

Clayton State's 35th Anniversary is a Memorable One

by John Shiffert, University Relations



Administration Building, early 1970's

An enrollment milestone, the opening of the largest building in the University's 35-year history, and five new academic programs promise to make the fall 2004 semester a memorable one at Clayton College & State University.

Since its doors opened as Clayton Junior College on Sep. 30, 1969, the school has grown to University status, and from 942 students to a projected 6000+ students, at least when the new term officially starts Monday, Aug. 23, 2004. According to Associate Provost Dr. James Mackin, enrollment stood at 5445 on Tuesday, Aug. 10, leading to a projection in the range of 6000 to 6250 for the fall 2004 semester. Diane Burns, the University's interim assistant vice president for Enrollment Management, agrees with Mackin's projection, noting that it is based on a 22 percent increase in new student applications and pre-registrations of continuing students.

In addition to the main campus in Morrow, Clayton State also offers academic courses at the Fayette County Higher Education Center in Peachtree City. The Fayette Center also houses Clayton State Continuing Education courses, as does the University's Roswell Center in north Fulton County.

One of the challenges that goes along with increased enrollment is finding a place for all those new students. The Clayton State University Center will open for classes on Aug. 23, and will provide the University with a centerpiece building for the first time. A combination student center, classroom building and administration building, the University Center will also house technical support for the students' and faculty's 6000+ notebook computers, an information desk, faculty offices, the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences, meeting

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First Official UC Event: Private Tours Allow Faculty and Staff To Explore Clayton State University Center

by Lauren Baker, University Relations

On Friday, Aug. 13, the official papers were signed in the President's Office conference room of the University Center (UC), giving Clayton College & State University formal possession of the building. The following Monday, Aug. 16, the University celebrated with the first official event in the UC – private tours for Clayton State faculty and staff members.



At the invitation of President Dr. Thomas K. Harden, private tours of the UC were held to allow faculty and staff first dibs on exploring the new building. Some 200 Clayton State faculty and staff members participated in the tours.

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Jerri Hager Reminisces About “Growing Up” at Clayton State

by Leigh Duncan, University Relations

Jerri Hager, director of programs and professional training for Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education at Clayton College & State University, retires on Aug. 30, after 33 years of dedicated service.



Hager came to the then-Clayton Junior College in 1969, at age 17, immediately after high school as part of the school’s original freshman class – making her the University’s last current link to its founding, 35 years ago. She received her Associates of Arts in Social Sciences in 1973.

“My first job was student assistant in president’s [Harry Downs] office. I became full-time in 1971 working in the mailroom, where we did all the duplication and copying for the faculty using a mimeograph machine.”

Hager laughed (and then grimaced), recalling the smell of the purple ink.

“Boy, I’m really dating myself,” she chuckled. But anyone who knows can almost smell the tang just thinking about it.

Hager recalls another incident in the mailroom; the time she caught her then long blonde locks in the offset press.

“We used to have the press serviced once a month,” she recalls. “The service man had just been in and warned me about a guy who had gotten hurt really bad because his hair got caught, and in what seemed like less than a week, I got mine caught!”

She’s not sure who saved her life that day, but does recall the relief she felt when the machine was finally turned off.

After leaving the mailroom, Hager moved into Accounts Payable as a clerk. One would suppose, it wasn’t as difficult to get your hair caught in a 10-key adding machine.

“I feel so lucky to have worked at Clayton State,” she continues. “I’ve had so many opportunities for advancement and have been able to work in so many different departments. What’s even more amazing is I’ve enjoyed every one of my jobs.”

Hager talked the most about her tenure in Social Sciences. “I worked with [Dr. Gene] Hatfield, [Dr. John] Kohler, [Dr. Robert] Welborn, and many others. It was so different then; *they’ve* changed a lot,” she said jokingly. “They were wild, but we were like family; Clayton State *was* family to many of us.”

“Many years ago Hardy Jackson hired Jerri Hager to bring a semblance of order to a social science department run amuck — as I recall it — by heedless young professors who thought teaching was great fun, but who trailed mostly chaos in their wake,” says Kohler, the former dean of the School of Arts & Sciences and professor of History. “With good sense and her ever present quiet smile, she helped us all through our academic adolescence.”

“Jerri has been one of my all-time favorites here at Clayton,” says Hatfield, head of the department of Social Sciences and professor of History. “When I first met her, I was very impressed by Jerri because she was so helpful and had a smile for everyone. Since that time, she has continued to be helpful and still has that wonderful smile. She has had a great career here at Clayton. I will miss working with her.”

From Social Sciences, Hager moved on to the Public Information Office, known now as University Relations. As assistant to Jerry Atkins, Hager learned yet another aspect of how the university functioned, and her knowledge base increased even further.

In 1971, Hager married husband, Danny, and in 1977 gave birth to their first child, son Josh. Hager quit Clayton State, but within six months was back again; this time in Continuing Education.

“I couldn’t stay away,” she says. “I just couldn’t wait to get back to work.” And so began her long-time tenure with Continuing

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Life’s Transitions...

Clayton State retiree Martha Jenkins died on the morning of Friday, July 30. The funeral was handled by the Ford Stewart Funeral Home. Martha worked in Food Services as a baker as well as a cook and did great with biscuits and muffins. Most people who remember Martha will also remember her sidekick Mamie. A real pair of sweethearts. Mamie was famous for her squash souffle at the annual Madrigal Dinner.

Our dear friend, Bob Bookmiller, passed away on Monday, Aug. 16. Bob retired from Plant Operations and his wife, Sharon, works in Continuing Education. The funeral was held on Thursday, Aug. 19 at Clark Funeral Home in Hiram, Ga.

Clayton State Welcomes Dr. Deborah J. Clark, Associate Dean of Nursing

by Leigh Duncan, University Relations

Clayton College & State University welcomes Deborah J. Clark, Ph.D., MSN, MBA, RN as the School of Health Sciences' new associate dean of Nursing and as an associate professor of Nursing.

"Dr. Clark brings to Clayton State a breadth and depth of experience that will enhance the Department of Nursing's efforts to become a leader in nursing education. The wide variety of her experiences and interests will enhance the quality of education as well as the scholarly and service activities available within the School of Health Sciences," says Dr. Judith Plawecki, dean of the School of Health Sciences.

Clark, a 16-year resident of Georgia, began her nursing career in Urbana, Il., as a cardiovascular ICU nurse prior to becoming the director of Nursing at Cole Hospital in Champaign, Il. In 1988, she and husband Larry, currently Plant Operations supervisor at HealthSouth Central Georgia Rehabilitation Hospital, along with son Zachary, a senior at Westside High School, moved to Macon, Ga., where they currently reside. Clark finished her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and two Master's degrees, one in Nursing and one in Business Administration, at Georgia College & State University (GC&SU) in Milledgeville, Ga.

In 1999, Clark began her doctoral studies and later her dissertation, "The Physical, Behavioral, Economic, and Psychosocial Consequences of Adoption of Internet Technology Among Older Adults," for the nursing Ph.D. program at Georgia State University. She successfully defended and received the degree in 2003.

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rooms and student organization offices as well as the offices of Campus Life. And, while the students and faculty will certainly appreciate the 17 new classrooms that are wired for Internet connections and range in size from a 165-seat Lecture Hall to 35-seat classrooms, they will also appreciate having a central focus for Campus Life, including the University Bookstore and Dining Services, as well as numerous study and eating areas... which are "wired" as well.

35Three years in construction, the 131,000 square-foot University Center is a four-story steel frame structure with masonry exterior walls, and features more than 2,000 data drops and state-of-the-art audio-visual technology in the classrooms, keeping with the University's reputation for expertise in the use of technology in education, and its pioneering Information Technology Project, wherein all students and faculty must have access to a notebook computer.

One of the main reasons for the University's growth has been the addition of new baccalaureate programs. The five new programs

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Education, where she has remained to this day, moving up the ladder from office manager to director of Programs and Professional Training. In that capacity, Hager is proud to note that she has increased program revenue from under \$300,000 five years ago to almost \$900,000 today.

"I worked with Jerri in Continuing Education for 11 years and we worked together for the same amount of time with the Georgia Adult Education Association," says long-time colleague, Pat Keane, administrative assistant in Athletics. "She has been a great advocate for the university from the first day she arrived as a student, right through her thirty-some years as an employee. I am thankful for all I have learned from her...she is a terrific colleague and a good friend as well."

"The buildings weren't even completed when I went to register for classes," she says. "We had to register somewhere in Forest Park, and when classes did start, there were only two buildings completed; the Administration Building and the current Business and Health Sciences building." The Student Center was completed shortly after the term started and housed the Library on the second floor.

Hager has no immediate plans for her retirement. She just enrolled her second and last child, daughter Jenny, at Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah, Ga., and she and husband Danny have built a home in Brunswick, Ga., where Danny has started a new job at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.

Having recently (May 2004) earned her second degree – a bachelor's in Integrative Studies — from Clayton State, Hager is also considering going on to graduate school.

"I've been so used to taking classes, and I really enjoyed it for the most part," she says. "I might as well keep going. It certainly isn't going to hurt." I can't see myself not doing anything," she says. "I think I'll take some time getting to know the Brunswick area, or I might even look for a job." In the meantime, she is looking forward to her new opportunities, being close to the ocean, and making new friends at her new home in Brunswick.

A native of the Atlanta area and a graduate of Forest Park High School, Hager, who has spent the last 18 years living in Fayetteville, seems to be teetering between anticipation and determination. But with that ever present "quiet smile, she appears fearless (to say the least) as she takes time to ponder her new future and reminisce about all her years at Clayton State.

"I feel like I've grown up here, Hager says thoughtfully. "This has been my life. ■

SAM President Lizzy Vincent, Not Just Another Pretty Face

by Leigh Duncan, University Relations

Junior Elizabeth (Lizzy) Vincent has been accepted as a contestant in the Miss Georgia USA pageant in Rome, Ga., Nov. 4-6.

Vincent, a marketing major in the School of Business at Clayton State, is the current president and webmaster for the Clayton College & State University chapter of SAM, the Society for Advancement of Management, which has been named the most active large chapter in the country for 2004.

“For the coming academic year, she [Vincent] will have overall responsibility for new member luncheons, mentor workshops, career enhancement series speakers, a ski trip, a rafting trip, and many other activities planned by the chapter,” says Dr. Michael Deis, assistant professor of Management and faculty advisor for SAM. “Lizzy is always looking towards developing activities that will benefit the students at Clayton State.”

Clayton State Business Majors Score Big in Exit Exams

The Clayton College & State University School of Business has announced the national ranking of exiting seniors for this past academic year. Sixty-five graduating business majors tested in the 87 percentile using the Major Fields Test program, an innovative battery of undergraduate outcomes tests used by schools and departments at more than 600 colleges and universities globally to measure student academic achievement and growth.

“This test is given to over 25,000 students in schools of business across our nation,” says Ernest “Bud” Miller, dean of the Clayton State School of Business. “Because of the talent and hard work of the school’s faculty and staff, we continue to make excellent progress in reinventing our school to better meet the needs of our students and the business community of Southern Metropolitan Atlanta.”

The testing benefits both the student and the school. Academic departments benefit from the tests because the scores allow for detailed curriculum review and evaluation. Students benefit from the tests by having an effective means to determine their own level of achievement, comparing their scores with those of other students in the program and with national comparative data.

“Being in the 87 percentile is a considerable improvement over scores from previous years,” says Dr. Jacob Chacko, associate dean and professor of Marketing. “The student centered learning and excellent preparation they receive in business courses, plus a curriculum taught by well qualified faculty (not GTA’s), have all contributed to our high ranking.”

Two Clayton State students, Merrie LaFrenier of Stockbridge and Shawn Nelson of Fayetteville, won the first place award in the Joseph Bush Undergraduate Division of the case competition at the 2004 Society for Advancement of Management (SAM) International Conference held March 18 - 21, 2004, in Baltimore, beating teams from such prestigious schools as Texas A&M, Auburn, University of Illinois, Kent State and Wright State.

And the faculty of the School of Business has made a major commitment to remain current in their disciplines, with more than 70 peer-reviewed publications and presentations over the past year, and over 200 presentations at conferences during the last three years.

“I am very proud of the students, faculty and staff of the School of Business,” says Miller. When asked what the plans for improving the School of Business’ exit exam test scores for next year are, Chacko adds, “We believe in continuous improvement - this is no different.” ■

Vincent, a graduate of Eagles Landing High School (ELHS), received the Who’s Who Among American High School Students honor in 2001-2002 and 2002-2003. Among her other accomplishments in high school, Vincent danced on the ELHS dance team, was a member of the Art Club, received the Algebra II and the National History and Government awards. As a freshman at Eagle’s Landing, Vincent played fullback on the school’s football team, the first female to do so, and as a senior, she attended Clayton State as a post-secondary option student; also known as a joint-enrollment student.

She volunteers at the Reece Center for Handicapped Horsemanship, Hands on Atlanta, and Habitat for Humanity. She has also been a substitute teacher at the Academy for the Brilliant Child, a Montessori school in McDonough.

For fun, Vincent enjoys white water rafting, skiing, skydiving, riding horses, wakeboarding, playing tennis, swimming, traveling, riding dirt bikes and four-wheelers, and attending singles’ dances at her church.

With all this activity, Vincent still finds time to compete in contests, whether beauty or otherwise. In 2002 she was Miss McDonough City Queen, and in 2004, she was a semi-finalist in Emory University and University of Georgia, Athens Campus Su-

Sergeant Pam Bettis Honored as State Certification Manager

Clayton State Public Safety Recertification Finalized

Chief Bruce Holmes, Clayton College & State University Office of Public Safety, was among 450 heads of law enforcement agencies attending the recent 37th Annual Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police Summer Training Conference. While attending the conference, the Clayton State Police Department was one of 11 departments statewide that were officially awarded recertification under the voluntary certification program administered by the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police (GACP).

In addition to Clayton State's institutional recertification, Sergeant Pam Bettis, state certification manager for the Clayton State Police Department, was recognized for her dedication to the ideals and standards of the State Certification Program. Bettis received a plaque acknowledging her efforts as the state certification manager, a position that required her to: maintain the state certification files; meet with the assessors when they are on-site; continually review policies and procedures to ensure they are up-to-date; and ensure that the Clayton State Police Department is operating in conformance with the policies and procedures.

Certification status represents a significant professional achievement acknowledging that the department has implemented policies and procedures that are conceptually sound and operationally effective. The recertification was awarded by the Georgia Law Enforcement Certification Program (GLCP). The program was developed and is sponsored by the Georgia Association of Chief's of Police, Georgia Sheriff's Association, Department of Community Affairs, Georgia Peace Officers Standards and Training Council, and the Georgia Municipal Association.

The Agency Certification Program of the GACP has identified standards that are felt to be essential to the efficient and effective operation of law enforcement agencies. The re-certification award signifies that the Clayton State Police Department has implemented, maintained and adhered to a set of standards prescribed as a blueprint for professional enforcement, and that they are credible, realistic, flexible and effective. These standards incorporate contemporary professional thought and practices in the State, and will insure the goal of increasing the effectiveness and efficiency of Georgia law enforcement agencies.

GLCP is a voluntary state certification program and is also a time-proven way of helping law-enforcement agencies evaluate and improve their overall performance. The Georgia Law Enforcement Certification consists of 115 law enforcement standards checked by two independent assessors, drawn from law enforcement agencies across Georgia.

In January 1999, Clayton State's Police Department was the first collegiate police department to become state-certified under GLCP. In addition, recertification is a continuing process that assures law enforcement agencies continually strive to maintain high standards. As a result, the Clayton State Police Department is already preparing for recertification in 2009. ■

You Know You're Living in 2004 When....

1. You accidentally enter your password on the microwave.
2. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.
3. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.
4. You e-mail the person who works at the desk next to you.
5. Your reason for not staying in touch with friends and family is that they don't have e-mail addresses.
6. You go home after a long day at work you still answer the phone in a business manner.
7. You make phone calls from home, you accidentally dial "9" to get an outside line.
8. You've sat at the same desk for four years and worked for three different companies.
10. You learn about your redundancy on the 11 o'clock news.
11. Your boss doesn't have the ability to do your job.
12. You pull up in your own driveway and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home.
13. Every commercial on television has a website at the bottom of the screen.
14. Leaving the house without your cell phone, which you didn't have for the first 30 or 40 (or 60) years of your life, is now a cause for panic and you turn around to go and get it.
15. You get up in the morning and go online before getting your coffee.
16. You start tilting you head sideways to smile.
17. You're reading this and nodding and laughing.
18. Even worse, you know exactly to whom you are going to forward this message.
19. You are too busy to notice there was no #9 on this list.
20. You actually scrolled back up to check that there wasn't a #9 on this list

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Clayton State Students to Perform at Liszt Academy In Budapest

Three Clayton College & State University Music majors will have the opportunity of a lifetime – performing at world-famous the Franz Liszt Academy in Budapest – this coming fall.

Elena Cholakova, Patrick Thompson and Brandon Tucker will be traveling to Hungary with Dr. Maya Hoover and Clayton State President Dr. Thomas K. Harden as a follow-up to Harden's fall 2003 trip to central Europe. According to Dr. Douglas Wheeler, head of the Clayton State Music Department, the three students were chosen as being outstanding representatives of the University's music majors. They will be performing at the Liszt Academy on Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004.

Cholakova is a native of Bulgaria and a Piano Performance major studying with Associate Professor of Music Dr. Michiko Otaki. Thompson is from Fairburn and is a Composition major who studies with Assistant Professor of Music Dr. Chris Arrell. Tucker is from Morrow and is a Trombone Performance major who studies with adjunct faculty member Brent Vokes.

Since the Liszt Academy is closed for the month of August, some details of the students' performance and Hoover's role are still to be worked out. However, according to Wheeler, part of the plan for the trip is for Thompson to compose a piece for the performance. Wheeler also says that Clayton State's goal is to have Liszt Academy students perform at Spivey Hall next year and to make this an annual, alternating exchange between the two institutions.

The October 2003 Educational/Trade/Cultural mission to Hungary, Romania and the Czech Republic included five of the South-

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Lights! Camera! Action! Clayton State Presents Three Free Film Festivals This Fall

The Art, Film & Video Club and the Department of Communicative Arts and Integrative Studies (CAIS) at Clayton College & State University will present three film festivals this fall: The Cutting Edge, Mondays at the Movies, and the International Film Festival. All festivals are free and open to the public. All movies will be shown in room 272 of the University Center.

Date	The Cutting Edge Festival (12 p.m.)	Mondays at the Movies Festival (4:30 p.m.)
Aug. 23	"The Princess Bride"	"Chong qing sen lin (Chungking Express)"
Aug. 30	"Rear Window"	"Fresh"
Sept. 13	"Citizen Kane"	"Punch Drunk Love"
Sept. 20	"Do the Right Thing"	"Lock, Stock, and Two Smoking Barrels"
Sept. 27	"Le Fabuleux destin d'Amélie Poulain (Amélie)"	"Y tu Mamá también (And Your Mother Too)"
Oct. 4	"The Piano"	"Pi"
Oct. 11	"Lola Rennt (Run Lola Run)"	"Capturing the Friedmans"
Oct. 18	"Singin' in the Rain"	Avant-Garde Short Films
Oct. 25	"O Brother, Where Art Thou?"	"Ghost Dog"
Nov. 1	"Nuit et brouillard (Night & Fog)"	"Ghost World"
Nov. 8	Selected Avant-Garde Short Films	"Heavenly Creatures"
Nov. 15	"A bout de souffle (Breathless)"	"La haine (Hate)"
Nov. 22	"Bringing Up Baby"	"Lone Star"
Nov. 29	"Chinatown"	"Sans toit ni loi (Vagabonde)"
Dec. 6	"The Matrix"	"The Station Agent"

Films shown in The Cutting Edge film festival will begin at 12 p.m. on Mondays, and films shown in the Mondays at the Movies film festival will begin at 4:30 p.m. on Mondays. Films in The Cutting Edge film festival contain strong adult themes, and viewers under the age of 17 will not be admitted without an adult. In addition to the 4:30 p.m. showings, The Cutting Edge will also bring four additional films showing on special dates and times.

Oct. 19	"La Cité des enfants perdus (The City of Lost Children)"	Special time: 6 p.m.
Oct. 19	"El Espinazo del Diablo (The Devil's Backbone)"	Special time: 8 p.m.
Oct. 21	"The Secretary"	Special time: 6 p.m.
Oct. 21	"Lost in Translation"	Special time: 8 p.m.

Films showing in the International Film Festival will be announced at a later date. English subtitles will be shown for foreign films in all three film festivals.

The Cutting Edge, Mondays at the Movies, and the International Film Festival are sponsored by Clayton State's Art, Film, & Video Club and by the University's Student Life organization. For more information on the film festivals, contact Dr. Virginia Bonner at VirginiaBonner@mail.clayton.edu or call (770) 961-3640. ■

Laker Angel Club Formed by Staff Council

Background

One of our employees' concerns was the need to notify others when there is a personal need from an employee. This personal need could be domestic help when one is ill, financial help after a catastrophic event, or even the need for sick leave time.

Because needs can be very personal in nature, it may be difficult for someone to advertise their need. It may be a better approach to form a list of employees who are willing to volunteer their time. Some of us may be willing to help raise funds. And some of us may be willing to donate unused sick time.

Thus, the Laker Angel Club was born.

Goals

The Laker Angel Club really has three goals:

Goal 1 is to build a list of volunteers to help those employees in need of domestic assistance. Examples of domestic assistance include: grocery shopping, babysitting, house cleaning, yard work, transportation to name a few.

Goal 2 is to provide a mechanism where employees can donate sick leave to a common account from which employees in need can withdraw. Our HR department is researching this area as we speak.

Goal 3 is to raise money to assist employees in dire need of financial help. Reasons for financial assistance may be due to a catastrophic event, long term illness or incapacitation.

Club Structure

The Laker Angel Club is open to any Clayton State employee interested in volunteering. The Club is organized like most committees with a Board consisting of a Chair, Vice-Chair and a Treasurer. Generally, The Chair is responsible for organizing the club, presiding over meetings, and leading the club. The Vice-Chair is responsible for taking the meeting notes and presiding in the absence of the Chair. The Treasurer is responsible for keeping accurate accounting records and distributing approved funds for financial assistance.

We already have an email address: LakerAngel@mail.clayton.edu. ■

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"We are privileged to give faculty and staff members the first official tour of the building," says Vice President for External Relations Dr. Bryan Edwards. "Given their hard work and loyalty, we felt that they should be the first to see the space."

Tours commenced at 2:30 p.m. and continued in half hour intervals until 5 p.m. Six tour groups each equipped with two guides led faculty and staff on thorough tours of the UC. Among the tour highlights: President Harden's welcome speech given as each group entered the Office of the President; brownies and coffee provided within the Office of the Provost and Academic Affairs; special departmental tours given by the Center for Instructional Development; and complementary refreshments and pastries prepared by Chef Thomas Pritchett and Dining Services.

"The tours were very well organized, and it was a great idea to orient the staff and faculty before the students arrive," says Public Services Librarian Joan Taylor. "It's great to see the finished product," adds Heidi Benford, also from Library staff.

And the finished product is very impressive. With state of the art technology, 17 classrooms, and a sizable 165 seat lecture hall, the 131,000 square foot UC is playing a large role in expanding Clayton State's presence in the Southern Crescent.

"I'm very pleased with the technology that's been incorporated into the classrooms and instructional spaces," notes Director of Media & Printing Services Paul Bailey, "It really takes Clayton State to the next level." In the same vein, Vice President of Operations P.J. O'Hare comments, "The University Center will enhance the image of Clayton State exponentially. The building gives Clayton State a real university feel that welcomes visitors, dignitaries, staff, faculty, and students."

From an admission's viewpoint, Director of Admissions Jeff Hammer shares, "This building is a great showplace to bring perspective students." And the students are coming – projections estimate an enrollment between 6,000 and 6,250 students when fall semester 2004 classes start on Monday, Aug. 23...another record enrollment for the University. ■

Across the Campus

Auxiliary Services

The Clayton State ID is being re-named. It will now be The Laker Card with a new card design, including a new logo. Issuing of the Laker Card began on Aug. 16 to all incoming freshmen. Eventually all LINX Cards will be replaced with Laker Cards, but until that time, your LINX Card will continue to function. The design of the Laker Card logo and ID card incorporate several elements that represent Clayton State: the Laker Card logo gives the impression of ripples on our lakes; both the logo and card design make effective use of the Clayton State school colors; the broad blue band across card reflects the roofline of the University Center.

Health Sciences

Dr. Melanie Poudevigne (“Poo-duh-veen-ya”) will be joining the faculty as the new Coordinator of Health & Fitness Management and Assistant Professor. (No, the new program is not yet approved by the BOR but we are very optimistic!). We believe that we have hired a wonderful individual who will bring the leadership and enthusiasm necessary to develop a successful Health & Fitness Management program for Clayton State. As the chair of the search committee, Cindy Lauer would like to acknowledge the committee members (Janet Hamilton, Peter Fitzpatrick, Deb Gritzmacher, Sharon Croft) for all their hard work and patience over the summer as we trudged through the process. Additionally, She would like to thank Dr. Judith Plawecki, Dr. Deb Clark and Lydia Vanderford for their participation. Last but not least, her gratitude goes out to Jamye Sanders for helping prepare the candidate’s letters and folders.

Intramural Sports & Recreation

Clayton State’s Intramural Sports & Recreation Office announces... the Fall 2004 “Stay Fit” program. It has been a crazy, lazy summer! Sign up today to enroll in this semester’s exciting aerobic classes! Classes are held Monday thru Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in the Athletics & Fitness Center mat room. Monday — Yoga/Pilates. Tuesday — Kickboxing. Wednesday — Lo/Lean & Body Sculpting. Thursday — Hip Hop Aerobics. Cost: Students \$20; Faculty/Staff \$25.

President's Office

The President’s State of the University Address for 2004 will be held on Friday, Sept. 10 at 1 p.m. in Spivey Hall. Mark your calendar, now!

Purchasing

The mail room has hired a new delivery person. Thomas Stanford will have the expanded responsibilities of delivering both the morning USPS mail and delivering campus packages on a daily basis. He will continue the procedure of delivering one mail run in the morning, but will also deliver (desktop) UPS and Fed Ex packages in the afternoon. Currently, the campus is not receiving packages on a daily basis, so we hope this expanded service will provide better customer service to the departments. He started his deliveries on Aug. 16 and can be reached at the mailroom extension 3692. If you have any questions concerning urgent USPS mail needs, please continue to contact Dirk Morrell at extension 4345 or 3692.

Please note by order of the President, **all state owned furniture** will remain in its current location for those departments moving to the University Center. Cindy Knight is requesting that each transferring department complete a Clayton State Property Movement Report found at <http://adminsvcs.clayton.edu/purchasing>. Please list all furniture that is being left behind and its current location. If the furniture has already been “promised” to another department, identify the new department and location on the form, and forward the completed form to Property Control in the Student Center, room #219. Once these forms have been compiled and updated into the master list we will be able to verify what furniture is available for future reassignment.

School of Technology

Gov. Sonny Perdue has found another job for the state’s “Swiss Army Knife.” Michael Vollmer, 54, president of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, and former interim President of Clayton College & State University, will take over the Department of Technical and Adult Education (DTAE) on Oct. 1, Perdue said. Vollmer has been the top choice of three previous governors to start

up or run high-profile efforts, from helping direct the state’s anti-drug crusade, starting under former Gov. Joe Frank Harris, in the 1980s and early 1990s, to heading Georgia’s new school-grading system in 2000. Clayton State’s DTAE program resides in the School of Technology.

Student Life

Summer is almost over.... and it’s time to submit for this year’s Activities Fair & Marketplace! If you would like to sign your organization or department up for a display table please complete the following attachment and forward your reply back to angelaavery@mail.clayton.edu by noon, Aug. 27. The Activities Fair & Marketplace will be held on Thur., Sept. 2 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Teacher Education

The Clayton College & State University Office of Teacher Education will be holding two fall semester Information Sessions for students on Tuesday, Sept. 28 and Thursday, Nov. 18. Any students — both currently enrolled Clayton State students and prospective Clayton State students — seeking information about Clayton State’s BA in Middle Level Education are invited to attend the Information Sessions, which will include a one-hour dialog on the nature of the program, admission criteria, course scheduling and other items of interest. Both Information Sessions will run from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in room 229 of the University’s Arts & Sciences Building. For more information on the Teacher Education Information Sessions, contact Marygrace Surma at (770) 961-3578.

The Office of Teacher Education is sponsoring two PRAXIS workshops this fall semester. Passing the PRAXIS I and PRAXIS II tests is a requirement for teacher certification in the state of Georgia. PRAXIS I Workshop – Sept. 28 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in room 13 of the Lecture Hall. PRAXIS II Workshop – Oct. 14, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in room 14 of Business & Health Sciences.

Technical Support

The Faculty Help Line 5179 is dead. Please contact the HUB using 4357. When this line is restored faculty will be notified. If you are

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staff, please do not dial this number. 5179 is a faculty hotline and is only one line. 4357 has three incoming lines.

Testing Center

Sharon Long, Director, Testing Center, attended the National College Testing Association (NCTA) conference Aug. 11-14, in New Orleans. Long served as a conference moderator, new-member mentor, and Georgia state liaison, as well as assisting with registration responsibilities.

The HUB

The HUB is very excited about moving our service counter from the Student Center into the University Center. We are ready for the upcoming semester and are pleased to open in our new location, University Center room 101. The service counter location offers students, faculty, and staff assistance in hardware and software troubleshooting, configuration and repairs. The service counter hours of operation are Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., and on Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We invite students to visit our other HUB location, Student Software Support Services (SSSS), which is located in the lower Library. This location is for students to have the necessary software installed, or to receive help with various computer applications. SSSS hours of operation are Monday – Thursday 8 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. – 12 noon. The HUB looks forward to serving you at both locations.

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officially starting this month include a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice, a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science, the University System of Georgia's first fully on-line undergraduate degree in information technology — the WebBSIT, or Bachelor of Science in Information Technology, a Bachelor of Arts in English, and a Bachelor's of Science in Mathematics. The Criminal Justice, Political Science and English degrees will be housed in the School of Arts and Sciences, while the WebBSIT and the Mathematics degree will be in the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences. ■

Alumni/Development

Clayton State to Hold Open House on Forthcoming Ireland Trip

The Clayton College & State University's School of Arts and Sciences and the Clayton College & State University Foundation will be leading another group of interested adults on their Second Annual Tour of Ireland on May 20-29, 2005.

Because seating is limited on this fabulous trip to the Emerald Isle, individuals wishing to participate should come to the Irish Tour Open House in room 301 of the Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education on the Clayton State campus on Thursday, Aug. 26, at 7 p.m.

The price of \$2,975 per adult includes round-trip airfare, first-class hotels, luxury coach, many meals, and admission to various cultural and historical sites in Ireland. A payment schedule is available, credit card payments are also accepted, and there is a slight surcharge for those adults traveling alone.

The 10 day/eight night tour will be lead by Dr. Ray Wallace, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, and a native of Ireland. Points of interest on the itinerary will include: Dublin, Belfast, Bushmills, the Giant's Causeway, the Ulster-American Folk Park, Derry, Belleek, Donegal, Sligo, Westport and Galway. Tours of castles, formal gardens, a ferry ride, a tour of "The Quiet Man" village, several evenings of Irish music, dance, and culture, and a catamaran cruise are also scheduled.

For more information call Wallace at (770) 961-3420 or Foundation Director Reda Rowell at (770) 961-3681. ■

Congratulations to Five Take the Clean Air Challenge Winners of \$25

Patricia Jackson, Dining Services; Ana Gordan, Plant Operations; Paul Bailey, Media & Printing; Tenesea Grant, Bookstore; Laurie Hackworth; CAA, are the five lucky "Take the Clean Air Challenge Winners, for July 2004. Each received a \$25 American Express Gift card from The Clean Air Campaign.

July was the last month for employees (including student assistants, etc.) to participate. The Clean Air Campaign presented five people \$25 gift cards in July. These were five of 47 employees who teleworked, had off-campus meetings, walked, biked, took transit or carpooled.

For more information, go to the Public Safety web page and select "Take the Clean Air Challenge":

<http://adminsivices.clayton.edu/ps/> . Or just to view the winners for May and June:

http://adminsivices.clayton.edu/ps/CACCh/winners_ca_chall.htm

If you carpool and have not registered, contact Public Safety for more information about other monthly drawings for carpooling at least one time a week.

Please support the environment and better health. ■

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ern Crescent's foremost educational, business and cultural leaders; Harden, Grant Wainscott, vice president of the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce, Robert Lee, owner of Southside Seafood and currently president of the Clayton College & State University Foundation Board of Trustees, Sherryl Nelson, executive director of Spivey Hall, and Rev. Lanny Loe of the First Baptist Church of Jonesboro.

Clayton State's delegates, Harden and Nelson, in addition to helping with the mission's economic development efforts, also added an important educational and cultural component to the trip. From the former point of view, Harden says his goal was to develop international study opportunities for Clayton State students and faculty.

Nelson describes the Liszt Academy partnership potential as, "an exceptional opportunity for Clayton State music faculty and students to share unique cultural perspectives with some of today's greatest young musicians and artist-teachers."

Liszt Academy Director of Studies Franciska Ispan believes the prospect of student and faculty exchange with Clayton State will build greater understanding and appreciation of the cultures and the people of Central Europe and the Southeastern United States.

A leading scholar and researcher of Latin American art song, Hoover is also an active performer, teacher, clinician, music education philosopher and author, in addition to her faculty position at Clayton State. Her accomplishments in the performance and teaching arenas have earned her invitations to appear around the world, and her specialty in the music of the 20th and 21st centuries has led her to collaborations with some of today's leading composers.

Hoover holds a Doctor of Music degree in Voice Performance and Literature with a minor in Music Education from Indiana University, a Master of Music degree from Westminster Choir College, and a Bachelor of Music degree with a minor in Italian Language and Literature from Binghamton University. Her publications have appeared in *Classical Singer* and *The Mentoring Connection*. She teaches Applied Voice, Song Literature and Vocal Pedagogy at Clayton State. ■

Clark, from p. 3

At GC&SU, Clark was an assistant professor of Nursing in the department of Healthcare Systems & Informatics and the department of Adult & Gerontological Nursing. She confesses her first love is working with older adults.

"I have always loved working with older adults," says Clark. "They are fascinating people and have so much to offer."

Beyond Clark's love for nursing and the elderly, is her love for teaching, business, and using technology, including online teaching, online data collection, research, and website management. In her various roles she has initiated or developed programs to better educate nurses, utilize personnel, improve patient care, and develop management systems.

One such program involved research on the development and testing of the Internet Consequences Scales (ICONS), a tool that evaluates the physical, psychosocial, behavioral, and economic consequences a person attributes to Internet use. Clark has conducted several quantitative and qualitative studies in this area, including one with her colleague, Dr. Karen Frith at GC&SU. In addition, Clark has been published seven times including: "Surfing for seniors: Improving quality of life through use of the Internet," and "Course Redesign: Incorporating a website into an existing nursing class."

At Clayton State, Clark has already created and posted an improved system for tracking class schedules and adapted the tool for determining meeting times including the nursing faculty's individual workloads. Using a Vista course site called "Faculty Lounge," Clark will be able to keep the department's faculty and staff informed of what is happening within the department and will be able to manage the department's time more effectively.

"Dr. Clark is already making significant contributions to the on-going effectiveness and efficiency of the Department of Nursing," adds Plawecki. "I am delighted to have her join us in the School of Health Sciences and I am looking forward to witnessing the continued advancement of the nursing profession and our programming through her leadership activities." ■

Campus Moves to Microsoft Office 2003 Professional

In with the task panes and out with the open/close dialog boxes. No longer do you have to remember what you called your earlier documents, they'll be listed out for you as links. And, when you are awaiting that important e-mail, you do not have to stop what you are doing each time you get new e-mail to see if it is what you are expecting, you will get a preview in the lower corner of your screen showing the author and subject of incoming e-mails. All of these improvements are available in MS Office 2003.

Faculty and staff were upgraded to this newest version of Office over the summer. The HUB is now installing MS Office 2003 on all student laptops. In consideration of student schedules, the HUB installs software by appointment only the first two weeks of fall and spring semesters. Beginning the third week, students can have the software installed on a walk-up basis. Software for students is installed in the HUB's Student Software Support Services area, located in the lower Library. Students can make appointments on the HUB's website at thehub.clayton.edu.

The HUB also offers workshops to students on the differences in Office 2000 and Office 2003. Students may sign up for these workshops at thehub.clayton.edu. ■

Women's Forum Silent Auction Oct. 19

The Clayton College & State University Women's Forum Announces the 3rd Annual Silent Auction, Tuesday, Oct. 19 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the University Center Commons.

Please consider donating your talent, or your family and friend's talent! Last year's Silent Auction raised \$4,900 through donations from faculty, staff, retirees, and area businesses. This enabled the Women's Forum to award five educational scholarships to three students and two staff members.

Register your donation by Oct. 13 at http://admservices.clayton.edu/wom_forum, click on "News" then "Silent Auction" or call Joan McElroy at (770) 961-3518.

Drop-off locations for donations are the Library, Room 126/JoAnn Quattlebaum (770) 961-3470; or the Student Center, Room 223/Joan McElroy (770) 961-3518.

Silent Auction Donation Suggestions (tax deductible):

Arts & Crafts	Baked Goods	Car Maintenance
Books	Shopping Service	Pressure Washing
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Paintings	Yard Work	Music Lessons
Weekend Get-Away at your 2nd home	Interior/Exterior Painting	Art Lessons
Jewelry	Dinner Party for two	Sewing
Gift Certificates	Baby Sitting	Wallpapering
	Pet Sitting	Furniture Refinishing
		Miscellaneous Services

The Women's Forum Fundraising Committee sincerely thanks you: Row Anderson, Heidi Benford, Alina Brooks, Florence Cunningham, Pat Keane, Cindy Knight, Joan McElroy and JoAnn Quattlebaum. ■

CAA Welcomes Peer Tutor Kelly Taylor

The Center for Academic Assistance welcomes Clayton State's new Peer Tutor Coordinator, Kelly Barnes Taylor. Her academic and career focus to this point has been on teaching and tutoring English communication skills.

The Tutor Coordinator is responsible for coordinating the tutorial component of the CAA. The Tutor Coordinator ensures that all students are effectively accessing University resources and services to improve their academic progress.

Taylor will work to provide support for Clayton State's instructional activities and to advertise the CAA's services to students, staff, and faculty. Her primary responsibility is to train and supervise peer tutors. She will also **develop and implement workshops that concentrate on problematic areas for students** and oversee the development of supplemental instruction activities associated with historically difficult courses.

Taylor looks forward to providing instruction, support, and inspiration to students interested in peer tutoring and to students who come to the CAA for individualized instruction. ■

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perstar contest. She has participated in Clayton State's Apollo night, a Kiwanis Club of Stockbridge talent showcase, Talent Search 2000, two Eagles Landing talent shows and Miss Golden Eagle pageants.

Vincent is not just another pretty face by any stretch of the imagination. She's beauty and brains all rolled up into one remarkable young woman. She carries a 3.5 GPA as a Clayton State business major and thoroughly enjoys her Church, family, friends and the many activities she is involved in.

At 19, Vincent feels there is nothing more important than caring for others. And when giving advice to other students at Clayton State, Vincent stresses they should enjoy the best times of their lives and "just go for it." ■

Trivia Time

The Comic Classics (Part II)

**by John Shiffert, University
Relations**

As noted last issue, the heyday of the movie comedy came in the 1930s and 1940s, when the five Marx Brothers, W.C. Fields, Stan and Ollie, the Three Stooges and Bud and Lou held forth and there was always a chance you might die laughing in a movie theater.

Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller was the only person who knew the names of the Five Marx Brothers — Groucho, Chico, Harpo, Gummo and Zeppo. In case you were wondering who the other cast of characters included... Oliver Hardy, long before he teamed up with Stan Laurel, played the Tin Woodsman in a very early version of "The Wizard of Oz." And Lou Costello is said to have copied many of his screen mannerisms from none other than Jerome "Curly" Howard of the Three Stooges.

Returning to the present, and Clayton State, do YOU remember when we broke ground for the University Center? First correct answer to johnshiffert@mail.clayton.edu gets a special, Luca Yearsovich-designed map on the UC.

Sports Page

Cox Signs Former DBCC Standouts Patterson and Bukowska for 2004-05 Season

by Gid Rowell, Sports Information

First-year Clayton College & State University women's basketball head coach Dennis Cox has announced the signing of two more players for the 2004-05 season, and both will be familiar with his style and the success of his system.

Cox signed two of his former junior college players at Daytona Beach Community College in Jasmine Patterson and Barbara "Basia" Bukowska. Patterson played two seasons at DBCC and helped lead the program to a 29-2 record in the 2002-03 season, while both she and Bukowska played on last year's squad that finished with a 19-10 mark.

A 5-foot-10 small forward, Patterson was twice named All-Mid-Florida Conference and twice named to the NJCAA All-Region VIII squad. She averaged 15 points, seven rebounds and two blocked shots per game in two seasons at DBCC. In her freshman year, she was named Mid-Florida Conference Player of the Year and third team NJCAA All-America.

Bukowska, a 5-5 sophomore point guard from Lublin, Poland, joins the Lakers after averaging nine points and four assists per game, earning All-Mid-Florida Conference honors. She is a 3-point shooting specialist, as she drained 56 three-pointers last year, hitting almost 40 percent from the field. She also excels in the classroom with a 3.91 grade point average, majoring in business.

Patterson and Bukowska will join Marie St. Fort of West Palm Beach, FL, who signed earlier this summer, giving the Lakers three signees for the upcoming season. ■

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