and councils were invited and a good many gathered for breakfast and a University update by President Thomas Harden. The event was organized as an opportunity to thank those who volunteer for the enhancement of Clayton State and was sponsored by Heritage Cadillac. Frequently heard from those in attendance were “I am so impressed – I thought I knew a lot about the University, but I had no idea of the extent of involvement and community support.”



(Left) Tim & Sabrina Crawford of Heritage Cadillac, sponsors of Clayton State University's first annual All Boards Day, joined members of boards and councils and University administration for a comprehensive overview of Clayton State.

## Trivia Time

### Born in the Hospital

by John Shiffert, University Relations

By mandate of the United States Constitution, all U.S. presidents are, in the words of Bruce Springsteen, “born in the U.S.A.” (Something that annoys my 10-year old daughter Maggie no end. She was born in Longyan, PRC, but wants to at least have a chance to be president some day.)

However, there's no law that says the chief executive has to be born in a hospital. In fact, James Earl Carter was the first president actually born in such a setting... specifically, the Wise Clinic in Plains, Ga. Sundiata Bradshaw had the first correct answer, followed by Todd Birchfield and Dotty Bumbalough, who picked up two bonus points for being the first to mention the Wise Clinic.

Other correct answers came from Lou Brackett, Rob Taylor and Mike Mead. Taylor, who met the former president when he was governor and spoke at Clayton State, notes that these are the bare facts, as opposed to the bear facts (see the last two trivia questions). While it's tempting to dock Taylor a point for such an awful pun, we'll let him slide.

For our next question, what noted figure was famous for saying, “mom always liked you best!” (No, it wasn't Billy Carter.) Send your answers to [johnshiffert@clayton.edu](mailto:johnshiffert@clayton.edu). ■

## Staff Council Presents

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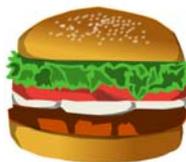
Friday, May 19, 2006

Come hear speaker **Doug Smart** from **10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.** in Spivey Hall

Then head over to Continuing Education for a special lunch sponsored by **Outback Steakhouse** from **11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.**

### Menu:

**Hamburgers and fixin's**  
**Chicken Nuggets**  
**Chips**  
**Baked Beans**  
**Potato Salad**  
**Coleslaw**  
**Cheesecake**  
**AND PRIZES**



All full-time benefits eligible employees must sign up for the lunch prior to May 12. To reserve your lunch platter, visit

<http://adminservices.clayton.edu/staffcouncil/StaffAppreciationDay.aspx>

Thank You  
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## Sports Page

### Yusuf Ties School 100m Mark

Running in a reserve role, Olaitan Yusuf equaled Jon Taylor's team record in the women's 100-meter dash as the majority of members on the Clayton State Laker track and field teams concluded their seasons at the Charger Invitational, hosted by the Alabama-Huntsville.

Yusuf, an All-America on the Clayton State women's soccer team, dashed to a 12.97 to win her heat of the 100-meter dash and tie Taylor's mark. Besides her efforts, the Laker teams had a flat performance overall in the three-way meet that included Harding University.

"I was disappointed in our finish," said Clayton State head coach Mike Mead. "I had expected everyone would have turned in their best performances of the year, but many came up a little short. I was particularly impressed with Ola's (Yusuf) race since she didn't use starting blocks."

The women's squad did have good efforts from Wynona Rice in the 200-meter dash and 400-meter dash as she ran season-bests in both events. Nyisha Nelson and Loretta Ashu also had season-best efforts in the shot put to finish third and fifth, respectively, and Cassandra Bolivar also ran the 3,000m with a season-best 11:39.70.

The Lakers' lone victory was from Alfred Dixon, who won the high jump with a height of six feet. It was the second straight meet that Dixon has prevailed in the high jump, as he also won the event last week at Emory. The Lakers also got a third-place finish from senior Manuel Aguilar -- running in his final collegiate race -- in the 5,000-meter run and a fourth-place finish from Peter Gajda in the 800-meter run

"We did not have the season-ending performances I thought we were capable of having," said Mead. "Several kids were banged up from injuries and that held them back. It was a disappointing season for the men's team, but definitely one of our better seasons for the women's program. We improved on six women's team records and I hope we can surpass that next year."

Two-time cross country All-American Allison Kreutzer will be the lone Laker now training to improve her chances of going to the Division II championships. Mead expects that she'll have two more chances before the end of qualifying on May 13.

"We'll determine in the next couple of days where she'll be racing next," said Mead. ■



Olaitan Yusuf

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