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## Clayton State University to Award First Master's Degree

by John Shiffert, University Relations



Anna Cox

It is, in a way, a coming of age for Clayton State University.

Some 39 years after the University was founded as Clayton Junior College, and just over two years since the now-

Clayton State University started its first graduate program, Clayton State will be conferring its first master's degree on Thursday, Dec. 11, 2008.

Anna Cox, one of the University's more accomplished students, will be receiving the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS) from Clayton State President Dr.

Thomas K. Harden during the 4 p.m. ceremony in the University's Athletics and Fitness Center on Dec. 11. In fact, since degrees are conferred in order of academic rank, Cox will be receiving the very first degree conferred by Harden in the first of the two ceremonies scheduled for Dec. 11.

According to Dr. Wendy A. Burns-Ardolino, assistant professor and director of the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies, Cox successfully presented and defended her thesis, "The Critical Reception of Zora Neale Hurston's Their Eyes Were Watching God," on Thursday, Nov. 20.

While receiving the MALS degree from Clayton State is a momentous occasion for both Cox and the University, it is far from the first time that the Jonesboro High School (JHS) Latin teacher has either been honored or in the news. This past May, she helped to coach the JHS mock trial team to its second consecutive national championship in a competition held in Wilmington, Del., and hosted by the Delaware Supreme Court. A resident of Jonesboro, Cox teaches Latin at the regular and honors levels at JHS. She has been helping to coach the mock trial team for the last three years along with her husband and fellow JHS teacher (chemistry), Andrew Cox.

Originally enrolled in a graduate program at the University of Georgia, Cox transferred to Clayton State in 2006 when the MALS program started.

"Clayton State's Master's of Liberal Studies program was convenient not only in time and location but in all the interest-

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### President's Message

## Budget Update

by Dr. Thomas K. Harden



Dr. Harden

As you probably know by now, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia (USG) recently approved a change in health benefit plans for USG

employees as well as a temporary fee for all USG students. The changes will help the System's 35 colleges and universities meet an additional two percent reduction (from six percent to eight percent) in the current Fiscal Year 2009 budget.

As a result of the board's action, as of Jan. 1, 2009, the employer contribution rate for health insurance for the System's PPO and HMO health plans will be reduced from 75 percent to 70 percent. The employer contribution rate for the Indemnity plan will remain at the PPO level. In addition, effective for just the spring 2009 semester, all USG students will pay a temporary, one-semester fee. At Clayton State University, this will consist of a one-time \$75 fee that will be used to partially offset the additional budget reduction.

While this is not exactly good news, it is better than we might have expected. There will be no layoffs at Clayton State, although there will be a hiring freeze instituted. It is also our understanding that the funds for pay raises will not be removed from

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# “The Status of the Dream... Where Are We Now?” Clayton State University’s Week to Honor MLK

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Clayton State University has released the schedule for its Ninth Annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Commemorative Event. For 2009 the University’s MLK Planning Committee, along with the University’s Department of Campus Life and the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) Southeast Region, has planned a week-long series of events, ceremonies and educational opportunities. The theme of this year’s event is, “The Status of the Dream... Where Are We Now?”

Clayton State’s celebration of the life of Martin Luther King will begin on the anniversary of King’s actual birthday, Thursday, Jan. 15, 2009, with a special ceremony, “Remembering the King,” that will honor the life, legacy and struggles of King. The ceremony, sponsored by the Department of Campus Life, will be held in the Lawson Amphitheater from 11:30 a.m. to noon. The rain location for this event is room 272 of the James M. Baker University Center.

Also on Jan. 15, NARA plans to go live with a new internet posting of its holdings relevant to King.

On Monday, Jan. 19, 2008, the annual Freedom Run 5K and 10K road races will be held starting and finishing on the Clayton State campus, starting at 9 a.m. For more information, contact Clayton State Track and Cross Country Coach Mike Mead at [mike-mead@clayton.edu](mailto:mike-mead@clayton.edu). The Freedom Run races are sponsored by Southlake Kiwanis.

The Clayton State University Student Government Association will sponsor a



viewing party for the inauguration of America’s first African-American president, Barack Obama, on Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009 in the University’s new Student Activities Center.

On Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009, NARA will show “At the River I Stand,” the award-winning documentary which reconstructs the two eventful months in Memphis in 1968 leading to King’s tragic death. At the River I Stand demonstrates the integral connection between the struggle for civic and economic rights and shows how the African-American community rallied behind a strike by grossly underpaid sanitation workers. On his part, King saw an opportunity to link this bitter, 65-day struggle to his growing, nationwide Poor People’s Campaign.

“At the River I Stand” will be shown at the NARA Southeast Region Archives, 5780 Jonesboro Rd., Morrow, from noon to 1 p.m. This special showing, which includes King’s “Mountaintop” speech, is free and open to the public. For more information, call (770) 968-2555.

MLK Day at Clayton State will be Thursday, Jan. 22. The day will start with

the MLK Student Dialog and Panel Discussion from 1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. in room 132 of the University’s Arts & Sciences Building. Clayton State alumnus, Masters of Arts in Liberal Studies graduate student and NARA staff member Shane Bell will moderate the discussion among Clayton State students and a panel of four on the theme of the event, “Status of the Dream... Where Are We Now?” The panel will consist of retired Clayton State

History professors Dr. Bradley Rice and Dr. Eugene Hatfield, former CNN journalist James Kemp, and Clayton State student/University Relations student assistant Ciji Fox.

Later that afternoon, Clayton State students, faculty and staff will participate in the University’s first MLK Rally and March. Beginning at 5:30 p.m. on the University Quad, the march will proceed to Spivey Hall for the MLK keynote address. The rain location for this event, sponsored by the Department of Campus Life, is the Student Activities Center ballroom.

Dr. John Eaves, chairman of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners and formerly the assistant dean of students at Clayton State, will give the keynote address for the University’s 2009 Martin Luther King, Jr., Commemorative Event in Spivey Hall on Thursday, Jan. 22. Eaves’ 7:30 p.m. address in Spivey Hall will be preceded by a reception in the lobby of Spivey Hall that will begin at 6:30 p.m. The

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## Spivey Hall Announces Holiday Schedule

Clayton State University's Spivey Hall is once again preparing for the holidays, this year featuring big band sounds and the region's best singers.

On Saturday, Dec. 13, jazz trumpeter and vocalist Joe Gransden, along with a 16-piece big band, some special guests and timeless tunes, will swing into the holiday spirit at Spivey Hall with a "Big Band Christmas." A metro Atlanta jazz scene favorite, Gransden has recorded seven CDs.

The music of Joe Gransden's big band, sponsored by Hot Shoe Records, will begin at 8:15 p.m. Tickets are \$40.

Spivey Hall's most cherished holiday tradition is the beautiful sound of superb young singers joyously evoking the spirit of Christmas. The three choirs of the Spivey Hall Children's Choir Program welcome Christmas with concerts on Friday, Dec. 12, featuring the Spivey Hall Young Artists and the Spivey Hall Children's Choir, and on Saturday, Dec. 13 and Sunday, Dec. 14, showcasing the Children's Choir and its most advanced singers, the Spivey Hall Tour Choir.

The Friday concert, conducted by Craig Hurley and Dr. Martha Shaw, with Steven Wooddell and Judy Mason on the piano, will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25.

The Saturday and Sunday concerts, also conducted by Shaw, with Mason on piano, will both start at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$25.

Also on Sunday, Dec. 14, The Atlanta Singers, with David Morrow, conductor, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Comprised of some of the region's finest soloists who are dedicated to the art of small ensemble choral singing, the 18-voice Atlanta

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## Spivey Hall Wins NEA Grant For Spring Bach Festival

In its first round of 2009 grant awards, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) yesterday announced a grant of \$10,000 to Clayton State University's Spivey Hall in support of its 2009 Spring Bach Festival.

Spivey Hall had previously received two grants from the NEA through its "Challenge America" program. This new grant is its first in the prestigious and highly competitive "Access to Excellence" program, and places Spivey Hall in the company of such distinguished organizations as the major orchestras of New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Chicago, San Francisco and Los Angeles, as well as Carnegie Hall, the Brooklyn Academy of Music, Jazz at Lincoln Center, and the Aspen Music Festival.

Spivey Hall's 2009 Spring Bach Festival opens on Mar. 29, 2009, with

London's renowned Academy of Ancient Music performing all six "Brandenburg" Concertos by Johann Sebastian Bach under the leadership of conductor and harpsichordist Richard Egarr. The festival continues with concerts (all featuring works of Bach) by outstanding international artists: Swiss flutist Emmanuel Pahud, British harpsichordist Trevor Pinnock and British cellist Jonathan Manson (Apr. 26, 2009), French organist Vincent Dubois (May 2, 2009), and German cellist Daniel Mueller-Schott with Canadian pianist Angela Hewitt (May 3, 2009). Hewitt also will offer a piano master class on the evening of May 2, 2009 on the interpretation and performance of Bach's works.

A free pre-concert talk will be given with each performance in the Spring Bach Festival, and a number of complimentary tickets will be provided to high school and college students. ■

See the general announcement at the NEA's website:  
<http://www.nea.gov/news/news08/Announce12-08.html>.

For information on the "Access to Excellence" music category grants, go to  
<http://www.nea.gov/grants/recent/09grants/09AAE.php?CAT=Access&DIS=Music>.

More details about the 2009 Spring Bach Festival events and Spivey Hall's 2008/09 concert season are available at [www.spiveyhall.org](http://www.spiveyhall.org).

# Nursing Professor Strives to Promote Diversity

by Erin Fender, University Relations

Clayton State University's Dr. Susan Sanner, an associate professor of Nursing, strives to promote diversity and student success.

"Through my experiences with students here and my research focus on student diversity over the years, I realize that diversity means more than just race and ethnicity. It also encompasses students' diverse learning styles and individual life circumstances," she says.

Sanner has now been a part of Clayton State's faculty for 17 years. She oversees the development and involvement of the School of Nursing's faculty and student mentor program. She is also a member of the nursing workforce diversity grant team.

In August 2008, Sanner's article titled "The Experiences of Students with English as a Second Language in a Baccalaureate Nursing Program" was

published in *Nurse Education Today*. The research used in depth interviews to answer how students with English as a secondary language experience a nursing program.

"Through out the research, three themes emerged, 'walking the straight and narrow,' 'an outsider looking in,' and 'doing whatever it takes to be successful,'" explains Sanner.

Sanner also collaborated on a recent article with Dr. Michael Deis, director of the University's Master of Business Administration program.

"Through this dialogue, we recognized the need for members across disciplines to share what is being done to promote diversity, the challenges in doing so, and the many student success stories. One of the most satisfying aspects of the experience of writing the article with Dr. Deis is that we recognized the similarities

between the disciplines and the issues we face when addressing students needs," says Sanner.

The article titled, "How Can Interdisciplinary Collaboration Between Schools Promote Culturally Diverse Student's Success" has been accepted for publication by the *Academy of Educational Leadership Journal*.

Along with Dr. Lisa Eichelberger, dean of the School of Nursing, and Dr. Sue Odom, associate dean, Sanner is planning for the Second Annual Cultural Diversity Forum to be held at Clayton State in the spring of 2009.

"I think it is crucial to understanding our students and promoting their success that we recognize different forms of diversity," says Sanner. ■

## Clayton State Tops USG Universities In Study Abroad Enrollment Growth



Parkerson

The recent Study Abroad Fair organized by the Clayton State University Office of International Programs is just one indication of the University's growing international footprint.

According to statistics released by the University System of Georgia (USG), Clayton State had the largest percentage increase in Study Abroad enrollments of any university in the USG over the past five academic years (from 2003/04 to 2007/08). Clayton State's Study Abroad enrollment more than quadrupled over that time, going from 11 to 48.

"No university in the system comes even close to quadrupling, as did Clayton State," observes John E. Parkerson, Jr., director of Clayton State's Office of International Programs.

The USG report ties in with U.S. International Education Week (Nov. 17-21) and national data on study abroad and international student enrollments also released today by the Institute for International Education in New York. International Education Week is a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education, to recognize the global exchange environment between the United States and other countries. ■



## Clayton State Children Sing for Zoo Atlanta Panda Naming Ceremony

Three children of Clayton State employees took part in the Dec. 8 naming ceremony for Zoo Atlanta's new baby panda, Xi Lan. Singing (in Chinese yet) "Panda Mimi" as part of a group of children adopted through Chinese Children Adoption International were (left to right); University Relations volunteer Maggie Shiffert, her sister, Katie Shiffert, and Sophie Hollowell, daughter of Dr. Mary Hollowell of the Teacher Education Department.

# Clayton State Adds MAT in English and Mathematics

by Erin Fender, University Relations

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia recently approved Clayton State University's proposal to add Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) graduate program in English and Mathematics.

"The MAT program is designed to allow individuals who already have undergraduate degrees in English and Math to become certified to teach in grades six to 12 while enhancing their experiences in those content areas and obtaining a

Master's degree," says Dr. David Messer, assistant professor of Teacher Education.

The first classes for the MAT program will begin with the summer 2009 term. The program will also offer evening courses for individuals needing to begin the program part time.

"There are a few types of people the program might attract. Students who have already graduated in Math and English

and had other occupations but have decided that they want to become teachers; recent graduates who are exploring professional options in those areas; and teachers in surrounding systems who are teaching with provisional certificates and need to obtain clear, renewable certificates," notes Messer.

The program will consist of content specific classes, professional studies classes,

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## Biology Professor, Students Take Part in Rivers Alive Clean Up

by Ciji Fox, University Relations

Dr. Christopher Kodani, associate professor of Biology at Clayton State University, alongside students Micah Evans, Denisse Iacobucci, Aaron Kirby, Johnny Ly, Wesly Menard, Nkechi Onunka and



Jodi-Ann Paragon-Singh, recently teamed up with the Henry County Water & Sewerage Authority (HCWSA) in the Fourth Annual Rivers Alive river cleanup. The event was hosted by Henry County Stormwater Management and HCWSA to clean up a portion of the South River.

"Our involvement with Henry County's Rivers Alive program came about through our ongoing partnership with Henry County's Stormwater Management Department," says Kodani. "We participate in the Georgia Adopt-a-Stream program, and cooperate

## Toxicology Students Visit Regional EPA Office

Fourteen Clayton State University students in Dr. Jacqueline Jordan's Environmental Toxicology class visited the Environmental Protection Agency's Region 4 office in downtown Atlanta last Friday.

The students were invited to visit the EPA by Tim Frederick, one of seven toxicologists at the EPA's Region 4 Superfund Division. His group develops and maintains a central database of toxicological information on common environmental pollutants, like mercury, lead, asbestos, pesticides, and radioactive compounds.

Upon their arrival at the EPA, Frederick gave a detailed presentation to the students about the role of the EPA and its toxicologists. The students were informed of various career choices in the EPA, summer internships, and educational requirements for future employment.

Next, the students toured the Regional Emergency Response Center, meeting with Federal-On Scene Coordinator of Southeast Regional Response Jeff Crowley. His office responds to major environmental incidents such as chemical spills, explosions, and severe weather events.

Before leaving, the students had an informal lunch with several of the EPA's toxicologists -- Ben Bentkowski, Ofia Hodah and Kevin Koporec -- to discuss their

environmental concerns, such issues as clean air and water, toxic waste storage and disposal, pesticide use, and industrial chemical release.

The Clayton State students later raved about the experience.

"I enjoyed being able to see what real-life jobs are available for people with different science backgrounds." -- Sarah Peppers

"Hands on learning is more effective. This keeps things exciting." -- Salwa Qadri

"We received a lot of career advice from industry employees, (something that) almost never happens." -- Kenita Jackson

"The presentation was the coolest part, mainly the part about the advanced bioinformatics." -- David Owiredo

"I learned more of what the EPA did and how they regulate the environment." -- Mary Ngo

"I enjoyed meeting the people. They were friendly and informative." -- Penny Ho

Other students visiting the EPA facility included; Kadiatu Jalloh, Angel Dallas, Moyosore Olagoke, Williams Azubike, Thanh Nguyen, Monique Nurse, Thao Nguyen and Hieu Dinh. ■

# Across the Campus...

## Athletics

Clayton State men's basketball coach Gordon Gibbons announces the promotion of Brent Buchanan to associate head coach in the Laker program. Buchanan is in his eighth season as an assistant at Clayton State. Overall, he's been a Gibbons aid for a total of 11 seasons. Buchanan serves as the program's director of basketball operations, overseeing and managing all aspects of the men's basketball program and office. His duties include opponent scouting, film breakdown and analysis, recruiting, strength and conditioning, compliance and developing the Laker post players.

## Clayton State Theatre

Playwright Phillip DePoy, director of the Clayton State Theatre and assistant professor of Theatre, invites you to join him at the latest presentation of his play, "Christmas at Sweet Apple," at Marietta's Theatre in the Square. "Christmas at Sweet Apple" is based on the late AJC columnist Celestine Sibley's short stories, published in "Christmas in Georgia" and "Especially at Christmas." The play premiered Nov. 9, at Theatre in the Square Alley Stage, which is located on 11 Whitlock Ave., Marietta, and will run through Dec. 28. "Christmas at Sweet Apple" was first introduced to audiences in a reading held last year at Clayton State University. Its world premier was last fall, also at Theatre in the Square. The play features original music written by DePoy paired with traditional Christmas favorites. Thom Jenkins, who often directs music for the Alabama Shakespeare Festival, is the show's musical director. Jay Frear directs the production.

## College of Professional Studies

Dr. Sandy Weinberg, associate professor of Health Care Management in the College of Professional Studies, recently delivered a paper on "Quality by Design for the QA Laboratory" at the Eastern Analytical Symposium in New Jersey.

## History

The authors of a new book on the Civil Rights movement, Constance Curry and Bob Zellner, will be coming to Clayton

State University on Tuesday, Feb. 10 to speak on "The Wrong Side of Murder Creek: A White Southerner in the Freedom Movement." (NewSouth Books, ISBN 978-1-58838-222-1. The program at Clayton State, which will be held in the James M. Baker University Center starting at 11 a.m., will include a book signing and will basically be a forum for discussion about the history represented in the book as examined through the experiences of these civil rights veterans.

## International Programs

Three visitors from Turkey -- Tarik Celik, executive director, Istanbul Center; Ferhat Demir, executive director, Turkish-American Chamber of Commerce; and Isa Asacan, director of Academic Affairs, Istanbul Center, met with School of Business Dean Dr. Jacob Chacko and Director of the Office of International Programs John Parkerson on Nov. 26.

## NARA

Undergraduate students at Clayton State University will be participating in the University's First Civic Engagement Research Conference to be held Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the National Archives and Records Administration's (NARA) Southeast Regional Archives, 5780 Jonesboro Rd., Morrow, Ga., adjacent to the Clayton State campus. This topic for the Conference is the 2008 presidential election. The Clayton State Civic Engagement Committee, in conjunction with NARA, is sponsoring the conference. Clayton State students are invited to submit proposals or write essays. Those students whose proposals are accepted along with the winning essays will give individual or panel presentations at the conference. The submission deadline is Jan. 16, 2009.

## Philosophy

Clayton State University will be hosting the Second Annual Southeast Philosophy Congress on Friday, Feb. 13 and Saturday, Feb. 14, 2009, featuring keynote speaker Dr. Jack Zupko from Emory University. According to Dr. Alexander Hall, assistant professor of Philosophy at Clayton State, the Congress is currently inviting submissions from undergraduate and graduate

students in any area of philosophy. All talks will run 20 minutes, followed by a 10 minute question/answer period. The submission deadline for presentations is Dec. 15, 2008. Presented papers will be published in online and print proceedings. Submissions for presentation at the Congress, accompanied by a brief abstract, should be emailed to ToddJanke@Clayton.edu. The registration fee for the Congress, which will be held primarily in Clayton State's James M. Baker University Center, is \$45, which includes lunch both days and a print copy of the proceedings. The Southeast Philosophy Congress will run both Friday and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a lunch break both days from noon to 1:30 p.m.

## School of Business

Dr. Jacob Chacko and Dr. Mike Tidwell discussed the School of Business and Clayton State University on The Joel Miller Radio Show on Sunday, Dec. 8 on WCFO-AM.

## Spivey Hall

Ritmo Blu, an energetic, fun-filled percussion trio guaranteed to make you laugh and want to bang a drum, will be presenting two Young People's Concerts at Spivey Hall on the campus of Clayton State University on Thursday, Dec. 11, at 9:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Ritmo Blu's program celebrates the world's winter holidays, including Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa. Ritmo Blu will travel through the holiday traditions of Europe, Israel, Africa, and the United States, teaching about the music of various cultures and inviting the audience to sing along on favorites. These performances, as part of Spivey Hall's Young People's Concerts, last approximately 45 minutes and are educational in nature. The concerts are designed for school children, but adults are welcome to attend and learn as well. Admission is \$1 per person; the fee for all Clayton State faculty, staff, and students is waived. For more information, please contact Deborah Teske at 678-466-4491.

## University System of Georgia

The November 2008 issue of A Worthy Investment is now available for viewing on the University System website at: [http://www.usg.edu/pubs/worthy\\_investment/](http://www.usg.edu/pubs/worthy_investment/).

## Martin Hardin Wins Mu Phi Epsilon Scholarship

by Ciji Fox, University Relations

Clayton State University junior Martin Hardin was a winner in the recent Atlanta Alumni of Mu Phi Epsilon's 2008 music scholarship competition, held at Clayton State.

Hardin, a Bachelor of Arts in Music major, is a bass-baritone who is also studying composition. His competition program included a new art song of his own composition as well as Henry Purcell's coloratura showpiece "Arise, Ye Subterranean Winds."

Mu Phi Epsilon is an international professional fraternity for women and men in the field of music, with collegiate chapters in university music departments across the United States, Canada, and the Philippines and alumni chapters in 60 cities in the United States. One of the

principal activities of the Atlanta Alumni Chapter, which celebrates its 50th anniversary in May 2009, is its scholarship competition, which is open to student members of Mu Phi Epsilon chapters in the state of Georgia. There are currently seven such chapters, including Clayton State's Delta Psi Chapter, installed in 2003.

Of the six prize-winners chosen in the 2008 competition, Hardin was the only male singer and the only music student from a University System of Georgia institution, points out Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller, Clayton State director of Vocal Studies and Opera, a holder of Mu Phi Epsilon's elite ACME listing, and faculty advisor for the Delta Psi Chapter. Hardin is president of Delta Psi and a voice student of Zeller's.

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the Clayton State budget, so merit raises will go into effect in January 2009.

To allow our faculty and staff to react to the changes in the health benefit plans, a special Open Enrollment for Benefits will run through Monday, Dec. 15, 2008.

There is still a possibility that the USG-required budget reduction will go higher than the present eight percent. As a result, our plan is to reduce our budget by nine percent while we also remain prepared for a worse-case scenario of a 10 percent reduction (or, an additional two percent on top of the current eight percent reduction.)

Our goals for our budget reduction are as follows:

- To sustain our core mission of the instruction of students. After all, that's why we're here, first and foremost. That's the way it seems like we've been doing it forever. Based on our hard work and the commitment of

people like you, we will take care of the students, and the rest will fall into place.

- To minimize and long-term damage to Clayton State -- to avoid any actions that might affect our ability to attract future students.
- To respond to the USG's requirements.
- To support the State's efforts to deal with the present worldwide economic situation.
- To maintain jobs. That has been one of my priorities through all of the previous budget cuts. I'm not kidding when I say, "we need you."

## MBA Students Honored by SE Informs

Three Clayton State University MBA students, Barbara Bukowska, Jennifer Free and Artrice Love-Collins, have earned a significant honor from the Southeastern Chapter of the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (SE Informs)... the Best Student Paper Award at the organization's recent 2008 conference.

Their paper, which began as a case study assignment for their MBA Managerial Economics class taught by Clayton State Professor of Economics Dr. Lari Arjomand, was titled "ExxonMobil Goes Green," and examined how ExxonMobil is grappling with the decision of expanding ethanol production in the face of current oil prices, negative public opinion, and government regulations. Arjomand also encouraged Bukowska, Free and Love-Collins to respond to SE Informs' call-for-papers.

"All three students were at the conference to present their work. Their paper was excellent, but the Chair made a point of mentioning that their presentation was also top notch," says Dr. Reza Kheirandish, Clayton State assistant professor of Economics and Economic and Finance Track Chair for SE Informs 2008. "They did a great job writing and presenting, and certainly put Clayton State University's name on the map for everyone at the conference."

In addition to putting Clayton State on the SE Informs map, all three students have plans to put themselves on the map, the business map, that is.

Bukowska, a native of Lublin, Poland currently living in Fairburn, Ga.,

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## Lab Safety on Campus

by Bobby Hamil, Public Safety

On Nov. 24, the Department of Public Safety was called regarding a potential emergency in a laboratory in the BHS Building on campus.

A student employee had entered the lab early that morning and observed a smoky haze and detected an acidic aroma. Public Safety followed its standard policies and procedures in response. First, the employee was advised to vacate the building promptly, locking the door to the lab behind her if possible. The entire building was then evacuated by campus police officers, and Morrow Fire Department and its hazmat team were contacted by our dispatchers to respond as well. While this was being done, officers immediately interviewed the student to determine if she needed any medical attention, and also to obtain as much information about the cause of the smoke and acidic smell as possible to assist the hazmat team upon their arrival. Fortunately, the student had no ill effects and the cause was determined to be a faulty vacuum pump. There were no chemical spills.

If a hazardous material leakage or spill had been detected, additional safety and response measures would have been implemented. Since responses to chemical leakage/spills can vary, all first responder agencies, including our Department of Public Safety, are

equipped with the latest Emergency Response Guidebook for use as a quick reference tool in determining the best response measures to potentially dangerous hazardous materials, even when the substance has not yet been unidentified. Every building on campus that stores hazardous chemicals is required to maintain an up to date inventory of all the chemicals, which is of great value and benefit to the responders in determining the cause and effect of any leakage/spill. It also aids in determining the most appropriate medical response for those affected, as well as any specialized equipment/clothing that may be needed by the hazmat team.

Also, while the investigation is ongoing, the appropriate university officials are notified and kept apprised of developments as they occur, so that well informed decisions can be made, e.g. close and evacuate the campus, maintain contaminated building(s) in lock down status, establishment of safety perimeter, and when it is safe to reopen the building(s). These types of investigations can often be uniquely challenging, since the cause and effect of the emergency may be difficult to determine. However, as with any other emergency, a successful response is dependent on the full cooperation of all involved, whether they be students, faculty, staff, or visitors. ■

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content methods courses, and field-based and clinical experiences. Additional courses will emphasize use of technology and action research with pupils in diverse school settings. Students will have the ability to complete the degree in just over a year by following a summer I, fall, spring, and summer II schedule.

“This provides the opportunity for students with undergraduate degrees in

English and Math to obtain a Master’s Degree and teacher certification in a fairly compact period of time,” says Messer. ■

## Fayette Senior Services and Clayton State Establish Lifelong Learning Programs

Fayette Senior Services, Inc., and Clayton State University’s Center for Continuing Education have joined forces to bring expanded opportunities for lifelong learning to Fayette County by offering classes at the Fayette Senior Services Life Enrichment Center, 4 Center Dr., Fayetteville. While classes will be open to adults of all ages, Fayette Senior Services is targeting adults age 50 and better with stated objectives to continue learning for personal growth, or being meaningfully engaged in paid or volunteer work.

The program will offer a diverse curriculum that includes business, dance, culinary, home and garden, language, writing, music, computer, travel, and more. In addition to participating in non-academic special interest classes, students can engage in courses that earn a professional certificate as well as Continuing Education Unit credits.

The partnership augments the wide variety of programs and classes already offered at Fayette Senior Services Center of Life Enrichment. Executive Director Debbie Britt believes the program will address a wide variety of needs and interests of Fayette County’s older adult population.

“Lifelong learning programs reach out to a community of adult learners,” she says. “This supports our agency’s core mission to provide access to opportunities for intellectual and personal growth while enhancing social networking in aging populations.”

Fayette Senior Services Program Manager Susan Landais agrees; “Fayette County has one of the fastest growing older adult populations in metro Atlanta and we strive to offer quality programs to meet the

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holds a BBA in Accounting with minor in Finance from Clayton State, where she also played varsity basketball for Coach Dennis Cox.

“After graduating with the MBA degree, I am planning on going back home,” she says. “I am planning on opening a family business or businesses; one of them will include a trading company. In the long-run, I would love to have my own sports club with internationally recognized teams.”

Free is also a Clayton State graduate with a B.B.A. Accounting and a minor in Finance, however, she also has a degree from Griffin Technical Institute in practical nursing. Originally from Three Rivers, Mi., she graduated from Jonesboro High School in 1993 and is currently the CFO of a mid-size business in South Metro Atlanta, Tal-Kno Building Products, Inc.

“After graduation I intend to concentrate on establishing my own business that is complimentary to the company I currently work for,” she says.

Love-Collins lived in Los Angeles for 26 years before relocating to Georgia, where she currently lives in Newnan. Like Free, she is a nurse, holding both RN and BSN degrees, the latter from Brenau University in Gainesville, Ga.

“The MBA program has allowed me to accomplish my career plans of becoming a clinical strategist consultant for a major software company, Cerner, which provides technology solutions to the health-care industry,” she explains. “After completing my MBA I would like to take a few additional database and technology related courses to bring additional value to my knowledge base and customer offerings in the IT industry.

“As a long-term goal, I'd love to be a CIO in a clinical capacity. I'd like to see some improvements to patient care and safety that could be implemented via technology.” ■

## MBA Student Wins Software Testing Best Practices Award

Clayton State University MBA student Jon Geldbach was recently awarded the Software Testing Best Practices Award by the International Institute for Software Testing (IIST).

His paper on SunTrust Bank's Enterprise Testing Organization was selected for the award at the IIST Certification Super Week in Las Vegas. According to Dr. Michael Tidwell, associate professor in the Clayton State School of Business, Geldbach's paper was well-written and displays a great depth of practical knowledge for use by all software testers, regardless of industry. His award-winning paper is currently available online at: <http://www.iist.org/bestpractice/SunTrustBank.php>

“I submitted the paper to formally recognize SunTrust's Enterprise Testing Organization as having adopted best practices in software testing and quality, leading to significant improvements in performance, reliability and the bottom line,” says Geldbach of what started in November 2007 as a personal work project for the bank.

“My graduate class training and writing assignments helped polish the final version.”

A Project Management Professional for SunTrust, Geldbach plans to use his Clayton State University MBA to further his career at SunTrust in Information Technology. ■

**Cox, cont'd. from p. 1**

ing courses that they planned to create for the program,” she says. “I was interested in expanding my base of knowledge so that I would have more to offer my students at Jonesboro High School.”

Among the courses Cox took as part of the MALS program were; Art History, Introduction to Philosophy, Shakespeare, Southern Literature, History of Pop Culture, and Music Appreciation. She says she enjoyed the entire experience, from the coursework to the professors to her fellow students.

“I found both the course offerings and the professors fantastic. I enjoyed the small, family-like culture amongst both faculty members and the students in my program, (something) you just do not experience in a large university,” she notes. “It was nice to see the same faces in my classes and to feel comfortable asking questions of the professors.

“This program works well for teachers of English or history because it gives them the opportunity to bring in so many new ideas, readings, and background knowledge.”

In addition to coaching the mock trial team, Cox is an advisor for the JHS Latin Club, prom committee, and student council. She is also the daughter of Larry Wiley, a Clayton State Communications instructor who taught for the Clayton County School System for many years before retiring and has also taught at Clayton State part-time for more than 25 years.

“Now that I am finished, I will continue teaching at Jonesboro H.S. as I have been doing and working with our two-time national champion Mock Trial team,” she says of her future plans. “I am also beginning work on National Board Certification, which is an intense process that teachers use to look at why they teach and the methods that they use on a daily basis.” ■

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The DHS Scholarship and Fellowship Program is intended for students interested in pursuing the basic science and technology innovations that can be applied to the DHS mission. <http://www.orau.gov/dhseducationprograms>

### **Spivey, cont'd. from p. 3**

Singers are known for their innovative programming and engaging performance style -guaranteed to put you in the holiday spirit. Their program includes seasonal motets by Mendelssohn, modern choral works by Healy Wilan, Herbert Howells, Ulysses Kay, Abbie Betinis and Rene Clausen, and settings of well-known Christmas carols. Tickets are \$20.

For tickets and more information, call the Spivey Hall Box Office at (678) 466-4200. Full-price tickets only are available online at [www.spiveyhall.org](http://www.spiveyhall.org) (a per-ticket service fee applies). ■

**Fayette, cont'd. from p. 8**

diverse interests and needs of this population. The University's lifelong learning program brings an added dimension to our agency's offerings and we are proud that this new partnership creates more life-enriching opportunities for older adults."

Classes will be offered on Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning at the end of January. According to Janet Winkler, director of Continuing Education at Clayton State University, the new partnership will further expand the many lifelong learning programs presented by the University through its Center for Continuing Education.

Winkler adds, "Our strategic alliance with Fayette Senior Services underscores the understanding that personal development and lifelong learning play a central role in future plans of older adults. Whether you are interested in a new or second career, acquiring new skills, or actively engaging in leisure activities, we will be offering a wide array of fresh and exciting programs to meet a variety of interests." ■

**Biology, cont'd. from p. 5**

with each other to train volunteers and collect data on the health of our local streams."

South River is a local waterway which feeds sources for drinking water and outdoor recreation. ■

**MLK, cont'd. from p. 2**

keynote address will also feature musical numbers by the Clayton State University Gospel Choir.

Finally, on Friday, Jan. 23, a total of 25 Clayton State students will take a tour of the King Center and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference headquarters. This "Life of the King" Trip is sponsored by the Department of Campus Life. ■

**Hardeman Wills Clayton State Women Past Tuskegee 85-66**

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

When the odds were against the Clayton State Laker women's basketball team on Saturday, Shanrika Hardeman came through in clutch.

The senior forward scored 17 points, 13 in the second half, as the Lakers out-lasted visiting Tuskegee 85-66 at the Athletics and Fitness Center. The victory was the fourth straight for Clayton State, now 4-1 overall on the season.

After struggling the first part of the game, Clayton State took over the first half with a 23-5 run to take a 40-22 lead with 1:39 remaining. However, Tuskegee closed the deficit to 10 points at halftime with an 8-0 run to trail 40-30. The Tigers trimmed

the Laker lead to 53-52 with 8:17 remaining on two Gartrell's free throws before Hardeman took over for Clayton State.

She nailed a jump shot to give the Lakers a 58-52 lead with 7:09 remaining, and then converted another jump shot from the wing to increase the margin to 68-58 at the 4:12 mark. Hardeman then added another jumper, followed by four straight free throws as a result of a Tuskegee technical foul gave Clayton State a commanding 76-58 lead with 2:53 remaining.

In addition to Hardeman, Nikkisha Pritchett paced Clayton State with 18 points off the bench, while Dominique Jennings also scored 13 points off the

**Trivia Time**

**Trick Questions**

by John Shiffert, University Relations

There are various reasons that the Trivia Time Virtual Trophy is named after Tom Eddins. One is that Eddins is a sly one.

Last issue's question, when was the last year that Christmas and New Year's Day came on different days of the week, came from Eddins, just to see if anyone out there was paying attention.

It turns out that Kathy Garrison was, since she was the first to point out that, "Christmas and New Years Day are on different days of the week each year. Christmas day of this year will be the same day of the week as New Years Day next year." Kurt-Alexander Zeller and B.D. Stillion also had the correct answer, but generally speaking, it was another triumph for Eddins.

Now for some Clayton State trivia. What are the names of Spivey Hall's two grand pianos? (Yes, they have names.) First correct answer to johnshiffert@clayton.edu gets to sing solo on stage at Spivey (OK, Sam?)

bench. Lisa Jackson scored 10 points for the Lakers, and Brittany Hall added nine points.

Clayton State opens Peach Belt Conference play on Dec. 17 at UNC Pembroke. ■

# Sports

## Garrett Scores 16 as Lakers Improve to 5-0

# Clayton State Men Pass First Road Test with 76-63 Triumph at West Georgia

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

After opening the 2008-09 season with four straight home games, the Clayton State Lakers faced their first road test of the season – at in-state rival West Georgia of all places.

The result – passed.

With four players scoring in double-figures, Clayton State out-lasting West Georgia 76-63 on Saturday at the HPE Building. Clayton State improves to 5-0 with the victory. It's the third straight season that Clayton State has won at West Georgia and the second time in the last three seasons that the Lakers have swept the season series from West Georgia.

Clayton State has now won five of its last six against the Wolves.

Taking care of the ball offensively was key for the Lakers on the Wolves' home court, and they did that, committing only six turnovers for the game. In addition, they also shot 44 percent from the field in the process.

The Lakers held as much as an 11-point lead three times in the first half. Two free throws by Freddie Williams gave Clayton State a 29-18 lead with 7:06 remaining. However, West Georgia used a 9-0 run to cut the deficit to two points.

Jeremy Smith's jump shot brought the Wolves to within 29-27 at the 4:11 mark. However, a 3-point play by Brian Kelly with a minute remaining gave the Lakers a 35-31 lead at halftime.

Clayton State twice stretched the lead back to 11 points early in the second half, but the Wolves would never go away. Twice, West Georgia trimmed the lead to four points, including a 3-point play by Chris Colvin that cut the Clayton State lead to 65-61 with 2:59 remaining.

That, however, was as close as West Georgia would get. The Lakers answered with two free throws by Ricky Garrett and a wide-open lay-up by Freddie Williams at the 1:46 mark.

Garrett scored 16 points off the bench to pace Clayton State, followed by Williams with 15 points. Bernard Fields tallied 12 points, and Kelly scored 11 points and grabbed seven rebounds.

For West Georgia (2-7), John Pringle recorded a double-double with 12 points and 13 rebounds, while Doug Daniels also scored 12 points. Colvin and Ish John each added 11 points.

Clayton State is back in action at home on Sunday, Dec. 14 against Edward Waters. ■

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