

“Change and Focus are the Key” State Representative Buckner Tells Clayton State Graduates

by John Shiffert and Leigh Duncan, University Relations



For the first time, a graduate addressed the graduates as the keynote speaker at a Clayton State Commencement.

State Representative and Clayton State alumna Gail Buckner gave the Commencement address at last night's December Graduation ceremonies, held before a record-breaking crowd of approximately 1,700 in the University's Athletics & Fitness Center. Although members of the graduating class have previously served as Commencement speaker, and the president of the Clayton State Alumni Association typically addresses and inducts the Association's new members as part of the ceremony, Buckner's address on "Change and Focus" marked the first time in the University's 34-year history that an alumnus of the University served as the Commencement speaker.

The University's "Distinguished Alumni of 2002," Buckner graduated from Clayton State with an A.A. in education in 1977 when the University was a two-year college. Her May 2002 award marked the first time Clayton State had ever recognized an "alumni of the year." Buckner was elected to the Georgia Assembly House of Representatives in 1991, and is now in her seventh term of service in the Legislature. A Democrat, she is currently the state representative from Georgia's 95th district, a district including parts of Morrow, Ellenwood, Rex, Lake City, and Stockbridge.

Buckner's address was preceded by a greeting from the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, delivered by the newest Regent, M. Allan Vigil. A long-time member of the Board of Trustees of the Clayton College & State University Foundation, Vigil also brought the best wishes of the Chancellor of the University System, Dr. Thomas Meredith, and assisted Clayton State President Dr. Thomas K. Harden in giving the graduates their diplomas.

In discussing change, Buckner drew a sustained laugh from the packed house by noting that she started her second career in her twenties, her third career in her thirties, and adding that she was now on her fifth career.

The President's Message...

Participate In MLK Day

The year 2004 marks the 40th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act and the 50th anniversary of Brown versus the Board of Education. The 2004 theme for Clayton College & State University's Fourth Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration lends itself to "Civil Rights: The Continuing Challenge."

The event is scheduled to take place on Thursday, Jan. 15, 2004 and our speaker is the Honorable Andrew Young, close associate of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. There will be two opportunities for our students to learn from Ambassador Young. (Please see the schedule below.)

Following the suggestion of our 2003 speaker, Dr. Joseph Lowery, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is not only for celebration and remembrance, education and tribute, but above all a day of service. I would like to encourage everyone to plan to participate in some activity related to the holiday observance, beginning with our campus-wide commemoration.

The MLK Planning committee has designed a schedule of events that I encourage you to participate in and urge our students to get involved. Don't forget to visit our campus website for the commemoration at <http://a-s.clayton.edu/mlking/events.htm>.

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Educational/Trade/Cultural Mission to Central Europe Opens World of Possibilities

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Five of the Southern Crescent's foremost educational, business and cultural leaders recently returned from a 10-day long mission to Romania, Hungary and the Czech Republic.

Mission delegates Dr. Thomas K. Harden, president of Clayton College & State University, Grant Wainscott, vice president of the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce, Robert Lee, owner of Southside Seafood and vice president of the Clayton College & State University Foundation Board of Trustees, Sherryl Nelson, executive director of Spivey Hall, and Rev. Lanny Loe of the First Baptist Church of Jonesboro, met with dozens of academic, business and cultural leaders to "pitch" the Southern Crescent as an international educational, business and cultural center.

The mission delegates met with both foreign and American Chambers of Commerce, foreign trade associations and foreign ministries in all three countries. They also with all three U.S. Embassies, and spoke directly with U.S. Ambassadors Craig Stapleton in Prague and Michael Guest in Bucharest.

Wainscott notes that one of the primary goals of the trade mission was to promote the concept of a GEO/Political Trade Center and International Business Incubator at Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport and to gauge initial interest from both foreign government and business entities.

"The primary objective for these business meetings was to promote the Atlanta area as America's new global business hub," he says. "We have an amazing opportunity with the world's busiest passenger airport and the international terminal, to position Atlanta and particularly the Southern Crescent as the logical place to start or expand international business or foreign trade operations in the southeast."

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

"International opportunities to learn about the people and cultures of the world are essential in providing Clayton State students the tools to succeed in today's global society," he says. Expanding international collaboration opportunities for students and faculty are among Harden's main goals in this academic year.

"I'd especially like to see more educational exchanges and to have more American cultural figures visit Romania," says Ambassador Guest.

Harden specifically focused on developing relationships with international universities and American embassy cultural attaches, as well as making contacts with Fulbright Commission representatives. In all, he met with the rectors of nine universities, establishing relationships that will lead to faculty and student exchanges, and curriculum sharing over time.

"I made at least 50 meaningful contacts during the trip," says Harden. "We found ways to collaborate with these other institutions, and opened doors to agreements with all nine universities."

Although a major part of the mission was to form business relationships, both Harden and Nelson note that such relationships are best started with educational and cultural contacts. "Spivey Hall gave a common cultural language to our efforts," says Nelson. Of particular note was the visit to Budapest's prestigious Liszt Academy of Music, one of the world's finest music conservatories.

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

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

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"Change and focus are the two key words for tonight," Buckner told the almost-200 graduates - a record for a Fall Commencement at Clayton State. "I want to acknowledge that you will encounter changes... since the world is constantly changing around us. [However] we can use change to our advantage, we can embrace change if we continue to keep our focus."

Buckner also suggested that home and family considerations would ultimately prove to be the most rewarding aspect of the graduates' focus.

"Those things that are dear to us, we draw near to us," she said. "Your life's legacy will come from those things you draw near to you."

Following Buckner's address, Alumni Association President Michael McCullough gave his inaugural speech acknowledging the graduates' tenacity, perseverance and academic accomplishments, and officially inducting the Clayton College & State University's Class of 2003 into the Alumni Association.

"This day is significant for you and for Clayton College & State University - your university. Your graduation is the positive consequence of the time and energy you have directed toward a specific objective," he said. "After today, you will draw on the skills you gathered here as a foundation for further study and to develop your career, he says."

The Alumni Association at Clayton State has made several significant changes in the past twelve months, and according to McCullough, the future of the Association is looking very positive. McCullough also challenged the graduates to remember what Clayton State has meant to them and to become active members of the Alumni Association. ■

High Enrollment Growth Accompanied by Increasing SAT Scores

University System Enrollment Explodes to Highest Level

If the University System of Georgia (USG) was selling a product, Wall Street analysts would be shouting “buy, buy, buy” on news that the Fall 2003 semester enrollment at the 34 public institutions hit an all-time record high of 247,020 students.

Today’s report continues a three-year upward trend, as 14,000 new students swelled the ranks of those already enrolled. That is almost like adding another Georgia Southern University to the System. This dramatic increase comes on the heels of a 7.1% increase from fall 2001 to fall 2002. Overall, the University System of Georgia’s enrollment has increased by 20 percent — a full one-fifth - since the fall 2000 semester. The number of first-time freshmen increased by 6.7 percent to 37,036 students. This is the largest freshman enrollment in a decade.

Clayton College & State University is a part of that trend, having set another enrollment record this semester, with 5,661 students. Indeed, since the Fall 2001 semester, Clayton State’s enrollment has increased by 986 students (an amount in excess of Clayton Junior College’s entire enrollment when its doors first opened in 1969), or just over 21 percent.

All of USG’s record enrollment increases suggest that comprehensive efforts toward “Creating a More Educated Georgia” are paying notable dividends in providing increased access to higher education. However, despite the increases, the University System’s allocation from the state reflects the lowest percentage of the overall state budget since 1967 — 19 years before the average fall 2003 freshman was born.

“We were anticipating that our final numbers would reflect yet another record for student enrollment in the University System of Georgia,” says Chancellor Dr. Thomas C. Meredith, “We more than met our projections. The demand on the System continues to increase each year, as Georgians respond to our message about the need for increasing educational attainment. It is clear that appreciation for the value of higher education is on the rise in Georgia.”

In addition, the average composite SAT score — a combination of verbal and math scores - for first-time freshmen rose to 1,036 this fall, a six-point increase over last year’s average score of 1,030. The average was 1,026 in 2001 and 1,021 in 2000. Overall, the average composite SAT score for University System freshmen shows a 15-point increase over this three-year period.

“The increase in SAT scores reflects the University System’s on-going commitment to raising standards,” notes Meredith. “Our campuses are continuing to attract Georgia’s best and brightest students even as we raise the bar of expectations for academic performance. It is undeniable; our partnerships and our policies are yielding dividends.”

Clayton State is also one of only 12 USG institutions with an average SAT score of 1,000 or higher:

* Armstrong Atlantic State University	1,024
* Clayton College & State University	1,002
* Georgia College & State University	1,088
* Georgia Institute of Technology	1,325
* Georgia Southern University	1,056
* Georgia State University	1,080
* Kennesaw State University	1,047
* North Georgia College & State University	1,074
* Southern Polytechnic State University	1,105
* State University of West Georgia	1,009
* University of Georgia	1,209
* Valdosta State University	1,017

Clayton State Loses a Friend

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Clayton State lost a friend last month. You may not have known him, but, if you ever read the Atlanta Journal-Constitution over the past 30 years, you certainly knew his byline... Gary Hendricks. On Monday, Nov. 17, Gary died in his sleep of a heart attack in his Conley home. He was 56.

While it is unusual for a newspaper reporter to be considered a “friend” by an organization that reporter covered, Gary was an unusual reporter. First of all, he spent 30 years writing for the AJC... something that just doesn’t happen much anymore in the very transient world of journalism. Second, he could write, and write well, about anything. Although he was undoubtedly the pre-eminent expert on Hartsfield-Jackson Airport... so much that it should be renamed once more, to Hartsfield-Jackson-Hendricks Airport... Gary could, and did, write about everything, from James Earl Ray’s breakout from Brushy Mountain Prison to sports to the felling of the Bent Tree... an assignment that had him climbing up a ladder to the roof of the Clayton State Library to get a bird’s eye view of that event. But, that was Gary, a top-notch reporter who could always be counted on to write a good story... and there is no better eulogy for a journalist than to say he was a good reporter.

Indeed, he wrote many stories about Clayton State during his years working for the Clayton/Henry Bureau, always professionally, always fairly. For that reason alone, Gary Hendricks was a friend to Clayton State. And, there are many, many Gary Hendricks clips in the Clayton State University Relations story archives, including his last Clayton State story — written in October 2003 on the Korean War Seminar organized by Dr. Susan Henry. A sensitive look at the heroes that Henry assembled for that event, keeping with Gary’s interest and knowledge of history... in fact, he specifically asked for the assignment.

I’m glad he did. ■

Across the Campus

Arts & Sciences

Cygnets, Clayton State's new journal of art and literature, is seeking poetry, short fiction, essays, and art for its premiere issue. Turn your work in (typed and double-spaced and with your name and contact information included) to Jennifer Eason in Arts & Sciences G-110 before Feb. 1. For more information, contact David Ludley, Senior Editor: davidludley@mail.clayton.edu; Jennifer Griffith, Literary Editor: jennifergriffith@mail.clayton.edu; Greg Hampikian, Literary Editor: greghampikian@mail.clayton.edu; Steve Spence, Web Editor: stevespence@mail.clayton.edu; Alan Xie, Art Editor: alanxie@mail.clayton.edu. Cygnets will be hatched in Spring 2004.

Biology

Dr. James Tumlin, associate professor of Medicine at Emory University Medical School, director of the Grady Hospital Dialysis Unit and a clinical researcher in Nephrology, spoke on "The Artificial Kidney: News from the Frontier of Biomedical Technology" on Tuesday, Nov. 18 as part of Clayton State's Lyceum and Frontiers of Science programs.

On reliable evidence, it is safe to say that almost everyone loves the Greg Hampikian/Calvin Johnson book, "Exit to Freedom." On Tuesday, Dec. 2, Mr. Insensitivity himself, WSB-AM's Neal Boortz, was talking about the book and how much he loved it. He claimed that Keith Callan had stolen his copy, but that he was on page 200. Johnson's wife heard it on the radio, and persuaded her husband to call Boortz. (This is without going into some of the things Boortz could be called... that's another issue entirely). Johnson did (a brave man, yes?) and they talked for several minutes on the air. Boortz said, "Calvin, you are my hero." (And here we thought it was Rush Limbaugh.)

Clayton State forensic expert, biologist and author Dr. Greg Hampikian and co-author Calvin C. Johnson, Jr., attended the Dec. 4 Atlanta Press Club Holiday Author Party at the personal invitation of former President Jimmy Carter and wife Rosalynn. The Author Party was held at the Jimmy Carter Library and Museum and Hampikian and Johnson signed copies of their book "Exit to Freedom," the true story of Johnson's exoneration from prison thanks to DNA evidence.

The Sam Greenfield show on WWRL-AM radio in New York interviewed Calvin Johnson and Greg Hampikian on Monday, Dec. 8 about their book, "Exit to Freedom."

Business Services

In response to student requests, Clayton College & State University now accepts the Discover Card for online payment of tuition and fees. Online payment is the easiest and most efficient method for payment of student charges. With the addition of the Discover Card option, Clayton State hopes to more completely meet student needs, and allow more students access to this preferred method of payment.

Center for Academic Assistance

To help students prepare for their last test of willpower and intellect this semester, Clayton State's Center for Academic Assistance, (CAA) in conjunction with Campus Christian Ministries, sponsored the Finals Tutoring Blitz, Wednesday, Dec. 4, and Thursday, Dec. 5. "The Tutoring Blitz gives students a chance in a casual setting to get some last minute help and advice," says Leslie Meadows, CAA's Individualized Assistance/Peer Tutoring Coordinator. "It is not unique for Clayton State professors to volunteer their time to help their students. It is unique, however, for there to be a setting like the Tutoring Blitz where students can get instruction from different professors and learn from their expertise." The Finals Tutoring Blitz is the second Tutoring Blitz to be offered by CAA and Campus Christian Ministries, and there are plans for continuing the Midterm and Final Blitzes in future semesters.

Human Resources

Thomas George will be graduating later this month with his Master's in Business Administration from Kennesaw State. Unlike his best friend, his degree did not take 12 years...

Library

Clayton State faculty and staff contributed \$13,107 to the 2004 State Charitable Contributions Program. "Because of your generous contribution, we are able to help our neighbors and local communities improve their quality of life. I certainly appreciate all that you did to help make this program a success," says campaign coordinator Gwen Bell.

Lyceum

The following link contains information needed to submit a Lyceum proposal for the 2004-2005 year.

All creative ideas are welcome, but the Committee requires information filled out on the form, and your timely online submission. <http://adminservices.clayton.edu/studentlife/lyceum/Lyceum2004Proposals.asp>. Submission are due in mid January, says Dr. Greg Kordecki, Lyceum committee chair. Various forms of programs have been very successful, including exhibits, displays, workshops, seminars, as well as the traditional lecture. Please Kordecki (gregkordecki@mail.clayton.edu) with any questions.

Music

The Music Department's Dr. Chris Arrell got more than he bargained for in attending an international music conference in Istanbul. The morning he arrived, several large bombs were detonated in that fine old city, resulting in the loss of life and numerous injuries to the civilian populace. Fortunately, Arrell was not effected, except that his conference was cancelled for the day.

Clayton State Assistant Professor of Music and faculty saxophonist Dr. William Graves joined with organist Bruce Neswick on Sunday, Nov. 23 in a free recital at the Cathedral of St. Philip as part of the Cathedral's Sunday Afternoon Recital Series. Their performance featured works by J.S. Bach, C.P.E. Bach, John David Lamb, Rachmaninoff, Michael Johanson and Paul Creston.

Clayton State's Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller, director of Vocal Activities and Opera, and adjunct voice instructor Holly McCarren, will be part of a special Christmas performance, presented in association with Early Music Network on Friday, Dec. 19, Saturday, Dec. 20 and Sunday, Dec. 21. "A Renaissance Christmas Festival" is a celebration of holiday music and a joint performance by Atlanta's two leading early music ensembles, The Goliards of Atlanta, and New Trinity Baroque, and will feature playing on period instruments, and a large ensemble of vocal (including Zeller and McCarren) and instrumental soloists. The first performance will be on Dec. 19 at 8 p.m. at the Spalding Theater of the Seney-Stovall Chapel, 201 N. Milledge Ave. in Athens, Ga. The second performance will be on Dec 20 at 8:15 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, 2089 Ponce de Leon Ave., in Atlanta. The final performance is Dec. 21 at 3 p.m. at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 1790 LaVista Rd. NE, Atlanta. For tickets, call (770) 638-7574 or 1-866-EARLYMUSIC. Tickets are also available on-line at www.NewTrinityBaroque.com.

Across the Campus

Nursing

Attention aspiring nurses! The Department of Nursing is currently accepting applications for the SOS (Summer Opportunity for Success) program. The SOS program is a 10-week academic skills enhancement program. The goals of the program are to enable students interested in nursing to be better prepared for the nursing program and ultimately to become successful registered nurses. The program strives to meet these goals by helping students to enhance crucial academic skills in the areas of reading, writing and mathematics. The program is offered free of charge and offers a stipend to those who qualify according to federal guidelines. Applications are being accepted now through Mar. 1, 2004. Interested persons may obtain an application by visiting the web site at <<http://healthsci.clayton.edu/>> and clicking on the Nursing Workforce Diversity Program link or they may contact the Department of Nursing at (770) 961-3484.

School of Technology

Lou Brackett was awarded Microsoft Office Specialist Master Instructor status for Office 2000 in November, 2003. Master Instructors have successfully passed exams in Access, Word, Excel, Outlook and Powerpoint and have completed additional teacher training.

On Oct. 10, a computer networking class in the School of Technology toured Chick-fil-A headquarters off Buffington Road in southwest Atlanta. Richard Clendenning, assistant professor of computer networking, set up the tour through a graduate of the networking program and current Chick-fil-A employee, Scott Skipper. In addition to the technical aspects, Clendenning noted the importance of having classes meet and talk with former students who are now successful employees. He noted that it is these conversations that help students understand that the non-technical aspects of the job - communication, responsibility, and management skills - are just as important as technical know-how for success in the corporate world. Then, on Oct. 17, a computer networking class in the School of Technology toured Delta Airlines Technology Control Center (TCC). The purpose of this tour was for the class to see Delta's massive data operations and networking infrastructure. Clendenning set up this tour through Ron Chambers, a graduate of Clayton State's electronics program. The students were actually led on the tour of the TCC by David Neece, who guided them through the maze of computers and routers and explained Delta's computer operations.

Student Life

Georgia Campus SuperStar is a talent competition, open to students enrolled in any Georgia college or university, sponsored by Hillels of Georgia. Soloist singers will compete for a Grand Prize package of \$5000, plus performing and recording opportunities. The first round of tryouts — to determine 15 finalists in each location — will be held Feb. 10 at UGA and Feb. 15 at Emory University. The final tryout rounds will b Feb. 24 at the same two locations. Ten finalists will compete on Apr. 1 (no fooling!) at Earthlink Live. For more information, or to register, visit www.campussuperstar.com.

The Clayton State Baptist Student Union is selling Chick-fil-a Cow Superheroes Calendars. Each calendar costs \$5 and comes with coupons for \$30 worth of free Chick-fil-A food. All proceeds made from the sell of the calendars will go to Summer Missions. A limited quantity remains, so please contact Rhonda Boozer at rhondaboozer@mail.clayton.edu, or call ext. 3495, or stop by the Library (L-205).

As the culmination of the Clayton State Circle K Club's most recent fund-raising effort, club officers will be appearing on the Rainbow House Telethon on Channel 25 on Saturday, Dec. 13 at 3 p.m. Circle K will be presenting Rainbow House with a check for approximately \$850 - the proceeds from the club's sale of Clayton State acrylic and fleece throws over the past month. Appearing on the telethon will be club president Kelly Brannen, who will present the check, Vice President Krysta Nelson, secretaries Adetola Adetayo and Angie Canion and Treasurer Wilbur Nagaj. Rainbow House is a local home for abused children in Clayton County.

It has been reported that there are again individuals coming in to classrooms making sales presentations for comedy club tickets in the metro area. Such sales activities are not sanctioned by the University. If you encounter anyone engaged in this solicitation, please contact Campus Police or the Student Life Office. Thanks.

Spivey Hall

"Performance Today" on WJSP 88.1-FM featured Dr. Michiko Otaki in concert with the Kodaly String Quartet at Spivey Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 9

HR Corner

Cosmetic Dermatology Services from Kaiser

A new fee-for-service cosmetic dermatology service is available only to employees who have Kaiser HMO coverage. These procedures are not covered under the Kaiser Health plan benefits.

The services are: Botox injections; Collagen injections; Facial peels; Laser Hair removal; Laser Vascular treatments; Microdermabrasion; Removal of age spots; Skin Tag removal; Spider vein(leg) treatments; and Split earlobe repairs.

A 50% deposit is required when the appointment is scheduled and the remainder is due at the time of the procedure. Clinical services are provided by physicians of The Southeast Permanente Medical Group, Inc. and their registered nurses. Results of services vary among patients and cannot be guaranteed.

For more information, contact *Mary E. Ward*, Benefits Coordinator at ext. 3763. ■

Clayton State Employee Anniversaries

The following employees have recently celebrate anniversaries at Clayton State. Be sure to congratulate them. "Thank you" to all, for your loyal and dedicated service to ...your university!

Name	Years in Service
Stavro,Linda D.	19
Keane,Patricia	19
Kiker,Janis C.	16
Haight,Dennis E.	15
Fitzgerald,Kevin J.	14
Birchfield,Todd L.	12
Busby,Bobbie	12
Bynum,Donna D.	10
Benford,Heidi V.	10
Otoo,Solomon	8
Bettis,Pamela M.	7
Bookmiller,Sharon L.	7
Blackburn,Karen	7
Leon,Warren S.	7
Brennan,Terri L.	6
Hunt,Christopher B.	6
Branch,Jerry	3
Ingram,Nathaniel B.	3
Cox,Dolores H.	3
White,Christopher J.	3
Pinion,Eugene	3
Chapman,Gloria D.	3
Hodge,Melody R.	1
Bonner,LaTonya Devon	1
Parker,Vickie J.	1
Kelsick,Donna Marie	1

Alumni/Development Sanctuary Project Honors Jerry Eskew

by Leigh Duncan, University Relations

On Sunday, Nov. 16, the family of the late L. Jerry Eskew, former Director of Transportation and Logistics at Coca-Cola and long-time Clayton State supporter, along with the Clayton College & State University Foundation, hosted a reception to honor Eskew and to introduce "Sanctuary," a vision of remembrance.

With the Eskew family's generous gift of more than \$50,000 as a starting point, the Eskews, along with the Clayton College & State University Foundation, chaired by John Parkerson, Jr., have initiated an endowment to create an amphitheatre, "Sanctuary," that will be located adjacent to Spivey Hall and overlooking Swan Lake.

The purpose of the reception was to introduce the amphitheatre vision, along with the Clayton State campus, to other members of the Eskew family and friends of Jerry Eskew to gain their support for the project.

Cheryl Hunt-Eskew, Jerry Eskew's wife, gave an eloquent introduction to the "vision" that she and Eskew's sons and daughter, Mark, Jeff, and Mary Jane have for memorializing the man they loved. Indeed, "vision" was the key word of the day in describing Clayton State and the Sanctuary project.

"There are two distinguishing characteristics of this great institution... we are people of vision and we love this University," said Vice President for External Relations Dr. Bryan P. Edwards. "It was just 20 years ago that Emilie Spivey invited one of our remarkable concert pianists, Dr. Jeannine Morrison, to lunch to share with her a dream to build a concert hall on campus. That dream was embraced and executed by Clayton State, and the vision that would create Spivey Hall is the same vision that will create Sanctuary in the very near future."

Architects' Roy Ashley & Associates who have been recognized for design excellence with more than 50 awards nationwide, and who have designed the master landscape plan for the Clayton State campus, presented a beautiful rendering of the amphitheatre design at the reception.

The Sanctuary will be a place for the community, students and visitors of Clayton State to gather for a variety of opportunities to interact. Whether for a theatrical performance, speaker's corner, musical performance, a political debate, or a setting for area school children to gather, Sanctuary will enhance the Clayton State campus and the entire community.

"The Sanctuary is going to be full of stories," says Cheryl Hunt-Eskew, who spoke to the audience of her husband's love of Clayton State, Spivey Hall and the out-of-doors. In addition, Eskew's oldest son, Mark, gave a heartfelt account of how much his father would love this idea.



Standing on the site where Sanctuary will be built, Clayton State Vice President for External Relations Dr. Bryan Edwards holds the artist's rendering of Sanctuary.

Newly Elected Alumni President Reveals Big Plans

On Dec. 11, 2003, Clayton College & State University's new Alumni Association President, Michael McCullough, inducted the December 2003 Clayton State graduating class into the Clayton College & State University Alumni Association.

McCullough, a Certified Public Accountant for the State of Georgia, and resident of Stockbridge, has been treasurer for the Alumni Association and member since 1999. He began his term as president in July of this year. An integral part of the graduation ceremony, McCullough has been looking forward to the inaugural address and to the future of Clayton State's Alumni Association.

"Since the beginning of the year, the Board has been meeting monthly and working with Dr. Harden to write a business plan and a new Guiding Philosophy and Mission & Purpose statement," said McCullough in a recent interview. "In the spring of this year, the Board adopted the new culture and mission of the organization, one that we believe should be a living document, not just words on paper."

The focus of the Alumni Association has been redirected to include an increase of campus activity involvement, including the Spring Fling and Open House, Homecoming, and numerous Job Fairs. In February they will be hosting "Heart Attack: A Red, White and 2 Party" for Valentine's Day in conjunction with the Office Student Life and Activities. In addition, to help increase revenue, a dues schedule will be established; new graduates will be exempt for one year.

The purpose of collecting dues is to help the organization become self-sufficient. "Only in this way, can we provide for the needs of the membership and for Clayton State," says McCullough. "We work to identify products and services that further our mission while improving the membership experience. We provide only products or services useful to CCSU or the membership when they can be provided responsibly and at a reasonable cost... that's part of the Guid-

Alumni/Development

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ing Philosophy we recently adopted.”

McCullough credits Past President Thomas George for managing the organization throughout this period of change.

“I had the luxury of being able to come in and start to refocus the direction of the organization. It really has turned around and it is starting to gather real momentum,” he says.

He also credits the Alumni Board members and the Office of Development/Alumni Relations, noting that “Reda Rowell (director) and her crew do a lot of work and we could not have come as far as we have without the support of her office and the alumni volunteers.”

Still in the development stage, the Alumni Board has been designing an annual benefits package for members and will include an Alumni Association Membership card. They are hoping the membership will be able to use this card for a variety of privileges, including discounts to corporate sponsors products and services, discounts to the bookstore, career placement assistance, and campus parking.

As part of the package, a LINX card will be made available to those members who want library privileges; and in addition, they will receive invitations to sponsored events at Spivey Hall and other special events designed to establish organizational identity and encourage participation.

Members who keep their contact information current with the Office of Development/Alumni Relations can look forward to advance notice of public events that the Alumni Association will be participating in or hosting. The Alumni organization is growing to meet the needs of Clayton State graduates with many unique and exciting activities planned. ■

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Whether in the library studying employee performance reviews, at Spivey Hall listening to his favorite classical or jazz ensemble, or sitting on a bench enjoying the serene beauty of the Clayton State campus, Eskew’s love of Clayton State and Spivey Hall has of late been renewed by his wife and family in the form of Sanctuary, a vision of remembrance to honor and memorialize this exceptional man. ■

Hitting the Books: Alumna Becomes Fayette Librarian

by Lauren Baker, University Relations

Sherri Bowers, a 2003 Clayton State graduate, may not be hitting the books at school anymore, but she’s certainly hitting the books at work. Bowers was recently hired as a librarian for the Fayette County Public Library.

But Bowers is no stranger to libraries. She’s worked as a librarian with the International Council of Shopping Centers in New York City, and at the New York Public Library where she blended her love for books with her love for music, specializing as a music librarian.

It was this love for music that brought Bowers to Clayton State. Although she already held a B.A. in political science from South Carolina’s Converse College and a Master’s in Librarianship from Emory University, a degree in music beckoned and Bowers answered. Bowers left her job of 13 years as librarian at the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library to pursue a Bachelor’s degree in Music.

“I had been taking music courses off and on ever since high school,” says Bowers, who started taking piano lessons at age nine. “The business of making a living always took precedence [over pursuing a music degree], but I never stopped playing the piano and reading about music.”

As a librarian for the Fayette County Public Library, Bowers chooses books for her section of the library - which includes, among other books, the Dewey 780 music books. “There is also a nice little grand piano in the meeting room and I get to play for library programs,” says Bowers with a smile.

Bowers goal at the Fayette County Public Library is to update the books in her section, and then build a genealogy collection for Fayette county families. While away from work, Bowers, a resident of Morrow, enjoys reading, cooking, and growing roses. On Sundays, Bowers plays the piano at a church in Ellenwood, and occasionally at her mother’s church in Wilkes County. Bowers thanks her husband Steve Dobbs for his support throughout her career and education.

Bowers also thanks Clayton State music faculty Dr. Michiko Otaki for her dedication as teacher and advisor, and Dr. Shaun Amos for his work as teacher and chorale director. Otaki and Amos “always went above and beyond the call of duty,” says Bowers. She also calls the Clayton State Music Department “a very nurturing department, with a down-to-earth attitude. Each student’s particular talents and strengths are developed, and the graduates come away with realistic career expectations.”

November Carpool Winners

The drawing for the November carpool winners was held on Dec. 2. Thanks to Andrea Clark, Registrar’s Office, for drawing the lucky winners!

To find out who won, go to <http://admins-services.clayton.edu/ps/winners.htm>. (Note: Winners must present picture ID to claim prizes.)

To learn how YOU can be eligible or to find a potential carpool match, call Joan Murphy at (770) 961-3540 or stop by Public Safety, Student Center, Room D-209-Public Safety is open 24 hours a day.

For more information about getting started carpooling or about the employee Guaranteed Ride Home, call Murphy or e-mail RideShare@mail.clayton.edu or visit <http://admins-services.clayton.edu/ps/>. ■

Arts Page

Rave Reviews For “Things Not Seen”

by Lauren Baker, University Relations

They've seen “Things Not Seen” - and loved the love story about a pastor and his wife who must overcome a crisis in their marriage after one of them experiences a miracle.

The final performances of “Things Not Seen” will be tonight and Saturday night at 8 p.m. in the Clayton State Theatre located inside the University's Arts & Sciences building. A question/answer session will be held directly after all three performances.

“It's a serious play with compelling lines, powerful acting, and timely humor,” writes one on-line reviewer of the play written by Clayton State Associate Professor of Biology Dr. Greg Hampikian with Associate Professor of Psychology Dr. B.D. Stillion.

“Very well acted. Extremely thought provoking. Unexpected twist, for me anyway. Great job!” says on-line reviewer Kate Howell.

“A serious play with compelling lines, powerful acting and timely humor. The way Stillion storms and slithers around the stage still has me looking over my shoulder,” says another on-line reviewer.

“Absolutely incredible. It was both funny and scary. A great love story,” adds on-line reviewer Tom Anderson.

Enhancing the love story of “Things Not Seen,” is the strong undercurrent of faith. “Faith is one of the more interesting aspects of human life, and it really is central to the human drama,” says playwright Hampikian, who was agnostic until his senior year of college. “Now that I have insight into religion, I can't keep it out of my writing. Once your mind is influenced by a religious viewpoint, it becomes part of your creative palette.”

As a biologist who searches out facts for a living, Hampikian continues, “Faith is faith, and though we can affirm it through our own experience, it is not science... Hebrews 11:1 says ‘Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.’” This verse inspired the title for the play. ■

Spivey Hall's Holiday Season Filled with Musical Gifts

by Meghan Dougherty, Spivey Hall

The winter holidays have long been a favorite time for family outings and music lovers, so Clayton State's Spivey Hall has decked itself with a wide range of music for the season. There's something for everyone.

Starting tonight, the **Spivey Hall Children's Choir** entrances audiences with brilliant singing and thoughtful programs. They perform Friday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 13 and Sunday, Dec. 14 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$15.

The **King's Singers** are back for another surefire sell-out performance on Thursday, Dec. 18, putting their note-perfect harmonies to work on an eclectic program of seasonal music and surprises. They take the stage at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$45.

The longest-running show in Spivey history, **Big Band Christmas with the William Noll Orchestra**, returns for two performances. Noll's band waxes nostalgic with big-band favorites in the first half, then re-invents the music of the season, swing style. The band swings on Friday, Dec. 19 at 8:15 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 20 at 8:15 p.m. Tickets for each show are \$30.

Young organist **Felix Hell** returns to Spivey Hall after his marvelous performance in the 2000

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Hamilton Coordinates Medical Team to Assist Special Needs Children in the Bahamas

by Velkys Layne, University Relations

Clayton College & State University Assistant Professor of Physical Education Janet Hamilton is spearheading a medical team that will be providing medical assistance and training teachers and parents of special needs children in the Bahamas. The team will also be assessing students who may require physical therapy.

Every Child Counts, founded by Bahamaarian resident Lyn Major, is the name of the school where the team will be working. Major, also the director of the school, approached Hamilton on one of her many visits to the lovely island of Abaco about needing someone to come in and help her teachers learn how to best assist the physical and rehabilitation needs of the children at her school.

Traveling with Hamilton is University of Connecticut Professor Dr. Ronnie Leavitt and occupational therapist Maital London-Levy. Leavitt and London-Levy both have previous experience with this kind of outreach in both the Caribbean and in Africa. The team is spending a week in Abaco from Dec. 8 through Dec. 15. The team will not be only seeing children at the school, but also in the outlying towns to the north and south where the children live too far away to attend the special needs school.

Major originally realized there was a need for this type of facility on the island since there are no medical facilities to speak of other than a few private practice doctors. Any medical care needed by the residents must be done in Nassau (on the neighboring island of New Providence - about 100 miles south), or perhaps in Florida if the resident can afford to get there. There are no physical therapists on the island and the school is funded entirely by private donations.

The team will be providing much needed training in several areas. They will instruct teachers on how to best meet the learning and physical needs of the children who suffer from a range of cognitive and physical disabilities. Through donations Hamilton has managed to raise the funds necessary to fly the three to Abaco and has obtained donated housing for the week they are there.

“My hope is that I can continue to build the momentum so that we can get the specialists over there several times a year to help train the teachers, families and volunteers how to best help these children,” she says. “The fact that the school is

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Dr. Lisa Eichelberger Publishes Textbook to Make Nursing Theory Interactive

by Lauren Baker, University Relations

Dr. Lisa Eichelberger, professor of Nursing in Clayton State's School of Health Sciences, recently published a textbook entitled "Understanding the Work of Nurse Theorists: A Creative Beginning." A revolutionary teaching tool, this textbook promises to make nursing theory courses more interactive by incorporating various forms of art such as pointillism, origami and mandalas.

Coauthored with Kathy Sitzman of Utah's Weber State University, the textbook uses art to teach nurses, especially novice nurses, the often daunting task of learning Rogerian theory and 22 other nursing theories. Eichelberger and Sitzman open a creative side to nursing theory - one that makes learning a little less daunting, and a lot more innovative.

"We know from educational psychology and pedagogy that we turn many students off with only one or two types of traditional teaching styles," says Eichelberger, who conducted a six-year study of Clayton State health science students and found that 80 percent preferred "right brain" creative teaching to traditional instruction. "We wanted to make theory come alive for them."

Eichelberger's textbook has also been adopted by Clayton State Associate Professor of Nursing Dr. Astrid Wilson for use in the University's entry-level health sciences courses.

Continuing in the vein of innovative teaching, Eichelberger recently received and accepted an invitation to give the luncheon address at the International Society of Rogerian Scholars Annual Symposia. Her topic, "Using Art to Teach Theory," was well received.

Says Eichelberger of the outpouring of support at the symposia, "It was overwhelming! The elite of nursing theory were at this meeting and they were so positive." Eichelberger recalls a Japanese nursing theorist who praised her use of origami, an Emory professor who applauded her use of mandalas as a teaching tool, and a Columbia University professor, who, impressed by the presentation, suggested that Eichelberger present at a theory seminar she was coordinating at New York University over the summer.

What's her favorite innovative teaching style for nursing theory? Eichelberger especially likes using mandalas, circular designs prevalent in Christianity, Buddhism, and nature, to illustrate midrange theories. ■

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funded entirely by donations means that they have no budget to hire in outside help, so the fact that these professionals were willing to donate a week of their time for free was key in getting this to happen."

Hamilton adds that monetary donations would be very welcome, as the school has very limited funds to buy things like wheelchairs, walkers, assistive devices, and various tools to enable the children to learn effectively. ■

Nursing's New Arrival - Three Top Of the Line Stryker Critical Care Beds



A major new addition to Clayton College & State University's Nursing program arrived on Monday, Nov. 24. And, this is one delivery that Dr. Judith Plawecki, dean of the School of Health Sciences, knew would be right on time.

Thanks to the generosity of Leah Lucas, territory manager for Stryker Medical Corporation, Clayton State's Nursing Lab received three donated Epic II Critical Care Beds, valued at \$44,000. One bed, a self-propelled model 2040, is valued at \$22,000 by itself.

Setting up the beds, all of which were demonstration models, was a not inconsiderable task (since each weighs 500 pounds and is 91 inches long and 42 inches wide) handled Russ Beard of Stryker who performed the delivery and installed and tested all three beds to make sure they were in proper working order, as well as thoroughly cleaning them prior to use in a clinical environment. Additionally, Lucas has agreed to take time and visit campus for a full demonstration of their functions.

Stryker also provided Plawecki with an instructional video on what she refers to as "top of the line beds... a significant addition to our lab and a wonderful teaching aid for our students."

Among the features of the Epic II beds are a single-button, in-bed scale, a center-of-gravity bed exit system and a backrest that can be elevated to 90 degrees.

Stryker is a Kalamazoo, Mich.-based manufacturer of beds, sleep surfaces, stretchers and furniture for the health care industry. ■

Nursing Students Recognized at GANS Convention

by Lauren Baker, University Relations

At the 51st Annual Georgia Association of Nursing Students (GANS) Convention held recently in Augusta, Ga., 23 Clayton State nursing students were recognized for their Student Nursing Association (SNA) achievements.



*Kristal Lee
GANS 2003
member of the year*

Of special note were Kristal Lee (Stockbridge), named GANS member of the year; Robert Ware (Atlanta), Hospital America essay winner; and Stacy Clements (McDonough), newly -elected West District Director to the state GANS board of directors.

Nursing students attending the GANS Convention were Deborah Leake (Atlanta), Quentress Smith (Conley), Dawn Pollard, Scottie Young and Megan Reese (Conyers), Mark Ehrlich (Hampton), Christy Aquirre (Hapeville), Erica Fishall (Jackson), Jerita James and Ayesha Muhammed (Jonesboro), Kristy White (Lithonia), Keri Zink (Locust Grove), Erika Whetzel (Morrow), Holly Roberts and Heather Underwood (McDonough), Christine Merrill (Newnan), JoAnn Coley (Riverdale) Lisa Ballard, Christine Coker, Dixie Jordan, Heather Turner and Mary Phillips (Stockbridge), and Clements, Lee, Ware.

"We were so excited to be recognized statewide for the achievement of one of our nursing students," says Katrina Barnes, Clayton State assistant professor of nursing and SNA coadvisor. "Kristal has diligently worked to make our organization the best in the state, and we are proud of her."

In addition to being named GANS member of the year, Lee, president of Clayton State's SNA, received the Emily McNeely Scholarship, a plaque, the knowledge lamp, and \$250.

For his win in the Hospital American essay contest, Ware received a stipend and an all expense paid trip to the National Student Nurse's Association (NSNA) convention in the spring. Ware is one of a growing number of male nursing students in Clayton State's nursing program. Barnes remarks that Clayton State has seen a steady increase in male nursing students over the last five years.

Not only were Clayton State nursing students recognized academically, but they also won first prize in the state in the GANS renowned "Penny Wars," a competition to see which nursing school can contribute the most pennies. Clayton State accumulated an incredible \$1,000 in pennies and dollar bills.

Clayton State nursing students won second place in the banner competition for their banner "Stepping out of the White and into the Future of Nursing," reflecting the convention theme. They also placed third in gathering the most holiday boxes statewide. Their contribution of 72 toy-filled shoeboxes

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Participate in MLK Day

Thursday, January 15, 2004

- Student Dialogue with the Honorable Andrew Young
"The Civil Rights Act: An Historical Perspective"
Time approximate: 6:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Location: Arts & Sciences Auditorium (132)

- Keynote Address
"Memories of Martin Luther King, Jr."
The Honorable Andrew Young
Time approximate: 7:15 p.m.
Location: Spivey Hall
Featuring selections from Mezzo-soprano Chelsea Cook
Reception to follow keynote in Spivey Hall
Time approximate: 8:30 p.m.

Friday, January 16, 2004

- A King Celebration Concert
The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra's annual music tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., with the Morehouse and Spelman College Glee Clubs.
Location: Martin Luther King, Jr. International Chapel Morehouse College

Saturday, January 17, 2004

- Salute to Greatness Awards Dinner (Sponsored by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change)
Location: Hyatt Regency- Atlanta

Sunday, January 18, 2004

- Concert and Celebration Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Location: Atlanta Civic Center

Monday, January 19, 2004

- 2nd Annual 5K Freedom Run
Sponsored by Southlake Kiwanis Clayton College & State University
7:30 -8:45 a.m. Registration
8:30 - 8:45 a.m. Warm-up
9:00 a.m. 5K Run & 1 mile Walk
- The Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Commemorative Service
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Ebenezer Baptist Church - Heritage Sanctuary
407 Auburn Avenue, N. E. Atlanta, GA 30312
Commemorative March (Following Commemorative Service)
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Baker & Peachtree Street

Tuesday, January 20, 2004

- "Documenting the Civil Rights Era"
Virginia Shadron, co-author of *The Papers of Martin Luther King, Jr. Volume IV: Symbol of the Movement, January 1957- December 1958**
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Location: Clayton College & State University Arts & Sciences Auditorium, (132)
*This event is sponsored by The Georgia Archives

Tuesday, January 27, 2004

- "Shattered Dreams-What Would Dr. King Say Today?"
Presented by T. Leon Williams
Time: 12:00 Noon
Location: Clayton College & State University Lecture Hall #14

Life's Transitions...

Dr. Jo Kinnard 's mother, Mailiti Nageswaran, passed away peacefully at 10:40 a.m. EST on Friday, Nov. 28, 2003, at the age of 81. She had been in India for barely a week after her visit to the USA, when her children, grandchildren and great-grandchild got to see her one last time.

"It will take a long time for me and my family to come to terms with our loss, but we console ourselves with the thought that she lived a happy, active life," says Kinnard. "She was one of the most cheerful, positive, energetic, never-say-die people I have ever seen. She was a painter and a musician, and broke the mold for Indian women of any time, but especially her generation. She played tennis into her sixties, after surviving cancer at 50, and was a fantastic cook, seamstress, and home-maker. She taught Indian music at the American International School in Kodaikanal, India, and was a performing musician for over 65 years. In October 2002, she was a guest lecturer for the Clayton State Music Department, and gave demonstrations of South Indian classical music.

"She was a compassionate, generous, warm and enthusiastic person. She was my cheerleader and role-model."

Although they were unable to attend the funeral, Kinnard and husband Mike plan to visit India in a few months, to join with their extended family and friends in celebrating her mother's life.

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Calgary International Organ Festival & Competition, North American Selection Rounds. He plays on Sunday, Dec. 21 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$25.

Also on Sunday, Dec. 21, the **Atlanta Singers** perform at 7 p.m. Guided by conductor David Brensinger, the Singers return to Spivey Hall for their annual Christmas concert, featuring a cappella classics topped off with traditional carols of the season.

For a complete list of programs, visit www.spiveyhall.org <<http://www.spiveyhall.org>>. To purchase tickets, contact the Spivey Hall Ticket Office by phone at (770) 960-4200 or online at www.spiveyhall.org. The 2003-2004 Spivey Hall Concert Series is sponsored in part by The Walter & Emilie Spivey Foundation, Delta Air Lines, Atlanta Journal-Constitution, WABE (90.1 FM) and WCLK (91.9 FM).

Trivia Time

And the Winner is...

by **John Shiffert, University Relations**

It's no contest for 2003... Dr. Tom Eddins of the School of Technology has walked off with the prize as 2003 Clayton State Trivia Champion. Eddins, with a whopping 62 Trivia Points, far outdistanced defending co-champion Lou Brackett (39). Third place went to alumnus/former Recruitment staffer/former Bent Tree editor Kevin Dixon with 18 points, and Grounds Manager Russ Camp took fourth with 16. The rest of the Trivia Points were quite evenly spread out among the other 16 individuals who came up with correct answers at one time or another during the year... in all, nine different people had the FCA (First Correct Answer) during 2003.

That included the final winner... student Toby Minolis. Even though he wasn't even born when Carly Simon's "You're So Vain" was a major hit, he was the only respondent who knew that Simon was singing about the one and only Jumping Jack Flash—Mick Jagger. In case you have any doubts, recall the words, "you had one eye in the mirror as you watched yourself cavort." Who else cavorts on stage like Mick?

Trivia Time will be back in 2004 with more obscure questions that you probably don't need to know the answer to.

Women's Basketball Wins Five Straight

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will benefit the Samaritan's Purse Christmas project.

"This year's SNA is really doing a great job," applauds Barnes. "Membership has increased, almost double what it was last year...It's been wonderful to see the participation and enthusiasm of our pre-nursing, junior, and senior nursing students," she concludes. ■

The Clayton State women's basketball team went into the exam break with a 5-1 record, following a 67-62 win over West Alabama on Dec. 6 that gave the Lakers a five game winning streak.

Taking their first lead with just six minutes left in the game, the Lakers held on throughout the rest of the West Alabama contest, led by junior center Brandi Catia, who scored 13 of her team-high 18 points in the second half.

Prior to the West Alabama game, the Lakers opened the season with a 68-54 loss to North Alabama before winning their own Heritage Bank Tip-Off Classic by defeating Barber-Scotia 74-47 and Brewton-Parker 68-66. The Lakers then defeated Alabama-Huntsville 76-53 and West Georgia 63-54 in the Gulf South/Peach Belt Conference Challenge.

Catia, Apryl Brown and Jamika Hindsman are all averaging between 11 and 12 points per game to lead the Lakers. ■

Sports Page

Men's Basketball Jumps Out to 6-0 Start

Highlighted by a big win over a powerhouse West Georgia squad and a record-breaking performance in a major blowout of Carver College, the Clayton State men's basketball team is off to a 6-0 start.

Averaging 91 points despite not having any one individual scoring at a more than 14 points per game clip, the Lakers have run Coach Gordon Gibbons' frenetic, everybody plays, full court pressing style to the hilt, defeating Southeastern 81-62, regional power Wingate 79-78, Voorhees 91-70 and Albany State 78-73 before blowing Carver's doors off, 130-63 and running away from maybe the best team West Georgia has had in years, 88-74.

The Carver win simply made hash of the Laker record books, leaving SID Gid Rowell to spend the next week trying to revise his web pages after a game that saw 10 (count 'em, 10) Lakers score in double figures. In addition to breaking the single game scoring record (which had stood for 12 years), Clayton State also set new team marks for rebounds (65), shots attempted (a whopping 107) and field goals (57), while tying the assist (37 - also a Peach Belt Conference record) mark. Rowell is also searching the NCAA records to see if any team, anywhere, has ever put 10 players in double figures in one game.

Going from the ridiculous to the sublime, Clayton State came back in its next game to pull away from a very good West Georgia squad that had previously lost only to a Henderson State team that had gone 30-5 last year. Although the Lakers led the Braves for the entire game, an 8-0 run starting with 8:25 remaining put the game away. Leading the way for the Lakers was Clayton State's own, genuine Philadelphia Point Guard, Darien Chavis, with 21 points. The Pride of Engineering and Science (his Philly Public League alma mater) is one of three Lakers averaging in double figures for the year. Former JC All-American B.J. Puckett leads at 13.8 points per game, senior Craig Butts is getting 13, and Chavis is averaging 11.3 — a tribute to the balance and depth of this year's squad. ■

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