

## Clayton State Adds English, Math Degrees

### Math Foundation Will Prepare Students for Careers

Clayton College & State University is adding another new undergraduate degree to its growing list of baccalaureate programs. The new degree, a Bachelor's of Science in Mathematics, will be housed in the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences (CIMS).

Following approval by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia at the Regents' May meeting, Clayton State's Mathematics degree will officially begin with the start of the fall 2004 semester in August. According to Professor of Mathematics and Head of the Department of Mathematics Dr. Anthony J. Giovannitti, the primary goal of the new program is to prepare students for careers in industries that utilize mathematics and/or computer science expertise.

"Students will have a solid foundation in mathematics, while at the same time applying the theory through classroom projects and presentations," he says. "Students will also be well versed in the use of technology in the modern work environment."

At the same time, the B.S. in Mathematics is designed with leeway for students to add courses that will prepare them to pursue a graduate degree in either mathematics or computer science.

The proposal for the establishment of the new degree that was approved by the Board of Regents was written by the Clayton State Department of Mathematics with input from the University's Information Technology faculty, as well as CIMS Dean Dr. Catherine Aust, and Associate Provost Dr. James Mackin. Giovannitti was in overall charge of the writing of the proposal.

### English to Concentrate on Literature and Writing

Following approval in Mid-May by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, Clayton College & State University will be adding an Bachelor of Arts in English to its undergraduate degrees this coming fall semester.

The new undergraduate English major will have concentrations in literature and writing and will be housed in the University's School of Arts & Sciences' new Department of Language and Literature, effective Aug. 1, 2004. At that same time, Clayton State's Department of Humanities will be replaced by two new departments, Language and Literature and Communicative Arts and Integrative Studies. Dr. Gwendolyn Jones, the new head of the Language and Literature Department, will be starting at Clayton State on July 1.(see page 6)

The committee that developed the proposal for the new degree for Clayton State consisted of Dr. William Pasch, current head of the Department of Humanities, and fellow English faculty members Debra Durden, Dr. Jennifer Griffith and Dr. Steve Spence. Arts & Sciences Dean Dr. Ray Wallace, whose discipline is also English, also played a major role in crafting the proposal. Pasch also credits Clayton State President Dr. Thomas K. Harden and Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Sharon E. Hoffman for their encouragement to propose the degree and for their strong support through the approval process.

"As the University's enrollment continues to grow, more students will require a major that builds strong writers and thinkers," reads the proposal. "The track in literature is for students who intend to pursue graduate degrees in literature, either in preparation for teaching or for other personal or professional goals. The track in writing is for students seeking advanced preparation for careers requiring high levels of skill in written communication, or also for graduate programs in rhetoric/composition or technical/professional writing."

For both tracks, the main objectives of the proposed degree are:

- to enhance preparation of students for graduate study (English, technical/professional writing, comparative literature, library science, and other related fields);
- to prepare students for certain professional schools (law, divinity, and others);
- to provide content/discipline foundation for careers in education, media, public relations, writing/editing, and others;

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## Paralegal Monica Sherrard Named Outstanding Certificate Graduate

Monica J. Sherrard has been selected as the Outstanding Certificate Graduate for School of Technology at Clayton College & State University for the 2003/2004 academic year.

Sherrard came to Clayton State already holding a bachelor's degree in Business and an MBA from Georgia State. However, after 17 years in the telecommunications field, she chose to enter a new field, "to navigate my career and my life and to ensure financial and personal security." To that end, she graduated from Clayton State's Paralegal Certificate Program with a 4.0 GPA.

"Her class preparation, attendance, and attention to detail are the best I have ever seen in this program," says Mara Bugar, head of the Clayton State Paralegal Program, who nominated Sherrard for the award. "Monica possesses professional polish and the ability to function in high stress and busy situations."

Sherrard recently took a paralegal position at the prestigious law firm of Troutman Sanders, LLP, one of the most prominent firms in the southeast. According to Dr. Benita Moore, associate dean of the School of Technology, Troutman Sanders rarely hires entry-level paralegals and Sherrard is the first-ever Clayton State paralegal graduate to be offered a job at the firm.

"We know that she is already being recognized for her outstanding performance," adds Moore.

Sherrard was honored May 24 at the University's annual Certificate Recognition Ceremony. Since August 2003, more than 250 School of Technology students have completed a certificate program, and, on May 24, Dr. Thomas K. Harden, president of Clayton State, and Dr. James Mackin, associate provost, welcomed and congratulated the students on their academic accomplishments.

As the Outstanding Certificate Graduate, Sherrard was the keynote speaker, challenging the graduates to "have faith in yourself - don't be afraid to put yourself out there - even if you're unsure whether you are ready or not. Prepare yourself and take a chance when the opportunity presents itself."

Approximately 175 graduates, family members, and friends attended the ceremony. Dr. Art Rosser, dean of the School of Technology, and Rebecca Gmeiner, registrar, conferred and presented the certificates to the graduates.

## Changes in CAA

by Estelle Ford-Williamson, CAA

If over during years at Clayton State, you have received extra help in passing your Math 0096, 0097, 0099, 1101, statistics or other math-related courses, you may have a teacher to thank. On the other hand, you may also have benefited from staff or tutors in the Center for Academic Assistance (CAA), located on the ground floor of the Library.

Two key people in the CAA are leaving the Center. Leslie Meadows, director of the Peer Tutoring program and overall Coordinator for Instructional Services, has departed the Center to pursue her Ph.D. in math education, although she is teaching two Math 0099 courses at Clayton State this summer. Kerry de Wolf, who has worked for the Center for nine years, will leave June 10 in order to spend more time with her family and to pursue her longtime dream of a craft business.

The many students who grew to understand math concepts with their able assistance will sorely miss both Leslie and Kerry, and their many Clayton State co-workers will miss their

## Aircraft Donated To Aviation Maintenance Technology

by Gina Finocchiaro, University Relations

Clayton State's Aviation Maintenance Technology Department (AVMT) flew to new heights when two PA 23-250 Aztec airplanes were donated by retired Delta Air Lines Captain L.G. Wassenberg.

One airplane had been donated in December 2003, while the other was donated in February 2004. However, it wasn't until March 2004 that AVMT had the means to pick them up. Jack Moore, head of the department, took charge in retrieving the aircraft.

On Mar. 19, Moore and several community members embarked on a mission to move the two airplanes from a small private strip in Newnan to Clayton State's AVMT facility in Jonesboro.

"It was a major undertaking," Moore says. "We had to have hydraulics equipment to lift the fuselage. The airplanes had to be disassembled and loaded onto trucks before moving."

Clayton State's Aviation Maintenance Technology program was started in 1987. Students learn all of the necessary information to be a FAA certified airframe and power plant mechanic. Approximately half of the learning is hands-on work on Clayton State's four Aztec airplanes, or the AVMT program's other aircraft — two other twin-engined airplanes, four single engine airplanes and a turbine powered helicopter.

The Aviation Maintenance 2204 class did the majority of the hard labor for the move, with Moore and Assistant Professor of Aviation Maintenance Technology Dennis Haught supervising.

Community members who participated in the move include retired Captain Don Oglesby Northwestern Airlines (NWA), Captain Joe Shepherd (NWA), Ray Croaker, David Croaker, retired Delta mechanic Leonard Ebert, retired Delta mechanic Fred Harms, and his son Seth Harms.

# Three Clayton State Graduates Win Mangham Experiential Learning Awards

The Georgia Association of Colleges and Employers (GACE) recently announced the four recipients of the 2004 Jack Mangham Experiential Learning Student of the Year Award. Three of the four winners are recent Clayton State graduates: Michelle Lawrimore (Psychology) in the Arts & Sciences category; Kellie Lundy (Accounting) in the Business category; and Janice Hale (Information Technology) in Engineering/Technology category.

GACE's Mangham awards are presented each year to students who have participated in any area of experiential learning (internship, volunteering, cooperative education) and who exemplify excellence in work ethics, academic performance, and citizenship. Award winners receive a cash award of \$150 from GACE. The Clayton State students were first selected as campus winners and recognized at the University's recent Honors Convocation. As nominees for the GACE award, they then competed against nominees from public and private colleges and universities throughout the state.

Lawrimore's Host Organizations were the Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation and Anchor Hospital. Lundy's Host was Richard Sparkmon & Associates, and Hale's the Fulton County School System.

"Michelle participated in on-campus experiences and gained skills, abilities, and confidence," notes Clayton State Director of Experiential Learning Angelyn Hayes, who nominated all three students. "She then obtained two different internships through which she could maximize her education about the field of psychology."

"Kellie sought an opportunity to learn more about accounting and to expand her expertise. By applying classroom theory and knowledge in the work place, she learned, she enhanced her motivation, and she even received a promotion," adds Hayes.

Like many non-traditional Clayton State students, Hale faced a challenge in identifying appropriate internships while continuing her full-time career. She met this challenge by taking initiative at her place of employment.

"She demonstrated business savvy in identifying Information Technology projects that would benefit her employer and provide the experience she needed," says Hayes.

GACE is an organization that connects employers with experiential learning and career services professionals throughout the state. The organization's mission is to provide professional development, promote professional and ethical standards, and foster relationships among employers and university/college professionals. The annual experiential learning award is named in memory of Jack Mangham, who was active in GACE and statewide experiential learning.

## Academic Programs Continue to Grow

English and Mathematics won't be the only new baccalaureate degrees starting at Clayton State come the fall 2004 semester.

In keeping with the University's first Strategic Planning Theme — develop academic programming to meet student and societal needs and support our status as a University. This includes adding traditional and innovative undergraduate and graduate programs. It is our belief that additional academic programs will, ultimately, improve recruitment and retention — Clayton State has also added Bachelor of Science degrees in Criminal Justice and Political Science that will be officially "rolled out" in August as well.

The Criminal Justice program will prepare students for the future of the criminal justice

### English major, from p.1

- to enhance students' critical thinking skills through detailed, intensive analysis and evaluation of texts and other research materials;
- to improve students' research and writing skills to levels of excellence expected of English majors.

In keeping with the first theme of Clayton State's Strategic Plan: to expand academic programs to "meet student and societal needs and support our status as a University," there is a strong societal need for the new degree, because writers and editors occupy a critical niche in the information economy, and national job opportunities for these workers are projected to increase 21-35 percent through 2010. In Georgia and in metro Atlanta, the demand will exceed even these high numbers, as the state's major industries continue their long-term shift toward the delivery of services and information.

Technological innovations account for much of this demand: the steady increase in online publications and services has created many new opportunities for writers and editors; at the same time, desktop publishing technologies have fueled a dramatic increase in the number and scope of printed publications.

"However, while writing and editing are the most obvious career paths for English majors, one of the most compelling arguments for establishing the degree program is the English BA's inherent versatility," reads the proposal. "English is a major that equips its scholars with knowledge and abilities appropriate to a wide variety of vocations. English majors enter the job market with many possible career roles before them; teacher, publicity coordinator, information specialist, bookseller, librarian, account executive, fundraiser, manager, paralegal, and, of course, writer and/or editor. One who holds a degree in English will be a viable candidate for employment in a wide range of settings, including libraries, government agencies, hospitals, schools and colleges, media outlets, advertising agencies, research and development firms, business corporations, and public relations firms."

# Aaron Bailey - Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society Inductee

by Lauren Baker, University Relations

Aaron Bailey, assistant director in Clayton State's Office of Admissions, was recently inducted into the national honor society Beta Gamma Sigma for his outstanding scholastic record in Georgia Southern's graduate business program. Bailey, who graduated in the top 20 percent of the university's business school, received his Master's of Business Administration this month.

"I want to start utilizing my education as soon as possible," says Bailey, who attended Georgia Southern through the Web MBA program. "My primary area of interest is business analysis and being inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma denotes excellence within my field."

In fall 2003, Bailey was inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership honor society. Both the Beta Gamma Sigma and Omicron Delta Kappa inductions are special to Bailey. "I was pleased to know that my hard work through the two year program was recognized."

What's next for this graduate? "I am certainly not done with my educational career," says Bailey, who discovered his love for learning while pursuing his MBA. He plans to take some time to enjoy life without school, but will return within the next five to 10 years to pursue either a Ph.D. or J.D. in law.

In addition to his MBA, Bailey holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from Louisiana University (1999). His hobbies include driving the Jeep Wrangler he purchased as a graduation gift, coaching soccer with Griffin's Excel Program, and reading.

## Staff Council Election Results

Clayton State President Dr. Thomas K. Harden has announced the election results for delegates (with their terms of service) to the Clayton State Staff Council:

Academic Support Services	External Relations & President's Office
Rhonda Boozer (1)	Valerie Laney-Marshall (2)
Athletics	OITS
Gid Rowell (1)	Cheryl Garvin (1)
Auxiliary Services & Purchasing	Paul Bailey (2)
Row Anderson (1)	Plant Ops
Business Services & Human Resource	Greg Adams (2)
John Kosky (1)	Greg Duhart (1)
Campus Life	Darren Thomas (2)
Tomanika Redd (2)	Public Safety
Continuing Education	Wanda Zellars (2)
Thomas Downing (1)	Schools/Colleges/Provost
Jean Hughley (2)	Alina Brooks (1)
Enrollment Services	Tammy Wilson (2)
Sherry Barwick (2)	Spivey Hall
Karin Smoot (1)	Eugene Pinion (2)

Harden would also like thank all members of the Staff Council Development Committee for their work on developing the Staff Council Bylaws and conducting the first election of Staff Council - Angelyn Hayes, Barbara Dantzler, Dr. Michael Deis, Thomas George, Jerri Hager, Valerie Lancaster and Tammy Wilson.

# Clayton State Chef to Perform Gospel Concert

by Gina Finocchiaro, University Relations

Clayton State's head chef has a taste for gospel music. Tom Pritchett, of Smyrna, will be performing with his men's quartet, Four-Given, at the First Christian Church of Jonesboro.

The concert will be held at First Christian Church of Jonesboro on June 6 at 6 P.M. First Christian Church of Jonesboro is located just behind the Atlanta Beach at 2272 Walt Stephens Road.

"We've been looking forward to doing this for four years," says Pritchett. Four-Given, which also includes choir director Dave Wilson, Lamar Vaughn and Charles Wilkes, began performing about five years ago. "We all just had an interest and got together to do music one Sunday," he says. The group has taken off since.

The group will be singing approximately 14 well known gospel songs and each member will have his own solo. Pritchett plans to sing the popular song, "I Can Only Imagine" by Mercy Me.

Pritchett has been the chef manger of dining services at Clayton State's Laker's Grille for more than three years. Throughout that time, Pritchett has transformed the Laker's Grille into a nostalgic experience for students and faculty. His culinary expertise ranges from working at the Georgia Dome to serving U.S. presidents George Bush senior and Bill Clinton.

This will not be Four-Given's first concert. The group held their first concert just a few months ago at Cornerstone Christian Church in Dawsonville, Ga. They will hold another concert at First Christian Church of Jonesboro on June 27 for a combined performance with both Morrow Christian Church and Stockbridge Christian Church. The concert will be a patriotic piece.

Four-Given plans to sing at more churches and is even working on a CD. They plan for the CD to contain many of the songs performed at Sunday's concert.

## CID Sets Summer Workshop Schedule

The following is the Center for Instructional Development's Summer 2004 Workshop Schedule. For more detailed descriptions and registration, go to <http://learningcenter.clayton.edu/cid/workshops.htm>. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Martha Wicker.

Reminder: The WebCT server will go offline in early August. If you plan to use WebCT Vista in the Fall and have not already completed the training, you will need to take the workshops this summer.

### Vista Training

#### 1) Option 1: Six 2-hour Workshops:

Vista I

Tuesday, June 15, 1p.m. - 3 p.m.

Vista II

Tuesday, June 22, 1p.m. - 3 p.m.

Vista III

Wednesday, June 9, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 29, 1p.m. - 3 p.m.

Vista IV

Wednesday, June 16, 10:30 - 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 6, 1p.m. - 3 p.m.

Vista V

Wednesday, June 23, 10:30 - 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 13, 1p.m. - 3 p.m.

Vista VI

Wednesday, June 30, 10:30 - 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 20, 1p.m. - 3 p.m.

#### 2) Option 2: Three 4-hour Workshops

Vista I - II

Friday, June 25, 8:30 - 12:30 p.m.

Vista III - IV

Friday, July 9, 8:30 - 12:30 p.m.

Vista V - VI

Friday, July 23, 8:30 - 12:30 p.m.

### Vista Training, cont'd

#### 3) Option 3: Two 6-hour Workshops

Vista I - III

Monday, August 2, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Vista IV - VI

Tuesday, August 3, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

#### Cleaning Your Electronic House

Wednesday, July 21, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

#### Creating Forms with MS FrontPage

Thursday, June 17, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

#### eInstruction

Monday, July 26, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 27, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

#### Respondus

Wednesday, July 7, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 8, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

#### SofTV

Monday, June 21, 1p.m. - 3 p.m.

#### Turnitin.com Plagiarism Detection

Monday, June 28, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Don't forget Staff Members!**

**See your Faculty Council Representative or a member of the Staff Development Committee about Staff Development Opportunities!!!**

# Gwendolyn Jones Named Head of Language and Literature

Dr. Gwendolyn Jones, chair of English and Modern Languages at Georgia Southwestern State University (GSSU), is moving north in the University System, to Morrow and Clayton State, as the head of Your University's new Language and Literature Department in the School of Arts & Sciences.

Jones has been at GSSU since the fall semester of 2001, starting as an assistant professor of English and then becoming interim chair of English and Modern Languages in the summer of 2002, before assuming that role on a permanent basis in the summer of 2003. While at Georgia Southwestern, her duties, in addition to teaching, included supervising 15 faculty members as well as the completion of both a SAC accreditation review and a Board of Regents' Departmental Program Review, developing undergraduate and graduate curricula, and planning a new, interdisciplinary writing center.

Her service at GSSU also included serving as the director of Learning Support Programs from the summer of 2003 to the present.

Prior to her time at GSSU, Jones was an assistant professor of English at the South Georgia Regional Educational Consortium's branch campus at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, and assistant professor of English and then chair of English at Thomas University in Thomasville, Ga., and a teaching assistant and instructor of English at Florida State University.

Jones holds a B.S. in English Education from Troy State University, and M.A. in English from the University of South Alabama, and a Ph.D. in English from Florida State University. His dissertation was on "Gender and Religion: A Study of Ellen Glasgow's Homiletic Fiction."

Her teaching interests include 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century American literatures, American women writers, American Renaissance/Romanticism, American Realism and Naturalism and Southern literature. She is currently preparing a book-length manuscript on "Ellen Glasgow, Religion and Gender Identity."

She has also served as the state director for Alabama for Al Gore's 1988 presidential campaign, and as a manager/consultant for political campaigns in Florida, Alabama and Louisiana.

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system by combining technology with a foundation in traditional criminal justice studies and the liberal arts. Students may pursue a general degree or place emphasis on computer forensics, white-collar crimes, and security concerns. The program will offer evening and online classes to accommodate working students. Graduates will be prepared for a variety of careers including law enforcement, corrections, the courts, and private security.

When August comes around, Clayton State will have the only baccalaureate political science program in South Metropolitan Atlanta. The B. S. in Political Science will prepare students for public sector careers as well as specialized coursework in archival studies, thanks to the proximity of the Georgia Archives and NARA's soon-to-be-completed Southeast Regional Archives. Graduates will possess the technology skills valued by employers who need to keep pace with the dramatic changes occurring in the Atlanta area.

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daily presence. Peer tutoring continues this summer under the leadership of Kathy Garrison, and math and communications assistance is available as usual.

Instructors may suggest that students seek CAA assistance for courses, and students can also get help on their own. Simply go online to <<http://168.28.245.55>>, scroll down the right hand screen, and select an area of need. Then click "Search," and select a tutor and time from the options that appear. To receive staff assistance, return to the right hand screen and scroll down to "Math Assistance" or "Communications Assistance" options to make an appointment. Or students can drop by the Center for help in setting an appointment with either a peer tutor or a staff member.

## Habitat For Humanity Campus Build 2004



*A special thanks to those dedicated faculty, staff and students who came out to the First Annual Clayton State Habitat for Humanity Campus Build! The day was filled with good spirits. Everyone kept a smile as the temperature was rising and the sweat rolled! We put up a roof, siding and more. □*

## Graduation 2004



# Across the Campus

## Academic Affairs

The Atlanta Regional Consortium for Higher Education (ARCHE) recently launched its civil rights project Web site at <http://www.atlantacivilrights.org>. The new site provides an essay and timeline, an extensive bibliography, links to 50 other web sites, and a unique searchable inventory of special collections containing materials on the movement found at ARCHE's member institution and affiliated libraries/archives. ARCHE now moves to the project's next phase, which is to plan a more comprehensive educational site that digitizes certain materials from the libraries and archives (letters, reports, photos, etc.) and groups these into on-line exhibits around key topics such as Atlanta's role as home to many civil rights leaders and organizations.

## Athletics

The Clayton College & State University's men's basketball program added another prized recruit to its 2004-05 squad, recently signing former Old Dominion player T.J. Waldon to play for the Lakers. A 6-foot-5 forward, Waldon transfers to Clayton State after two seasons of play at the NCAA Division I school in Virginia. He played in the Monarch rotation as a freshman and a sophomore, averaging more than 10 minutes per game, shooting 57 percent from the field. Waldon is the second signee for Clayton State men's basketball, as the Lakers signed Lovejoy High School standout Michael Sloan after a stellar high school career. Sloan finished second in career scoring at LHS, trailing only Jason Floyd, who went on to play at Georgia Tech. He led the Lovejoy program to three straight state tournaments.

## Biology

One of Clayton State's truly notable and accomplished individuals, Professor of Biology, DNA expert, forensic scientist, playwright, author, musician, etc., Dr. Greg Hampikian, is leaving for Boise State University, where he will have a joint appointment as Associate Professor in Biology and Criminal Justice. "My primary responsibility will be as the Education and Outreach Coordinator for the Schools of Arts & Sciences and Education," he says. "They are also providing me with lab space and I'll be working with both undergraduate and graduate stu-

dents, but my primary responsibility will be in outreach. They are enthusiastic about setting up a forensic science program, and I will be developing the curriculum, as well as teaching in biology." Hampikian will continue at Clayton State through the summer. "It is with a heavy heart that I leave the job and colleagues that I have come to love," he adds. The feeling is mutual.

## Continuing Education

The one, the only, the original Dr. Wallace Shakun (AKA Dr. Gizmo) will retire with 25 years of service to Clayton College & State University and the University System of Georgia at the end of June. Please plan to join us on Wednesday, June 9 as we recognize and celebrate his years of dedicated service. Please reference the following link for additional information: <http://www.conted.clayton.edu/shakun.htm>.

## English

Professor of English Dr. Joyce Swofford's son Henry, who has taken several classes at Clayton State, was this year's Valedictorian at Morrow High School.

## External Relations

The Office of Development and Alumni Relations (Linda Castleberry, Terri Taylor-Hamrick and Reda Rowell) along with the Office of University Image & Communications (Dolores Cox) have relocated to Suite 220 in the Continuing Education Building. As you come into the front door, we are in the suite on the right-hand side. Our telephone numbers remain the same. Stop by to visit!

## History

The Teaching American History project will officially begin with an 8 a.m. breakfast on Monday, June 14 in the Downs Center. Clayton State President Dr. Thomas K. Harden is attending to welcome the guests, who will include the school superintendents from the three school systems participating in the federally-funded project. The main speaker is Bill Chafe, an Organization of American Historians distinguished lecturer. Dr. Randy Rosenburg will do a topic on Vietnam and Dr. Kathryn Kemp will do the 1950's topic. Most of the audience will be the teachers from Cobb, Henry, Fayette, etc. In addi-

tion, lead historian Dr. Gene Hatfield will be meeting on Wednesday, June 16 with former president Jimmy Carter, representing another of the Teaching American History partners, the Carter Center.

## Human Resources

Kaiser Permanente HMO has recently created a web link to WSB Radio. At this time, Kaiser is asking that we share this link with our institutions that offer this HMO product. We ask that you view this site and share this information with your campuses community. This site is located at: <http://wsbradio.com/kaiser/>

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As a customer already enjoying the advantages of The Hartford's Employer View website, you'll be pleased to know we've added self-service reporting. This exciting new feature gives you on-demand access to standard transaction reports that help you manage your group disability and life benefit programs. Self-service reporting allows you to request, view, print and download our most popular customer reports: Medical Underwriting Status - details of applicant status and decisions; Disability Claim Status - information about current short-term and long-term disability claims; Disability Transaction Detail - a summary of non-statutory disability claim transactions processed or recommended during the prior calendar month; LTD Valuation - a list of long-term disability (LTD) claimants included in the Disabled Lives Reserve. Like the other features of Employer View, accessing these reports is easy, convenient and free. To learn more, read the attached Reference Guide. Then, start using the reports by logging on to [www.employerview.com](http://www.employerview.com) and clicking on the Reports button.

## Media & Printing Services

On Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday, June 7, 8 and 9, the Media Center will be in limited operation. DocuTech and Printing Services will be in full production. In honor of the numerous times the Media Center was flooded during the construction of the University Center, ACI agreed to have new carpet installed. The Media Center plans to be in full operation by Thursday, June 10.

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# Across the Campus

Friday, June 18 will be the last day for DocuTech copies, copies from institutional copiers, and printing in this fiscal year. All reprographics and printing after June 18 will be charged on next years budget.6

## President's Office

The University Staff Council will be meeting the last Thursday of each month from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. The first meeting is on June 24 in room 13 of the Lecture Hall.

## Public Safety

Congratulations to the May lucky carpoolers at Clayton State! See who won at: <http://adminservices.clayton.edu/ps/winners.htm>. Winners carpooled at least one time a week in May, have registered with 1-87-RIDEFIND, and have completed the Clayton State carpool application form. To find out how you can become part of the solution instead of part of the problem, go to <http://adminservices.clayton.edu/ps/ehsnewprogram.htm> or call Joan Murphy in Public Safety (770) 961-3540.

## School of Business

Assistant Professor of Economics Nikki Finlay's son Sean has graduated with Honors from Brookwood High School and will be attending Georgia Tech in the fall. "It's almost as stressful as having a baby," says Finlay.

## School of Technology

Clayton State's Dean of the School of Technology Dr. Arthur Rosser recently presented Eric J. Wilhelm, chief executive officer and president of Wilpak, Inc., with a certificate of recognition from the Georgia Department of Technical and Adult Education (DTAE) and the Georgia Department of Industry, Trade and Tourism, along with a letter of appreciation from the Governor of Georgia, Sonny Purdue. The occasion was the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Manufacturing Appreciation Week, hosted by DTAE and the Department of Industry, Trade and Tourism, which culminated at the Governor's Awards Luncheon on Apr. 15 at the Cobb Galleria Centre. Wilpak was nominated for Small Manufacturer of the Year, and though not the winner, was presented the certificate of recognition and letter from the Governor. Rosser made the presentation at Wilpak's corporate office in Forest Park on May 6.

## Spivey Hall

Lisa Maxey, community services manager for Spivey Hall, is leaving the Hall this month. A reception is being held for her on Tuesday, June 8 in Spivey Hall, from noon to 2 p.m. Snacks and drinks will be served.

## Student Life

The Office of Student Life is forming a volunteer web site. The site will feature service and volunteer organizations on campus as well as volunteer opportunities in the community. A schedule of campus sponsored volunteer events will also be available. Please send information for the website to the Student Life Office.

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The Clayton State Office of Student Life & Orientation is offering Free Movie Fridays this summer, starting with The Cat in the Hat on Friday, June 11 at 7 p.m. in A&S 132. Also showing this summer... June 23 — 50 First Dates (Adam Sandler & Drew Barrymore); July 9 — Barbershop 2 (Cedric the Entertainer & Ice Cube); July 2 — Starsky & Hutch (Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson); Aug. 13 — Torque (Martin Henderson & Christina Milan). All Friday Movies begin at 7 p.m. and will be held in Arts and Sciences 132. A second showing of each movie will be the following Tuesday at noon in the Student Center Caf .

## University Relations

The Office of University Relations welcomed a new intern, Gina Finocchiaro, on June 2. "I'm excited," she says. "I finally reached the part in my education where I can focus on my major." The internship will give Finocchiaro firsthand experience at working in a public relations office and writing press releases. Finocchiaro first learned of the opportunity through Dr. William Pasch's Journalism 1011 class. "I really wanted some hands on work for the class," she says. Finocchiaro first got interested in journalism in Mount Zion High School's video production class. Finocchiaro is in her second year at Clayton State. She is working towards her bachelors in the Communication and Media Studies major that started in fall 2002. She plans to get a job in a newsroom after she graduates and work her way back up to producer again.

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Thanks to Technical Support Specialist/Special Projects Sherry Korts and her team from OITS for getting University Relations' computer operations up and running after the office's move to the Downs Center last week. Korts' Krew included; John Westbrook, Steve Wagner, David Campbell, Oumar Sylla and Peter Zolja.

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Director of University Relations John Shiffert's daughter, Maggie, completed second grade at Arnco Sargent Elementary School as the only student to earn all eight awards (academic, extra-curricular, PE, etc.) available to the school's second graders, including the award as the second grade's top Accelerated Reader, and the "All A's and Perfect Attendance" award. She also went through the entire year with a perfect record in spelling tests... a total of approximately 400 words.

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On May 20, Media Specialist and recent Clayton State grad, Leigh Duncan, watched the last of her three children, Nora Leigh-Ellen Akers, walk across the platform as a graduating senior from Northgate High School in Newnan, Ga. Nora graduated with the Gifted Seal and the Distinguished Seal in Technology for having been in gifted since the sixth grade and taking four years of technology related courses in high school. She will be attending Georgia Southern University this fall, majoring in Biology.

*Don't forget...*

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*Events!*

## Management Professors Carpool To Clayton State

by George Bagley, University Relations

Through e-mails and campus publicity, two Associate Professors of Management in the School of Business, Dr. George Messer and Dr. Michael Deis, have become involved in carpooling.

Messer and Deis began carpooling two to three days a week when Messer moved to a new home located in the same Newnan subdivision as Deis. Their decision to carpool was based on the advantages offered by carpooling; convenience, savings on auto expenses, helping the environment by limiting the number of cars on the road, doing their part to help preserve our natural resources, decreasing fatigue caused by driving individually, and even increased communication opportunities.

Dr. Jacob Chacko, associate dean of the School of Business, who arranges Messer's and Deis' teaching schedules, has supported their carpooling efforts when considering their schedules.

One of the minor adjustments that Messer and Deis have had to make in their individual schedules is to arrive at the campus a little earlier and/or leave a little later.

"In our case, when one of us needs to use the vehicle during the day, we have no problem letting the other carpooler use it," notes Messer.

Both Messer and Deis enjoy carpooling and agree that one of the main benefits is the opportunity to carry on a conversation with another faculty member while at the same time making each other's commute more enjoyable. It also gives them additional time to address work-related issues.

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

*Ray and Susan Wallace became proud grandparents (for the first time) on Wednesday, June 2, at 5:03 p.m. (CST) when Noah Robert Stuart (7 lbs., 10 oz. and 20 inches long) was born in Austin, Tx. All are doing well.*

## Women's Forum Finishes Second Successful Year at Clayton State

By Leigh G. Duncan, University Relations



Clayton College & State University's Women's Forum had their last meeting and luncheon for the 2003 - 2004 year Apr. 8, ending with special guest speaker, Harriet Hessam, chief executive officer of the Girl Scout Council of Northwest Georgia, the election of new officers for the upcoming year, and presenting the 2003-2004 scholarship awards.

Guest speaker, Hessam is used to speaking and promoting the Girl Scouts, but admitted she was humbled by the request to speak on her personal success story. In spite of that, she gave an eloquent account about the things that had been important to her through the years and those things that had helped her achieve the goals she had set for herself.

She focused on "Four Cornerstones for Building a Successful Life," which included: developing one's own potential by identifying your passion and abilities; developing the ability to relate to others with increasing understanding, skill, and respect; developing strong values; and being a servant to society.

Elections were held for next year's slate of officers. Those newly elected included Benita Moore, president; Dolores Cox, vice-president; Pat Keane, secretary; Melody Hodge, membership chair; Debra Cody, scholarship chair; Angelyn Hayes, student initiatives chair; and Alina Brooks, logistics chair. Those officers re-elected for a second term include: Vickie Fennell, treasurer; Reda Rowell, program chair; Joan McElroy, fundraising chair; and Martha Wicker, historian/publicity chair.

According to Joan McElroy, fundraising chair, the highlight for the year was when the scholarships were awarded. "The look on the recipients faces made all the efforts of fundraising so worth it! I am now rejuvenated to raise even more funds for next year," she says.



Last year, the Women's Forum set up an endowment fund for selected students and staff members. Proceeds from the Silent Auction and the sale of the Faculty/Staff/Alumni talent show video help to fund the endowment, along with donations from the membership. A total of \$3,000. was awarded to three students, Catherine Whitlock, Margaret Harris and LaToya C. Wimbush, and two staff members, Cheryl Garvin and Leslie Moore, based on 23 applications submitted earlier in the year.

"We (the Scholarship Committee – Benita Moore, Debra Cody, and Jo Kinnard) had a tough job selecting these five recipients from a pool of 23 students and employees, but we believe we selected (the most) deserving recipients," says Moore, assistant dean, School of Technology and 2003-2004 scholarship chair.

"Recipients have expressed how much they appreciate the scholarships and how helpful it will be for them. Two of the students are using it specifically to help pay for childcare during the summer so they can attend school", continues Moore.

The purpose of the Clayton State Women's Forum is to promote the educational, career and scholarship development activities of women through programming, mentoring, and advocacy. Forum membership is open to all employees at Clayton State including male colleagues and student assistants.

## Just In Case You Were Wondering...

Two TV antennas meet on a roof, fall in love and get married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.

Two hydrogen atoms walk into a bar. One says, "I've lost my electron". The other says, "Are you sure?" The first replies, "Yes, I'm positive..."

A jumper cable walks into a bar. The bartender says, "I'll serve you, but don't start anything."

A man walks into a bar with a slab of asphalt under his arm and says: "A beer please, and one for the road."

Two cannibals are eating a clown. One says to the other: "Does this taste funny to you?"

"Doc, I can't stop singing 'The Green, Green Grass of Home.'" "That sounds like Tom Jones Syndrome."  
"Is it common?" It's Not Unusual."

An invisible man marries an invisible woman. The kids were nothing to look at either.

I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day but I couldn't find any.

I went to the butcher's the other day and I bet him 50 bucks that he couldn't reach the meat off the top shelf. He said, "No, the steaks are too high."

I went to a seafood disco last week... and pulled a mussel.

What do you call a fish with no eyes?  
A fsh.

How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage.



*Our first Transportation Champions of the Month: Bernie and Rick Pascual. They carpooled the most in April. University RideShare will be promoting different aspects of Carpooling each month. If you are carpooling but have not registered, call Joan Murphy at (770) 960-4237 and find out more.*

### All-American, from p. 12

"This is a wonderful honor for both Jacky and Nathalia," said head coach Elizabeth Nieto. "They have been integral in developing our tennis program into a national contender. They along with fellow senior Natalia Koulechova will be difficult to replace."

Nieto and Collantes, the No. 1 and No. 2 singles players on Clayton State's 12<sup>th</sup> ranked team, were also named to the All-Conference team in singles and doubles for the third straight season in 2004.

A senior from Caracas, Venezuela, Nieto has played as Clayton State's top seed all four years, and her 57-42 record at No. 1 ranks eighth all-time on the Laker career singles list. Collantes, the nation's 30<sup>th</sup> ranked player and the second-seeded player for Clayton State, finished the 2004 season with a 12-1 record in singles play and compiled a 28-1 mark in dual match play over the last two seasons. A senior from Bucaramanga, Colombia, Collantes finished her career at Clayton State with the all-time best singles record at 75-17.

In doubles, Nieto and Collantes finished the season with a 12-2 record and sported a 25-4 mark over the last two seasons. Nieto and Collantes have a 77-21 overall record, Clayton State's all-time best record in doubles play.

### Trivia Time

#### We're Not in Kansas Anymore

by John Shiffert, University  
Relations

Dorothy Gale wasn't in Kansas when the tornado blew her to the Land of Oz. And Leigh Gayle Duncan has been known to blow by almost everything on her motorcycle. Hence, the connection in last issue's trivia question. Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller had the first correct answer, followed by Mary Coursey and Jean Myers.

As we reach the month of June, let's take a look at this year's Trivia Time standings. In what is shaping up as a tight, five-person race, OITS' Todd Birchfield and the Registrar Office's Myers are now tied atop the leader board with 15 points apiece. Zeller, the musician-historian, is third with 12, followed closely by defending champion Tom Eddins and Media & Printing Services' Gina Hearn with 10 each. Here's the entire top 10 (14 people have earned at least one point to date.)

- Todd Birchfield - 15
- Jean Myers - 15
- Kurt-Alexander Zeller - 12
- Tom Eddins - 10
- Gina Hearn - 10
- Russ Camp - 6
- Dina Swearngin - 5
- Judy Gifford - 4
- Mary Coursey - 3
- Robert Welborn - 3

And here's the next question, up for grabs... what was Woody Allen trying to clone from in "Sleeper?" First correct answer to [johnshiffert@mail.clayton.edu](mailto:johnshiffert@mail.clayton.edu) <<mailto:johnshiffert@mail.clayton.edu>> gets an all-expense-paid trip to Boise.

## Sports Page

# 4 X 4 Relay Makes All American

by Gid Rowell, Sports Information

The Clayton State 4x400m relay team placed sixth in finals of the NCAA Division II Track & Field Championships at Walnut, Ca., and in the process, became the school's first men's track & field athletes to receive All-America honors. The relay team of senior Rother Heard, junior Carlos Guyton, freshman Eric Simmons and freshman Brian Etelman finished with a time of 3:13.05.

"This has been an amazing season for our men's team," said Coach Mike Mead. "We went from having Tony (Juarez) being a provisional qualifier the previous two seasons to having a total of six guys make nationals this year and four being named All-America. They have put our program on the map...we've made tremendous strides."

St. Augustine's won the race with a time of 3:05.61, followed by North Dakota State in second at 3:07.75. Abilene Christian finished third in front of N.C. Central and Texas A&M Commerce. The Laker team finished ahead of fellow Georgia schools Albany State and Morehouse.

In addition to the relay team, Simmons and Juarez competed in the 400m and 1500m events earlier in the week, but neither was able to advance to the finals in their respective events. Senior Juarez placed 17<sup>th</sup> in the 1500m race, while Simmons came in 16<sup>th</sup> in the 400m race.

The Clayton State track squad was participating in the national meet for the third time in four years. Joni Guffey became the school's first track All-America in the 1500m in 2002.

## Nieto & Collantes Named Tennis All-American

The Clayton State women's tennis duo of Jackeline Nieto and Nathalia Collantes have been named NCAA Division II All-Americans once again by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

Nieto was named an All-American in singles for the third straight time, Clayton State's first three-time All-American honoree. She received the accolade by being ranked 16<sup>th</sup> in the nation by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association in 2004. The doubles duo of Collantes and Nieto also received All-American honors for the second straight season after being ranked sixth in the nation.

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