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Clayton State University Schedules Eighth Annual Martin Luther King Commemoration

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Clayton State University has scheduled its Eighth Annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Commemoration Day for Thursday, Jan. 24, 2008.

The theme for the coming event will be, "Civil Rights in Atlanta: A Personal Reflection Featuring Billye S. Aaron." Appearing as the keynote speaker for the event will be Atlanta educator and media personality Billye S. Aaron. The keynote address will be given at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 24 in the University's world-famous Spivey Hall. Prior to the keynote, a reception for Aaron will be held at 6:45 p.m. in the Spivey Hall lobby. As part of the Commemoration, Aaron will also moderate a dialogue for Clayton State students on "The Value of Education" on the afternoon of Jan. 24.

Aaron made her debut on WSB television's "Today in Georgia," in June 1968 - becoming the first African American woman in the southeast to co-host a daily regularly scheduled talk show. In this capacity she worked alongside veteran lead host Ruth Kent from 1968 to 1974, interviewing local, national and international celebrities and dignitaries, including such luminaries as Vice President Hubert Humphrey, Prime Minister Linden O. Pindling of the Bahamas, Sidney Poitier, Harry Belafonte, Jane Fonda and Pearl Bailey.

Aaron grew up in east Texas, graduating from Lincoln High School in Dallas. She received her B.A. from Texas College and her M.A. from Atlanta University. During her graduate studies, she met and married the late Dr. Samuel W. Williams, Morehouse College professor of Philosophy and Religion, pastor of Friendship Baptist Church and a distinguished leader of the civil rights movement. She was widowed in 1970 and sub-

sequently married baseball Hall of Famer and home run champion Henry Aaron in 1973.

A passionate advocate of black higher education, Aaron taught on the high school and college level for some 12 years. For 14 years, she was one of the United Negro College Fund's (UNCF) premiere fundraisers -- retiring in 1994 as vice president of the Southern Region.

After her retirement from UNCF, the Aarons founded the Hank Aaron Chasing the Dream Foundation, a philanthropic trust that makes grants to children between the ages of nine through 12 to assist them in developing their special talents and chasing their dreams. Her commitment to black higher education continues to evidence itself through her service on the board of trustees of her alma mater, Texas College, and Morehouse College, where she serves as chair of the Educational Policy Committee.

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Clayton State to Hold Dual Fall Commencement Ceremonies for First Time

Clayton State University's increasing number of graduates has made it necessary for the University to make a change in its fall commencement. For the first time since the University instituted the fall ceremony in 1999, Clayton State will hold two separate graduations.

The Fall 2007 Commencement Ceremony will be held in the Clayton State Athletics & Fitness Center on Thursday, Dec. 13. The first ceremony will be held at 3 p.m. for graduates from the College of Arts & Sciences and College of Information and

Mathematical Sciences. Then, at 7 p.m., a second ceremony will be held for the School of Business, School of Nursing and College of Professional Studies.

A total of approximately 460 students are eligible to graduate, and Clayton State Registrar Rebecca Gmeiner expects that roughly 180 students will attend each of the two ceremonies. Even with two ceremonies, seating in the Athletics & Fitness Center will be limited and tickets will be issued to each graduate. ■



Counseling Services
Food for Thought...

Finals and the holiday season can be very exciting, yet also very stressful. Stress is commonly defined as “our personal reaction to an event.”

It’s important to know that we can not eliminate stress from our lives. However, we can learn and utilize healthier ways of coping with stress, which can serve to make our finals and holiday season more productive and enjoyable.

The following management tips are from Dr. Allen Elkin, author of “Stress Management for Dummies.” Use these tips in the upcoming weeks to manage and cope with the stressors that may be coming your way.

- Relax your body and quiet your mind
- Eat right, get enough sleep, and exercise often
- Get organized to feel a sense of control over your environment
- Have and make use of a strong social support system
- Have a good sense of humor

Contact Counseling Services for more information on stress and stress management techniques.

OFFICE:

Student Center 245;

HOURS:

8 a.m. – 5 p.m., M-F

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(678) 466-5406

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<http://adminservices.clayton.edu/counseling/>

Joint-Enrollment Offers Opportunities to High School Students in Fayette County

Students in Fayette County can now begin their college curriculum early. As of Nov. 1, 2007, Clayton State University morning, afternoon and evening classes are being held at 1200 Commerce Dr., in Westpark Office Park in Peachtree City, Ga. Students have several options to be a part of the joint-enrollment program: morning classes during first period, afternoon classes during last period, evening classes, or part/full-time enrollment on Clayton State’s campus.

The minimum admission standards for joint enrollment and early admission are: Minimum SAT I score of 970, combined Verbal and Mathematics sections, or ACT Composite of 20; minimum cumulative high school grade point average of 3.0 or higher in courses taken from the required 16 CPC units; high school junior or senior.

The joint-enrollment program offers many benefits to students. Courses can be used for both college and high school credit, courses are fully accredited and widely accepted as transferable college credit, and tuition and most fees are covered by Hope Scholarship’s Accel program.

“Earning college credit while still in high school enhances a college application and saves students money by allowing them to graduate earlier from college,” says Dr. Kevin Demmitt, assistant vice president of Academic Outreach at Clayton State.

The instructional site in Peachtree City contains fully equipped classrooms with wireless internet access and an on-site admissions, financial aid, and registration center.

“We are very excited about the opening of our classroom and administrative office building at 1200 Commerce Drive in Peachtree City. Having a full-time site in the county will allow us to offer

EARN COLLEGE CREDIT IN HIGH SCHOOL...

Joint-Enrollment Options at New Fayette County Location

- MORNING CLASSES** offered from 8 a.m. until 9 a.m. Monday through Friday. Students attend in both of the following courses:
 - PSYC 1101 Introduction to Psychology
 - GOV 1102 System of Government
- AFTERNOON CLASS** offered from 3 p.m. until 4:15 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays:
 - POLS 1101 American Government
- EVENING CLASSES**. Visit <http://fayette.clayton.edu> for schedule.

New Fayette County Location

- Conveniently located at Peachtree City's 1200 Commerce Drive in the Westpark Office Park.
- On site admissions, financial aid, and registration.
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Did you know...

Clayton State published the ad seen at left in the Fayette County high school newspapers to generate student interest in Clayton State’s joint-enrollment opportunities.

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more opportunities to high school students in Fayette County,” says Demmitt.

Demmitt sees the joint-enrollment program as something that will continue to grow every year.

“We have many students from Fayette County in our Joint-Enrollment program at Clayton State, but this will be the first time that we have offered part-time morning, afternoon, and evening joint enrollment options for students. Next year we will be offering even more courses during the first and last period of the day,” he says. ■

University Relations Welcomes New Writer

Clayton State's Office of University Relations welcomed writer Erin Fender to the staff on Nov. 19. Fender, a 2005 graduate of Clayton State's Communication & Media Studies program, brings experience in writing and photography to the position.

Fender will serve the University by writing press releases, taking campus photographs and covering the College of Arts and Sciences and the School of Nursing. While a student at the University, she served as an intern in the University Relations office.

"We are glad to welcome Erin back to our division, and we look forward to working with her as a full-time employee," says Lauren Graves, University Relations communications specialist.

Fender has an extensive background in photography and worked as a full time photographer for more than six years. While working with wedding photography, she also coordinated dozens of weddings.

"I was raised by a master photographer, my father, who brought me into my parents business to photograph weddings and events, and taught me the art of portrait photography," says Fender.

Fender resides in Jonesboro with her husband, Christopher, an architect with the Lord, Aeck, & Sargent architectural firm. They were married in 2004, but have been together for 10 years. They supported each other as they pursued their respective degrees. Now they are tackling the remodeling of their first home.

Fender jokingly refers to her home as "the zoo." She and her husband have adopted two Great Pyrenees and two cats from rescue groups over the last few years. She enjoys reading, cooking, and spending as much time as possible at the lake in their community.



Erin Fender

"I love Clayton State and am excited to be a part of the staff at my alma mater," she says. "I look forward to working on campus and getting to know the faculty, staff and students." ■

Winter Break 2007 Holiday Announcement

As we approach the upcoming Winter Break, please be aware that the campus will be closed after Friday, Dec. 21 and will not reopen until Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2008, except for essential personnel.

Managers will need to work with their staff to determine how the Monday, Dec. 31 off day will be handled. It may be taken as a vacation day or you may work out a

compensatory time off arrangement with your supervisor. This schedule will allow us to stretch the five-day Winter Break and the Jan. 1 holiday granted us by the Board of Regents into 11 consecutive days away from the campus and with our families.

Best wishes to you all.

Date	Holiday Being Observed
January 1	New Years Day
January 21	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
May 28	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 3	Labor Day
November 22 & 23	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 24 - 28	Winter Break

Plus Monday, December 31, 2007 taken as a vacation day, comp time, or flex time.

Clayton State Students Perform Mock Trial Dec. 14

by Erin Fender, University Relations

Clayton State University's Mock Trial Association along with students from the survey of criminal law and procedure course will have the opportunity to perform a mock trial at the Clayton County Superior Court from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 14.

The case chosen for this mock trial is Midland vs. Bobbi Campbell and Judge Daphne Walker will preside over the trial. The judge and jury will be given scoring sheets to rate each team's performance. This will be part of the overall grade for the criminal law students.

However, this will be good preparation for the mock trial association. This case will be the case tried at their upcoming competition.

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Women's Forum Online Auction Raises \$5,000+



A heartfelt thank you to all those who participated in the Women's Forum Sixth Annual Auction! Whether you donated an item or bid on an item, the auction was a success because of you. Preliminary numbers show that more than \$5,000 was raised to help fund scholarships for our Clayton State female students. If you are a

winner please contact Alina Brooks (4402) or Pat Keane (4678) to schedule a time for pick up.

Also, a very much appreciated thank you to the committee members/volunteers: Row Anderson, Katrina Barnes, Heidi Benford, Alina Brooks, Deborah Greer-

Dupree, Pam Healan, Pat Keane, Valerie Lancaster, Anita Mercer, Lisa Phillips, JoAnn Quattlebaum, Delores Toothaker.

Thanks also to those who participated in the Chili Cookoff. ■

Sigma Tau Delta to Host Used Book and CD Sale

by Erin Fender, University Relations

The Clayton State University chapter of the English Honor Society, also known as Sigma Tau Delta, will host a used book and CD sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 3. The sale will take place in the first floor foyer of the University's Arts and Sciences building.

"Please drop by, support our student organization and get some fabulous deals on books and CDs," says Assistant Professor of English Dr. Kathryn Pratt.

The books and CDs were donated from various faculty in the College of Arts and

Sciences. Money made at the sale will benefit honor society member and event expenses; such as the purchase of graduation stoles. ■

Arts Page

DePoy's "Turned Funny" Wins Four Suzi Awards

by Lauren Graves, University Relations

Clayton State Theatre's Artistic Director Phillip DePoy's play "Turned Funny" recently received four Suzi Bass Awards – Atlanta's answer to the Tony Awards – in a ceremony held in the Fox Theatre's Egyptian Ballroom.

The play, commissioned and preformed by Marietta's Theatre in the Square, won Suzis for Featured Actress, Lead Actress, Best Production (play), and Best Director.

"It's an honor that the play won Suzis," shares DePoy. "This means a lot to Theatre in the Square, and I hope that it opens the possibility for me to write plays for other theatres. These awards are the

theatre community's means of recognizing work they like."

"Turned Funny," a play based on AJC columnist Celestine Sibley's memoir by the same name, is the second DePoy play to be produced by Theatre in the Square. In addition to helping Theatre in the Square sweep the Suzis, "Turned Funny" opened the theatre's 25th season with sold out performances. The show was so well received it was remounted during summer 2007.

The success of "Turned Funny" led to DePoy's second commission by Theatre in the Square. His latest play, "Christmas

at Sweet Apple," is based on Sibley's Christmas stories and is currently in production on the Theatre in the Square Alley Stage through Dec. 30. For more information and directions, visit www.theatreinthesquare.com.

In addition to writing plays, DePoy has composed music and directed 10 plays for Theatre in the Square. ■

Visiting Writers Reading Series To Feature Randy Prunty, Dec. 3

The next author in the Clayton State University Visiting Writers Reading Series will be local librarian Randy Prunty, who will be appearing on campus on Monday, Dec. 3.

All readings begin at 12:30 p.m. and will be held in room 200 of the Clayton State University Library. The Visiting Writers Reading Series is free and open to the public. For directions to the campus, visit www.clayton.edu.

Prunty's new book is "Fish Log" (Lavender Ink, 2007). He also has a chapbook called "delusiveness" (3rdness, 2006). His online work can be found at "Coconut," "Wire Sandwich," "Fascicle," "Moria" and "BlazeVOX." His poetry can also be found in "Another South: Experimental Writing in the South" (Univ. of Alabama Press, 2003) and in print magazines like "Combo," "Upstairs at Duroc," "Gestalten," "Mirage #4/Periodical" and "Cranky." He works as a high school librarian in Atlanta.



Randy Prunty

The Visiting Writers Reading Series is sponsored by Clayton State's Lyceum and the Language and Literature Department. A book signing will follow each reading. Copies of the authors' work will be available for purchase.

For additional information on the authors, or to learn more about the fall 2007 Visiting Writers Reading Series, please contact Byrd at BrigitteByrd@clayton.edu or call (678) 466-4556. ■

The Clayton State University
Department of Music presents the

CLAYTON COMMUNITY BIG BAND



"BLUES BY BASIE"

Featuring the sounds of
the Count Basie
Orchestra

Monday, Dec. 3

7:30 p.m.

Spivey Hall

Admission is free.

Across the Campus...

Athletics

In basketball action to start the 2007-2008 season, the Laker women defeated Lincoln Memorial 74-63, Carson Newman 68-68 and Tuskegee 77-62 before dropping their Peach Belt opener, 67-63 to USC Aiken. The men won their opener, 80-48 over Tennessee Temple, and then lost 84-58 to West Georgia, 70-60 to USC Aiken and 90-61 to Georgia College.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is having a Chick-Fil-A calendar sale to raise money to fund group activities. Calendars are \$6 each. All orders should be in by Dec. 12. Please call ext 4975 or email Lydia Vanderford to purchase your calendar.

Bookstore

Faculty and staff members who need to order Graduation Regalia for the fall 2007 Graduation Ceremonies being held Thursday, Dec. 13 may do so at the University Bookstore during regular business hours. Contact Linda Campbell for more details at ext 4223.

CAIS

The week of Nov. 11 was a big one for CAIS in the AJC, particularly Nov. 16 as three members of the department were featured or made a cameo appearance. In addition to the extensive profile of Phillip DePoy in the Nov. 11 "Arts & Books" section, a review of "Christmas at Sweet Apple" appeared in the Nov. 16 "Movies and More" section. Shontelle Thrash, who among other courses teaches several THEA courses, including the Acting course, is appearing in "Gee's Bend" at the Theatrical Outfit. That play was also reviewed in "Movies and More" section, with a particularly good review of Thrash's performance. Finally, the one and only Dr. Tom Barnett, head of Communicative Arts & Integrative Studies, was quoted in a piece about John Huey, the editor-in-chief of Time, Inc, in the Living Section.

Campus Life

Sign your child up today for Clayton State University Cheerleading's first Cheer

Clinic, Saturday, Dec. 1, for ages five to 12. Participants will learn a cheer, a short dance, jumps and stunts. Registration is only \$35 and includes a camp t-shirt. The clinic will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Jim Huie Aquatics Center. To sign up or to get more details, please contact elainachance@clayton.edu.

Center for Academic Success

On Dec. 5 and Dec. 6, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., the Center for Academic Success will hold its Finals Tutoring Blitz. During this time, students may come into the Center on a walk-in basis to work with peer tutors, staff tutors, and faculty members. This event is an excellent opportunity for students to receive extra help while developing strong relationships with their instructors (and improve retention). Faculty members are urged to encourage their students to attend. If you are able to volunteer an hour or two (maybe during your office hours) during this event, please e-mail Kathy Garrison the times you will be available and the subjects in which you would like to tutor. If you have any questions, please visit our website, <http://adminservices.clayton.edu/caa/Tutoring%20Blitz/tutoringblitz.htm>, or contact Garrison.

City of Morrow

The City of Morrow's "Christmas in the Park" will take place on Saturday, Dec. 1, from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. in Milton Daniel Park, which is adjacent to Morrow City Hall on Morrow Road. Choirs from area churches will be performing throughout the event. Children can have their pictures taken with Santa Claus and the Chick-fil-A Cow, ride the Morrow's Lil General Train, and play in a Winter Wonderland with eco-friendly snow! Also, vignettes constructed by area churches, businesses, and civic organizations will be on display. At 7:30 p.m., the "Singing Christmas Tree" will help light Morrow's 30 foot Great Christmas Tree. The event is open to the public and is free of admission; however, there will be food, drinks, ornaments, and other Christmas goodies available for purchase. Employees from Southside Seafood Company will be in attendance serving up their famous clam chowder. All proceeds from the clam

chowder will benefit the Clayton County Aging Program/Meals On Wheels.

Clayton State Theatre

"Supernatural Shakespeare," an original production that unites Shakespeare's most creepy characters into one frightful spectacle, returns to Clayton State University at 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 30 in the Clayton State Theatre, room 132 of the University's Arts & Sciences Building. Admission is \$5. Clayton State students are admitted free with their LakerCard. Some 400 people attended the world premiere of "Supernatural Shakespeare" on Oct. 13 in Spivey Hall. Now the show is back – this time with an all-student cast and a slightly modified script. The spooky spectacle is well under an hour in duration and students in Clayton State's English and Shakespeare courses are encouraged to attend.

Nurse Managed Clinic

Flu shots are still available from the Nurse Managed Clinic.

Music

Clayton State's Department of Music presents the Clayton Community Big Band in "Blues by Basie," featuring the sounds of the Count Basie Orchestra, on Monday, Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in Spivey Hall. Admission is free. "We presented a previous program of Basie music in 2003, and audiences responded so well that we decided to offer a similar show," says Big Band Director Stacey Houghton. "The Clayton Community Big Band is pleased to present this collection of selections that emphasize the blues, a format which Basie regularly featured with his band to spotlight his many strong soloists."

On Friday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. in room 157 of the Music Education Building, soprano Holly Drummond will present a free lecture recital on the topic of American Hymn tunes. The recital will last approximately one hour.

Payroll

Please make sure to update the Department of Payroll Services with a current address. We will be processing

Across the Campus...

W2s very soon and will need this completed, so that you may receive your tax information in a timely manner. Addresses can be changed on the Employee Self Service site on the HR web page.

School of Business

The School of Business cordially invites you to a retirement reception in honor of the dean of Clayton State deans, Dean Ernest M. (Bud) Miller, Jr., on Thursday, Dec. 6 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Harry S. Downs Center Atrium. All are welcome.

Spivey Hall

The Shorter College Choral, with Martha Shaw, conductor, will perform in Spivey

Hall on Friday, Nov. 30, at 8:15 p.m. Ticket cost is \$15, however, Clayton State University students receive \$10 tickets for any Spivey Hall event (limit two tickets per ID). These tickets depend on availability, are held at Spivey Hall Box Office until one hour prior to the performance, and require attendance by the purchasing student. Clayton State faculty and staff receive a 50 percent discount for any Spivey Hall event (limit two tickets per concert, per ID). These tickets depend on availability and require attendance by the purchasing faculty/staff member.

Staff Council

The next Campus Connect will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 5, from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the second floor lobby of the

Student Center. It will be sponsored by Business Services and Human Resources (and they really know how to party in those offices) and will be a Holiday Breakfast Brunch.

University System of Georgia

The latest issue of the publication "Value Added: USG Serves Georgia" has been posted at <http://www.usg.edu/pubs/value/>. There is also a link to "Value Added" on the USG home page, <http://www.usg.edu>.



Teacher Education Guest

Ashley Bryan, author/illustrator of children's books, visited the campus on Nov. 19 to speak with students in the Teacher Education program. Bryan is a winner of several Coretta Scott King honor awards, and a 2006 American Illustrator nominee for the international Hans Christian Andersen award. Bryan spoke of art and music with emphasis on the importance of these in schools. He discussed his latest book, "Let it Shine: Three favorite Spirituals." The students received copies of this book, in which Bryan signed personal autographs to each student or to the children in their life. Photo Credit: Erin Fender.

Broussard Retires

A private retirement luncheon for Dr. Amelia Broussard, R.N., M.P.H. was held Monday, Nov. 26 in the Spivey Board Room. Clayton State thanks Broussard for her service to the University and wishes her the best as she enters her retirement.

At right, Broussard (center) poses with fellow Healthcare Management faculty members Dr. Deborah Gritzmacher, R.N., M.S. (left) and Debra Cody, R.N., M.S. (right). Photo credit: Erin Fender.



Clayton State Student Creates “Stories from The Great Depression” for NARA Ceremony

by Gina Finocchiaro, University Relations

The president of the Clayton State University History Society, Karen Kopanezos, and fellow Clayton State student Erica Bethel presented a 25 minute documentary on Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Great Depression on Saturday, Nov. 17 at the National Archives and Records Administration’s (NARA) Southeast Regional Archives. The documentary was shown during the closing ceremonies for the NARA exhibit titled “This Great Nation Will Endure: Photographs of the Great Depression.”

Kopanezos began working on the documentary after volunteering with Clayton State History professor Dr. Randall Gooden at the NARA Family History Fair in July 2007. At that time the Archives asked volunteers and staff if they knew any willing participants to narrate oral histories of the Great Depression. Kopanezos volunteered for the oral histories assignment, began her interviews by

operating a camera, and spoke with 12 participants willing to tell their stories

NARA Regional Administrator James McSweeney was impressed with her interviews and asked Kopanezos to join the NARA staff part-time. After joining the staff, Kopanezos began to organize the interviews and became inspired to create something more.

“As I continued to work, a vision was formed in my mind of what I thought these interviews could become. I passed these ideas on to Mary Evelyn Tomlin, Public Programs specialist. She encouraged me to write all these ideas down so we could possibly send it all off to a professional,” says Kopanezos.

Kopanezos also discussed her ideas with Bethel, a Technical Communication major concentrating in Digital Media and Graphics. Bethel also works for NARA as

an assistant in Public Programs, and wanted to become a part of the project Kopanezos desired to create.

Kopanezos and Bethel first downloaded a computer program to aid in editing their footage. Nearly eight weeks later, Kopanezos and Bethel had created, edited, and produced a 25 minute documentary they titled, “Stories from the Great Depression.”

For inspiration, Kopanezos traveled to the Little White House in Warm Springs, Ga., and interviewed patient Suzanne Pike, who had met Franklin D. Roosevelt on several occasions. Kopanezos felt it important to include her interviews in several parts of the documentary. Kopanezos has also been inspired by her father and names him as the reason she has a “genuine love for history.”

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Life’s Transitions...

Joan Bass, assistant professor in the College of Professional Studies, lost her youngest daughter in a car accident on Oct. 27.

Carmen Bass was 21 years old and a senior at Georgia College & State University. Joan and her husband Richard Bass have two other daughters, Shannon (a Clayton State student) and Catherine.

Kordecki an Expert on “Risk Assessment Standards: Maximizing Opportunities for Efficiency” Webcast

Gregory S. Kordecki, CPA, associate professor of Accounting in the School of Business at Clayton State University, was one of three experts on “Risk Assessment Standards: Maximizing Opportunities for Efficiency,” a two-hour Webcast generated from the offices of the Georgia Society of CPAs in Atlanta on Tuesday, Nov. 27.

Joining Kordecki on the program were Chris Rouse, CPA, audit partner and the firm audit and accounting quality control partner at Windham Brannon, P.C., and Bill Godshall, CPA, formerly inspection leader of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB), and currently audit partner with Frazier & Deeter.

The program consisted of prepared presentation remarks from each panelist, fol-

lowed by questions and answers on the impact of the standards on public accounting firms serving their audit clients, including changes in workloads required in implementing the new standards. While the new risk assessment standards represent a professional response in closing the gap between accounting and reporting standards and expectations, and mitigating the concerns of financial statement users following widely publicized accounting scandals of recent years, the presentation team demonstrated ways in which accounting firms and their clients can actually benefit through workload reduction.

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2007 Holiday Tree Lighting

James M. Baker University Center
Nov. 29, 2007



Photo credit: Erin Fender

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The Webcast was the first for the Assurance Services Section of the Georgia Society of CPAs, a state-wide electronic delivery section for the Society, which Kordecki co-chairs.

The Webcast was received live by approximately 200 participants in seven states. The Section plans to produce additional programs using this media. ■

Mock Trial, cont'd. from p. 3

“The regional competition will begin in January and the Mock Trial Student Association is scheduled to compete with a university in Florida,” explains Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice Dr. Hamin Shabazz.

For more information about the upcoming mock trial or the Clayton State University Mock Trial Association, please contact Shabazz at HaminShabazz@clayton.edu. ■

NARA, cont'd. from p. 8

After such an impressive project, what will Kopanezos take on next?

“With this project near completion, my energy has now shifted to developing educational curriculums and worksheets for middle schools in neighboring counties,” says Kopanezos. ■

MLK, cont'd. from p. 1

A lifetime member of the NAACP, Aaron has been a member of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund Board for more than 25 years. Her involvement with the Atlanta Branch of the NAACP dates back to the early 1960's when her late husband served several terms as vice president and president of the local chapter.

Aaron has received honorary degrees from Texas College, Allen University and Spelman College. Most recently, she and her husband received the 2003 Martin Luther King, Jr. Salute to Greatness award. ■

CDC Expert to Speak on Emergency Funding Plan for AIDS

Dr. Stephanie Behel, MPH, from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), will speak at Clayton State University about President Bush's emergency funding plan for AIDS and her own experiences in Uganda working on this issue for the CDC.

Behel, who has spoken and written extensively on various aspects of AIDS throughout the United States and the world, will make her presentation in room 272 of the University's James M. Baker Center on Monday, Dec. 3 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:20 p.m. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Through the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), and in collaboration with Rwanda Zambia HIV

Research Group, the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, and other national and international partners, CDC has developed a curriculum in response to increased demand for interventions and training to help address the complex issues related to HIV counseling and testing with couples.

For further information on Behel's presentation at Clayton State, contact Dr. Joseph Corrado, Clayton State assistant professor of Political Science, at (678) 466-4803. ■

It's an Angel Challenge For Clayton State Colleges

For several years, the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences (CIMS) at Clayton State University has sponsored, through the Jonesboro Salvation Army Office, a large family in need during the holidays. However, as Assistant Professor of Mathematics Mary R. Hudachek-Buswell, recently learned, some 300 children went unsponsored by the community last year. So, with the approval of the administration of CIMS, Hudachek-Buswell has issued an “Angel Challenge” to Clayton State's College of Arts & Sciences on behalf of her colleagues in CIMS.

Responding in the spirit of the holidays was Dr. John Campbell, dean of the College of Arts & Sciences (A&S).

“CIMS has so much fun each year, we thought we would spread the good will further,” he wrote in an e-mail to his faculty and staff. “Let's see if A&S can raise

more funds than CIMS. Come join us in the spirit of the season. May the best college win!”

After a meeting with the Jonesboro Salvation Army Office, Hudachek-Buswell reports, “we are receiving 14 children from seven families for CIMS and A&S to sponsor. I have contacted the management at Kohl's in Fayetteville, and they are ready to lend us their support.”

The gifts will be brought in to the University during the University's final exam week (Dec. 10 to Dec. 14) for packing for delivery.

“So... come join us in the spirit of the season,” urges Hudachek-Buswell. “The best part is when the gifts are brought in for everyone to view.” ■

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However, Georgia College closed out the half on a 12-3 run to close the Laker lead to 34-31 at halftime.

The second half was all Clayton State. A lay-up by Marie St. Fort increased the Laker lead to 47-37 at the 15-minute mark, and a St. Fort 3-point basket at the 13:55 mark increased the lead to 53-39.

The closest Georgia College would cut the lead was eight points down the stretch. Clayton State responded with a 25-2 run over a six-minute span to put the game away.

In addition to Hardeman and Lisa Jackson, St. Fort scored 11 points with seven rebounds, while Dominique Jennings, Shantel Ragin and Roberta Phillips each added eight points. Ragin also grabbed 12 rebounds.

Clayton State returns to Athletics and Fitness Center on Saturday, playing host to UNC-Pembroke at 2 p.m. ■

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second-ranked Armstrong Atlantic. In addition to Clayton State and Armstrong Atlantic, Columbus State is ranked 13th, while Francis Marion is ranked 15th, Georgia College is ranked 17th and Augusta State is ranked 26th.

In addition to the team's high national ranking, Clayton State also has some individual national rankings as well. In women's singles, sophomore Anna Redesci is ranked 15th in the nation, while freshman Viktoriya Semyrodenko is ranked 42nd and senior Julia Chergova is ranked 47th.

In doubles, the team of Redesci and Chergova are ranked fourth following a second straight ITA Mid-Atlantic Regional championship and semifinal berth at the ITA Division II Nationals last month in Mobile.

Clayton State opens its season on Feb. 9 with a showdown at Emory, the fourth-ranked team in Division III. ■

Trivia Time

You Could Look it Up

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Actually, you can't. Look it up, that is.

You can't look up Pearl du Monville in either "Total Baseball" or "The Baseball Encyclopedia," or even Baseball-Reference.com. That's because he was a figment of James Thurber's active imagination in a 1941 short (very short – du Monville was 35" tall) story entitled "You Could Look it Up." Thurber, with his wonderful sense of the absurd, created a situation where a desperate manager (Squawks Magrew) sent the little guy up to bat with the bases loaded and the game on the line.

He was supposed to take four balls and draw a walk, however, Du Monville swung and hit a dribbler that eventually got him thrown out at first. After which Magrew threw du Monville deep into the outfield. Although Thurber has been given credit for giving Bill Veeck the idea of sending a midget up to bat in a real game in 1951, in point of fact, Veeck had gotten the idea years before from John McGraw.

Wherever Thurber got the idea, Kurt-Alexander Zeller got the first correct answer, followed by Scott McElroy, Hugh Arnold, Dina Swearngin and Rob Taylor. And, speaking of which, what was the name of Veeck's real-life 3-7 ballplayer, and what happened when he went up to bat? Keep your answers short to johnshiffert@clayton.edu.

Clayton State Women Ranked 12th Nationally in DII

The first in-season USA Today ESPN Division II Top 25 Coaches' poll was released on Tuesday, and the Clayton State Laker women's basketball team remains nationally ranked.

After being ranked seventh in the preseason, the Lakers are ranked 12th in the first week's poll. Clayton State is currently 4-1 to start the season with victories over Lincoln Memorial (74-63), Carson-Newman (68-67) and Tuskegee (77-62), followed by a tough 67-63 defeat in its Peach Belt Conference opener against USC-Aiken last Saturday, and Wednesday's 80-62 win over Georgia College.

Clayton State is one of two teams from the Peach Belt Conference ranked in this week's Division II Coaches' Poll. USC-Aiken is ranked 20th, while North Georgia and Georgia College both

received votes. North Dakota held on to the top spot for the first week, followed by Delta State (who the Lakers will play on Dec. 9), Washburn, Cal-San Diego and Alaska-Anchorage in the Top Five.

Head coach Dennis Cox's Lakers return to action at the Athletics & Fitness Center on Saturday, Dec. 1 with a 2 p.m. Peach Belt Conference game against UNC Pembroke. ■

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Sports

Women's Basketball Bounces Back Against Georgia College

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

Coming off a tough defeat in its Peach Belt Conference opener against USC-Aiken, Clayton State women's basketball coach Dennis Cox made an adjustment in both personnel and strategy for his Lakers on Wednesday at conference rival Georgia College.

He went with a smaller lineup.

The move paid off as Clayton State continued its recent dominance over its in-state conference rivals with an 80-62 victory over Georgia College at the Centennial Center. The victory improves

12th-ranked Clayton State to 4-1 overall and an even 1-1 in Peach Belt play.

"It was a great effort and the energy level was a lot better tonight," said Cox, who is now 9-1 head-to-head against Georgia College. "I thought we'd have match-up problems against them, so that's part of the reason for going small. In our press, we have to be that way."

Instead of senior center Lynette Jackson, Cox opted with junior forward Shanrika Hardeman in the starting lineup, and she responded by leading the Lakers with 19

points and nine rebounds. Junior forward Lisa Jackson was also stellar, scoring 18 points with nine rebounds off the bench for Clayton State.

The Lakers never trailed from the outset, and built as big as a 12-point lead on three occasions in the second half. Lynette Jackson gave Clayton State a 31-19 lead on a jump shot on the baseline with 6:12 remaining.

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Clayton State Ranked Ninth in 2008 Preseason ITA Division II Women's Tennis Poll

Fresh off another stellar fall season, the Clayton State Laker women's tennis team is riding high entering the 2008 season.

In the ITA (Intercollegiate Tennis Association) Division II Top 40 national poll released last week, Clayton State is ranked ninth in the nation. It's the highest preseason national ranking ever for

Clayton State, eclipsing the preseason ranking of 10th in the nation prior to the 2003 season.

The Lakers the second-highest nationally ranked team in the preseason poll out of the Peach Belt Conference, trailing only

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