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Clayton State Student Body Named "Most Diverse" for the Fifth Time

by John Shiffert, University Relations

For the fifth time since 2001, the student body at Clayton State University has topped the Racial Diversity rankings in U.S. News & World Report's America's Best Colleges edition.

Although Clayton State currently has four active master's programs, the 2008 edition of America's Best Colleges, which is based upon the 2006/2007 academic year, ranks the University's student population as the most racially diverse among baccalaureate colleges in the southern United States.

Clayton State's 53 percent African-American student body was a significant factor in the U.S. News ranking, but not

the only factor. As the magazine notes, "to identify colleges where students are most likely to encounter undergraduates from racial or ethnic groups different from their own, U.S. News factors in the proportion of minority students – leaving out international students – and the overall mix of groups in each institution's 2006-2007 student body."

"As Clayton State University has moved toward becoming a comprehensive, metropolitan university, there has been a steady increase in the diversity of the population, including students, faculty, and staff. Students are enrolled from more than 50 countries at Clayton State and the number of non-traditional students has

remained a major portion of the student body," notes Clayton State President Dr. Thomas K. Harden. "This diversity throughout the entire University helps ensure the richness and breadth of the educational experience at Clayton State, for all of our students, faculty and staff." ■



Dr. Thomas K. Harden

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Clayton State Bringing MBA to Fayette County

Beginning in January 2008, the Clayton State University School of Business will be offering Master of Business Administration (MBA) classes in Peachtree City.

The MBA is already on the fast track. The School designed the MBA for working professionals who will be able to complete the rigorous curriculum in 20 months. Although the program was expected to begin this semester with 20 students, an overwhelming response of competitive applicants for the program led to admitting 35 students as the first on-campus cohort in Morrow. New cohorts will be offered on campus and in Peachtree City beginning with the spring 2008 semester in January 2008. Those professionals choosing the Fayette County cohort will experience first class conference center amenities at Aberdeen Woods.

The Clayton State University School of Business also held an open house for individuals interested in its on-campus MBA program on Thursday, Sept. 27.

Clayton's State's School of Business faculty, with a blend of academic and real-world experience, will teach the 11-course curriculum, which will be offered on alternate Saturdays. The classes are Web-enhanced so that the student's total visits to the classroom will be approximately 45 days in a 20-month period.

"It's a great value for the money. Any comparable part-time working professional MBA in our market place is at least double the cost of what we are charging," says Dr. Jacob M. Chacko, associate dean

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Constitution Week



Lovely Issues a Challenge to Come Together To Clayton State Students for Constitution Day

by John Shiffert, University Relations



Sylvia Lovely makes a point during her address at Monday's Constitution Day keynote event at Clayton State University. (Gid Rowell photo)

Sylvia Lovely, president, NewCities Institute™ and CEO of the Kentucky League of Cities, issued a challenge to a roomful of Clayton State University students as the kick off the University's week-long celebration of Constitution Day.

Speaking before a full house in the University's Arts & Sciences Theater on Sept. 17, Lovely pulled no punches in opening her remarks on "How 'We the People' Can Become Community Patriots," challenging her audience to "turn Democracy around... to restore the idea that Americans can come together to solve our problems, to restore our greatness."

Lovely's message of civic engagement, coming together and "making things better" was focused on bringing people together through re-inventing our Democracy under the heading of citizenship. As has been the case since the

American Revolution and the signing of the Constitution, another new age is dawning, she said, pointing out that her audience, most of whom were students between the ages of 18 and 21, were the ones who would define and create the coming era.

Lovely also predicted that this coming age would place, "more emphasis on the human element... and a satisfaction that only comes when we touch other people."

"What America has been able to do until recent times is come together to solve problems," she noted from an historical perspective. "(This) is about striving to find a way to make that ideal live on."

NewCities Institute is a national nonprofit organization that encourages citizens to

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Women's Forum Hears About Protecting The Nation Without Infringing on Civil Liberties



Lieutenant Colonel Stephanie L. Stephens

It's one of the hottest, most controversial topics of the past six years. Ever since the October 2001 passage of the original Patriot Act in response to the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, politicians, security experts, the

media and the public have debated the balance of security vs. the personal freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Although the debate will continue to rage on, the Clayton State University Women's

Forum heard a well thought-out, reasoned approach to looking at the Patriot Act and Constitutional freedoms as part of the University's annual celebration of Constitution Day. Speaking to the first Women's Forum Luncheon of the 2007/2008 academic year, Lieutenant Colonel Stephanie L. Stephens, executive officer for the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Army Forces Command, Ft. McPherson, Ga., gave her audience a balanced overview and history of the Patriot Act.

Noting that the essential question was whether "we can protect our nation without infringing on civil liberties," Stephens admitted that "we'll never all agree on how much personal liberty we are willing to sacrifice to ensure our safety." Stephens

then proceeded to give a history of the Patriot Act, including the key "sunset" provisions that were renewed with such controversy in March 2006.

Stephens explained that the two most controversial provisions of the act were #206, dealing with roving surveillance authority, and #215, access to records and other personal information and modifying records searches. In presenting both sides of the argument, Stephens noted, "that's a bit broad," regarding 215's provision for record searches based solely on stating said search is to counter terrorism. On the other hand, Stephens also pointed out that there is no specific amendment to the Constitution that mandates against the

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Clayton State Graduate Student Named Clayton County Teacher of the Year

A graduate student at Clayton State University has been named Clayton County's "Teacher of the Year."

Anna Cox, a student in Clayton State's first graduate program, the Master's of Liberal Arts Studies (MALS), is a Latin instructor at Jonesboro High School, and the local teacher of the year. Cox, who expects to be awarded Clayton State's first-ever master's degree in December 2007, has previously noted that she plans to use the MALS degree to round out the knowledge that she gained from college and add a greater base of knowledge to her students.

"I love showing the students how important classical studies are in their other classes and in courses they will see in college," says Cox, who also resides in Jonesboro. "While we were reading 'Romeo and Juliet' in my Shakespeare class, I was reading and translating 'Pyramus and Thisbe,' the ancient version of the story, with my high school students. I truly enjoyed being able to offer and

bring new material to my reading of that text."

"We're all on cloud nine at the moment," says Cox' father, Clayton State communications instructor Larry Wiley. Like his daughter, Wiley worked for the Clayton County School System for many years before retiring. He has taught at Clayton State part-time for more than 25 years.

"Although anyone who enters graduate studies will find it intimidating," says MALS Director Dr. Tom Barnett. "Anna was able to do graduate level work and found joy in that."

"I enjoy the high level discussions and readings that I don't get every day as a high school teacher," says Cox. "The enthusiasm of the students and professors is refreshing."

Clayton State unveiled its first graduate program in fall 2006. MALS is an interdisciplinary, evening program designed for a wide spectrum of individuals: recent



Anna Cox

college graduates, professionals in the public and private sectors, current and prospective teachers, lawyers, state workers, non-profit arts administrators and private business owners.

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Standing Room Only at Into Nursing Information Sessions

The School of Nursing held two pre-nursing information sessions, Into Nursing (IN!) last Wednesday, Sept. 12, and Thursday, Sept. 13.

A total of 99 students attended one of the two sessions. The SoN program advisors, Christy Hicks, Aquila Welcome and Ruth Jean were on hand to provide an overview of the nursing program and answer other questions related to the program's admission requirements. The students also received a formal welcome from Dean Lisa Eichelberger and Associate Dean Sue Odom, and representatives from the Clayton State Student Nurses' Association. Dr. Susan Sanner and Dr. Lillian Parker provided an overview of specific programs aimed at pre-nursing and nursing student success.

Through the funding of the SoN's Nursing Workforce Diversity (NWD) Grant,

"Partnering to Increase the Nursing Workforce Diversity" by the Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration, the School of Nursing developed a formal Faculty/Student mentoring program where pre-nursing students are assigned to a faculty mentor. Pre-nursing students who meet the eligibility criteria to participate in the program will receive \$150/month over a 10 month period.

Sanner indicated that the aim of the mentoring program is to connect faculty with potential nursing students early in their college experience to assist them academically so they are qualified to enter the nursing program in their junior year. Pre-nursing students can also seek assistance from Parker, the Student Navigator. The role of Student Navigator is also part of the NWD grant and will assist pre-nursing and nursing students in "navigating" the

institutional, administrative and educational processes to maximize retention and student success by developing one-on-one relationships with at risk students. She will also help students gain access to university and community support systems, financial aid, academic support, mental and physical resources to support well-being and success. Parker will also assist students to access external resources, such as public benefits' programs and social service supports which may assist students to meet individual and family needs to ensure continued success as a student at Clayton State.

Students who attended the pre-nursing information sessions were excited to hear about the SoN's efforts to promote student success. Since the two sessions, the SoN has received several requests to offer an evening session of Into Nursing (IN!). Dates and times are TBA. ■

Clayton State Mourns the Passing of Dr. Elizabeth Marshall

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Clayton State University has lost a distinguished friend, historian and supporter.

Dr. Elizabeth Hulsey Marshall, the “grand dame” of Clayton State historians, passed away yesterday after more than 35 years of service to the University. She first came to Clayton State in 1971, two years after its opened its doors to students, as an instructor of History in the midst of a career of teaching History that lasted 40 years. She retired as a professor of History in 1985 and was appointed Professor Emerita in 1986. Marshall then continued her service to Clayton State with another 20 years as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Clayton State University Foundation, a position she continued to hold up until her death.

“It is with deep regret that I inform the campus of the passing of Dr. Elizabeth Marshall today. I know many faculty and staff have fond memories of Dr. Marshall and she will be missed,” said Clayton State President Dr. Thomas K. Harden in a message to the University’s faculty and staff. “I personally appreciate the many years of dedication Dr. Marshall provided to Clayton State

University and send the deepest condolences to her family.”

A native of Gainesville, Ga., who lived in Jonesboro, Ga., for the past 35 years, Marshall earned her bachelor’s degree in English from Georgia College in 1937, and taught high school for many years before her love of history sent her back to earn masters (1959) and doctoral degrees (1974) from the University of Georgia, where she was named to the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society in 1973. In addition to serving as a teaching assistant at Georgia, she also taught at Georgia Military College and Georgia College prior to coming to Clayton State in 1971.

Among the highlights of Marshall’s Clayton State career were a Fulbright-Hays Grant to study in India and a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to study at the University of California, Berkeley. She also took part in a 1980 study tour of Israel and traveled to the People’s Republic of China in 1983 as an ambassador with the Friendship Force of Atlanta. A member of Phi Alpha Theta, an honorary history society, she was the recipient of that organization’s essay award in 1969.

Even after retiring as a professor, Marshall continued to make her mark at Clayton State, authoring “A Unique Partnership, Walter and Emilie Spivey,” a 271-page hardbound tribute to the couple who endowed the University with Spivey Hall. Marshall also personally endowed the University’s Allan and Elizabeth Marshall Scholarship, in addition to serving as one of the longest-tenured members of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation.

A truly gracious woman who always had an encouraging word for her colleagues at the University, Marshall was suitably honored by Clayton State in 2000 as the “Grand Marshall” for the very first Clayton State University Homecoming Parade, a task she carried out with great enjoyment.

A graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29 at Alta Vista Cemetery in Gainesville. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. at Central Presbyterian Church, 201 Washington St., SW, in Atlanta, also on Sept. 29. ■

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government infringing on the right of privacy.

“So how far should we go for national security?” she asked. “206 and 215 are sunset provisions. In four years, they’ll be voted on again. If you don’t like them, tell your congressmen.

“That’s what great about the Constitution... we have the right to tell our government what we want.” ■

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“The MALS degree appeals to a broad spectrum of people,” says Barnett. “Anna is a student where a master’s degree would advance her career in terms of title, position and pay.”

The Master of Arts in Liberal Studies is a relatively new concept in graduate education, but it rests in the tradition of liberal education. This graduate degree has become an increasingly popular degree. It is now offered by more than 100 universities nationwide, but only Clayton State does so among Georgia’s public universities. ■

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of the School of Business and Professor of Marketing.

To learn more about the MBA program, visit the Clayton State MBA website at <http://business.clayton.edu/MBA>, or call Dr. Michael Deis, MBA director, at (678) 466-4500 for additional information. ■

Arts Page

Supernatural Shakespeare Project Welcomes Stanford's Dr. Stephen Orgel

By Lauren Graves, University Relations

Clayton State welcomes Stanford University's Jackson Eli Reynolds Professor of Humanities Dr. Stephen Orgel, one of the most famous Shakespearean scholars in the United States, to lecture in conjunction with the university's Supernatural Shakespeare Project.

Orgel's lecture, titled "Shakespeare Depicted," will be held in room 272 of the James M. Baker University Center on Oct. 1 at 12:30 p.m. and will discuss illustrations of Shakespeare's work, touching on the bard's supernatural themes. For driving directions to campus, visit www.clayton.edu.

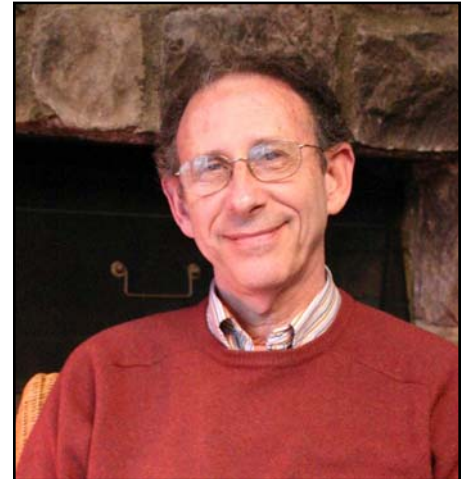
"The campus is honored to host a researcher and thinker of his stature," says Dr. Kathryn Pratt, publicity coordinator for the Supernatural Shakespeare project.

Orgel has published widely on the political and historical aspects of Renaissance

literature, theater, and art history. His many books include "Imagining Shakespeare" (2003), "The Authentic Shakespeare" (2002), "Impersonations: The Performance of Gender in Shakespeare's England" (1996), and "The Illusion of Power" (1975).

In addition to his publications, Orgel is also the general editor of "Cambridge Studies in Renaissance Literature and Culture" and of the new "Pelican Shakespeare." He has been awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship, NEH Fellowships, and ACLS Fellowships; he has been a Getty Fellow, a visiting fellow at New College, Oxford, and most recently the Clark Lecturer at Trinity College, Cambridge.

The Supernatural Shakespeare Project is a humanities and arts-based project that focuses on the supernatural content of Shakespeare's work.



Dr. Stephen Orgel

In addition to Orgel's Oct. 1 lecture, the project encompasses events such as Shakespeare on the Green, an Oct. 13 afternoon forum on Shakespeare that

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Fall 2007 Visiting Writers Reading Series Begins October 10



Amy Blackmarr

Clayton State begins its fall 2007 Visiting Writers Reading Series, Wednesday, Oct. 10 with a reading by nonfiction author Amy Blackmarr at 12:30 p.m. in room 200 of the Clayton State University Library.

Called a writer with "a self-deprecating wit and uncommon grace" by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Blackmarr will read from her collection of nonfiction works. Formerly a paralegal in Kansas, Blackmarr moved into her grandfather's fishing shack in South-Georgia and turned to writing full-time.

Her collections of personal essays "Going to Ground," "House of Steps," and "Above the Fall Line" relate to the author's experiences living and learning on Georgia soil. "Going to Ground" was named to the Georgia Center for the Book's "Top 25 Books All Georgians Should Read" in 2005, while "Above the Fall Line" garnered Blackmarr a 2004 Georgia Author of the year award. Her "Dahlongega Haunts" collection of ghostly experiences in the old Georgia mining town has also become a favorite.

Blackmarr holds a Ph.D. in English and has spoken publicly for 10 years about the relationship between the natural world and the creative life. Visit her website for more: www.amyblackmarr.com. ■

Zeller and Hearn to Perform at Spivey Hall September 30

Tenor Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller is joined on guitar by Clayton State University colleague Dr. William Hearn for an exploration of the rich history of works for voice and plucked stringed instruments -- lute, theorbo and guitar -- on Sunday, Sept. 30 at 3 p.m. in Spivey Hall. Admission is free and open to the public.

Zeller, Clayton State's director of Opera and Vocal Studies, and Hearn, adjunct faculty for guitar, music the-

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Across the Campus...

Athletics

In soccer action over the past two weeks, the Clayton State men's team defeated Tusculum (5-0) and Erskine (2-0) before dropping a 3-1 decision to USC Aiken. The women lost 5-0 to Armstrong Atlantic and 3-0 to Columbus State, and then rebounded to defeat Aiken 2-0. In a non-conference game, they also lost to West Georgia, 2-1.

Clayton State's Anna Redecsi warmed up for the upcoming ITA Division II Mid-Atlantic Regionals with a stunning singles victory at the MCC Collegiate Invitational Championships at Auburn-Montgomery. Redecsi, a sophomore Division II All-American from Gyongyos, Hungary, swept through to the singles championship with four stunning victories over three nationally-ranked players, including two at the NCAA Division I level. In addition to Redecsi, senior All-American Julia Chergova advanced to the singles consolation finals, where she dropped a 6-2, 6-3 decision.

Health & Fitness Management

Improve your health and the health of loved ones by becoming a certified personal trainer. Clayton State will host a three-day personal trainer workshop from Oct. 12 through Oct. 14 and a one-day personal trainer workshop on Oct. 12 in the University's Athletics & Fitness Center, room E43. Coordinated by Clayton State's Dr. Melanie Poudevigne, the three-day workshop will prepare attendees to receive the newest personal trainer certification from the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) (www.acsm.org). The one-day workshop is designed for currently and previously certified personal trainers and will provide the knowledge necessary to successfully attain the new ACSM Certified Personal Trainer credential. To register for the three-day or one-day workshop, contact ACSM by calling (317) 637-9200 or visit www.FRAUSA.com or www.ACSM.com. Workshop costs

range from \$375 to attend all three sessions to \$175 for the one day ticket. One day tickets are available only for those who are already certified or educated in exercise science.

Public Safety

The winners of the Clean Air Council Random Drawings (those who turned in their August CAC report to Joan Murphy) are: Kurt Zellar, Music, \$20 Wal-Mart Gift Card; Kathy Garrison, CAS, \$15 Wal-Mart Gift Card; Alisa Kirk, CID, \$10 Wal-Mart Gift Card. This program is only open to Clayton State employees and no carpooling or alternate transportation required. You only have to remain on a 1-87-Ridefind match list (no obligation though) and keep track of how to get to work. And of course, send a copy of your previous month's report to Joan Murphy. Winners can stop by the Public Safety Dispatch Windows between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m., show a picture ID and pick up their gifts.

August commuter prize winners are; Bernadette Pascual, Francis Burris and Linda Stanford. Congratulations! If you were not this month's winner, don't give up! Keep logging your commute and you could be next! Thank you for choosing an alternate commute - together, we can help improve traffic and air quality in and around Atlanta! For more on current and upcoming promotions, visit: <http://www.cleanaircampaign.com/> and click "about us," then "latest promotions."

Recreation & Wellness

The Department of Recreation & Wellness challenges the employees of Clayton State University to put a team together to compete in this year's Flag Football Tournament. Games are held on Sundays at 5 p.m. starting Sept. 30. Let the competitor within you loose and show the students what you can do! Sign up at SmartBodies. For more information before playing, please call (678) 466-5428 and speak with Rashad Sanders. For rehabilitation after playing,

please call (678) 466-4975 and speak with Lydia Vanderford.

School of Business

The next installment of the Clayton State University School of Business' Speakers Series will feature Lee Hardeman, owner of Hardeman Customs Broker and former president and chairman of the International Freight Forwarders and Customs Brokers Association of Atlanta. Hardeman will be speaking on "The Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism." His presentation will be held in the University's Spivey Hall on Thursday, Oct. 4 at 6 p.m. and is free and open to the public. For more information, call (678) 466-4546.

John Mascaritolo, director of Logistics Practices and assistant professor of Supply Chain Management is presenting on "A Behind the Scenes Look of the 1996 Olympic Games Through the Use of Logistics Management" as part of the upcoming School of Business Conference. Mascaritolo's presentation is being held in room B-14 of the Lecture Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 10 at 12:30 p.m. Call (678) 466-4500 for more information.

School of Nursing

The Clayton State University Student Nurse's Association (SNA) will be holding its Sixth Annual Job Fair on Monday, Nov. 12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the James M. Baker University Center. Themed, "Hand in Hand... Building Leaders for the Future" the Job Fair will be held on the Baker Center's "Main Street," the broad corridor that runs the length of the second floor of the building. Invited attendees include all surrounding hospitals and healthcare organizations as well as Clayton State Healthcare and Nursing majors. For more information, contact Christina Roscoe, SNA first vice president at csu34774@mail.claytonstate.net or call (404) 587-5514.

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(L-R) Dr. Lee Harford, William Pitt and Jason Wetzel go over battle plans during the Chickamauga Battlefield staff ride.

History Major Joins National Museum Of the Army Reserves' Staff Ride

by Gina Finocchiaro, University Relations

Clayton State history major William Pitt rode in the staff ride to the Chickamauga Battlefield this semester as part of his internship with the National Museum of Army Reserves. As a staff ride assistant, Pitt learned how to do living and interpretative history.

"William is very conscientious and hard-working," says Jason Wetzel, field historian and Pitt's supervisor. "I have been very pleased with the quality of interns coming from Clayton State and their level of professionalism."

Staff rides have been around since the 1890's and are used by the army to train soldiers for battle analysis and to teach

lessons. Actual historic rides to different battlefields are used for the staff rides.

In addition to learning about staff rides, Pitt is also helping with the research on the U.S. Army's anniversary.

"I think this must be the neatest internship around," says Clayton State History professor Dr. Kathryn Kemp. "At least for students who like military history."

Kemp is the professor to see for students who are interested in interning at the National Museum of Army Reserves. She is responsible for screening and suggest-

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get involved in helping their communities thrive in the rapid technological change and global challenges of the 21st century. Speaking at length on the subject of community building, Lovely presented four key "P" principles to make it happen – perspective, place, prosperity and people.

The key to perspective, she said, was adapting to change by being informed. Place is not a geographic concept, but the

idea of finding one's place, and playing to one's uniqueness. Although prosperity may sound like an obvious concept, Lovely noted that we need to re-think our boundaries, and to define for the 21st Century exactly what is the "American Dream." People are the most important natural resource in this quest, and Lovely expressed her concern for the large numbers of people who may well be left behind in the process.

Women's Forum Online Silent Auction... The Secret is Out; It's Not Silent Anymore

The Clayton State University Women's Forum Online Silent Auction is officially open for 2007.

The theme for this year's silent auction is, "Give One, Bid One" with the hope that all participants will donate at least one item and then get actively involved by bidding on at least one item. The deadline for donations is Oct. 22 and the bidding will run from Nov. 1 to Nov. 14. For more information on bidding and donations, please visit http://admins-services.clayton.edu/wom_forum.

Proceeds from the Silent Auction fund scholarships for Clayton State University women employees and students.

Items in the auction will be on display on Wednesday, Nov. 14 for viewing from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Commons of the James M. Baker University Center. Nov. 14 is also the date of the Women's Forum's annual Chili Cook-off, also in the Baker Center Commons. Auction participants are invited to come for lunch from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. and then stay until 2 p.m. when the auction closes.

For more information, call the Women's Forum's Alina Brooks at (678) 466-4402 or Pat Keane at (678) 466-4678.

Although these principles can help restore Democracy, Lovely in closing expressed her concern as to exactly, "how we are going to come together to decide," how to make it happen. However, she does know who will make it happen.

"You'll pave the way," she told the audience. ■

Literature Students Return from Medieval and Renaissance Conference

by Lauren Graves, University Relations

Six students enrolled in Dr. Gregory McNamara's spring 2007 Renaissance literature course presented research at the 21st Annual Medieval and Renaissance Conference held Sept. 20 through 22 at the University of Virginia's College at Wise in Wise, Va.

Students who presented at the conference included: Shane Bell (McDonough), Emily Camp (Peachtree City), Jason Joiner (Atlanta), Tyanna Jones (Conyers), Anna King (Jonesboro) and Laurissa Wolfram (McDonough).

"The students were naturally a little nervous before their presentations, but the talks were all well-practiced and polished in advance," says McNamara. "Once the students took the podium they were composed and professional.

"One scholar from New York City — an excellent speaker herself — made a point of complimenting the students' poise and thorough preparation. The papers generated lots of useful questions and discussion among undergraduates from other schools and established scholars alike."

Each student offered a presentation approximately 15 minutes in length before a scholarly audience in a professional, refereed format. Bell, Jones, King and Wolfram presented on the writings of the great Elizabethan courtier-poet, Sir Philip Sidney; Camp presented on editorial practice and authorship in Shakespeare's "Sonnets;" and Joiner presented a reading of gender performance in Dekker and Middleton's "The Roaring Girl."

"It was a joy to see and hear our students presenting with such excellence in a venue where I gave my own first academic presentation," comments McNamara. "The work was their own



(L to R) Shane Bell, Tyanna Jones, Emily Camp, Jason Joiner, Laurissa Wolfram, Anna King

and they did it well; but the overall performance really reflected well on Clayton State. It was also exciting to see the students confidently interacting with other academics, asking questions, making friends, being truly collegial."

Two of the students who made presentations at the conference are now enrolled in Clayton State's Master of Arts in Liberal Studies program. Bell and King, who graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in History and a Bachelor of Arts in English respectively in spring 2007, began their graduate level coursework this fall semester.

The conference organizers have extended an invitation for Clayton State to return to the conference next year. According to McNamara, "The undergraduate coordinator was especially enthusiastic, and really, I think, a little stunned at how well prepared our students came to the conference. If there are more students — or some students who want to go again — willing to work as hard and take on such a challenge as did this year's group, I'll support them and do my best to raise the funds."

Clayton State's participation at the 21st Annual Medieval and Renaissance Conference was made possible through generous funding and support from the Clayton State University Department of Language and Literature, the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Graduate Studies and the Division of Student Affairs.

"I am thankful to the students for their discipline and their fine scholarship. It was a pleasure to be able to tell other conference participants and the UVA-Wise folks I was there in a support capacity for this great group. And all of us are thankful to the Clayton State administrators who were especially supportive and who pledged funding. Without help from Dr. Susan Hunter, Dr. Tom Barnett, Dr. John Campbell, Dr. Elaine Manglitz and Dr. Tom Eaves we couldn't have done this," says McNamara.

McNamara also thanks the group's host at UVA-Wise, especially Dr. John Adrian and Dr. Ken Tiller. ■

Life's Transitions...

Pat Keane's daughter and son-in-law are currently in Russia to meet their new daughter. Here's an e-mail report from son-in-law Ned McCauley...

We met Julia Boshkova a few hours ago at baby house #1, the same orphanage where Matthew lived. Julia is BEAUTIFUL!!! She was born 10/30/2006, and has big blue eyes, and light brown hair, with a tint of auburn.

She appears very healthy and is attentive and playful. We had an immediate connection with this little girl that removed all anxiety and apprehension. We spent about 2.5 hours with her playing, laughing and promising her a better life in the very near future.

She weighs 8330 grams, and is 66 cm tall (you can do the metric conversions), all "on target."

Notary Publics on Campus

The following is a list of Notary Publics on the Clayton State campus, as indicated by their responses to last week's inquiry in Laker Lines.

Alisa Kirk
Administrative Specialist
Center for Instructional Development

Dana Brown
Office of Development

Mary Alice Gladin
School of Business

Row Anderson
Procurement Services

Deborah H. Dupree
Director, Special Projects
Division of Student Affairs

Vicky Smith
School of Business

English Literature Major to Speak at Southern Women Writer's Conference

by Gina Finocchiaro, University Relations

Clayton State University English Literature major Sibongile B.N. Lynch will be presenting her paper, "Though Today 'Tis Dark, Tomorrow: The Life and Legacy of Lucy Ann Delaney," at the Seventh Biennial Southern Women Writer's Conference at Berry College in Rome, Ga., on Saturday, Sept. 29.

"I was encouraged to submit an abstract by my advisor, Dr. Gwendolyn Jones, when I told her about my upcoming research on the subject," said Lynch. "It is under Dr. Jones' guidance and leadership that I accepted this opportunity."

The theme of this year's Southern Women Writer's Conference is "Homecomings" and will feature speakers such as Barbara C. Ewell, Kaye Gibbons, Vertamae Grosvenor, Minrose Gwin, Lorraine Lopez, Jill McCorkle, Harryette Mullen, Brenda Marie Osbey, Minnie Bruce Pratt,

Minton Sparks and a special evening with Maya Angelou.

Lynch will sit on the panel called, "Creating Place for Little Known/Lost/Rediscovered Southern Women Writer's and Genres. Her presentation will focus on Delaney as the lost/neglected/rediscovered author of the authentic slave narrative, "From the Darkness Cometh the Light, or Struggles for Freedom," published in 1891 by the J.T. Smith Publishing House in St. Louis.

Since its inception in 1994, the Southern Women Writer's Conference has been devoted to showcasing the works of well-known and emerging southern women writers, expanding the literary canon and developing critical and theoretical under-

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includes discussions and presentations; and a high school Shakespearean sonnet contest.

The project will culminate at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13 in renowned performance venue Spivey Hall for the world premiere of the professional production "Supernatural Shakespeare," when Shakespeare's most creepy characters unite in one frightful spectacle. Admission is free. Visit www.clayton.edu for driving directions.

"The literary and artistic events accompanying the drama, including the guest lectures and the poetry contest, are designed to allow the community to celebrate and respond to the idea of the 'supernatural' in Shakespeare and its relation to our lives," concludes Pratt.

Orgel's lecture and other events included in the Supernatural Shakespeare Project are sponsored by the Georgia Council for the Humanities and through grants from private foundations. Special thanks also to Chris Tryba-Cofrin and David Cofrin and Patrick and Joanne Burke. ■

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Social Sciences

A total of 166 new voters were registered from Sept. 17 through Sept. 21 as part of this year's Constitution Day observance. In addition, 22 volunteered to serve as poll workers. Approximately 215 were in the audience for Sylvia Lovely's presentation. Approximately 22 students and three faculty attended the first Times Talk. "We will continue these every two weeks for the rest of this semester and also next semester," says Social Sciences Department Chair Dr. Eugene Hatfield. "All in all, I think this has been our best showing."

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ing students who are eligible to participate in this internship.

The Office of Army Reserve History maintains the National Museum of Army Reserves which is dedicated to the history, contributions and sacrifices of federal citizen-soldiers to the formation and defense of the United States of America. The museum's mission is to educate and train Army Reserve Soldiers and civilians, instill pride and awareness in the rich military and social legacy of the Army Reserve and encourage intensive research into the history of federal citizen-soldiers and the U.S. Army Reserve. ■

Clayton County Leaders to Speak at Clayton State this Fall

by Gina Finocchiaro, University Relations

Clayton State University's Community Leadership Forum is back this fall and will be hosting a variety of leaders from Clayton County during their monthly meetings which are held at 12:30 p.m. on the second Friday of each month in room 265 of the James M. Baker University Center and are open to the public.

Speakers for the fall series include Chief Jeff Turner of the Clayton County Police Department, Sept. 14; Debbie Anglin, director of Hearts to Nourish Hope, Oct. 12; Cathy Ratti, regional director of the Department of Family and Children's Services for Clayton, Fayette and Henry Counties, Nov. 9; and Gwen

Smith, director of Youth Microenterprise, Dec. 14.

The Community Leadership Forum is a monthly speaker series intended to heighten awareness of resources, initiatives and innovations throughout the Clayton County community. In addition, the Forum provides an opportunity for public agencies, nonprofit organizations and grassroots initiatives to share their goals and achievements.

"The need still exists to showcase outstanding services and agencies working to connect and empower the community at large," said Dr. Sandy Harrison, professor of Sociology at Clayton State. ■

Lakers Repeat Victory At Orchard Fall Invitational

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

The Clayton State Laker men's golf team successfully repeated as champions at the 2007 Orchard Fall Invitational on Sept. 18 at the Orchard Golf and Country Club. The Lakers finished tied with Oglethorpe for the top spot with a 298, but won the tournament by virtue of a drop score tiebreaker.

It is the fifth team title for the Lakers in their program history.

Individually for Clayton State, junior All-American Will Wilcox won his first ever tournament as a Laker, firing a 3-under par 69. He made four birdies for the round and finished two strokes ahead of Oglethorpe's Chris Lane for individual medalist honors.

In addition to Wilcox, Jonathan Visconti and Wade Binfield each finished tied for third for the Lakers at 2-over 74, while Daniel Sommerville finished tied for eighth with a 4-over 76 and Neil McBride finished tied for 11th with a 5-over 77. Rounding out the Clayton State scoring was Chris Cartwright finishing tied for 15th with a 7-over 79, Kevin Duncan finished tied for 22nd with an 82 and Logan Patterson finished tied for 25th with an 83.

Binfield, McBride and Patterson played as individuals for the tournament. Visconti and Binfield both joined Wilcox on the All-Tournament team. ■

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ed team of Martina Beckmann and Alida Muller-Wehlau. In what was one of the more exciting matches in the draw, Chergova and Redesci earned the berth in the finals with a thrilling 9-7 victory.

Chergova and Redesci weren't the only Clayton State players that were victorious.

In the women's singles "B" draw, the Lakers' Veronika Jasenovcova knocked off USC-Aiken's Marianna Blattes 6-2, 6-4 in the finals, while Jasenovcova teamed

with freshman Allison Evans to win the women's doubles "B" draw with an 8-4 victory over Blattes and Brittany Telford from USC-Aiken.

In addition, freshman newcomer Viktoriya Semyrodenko advanced to the quarterfinals of the singles main draw before dropping a 7-6 (7-4), 6-3 decision to Armstrong Atlantic's Gabriella Kovacs, while Evans advanced to the semifinals of the singles "B" draw before dropping a 7-5, 6-1 decision against Blattes from USC-Aiken. ■

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standings of traditions and innovations in southern women's writing.

Lynch has also been published in *The Bent Tree*, *The Cygnet* and *Creative Loafing*. In addition, she has received a honorable mention for the Hurston/Wright Award for College Writers. She plans to graduate from Clayton State in December 2008 and continue her education in graduate school. ■

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ory and world music, will present music by composers of the last five centuries. Audiences also will get a peek at their mail, in Dominick Argento's song cycle, *Letters from Composers*. ■

Trivia Time

Are You Smarter than A Sixth Grader?

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Recall that the last column was indeed turned over to a genuine sixth grader, Maggie Shiffert, who asked a question from the sixth grade science class at Madras Middle School.

Thus, it is something of a relief to report that nine people affiliated with this outstanding, comprehensive metropolitan university are at least as smart as a sixth grader, in that they knew that the ancient "supercontinent" that geologists refer to is known as Pangaea. (A few of the knowing nine, who do not have to tell them world, "I'm not smarter than a sixth grader," may have gotten the spelling wrong, but, we weren't doing sixth grade spelling, so that doesn't count.) They were, in order, Todd Birchfield, Dina Swearngin, Liz Wellington, Sherrie Eoff, Vicki Smith, Lou Brackett, Kevin Fitzgerald, Dotty Bumbalough and George Messer. Not a geologist in the bunch, it might be added.

Certainly, everybody knows that "Are You Smarter than a Fifth Grader?" is hosted by Jeff Foxworthy. Can you name a first cousin of Jeff Foxworthy? (Seriously.) Answer to johnshiffert@clayton.edu.

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Walid Berkhedle

35:36.75 minutes and was the top Peach Belt finisher at the event.

Berkhedle finished two seconds off the pace for second place and a minute behind the overall champion.

Clayton State competes this weekend at the Georgia Collegiates in Macon on Saturday. ■

Sports

Lakers' Chergova, Redesci Prevail in ITA Mid-Atlantic Region Doubles Championship

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

For the second straight fall, the Clayton State Laker women's tennis doubles duo of Julia Chergova and Anna Redesci is on top at the ITA Division II Mid-Atlantic Regional.

The Laker duo successfully repeated as doubles champions at the ITA Mid-Atlantic Regional after a weekend of near-flawless tennis. Chergova and Redesci defeated Francis Marion's Sarka Vitkova and Jenny Ludwig 8-2 in the final match. The victory advances Chergova and Redesci again to the ITA Division II National Championships, which be in Mobile, Ala., on Oct. 11-14.

Last season, Chergova and Redesci advanced to the championship finals before falling to West Florida's Tammy Kevey and Mandy Septoe.

As the top-seeded team in women's doubles championship division, Chergova and Redesci breezed through the early rounds. They opened with an 8-1 victory over Nicholi Marsh and Hayley Sayer from Lander, followed by an 8-3 victory over Augusta State's Bianca Machado and Laura Ferreira in the second round.

Advancing to the third round, Chergova and Redesci defeated the USC-Aiken



Anna Redesci, head coach
Tamas Szabados and Julia Chergova

team of Kristin Hunter and Mathilde Grenet 8-2 to advance to the semifinals against Armstrong Atlantic's fourth-seed-

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Lakers' Berkhedle Selected Peach Belt Conference Runner of the Week

For the second straight week Clayton State's Walid Berkhedle was selected as the Peach Belt Male Runner of the Week.

Berkhedle, a freshman from Scarborough, Ont., followed up his strong collegiate

debut at the Georgia State Invitational with a stellar performance this past weekend at the Jaguar Invitational in Augusta. He placed third overall with a time of

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