Clayton State Awarded Three Fulbright-Hays Grants

layton State University Associate Professor of Geography and Director of the Nine University and College International Studies of Georgia Dr. Raj Sashti has been awarded three Fulbright-Hays Grants by the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) Office of International Education and the Council for the International Exchange of Scholars (CIES). The three grants total \$160,000.

The two USDE grants will provide an opportunity for nearly 30 faculty members from Clayton State and other University System of Georgia institutions, and local K-12 teachers, to learn more about the people and cultures of Singapore, Malaysia and South Africa based on four weeks of study and travel during July 2006 and December 2006.

The "Scholar-in-Residence" CIES grant will enable a resident scholar from Thailand to teach and spend an academic year at Clayton State beginning with the

fall 2006 semester. The ultimate goal of the grants is to provide greater coverage to less well known world regions in various courses and to promote mutual understanding between United States and other countries through educational and cultural exchange.

"The Fulbright Grant is one of the most prestigious scholarship members of the academic community can receive in their life time, and we are

delighted that we have received five Fulbright grants in the past two years," says Dr. Thomas K. Harden, president of Clayton State. "This is an unprecedented event, not only in the history of Clayton State, but also for any other University System of Georgia institution."

Prior to these awards, Sashti and the University were awarded two other



(left to right) Dr. Raj Sashti, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Sharon Hoffman, President Thomas K. Harden

Fulbright grants for a total of \$125,000, which enabled 30 faculty members and teachers to study and travel in Argentina, Chile and Thailand during 2004 and 2005.

A recipient of three Fulbright scholarships to Germany, Japan and Brazil, Sashti, in his two years at Clayton State has helped

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Student Success Forum Hears from Successful Students

by John Shiffert, University Relations

A dozen of Clayton State's finest students gathered in the Baker Center on Tuesday, Mar. 28 to form a blue ribbon panel for the second in the series of three Student Success Forums held by the Office of Academic Affairs.

Under the magical direction of moderator Dr. Jim Braun, this collection of outstanding "success stories," all of whom will soon be graduates of the University, spent an hour answering four questions/requests pertaining to their own success at Clayton State. The questions/requests, in order, were;

- 1) What are the reasons you decided to attend and graduate from Clayton State?
- 2) Please describe the positive aspects of Clayton State that have contributed to your

success and strengthened your desire to remain at Clayton State through graduation.

- 3) Please describe any aspect of Clayton State that you believe needs improvement, because such aspects negatively impacted your success of the success of other students or former students.
- 4) What changes or developments would you like to see Clayton State University undergo in the next decade? What aspects of Clayton State do you hope will never change?

The forum brought together a wide variety of student panelists; from Management, Marketing and Accounting majors, to

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Open Houses to be Held for Master of Arts in Liberal Studies

With the need for more advanced degrees in all sectors of American life, Clayton State University will begin offering its first graduate degree program in the Fall 2006 semester. The Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS), an evening inter-



disciplinary graduate program, will be discussed in an upcoming series of Open House Informational Sessions on campus and in the University's immediate service community... Henry and Fayette counties.

Applications are now being accepted for the MALS program. Prospective graduate students who would like to learn more about this program, talk with faculty, and learn how to apply should plan to attend one of these four sessions:

Apr. 10, James M. Baker University Center, room 265, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Apr. 11, Henry County Library in McDonough, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Apr. 12, James M. Baker University Center, room 267, noon to 1:25 p.m.

Apr. 17, Peachtree City Library, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The Master of Arts in Liberal Studies degree is designed for a variety of individuals; recent college graduates, professionals in the public and private sectors, current and prospective educators, lawyers, state workers, and those simply interested in an advanced degree. While certainly interdisciplinary in nature, this degree program permits graduate students to also concentrate in one of four distinct academic areas: English, History, Music, and the broader area of Liberal Arts. Students must have completed an undergraduate degree before beginning this graduate program.

For more information on these open houses, please call Jill Sears at (678) 466-4705 and for information on this exciting new graduate degree, visit http://a-s.clayton.edu/mals/. ■

Clayton State Honors Outstanding Students

The best of the best were honored in Spivey Hall Thursday night, as Clayton State University held its 31st Annual Academic Honors Convocation.

With President Dr. Thomas K. Harden presiding, the University honored more than 200 of its finest students. Among those recognized were the record 88 members of the Honors Program, multiple Dean's List students, students with 4.0 GPAs (who were presented with their awards by Clayton State University Foundation Chairman Robert Lee) and GPAs above 3.8, Peer Tutors and Supplemental Instruction Student Leaders.

Highlighting the evening was the announcement of the nominees for the Chancellor's Academic Recognition Award. Seven exceptional Clayton State students were nominated, David Bearden and Leigh Beasley from the School of Arts & Sciences, Wendy Abdo (who also won the Wall Street Journal Award, and was named the Outstanding Graduate in Marketing) from the School of Business, Carrie Maneval from the School



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r. Art Rosser, dean of the School of Technology, passed away on Sunday, Apr. 2 at the age of 64 after a long battle with cancer.

Everyone who had the opportunity to work with Art knew a special individual who brought his best efforts and his immense good will to Clayton State since being named Dean three years ago. His contributions to the leadership of the University and the School of Technology will be remembered as a tribute to him and his efforts at Clayton State.

"I have known Art for some 20 years. We came from hometowns within an hour of each other in southwestern Ohio, and we worked together on many projects, both as fellow deans and as colleagues at Clayton State. His passing represents a great loss for Clayton State, for our community, and for me personally," says Clayton State President Thomas K, Harden. "In this difficult time, I will remember Art the way I knew him... as a loving family man and educator who truly cared about other people."

"Go high on that mountain, Son, your work on earth is done.

Go to heaven a shoutin'
Love for the father and the SON."

A Message from Chancellor Erroll B. Davis, Jr.

I had an opportunity to introduce myself to many of you via the webcast of my first board meeting in February. I am sending this message to reach those of you who missed the webcast.

My wife, Elaine, and I are excited about the prospect of living in Georgia and to have the opportunity to work for such a great University System. We have been overwhelmed by your legendary Southern hospitality, and we like it!

I want you to know that your work makes an important contribution to our state and in many instances to our nation. We must be driven by our mission of "creating a more educated Georgia" – a mission that changes individual lives and enhances the overall quality of life for our state's citizens.

It is due to your work and effort each day that higher education is available to citizens throughout the State of Georgia – a quality education that is drawing more and more national recognition. This University System also powers Georgia's economic engine. It is no surprise that this state is the fastest grow-



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Clayton State Honors Three as Part of Women's History Month

by Elaina Chance, Counseling Services

In observance of the Nationally Women's History Awareness Month, Clayton State University observed numerous activities celebrating the national theme: "Women: Builders of Communities

and Dreams."



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- Deborah Greer

Events included. "Mind, Body and Spirit Day", a Women Issues Forum, a Women's Tea, a collaboration with the monthly Women's Forum Luncheon, and the Women's Health Fair. A committee, comprised of faculty and staff members, coordinated and organized the events with an emphasis of recognizing all women for the various roles they hold on a daily basis.

A highlight of this year's celebration

was the honoring of student, faculty and staff as "Builders of Communities and Dreams" at the Women's Forum Luncheon. The Women's Forum and the Women's History Awareness Committee collaborated in requesting nominations campus-wide for Clayton State's very own women history-makers. A committee reviewed applications and selected three women whom they felt exude leadership and spearhead efforts to bring communities together by restoring hope in the face of impossible odds.

The honorees were: Dr. Margaret Thompson, assistant professor of Business in the School of Business; student Kristy Justus; and Director of Diversity Programs Deborah Greer

Thompson identifies teaching as one of the most significant sources of joy where she cherishes the "aha" moments she witnesses in her students. Thompson describes "aha" moments as times when students "have a light bulb go off" and their way of thinking is influenced by something new, and their behavior may even change. She hopes her legacy at Clayton State will revolve around her own personal pursuit of supporting students in their process of learning and

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The three women recognized as Clayton State's own women history makers were: Dr. Margaret Thompson, assistant professor of Business in the School of Business; student Kristy Justus; and Director of Diversity Programs Deborah Greer

developing. Thompson was nominated by one of her business students, Larry Jordan.

Justus has made a powerful impact on her community, both on and off the campus. It was just three years ago that Justus suffered an accident playing intramural football at the University of West Georgia that changed her life forever. During the game, Kristy broke her neck and became paralyzed from the neck down, an event that would ordinarily shatter one's hopes and dreams. However, this seems to have had caused the exact opposite reaction from Justus, who has continuously provided support and encouragement to other individuals who have had accidents that have left them paralyzed.

Additionally, Justus has worked diligently in her own recovery by traveling to Portugal for adult stem cell surgery, trained many hours a day at the Shepherd Center to

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Clayton State Gets Ready for a Night of Literature, Poetry and Art, Apr. 12

by Lauren Graves, University Relations

Clayton State is celebrating the arts on Wednesday, Apr. 12 from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. in Arts & Sciences G132 with the release of the University's literary arts journal, "Cygnet;" the Faculty/Staff Poetry Reading; and the annual Poetrypalooza Student Poetry Contest. This event is free and open to the public.

This is the first time the University has combined these separate events into one evening, and Clayton State Professor of English and Art Dr. David Ludley is looking forward to the "three in one extravaganza."

The first event for the evening will be the unveiling of this year's "Cygnet." First published in spring 2004, the "Cygnet" exists to encourage creative writing and art by providing a forum for writers and artists to display their works.

"This is an outstanding opportunity for students to publish their creative work," shares Ludley. "It is very difficult to achieve that first publication, and 'Cygnet' is an excellent place to start. This third 'Cygnet' surpasses the professionalism of the previous year

in terms of design, quality and quantity of the fine creative work by Clayton State students."

Ludley also says he is proud that, with each new release of "Cygnet," Clayton State students submit progressively higher quality works of poetry, creative writing and art.

Following the "Cygnet" unveiling, Clayton State faculty and staff will showcase their own creative talents during the Faculty/Staff Poetry Reading. Ludley encourages the campus, community, and particularly Clayton State students, to attend the reading.

"Students will learn that our faculty don't just teach, but they also 'do!" says Ludley. He also sees the reading as an opportunity for students to get to know their professors on a more personal level, revealing that art can offer a glimpse into the professors' lives away from the classroom. Faculty and staff interested

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Clayton State to Host Dramatic Reading of "Everyman," Apr. 20

by Marsha P. Dryden, ENGL 4200 Medieval Literature

layton State University will host a dramatic reading of "Everyman" beginning at noon on Apr. 20 in the lower level of the James M. Baker University Center. The reading will be presented by Dr. Bill Pasch's ENGL 4200 Medieval Literature class. This event is free and open to the public.

The dramatic reading is based on the medieval drama "Everyman" written in the late 15th Century. "Everyman," a morality play, is a depiction of one man's life that represents the spiritual journey of all mankind, confronting concepts such as death, good deeds and knowledge. The story takes place at the end of Everyman's life, when, facing death and the ultimate judgment of God, the protagonist must consider

his earthly priorities and learn the key to salvation.

Pasch adapted the script, which will be read by members of his medieval literature class and features Dean of the School of Arts & Sciences Ray Wallace reading the part of "God" and English major Justin Norsworthy reading the part of "Everyman."

According to Pasch, "Much of 'Everyman' remains relevant for us materially comfortable and often self-centered members of a technologically advanced society. The play forces us to consider what will indeed remain of our spiritual integrity if all our various pleasures, possessions, and even life itself were taken away. We are reminded of the fundamental fragility of our

lives. While the 'memento mori' (Remember that you too must die) tradition represented by the play is ancient, our individual and collective need for this perspective is still timely."

Scott Roberts, a member of Pasch's class, states "The tireless story of 'Everyman,' told with occasional, subtle humor to offset the gravity of its subject matter, remains as relevant and entertaining in the 21st Century as it was in the 15th."

To learn more about the Apr. 20 dramatic reading of "Everyman," contact Pasch at billpasch@clayton.edu or call (678) 466-4740. ■

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Spivey Hall Celebrates Fifteenth Anniversary During Spivey Memorial Concert

by Jared Morrison, Spivey Hall

Spivey Hall officially celebrated its 15th anniversary on Saturday, Mar. 25, 2006, following a performance by the Emerson String Quartet with clarinet virtuoso David Krakauer. The event was held in conjunction with the Spivey Memorial Concert, an annual event posthumously honoring Walter & Emilie Spivey.

Prior to the Grammy-winning ensemble's performance of works by Mendelssohn, Bartók and Brahms, Clayton State University president Dr. Thomas K. Harden offered words of praise and tribute for the Spiveys to the sell-out crowd.

Following the recital, concertgoers were treated to a reception with the musicians and trustees from The Walter & Emilie Spivey Foundation, including Chairman Alex Crumbley and Chairman Emeritus Dr. Harry Downs.

The Spivey Memorial Concert took on particular meaning as this year marks Spivey Hall's 15th anniversary. In celebration of this milestone, Spivey Hall has created a "Fifteen Year Book" detailing its history and legacy. An excerpt from the "Fifteen Year Book" is provided below. To pick up your copy, stop by Spivey Hall today.







FIFTEEN YEARS OF UNCOMPROMISING EXCELLENCE The Story of Spivey Hall

Spivey Hall first opened its doors to the public in January 1991. This long-awaited moment marked the realization of the vision of Emilie Parmalee Spivey and Walter Boone Spivey. The Spiveys, prominent citizens of Atlanta's Southern Crescent, made their fortune as land developers in Clayton County. Walter was a respected dentist. Emilie, an organist, chamber music aficionado and patron of the arts, was drawn to the Lyceum cultural programs of Clayton State. She decided that the beautiful wooded grounds on its campus would be the perfect place to build a small, elegant concert hall with a pipe organ.

From the start, the 392-seat hall has played an active role in the life of Clayton State University, hosting orientations, convocations, forums and occasional musical theatre and opera productions. It serves as the primary performance venue for Clayton State's Department of Music, whose rehearsals, classes and concerts represent its greatest use.

In 1986 the Spiveys created The Walter & Emily Spivey Foundation to support fine music programming, and entrusted their

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Students, Faculty and Staff Make Up Clayton State Wind and Trumpet Ensembles

In keeping with Clayton State University's reputation as having one of the foremost music programs in the South, the members of the University's Wind Ensemble and the University's Trumpet Ensemble represent Clayton State students, faculty and staff.

Collectively a group of 26 of the University's students, staff and faculty, the Wind and Trumpet Ensembles, under the direction of Director of Bands and Instrumental Music Education Dr. Amanda Leon-Guerrero, recently held their first

concert in the University's world-famous Spivey Hall.

The following Clayton State students are part of the Wind and Trumpet Ensembles...

Flute

Monique Blakley – Riverdale Bora Kang – McDonough Heather Williams – Stockbridge

Clarinet

Stephanie Harps – Jonesboro Julie Kornder – Forest Park

Alto Saxophone

Sorrell Carr – Atlanta Amanda Chatham – Riverdale David Smith III- Fairburn

Tenor Saxophone

Christopher Johnson – Atlanta

Trumpet

Alan Alberto – Forest Park Joseph Gawel – Hampton Deborah Lyles – Riverdale

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Across the campus...

Alumni

The 14th Annual Meeting and Dinner of the Clayton State Alumni Association will be held this year at Atlanta Motor Speedway's Tara Ballroom in Hampton, Ga., at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Apr. 20. To make reservations, please contact the Alumni Relations at (678) 466-4477.

Athletics

Clayton State University's women's tennis team came away with a weekend split against Peach Belt Conference opponents. In Augusta, the Laker women earned a hard-fought 5-4 victory over Augusta State, but came up on the short end of a 5-4 decision at home against UNC Pembroke on Sunday. In both matches, sophomore Julia Chergova led Clayton State at No. 1 singles play with a 6-0, 6-2 decision over Nathalia Rodrigues from Augusta State, and a 6-1, 6-1 win over Pembroke's Stacey Wood. Also earning victories in both matches was sophomore Elena Bondari at No. 5 singles and freshman Maria Larsen at No. 6 singles. Sunday's loss drops the Lakers to 1-5 in the Peach Belt and 4-9 overall.

Continuing Education

Clayton State University's Center for Continuing Education is bringing Six Sigma training to its campus this spring, offering courses in Six Sigma Green Belt and Six Sigma Champion Training that will enable students to learn how to apply Six Sigma tools to various project processes and achieve greater efficiency for faster and better project execution. Six Sigma Green Belt Training at Clayton State runs from May 1 through May 5 at a cost of \$1,995. Six Sigma Champion Training is a one day training course meeting Saturday, Apr. 29 at a cost of \$995.

Clayton State University's Center for Continuing Education is introducing its new Pharmaceutical Sales Certificate Program this spring with classes beginning in May. Designed to provide career training in the field of Pharmaceutical Sales, this 42-hour program caters to both individuals wishing to enter this fast-paced industry and business professionals looking to enhance their pharmaceutical sales knowledge and skills. The Pharmaceutical

Sales Certificate Program is a six day course which runs in three segments: May 12-13, May 19-20 and May 26-27 at a cost of \$1,295. The program will be taught at Clayton State University's Center for Continuing Education by Harold Eustache, who began his professional career with Johnson & Johnson and has worked in pharmaceutical sales for Ayerst Laboratories, Bristol-Myers, and IVAX. Eligible students must already have earned a bachelor's degree or will graduate with a bachelor's degree within the current academic year. No specific degree major is required.

External Relations

External Relations Administrative Assistant Linda Castleberry had emergency surgery this past Saturday, and, although she is home from the hospital and doing well, expects to be out of the office for a month. All of her colleagues and friends in the External Relations Division wish her a speedy recovery. (Partly because they can't do without her!)

History

A clarification on last issue's story on Travis Copeland... he obtained his internship with the Georgia Humanities Council as part of the requirements of the Clayton State History program. "All history majors ae required to serve an internship; and we are very happy to have the help of Georgia Humanities to provide positions where students such as Mr. Copeland have an opportuity to experience the wide variety of professional activities that may result from the study of history. This program demonstrates clerly that teaching is not the only option for those with a history degree. Not only have our history interns worked with Georgia Humanities, they have also served as researchers for historic preservation projects, assistants at museums, and at the Clayton State, Georgia, and National Archives.We are very proud of all of them," notes Dr. Kathryn Kemp.

Laker Angel Club

The Laker Angel Club will be holding a very special event for Lynn Wheeler, wife of Music Department Head Dr. Doug Wheeler, on Saturday, Apr. 29. A special benefit concert for the Wheelers will be held in room 157 of the Music Building at 3 p.m. More details will be forthcoming.

Public Safety

Clayton State students and employees who carpool at least one time a week, have registered with 1-87-RIDEFIND, and completed the carpool registration form for University RideShare, have the opportunity to win fabulous prices. Winners are at: http://adminservices.clayton.edu/ps/urs.htm and click on "Who are the latest winners." The Employee's Random Drawings for gift cards will be held toward the middle of April.

SHRM

M. Candy Williams, manager Organizational Development and Training at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, will be the speaker at the April meeting of the Southern Crescent Chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM). The chapter was recently awarded the "Superior Merit Award 2005" by SHRM National. The meeting will be held in room 101 of the Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education on Tuesday, Apr. 25 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Register on-line for the meeting at: http://www.southerncrescentshrm.org/. Fees are \$15 for non-members, \$10 for SHRM members, \$12 for guests of members and \$8 for students.

Spivey Hall

The Spivey Hall Children's Choir Program will audition young singers on Friday, Apr. 28 and Saturday, Apr. 29. Singers must be between the ages of 10 and 13 on Sept. 1, 2006, in order to audition. No previous choral experience is required. Students must complete and mail in an Audition Request Form by Apr. 17. To access this form, and for complete information, go to www.spiveyhall.org/images/educ_shcc_register.pdf, call (770) 946-9072, or email shcc-tc@juno.com.

University System

The March issue of USG Linkages -the second issue of this new publication - is available at: http://www.usg.edu/linkages/. USG Linkages is a new, bi-monthly publication of the Board of Regents' Media and Publications Office, designed to communicate news about the Board of Regents, the University System of Georgia and its 35 colleges and universities in a lively, interactive format.

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Psychology majors, to Music majors, to a Technology Management major and a History major. Approximately half of the panel was made up of non-traditional students.

Reflecting the general demographic composition of the entire Clayton State student body, the panel's most popular reason for attending Clayton State was geographic... the University was close to home. Other commonly-cited reasons for attending Clayton State included the University's good academic reputation and various aspects of the intimate learning environment – small class size, relationships with professors, "nice" faculty and staff, "everybody is close."

The panel's responses to the second request, regarding positive aspects of the University that contributed to success, not surprisingly paralleled the answers to the first question. The quality of the Clayton State faculty, and the students' relationships with the faculty, was the most common answer. Class size was also was a factor, as was the good work done by the Office of Counseling and Career Services. The integration of technology into education, and ITP Choice, though perhaps a little intimidating at first to the students, later became a strong point that the panel noted.

According to the students, the area of the University that needed the most improvement was the Library. Comments were made pertaining to the need for a better understanding of the Library's resources, and the Library's hours. Along a somewhat similar tack, the need for more study space, especially for large groups, was noted. The students also mentioned problems with the availability of some classes, and the need for more print and internet resources. In summary, the main issue that the students felt negatively impacted their learning was a lack of resources - be they space, informational/educational or on-line resources -- to meet the needs of the growing student population.

Given the responses that had come before, the panel's conclusions regarding those aspects of Clayton State that should never change were not surprising. First and foremost was to keep the closeness between



(Left to right) First row: Thomas
Zaharopoulos, Celeste Mapri, Angela
Hotard, Sheena Williams, Rachel Williams,
Joseph Echols. Second row: Billy Evans,
Ronnie Kinsey, Margaret Harris, Nesikah
Fields, Candace Henry, Stephen Hamby,
Margaret Harris, Nesikah Fields.

the students and the faculty, and to keep the class size small.

Perhaps the most enlightening moment of the Forum came in the other part of the last question... regarding what changes the student panel would like to see at Clayton State. The strongest response by far was a call for increased school spirit and athletic programs.

"Students need to support athletics better," said panelists Sheena Williams and Tom Zaharopoulos. "We need more showing of the school colors," added Zaharopoulos.

"Athletic attendance must improve," echoed panelist Joseph Echols. "We need more athletic sports and increased school pride."

A physical improvement the students supported, and one that President Dr. Thomas K. Harden (who naturally was in attendance among the 150 or so faculty and staff present) has on his wish list, was the building of a convocation center for major events such as graduation.

In a Q&A session that followed the structured program, the students spoke on; dormitories, their descriptions of the University, needed services, and the support systems at Clayton State.

The dorm issue saw differing opinions from traditional (they were for dorms) and

non-traditional (they preferred meeting places) students. However, everyone was pretty much in agreement on the other topics.

Describe the University – small class size; the faculty have your best interests in mind; challenging academically, but you'll have help; a beautiful campus; diverse student body.

Services Needed – child care, more support for non-traditional students, more flexibility in class offerings, advisors who advise in their own field.

Support Systems – other students and faculty.

In addition to Management majors Echols, Williams and Zaharoloulos, the student panel consisted of; Billy Evans (Technology Management), Nesikah Fields (Psychology), Stephen Hamby (Management), Margaret Harris (Music), Candace Henry (Music), Angela Hotard (Psychology), Ronnie Kinsey (Marketing), Celest Mapri (Accounting) and Rachel Williams (History).

The third and final Student Success Forum was held on Thursday, Apr. 6 in the Downs Center. "Creating an atmosphere of success: Where do we go from here?" featured five topics derived from the results of a faculty and staff survey administered at the first forum. These topics formed the basis for roundtable discussions. A report on the conclusions of the third Student Success Forum will be included in the next issue of "Campus Review."



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of Health Sciences, Thomas Fay (who also won the Outstanding BAS Technology Management Award) from the School of Technology, and John Shaffer from the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences. The 2006 Clayton State Chancellor's Academic Recognition Award recipient, senior Biology major Beasley, addressed the assembled crowd on "Honor and the College Experience" after receiving her award from Harden. Beasley also won the O.C. Lam, III Award for Excellence in Biological Sciences.

The University's five schools also presented their special awards, including the announcement and presentation of a new award, the Catherine Cowan Aust Award for the outstanding student in the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences (CIMS). CIMS' founding dean, and the award's namesake, Dr. Cathie Aust, was present to make the first presentation to Ashley Askew. Other CIMS awards included;

Billy R. Nail Mathematics Award Eric Turner

Experiential Learning
Student of the Year/AASIT

Francis Fernandes

Experiential Learning
Student of the Year/BIT
James Carroll

Information Technology
Outstanding Scholar/AASIT

Patrice Richmon

Information Technology Outstanding Scholar/BIT

Luca Yearsovich

Honorees from the School of Arts & Sciences included, in addition to Beasley and Bearden;

Chemical Rubber Company Freshman Chemistry Award Julie Kornder

Stanley Cyrus AwardsJosh Nelson (poetry)
Candice Brown (fiction)

Goldberg Essay Prize Cristi Ehrig



(Above) Clayton State's top students were honored at the 31st Annual Academic Honors Convocation held Thursday, Apr. 6 in Spivey Hall. (Right) Student Leigh Beasley, a senior biology major, was the Chancellor's Academic Recognition Award recipient. She also was the Convocation's keynote speaker.



Robert O. Allen Music Prize Ashley Phillips

Cheryl Boyd-Waddell Memorial Scholarship in Music Christina Patterson

Georgia Music Teachers Outstanding Performer/Alma Lilly Farfan-Northway Award Lindsey Huether

Psychology & Human Services Award Taj Woods

Outstanding Teacher Education Student Award Kimberly Calleiro

Doris Fisher Memorial Teacher Education AwardShawndelle Wright

In addition to honoring Abdo, the School of Business recognized the following;

Outstanding Graduate in Accounting Michael Harvey

Outstanding Graduate in Management Christel Sundin

Outstanding Graduate in Marketing Nicola Tugwell and Abdo

Outstanding Student Leader Elizabeth Vincent

Student Entrepreneur of the Year Stephen Hamby

Accounting Leadership And Service Award Whitney Ordway

Society for Advancement of Management Leadership Award Lisa Earls

Georgia Society of CPAs Academic Excellence Award Tara Smith

The School of Health Sciences honored;

Outstanding BSN Student Cristy Cole

Outstanding Rn-BSN Student Suzana Simonishvili

Outstanding Dental Hygiene Student Tonya Wheelus

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regain feeling and movement in her body, and most recently, returned to Clayton State this semester as a student. The Office of Disability Services nominated Justus, citing her positive attitude, indomitable spirit, and just plain love of life.

Greer described her initial reaction to being chosen as the staff recipient of the Women's History Awareness award "very surprising," especially since she was slated to be the presenter of the awards for the Women History Committee. Working with students is her passion and she is invested in providing programming that informs and builds leaders.

"Helping them connect academically and with a college experience is especially important," she says. "Many minority students need extra help adjusting and connecting to the culture of college life, since many are first-generation and/or non-traditional college students."

Meyandui Buckle, a Clayton State student, nominated Greer for the award. ■

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Outstanding Health
Care Management Student
Tanika Smit

Academic Achievement, Health Care Management Jacqueline Gresham

Morton Samson Memorial Award Myra Copeland

In addition to Fay, the School of Technology honored;

Outstanding Certificate Graduate Lesa Britt

Outstanding Associate of Applied Science GraduateMelanie Stephens

Outstanding BAS Administrative Management Graduate Carla Reinhold

Georgia Occupational Award of Leadership (GOAL) William Howard

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dream to Clayton State's founding President, Dr. Harry S. Downs. Their donation of \$2.5 million towards the construction of the hall led to contributions from individuals and corporations to meet the \$4.5 million cost. In 1991 the hall was given by the Spivey Foundation as an unprecedented gift to Clayton State and the community.

With forethought and wisdom in personally overseeing every aspect of the hall's design, Emilie Spivey chose her acoustician first, hiring Rein Pirn for this critical task. She then engaged architects Gardner Spencer Smith & Associates, because they understood and appreciated music, and her interior designer Gerald Underwood, to ensure the creation of a beautiful, intimate hall whose superb acoustics would inspire artists and audiences alike.

Neither Walter nor Emilie lived to see the November 1988 groundbreaking, but every detail of Emilie's plans was followed faithfully through the project construction. Their visionary generosity manifests itself in the magnificence of Spivey Hall, and in the invaluable annual support provided by The Spivey Foundation.







Perhaps no one has championed Spivey Hall's success more than Clayton State's founding President, Dr. Harry S. Downs. A founding trustee of The Walter & Emilie Foundation, Dr. Downs was the leader and friend to whom the Spiveys entrusted their dream. He oversaw the planning, construction and dedication of the hall and has remained active with the Foundation since its inception in 1986. Following his retirement as Clayton State President in 1993, he served as Interim Chancellor of the University System of Georgia before serving as Chairman of the Spivey Foundation from 1997 to 2005. He continues his distinguished record of service to the Foundation as Chairman Emeritus.

In 1990 Dr. Downs appointed Spivey Hall's founding Executive and Artistic Director, Sherryl Nelson. The daughter of opera singers and herself a pianist, Nelson held arts management positions with the Los Angeles Philharmonic and the University of Southern California. Her artistic and educational programming of consistently high quality has established Spivey Hall as one of North America's premier recital venues. Presenting the best international musicians, and collaborating extensively with Atlanta's diplomatic, trade and cultural organizations, she has made Spivey Hall and Clayton State a place where Atlanta meets the world. These initiatives have earned her the German-American Friendship Award, bestowed by the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany, and the French Republic's Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres.

Each year, thousands of young Georgians have their first encounter with fine music at Spivey Hall. While drawing the world's best artists to Spivey Hall, Sherryl Nelson also insisted on creating excellent education/outreach programs. She formed the Spivey Hall Education Advisory Committee, which since its inception has been led by noted music educator Jay Wucher; launched an extensive series of concerts for

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You're a Star at Clayton State!



by Joey Rogers, University Relations

Leigh Beasley

Beasley has been selected to be Clayton State University's Academic Recognition Day Representative. Along with making a presentation at Clayton State's Academic Honors Convocation on Thursday. Apr. 6, Beasley received formal recognition of her award from the Chancellor of the University System of Georgia, as well as recognition from many other state officials.

"This award is a blessing and honor because it recognizes my determination and success to do well in my classes, and to put to use the material I have learned while I have been at Clayton State University," says Beasley of her honor. A native of Hampton, Ga., Beasley, 23, is majoring in Biology and minoring in Chemistry. Her expected graduation is May 2006.

Additionally, Beasley won the University's 2006 O.C. Lam III Award in Biology for her superior academic achievement, superior research and scholarship, and participation in departmental and university activities. One of those highlights was completing a research project with Clayton State Associate Professor, of Biology Dr. Michelle Furlong during the summer of 2005, wherein she studied microbial communities that inhabit extreme environments; particularly gypsum stone, which is found in the desert.

As this year's vice president of the Clayton State Science Association, she organized a number of service events for club. She is also a peer tutor and a Supplemental Instruction leader for the Biology Department.

When she leaves Clayton State, Beasley plans on working as a DNA analyst at a forensics lab for at least a year. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation lab or Fort Gillem's new forensics lab are her two prospective candidates.

Jennifer Cribb

Clayton State University Assistant Professor of Biology Dr. Michelle Furlong says Jennifer Crib is a "star student."

Cribb is currently majoring in Biology, with an expected graduation date of spring 2007.

Originally from Conyers, Ga., she graduated from Heritage High School. After she graduates from Clayton State University, she hopes to attend graduate school and then work towards her Ph.D. She currently works as a peer tutor in Biology and Chemistry at Clayton State.

Cribb has been accepted into program known as the Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE), which is sponsored by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and Emory University. In this program, Cribb will be able to conduct supervised research with a faculty mentor, and then receive training in research methods that will allow her to analyze her data to create both written and oral presentations of the results. Her research will consist of either cell biology or phar-

"This is a real honor as only a few students are accepted into the program each year," says Furlong.

macology.

Cribb has also received the Clayton State Academic A c h i e v e m e n t award for a GPA of 3.8 and has been on the Dean's List every semester that she has attended at Clayton State. She is also a very active member of the Science Association.

For more information on the Summer Undergraduate Research Program that Cribb will be participating in, visit http://www.cse.emory.edu/sciencenet/undergrad/SURE/SURE.html.

Nikki Sawyer

Nikki Sawyer is a star at Clayton State University. A junior biology major at Clayton State, she expects to graduate in spring 2007.

Sawyer has been accepted into a program sponsored by the Center for Behavioral Neuroscience in Atlanta (CBN). The CBN is a consortium of neuroscience programs from colleges and universities around Atlanta (Georgia State, Georgia Tech, Emory, Morehouse, and Spelman). They are funded by the National Science Foundation and provide research opportunities for graduate students and undergraduate students.

The specific program that Sawyer was accepted into is called the Behavioral Research Advancements in Neuroscience (BRAIN). She will spend the upcoming summer doing research in neuroscience and behavior at Georgia State.

"This is a real honor as only a few students are accepted into the program each year," says Clayton State Assistant Professor of Biology Dr. Michelle Furlong.

Sawyer is from McDonough, Ga., where she graduated from Henry County High School. After she graduates from Clayton State she hopes to attend graduate school and get her Ph.D. in neuroscience.

Currently, she is a supplemental instruction leader and a peer tutor in Biology and Chemistry at Clayton State. Previously, she won the University's Freshman Chemistry Achievement award in 2004 and the Academic Achievement Award for a GPA of 4.0 in 2004 and 2005. Sawyer has been on the dean's list every semester since she began at Clayton State. She is also a member of the Science Association.

Sawyer is also working on a behavioral science research project with Dr. Stephen Burnett, assistant professor of Biology at Clayton State. She is studying the different types of calls that bats make in their natural environment. Sawyer and Burnett hope to publish this research within the next few months.

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ing east of the Mississippi. That did not happen by accident. People and businesses are drawn to centers of education and intellect, and you are the nucleus of that intellectual activity. You must also be the catalyst for its expansion. That is why what you do has so many implications for the future prosperity of this state.

I appreciate all that you do to create and sustain a world-class system of public higher education, a system that serves more than 250,000 talented students, who understand the indisputable impact that education – quality education – will have in their lives.

The next few months will be a time of transition for the System, during which I will listen, learn and observe. Through visits to all 35 USG campuses over the next few months, I also will give you an opportunity to meet with me so that you learn my core values, my principles and commitments.

Already, I have had many meetings with staff and phone conversations with legislators and have been charged by the Governor with safeguarding Georgia's "crown jewels." I am anxious to hear your views regarding what is working and what isn't to help me in working with the Board of Regents to establish the future direction of this System.

So far, I have visited 11 USG institutions and enjoyed them all. Your creativity is evident and the pervasiveness of your achievements is staggering. But, I also am receiving lots of feedback on what we at the System level can do to make the System function better and more responsively to its constituents.

I will continue to use my campus visits as data-gathering opportunities to help formulate my vision and plans for the future. I want to better understand our System, its current performance, and the needs and issues on our campuses before drawing any conclusions. I also plan to meet with our legislative partners during and after the session.

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school children; and with leadership from the late Robert Shaw created choral and chamber orchestra workshops for young people. These programs annually serve some 15,000 children in 17 counties.

In 1994 she founded the award-winning Spivey Hall Children's Choir Program. Under the direction of Dr. Martha Shaw it has grown to involve more than 150 students ages 10 to 18 in three choirs. Through acclaimed recordings, performances in Spivey Hall and in regional, national and



international tours, the Spivey Hall Children's Choir serves as an important ambassador for Spivey Hall.

Choral legend Robert Shaw immediately sensed the importance of Spivey Hall, where he performed and recorded. In his dedication statement he noted, "What a precious and perceptive gift the Spiveys have given all of Atlanta." His famous words, "Spivey Hall is to music what light is to painting," have become synonymous with the hall and its superb acoustics.

Inaugural recitals in January 1991 by violinist Itzhak Perlman, pianist André Watts and bass Samuel Ramey were followed in 1992 by the installation of the 79-rank, 4,413-pipe Albert Schweitzer Memorial Organ, custom built by Fratelli Ruffatti in Padua, Italy - another extraordinary gift of the Spiveys. Dame Gillian Weir and the Robert Shaw Festival Singers dedicated the organ with concerts in May 1992. The hall has become known for its organ concerts and garnered great acclaim for hosting the 1998 and 2002 North American Selection Rounds for The Royal Bank Calgary International Organ Festival & Competition, the world's most prestigious organ event.

As Clayton State University's Spivey Hall reflects upon its remarkable fifteen year history and looks toward its future, it is ever grateful for the tremendous gifts of Walter & Emilie Spivey and the unfailing devotion of its friends, partners and loyal supporters.

The activity I have seen in just seven short weeks here in Atlanta – budgets being developed, new presidents being named, academic programs being evaluated, and economic development taking place – all reflect the incredible vitality and significance of this University System. My pledge – my contract – with you is to develop and articulate clearly what we will do, how we will do it, what our end results should be, and certainly how they should be measured.

This is a great time to be involved in public higher education. Never before in the nation's history has the creation of a more educated society held such great significance for the future direction of this state and our nation. In a world in which some countries are just starting to realize the dynamic power higher education holds to transform societies, our role in affirming that truth here in Georgia takes on a new, competitive urgency.

I'm excited to be on board. I look forward to celebrating our future achievements together. ■

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in reading their poetry on Apr. 12 should sign up on the sheet provided on Ludley's office door, G105 H.

The annual Poetrypalooza Student Poetry Contest will conclude the night of literature, poetry and art. Designed to give students the opportunity to share their poetry with an audience, Poetrypalooza not only gives students an outlet to express their creative writing talents, but also rewards them through cash prizes. Cash awards will be given for first (\$150), second (\$100) and third (\$75) place winners. Honorable mention awards will also be presented. Students must be present to receive their awards.

"This evening will be the most visible and substantial demonstration of our Clayton State student body's artistic and literary accomplishments," says Ludley, encouraging the community to attend. "It is our most prestigious demonstration of the talent here in terms of the literary arts; it is our most visible proof that we are a vital and viable artistic community here at Clayton State University."

For more information on the release of the University's literary arts journal, "Cygnet;" the Faculty/Staff Poetry Reading; and the annual Poetrypalooza Student Poetry Contest, contact Ludley at daylon.edu.

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Trumpet cont'd

Marvin Pollock – Charlotte, N.C. Daniel Sims – Columbia, S.C.

Trombone

Shaun Brooks – Peachtree City Amy Castillo – Lithonia

Euphonium

Stephanie Garcia – Forest Park Edmund Outlaw – Conyers

Tuba

Nathan Cox - McDonough

Percussion

Emily Sanders - Fayetteville

Faculty and staff members include; Laura Herdon and Barett Hoover (clarinet), Trey Olmstead (bass clarinet), Catherine Matos (bassoon), Dr. Shaun Amos (French horn), and Dr. Doug Wheeler, who is also head of the Clayton State Music Department, on percussion. Not taking an active role in the ensembles, but supportive of their activities, is the University's highest-ranking percussionist, President Thomas K. Harden. ■

SAM Hosts Campus/Community Easter Egg Hunt, Apr. 15

By Joey Rogers, University Relations

Clayton State University's Society for Advancement of Management (SAM) is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for both

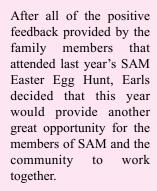
the campus and the community of Morrow on Saturday, Apr. 15, on the Campus Green near the University's Athletics and Fitness Center from 10 a.m. until noon.

"One of the purposes of SAM is to bring awareness to the community about the

opportunities that Clayton State offers," says Lisa Earls, chapter president. "This is a great way to show the local community how Clayton State University and SAM can create a fun event for the family."

Two separate egg hunts will take place; one for kids age five and under, and another for kids over five. Attendees will also be able to have their faces painted, participate in a sack race, and have their pictures taken with the Clayton State's own resident Easter

Bunny.



"Some of the family members told us that it was great to see the teamwork involved when student organizations put together events like our egg hunt," she says.

In case of bad weather, all of the day's events will be moved into the University's Baker Center.



Clayton State University will host the annual Georgia Association of Historians (GAH) meeting today and tomorrow in the University's Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education.

This year's theme, "Perspectives on the Past," is set to encourage presentations that relate to research using archival resources. The meeting's focus on archival resources is particularly appropriate given the close proximity of the National Archives and Records Administration's (NARA) Southeast Archives and the Georgia Archives adjacent to the Clayton State campus. NARA's Mary Evelyn Tomlin and the Georgia Archives' Anne Smith will also be presenters in a session on "Archival Partnerships: Engaging Campus and Community."

Dr. Thomas Mallon, the deputy director of the National Endowment of Humanities, will speak on Friday evening, and Dr. Arnita Jones, the executive director of the American Historical Association, will also speak at the Saturday luncheon.

The GAH consists of professionally trained historians working in Georgia. Even though most of their members live in the state, many of the association's members reside elsewhere. Members include junior college, college, and university professors;

Clayton State Sponsors Lecture on 1906 Atlanta Race Riot

by Joey Rogers, University Relations

Dr. Cliff Kuhn, associate professor of History at Georgia State University, will be delivering a speech titled "Remembering the 1906 Atlanta Race Riot" at a Lyceum presentation at noon on Apr. 20 in room 132 of the Arts and Sciences Building at Clayton State University. The program is sponsored by the University's Social Sciences department and Lyceum and is open and free to the public.

This speech will discuss one of the most significant events in Atlanta's history, one known for having shaped American race relations -- the Atlanta Race Riot of 1906. Kuhn will examine the riot's context,

development and legacy, and how the forthcoming centennial of the Riot offers an opportunity to both learn what happened in 1906, as well as to reflect on its meaning for us today.

"He is an authority on the subject," says Dr. Kathryn Kemp, Clayton State assistant professor of History, who invites both students and members of the surrounding communities to attend the presentation.

Kuhn directs the Georgia Government Documentation Project, which is an oral history project and archive on Georgia's political history. He is also the author of two books on Atlanta history: "Contesting the New South Order: the 1914-1915 Strike at Atlanta's Fulton Mills" and "Living Atlanta: An Oral History of the City, 1914-1948," which he co-authored with Harlon Joye and Bernard West. He is currently an Organization of American Historians Distinguished Lecturer. ■

College-to-Career Fair April 11

The school term is almost over and you still need a job! What should you do?

College-to-Career Fair

Just the right career at just the right time!

Tuesday, Apr. 11, 2006 Workshops: 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. Career Fair: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Cobb Galleria Centre

Why should you sign up? This is a great opportunity to connect with top employers from throughout the state and nation about internships and full-time employment opportunities

Who's coming? The list of participating companies is online at www.gace.org/careerfair.

How do you sign up? You must pre-register at www.gace.org/careerfair by Apr. 7!

Sponsored by GACE (Georgia Association of Colleges and Employers). Career Fair attendance is restricted to students and graduates from GACE participating colleges and universities. A list of participating schools is found on the student registration web site.

A Special Request from Gwen Bell

Dear Family & Friends of Damon Bell,

Your continuing prayers and caring support have meant so much to us as we mourn the passing of our Damon. Our hearts are still broken, and our sadness is deepened by the fact that the person or persons who took Damon's life have not been apprehended.

Governor Sonny Purdue has provided a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of this person or these people. We believe this is a good step, but we also believe that a larger reward might produce faster results.

Therefore, we are asking any of you who might want to help contribute to the reward to send whatever amount you can to the -

Gwendolyn G. Bell/"Damon Bell Reward Account" at any Wachovia Bank, NA.

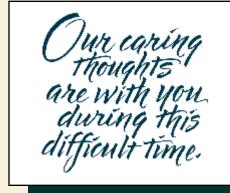
In addition, contributions can also be mailed to:

Wachovia Bank, NA Attn: FL 8044

P.O. BOX 522817 Miami, FL 33152 Account Owner: Gwendolyn G. Bell For: Damon Bell Reward Account If you have any questions, you may call Curtis and Gwen at home: (770) 987-1474.

Thank you for your loving kindness. It eases our pain to know that we and Damon are held in the hearts of such good people.

Always, Curtis and Gwen Bell Djana Bell and Damese Cherry (sisters)



Clayton State History Professor Awarded CIASP Grant

by Joey Rogers, University Relations

Clayton State University Assistant Professor of History Dr. Victoria Pasley recently received a Certificate in African Studies Project (CIASP) grant from the U.S. Office of Education , one of only four grants awarded yearly. The grant will allow Pasley to collect materials needed to develop an online course in African history and will also fund her research of Ghana's history during the 1970s.

The CIASP grant will also enable Pasley to travel to Ghana this summer, where she will teach in Clayton State's new Study Abroad program hosted at the University of Cape Coast. This African institution is located in close proximity to numerous places of historical and cultural significance.

"I am delighted to have been chosen as one of the recipients as it will give me the opportunity to do research in Africa for the first time," says Pasley, on receiving the grant.

Faculty at each of the 35 institutions within the University System of Georgia (USG) are invited to participate in the program, and are encouraged to compete for one of the four travel grants. Grant recipients then use the grants to learn more about Africa and incorporate new aspects of African history and culture into their courses.

In addition, recipients must develop and implement plans to positively affect student awareness and participation in the USG African Studies Certificate program. Institutions with limited African focus, yet a large population of students of African heritage, are encouraged to participate.



Director of International Education Dr. Robert Welborn and Assistant Professor of History Dr. Victoria Pasley

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enable the University to emerge as a leader in international education among universities and colleges which emphasize teaching. In connection with his professional activities, he has traveled in more than 30 countries and over the years has served as an international advisor to numerous public and private institutions in Georgia and across the country.

To learn more about the grants and study/travel opportunities in Singapore, Malaysia and South Africa, send an e-mail to rajgopalsashti@clayton.edu. ■

Clayton Career Resource Center Holds Career Day for Foster Children

The Clayton Career Resource Center held a Career Day for foster children in the Independent Living program of the Clayton County Department of Family and Children Services on Monday, Apr. 3.

A group of 20 individuals, ages 16 to 18, spent three hours in the center attending workshops on Filling Out Job Applications, Job Search, Resume, Career Exploration and Interviewing. All of the youth attended each of the workshops and were given information that they could take away with them to help them to find jobs for the summer. In attendance were students from Forest Park High School, Morrow High School, Riverdale High School, Jonesboro High School, Mundy's Mill High School and North Clayton High School.

The students are currently on their Spring Break and the Independent Living Program Coordinator arranged for them to have activities that will allow them to be busy during their week off from school. The coordinator initially contacted the Career Resource Center Director, Dorothy Herzberg, to ask about the possibility of having the students come to the center to learn about job searches. The staff at the Career Resource Center put together workshops that would allow for a full career day.

The Career Resource Center is a unit of the Division of Extended Programs at Clayton State University and is made possible through collaboration with the Atlanta Regional Commission. The Career Resource Center houses a computer lab, assists clients with job searches, workshops, resume writing, assessments, and career advisement, and provides sound retraining opportunities.

Located in Jonesboro and one of five in the metro Atlanta area, the Career Resource Center serves Clayton, Fayette, and Henry counties as a one-stop center providing a variety of free basic and advanced services to assist individuals seeking employment, training and education assistance. Advanced services include employment counseling, financial aid planning, including applying for PELL grants, HOPE scholarships, and Workforce Investment Act planning.

Along with workshops on job readiness, Dr. Mannie Hall from Clayton State's Continuing Education Department spoke to the youth Monday about the Excel program and gave them information about the Summer Academy. This information will also be forwarded to the Independent Living Coordinator to

History Students Study Abroad in Ghana, Summer 2006

by Joey Rogers, University Relations

This summer Clayton State University Assistant Professor of History Dr. Victoria Pasley will teach in the University's first study abroad program in Ghana at the University of Cape Coast. Set along the Atlantic Ocean, the campus is not only in close proximity to numerous places of historical and cultural significance, but also serves as an excellent atmosphere for studying and concentration.

The program, which is jointly sponsored by Clayton State and Kennesaw State University, will take four Clayton State students to Ghana for the five week program. A few of the courses to be taught are; Elements of Tropical Marine Biology, History and Politics of Africa, West African Economics, and Themes in the African Novel.

"This program differs from the European Council because there will be far more interaction with the local people," says Pasley, "Students will stay in faculty housing and will experience everyday life with a Ghanaian family." Since English is the primary language of the region, students will not only be able to experience many aspects of the culture firsthand, but also interact with Ghanaians from all walks of life. These students will also take classes taught by the faculty of the University of Cape Coast, a first for Study Abroad students.

"We have never had students study abroad in Africa," says Dr. Robert Welborn, Clayton State director of International Education and professor of History.

In addition to the variety of classes offered, the program includes excursions to the capital city of Accra, the Kakum National Rainforest Park, the Cape Coast and Elmina Slave Castles, the Asante capital of Kumasi and Bonwire, a Kente clothweaving village.

Pasley has also received a grant from the U.S. Office of Education to collect materials for research on Ghana's history.

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high school teachers, archivists, librarians, journalists, graduate students, and others whose profession or scholarship involves any area of historical study.

More than 100 historians from around the state of Georgia are expected to attend. Among the speakers/presenters will be Clayton State faculty members Dr. Eugene Hatfield and Dr. Randall Gooden ("Archival Partnerships: Engaging Campus and Community"), Dr. Marko Maunula ("Georgia Politics in the 1970s"), Dr. Christopher Ward ("Age and Power: Generational Conflicts in History"), and Dr. Kathryn Kemp and Dr. Martha Wicker ("Beyond Power Point: Reflectionsa on Using Technology in the Classroom").

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enable the youth to attend the Summer Academy at Clayton State University.

After completing the activities of the day, each youth was given a certificate showing that they completed all of the workshops along with several gifts that were donated by Clayton State University Admissions office. Each youth received a Clayton State lunchbox, T-Shirt and pen as well as a portfolio donated by the Southern Crescent Initiative Tech Prep Coordinator. Folders were also prepared with information from the Department of Labor on job readiness, a brochure on Tech Prep, and a Job Hunter's Handbook. Each youth was also given a flyer on an upcoming job fair for youth for summer jobs that will be held at the Department of Labor on Apr. 11. To end the day the Career Resource Center staff provided a lunch.

Trivia Time

A Grizzly Tale... aka Ursus Horribilis

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Meriwether Lewis and William Clark didn't really know exactly what they would find when they set out to explore the Louisiana Purchase. However, one thing they most certainly didn't expect to discover was an animal that could chase them for miles, and swim across a river after them, while it was full of bullets.

Clark, no naturalist he, just called it the largest brown bear he had ever seen. Well, there was a reason for that... none of them had ever seen a grizzly bear before. And, after shooting the darn thing, and still getting chased at length, they probably never wanted to see one again. No wonder they're scientifically known as Ursus Horribilis.

Although Debye Baird had the first correct answer, the Music Department's resident trivia expert, Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller, had this story to tell... "As a native of the state in which the Corps of Discovery wintered after encountering the "Ocian," I have heard the story about the superhuman grizzly bear... though Clark merely called it the largest brown bear they had yet seen without, apparently, realizing it was a different species... that managed to chase the intrepid explorers despite the lead they'd pumped into it and to demonstrate that bears are indeed very good swimmers over and over again since early childhood. In fact, when I was much smaller, my brothers and I used to look at the woods in the back yard with some trepidation, expecting, no doubt, to see the creature appear in our corner of suburban

Lou

Beaverton..." Brackett and Dina Swerngin also knew about the grizzly bear.

Speaking of less horrible bears, what was the name of Yogi Bear's little sidekick Jellystone Park? First correct answer

johnshiffert@clayton.edu gets a "picinic" basket.

Sports Page

Clayton State Track Sets Four Records at Emory

etting a combined four school records, Clayton State University's track & field teams opened their ninth outdoor season at the Emory University Invitational in Atlanta. The women's team, led by freshman Jon Taylor, set three records while the men's team established one in the pole vault.

Taylor, from Albany, Ga., improved two

team marks in the long jump (17-0) and the





100m (12.97), finishing fifth and sixth, respectively. The third record was improved by sophomore Katelyn Stache in the 400m hurdles with a time of 1:11.55, good enough for fifth place. The Laker women's top finish of the meet came from sophomore Allison Kreutzer in the 1500m run, posting a time of 4:55.28.

"Despite setting four records, we were not as competitive as I thought we should be,"

> said Laker head coach Mike Mead. "I definitely saw a lot of potential from our ladies, but we're still not there. We have some soft school records in certain events and they're not falling as fast as I thought they would this season. I do have to keep reminding myself that we have a very young team."

Ben Londrillo established the men's lone record in the pole vault, clearing 11-6 to finish seventh. The Fayetteville freshman is the Lakers' first vaulter. The top finish for the men came from another freshman, Alfred Dixon, finishing third in the high jump with a leap of 6-1. The former Mundy's Mill High School trackster also finished sixth in the triple jump.

"Because of injuries, our men's team is going to be a shell of what it has been the past fourth years," said Mead. "But the guys we have out are going to be the core for next year's team."

The Lakers will resume their schedule on Apr. 8 when they compete in the Gamecock Invitational at Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, Al. ■

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