

## Congressman Scott Speaks to Record Clayton State Commencement Crowd on Success

by John Shiffert, University Relations

In an address Clayton State President Dr. Thomas K. Harden termed "inspiring," United States Representative David Scott (D-GA) asked the largest audience ever to attend the University's Commencement, "what does it take to be a success?"

Speaking before 1250 graduates, relatives, friends, students, faculty and staff at Saturday, May 10 morning ceremony, and a record-breaking 1750 at the noon ceremony, Scott urged his listeners to follow the precepts of three great men, all of whom had answered the question, "what does it take to be a success?"

"You must first of all know yourself," said Scott, quoting Greek philosopher Aristotle.

"You must first of all discipline yourself," said Scott, quoting Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius.

"You must first of all sacrifice yourself," said Scott, quoting Jesus Christ.

"Knowledge, discipline and sacrifice, the three cornerstones to help you make it all the way," added Scott. "Once you have these, you step out on faith and believe in the power of prayer."

The Commencement ceremonies, held in the University's Athletics & Fitness Center, featured more than 250 graduates among the 3000 total participants. Graduates of the School of Arts & Sciences and the School of Business received their diplomas from Harden at a 9 a.m. ceremony, while graduates of the School of Health Sciences, the School of Technology and the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences were honored at a noon ceremony, where the standing room-only crowd set a record for the most individuals to attend an indoor function at Clayton State.

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Scott is the newly-elected (2002) representative from Georgia's new 13th District, which includes parts of Clayton, Fulton, Gwinnett, DeKalb, Rockdale, Henry, Newton, Walton, Fayette, Butts and Spalding counties. He is a member of the House Financial Services Committee, the Capital Markets and Housing Subcommittees, and the Agriculture Committee. He has also been elected by his colleagues from the states of Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina to serve as the Region Whip.

Prior to being elected to Congress, Scott served for 28 years as a member of the Georgia State Legislature. A member of the Georgia House from 1974 to 1982, he was then elected to the Georgia Senate and remained in that body for 20 years, serving as chairman of the Rules Committee. ■



*Dr. Cathie Aust makes her first Commencement appearance as Dean of the College of Information and Mathematical Science*



*A dozen Psychology and Human Services grads pose after the ceremony. Dr. Donna McCarty points out that all of "her" graduates were in attendance*

## Greg Hampikian Spices Up Syndicated Radio Program

by Leigh Duncan, University Relations

You may have seen his face before. Dr. Greg Hampikian, Clayton State's resident expert in DNA, forensics and now spices, was interviewed by Bridgett Ennis, Executive Editor of MicrobeWorld, a syndicated program that airs on 41 public radio stations nation wide.

Ennis was given Hampikian's name by Anna Gillis at the American Society for Microbiology, as a "leading scientist in the field." The radio feature, which only lasted 90-seconds, was a fascinating account on the subject of cinnamon and garlic and their lethal effect on infectious bacteria.

Hampikian and his students have been testing the effects of various spices on bacteria and found (what people living in hot climates have known for generations) that aerosols from these spices can be used to preserve some foods and that none of the bacteria that were subjected to cinnamon survived; whereas red hot chili peppers, had no lethal effects on bacteria tested.

Hampikian recently presented lectures about "Using forensic science to teach molecular biology" at the 42<sup>nd</sup> American Society of Cell Biology in San Francisco, and, "DNA the ultimate memory material" to the Graduate Student Chapter of the American Society of Microbiology at the Georgia Institute of Technology, both last December.

In April of this year, he was twice featured as speaker for two Georgia State University seminars; the first to the Robinson College of Business' Legal Studies program and again, as part of their biology department's seminar series.

Hampikian has gained national attention for his work in the field of Forensic DNA, and this fall, UGA Press will publish his book "Escape to Freedom," a collaborative effort with ex-inmate, Calvin C. Johnson, Jr. who was exonerated by DNA testing after serving 16 years in prison on a false rape conviction. ■

## Clayton Place Implements Community Advisors Program

Clayton Place Apartments on North Lake Drive, adjacent to Clayton College & State University, is the exclusive apartment complex for Clayton State and other college students who wish to live near campus and who might live too far from home to commute, or, college students who just want the opportunity to live away from home.

Place Properties, the corporate owners, in partnership with Clayton College & State University have implemented a new Residence Life program called PlaceLIFE, in which student mentors will work for Place Properties as Community Advisors (CA's) to the residents at Clayton Place.

From the University's standpoint, Bates Canon, director of Counseling & Career Services, along with Bruce Holmes, director of Public Safety and Jeff Jacobs, director of Student Life, will be working with Ms. Verda Simpson, manager of Clayton Place Apartments, to implement the program and conduct seminars and training in a multitude of areas including fire safety, CPR, conflict resolution and living away from home.

Even though the advisors will be employees of Clayton Place, Simpson is very excited about working with the school in the training process.

"I've implemented programs like this before at Texas A&M and Auburn University, and had a very good response; I know it works, says Simpson. "My goal is to make Clayton Place a comfortable 'home-away-from-home' and a proud place for students to live."

Place Properties is in the process of designing and implementing a procedures manual for each resident, which will include information regarding emergency situations (including emergency numbers), fire safety, and what to do in case a conflict arises.

The CA's will function as peer mediators and assist Clayton Place management by serving as customer service representatives to the residents.

# Clayton County Students Prepare for Nursing Summer Program

The Clayton State School of Health Sciences recently held an orientation meeting for the 2003 participants in the Next Generation of Nurses Academic Enhancement Program. This program is for high school students and is a part of the Preparing the Next Generation of Nurses grant that is run by the Clayton College & State University Department of Nursing.

Participants in the Academic Enhancement Program are comprised of students from four Clayton County high schools: Forest Park, Mount Zion, North Clayton and Riverdale. All of the participants in the program have an interest in nursing or other health care careers.

With the retirement of the Baby Boomer generation looming on the horizon, the nation and the state of Georgia are expected to face an even more critical shortage of qualified registered nurses than is already being experienced. In particular, the current and projected shortage of nurses from minority and academically and economically disadvantaged backgrounds is a concern.

The Clayton State Department of Nursing grant team is working to reverse this trend by their work on two diversity grants: Increasing Workforce Diversity for the New Millennium and Preparing the Next Generation of Nurses. The Academic Enhancement Program is just one of the tools the Department of Nursing grant team is utilizing to help solve this problem.

Thirty-seven participants, along with their parents, were present for the orientation meeting. Information about upcoming summer events for participants in the program was discussed, including diagnostic testing to be conducted in the month of May, a two-week summer camp to be held on the Clayton State campus from June 16-27, and a "Nurse for a Day" shadowing event.

The diagnostic testing will test students in the areas of reading vocabulary, reading comprehension, mathematics, language and science. Students will work with peer tutors throughout the upcoming academic year on the areas in which they demonstrate academic weaknesses. Students will be tested at a future date to determine their level of improvement in each of the academic areas.

The two-week summer camp will include hands-on math and science lessons as well as CPR and First Aid training, all of which will be taught by Clayton State professors. The participating professors include: from the Mathematics Department Dr. Annita Hunt and Dr. Linda Nash; from the School of Arts & Sciences Dr. Jim Braun, Dr. Stephen Burnett, Dr. Christopher Kodani and Dr. Michael Terapane; and from the Nursing Department Susan Sanner and Dr. Astrid Wilson.

The Nurse for a Day shadowing event will afford each participant the opportunity to shadow a nurse during a work shift. Participants will ideally be paired with a nurse who specializes in an area in which the student is particularly interested

The Preparing the Next Generation of Nurses grant is headed up by several individuals from the Clayton College & State University Department of Nursing with Dr. Lydia McAllister serving as the principal investigator, Wilson serving as the coordinator of Mentoring and Sanner serving as the project coordinator. ■

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"They will welcome new residents and show them around," says Simpson. "Each CA will be assigned two buildings and will meet and greet the new residents of those buildings."

In addition, the CA's will make sure the apartments are clean and ready to be moved into, plan and implement residence appreciation programs and activities, conduct resident surveys, answer lease and policy and procedure questions, and assist in service requests and call backs to insure resident satisfaction.

"Each CA is expected to (and is chosen for) have high standards and be a good neighbor, as well as a good role model for student residents," says Simpson. "Where students might not want to talk to or confide in an adult, they are more likely to open up to a peer and someone who is on the same level as them."

The big kickoff for the new Community Advisors will be this August when the new residents will be moving in for the fall semester. At that time, in conjunction with Orientation on Clayton State's campus, CA director Gerald Havens along with CAs Krystal Jackson, Molly Martin, Charity Core, Tameshia Hughes, Jada Grant, and Trellis Colbert, will be finished with the bulk of their training and ready to meet and greet the new residents of their buildings. All CA's are current students of Clayton College & State University and residents at Clayton Place Apartments. ■

## *Alumni/Development Page*

# Clayton State Alumni Association Announces 2003 Outstanding Alumni Award Winners

by Lauren Baker, University Relations

With the theme "Alumni: The Sparkle of Clayton State," five distinguished graduates received Outstanding Alumni Awards during the Clayton College & State University Alumni Association's Annual Meeting and Dinner held Saturday, May 17, in the Atrium of the Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education.

Dr. Benita H. Moore, currently acting dean of the Clayton State School of Technology, was named the winner of the University's 2003 Outstanding Alumni Award.

Award winners were also recognized from four of Clayton State's schools. Judge Michael Baird was the winner from the School of Business, Vicki Kaiser from the School of Health Sciences, Lydia Parker from the School of Technology and Tina Harper from the School of Arts & Sciences.

Moore graduated from Clayton State in 1974 when the University was a junior college. After Clayton State, she went on to earn her B.S. from Georgia State University (1975), her M.S. from the University of Tennessee (1976), her Ed.S. from Georgia State University (1981), and finally her Ph.D. from Georgia State University (1984).

Moore returned to her Clayton State alma mater as a professor of business education. She has acted as head of the Department of Technical Studies and served for two years as the dean of Clayton State's School of Technology. Moore has contributed much to the Alumni Association, acting as the Association's second director. In addition to her scholarly contributions to Clayton State, Moore continues to lend her baton twirling know-how during the University's Fall Frolics.



Dr. Benita H. Moore  
2003 Outstanding Alumni Winner

Baird graduated with a B.B.A. from Clayton State's School of Business in 1989. Since graduation, he has gone on to become Chief Judge of the Clayton County Magistrate Court. He is a well-recognized community leader and has stayed involved with Clayton State through his position as an adjunct professor within the School of Business. Baird is also a founding member and current president of the Sigma Beta Delta honor society. He is a former member of the Clayton College & State University Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Kaiser graduated with a B.S. in Health Care Management from Clayton State's School of Health Sciences in 2000. Using the degree she earned at Clayton State, Kaiser is currently employed by Newnan Hospital as the Director of Marketing and Public Relations. Kaiser has been influential in developing recruiting and training programs for Newnan Hospital. She is remembered by her professors as an outstanding student, and currently serves Clayton State as a member of the Health Care Management Advisory Board.

Parker graduated with a B.A.S. in Administrative Management from Clayton State's School of Technology in 1999. She uses her degree from Clayton State to coordinate and facilitate training for Edward Jones Investments. She also plans and coordinates social events, oversees the regional mentor program, acts as an "answer person" for any region related questions, and handles client related matters for over 1,800 Edward Jones clients. She has served on the School of Technology advisory committee at Clayton State and has served on the Downtown Business Council for her community. Parker also acts as a mentor for teenage girls through and outside of her church.

Harper graduated with a B.A. in Middle Level Teacher Education from the School of Arts & Sciences in 1998. Since graduation, Harper has gone on to become Clayton County's Teacher of the Year for 2003 and to place second out of an excess of 170 candidates as Georgia Teacher of the Year. She teaches at Suder Elementary where she is an expert at using technology in the classroom and has taught "Integrating Technology in the Classroom," a 50-hour countywide staff development course for the Clayton County Public School System. Harper also works with mentally challenged adults and helps with Habitat for Humanity. She is an avid runner, running with the Peachtree City Running Club in her spare time. ■

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# “DeVito Likes the Sea Bass” - Clayton State Trustee’s Seafood Company Caters to the Stars

by Lauren Baker, University Relations

Southside Seafood Company, co-owned and operated by Clayton College & State University Board of Trustees Vice-Chair Robert Lee, is more than a regional seafood establishment. Lee and Southside Seafood Company cater to the stars. Most recently (January 2003 to the end of April), Southside Seafood has provided seafood for the Danny DeVito/Jessica Lange/Albert Finney film “The Big Fish,” which will be swimming into theaters between Thanksgiving and Christmas 2003.

“I was told Danny DeVito really liked the fresh Chilean Sea Bass,” says Lee. (A native of the Jersey Shore, DeVito would naturally know good seafood.)

“The Big Fish,” perhaps aptly titled for the likes of Lee and his chefs, was filmed on location in Montgomery, Al. Forest Park-based Southside Seafood was responsible for transporting fresh seafood to the set where For Stars Catering, a premier motion picture catering company based in Los Angeles, prepared gourmet meals for the cast and crew three times daily. Some days they would feed more than 800 extras.

“For Stars Catering has a reputation to produce an unending variety of favorite standards and trend setting tastes,” says Lee. “Part of their success is due to their sourcing of specialized food purveyors such as Southside Seafood Company who will take the necessary time and effort on a consistent basis to ensure they receive the very best product in the world.”

But if you think delivering high-quality seafood to the set of a film is as easy as driving a delivery truck from point A to point B, well, it isn’t quite as simple as that.

“Transporting fresh seafood to an island off of Washington required commercial air from Atlanta to Seattle, private small plane transport to the island, and local cab delivery to the movie set,” recalls Lee of one film catering experience. “It isn’t every seafood vendor that wants to take on such a huge responsibility, but this has proved to be a niche market for Southside Seafood Company.”

Of another Hollywood production venture Lee relates, “The logistics of transporting fresh seafood to the set of Twister was a nightmare as filming took place in five cities in the Midwest...plus did you really think all those 8 p.m. night scenes were really filmed at 8 p.m.?”

The big-name movie and television list that Southside Seafood has procured and delivered outstanding seafood to is quite impressive, including: “Twister,” “Cast Away,” “Dumb & Dumber,” “Contact,” “What Lies Beneath,” “Free Willy II,” “Ghosts of Mississippi,” “In the Heat of the Night,” “Lonesome Dove,” “I’ll Fly Away,” “Fled,” “Fluke,” “Ty Cobb,” “Grosse Pointe Blank,” “Last Confederate Widow Tells All,” “Savannah” the series, and television’s “Touched by an Angel” and “Sole Survivor.”

While filming the pilot series for “Touched by an Angel,” star Roma Downey told Southside Seafood Company’s “Chef Shelby” she could eat her fresh prepared lobster or mussel salad every day, relates Lee. Chef Shelby subsequently married Lee after nine months of catering “Touched by an Angel” in Salt Lake City.

“She came back to Atlanta to ‘marry her man,’” laughs Lee of his wife’s comment. The cast of “Touched by an Angel” presented Chef Shelby with an embroidered shirt on which Downey wrote, “Shelby, you’re an angel.”

In addition providing seafood for the aforesaid productions, Shelby Lee has actually prepared meals on the following sets: “In the Heat of the Night,” “I’ll Fly Away,” “Last Confederate Widow Tells All,” “Sole Survivor,” “Savannah,” and “Touched by an Angel.”

Robert Lee attended Clayton State as a student in 1977 and has also completed several Clayton State Continuing Education courses in the Small Business Development Center. He is currently serving his second term on Clayton State’s Board of Trustees. In addition to co-ownership, Lee is the president of Southside Seafood and has been in business for 15 years. ■

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# Former Laker Basketball Star

# Charlie Frazier Honored On and Off the Court

by Gid Rowell, Sports Information

Former Clayton College & State University basketball player Charlie Frazier, Jr., will always be remembered by Laker basketball fans for his “lightning-quick” first step and for leading the men’s basketball program to its first-ever Peach Belt Conference Championship in 2001-02.

Now fans and future student-athletes of the Clayton State hoops program will remember Frazier for something more... as do his students at Clayton County’s Adamson Middle School.

The Clayton State men’s basketball program recently named its most coveted yearly award in honor of Frazier. The award will be called the “Charlie Frazier Laker Award,” and be presented each year to the top student-athlete in the basketball program, based on athletic achievement, academics, leadership and sportsmanship.

“Charlie is one of those guys that is destined for success,” says head coach Gordon Gibbons. “Not only was he a good basketball player and an excellent student, more importantly he was, and still is, a good person. He was everything a coach could ever ask for in a player.”

Originally from Brunswick, Ga., Frazier was a four-year starter from 1998-2002 and graduated in 2002 with a B.A. degree in middle grades education. He is currently teaching sixth grade social studies at Adamson Middle School, and the same work ethic that led him to so many positives on the basketball floor is now leading him to similar successes in the classroom as a teacher.

“Basketball had an extremely positive impact on me,” said Frazier. “It pushed me to be my best, and taught me the importance of hard work and dedication. Many of the lessons that I learned as a student-athlete are already helping me in my professional life.”

As he was on the basketball court, Frazier is already being recognized for his achievement as a teacher. He was named the school’s “Teacher of the Month” in November, a rare accomplishment for a first-year teacher, says Adamson Middle School principal Stan Sherman.

“Charlie has done an outstanding job in his first year,” said Sherman. “He has quickly gained the affection and respect of his students and fellow colleagues. He is one of most creative teachers that I’ve met and is wonderful with the children.”

In addition to his responsibilities as a sixth grade teacher, Frazier is also the head coach of the 11-to-14 year-old boy’s basketball team and led the squad to their first-ever tournament victory this season.

“I have found a lot of similarities between sports and the real world,” said Frazier. On a team, you have to work together to achieve success, and the same thing is true in my classroom. I have to work together with my students to achieve our objectives.”

In his senior season as a Clayton State team captain, Frazier helped lead the Lakers to a conference championship and a 19-9 overall and a 15-4 mark in the PBC. He closed his collegiate career in the Peach Belt Conference semifinals against Kennesaw State University with one of the finest games of his career, hitting 8-of-9 from the field for 17 points to go along with seven rebounds and six assists.

Frazier’s name is sprinkled all over the Clayton State basketball record book, as he is listed in the top 10 in 11 of the school’s all-time record categories. He started 105 of 108 games in his four-year career and is the all-time leader in games started, steals and assists. He is also the school’s second all-time leading scorer with 1,243 points and posted 69 double-digit scoring games in his career.

Before enrolling at Clayton State, he served from 1993-97 in the U.S. Army and entered Clayton State on the G.I. Bill. He graduated from Brunswick High School in 1991.

“Charlie was the epitome of what a student-athlete should be,” said Gibbons. “He was a model student-athlete, and someone that we would like all our players to emulate. We have named our most important annual award, ‘The Charlie Frazier Award.’”

The first recipient of the “Charlie Frazier Laker Award” in 2003 is senior Harris Skoutaris. An information technology major, Skoutaris, a native of Athens, Greece, graduated this spring as a four-year letterwinner on Clayton State’s men’s basketball squad. Like Frazier, he was a member of the 2001-02 Peach Belt Conference Championship team and ranks fifth on Clayton State’s all-time games played list. ■

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## Arts Page

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# Spivey Hall Children's Choir Holding Auditions

by Steve MacQueen, Spivey Hall

Singers between the ages of 10 and 14 (as of Sept. 1, 2003) are invited to audition for the Spivey Hall Children's Choir program.

The Spivey Hall Children's Choir Program, consists of the Spivey Hall Young Artists, the Spivey Hall Children's Choir and the Spivey Hall Tour Choir. The Program is directed by Dr. Martha Shaw and Jennifer Kane. Participants develop qualities of self-reliance, personal integrity, self-discipline, social awareness and confidence in their abilities.

This choir program provides music education and vocal training of the highest quality including instruction in sight-reading and ear training. The Tour Choir has performed throughout the US, England and Scandinavia. Upcoming performances in 2003-2004 include Christmas with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and the American Choral Directors Association Regional Convention in Nashville, Tennessee. Homeland, the Choir's second CD, featuring music of the Americas, was recently released. Membership in the Choir is contingent upon audition and teacher recommendation.

Auditions for the Spivey Hall Children's Choir and the Spivey Hall Young Artists will be held on Friday, May 30, 2003 and on Saturday, May 31, 2003. For more information please contact the Choir Administrator by phone at 770-946-9072 or by email at [shcc-tc@juno.com](mailto:shcc-tc@juno.com).

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## SACS Synopsis

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### Know Your QEP...

The SACS Steering Committee, chaired by Dr. Annita Hunt, and team members have worked really hard this year to identify and begin to implement an appropriate Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) for Clayton State.

A QEP progress report can be found at [http://newcollege.clayton.edu/jmedastin/sacs/May1/QEP\\_Report.asp](http://newcollege.clayton.edu/jmedastin/sacs/May1/QEP_Report.asp). Please take time this summer to read the report and familiarize yourself with the QEP so that when the Review Team comes next April, we will all be well informed.

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### *Life's Transitions...*

*John F. Harden, father of Clayton State President Dr. Thomas K. Harden, passed away last Friday evening in Ohio.*

*The funeral was held Thursday, May 22 in Dr. Harden's hometown, Middletown, OH.*

*The entire Clayton State community offers its condolences to Dr. Harden (who many of us know as an exceptionally devoted family man), and his entire family.*

## Clayton State to Change Winter Holiday Schedule

As you know, the University System of Georgia recognizes twelve holidays throughout the calendar year.

The last six holidays for calendar year 2003 and the first holiday scheduled for calendar year 2004 will be taken during "Winter Break 2003" (Dec. 25 through Jan. 1, with a return to the campus on Jan. 2). This would essentially result in the campus closing for eight straight days, reopening on Friday, Jan. 2, then closing once again for two days (the weekend), and reopening on Monday, Jan. 5.

Due to the timing of Winter Break and the heavy use placed on campus facilities (the activation and shut down process the chiller undergoes) during the winter months, President Dr. Thomas K. Harden requested a study be conducted to determine the feasibility of closing the campus for an additional two days (Dec. 24 and Jan. 2).

The Office of Human Resources & Services conducted the survey with a number of campus leaders. Based on the information received from the survey and from Plant Operations relative to the cost savings involved in the chiller system remaining inoperable for the period indicated above, the Winter Holiday 2003 schedule has been changed to the following:

### **Campus Closed: Dec. 24 through Jan. 2.**

The campus will reopen on Monday, Jan. 5. Faculty and staff should dialog with their Department Heads and Directors to identify the appropriate leave schedule to support time off on Dec. 24 and Jan. 2. They may opt to take vacation leave, compensatory time (if appropriate), or in the case of exempt faculty and staff, identify time when the days will be made-up.

To assist with this change, Harden has requested the Office of Human Resources publish a brief "How To" for the campus leadership as a refresher on leave usage and compensatory time. ■

# Across the Campus

## Athletics

Pat Keane and Dotty Bumbalough will be working together for the next week while Dotty introduces her to her new adventures in the Athletic Department. In addition to working together here at Clayton State, Keane and Bumbalough are friends and neighbors. "Retiring is that much sweeter knowing she will be part of the team in Athletics," says Bumbalough. "To those of you I won't have a chance to talk to before I turn in my Linx card and parking sticker, take care of yourselves and each other." "Pat was an exceptional employee in Media & Printing Services and will be greatly missed by all. We wish her all the best in the future," adds Paul Bailey.

## Arts & Sciences

A free staged reading of Clayton State Associate Professor of Biology Dr. Greg Hampikian's "Your Name in Bold" will be performed by professional metro-Atlanta theatre group "Theatre in the Square" at 7 p.m. on June 9 in the "Theatre in the Square" Alley Stage located at 11 Whitlock Ave. in Marietta. Following the performance, the audience will have a chance to discuss the work with the players and playwright. "I am thrilled that 'Bold' was selected to be one of the three works presented in this year's 'Percolating Playreading Series'," says Hampikian. "I am especially looking forward to the audience comments at the talk-back session afterwards. It is rare that a playwright gets such fresh and diverse feedback." "Bold" was first performed in the Clayton State Theater in February of 2002.

## Biology

Clayton State biology major Tieng Vu will participate in the 2003 Advanced College Student Educational Enrichment Programs (SEEP) in the Health Sciences at the Medical College of Georgia (MCG) this summer. With students applying for SEEP from many state and regional universities, Vu was one of only 15 students accepted into this highly competitive program. Vu, who will be assigned a lab mentor at MCG, will have the opportunity to experience research first-hand and

will complete a research project over the summer. His SEEP award includes tuition, housing, fees, and a \$1,100 stipend. "We are pleased to know that our relatively new Biology program prepares our students to be competitive with other schools in Georgia and the U.S.," says Assistant Professor of Biology Dr. Nickie Cauthen. In addition, all other Clayton State Biology students who applied to summer programs were also accepted.

## Center for Instructional Development

The Center for Instructional Development will offer workshops on the following topics this summer: Beginning FrontPage 2000; Beginning PhotoShop; Creating Online Forms using FrontPage 2000; IMODS - NEW; iMovie - NEW; JSTOR - NEW; Library Workshop; MS Publisher - NEW; Intermediate FrontPage 2000; Internet Resources - NEW; Library Workshop; Respondus; SofTV - NEW; Turnitin.com Plagiarism Detection Software - NEW; Viewlet Builder - NEW. Go to <http://learningcenter.clayton.edu/cid/workshops.htm> to read detailed descriptions or to register for these workshops. Due to the upgrade to WebCT Vista next year, we are not offering WebCT workshops this summer. However, if you are new to the campus and need to use WebCT, we would be glad to schedule individual appointments for training. If you have any questions regarding the workshop schedule, please contact Martha Wicker at ext. 4327.

## Continuing Education

The Division of Continuing Education at Clayton College & State University is offering an all-day seminar on ADA, FMLA and Workers' Compensation on Tuesday, June 19 that will provide guidance on how to effectively manage employee health issues in the face of increased government regulation. An understanding of problems which may arise when ADA, FMLA and Workers' Compensation overlap in the workplace will also

be discussed. The ADA, FMLA & Workers' Compensation seminar will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education. Registration is \$199 per person. For more information, contact Vickie Fennell at [vickiefennell@mail.clayton.edu](mailto:vickiefennell@mail.clayton.edu) or call (770) 960-4207.

## Diversity & Disability Services

"Thank you so much for such a warm welcome," says New ADA Coordinator Michelle Jordan. "It is certainly a pleasure to be part of the CCSU team. I look forward to working with each of you. Please contact me anytime if I may be of assistance."

## External Relations

Linda Castleberry and her family would like to express their deepest appreciation to all for your caring and support provided during this most difficult time in the loss of our loved one. "We are truly grateful for our Clayton State family, who is always there in good times, as well as times of need," she says. "Your thoughtful expressions of sympathy—phone calls, cards, bringing food, personal visits, attending the viewing and/or service, and providing lovely flowers and plants for the service touched all our hearts and were such a wonderful comfort to us in our sorrow. Dad is with the angels now and only time will heal, but we have lots of memories of love and we just want each of you to know how very thankful we are for all you have done and how much this has meant to us."

## Financial Aid

Financial Aid continues to work to improve their services to students. Students can now complete an online loan acceptance form (thanks to the hard work of Todd Birchfield in OITS). This will cut down on paperwork and speed up the loan process for students. Students can also submit online requests to be reviewed for Summer financial aid and HOPE eligibility.

## Across the Campus

### Media & Printing Services

Our swans had two little cignets sometime over the weekend of May 17/18. Mom, Daddy and Babies are all doing fine. Thanks to Kevin Dixon for these photos.



### Plant Ops

The Garden Volunteers at Clayton State had two great back-to-back days here on campus. On Monday, May 11, Dave Wall lead Cesar Allen, Marilyn Handelman, and Patty Hillier in planting almost four dozen Abelia 'Rose Creek' on a barren bank near the front of the Music Building. Tuesday, May 12 saw a nice turn-out from the Tuesday regulars, such as Karen Isaacson, Cathy Harden and Sheila Duncan. Patty Hillier made an encore performance, too. She and Sheila planted Mesembryanthemum (Ice Plant) at the sign marking the Music Building. The succulent light grey-green foliage should look great

with the delicate magenta blooms that only open in full sun. In addition to pulling weeds, Cathy and Karen pulled the pansies from their winter beds in front of and behind Spivey, to make room for more heat tolerant performers. The empty beds were tilled and prepared for Begonias, which will be installed soon.

### Public Safety

What to make \$3 a day for 3 months? Please share the information on the Cash for Commuters Incentive program ([The-Clean-Air-Campaign@cleanaircampaign.com](mailto:The-Clean-Air-Campaign@cleanaircampaign.com)) with employees in your department — although this is for any employee in metro Atlanta. This is an incentive program through the Clean Air Campaign. However, to help find a potential carpool match, employees and students can sign up with 1-87-RIDEFIND or complete an application in Public Safety.

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The Morrow Wal-Mart not only opened its doors for its May 14 grand opening, but it also opened its wallet. The local store presented a \$1,000 grant to Clayton State's Public Safety Department to help the campus police better serve and protect the University and the community. "Thanks to the Wal-Mart grant, our Public Safety can do more for the community than our current funding would allow," says Clayton State's Director of Public Safety Bruce Holmes.

### Spivey Hall

Spivey Hall is absolutely delighted to announce that the world's greatest fiddler, Mark O'Connor, has proposed recording a live CD of his Appalachian Waltz Trio in May 2004. "We have negotiated a mutually beneficial agreement and very much look forward to working with Mark and his Trio," says Executive Director Sherryl Nelson. "He is one of music's most respected crossover talents in traditional/jazz/classical music both as a performer and composer. His desire to record in Spivey Hall offers a new level of visibility for Clayton State."

### Michelle Jordan Joins Diversity & Disability Services Team

by Leigh Duncan, University Relations

On May 13, Michelle Jordan became the Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator for the Diversity Programs & Disability Services Team at Clayton College & State University.



*Michelle Jordan  
ADA Coordinator*

Jordan brings to the position more than 10 years of experience, beginning in DeKalb County as a Para-Professional/Signer with the DeKalb Board of Education, and including work in Ramstein, Germany with the Department of Defense as an Education Interpreter, in Georgia with the Office of Disability Affairs and the Georgia Department of Rehabilitation, and in Washington, DC, where she completed her Masters of Science in Administration & Supervision at the internationally-known (largely for its programs for deaf and hard of hearing students) Gallaudet University.

"This position is something I've trained for and what I went to school to do," says Jordan. "I love to sign and consider it my hobby. I have several deaf friends and go with them to family reunions or doctors visits when they need me to."

Jordan just returned from Washington last week, after receiving her master's degree. A graduate of Georgia State University, she knew she wanted to move back to the Atlanta area where she grew up.

"I didn't realize how much Atlanta had changed since I'd been away. It's still a beautiful city," she says, "I'm glad to be back."

Jordan considers herself extremely fortunate to have found a position so soon upon graduation. Settling in Decatur, Ga., she is looking forward to getting to know her fellow staff members and working with both them and the students at Clayton State. ■

# Destinee Townsend is Keeping Her Hands On Atlanta

by Leigh Duncan, University Relations

Clayton State Junior Administrative Management major Destinee Townsend was recently appointed as a Team Leader with the Americorps, Hands On Atlanta 2003-2004 team.

Beginning on July 14, she will serve a 10-month term with Americorps (through Hands On Atlanta), a network of national service programs that engage more than 50,000 Americans each year in intensive service to meet critical needs in education, public safety, health, and the environment.

Hands On Atlanta is a non-profit organization that helps individuals, families and corporate and community groups find flexible volunteer opportunities at more than 400 service organizations and schools in the Atlanta area.

As a Team Leader with Americorps, Townsend will guide a team of two to seven Service Leaders at a school in the Atlanta area. In addition, she will be responsible for creating the team's goals and objectives, project planning, completing monthly reports, serving as the primary liaison between Hands On Atlanta (HOA) AmeriCorps and the school's faculty and administration, attending Team Leader meetings at the HOA office, managing the after-school enrichment program, and mediating any conflicts that may arise.

Townsend, the current president of Clayton State's American Humanics Student Association, is not unfamiliar with keeping her plate full. She has been working as a student assistant in the Office of the President as well as working part time for FedX and keeps her schedule packed by participating in the Student Government Association and volunteering on top of her full time course load. She is currently involved, or has been involved in, such organizations as: Special Olympics, Greater Columbia Literacy Council, Boys & Girls Club, The Ebonie Dance Theatre, The Omega Boys Choir, as well as Hands On Atlanta.

The American Humanics Program at Clayton State is designed to equip and certify students in numerous disciplines for working as professionals and leaders in the world of nonprofit organizations. ■

## Annual Teleworking Training Being Offered

by Joan Murphy, Public Safety

Smog Season began May 1 and will end on Oct. 1. To conform with the Governor's Executive Order, Clayton State is required to reduce the number of single occupancy vehicle trips by employees to and from work by 20 percent each day during Smog Season. Teleworking is one method to meet the requirements of the Governor's Executive Order and to work more effectively throughout the year.

Teleworkers are required to complete the Clayton State Teleworker training prior to teleworking. If you have not completed this training and plan to telework in 2003, a class will be offered Wednesday, June 4, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

If you will be supervising teleworkers and have not completed the Telemanger training, plan to stay a few minutes after the Teleworker training for a briefing. Registration is required for both classes. To register, click on 'Reply' and request to be registered or e-mail Bruce Holmes (bruceholmes@mail.clayton.edu). Include your e-mail address, department and phone number.

For more information, see the web site <http://adminservices.clayton.edu/ps/teledefault.htm> or call Public Safety at 770.961.3540. ■

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## Dental Hygiene Students to Participate in Farm Workers Family Health Program

Nine senior dental hygiene students from Clayton College & State University will be participating with the Farm Workers Family Health Program from June 8 to June 13 in Moultrie, Ga.

The program is a collaborative effort between undergraduate nursing and nurse practitioner students and faculty from Emory University and Kennesaw State University, psychology graduate students and physical therapy students and faculty from Georgia State University, and Clayton State's dental hygiene students and faculty. Not only are students in the program immersed in an agricultural rural setting, they also observe and experience a different culture and develop a better understanding of services other caregivers provide.

Moultrie is a farm area that provides this region with a wide variety of crops, including; cabbage, eggplant, cherry tomatoes, bok choy, cucumbers and kohlrabi. The majority of these workers that the Clayton State students will be treating are legal residents working for minimum wage. Because of their long working hours and lack of resources they have difficulty accessing health care.

The program focuses on school children and the work camps. During the day the students will provide dental screenings, sealants, fluoride treatments and hopefully, cleanings for the migrant children in an elementary summer school program. Lunch is provided for all program participants by area churches. During the evenings, the students will be involved with setting up facilities at different camp and work shed areas in order to provide adult patient dental screenings and oral hygiene instruction.

All student and faculty participants attended an orientation May 19 hosted by the Emory University Nursing Department. Clayton State students in the program include; Erin Gardner, Shannon Jackson, Christy Kelley, Trevia Lucear, Tamara McNamara, Kelly Minshew, Kiva

# *Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!*

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## College Students' Top 10 Job Search Mistakes

by Peter Vogt, MonsterTRAK Coach

It's easy to make job search mistakes when you're a college student. After all, you've never really learned how — or how not — to look for a job.

In my six years as a career counselor working with college students, I've found there are at least 10 job search mistakes students commonly make. So here's a crash course on what not to do or think while searching for a job:

### 1. Don't Think You're Entitled to a Job.

Employers want you to prove yourself and demonstrate you're the right person for the job. They don't respond well to "*give-me-a-chance*" (<http://content.monstertrak.monster.com/resources/archive/jobhunt/givechance>) type thinking. They want to know what you can do for them.

### 2. Don't Assume You Have No Valid Work Experience.

You do have skills and experience to offer, perhaps through your *academic background, internship* (<http://featuredreports.monster.com/firstjob/experience>) or *part-time job* (<http://content.monstertrak.monster.com/resources/archive/jobhunt/hourlyvalue>).

### 3. Don't Fail to Explore All Career Possibilities.

Explore career paths beyond the few you already know. Give yourself the opportunity to truly *explore* (<http://content.monstertrak.monster.com/resources/archive/careerfields/matter>) all your career options.

### 4. Don't Use Passive Job Search Methods.

Learn to *diversify* (<http://featuredreports.monster.com/firstjob/strategy>) your job hunt. The more search methods you use — particularly *networking activities* (<http://content.monstertrak.monster.com/resources/archive/jobhunt/cheesy>) — the more likely you'll find the job you want.

### 5. Don't Worry About the Rest of Your Life Before It Unfolds.

Very few people work in the same organization, or within the same career field, for 30 or 40 years. Ask yourself "*What will I do first?*"

### 6. Don't Ignore Your Campus Career Center.

*Tap* (<http://content.monstertrak.monster.com/resources/archive/jobhunt/tapalums>) into your career center? *Consider* the fact that your tuition dollars are going towards a resource you're not using.

### 7. Don't Treat Less-Than-Knowledgeable People as Career Experts.

Don't take career advice from uninformed people — roommates,

friends, family members and other relatives. Make sure you critically *evaluate* (<http://content.monstertrak.monster.com/resources/archive/careerfields/question>) each source of career information you use so you make your career decisions based on verifiable facts, not ignorant opinions.

### 8. Don't Let Opportunities to Gain Experience Pass You By.

Get some *field-specific experience* (<http://content.monstertrak.monster.com/resources/archive/internships/methods>). You'll have difficulty competing with candidates who do have some. Remember: By itself, your degree is only a basic credential for an entry-level position. In most cases, employers demand more.

### 9. Don't Neglect to Talk to People in Your Chosen Field.

Talk to someone who's *working in that field or at the company* (<http://content.monstertrak.monster.com/resources/archive/jobhunt/infowhy>) in which you're interested.

### 10. Don't Believe Your Major Limits Your Career Options.

With only a few exceptions, *your major* (<http://content.monstertrak.monster.com/resources/archive/careerfields/wrongdegree>) *doesn't* box you into career options. In most cases, the major you choose can be applied to many career paths.

Have you fallen into any of these traps? If so, do something about it, either on your own or with the help of a career counselor at your school or in your community. Don't dwell on job search mistakes. \*MonsterTRAK - The official job listing and resume database for Clayton College & State University students and graduates can help. (CCSU school password for "Search Jobs & Internships": Success)

#### Diversity Job Fair

Tuesday, June 24  
Cobb Galleria Centre  
770.952.3181  
[www.diversityjobfairs.com](http://www.diversityjobfairs.com)

For assistance call (770) 961-3518

# Clayton State IT Professor May Teach His Father

by Lauren Baker, University Relations

Raleigh Chastine, a 1976 graduate of Clayton State, is going back to school. At 56, Chastine will pursue a Certificate in Information Technology (IT) from Clayton State. His son, Jeffrey Chastine, who teaches IT courses at the University, may very well see his father's name on his class roster come fall semester 2003.

"My son Jeff convinced me to go back to college and get a Certificate in Information Technology," says Raleigh Chastine, who retired from BellSouth in 1996. Having done consultant work in telecommunications since retirement, Raleigh Chastine's contract with Global Crossing, Ltd., ended in February 2002. Now looking for a job, he says the IT Certificate should improve his employment opportunities.

So how would he feel to have his son as a professor?

"I would like that," says Raleigh Chastine, "I think he would be an excellent teacher... It would be most embarrassing to do well in his class and have everyone think he showed favoritism."

Son Jeff Chastine comments, "I think it would be a little awkward at first having him there. Fortunately I stick to the grading criteria for all assignments and tests, so the grade he received would be the grade he earned."

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## Teacher Ed Recognizes Seniors with Special Night

by Leigh Duncan, University Relations

Clayton State's Middle Level Teacher Education program honored its seniors on Tuesday, Apr. 29 at the Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education. Dr. Larnell Flannagan, coordinator for the Middle Level Education Program, was master of ceremonies.

There were 14 seniors honored, including Cynthia Goodson of Morrow, class president, who spoke on "The Seniors' Journey." Several other seniors shared special experiences as well.

At the request of the senior class, Tom Jennings, retired Clayton County educator and former principal of Suder Elementary School, who also worked with this year's graduating class in 2002, gave the keynote address entitled, "Teacher Graduation: Act One, Scene One." Dr. John H. Kohler and Dr. Jan Towslee, both of whom will be retiring this year, were recognized for their roles in the initial development of the Middle Level Teacher Education Program and gave congratulatory remarks to the seniors for successful completion of the program.

Special recognition was given to Jennifer Nicole Vater of Conyers, who earlier this month received the Outstanding Teacher Education Student Award at the 28<sup>th</sup> annual Academic Honors Convocation, recognizing outstanding student performance.

Dawn Owens, coordinator for Educational Field Experiences, recognized the Clayton State faculty members who have worked with the seniors during the past years as well as their school-based mentor teachers, who supervised the senior year internship.

The Gamma Alpha Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, an international honor society of over 150,000 key women educators, presented each senior with a "Teacher Survival Kit" to assist the future educators at the start of their teaching careers. In addition, Eileen Brown, president of the junior class, presented each graduating senior a gift on behalf of the entire junior class, who also hosted the reception for the seniors.

In addition to Goodson and Vater, the senior Middle Level Education honorees were: Duane T. Banks of Decatur, Laura S. Clotfelter of McDonough, Chandrea S. Conqitt of Morrow, Laura A. Holt of Stockbridge and recipient of the Professional Growth Award, Karen D. Lewis of Jonesboro, Lizamaly Martinez of Jonesboro, Katheryn A. McAfee of Fayetteville and recipient of the Excellence in Teaching Award, Danielle M. McDaniel of Newnan, Kellie L. Steele of Jonesboro, Amy L. Taylor, Kimberly N. Van Tassell of Conyers and recipient of the Excellence in Professionalism Award, and Vickie E. Waldrop of Sharpsburg. ■

"Of course, he has the dirt on me, so he could always get revenge if he didn't like one of my policies..."

Raleigh Chastine earned an Associates of Arts degree from Clayton State (1976), and went on to earn a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Journalism from Georgia State University (1978).

"As one of my friends once told me - 'you graduated from Georgia State in 1978? Raleigh, your education is 26 years old!'" he says of going back to college.

He has used his degrees over the years in writing reports, memos, white papers, and other written communications that involve technical writing.

When he's not in class at Clayton State, Raleigh Chastine will probably spend his time doing stained glass. "I enjoy working with various types of glass...I'm working on a panel that has hummingbirds and flowers," he says. He is also interested in photography and is an amateur radio operator.

Raleigh Chastine and his wife of 38 years, Pat, live in Snellville. In addition to Jeff, they have two other children, Andrea and Chris, and four grandchildren, Madison, Joshua, Ashley, and Jackson.

"I wonder if 20 years from now my son Jack will be teaching me?" laughs Jeff Chastine.

Jeff Chastine, who lent his IT expertise to the band "Duran, Duran" during their recent tour of Europe, lives in McDonough with his wife Laurie and son Jack. He has a Master's degree from Georgia Tech, and plans to return to school soon himself. He credits his parents with his life-long desire for learning. ■

## Clayton State Biology Major Builds Bat Houses With Local High School

by Lauren Baker, University Relations

Clayton State biology major Pam Coltrain is educating Morrow High School students about the importance of bats by building bat houses. Interested in bats since her summer 2002 research practicum with Clayton State biologist and bat expert (on bioacoustics and echolocation calls) Dr. Stephen Burnett, Coltrain began constructing bat houses in the fall and has already placed three houses in the Fayetteville area.

“I had spent so much time looking for bats [to research] that I thought there must be a better way to find bats than what we were doing,” says Coltrain. “The idea was to try to establish bat houses in known locations, and hopefully those houses would become inhabited.”

According to the Organization for Bat Conservation (OBC), the types of bats likely to inhabit Georgia bat houses are the southeastern bat (*Myotis austroriparius*), the evening bat (*Nycticeius humeralis*), the eastern pipistrelle (*Pipistrellus subflavus*), the big brown bat (*Eptesicus fuscus*), and the Mexican free-tailed bat (*Tadarida brasiliensis*), all of which are light to dark brown in color.

“There are 16 out of the 17 species of the southeastern bat documented in Georgia,” says Coltrain. “That makes Georgia very special.”

Bat houses should be placed on a pole or mounted to the side of a house at least 15 feet off the ground. Different bats prefer different amounts of sun exposure, so the direction the bat house is positioned may affect the type of bat that inhabits that house. For more information or to learn how to build your own bat house, visit the OBC website at [www.batconservation.org](http://www.batconservation.org).

“Establishing the bat houses provides a needed resource for the bats, since humans are destroying their habitats and homes,” relates Coltrain. “Plus, they are so adorable...how could you not like such cuddly creatures.”

While most people do not regard bats as “cuddly,” Coltrain and other bat researchers are dedicated to dispelling myths about bats.

“The more research you do on bats, the more you learn of their ecological and economical value. They are a very important resource throughout the world that we need to protect and utilize,” concludes Coltrain.

Coltrain praises the Clayton State biology department saying, “Clayton State has done an excellent job in recruiting new faculty members...all [faculty, new and old,] have specialties that, once compiled, provide the University with a broad spectrum of excellent, talented instructors.” ■

## Clayton State Students Receive Grants for Christian Campus Ministries Involvement

Three Clayton State students will be presented with Ernest Dunbar Award grants for their involvement in Christian Campus Ministries (CCM), a non-denominational outreach of the United Methodist Church. The students will receive \$500 each from the Board of the Wesley Foundation, and will give brief addresses to the Jones Memorial Men’s Club, a sponsor of the grants, at Butch’s Restaurant in Jonesboro on May 27.

Josh Dawson, Molly Martin and Sherlene Nelson are all dedicated to the newest Christian ministry on the Clayton State campus — Nelson serving CCM as president, Dawson as treasurer, and Martin as activities chair.

“I have really learned a lot from each of the winners,” says Dr. Greg Hampikian, a faculty advisor for CCM and an associate professor of biology at the University. “Each of them has taught me by their actions: gentleness from Sherlene, energy from Molly, and service from Josh.”

Dawson, Martin, and Nelson played a large role in making this new, non-denominational outreach of the Wesley Foundation a permanent fixture on the Clayton State campus. “They focused the ministry on Jesus in terms of compassion, understanding, and reasoning,” says Hampikian.

“As a teacher, the emphasis on reason makes me very happy,” continues Hampikian who encourages CCM students to think openly about religion and to broaden their understanding about different faiths. “Faith is a gift like beauty or genius; once you realize what you’ve been given, it is frighteningly humbling.”

The Ernest Dunbar Award, named in honor of deceased Clayton County pediatrician and member of the Board of Trustees of the Clayton College & State University Foundation Dr. Ernest Dunbar, is awarded annually on the basis of leadership in CCM, service, and dedication to studies. The \$500 grant is sponsored by the United Methodist Wesley Foundation and is funded by the United Methodist Men of Jones Memorial United Methodist Church. Grants are presented by the Board of Directors of the Wesley Foundation.

Though the Wesley Foundation has been active on the Clayton State campus for many years, CCM has been a campus club since January 2003. For more information on CCM or to read notes from the meetings, visit the Clayton State website at [www.clayton.edu](http://www.clayton.edu), click “search,” keyword: “Campus Christian Ministries.” ■

## Jessica Miller... A SURE Opportunity At Emory University

by Leigh Duncan, University Relations

This summer, biology major Jessica Miller of McDonough, Ga., and a junior at Clayton College & State University, will be spending her summer vacation at Emory University as a member of the prestigious SURE program, studying the mechanisms of conjugative transposons transposition.

In layman's terms, she will be researching how bacteria transfer their drug resistant factors to one another, and will be working with Dr. Gordon Churchward, of Emory's Microbiology and Immunology department, an expert in the field.

Miller, a graduate of Jonesboro High School, began her college career at Clayton State three years ago and plans to graduate next spring (2004) with a Bachelor of Science in biology. She plans to carry on her collegiate career by attending graduate school and eventually completing her doctorate.

"This is something that I wanted, and doing research is a career that I would like to explore," she says. "I think this opportunity will help me to acquire and develop my researcher skills."

The SURE program is open to any students, from anywhere, if they demonstrate the ability to be a potential researcher and have acceptable grades. The program offers hands-on experience with a faculty member, and is based on that faculty's ongoing research.

Churchward, Miller's research mentor, has pioneered the investigation of a particular mechanism of genetic transfer, which involves "conjugative transposons," says Dr. Greg Hampikian, associate professor of biology at Clayton State. These mobile genetic elements can move drug resistance genes from a bacterium to unrelated bacteria, even those outside of its species or genus. Churchward has also applied for a patent for a novel type of antibiotic.

"Bacteria are becoming resistant to many of our most important antibiotics. This is especially troubling because we know that resistant bacteria are able to confer their resistance to other bacteria through a variety of

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## Laker Basketball Team Signs 7-Footer

by Gid Rowell, Sports Information

The Clayton College & State University men's basketball team first recruit for the 2002-03 hoops season is a "big" one... both in size and in his possible impact on the Laker program.

Aristide Swadogo, a 7-foot-1 center from the African nation of Burkina, Faso, has signed a letter of intent for the 2002-03 season. Swadogo, a national team selection in his native country, will enroll in the fall with the potential of rewriting both the Clayton State and Peach Belt Conference record books in blocked shots.

Swadogo's arrival will help soften the loss of Clayton State senior Mike Phenizee, a 6-foot-9 center from Pittsburgh, PA, who started 56 straight games in the middle for the Lakers the past two seasons. Swadogo will become the first player in Clayton State history to be 7-foot or taller.

Head Clayton State coach Gordon Gibbons, the third winningest coach in Division II, learned of Swadogo through one of his former Florida Southern College players Innocent Kere, who is also originally from Africa and currently playing professional basketball in Europe.

"Innocent convinced me to take a look at Aristide, and I'm glad we did," said Gibbons. "He has the potential to be a force in college basketball as he continues to develop."

Swadogo's junior national team finished second in the West African Games in Ghana with the big center contributing 15 points and 12 rebounds. ■

## Clayton State Signs a Genuine Philadelphia Point Guard

Sophomore point guard Darien Chavis is leaving the Mountain West Tournament champion Colorado State University Rams and is headed South, signing a letter of intent to play for the Clayton College & State University Lakers in 2003-04.

Chavis is a genuine Philadelphia Point Guard, a 5-11 speedster from Philadelphia's George Washington Carver High School of Engineering and Science, who averaged 12 minutes per game last year for Colorado State. The Rams lost to Duke University in the first round of the Division I NCAA West Regional, 67-57.

"Darien has exceptional speed and quickness and is a perfect fit for our pressing and running style," said Laker head coach Gordon Gibbons. "He is an excellent addition to our backcourt."

Second on the Rams with 32 steals and 15th in the Mountain West Conference, Chavis is a true point guard and helped lead Colorado State to a 19-14 record last season. His top game of the year came against the Big Ten's Purdue University, scoring 10 points and pulling five rebounds to go along with two assists and two steals in 20 minutes. Chavis played in 25 games for the Rams before an ankle injury slowed him toward the end of the season.

As a freshman, Chavis played at Kansas City Community College, averaging 10 points and four assists per game. He is the all-time leading scorer at Carver, breaking the school records of former Drexel University star and San Antonio Spur Michael Anderson, and Chavis' older brother, Will, who was a senior starter on last year's Texas Tech University team, coached by Bobby Knight. The younger Chavis was named to Philadelphia's All-City team in 2000-01 and was Carver's Most Valuable Player. ■

# Laker Golfers Place 6th in NCAA Regional

by Gid Rowell, Sports Information

Led by a 1-under par 71 from senior Bob Guiendon on Tuesday, the Clayton College & State University men's golf team finished sixth in the NCAA Division II Southeast Regional at Harbor Club on Lake Oconee in Greensboro, Ga.

The Lakers shot a team score of 301 in the final round and finished with a three-round total of 910 on the par 72, 6,832-yard course. The sixth place is the team's second highest region finish in four NCAA Regionals tournaments since 1998 and fourth lowest 54-hole score in school history.

"We played our best golf of the season and ended the year on a positive note," said head coach Bob Hill. "We went to the tournament with two seniors, a junior and two freshmen and came back with five seniors."

The eight-team Southeast Regional field featured seven teams ranked in the top 25 in the nation, including the nation's top-ranked team in the University of South Carolina Aiken. USCA played like the top team in the nation, bettering the strong field by more than 14 strokes, finishing with a 1-under par score of 865.

Guiendon, in his last collegiate tournament, tied for 12th with a three-round score of 222. He opened the tournament with a 78, followed by firing a 1-over par 73 on Monday and a 1-under par 71 on Tuesday. His 6-over par score of 222 was the sixth best 54-hole individual score in school history.

Junior Jess Shirley tied for 22nd in the event, shooting a 1-over par 73 in the final round after two rounds of 77. Senior Brennan Cass finished 34th after rounds of 77, 75 and 78. Freshmen Jason Armour finished 38th after rounds of 75, 82 and 79, followed by freshman Jimmy Beebe, who tied for 39th after rounds of 78, 77 and 82. ■

## Collantes Named Mid-Atlantic Region ITA Player to Watch

Clayton College & State University's Nathalia Collantes finished the 2003 women's tennis season with a perfect 16-0 singles record, and awards recognizing her superb play continue to pour in for the school's all-time singles winner.

Collantes, a junior from Bucaramanga, Colombia, has been named the NCAA Division II Mid-Atlantic Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) "Player to Watch" for 2003. The ITA "Player to Watch" award goes to a player who has an outstanding season and is expected to perform at a high level the rest of his or her career. This award's criteria also includes a player's sportsmanship and character.

The nation's 24th ranked player, Collantes enjoyed the best single season in Clayton history in 2003. She knocked off several of the country's top-ranked players, including a win over Georgia College & State University's Mia Paavilainen 7-5; 7-6; Division II's 15th-ranked player.

Collantes has a career 58-14 record in singles play, the school's best all-time singles mark. Last month, she was named to the Peach Belt All-Conference team and earlier this season was named PBC Player of the Week on two different occasions. ■

## Trivia Time

### Mr. President

by John Shiffert, University Relations

David Rice Atchinson (1807-1886) is one of the great "footnote" people in American History. He may not have erased 18 minutes of audio tape (which would have been pretty hard to do in the 19th Century), or started a war in the Middle East, or even railed against an "Evil Empire," but David Rice Atchinson, one of the great State of Missouri's finest contributions to American politics, was President of the United States on Mar. 4, 1849.

Or, at least, he was the de facto president. You see, as provided for by the U.S. Constitution, on Mar. 4, 1849, President James Knox Polk's term ended. However, Mar. 4 fell on a Sunday in 1849, and incoming President Zachary Taylor refused to be inaugurated on the Sabbath. Hence, according to that same Constitution, the President Pro Tem of the U.S. Senate, David Rice Atchinson, was president for a day, until Taylor was sworn in on Mar. 5, 1849.

President Atchinson was never sworn in (so he wasn't the de jure president), signed no bills, took no action and generally performed no presidential tasks, although it was recognized at the time (and has since been almost completely forgotten) that, in one sense, he was the president for a day.

The first correct answer went to Russell Camp, followed by Dr. Tom Eddins (rumors that he voted for Zachary Taylor are unfounded) and Lou Brackett.

Now, from the sublime to the ridiculous. What was Gilligan's (of Gilligan's Island fame) first name? (And, no, Bob... as in Denver... doesn't count.) First correct answer to johnshiffert@mail.clayton.edu gets to explain why The Professor could only rig up radio receivers, and never radio transmitters. (Thanks to University Relations' Lauren Baker for this week's question.)

## Sports Page

# Tony Trifecta Shatters Another Record in GA Tech Invitational

by Gid Rowell, Sports Information

Clayton College & State University junior Tony Juarez ran with the “big boys” of Division I last week at the Georgia Tech Invitational and held his own, placing 15th in the 1500m run Friday, shattering his own school record by almost two seconds.

Juarez won his heat with a time of 3:50.97, bettering 22 Division I runners in the field of 37. He also competed in the 800m event on Saturday, placing 33rd out of a field of 46 runners with a time of 1:54.84.

A native of East Hazel Crest, Il., known as “Tony Trifecta” after sweeping to school records in the 800m, 1500m and 5000m, Juarez barely missed making the Division II National Championships in the 1500m this season. He provisionally qualified for the NCAA Division II meet earlier this season with a time of 3:52.77 at the Samford University Twilight but was 22nd on the list of qualifiers at season’s end and the NCAA chose only the top 18 for the race.

“We were just one week short of him making it,” said head coach Mike Mead. “However, this was another good experience for Tony. He won both of his heats in the 800m and the 1500m events in a very competitive Division I meet. He was the only Division II runner in the field.

“Coming this close to making nationals, will be a huge motivation for Tony in his senior season. Now, he knows that he can do it. He will just have to stay focused and continue to work hard to put himself in the same situation next season.” ■

### Dental Hygiene, cont’d. from p.10

Riley, Jennifer Westmoreland and Rachel Wilson. Clayton State Assistant Professor of Dental Hygiene Casey A. Morris participated with the faculty presentations.

“Dental caries and pain are the number one health problem of this population,” notes Morris. “The dental hygiene students and faculty are excited to be a part of this worthwhile endeavor.” ■

### SURE, cont’d. from p.14

mechanisms,” says Hampikian.

The SURE program offers 10 weeks of hands-on research experience, as well as activities geared towards science career development, and an ethics in science component. It runs from May 27 to Aug. 1.

Miller will work with Churchward and receive a \$3,000 stipend for her time and research talents this summer. “Jessica’s work may help us to understand how bacteria dodge medical bullets, and may lead (down the road) to new drug treatments,” says Hampikian. ■

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