

Dedication and Grand Opening Set for October 18

Fall Semester Opens at Clayton State ... So Does the University Center

by John Shiffert, University Relations

A much-anticipated fall 2004 semester opened Aug. 23 at Clayton College & State University, along with the \$19 million, 131,000-square foot University Center (UC).

Day One of the University Center saw no less than 83 separate classes held in the University's new signature building. Although such a schedule will be typical for the University Center over the coming weeks, the building's official grand opening and dedication will be held on Monday, Oct. 18, 2004, the dedication at 2 p.m. and the grand opening at 7 p.m. More details on these events will be forthcoming.

The new building, which serves as a combination student center, classroom building and administration building, and which is without precedent in the University System of Georgia, opens at a key moment for Clayton State. Enrollment projections for the new semester have placed the current student population at more than 6,000 for the first time in the University's history, and the building's 19 new classrooms and more than 2,000 data drops will be needed to accommodate Clayton State's growth. Indeed, the first day of classes saw groups of students scattered about the building, most taking advantage of the numerous internet connections in virtually all of the UC's public places.

The University Center also houses technical and software support for the students' and faculty's 6000+ notebook computers, an information desk, faculty offices, the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences, meeting rooms and student organization offices as well as the offices of Campus Life... all helping to make the UC the central focus for campus life, thanks in part to the University Bookstore, Dining Services (which will open in early October), as well as numerous study and eating areas... which are "wired" as well. ■

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Enrollment Services Shines, Says Burns

Clayton State Tops 6,000 Students

Clayton College & State University's enrollment has passed the 6,000 mark for the first time in the University's 35-year history.

According to Associate Provost Dr. James Mackin, enrollment as of Friday morning, Sept. 3 was 6,056. However, Mackin also noted that the census date for this term's enrollment figures isn't until Oct. 15, meaning the current enrollment number is preliminary.

Of equal significance is the fact that the percentage of full-time students is an all-time record 49.8 percent. Mackin points out that this figure is a record by almost three percent. The fall 2003 semester saw 46.9 percent of Clayton State students attending full-time (12 credit hours or more.)

While the opening of the University Center has provided the record student population an obvious focal point for their activities, Interim Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Services Diane Burns notes that a lot of work has gone on behind the scenes to help get those 6,000+ students into the University, and the University Center.

"I would like to recognize and publicly thank all the staff members in the Division of Enrollment Services for going the 'extra mile' to help admit, award aid, and register a record number of students," she says. "Many of you worked long hours and extended deadlines to serve our new students, and I want to recognize each of you for your dedication and hard work.

"Special thanks also to those students, faculty and staff who worked the summer Orientations. You all did an outstanding job." ■

Clayton State Named Number One in Diversity... Again

by John Shiffert, University Relations

For the third time, the diversity of the student body at Clayton College & State University has been recognized by U.S. News & World Report.

In the 2005 edition of the magazine's much-heralded America's Best Colleges, Clayton State's fast-growing student body was recognized as the most diverse in the "Comprehensive College's - Bachelor's" category in the southern United States.

As explained on the magazine's website, "to identify colleges where students are most likely to encounter undergraduates from racial or ethnic groups different from their own, U.S. News factors in the total proportion of minority students - leaving out international students - and the overall mix of groups. The data are drawn from each institution's 2003-2004 student body."

U.S. News' diversity categories include American Indians and Alaskan Natives (Native Americans), Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders, African-Americans who are non-Hispanic, whites who are non-Hispanic, and Hispanics, producing a diversity index that ranges from 0.0 to 1.0. The closer a school's number is to 1.0, the more diverse is the student population. Clayton State's Diversity Score of 0.56 easily outdistanced Columbia (S.C.) and North Carolina Wesleyan, both with an 0.53 score. The 2005 Top 10 for the south...

Clayton State - 0.56
Columbia College - 0.53
North Carolina Wesleyan - 0.53
Limestone College - 0.52
Faulkner University - 0.51
Belhaven College - 0.49
Thomas University - 0.49
International College - 0.46
Methodist College - 0.46
U. of South Carolina Upstate - 0.45

U.S. News' southern region includes institutions in the states of; Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Florida, Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia and West Virginia.

Clayton State's student body, which has topped 6,000 for the first time in the fall 2004 semester, was initially recognized by U.S. News for its diversity in 2001. For the most recently-completed full semester (spring 2004), Clayton State's ethnicity breakdown was as follows...

African-American - 48.5%
White - 39.9%
Multiracial - 4.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander - 4.0%
Hispanic - 2.5%
American Indian or Alaskan Native - 0.4%

Health & Fitness Gets New Coordinator

by Gina Finocchiaro, University Relations

Dr. Melanie Poudevigne will be serving as the Health & Fitness Management coordinator in the School of Health Sciences this fall at Clayton State.

Her duties will include course and program review, teacher reviews, budgetary responsibility, and other general oversight activities. She already teaches personal health and nutrition with hopes and plans to introduce new electives such as physical activity epidemiology or mental health and physical activity.

"Students will be able to broaden their job perspective by investigating potential internships in fitness corporate, leisure fitness such as parks and event planning, as well as entrepreneurship such as studio, personal training, and global fitness businesses," she says.

Poudevigne has been involved in Health & Fitness Management for the past nine years with jobs varying from coaching, event promoting, lecturing, researching and consulting.

Along with a busy work schedule, Poudevigne has been doing research. Her doctoral research focused on the relationship between mental health and pregnancy. She is currently obtaining pilot data for a randomized trial of exercise with pregnant women and will soon be doing research on the effects of exercise on back pain among pregnant women.

Poudevigne, originally from France, received her first degree in Mathematics and Science. She studied at the University of Paris-Rene Descartes before transferring to the University of West Georgia where she received a Bachelors in Coaching and Motor Performance. She then traveled back to France to get her Masters in Exercise Physiology from the University of Marseille and her doctorate in Exercise Science from the University of Georgia.

"Clayton State is like home for me," she says. "Students representing all major religions, political perspectives, racial groups, sexual orientations, abilities, and social economic status are members of the Clayton State family. It reminds me a lot of Paris!" ■

You Should Know About Windows XP Service Pack 2

Windows XP Service Pack 2 (SP2) is currently being released by Microsoft. Many of you have automatic updates turned on with your computers and will receive this service pack without intervention on your part. Others will be prompted that it is available and directed to Windows Update for the upgrade. Below is a statement from Microsoft concerning this update, a statement from the University System Help Desk regarding testing that has taken place regarding SP2, and OITS' experience testing SP2 at Clayton State.

Microsoft delayed the initial release of SP2 so that additional functional testing could be performed. The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and OITS have tested SP2 for many weeks on many different machines and found no problems with the update—including WebCT, Banner, and PeopleSoft. However, given the complexity of SP2, OITS recommends that SP2 undergo further testing before adoption campus-wide. Users are free to install SP2 at their own discretion; however, please be advised that the service pack is large and the download takes a considerable amount of time. Once the installation stage has started, it should NOT be interrupted.

From Microsoft:

"Windows XP Service Pack 2 (SP2) contains major security improvements designed to provide better protection against hackers, viruses, and worms. Windows XP SP2 also improves the manageability of the security features in Windows XP and provides more and better information to help users make decisions that may potentially affect their security and privacy. Because of these significant improvements, Microsoft views Windows XP SP2 as an essential security update and is therefore distributing it as a "critical update" via Windows Update (WU) and the Automatic Updates (AU) delivery mechanism in Windows. Microsoft strongly urges customers with Windows XP and Windows XP Service Pack 1-based systems to update to Windows XP SP2 as soon as possible."

From the University System Help Desk:

"As many of you are aware, Microsoft released the second service pack (SP2) for Windows XP on August 9th. This new service pack installs substantial updates to the operating system, networking code, IE and other applications, and introduces many new features. The BOR/OIIT has performed preliminary, non-exhaustive, tests of XP SP2 as a client workstation OS against three of our major ERPs — Banner, PeopleSoft HR, and PeopleSoft Financials. Our testing has shown no problems or incompatibilities with those systems as of yet. Nonetheless, the BOR/OIIT recommends that campuses delay the general deployment of SP2 for at least one month, and we encourage campuses to perform their own testing of SP2 and then deploy the service pack according to normal campus standards." ■

Enrollment at Fayette County Higher Education Center Almost Doubles

Enrollment for Clayton College & State University academic courses at the Fayette County Higher Education Center has almost doubled from the spring 2004 semester to the current fall 2004 semester.

When classes started Tuesday, Aug. 24 at the Fayette Center, located in the Peachtree City Tennis Center at 10 Planterra Way in Peachtree City, a total of 112 students had enrolled in academic courses, an increase of 93 percent from the spring 2004 enrollment of 58. Clayton State first started offering academic courses at the Fayette Center in the fall of 2003, with a group of 36 students. Thus, in the course of one year, enrollment has grown 211 percent.

"Clayton State is committed to more completely serving the people of Fayette County. Our enrollment has increased as we hoped and projected. We are working with the county leadership to expand the higher education opportunities in Fayette County," says Clayton State President Dr. Thomas K. Harden.

"The dramatic increases in enrollment can be attributed to greater awareness of the course offerings due to the expanded marketing efforts to include traditional students and current Clayton State students," explains Director of Admissions Jeff Hammer. "Another major factor is that we are offering more courses than we did in previous semesters."

Hammer also commends the Office of Admissions' Anika Chambers for doing an excellent job working with the Fayette Center.

"Without her attention to detail and follow-up with students, the enrollments would not be nearly as high," he says.

Exactly half of the fall 2004 enrollment is made up of new students, while 65 of the 112 are full-time (12 credit hours or more) students.

Course offerings for fall 2004, all of which meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays, include two sections each of English and Math, Music, History, Critical Thinking, and Communications. Six of the eight courses will have all of their seats filled.

Clayton State, through the Fayette County Center, started offering non-credit, Continuing Education and small business development classes in October, 2002. Starting in August 2003, four college-credit evening classes were offered at the Fayette Center. ■

Across the Campus

Auxiliary Services

Clayton College & State University's student, faculty and staff ID card is being re-named. Dubbed the "LINX" Card back in 1996 – because it was created to link holders to a variety of services – the Clayton State ID will now be the Laker Card, in honor of the University's athletic teams and the main campus' most notable physical features. Featuring a new design, including a new logo, the Laker Card was first issued on Aug. 16 to all incoming freshmen. Eventually, all LINX Cards will be replaced with Laker Cards, but until that time, all LINX Cards 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 the five campus lakes; both the logo and card design make use of the Clayton State school colors – navy blue and orange; and the broad blue band across card reflects the roofline of the University Center. The new Laker Card Office is located on the first floor of the University Center.

Biology

Dr. Greg Hampikian, former professor of Biology at Clayton State, and currently an adjunct professor at the University, had a hand in the Georgia Innocence Project's (GIP) first DNA-based exoneration. Currently an Associate Professor of Biology and Criminal Justice at Boise State University, Hampikian is a board member of the Georgia Innocence Project, and the organization's DNA expert. According to GIP, the DNA profile obtained from the rape kit in the Clarence Harrison case does not match Harrison's DNA profile. Harrison has been a client of the Georgia Innocence Project in February, 2003, and has been incarcerated for 17 years on rape charges. "This man had been told that the evidence from his slide was destroyed in the 1990s, but we found it with a bit of sleuthing and a lot of luck," says Hampikian. "A really miraculous case. I have studied the DNA report and it clearly exonerates him."

Center for Academic Assistance

Peer and staff tutors are back! We have a good group of peer tutors this fall in the

Center and five staff tutors (three in communications; two in mathematics). Please e-mail Kelly Taylor or Sonja Bagby if you have nominations for peer tutors from your subject area. The Center for Academic Assistance is open for tutoring appointments (or possibly walk-ins) from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 to noon on Friday. Students may schedule appointments by logging onto TutorTrac at <http://168.28.245.55> and following the directions on the screen. They may also call 770-961-3470.

Center for Instructional Development

Malvern, Pa.-based SunGuard highlighted Clayton State's use of e-portfolios in its August/September SCT on-line newsletter. Go to <http://www.sct.com/edlinenews/Aug2004/story05.html> for the whole story.

The Center for Instructional Development is offering 55 workshops this semester on topics ranging from MS Office 2003 to iMovie video editing. You may view a list of the scheduled workshops by browsing the workshop schedule online at <http://learningcenter.clayton.edu/cid/workshops.htm>. If you hold your mouse over the workshop titles, you will be able to view descriptions and scheduling details. To register for a workshop, you may either click on the workshop title in the calendar or click on "Workshop Registration" on the page link above. Important: To register, you will be prompted for a user name and password. You must enter ccscu\ in front of your user name.

Health Sciences

The Clayton College & State University Pre-medical Chapter of the American Medical Student Association (AMSA) will hold a Medical Liability Reform Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 6:30 p.m. in room 322 of the University center. Speaking will be Winn Maddrey of Doctors for Medical Liability Reform. The goal of the meeting is to inform the Clayton State student body, the public, and local medical professionals on the medical liability issue. According to the Clayton State AMSA President Ja Rivers (Henry County), congressional members

from the area are invited to attend or at least to make a statement concerning the issue. The medical community from local hospitals, as well as physicians in private practice, are also invited.

Homecoming

The World Famous Kazoo Band is comprised of faculty and staff members as a performing unit in the homecoming parade. We play golden oldie tunes. There will be five rehearsals scheduled every Friday beginning on Sept. 24. The remaining dates are Oct. 1, 8 and 15. The last rehearsal will be Thursday, Oct. 21 or Friday, Oct. 22. All rehearsals will start at 3:15 p.m. and end at 4 p.m. We will meet outside the University Center lakeside area. If you are interested in being a part of this wonderful band, please e-mail Heidi Benford. If you are not able to make all the rehearsals, you will not be cut from the group. There are no auditions. The only requirement is to have school spirit and homecoming fun!!!

Institutional Research

Institutional Research and Planning announces the new release of the Clayton State 2004 Fact Book. The new version included student data in all the three semesters. In addition, the enhanced publication features of the Fact Book are intended for more efficient and effective information distributions to the public. Go to <http://adminservices.clayton.edu/irp/FactBook04/Final%20Fact%20Book%202004%20Summer.pdf> to see the new Fact Book.

Intramural Sports & Recreation

Clayton State Intramural Flag Football's six-week season begins Sept. 14. Check out the website at <http://studentorg.clayton.edu/intramurals/> or get more info at: Office of Intramural Sports & Recreation, Room 206 of the University Center. (770) 961-3510. Registration deadline is Tuesday, Sept. 9. If you have any questions, e-mail Intramurals@mail.clayton.edu.

President's Office

Clayton College & State University President Dr. Thomas K. Harden will deliver his

Across the Campus

annual "State of the University Address" for 2004 on Friday, Sept. 10 at 1 p.m. in Spivey Hall. The University is celebrating the 35th anniversary of its Sept. 30, 1969 opening with three major developments: a record enrollment, topping 6,000 students for the first time; the opening of the new University Center; and the official launch of five new bachelor's degree programs – Political Science, Criminal Justice, English, Math and the WebBSIT.

Teacher Education

The Clayton College & State University Department of Teacher Education will be hold-

ing 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.

GAP Grant Administrators Meet at Clayton State for Workshop

by Leigh G. Duncan, University Relations

The Grassroots Arts Program (GAP) supports local artists and programs of interest within the community and is funded by the Georgia Council for the Arts with appropriations through the Georgia Legislature. Every county in the State receives an equal per-capita allocation, and the administrators for those funds will be meeting Sept. 21-22 at the Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education at Clayton College & State University.

Executive Director of the Council, Susan Weiner, has organized the workshop for administrators from all over the state who received funds from last year and who have been granted funding for this year. The day and a half long workshop is to train administrators on new guideline changes.

Examples of projects eligible for funding include (but are not limited to): visual arts exhibits, concerts, theater and dance performances, readings, film programs, folk art projects, storytelling, workshops, and art festivals. Projects combining arts and education are encouraged and locally, about half of the funds have been used by elementary, middle, and high schools. Last year, Clayton State Theatre was one recipient of the funds. Arts Clayton

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Enrollment Services Announces Grant

by Leigh Duncan, University Relations

Earlier this year, Clayton State Director of Financial Aid Melody Hodge submitted a grant proposal to the Georgia Student Finance Commission to provide peer counseling to students at Clayton State. The Office of Financial Aid has recently received notification that the grant had received funding.

"This fund will benefit not only our currently enrolled students who are seeking assistance with the application process for financial aid, but also our prospective students," says Diane Burns, interim assistant vice president for Enrollment Services.

Ten workshops will be conducted over a 32-week period covering a variety of financial issues impacting a student's college career. The Commission will be instrumental in determining the nature of the presentations, which will include areas in financial management, student fiscal responsibility, and filling out financial aid forms.

The program personnel will include a Student Loan Coordinator (Michelle Craig) current student loan officer for the Department of Financial Aid, a Student Coordinator and two or three Student Presenters/Trainers who will be hired for the temporary positions based on interest and ability. Any students interested in applying for should be on the lookout for an announcement or may contact Michelle Craig at michellecraig@mail.clayton.edu. ■

Hurricane Precautions

As you leave at the end of the week, please take precautions for possible power outages over the Labor Day holiday weekend from Hurricane Frances:

- Backup critical data to external media storage devices. i.e. DVD, CD, zip or floppy
- Shut down all computers, monitors, printers, scanners, etc.
- Unplug devices that could be damaged by a surge of power.

As you return to work on Tuesday, please be sure to plug everything in before turning devices on.



New Faculty Page

CIMS Adds Three New Professors

by Gina Finocchiaro, University Relations

Clayton State will welcome new professors Dr. Aprillya Lanz, Dr. Cherie Long, and Vernard Martin to the College of Information and Mathematical Science (CIMS) this fall.

CIMS has recently seen huge changes and expansion with adding a new Bachelor's in Mathematics, the Web BSIT and growing programs in Computer Science and Network Security.

Lanz is the new tenure professor hired to teach Mathematics. She received her doctorate in Mathematics from Auburn University and most recently taught at Columbus State University.

Long will be teaching classes in Network Security. A Georgia native from Savannah, Long received her doctorate from the University of Texas at Austin in Management of Information Security. She lives in downtown Decatur with her husband and two boys, Sean-Ryan (10) and Colin Patrick (9 months).

Martin began teaching at Clayton State part-time last spring and is now full-time in teaching Computer Science. Martin plans to receive his doctorate in Computer Science this fall from Georgia Tech where he received his bachelor's and master's degrees in Information in Computer Science. He is a native of Georgia and currently lives in Hogansville. ■

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://adminservices.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
CD's	House Cleaning	Tutoring
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

Life's Imponderables

I had amnesia once — maybe twice.

Photons have mass? I didn't even know they were Catholic.

All I ask is a chance to prove money can't make me happy.

I'd give my right arm to be ambidextrous.

If the world was a logical place, men would ride horses sidesaddle.

What is a "free" gift? Aren't all gifts free?

They told me I was gullible.... and I believed them.

Teach a child to be polite and courteous in the home and, when he grows up, he'll never be able to edge his car onto a freeway.

Two can live as cheaply as one, for half as long.

Experience is the thing you have left when everything else is gone.

What if there were no hypothetical questions?

One nice thing about egotists... they don't talk about other people.

When the only tool you own is a hammer, every problem begins to look like a nail.

A flashlight is a case for holding dead batteries.

What was the greatest thing before sliced bread?

My weight is perfect for my height.... which varies.

I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not sure.

The cost of living hasn't affected its popularity.

How can there be self-help "groups"?

Is there another word for synonym?

The speed of time is one second per second.

Is it possible to be totally partial?

What's another word for thesaurus?

Is Marx's tomb a communist plot?

If swimming is so good for your figure, how do you explain whales?

Show me a man with both feet firmly on the ground, and I'll show you a man who can't get his pants off.

It's not an optical illusion. It just looks like one.

Is it my imagination, or do buffalo wings taste like chicken?

National Hispanic Heritage Month Comes to Clayton State

by Lauren Baker, University Relations

This September, Clayton State will observe National Hispanic Heritage Month by presenting three lectures addressing issues pertinent to the Hispanic community. All lectures will be held in room 14 of the University's Lecture Hall and will run from noon until 1 p.m. These lectures are free and open to the public.

The first lecture will be held Tuesday, Sept. 14. Brandon Wilson, an outreach associate with the Southern Poverty Law Center located in Montgomery, AL., will discuss the Hispanic perspective in education in a lecture titled "The Impact of Hate on College Campuses."

The second lecture will be held Thursday, Sept. 16. The Forest Park Latin American Association's Orlando Villanueva will address the issue of stereotypes in a lecture titled "The Latin American Objection to the 'Illegal Alien' Label."

And finally, the third lecture will be held Thursday, Sept. 30. Jim Cherry, a political activist, will discuss politics in relation to the Hispanic community in a lecture titled "Politics, Activism, and the Difference It Will Make."

Also on the docket for fall semester: lectures will be held in October in observation of National Disability Employment Awareness Month and guest dancers will visit the University in November in observation of Native American Heritage Month.

These lectures are presented through the Clayton State Lyceum annual fall Tradition series, a series dedicated to raising student and community awareness on issues of ethnic and cultural diversity.

For more information concerning Clayton State's observance of National Hispanic Heritage Month, contact Director of Diversity Programs DeBorah Greer at deborahgreer@mail.clayton.edu or by calling (770) 961-3719. ■

Are You Getting Your Minimum Daily Workout?

by Cindy Lauer, SmartBodies

Are you meeting the Surgeon General's minimum daily recommendations for physical activity to ensure your health (30 minutes, five times per week)? If not, there is no time like the present to join SmartBodies Fitness & Wellness Center and see the difference in our atmosphere, quality and professionalism.

Our two complete Universal Crossline circuits simultaneously emphasize cardiovascular fitness, muscular definition, strength, and endurance thus making for a time-efficient (30-minute) total body workout. We also have treadmills, stair climbers, elliptical machines, bikes, a Versa Climber and a Concept-II rowing machine. SmartBodies requires that each new member undergo an assessment to establish a baseline fitness level, to learn the machines and to set up your program.

Monthly memberships are available to employees at only \$17 per month or you can get even greater savings by joining for three, six or 12 months. The hours of operation are Monday-Thursday, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. So invite a colleague and call 770-961-3408 today to schedule your individual assessment.

September Special — for the month of September ONLY, employees who are new to SmartBodies pay only \$20 for the assessment with the purchase of a three-month membership. The total cost is \$65 – a savings of \$16!

For more information, please call or visit <http://healthsci.clayton.edu/smartbodies>. We look forward to meeting you! ■

Clayton State Women's Forum

*1st Monthly Luncheon
2004-2005 Academic Year*

*September 14, 2004
Noon- 1:30 p.m.*

*With Special Guest
Southern Humorist and Best Selling Author*

Ronda Rich

R.S.V.P.
*by September to
alinabrooks@mail.clayton.edu*

Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!

Clayton State On Campus Interviews/
Recruitment: [http://
adminservices.clayton.edu/ccs/
interviews.htm](http://adminservices.clayton.edu/ccs/interviews.htm)

FedEx Ground

Tuesday, September 7
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Student Center 223
Recruiting for: 1) P/T Package Handlers
(any major), \$9.00 - \$9.50 per hour, Tuition
Assistance, Ellenwood Location
And 2) Pro-Active Program (Logistics
majors)
www.fedex.com

Job Search Strategies

Monday, September 13
Noon – 1:00 p.m.
Student Center 223
Presented by MonsterTRAK
Reserve your seat w/
roxannedilbeck@mail.clayton.edu

Primerica

Tuesday, September 14
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Business & Health Sciences Lobby
Recruiting for: F/T or P/T Business
opportunity for representatives and agents
Benefit: Low interest student loan
refinancing available
www.primerica.com

Cover Letters and Resumes

Thursday, September 23
Noon – 1:00 p.m.
Student Center 223
Presented by FedEx Ground
Reserve your seat w/
roxannedilbeck@mail.clayton.edu

Georgia Dept. of Audits

Tuesday, September 28
Interviewing on CCSU campus
Schedule an appointment and submit a
resume w/
joanmcelroy@mail.clayton.edu
Recruiting for: Medicaid Staff Auditors,
BBA Accounting or Finance, Minimum
GPA 2.75,
Graduating Fall 2004, Spring 2005, or
alumni
\$33,000 and excellent benefits, up to 50%
travel, primarily within the State
www.audits.georgia.gov

The Interview

Thursday, September 30
Noon – 1:00 p.m.
Student Center 223
Presented by Nationwide, Derek Campbell
Agency, Inc.
Reserve your seat w/
roxannedilbeck@mail.clayton.edu

Part-Time & Seasonal Job Fair

Thursday, October 7
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
University Center Commons
[http://adminservices.clayton.edu/ccs/
ptjobfair.htm](http://adminservices.clayton.edu/ccs/ptjobfair.htm)

Business Etiquette Dinner

Tuesday, October 12
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Harry S. Downs for Continuing Education
Center
Advance ticket purchase required - \$15
(cash or check)
Tickets on sale NOW in Student Center
223
www.personalbest.net
Sponsored in part by UPS & Lyceum

Career Opportunities 2004

Tuesday, November 16, 2004
Noon – 3:00 p.m.
Cobb Galleria Centre
<http://home.lagrange.edu/gcc>
Career Opportunities 2004 is hosted by the
Georgia Careers Consortium.
Membership consists of 24 smaller
colleges of Georgia whose enrollment is
less than 10,000.
Clayton College & State University is
an active and participating member of
the Consortium.

Women For Hire

Tuesday, November 9
Cobb Galleria Centre
www.womenforhire.com

Career Transition Series Returns Sept. 13

To prepare Clayton State students for their own personal job searches and upcoming career days, the Career Transition Series returns with area employers from Human Resource Departments sharing their expertise in the field.

Job Search Strategies

Monday, September 13
Presented by MonsterTRAK
Rex Trewin, Regional Manager SE

Cover Letters and Resumes

Thursday, September 23
Presented by FedEx Ground
Scott Reid, HUB Human Resources

The Interview

Thursday, September 30
Presented by Nationwide, Derek Campbell Agency, Inc.
Margie Woodhurst, Business Manager

All seminars are noon – 1 p.m. in Student Center Room 223
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Arts Page

Wheeler Presents – “From Africa to Brazil: A Percussion Recital” September 15



Dr. Douglas Wheeler, professor of Music and head of the Department of Music at Clayton College & State University, will present a varied recital of percussion music on Wednesday, Sept. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in Spivey Hall on the Clayton State campus.

The concert is free and open to the public, and will be highlighted by the grand finale, the Brazilian piece *One Note Samba* which was arranged especially for the occasion by Clayton State Jazz Band Director Stacey Houghton. Singing the piece in both Portuguese and English is Clayton State music faculty member Dr. Maya Hoover, soprano. Also featured in this piece on bongos is Clayton State President Dr. Thomas K. Harden, who will be trading solos with Wheeler on congas. Houghton will play tenor saxophone with the Clayton State jazz combo — Brandon Tucker on piano, Patrick Thompson on guitar, Sid Beck on bass, and Michael Wheeler on percussion.

The opening piece will be a suite of three pieces for solo djembe, a west African drum used in the dance. The movements are based on various west African dance rhythms. In between these two pieces are some major 20th century works for solo percussion by French composers: *Concerto for percussion and orchestra* by Darius Milhaud and *Concert Asiatique* by Henri Tomasi.

Wheeler will be accompanied at the piano on these two latter pieces by Clayton State staff accompanist Alexander Benford. These two pieces feature a wide assortment of timpani and other drums as well as a large collection of idiophones such as cymbals, gong, triangle, woodblock, cowbell, etc. The third movement of the Tomasi is written for the melodic percussion instruments — the xylophone and vibraphone. One of the most unusual pieces on the evening’s program will be *A Minute of News*, a short solo for snare drum which features various drum sticks and brushes playing with a variety of tone colors. ■

Clayton State Theater Director Co-Writes And Premieres Comedic Play About Dating

by Lauren Baker, University Relations

“He hasn’t dated in a year. She hasn’t dated in six months. They’re perfect for each other...and they’re going to mess it up,” laughs playwright Phillip DePoy, describing his latest play, “Urban Fairytale.” The two-act romantic comedy, co-written with wife Lee Nowell, premieres Sept. 8 on the Alley Stage at Marietta’s Theater in the Square and runs through Oct. 3. For directions, show times, and ticket prices, visit www.theatreinthesquare.com or call (770) 422-8369.

According to the old proverb, truth is stranger than fiction. But to DePoy and Nowell, so it seems, truth is funnier than fiction. Basing “Urban Fairytale” on personal dating disasters, the playwrights invite audiences to laugh at and empathize with the horrors and mishaps along the road to finding that perfect someone.

“I tried the trial and error method of relationships, with an emphasis on the error part,” recalls DePoy of his personal dating experiences. And talk about errors –DePoy’s second ex-wife, unbeknown to him, was once wanted for murder in Israel! (To hear this story, the story about the white rat, and the tale of the Exacto knives, see the play...)

The more DePoy and Nowell divulged their dating past, the more they laughed (good naturedly, of course) at each other’s misfortune. “I thought, ‘If Lee thinks it’s funny, maybe other people will too,’” laughs DePoy. So out of what was once heartache and frustration, a hilarious and hopeful romantic comedy was born.

An instructor of theater at Clayton College & State University, DePoy has seen 32 of his own works produced on the stage, although “Urban Fairytale” is his first romantic comedy and the first play he has cowritten with his wife. A prolific novelist as well as playwright, “Urban

Journalist Ronda Rich To Kickoff Luncheon Sept. 14

by Leigh Duncan, University Relations

Clayton College & State University's Women's Forum will begin its third year Women's Forum Luncheon with special guest Ronda Rich, award-winning journalist, syndicated humor columnist, and best-selling author, who has been known to captivate audiences with her renowned Southern charm and Southern yarns.

Rich, one of the first female writers to win top Associated Press honors as a sports writer on the NASCAR circuit, will release her third book, What Southern Women Know About Flirting, in February, 2005. She first emerged on the scene when the New York publishing world erupted in a six figure bidding war over her debut book, What Southern Women Know (That Every Woman Should), now in its 19th printing.

A native of Gainesville, Ga., Rich now writes a syndicated humor column, Dixie Divas, in between her numerous speaking and public engagements. She has appeared on dozens of television shows, including *The View*, where she was interviewed by Barbara Walters, and *The Other Half*, where she was interviewed by Dick Clark.

The Clayton State Women's Forum is rapidly becoming a popular venue for exceptional women and speakers. Last year, the Forum featured such notable personalities as Jovita Moore, weekend news anchor for Channel 2 Action News, Valencia Seay, Georgia State House Representative, Evelyn Gibson Lowery, wife of civil rights leader the Rev. Joseph E. Lowery, and Harriet Hessam, chief executive officer of the Girl Scout Council of Northwest Georgia.

Among other noteworthy events, the Women's Forum sponsors an annual Silent Auction, to be held this year on October 19 in Clayton State's new University Center's commons area. The Women's Forum uses a portion of the proceeds from this fundraising event each year to help build the Women's Forum Scholarship Fund, which awards scholarships yearly to qualified students and staff members.

Clayton State Women's Forum goal 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. ■

Clayton State Women's Forum Silent Auction Set for Oct. 19

The Clayton College & State University Women's Forum has announced that its Third Annual Silent Auction will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 19 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the University Center Commons.

Last year's Silent Auction raised \$4,900 through donations from faculty, staff, retirees, and area businesses, enabling the Women's Forum to award five educational scholarships to three students and two staff members. Donations for this year's event must be received by Oct. 13 at http://adminservices.clayton.edu/wom_forum or call Joan McElroy at (770) 961-3518.

Drop-off locations for donations are the University Library, room 126, and the University Student Center, room 223. All donations are tax deductible. Previous donations to the Silent Auction have ranged from arts & crafts to books and CD's, paintings, weekend get-aways, jewelry, gift certificates, baked goods, house cleaning and yardwork, baby and pet sitting, car maintenance, tutoring, music and art lessons. ■

Fall 2004 Tutoring Services

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Please e-mail Kelly Taylor, the new tutoring coordinator for the Center for Academic Assistance, with any questions or comments.

"I look forward to working more closely with you in the future to find ways to make the tutoring program more beneficial for your students," she says. ■

Life's Transitions...

Dr. Tom Barnett's father William Barnett died over the weekend of Aug. 21-22. The funeral took on Thursday, Aug. 26 at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church in Atlanta. According to Dr. Ray Wallace, a memorial fund is being developed.

Soccer Teams Picked Fourth and Sixth in Peach Belt

The Clayton College & State University men's soccer team opens the 2004 season with a new coach pacing the sidelines in Pete Petersen, and the new Laker leader already has the respect of many of his Peach Belt Conference peers.

Clayton State was picked to finish fourth in the PBC preseason soccer poll voted on by the league's coaches. Defending PBC champion USC Upstate (formerly Spartanburg), who finished last season with a 15-1-2 record was picked first, followed by UNC Pembroke, who had the conference's best record at 17-1-2 second, followed by Lander third.

The Lakers were picked to finish fourth only six points behind UNC Pembroke for second place in the preseason poll and only five points out of third.

"I think it says a lot for our program to be picked fourth in a league as competitive as the Peach Belt with a coaching change," said Petersen. "I'm excited for the upcoming season. Last year's squad was very young, and we will have a talented group of players returning. We complemented that group with several experienced transfers, who have played at a high level, and with a solid group of promising incoming freshman."

The women's soccer team will, according to Peach Belt Conference coaches, be one of the underdogs for the 2004 PBC title.

Clayton State was picked to finish sixth in the recently released conference poll of coaches. The University of North Florida was the favorite among the nine league coaches, followed by the University of South Carolina Upstate and Francis Marion University. The University of North Carolina Pembroke was picked to finish fourth, followed by Columbus State University and Clayton State.

North Florida returns six starters from last season's 11-8-1 team and 21 players overall. USC Upstate reached the finals of the 2003 PBC Tournament after a 13-6-1 regular season. Francis Marion brings back 13 letterwinners and eight starters to the 2004 team but will have to replace two-time PBC Player of the Year Katie Roberts. UNC Pembroke lost only one starter from last year, but it was the team's leading scorer, while Columbus State takes the field for the first time under coach Jay Entlich.

After finishing the 2002 season with a program best 11-4-4 record, last year's Clayton State women's team was decimated by injuries and were without the services of their two leading scorers and four starters for most of the year, finishing with a 4-14-1 record. Head coach Totty O. Totty enters his seventh season as the Laker coach and hopes the club can rebound from last year. ■

GAP Grant, from p. 5

is the administrator for Clayton, Fayette, Henry and Spalding counties and the deadline for applying this year is Oct. 15.

Funded projects must be accessible to the general public and must provide 50 percent of the total project cost as a cash match for the grant. Eligible organizations must be non-profit and must have been granted 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. Projects must be completed by June 30, 2004. Grants are available for non-profit organizations and public entities like schools, libraries, senior centers, and service agencies.

For more information about GAP, to discuss a potential project, or to request assistance with an application, call Deb Salter, grant administrator for Arts Clayton at 770-473-0848. ■

Trivia Time

Labor Day

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Dr. Art Rosser has expressed the wish that we not labor too much over this issue. Hence, we'll make it simple, and let the readership do the work... Exactly what is the origin of "Labor Day?"

First correct answer to johnshiffert@mail.clayton.edu gets a genuine Wobblies bumper sticker. (And, if you can identify the Wobblies, you get a bonus.)

(By the way, we broke ground on the University Center on July 31, 2001.)

Comedic Play, from p. 9

"Fairytale" marks a milestone in DePoy's career. Though writing novels is very internal and personal experience, DePoy remarks, "Writing novels is something I can do by myself, but I don't think I'll ever write another play again without Lee."

So has DePoy's life become a sort of urban fairytale? The playwright believes so, and hopes audiences will walk away from the theatre believing that happy endings aren't just the stuff of fiction. "I want audiences to laugh, and I hope they see that it is possible to find the perfect person after all," concludes DePoy with a smile.

"Urban Fairytale" will be directed by Montica Pes and will feature actors Matthew Myers and Heather Starkle as the "thinly veiled, somewhat fictionalized" versions of DePoy and Norwell.

DePoy, a resident of Atlanta, serves as artistic director of Clayton State Theater and teaches three theatre courses at the University. His play "Easy," based on his Flap Tucker mystery novel by the same name, won the 2003 Edgar Award – the equivalent to the Oscars in mystery writing. His Flap Tucker series of mystery novels has been slated to become an HBO television production. His latest novel, "The Witch's Grave," is currently available at Barnes & Noble. ■

Sports Page

Men's Soccer Goes to 2-0-1

Okosieme and Yusuf Lead Lakers in Rout of North Georgia

Senior Nkiru Okosieme and freshman Olaitan Yusuf each scored two goals Thursday as the women's soccer team thumped North Georgia 5-1 to go 2-0 on the year. All the scoring was done in the first half, as Clayton State controlled the play throughout, with 14 shots to the Saints' eight.

The high-scoring duo have accounted for seven of the Lakers' eight goals thus far in the young season, with Okosieme's three goals adding to her already-standing school record and giving her an even 50 for her Clayton State career.

In men's action, sophomore Todd Denson, senior Richard Morton and senior David Dowling all scored as the Lakers went to 2-0-1 on the year with a 3-2 win over North Georgia in preparation for a showdown next Wednesday with former Clayton State Coach John Rootes' Savannah College of Arts and Design (rumor has it they design their own uniforms) team in Norcross. ■

Laker's Season Opener Adds Up to Two Wins and a Tie

The Clayton State men's and women's soccer teams picked up two wins and a tie over the season's opening weekend.

The men tied Belmont Abbey 1-1 in the first game of the Laker Soccer Shootout – a contest that saw; two missed penalty kicks, three red cards, seven yellow cards and a burning at the stake (those abbots can be tough.) The next day's game was more rewarding, as Clayton State topped 24th ranked Queens College (the one from North Carolina, not the one in New York) 2-1 on a goal by senior Richard Morton.

The women opened the new year with a 3-1 win at the University of Montevallo, thanks to two goals by freshman Olaitan Yusuf and a closing score by senior All-American candidate and the leading scorer in Clayton State history, Nkiru Okosieme. ■

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