

Homecoming is in the Air – Clayton State Welcomes the World with Laker Pride

by Leigh G. Wills, University Relations

nce again, Homecoming has come upon the campus at Clayton State University. Just like the changing seasons, the air is crisp with energy and excitement as Laker Pride Goes Worldwide to invite students, faculty, staff and alumni to come and celebrate the week-long tradition.

Beginning Monday, everyone at Clayton State will don their Blue and Orange to paint the town with the colors of pride – Laker pride! Door decorating judging will begin – so get those cameras ready to snap your favorite in this fun and colorful competition. But the highlight of Homecoming is the Saturday, Oct. 14, as the Lakers women and men soccer games

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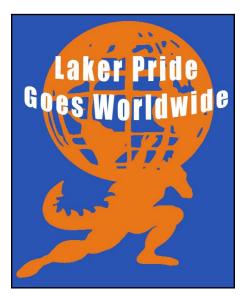
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get underway. What a great time of year for football! REAL football!!

This year, the Lakers will pair up on the field at 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. against Lincoln Memorial and Francis Marion respectively. Halftime activities include the coronation of this year's Homecoming King and Queen, the presentation of the ever-coveted Participation Trophy, and numerous other awards, including Judges Choice and Best in Parade. After the game, everyone is invited to stick around for tailgating and the Intramural Flag Football Championships. You don't want to miss this one – the competition promises to be fierce!

The Homecoming committee has been meeting since March to plan an extraordinary week of events including a Homecoming Pep Rally and Cookout, Casino Night, Club Olympics and a Comedy Show. Let's not forget Fall Frolics and the Clayton State Retirees Association annual meeting. They will be on campus Friday, Oct. 13 in the Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education. Beginning at 9:15 a.m. those Lakers leisure lifers will have a "Morning Break on the Lake," followed by a presentation by Clayton State's HR department and lunch in the Atrium.

On Saturday, for those early-birds, and parade roadies who are up at the crack of dawn (that'd be before 9:30 a.m.,) the Fifth Annual Alumni Pancake Breakfast, hosted by the Alumni Association, will feature Dr. Thomas K. Harden, president of Clayton State University, and Clayton State Alumni Association President Dina Swearngin flipping flapjacks in the Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education. Try to make a reservation with Gid Rowell, alumni director, so there's



plenty of grub, but if not, come anyway! Gid can be reached at (678) 466-4477.

Laker Pride Goes World-wide – Homecoming 2006 welcomes the world on Oct. 14, 2006 to the campus of Clayton State University in Morrow and the Clayton State University Alumni Association welcomes Clayton, Henry, Fulton, Fayette and all surrounding communities as well as all Clayton State Alumni – from 1969 to 2006 -- to join with them before, during and after the parade for all the Homecoming activities, but especially the third annual Homecoming Festival. Families and students can enjoy food, games, prizes, entertainment and loads of fun.

For more, visit <u>www.clayton.edu</u> and select Homecoming.

Steve Stephens Named Interim VP of External Relations

Retired Brigadier General Robert L. "Steve" Stephens, Jr., executive assistant to the president at Clayton State University, has added a new title to his office door... he's now also the University's interim vice president of External Relations.

Clayton State President Dr. Thomas K. Harden made the announcement of Stephens' appointment to his Administrative Council last week. Stephens started at Clayton State in the fall of 2002 as director of Academic Advisement for the Clayton State School of Business, and as a visiting assistant professor. His primary responsibilities as executive assistant to the president have been as the University's Affirmative Action Officer and handling special projects and assignments for the Office of the President.

As interim vice president of External Relations, Stephens will oversee

the offices of Alumni Relations, Development, Image and Communications, and University Relations.

Stephens was born in Welch, W.V., and majored in English and Social Studies at West Virginia State College (WVSC), a historically black college in Charleston. While attending WVSC (now known as West Virginia State University), he served in the Reserve Officers Training Corps. Holding ranks such as Cadet Colonel and Commander, Stephens played a role in leading the largest Corps of Cadets in the history of WVSC.

This early introduction to the military would result in more than 30 years of service in the United States Army. He received the U.S. Army Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Army Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star with "V" device and two oak leaf clusters, the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Special



Retired Brigadier General Steve Stephens

Forces Tab, the Master Parachutist Badge and other various honors before retiring as a Brigadier General in 1993.

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Samuel Dixon Named Executive Director of Spivey Hall

Clayton State University President Dr. Thomas K. Harden has announced that Samuel C. Dixon has been named executive & artistic director of Spivey Hall. Dixon replaces founding Executive & Artistic Director Sherryl Nelson, who



retired in June 2006 after 16 years of directing the Southeast's foremost recital hall.

After 20 years of managing artists, programming and festivals for major orchestras in the United States and Australia, Dixon first joined the staff of Clayton State University in October 2004 as general manager and assistant director of Spivey Hall. He was appointed acting executive & artistic director of the Hall in June 2006, upon Nelson's retirement. At that time, a national search was instituted to select Nelson's successor.

"I am delighted and deeply honored to assume the managerial and artistic leadership of Spivey Hall," says Dixon. "With its superb acoustics, outstanding international artist series, award-winning education programs, and generous support from The Walter & Emilie Spivey Foundation, Spivey Hall is one of America's foremost recital halls. I am dedicated to sustaining its reputation for artistic excellence. I look forward to presenting musicians of the highest quality, creating programming that serves the needs of our diverse community through fine music, and enhancing the value of Spivey Hall's offerings by increasing participation and attendance."

Since his initial appointment at Spivey Hall, Dixon has been named to the Presenters Panel of the Georgia Council for the Arts, and participated in the 2005-2006 Arts Leadership Program of the Metro Atlanta Arts & Culture Coalition. He also secured Spivey Hall's first grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, in support of Spivey Hall's Young People's Concerts.

Dixon was born in Rochester, N.Y., and spent six years of his youth in Milan,

Cathy Cox Returns to Speak to Women's Forum

by John Shiffert, University Relations



Cathy Cox

Georgia Secretary of State Cathy Cox, a long-time friend of Clayton State University, will be returning to Morrow on Wednesday, Oct. 18 as the special guest speaker for the October meeting of the Clayton State Women's Forum.

The luncheon meeting, which is open to the general public, will take place in room 101 of

the Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education on the Clayton State campus, starting a noon and running until 1:30 p.m. The cost of the luncheon is \$12. To make reservations, please RSVP to Sharon Bookmiller at (678) 466-4281 or sharonbookmiller@clayton.edu by Thursday, Oct. 12.

Currently serving her second term as Secretary of State, Cox is no stranger to either Clayton State or Morrow. The Commencement speaker at the University's December 2002 graduation ceremonies, the affect of Cox' eight years as Secretary of State is most noticeable locally in the presence of the Georgia Archives immediately adjacent to the Clayton State campus.

Indeed, Cox could well be considered the architect of that facility. During her first term as Secretary of State, the National Archives and Records Administration was moving ahead with plans to build its Southwestern Regional Archives facility next to the Clayton State campus. However, once Cox found out about that project, she became the biggest supporter of moving the Georgia Archives from its inadequate facility near Turner Field to the greener pastures of Morrow, and thus creating a unique partnership... the only place in the nation where state and federal archive facilities are located together.

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School of Business Celebrates AACSB Accreditation at Atlanta Business Hub

by Leigh G. Wills, University Relations

Clayton State University's School of Business officially celebrated the schools AACSB accreditation with a reception at the Renaissance Concourse Hotel, overlooking the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, on Sunday, Sept. 23.

The night was about celebration, fellowship, good food and good company. The menu consisted of five international serving stations, each manned with whitecoated chefs. The American station grabbed your attention as you entered the room with a massive roast beef the size of Atlanta itself. Beyond that was an Asian station with fried rice and stir-fry, an Italian Station with antipasto, lasagna and tortellini, an Hispanic station with everything you always wanted on a taco and more and finally, a French station, filled with bite-size pastries, cheeses, fruits and coffees.

The University's faculty, staff and invited guests gathered on the ground floor of the hotel facing the runway in the Concourse Ballroom to join with Dean Ernest "Bud" Miller as he paid tribute to his beloved wife, his faculty and staff, and those who supported the School of Business in its six year-long journey to the coveted accreditation.

Miller thanked President Thomas K. Harden and Dr. Sharon E. Hoffman, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs for their undying support and all the University's schools and colleges, and their deans for "always allowing us to go first," when it came to the allocation of funds or other strategic requirements.

He thanked Benita Moore, interim dean of the School of Technology for always understanding. "I made her life miserable for several years," said Miller. The same sentiment was offered to Terri Taylor-Hamrick and Reda Rowell of the Office of Development for putting up with his "evil twin, Ernest."

He also thanked supporters Booker and Birdie Izell who just last year celebrated with the School of Business on the acceptance of the Booker T. Izell Endowed Scholarship. Others mentioned

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Counseling Services Names Interim Director

by Ashley Spillers, University Relations

Clayton State University's Office of Counseling Services welcomed a new member to its staff this fall semester. Dr. Thomas Parker is serving as the interim Director of Counseling Services until a new, full-time director is found.

Parker joins Clayton State after his retirement from 32 years in college counseling services, 30 of which were spent at Georgia Tech as a counselor, associate director of Counseling Services, and then as director of Counseling Services. His experience in counseling focuses on Critical Incident Stress Management (working with victims of trauma) and Debriefing. He has worked with students on topics that range from test anxiety and communication skills to personal crises.

After his retirement from Georgia Tech two years ago, Parker continued to work part-time in a small practice that offers counseling, meditation, and some

Enrollment Services Spotlight

Admissions and Financial Aid Welcome Three New Staff

New Director of Admissions Excited About Clayton State Potential

by Sara Wheeler, University Relations



Scott Burke, who was recently appointed the new director of Admissions at Clayton State University, is excited about working for the University. He started at Clayton State in early September 2006, and a welcome

reception was held for him on Sept. 14.

Burke was born in Amesburg, Ma. He enjoyed school and was successful in both academics and athletics.

"My mom and grandmother were my biggest influence. They wanted me to go to college and get an education, and I felt my education was important," he recalls.

Former Director of Admissions at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, formerly North Adams State College, Denise Richardello, was Burke's mentor and first boss and his reason for pursuing admissions as a career.

"She got me excited about the world of admissions," he says.

Burke began his admissions career as a student telecounselor at Northeastern University in Boston. This led to his participation in student speaking, and eventually to a career in the admissions field.

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Veteran Affairs Has A New Face and Friend



When he smiles, he lights up the room. When he speaks, his voice is worn, but gentle. He's tall and commanding, but kind and sincere. Who would guess this retired Master Sergeant of the

United States Army would be such a nice guy? Master Sergeants aren't nice; at least not in the movies.

But this isn't the movies, this is Clayton State and George Twyford, coordinator of Veteran's Affairs, takes the job he loves very seriously, but with a twinkle in his eye. He's been a soldier most of his adult life and he understands what soldiers go through. He wants to help make their lives better and easier.

"I don't go to work," says Twyford. "I've been around soldiers since I was 19, I've always been a soldier, and now I get to help them find answers. That's not work, it's just part of who I am."

Twyford, who received both his B.S. in Criminal Justice and his Masters in Public Administration at Columbus State University, spent the last 14 years working there in Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs. He took the position at Clayton State for several reasons, other than the aesthetic beauty of the campus, a draw for anyone who visits the campus.

"Higher education institutions are going to be swamped with injured soldiers and their dependent children and there will be competition. So, who offers the best product for the soldier? Do we offer what the soldier needs?" he proposes.

Clayton State Welcomes Charlene Morgan as New Director of Financial Aid

by Leigh G. Wills, University Relations



On Monday, Sept. 25, Charlene Morgan began her new job as director of Financial Aid at Clayton State University... 11 years after completing her Master of Arts in Human Services Administration from

Bradley University in Peoria, Il. Morgan comes to the University with an impressive record of experience and enthusiasm for what she describes "her calling."

"I always new I wanted to work in higher education," says Morgan. She credits her faith in God as the key to her success, but her record and her determined attitude speaks volumes for this enthusiastic director.

"I began my professional career at Fort Valley State University in Macon as an administrative assistant making \$16,000 a year – with a Masters degree." she says. "I didn't care; I knew I was where I needed to be."

Morgan's plan for Clayton State is to focus on the Financial Aid Department's approach to customer service, making it "top-notch."

"We already have a super group of folks that are doing an excellent job," she

Zi Wan – From Hunan to Morrow

by Ashley Spillers, University Relations



Clayton State University is known for its diversity of students, but not always acknowledged for its diversity within its faculty. The School of T e c h n o l o g y boasts a faculty

member whose home town is more than 7,000 miles away.

Dr. Zi Wan, assistant professor of Marketing, began teaching at Clayton State in the fall semester of 2006. Before coming to Clayton State, Wan worked as a lecturer and teaching assistant in the Hunan province of the People's Republic of China, and then as a teaching assistant at Mississippi State University while completing her postdoctoral work.

Wan grew up in the Hunan province, which has approximately 64 million people within its borders and is surrounded by mountains. Wan received her Bachelor's of Arts degree at Central China Normal University, which is located in Wuhan, a city within the Hubei province, which borders Hunan. She went on to receive her M.B.A. at Heriot-Watt University, a university within the United Kingdom (Scotland) and then traveled to the U.S. to receive her Ph.D. in Forest Products Marketing at Mississippi State University.

Wan received each of her degrees in a different country, and therefore has seen varied teaching styles within her studies. She notes that in China, students are fed much information from their teachers and they are expected to absorb it. She says that students are constantly receiving and having to store much information and that is how they learn. She compares that to the teaching style she encountered at Heriot-Watt University, where most of the learning is done by books. Once in the U.S., Wan observed that students are taught out of books and also by practical education, conducting research projects and using internships and hands-on training. She commented that "the combination of all of these [teaching styles] would be excellent."

Outside of teaching, Wan enjoys exercise and sports. While at Central China Normal University, she participated in sports. She was a member of the University's volleyball team as well as short-distance running. She still enjoys these activities, but has not participated in a team setting since leaving China. She focused on her studies while at Heriot-Watt University and Mississippi State.

Wan currently teaches Applied Selling, Applied Marketing Practices, Human Resources for Supervisors, and Occupational Internships within the

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"You and the Avian Flu"

Dr. Lisa Eichelberger, dean of the School of Health Sciences and chair of the Clayton State Avian Response Committee, will be presenting a workshop that you need to attend on Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 12:30 p.m. and Thursday Oct. 19 at 5:15 p.m.; "You and the Avian Flu."

Have you heard about the Avian Flu? Want to what all the talk is about? Come hear Dean Eichelberger answer the following questions...

What is the Avian Flu?

Who is at risk?

How is it transmitted?

Signs and symptoms

How do I prepare for it?

What do I do to prevent it?

What do I do if I get it?

Come find the answers to these and other questions. The location on campus of these two vital workshops will be announced at a later date. Please see Laker Lines for further details.

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While in the military, he graduated from the United States Army Command and General Staff College and the National War College.

In his civilian educational career, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Education from WVSC in 1962, and a Master of Science degree in Education from New York's Alfred University. His other postgraduate studies include attendance at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University and the Terry Stanford Institute of Public Policy at Duke University. He is also a graduate of the prestigious Center for Creative Leadership in Colorado Springs.

His civilian accomplishments include: Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, Who's Who in America, The African American Hall of Fame, the Council of State Governments' Toll Fellowship Program and twice being named a Distinguished West Virginian.

Currently serving as a member and past chairman of the Board of Directors of the WVSC Foundation, and a lay Eucharist minister in the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, Stephens is married to the former Delores Olivia Bennett. They have a son and two daughters.

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Spivey Hall to Open 16th Season

by Jared Morrison, Spivey Hall

Three Concerts Mark the Opening of Spivey Hall's 16th Season

Clayton State University's Spivey Hall kicks off its 16th season with a star-

studded three concert-weekend Oct. 13-15, which will showcase some of the world's leading classical and jazz musicians. The weekend includes performances by the genre-bending Los Angeles Guitar Quartet

with Brazilian chanteuse Luciana Souza on Friday evening, the vivacious Eroica Trio on Saturday evening and the Spivey Hall debut of jazz legend Mulgrew Miller on Sunday afternoon.

These concerts mark the first of Samuel C. Dixon's recent appointment as Spivey Hall's executive & artistic director. Dixon, who previously served as Spivey Hall's general manager & assis-



The Mulgrew Miller Piano Trio

tant director, and as acting executive director, succeeds Spivey Hall's Founding Executive Director Sherryl Nelson, who retired earlier this year. Among many other accomplishments, Dixon is a gradu-

> ate of the American Symphony Orchestra League's Orchestra M a n a g e m e n t Fellowship Program, and previously held artistic planning positions with the Minnesota Orchestra, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, the Saint Louis Symphony

Orchestra, and the six orchestras of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation. He will be honored by The Walter & Emilie

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Opening Weekend

Los Angeles Guitar Quartet With vocalist Luciana Souza Friday, Oct. 13, at 8:15 p.m. | \$50

Which is it, wonders The Los Angeles Times, "the world's hottest classical ensemble or its tightest pop band"? Whatever the answer, the Los Angeles Guitar Quartet never fails to please with brilliant performances of eclectic and highly entertaining programs. Joining the LAGQ is Grammy-nominated Brazilian vocalist Luciana Souza, an Atlanta favorite whose illustrious career encompasses the worlds of jazz, pop and classical music. These critically acclaimed artists launch Spivey Hall's star-studded 16th Season. Topping off the concert: a dessert reception for all, generously sponsored by The Walter & Emilie Spivey Foundation.

Eroica Trio

Saturday, Oct. 14, at 8:15 p.m. | \$35 Free Pre-Concert Talk - 7:15 p.m.

Whether playing the great standards of the piano trio repertoire or daring contemporary works, the three young women of this celebrated ensemble electrify the concert stage with performances of flawless technical virtuosity and irresistible enthusiasm. The Eroica Trio's sumptuous program of Beethoven and Dvorák includes an extra shot, Paul Schoenfield's Café Music - an eclectic, entertaining, caffeine-fueled mix of jazz, klezmer and classical music.

The Mulgrew Miller Piano Trio Sunday, Oct. 15, 2006 at 3PM | \$30

"Perhaps the leading pianist of his generation" (The Boston Globe), Mulgrew Miller was selected as the "most in-demand pianist" by a New York Times jazz community poll. His approach to the art form is both cerebral and emotional, retaining the passion of his bluesy upbringing while constantly breaking new ground. Miller's prodigious recording career and dynamic live performances are rapidly securing his place in the lineage of history's greatest trio pianists.

Tickets are available by calling the Spivey Hall box office at (678) 466-4200 or online at ww.spiveyhall.org.



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Zeller and Otaki to Perform in Spivey Hall October 8



Clayton State University's resident recital duo, tenor Kurt-Alexander Zeller and pianist Michiko Otaki. will present a free concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 8 in Spivey Hall.

The concert. entitled "The Good Song: French mélodie

in the Belle Époque," features music written by French composers in the last half of the 19th century. The centerpiece of the program is Gabriel Fauré's masterpiece, the song cycle La bonne chanson, written during the early 1890s. The texts come from a collection of 21 poems written by the great French Symbolist poet Paul Verlaine in 1870 to celebrate his impending marriage to Mathilde Mauté.

The program will open with four humorous animal fables by Edmond Rostand (best known as the author of the play Cyrano de Bergerac) and his wife, Rosemond Gérard, set to music by Emmanuel Chabrier, a largely self-taught composer who was scorned in his own day for his attempts to mix the popular music of the music hall with the serious music of the concert hall but who became the inspiration of a later generation of 20th-century French composers, including Ravel, Satie, and Poulenc.

The opposite end of the emotional spectrum will be represented by four songs of Henri Duparc, who wrote 13 of the most frequently performed of all French Romantic songs before his compositional career was tragically cut short by a neurological disease that affected his hearing, mobility, and sight.

Tenor Zeller is director of Opera and Vocal Studies at Clayton State. Pianist Otaki is director of Keyboard Studies at Clayton State. The Zeller-Otaki duo has been performing together since 2001, and last season appeared by invitation at the Sixth International Congress of Voice Teachers in Vancouver, B.C. and in various venues in the southeast, including performances of Ralph Vaughan Williams's On Wenlock Edge with the Degas String Quartet and a radio broadcast on WABE-FM's "The Atlanta Music Scene."





Upcoming Performance Reveals Struggles and Issues of Diversity

by Sara Wheeler, University Relations

A play titled, "One Race, One Peace, One People" will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 12:30 p.m. in the UC 272. The performance is in honor of National Hispanic American Month (Sept. 15 -Oct. 15) and is produced by Chapmyn Spoken Word, a theater company based out of Columbus, Oh.

The play, which is free and open to the public, reveals the issues surrounding diversity and emphasizes powerful portrayals of the struggles and victory of the human spirit.

Deborah Greer, director of Diversity Programs at Clayton State, hopes students will respond to the play and appreciate cultural differences.

"It important today because we don't understand and appreciate our differ-

ences... Consider the Oklahoma City bombings, 911, and the racial attacks that have been made on college campuses...all are examples of what can happen when we live in ignorance and hate," says Greer.

James Chapmyn and Greer believe the performance is important in moving past catch phrases and political correctness issues.

"The performance takes the audience away from blaming one another into talking and listening to one another," they say.

For more information about this performance, please contact Greer at deborahgreer@clayton.edu.

Across the Campus...

Admissions

The Clayton State University Office of Admissions is hosting its Fall Open House program on Saturday, Oct. 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the University's main campus in Morrow. Reservations are required and can be made online at http://adminservices.clayton.edu/ad missions/ohrsvp.asp. The Open House is a chance for prospective students and their families to learn more about the University's excellent academic programs, the admissions and financial aid process, growing campus life opportunities, tour the beautiful campus, and meet with their future faculty members and classmates. Registration for the Open House will promptly begin at 8:30 a.m. in Spivey Hall.

Arts & Sciences

Clayton State's Third Annual Town and Gown Golf Tournament is taking place today, Friday, Oct. 6 at the Lake Spivey Golf Club in Jonesboro. Proceeds from the tournament, hosted by the School of Arts and Sciences at Clayton State University, will help support student and faculty scholarship, bring nationally known speakers to campus, and allow students to travel to their first conferences to present undergraduate and graduate research. No information is presently available on the Bud Miller/Ray Wallace part of the competition.

Arts & Sciences Dean Ray Wallace has restarted an old hobby, photography, this past year, basically in order to relax a little more. A 35mm and medium format type photographer, Wallace has a couple of shots included in the Arts Clayton Annual Juried Show (lasting about a month). It's part of Atlanta Celebrates Photography Month. Stop by the gallery in downtown Jonesboro if you get the chance this evening, or some other time (it is a really neat gallery).

Athletics

The Clayton State Laker men's golf team rebounded from a tough opening

round of the AFLAC-Cougar Invitational with a stronger second round on Tuesday. After an opening round 311, the Lakers improved to 295 in the second round to finish tied for 16th overall with a 606. Individually for Clayton State, Mathias Carlander fired an even-par 71 for the second round, and finished tied for 43rd with a 148 (77-71). Matt Beall came back with a 1-over 72 to finish tied for 52nd with a 149 (77-72), while Neil McBride finished tied for 73rd with a 154 (76-78). Rounding out the Laker scoring was Daniel Sommerville tied for 80th with a 155 (81-74) and Chris Ward finished 96th with a 168 (85-83).

The Clayton State women's soccer team won back-to-back games for the first time all year, defeating Newberry, 2-1, and Lander 4-0, on Sept. 27 and Sept. 30, before losing 1-0 to Presbyterian on Oct. 2. The Laker men's team lost to Lander, 4-1.

Counseling Services

Bates Canon's farewell reception was given on Sept. 13 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in David Heflin's board room. Refreshments were served. A matted frame was purchased and employees inscribed their well wishes on the matted portion before the reception. He was also given a brick with an inscription from Counseling Services.

Health Sciences

Dr. Lisa Eichelberger and Dr. Sue Odom had an article about Clayton State's involvement in the Hurricane Katrina efforts published last week in the American Journal of Nursing.

On Friday, Sept. 29, students from the Clayton State University Student Nursing Association (SNA) volunteered at a Health Fair to benefit The American Kidney Fund. The fair, which was presented by the 100 Black Men of Atlanta Football Classic, was held at the Georgia World Congress Center.

Clayton State nursing student Gwendolyn Cummings appeared with Mayor Shirley Franklin on "11Alive Weekend Indepth," on Sunday, Oct. 1. The show covered the mayor's Next Step Program which offers scholarships and other help to any student in the Atlanta Public School System.

Clayton State will host a three-day personal trainer workshop on Oct. 27 from noon to 8 p.m. in room 267 of the Baker Center and on Oct. 28 and 29 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in room 11 of the Lecture Hall. A one-day personal trainer workshop will be incorporated with the threeday workshop on Oct. 29. This program provides participants with updated ACSM and other pertinent industry guidelines and gives attendees the opportunity to review, practice, and prepare to earn the new ACSM Personal Trainer credential. To register for the three-day or one-day workshop, contact ACSM by calling (317) 637-9200 or www.FRAUSA.com visit or www.ACSM.com. Workshop costs range from \$359 to attend all three sessions to \$129 for the one day ticket. One day tickets are available only for those who are already certified or educated in exercise science. To learn more, contact Melanie Poudevigne at (678) 466-4973 or MelaniePoudevigne@clayton.edu.

Library

You may now sign-up to put displays in the two Library Display cases for 2007. "We had a great turn out from faculty and staff this year and hope for even better next year," says Director of Libraries Gordon Baker. Contact him at ext. 4325.

Music

Professor Emerita of Music Dr. Jeannine Morrison and her son, Alan Morrison gave an organ and piano duo recital on Sunday, Oct. 1 at the Roswell United Methodist Church, located at 814 Mimosa Blvd. in Roswell, Ga. An additional performance will be given at Reinhardt College, 7300 Reinhardt College Cir., Waleska, Ga., on Thursday, Nov. 9. The Morrisons will also provide Master Classes at Reinhardt on Friday, Nov. 10.

Across the Campus...

Procurement Services

Due to our deadlines in Procurement Services it is necessary that all p-card deadlines be met by the departments. All WORKS transactions must be reconciled by the 30-31st of each month (e.g.: Oct. 15 reconciled by Oct. 31). All paper copies of the Visa statement must be in our office no later that the fifth of each month (e.g.: Oct. 15 must be in the office by Nov. 5h). If these deadlines are not met, your p-card will be suspended. Please remember the p-card is a product of the State of Georgia and we must adhere to all rules and regulations that are set forth by the State, Board of Regents and Clayton State University. Please visit our website:

https://adminservices.clayton.edu/procurement.

Public Safety

September Clean Air Campaign winners were Gordon Baker (Library), Shaneeka

Grant (Laker Card Office), Sherry Barwick (Financial Aid), and Mindy Simmons (Athletics). These winners received their \$25 VISA gift cards from The Clean Air Campaign on Oct. 2. This program is open to all Clayton State employees. For each time you carpool, walk, bike, take transit, or telework, and log your daily commute, you can be in a random drawing for these gift cards from The CAC. Contact Joan Murphy in Public Safety at (678) 466-4262 for more information.

Smog season ended Sept. 30 and we can breathe a small sigh of relief. The good news is that fall will usher in cooler temperatures and reduce the risk of the occurrence of days on which the air quality is considered unhealthy. The bad news is that traffic congestion increases as summer ends and the school year begins. So it continues to be important to reduce traffic congestion by carpooling, walking, biking, vanpooling, teleworking, or taking transit. These are great ways to save money and reduce the stress of driving alone. If you are interested in finding carpool partners or joining a vanpool, contact 1-87-RIDEFIND or contact Joan Murphy in Public Safety at (678) 466-4050.

To see monthly carpool winners visit <u>http://adminservices.clayton.edu/ps/winners.htm</u>. This program is open to Clayton State students and employees who carpool at least one time a week. For more information or to register as a carpooler, contact Joan Murphy at (678) 466-4262. To find a carpool match, you can sign-up on-line at <u>www.187RIDEFIND.com</u>. Carpoolers must register with 1-87-RIDEFIND AND complete a carpool registration form (available in Public Safety).

Special Thanks...

Doug and Lynn Wheeler and family wish to express their gratitude to the Clayton State family for their help in getting us a new van to transport Lynn. The Laker Angels had a fundraising concert in the spring and raised a great deal of money which was used with funds raised by Covenant Presbyterian Church in Cleveland, Ms., to purchase the van. Doug picked up the van-which has a rear lift and was built specifically for themon Tuesday a week ago. They plan to use this van to get Lynn to church, the doctor, and to social engagements



Life's Transitions...

Gwen Bell's husband, Curtis, passed away on Monday, Oct. 2, at 12:15 p.m. Please keep Gwen and her family in your prayers and thoughts.



Campus Connect Social Hour Monday, Oct. 9, 2006 from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m.

Hosted by Plant Ops outside the Maintenance Building, weather permitting.

Spring Orientation Dates Announced

The Office of Orientation and New Student Programs is pleased to announce the New Student Orientation dates for 2007 spring semester.

These sessions are for all new students in all majors and will be held in Spivey Hall on: Saturday, Nov. 18, 2006 ; Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2006; and Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2006.

All orientation dates and times are posted on <u>http://adminservices.clayton.edu/orientation/</u>

New Student Orientation is required for all incoming freshman, transfer and non-

traditional students. Sessions are designed to provide information on achieving college success including campus and academic support services, college life and involvement opportunities, academic advisement and course registration.



Demmitt poses with several honors students.



Honors students have the option to visit England this summer as part of Clayton State's Study Abroad Program. This program is also open to students who are not in the Honors Program, but meet certain GPA requirements.

Honors Program Information Sessions Highlight Students Benefits

by Sara Wheeler, University Relations

The Clayton State University Honors Program will hold two information sessions on Oct 17 and Oct. 18 at 12:30 p.m. in room 267 of the James M. Baker University Center. The information sessions will introduce new opportunities for junior year college students and current freshmen interested in joining the Honors Program. Honors students and faculty will be available to answer questions and to explain how to apply for spring semester admission.

Students who are eligible include those with fewer than 30 credit hours who have a 3.5 or higher high school GPA, an SAT score of 1100 or an ACT score of 24. College students with 45-60 credit hours must have a 3.5 GPA or higher and community or campus service.

The new upper division Honors Program offers an enriched education as students complete the courses for their major. There are five upper-division honors programs that include all of the majors at Clayton State: Arts and Sciences Honors, Health Sciences Honors, Information and Mathematical Sciences Honors, School of Business Honors, and School of Technology Honors.

Benefits for joining the Honors Program include: enhanced course sections reserved for Honors students; eligibility to apply for Honors scholarships; early registration; study abroad opportunities designed for Honors students; Honors seal on diploma; Honors recognition at commencement; mentor and career planning; and campus or community leadership opportunities. Dr. Kevin Demmitt, Honors Program director, believes offering the opportunity for juniors is important.

"The new upper division Honors Programs offers students who may not have been focused on academics during high school a second chance to earn Honors recognition after proving to be good students in college. It also offers the benefits of Honors to qualified transfer students," says Demmitt.

Demmitt anticipates an enthusiastic response from students.

"In addition to being the University's largest privately funded scholarship program, the Honors Program provides benefits that last well beyond graduation," says Demmitt.

Demmitt believes earning the distinction of being an Honors Program graduate is beneficial in applying for graduate school or beginning a career.

"Thousands of students graduate from Georgia's colleges each year. The Honors Program provides students with a competitive edge," says Demmitt.

To remain in the program, students must be enrolled fulltime, maintain a 3.0 GPA, and meet the requirements for 12 hours of activity or service work each semester.

For more information, please visit the Honors Program website at <u>http://honorsprogram.clayton.edu</u> or contact Dr. Kevin Demmitt at <u>kevindemmitt@clayton.edu</u>.

Philosophy Minor Really Makes You Think

by Lauren Graves, University Relations

Rodin's famous sculpture "The Thinker" has some good company. Clayton State University now offers a minor in Philosophy and has plans, pending University and Board of Regents approval, to introduce a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy as early as fall 2007.

"When the University began offering minors, a minor in philosophy was a no-brainer," quips Clayton State Professor and Coordinator of Philosophy Dr. Ron Jackson.

In 2000, Jackson, at the time the only philosophy professor at the University, began conducting research to see if sufficient interest existed to warrant a philosophy program. With the addition of Assistant Professor of Philosophy Dr. Todd D. Janke in 2004, the duo started to formulate their empirical evidence to justify a minor.

When the minor began this semester, 25 students enrolled to ponder and discuss the writings of ancient and modern philosophers. Jackson, Janke and Assistant Professor of Philosophy Dr. Alexander W. Hall expect to see that number grow and are working to demystify the belief that philosophy is only for scholars.

"When students ask me 'What can I do with philosophy?' I tell them that philosophy enables you to do anything better. A foundation in philosophy lets you explore any area of interest with a deeper sense of understanding," explains Jackson. "Every program we have in higher education got its legs from philosophical inquiry, and all students can benefit from learning to reason well."

Hall, who began his career with the University as an adjunct critical thinking professor in 2000 and now teaches Clayton State philosophy courses on the undergraduate and graduate level, supports the idea that waxing philosophical benefits every student.

"The study of philosophy has been proven to be a valuable part of any education," says Hall citing higher GRE scores among students who incorporate philosophy into their coursework. "Philosophy plays a critical role in higher education, teaching students the importance of questioning though creating formalized, rigorous arguments."

Hall explains that philosophy can be likened to acting – everyone can act, but it takes instruction to perfect natural talent. In much the same way, every student can think, but the study of philosophy helps fine-tune the ability to understand and create arguments. Descartes' popular "I think, therefore I am" becomes the launch pad for humankind's ability to reason and explore thought.

In order to perfect one's ability to think, Clayton State's philosophy minor emphasizes student collaboration and debate. Classes focus on topics such as ethics and aesthetics and encourage the students to analyze and defend their opinions while considering viewpoints set forth by classmates.

"Philosophy classes encourage people to be more ready and willing to speak out on issues with confidence, engender dialogue and deeper understanding, and present an environment where students can work on issues in a collective way," offers Jackson. To which Janke adds, "Philosophy is different from many of the college courses students take, because it invites open discussion. Students not only learn, but also have personal engagement with ideas in a debate atmosphere."

And if matching wits with classmates and philosophers still seems intimidating,

WANT TO KNOW More?

Contact Dr. Ron Jackson at

roniackson@clavton.edu or

call (678) 466-5433 to learn

more about the minor and

Clayton State's

Philosophy Club.

Clayton State's philosophy faculty work hard to create an a t m o s p h e r e where students feel comfortable expressing their thoughts.

"My favorite course to teach is the one I am in at the

moment." says Janke. "It doesn't matter the philosopher or the course topic; it's the students that make philosophy fun."

Clayton State's philosophy minor focuses on the history of philosophy as well as critical, creative and rigorous thinking. The minor adds a mark of distinction to any student's academic record regardless of major, and pays dividends in the student's personal life by teaching them the value of the ancient Socratic command "Know Thyself."

In addition to the variety of courses in the philosophy minor, the University has a Philosophy Club to encourage discussion beyond the classroom. All students are welcome to attend.

Counseling Services Sponsors World Mental Health Day on October 10

On Oct. 10, 2006, Clayton State University and the University's Office of Counseling Services will join with mental health professionals around the world to observe World Mental Health Day.

The theme for World Mental Health Day 2006 is Building Awareness-Reducing Risk: Mental Illness and Suicide, and addresses one of the world's major public health concerns. The World Mental Health Organization estimates that more than one million people die by suicide each year and that non-fatal self-inflicted injuries are probably 20 times greater than accomplished suicides.

"In many cases, suicide represents a tragic consequence of failing to recognize and treat severe mental illness," said Patres Hillis, licensed associate professional counselor at Clayton State. "Studies from both developed and developing countries show a high prevalence of mental illness among those who die by suicide.

"The World Health Organization estimates that 90 percent of people accomplishing suicide have at least one often undiagnosed and untreated mental illness, abuse drugs or abuse alcohol. This is a major health problem that represents 1.4 percent of the global health burden; it needs the public's attention."

Counseling Services will be participating in this global event by offering an Information Fair in the Baker Center on Oct. 10 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Literature on stress management, anxiety and other mental health issues will be available for students on Baker Center Main Street. Additionally, free depression screenings will be available for participants to take throughout the fair.

Counseling Services is also sponsoring two Suicide Prevention Presentations

in room 267 of the Baker Center from noon to 1p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. A video and moderated discussion about the warning signs of suicide as well as local resources to provide potential victims with assistance will be the focus of the presentations.

The World Federation for Mental Health organizes World Mental Health Day every year. It is the only global awareness campaign focusing on major mental health topics. World Mental Health Day was first commemorated in 1992 and is now observed on Oct. 10 in more than 100 countries.

For more information about this important event on campus or for additional resources regarding mental health and World Mental Health Day, contact Elaina Chance in the Office of Counseling Services at (678) 466-5406 or <u>elainachance@clayton.edu</u>.

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psychological consultation. One of those consultation projects is Parker's work at Clayton State as interim director. While at Clayton State, Parker's goal is not to implement new policies or programs, but to help move the center in the direction of the goals that are already in place.

The goals for Counseling Services are more marketing for the services that they provide and also continued growth in the outreach services that can be advantageous for students. Counseling Services offers programs for students that deal with adjustment concerns, test anxiety, and ways to minimize stress, among other things.

Parker never hesitated when choosing a field of study. Before even going into college to study to become a psychologist, his friends regularly came to him for advice. He enjoys the work and the energy that he receives from being around students and having the regular interaction with them.

Parker says he benefits from his line of work because he continuously has been able to see growth — students that have gone through stressful situations and then conquered them, or even just functioning better on a daily basis. He notes he was at Georgia Tech for a long enough time period to truly see the office flourish and see the office benefit the students and their progress.

Parker notes that in his short time at Clayton State already, he is already impressed by the school, saying that, he has "the honor to have the opportunity to be in the interim position and offer any help he can to students, while working with enthusiastic people that are motivated."

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School of Technology at Clayton State. She is also going to teach Applied Entrepreneurship, Applied Marketing on the Internet, Visual Merchandising, and Applied Supervision Principles starting in the spring of 2007.

She comments that Clayton State is a great place to work. She appreciates the leadership at Clayton State, and the help-fulness of all the people in general.

Got News?

Send your campus news to johnshiffert@clayton.edu



Give the Funder What It Wants

[Reprinted from the Sept. 18, 2006 issue of Local/State Funding Report – Thompson Publishing]

Most federal program managers complain that the one thing grantseekers do to sabotage their chances of winning funds is they fail to follow directions.

If you've located a grant program that is appropriate for your project and have taken the time and effort to develop an application package, don't kill your chances for funding by not following the directions. Most agencies make is easy for grantseekers to submit acceptable application packages. For example, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration offers all grant applicants "Checklist for Formatting its Requirements and Screenout Criteria for SAMHSA's Grant Applications." This two page memo clearly spells out how you must present your proposal in order for it to be considered and warns in the very first paragraph, "If you do not adhere to these requirements, your application will be screened out and returned to you without review."

Additional information is available at <u>http://adminservices.clayton.edu/grants/</u> for information on Clayton State's grant submittal process, F&A cost rates, and other grant writing resources.

Requirements:

Paper must be white paper and 8.5 inches by 11 inches in size.

Type size in the project narrative cannot exceed an average of 15 characters per inch and the text cannot exceed six lines per vertical inches. (Based on a review of sample fonts and point sizes, L/SFR found that the New Times Roman 10point font fits this criteria.)

Margins – top, bottom, left and right – must be at least one inch.

Pages should be typed, single-spaced in black ink, with one column per page and pages should not have printing on both sides.

When sending the application packet, do not use staples, paper clips or fasteners. Nothing should be attached, stapled, folded or pasted, said SAMHSA.

Do not use heavy or lightweight paper, or any material that cannot be copied using automatic copying machines.

Don't hesitate to call (678) 466-4283 for assistance as you begin your grant writing activities.

Cox, cont'd. from p. 3

Cox took office as Georgia's first female Secretary of State on Jan. 11, 1999. In the 1998 election she won 133 of Georgia's 159 counties and received nearly 57 percent of the votes cast. In the 2002 election, she increased her total to 62 percent of the vote.

Cox has an extensive background in law, journalism and public service. Before her election, she served three years as Assistant Secretary of State. From 1993 to 1996 Cox represented Miller, Seminole, Early and Decatur counties in the Georgia House of Representatives.

Although possibly best-known for initiating Georgia's groundbreaking and highly successful all-computerized voting system, Cox' terms as Secretary of State have generally been known for changes that enhance customer service and protect Georgia consumers. She undertook the largest decentralization in Georgia government history, moving her largest operating division from Atlanta to Macon. Her Corporations Division has become a leader in governmental e-commerce, offering a broad array of services through the Internet and e-mail.

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The answer, according to Twyford is a resounding "yes!"

"Clayton State has something of everything to offer," he continues. "We're going to be a good place for the soldier to get exactly what they're looking for."

Twyford feels fortunate the position came open here at Clayton State. But why would he leave Columbus after 14 years to pursue the same position? Twyford visited Clayton State University for the first time with his 18 year-old son, now a freshman, for orientation this summer.

"The culture here is very different from Columbus State," he said. "The people are so welcoming, so friendly, and so open. And of course there's this beautiful campus."

Not that the same isn't true at Columbus, he insisted – just different. Twyford feels fortunate for making that initial contact here at Clayton State. He wasn't looking to change jobs he said. "It was just the right opportunity at the right time," he insisted. "I've got the experience and the know-how; I speak the same language as the soldier. I feel close to our fighting men."

And then with a glimmer in his eye he added, "I am who I am because of the military." And one must say, this Master Sergeant is a pretty nice fellow.

Dixon, cont'd. from p. 2

Italy. He later studied piano in the Eastman School of Music's Preparatory Department and played the French horn. A magna cum laude graduate of Dartmouth College with highest distinction in music, he additionally holds an MBA from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management.

A graduate of the American Symphony Orchestra League's Orchestra Management Fellowship Program, Dixon previously held artistic planning positions with the Minnesota Orchestra, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra, and the six orchestras of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation. He has also served as vice president for Artistic Operations of the Music Academy of the West in Santa Barbara, Ca. While living in New York and California, he provided artistic and management consulting services to a variety of performing arts organizations, including Chicago's Music of the Baroque.

Spivey Hall's annual concert season has become one of the nation's most renowned and respected series, presenting the highest quality artists from throughout world. During its 15 seasons, Spivey Hall has presented more than 600 musical artists and is considered to be among the top classical, jazz and world music presenters in the nation.

The hall has garnered consistent praise from media around the world, and The Atlanta Journal Constitution has stated that "no other venue or arts organization in the Atlanta area comes close to Spivey's consistent level of quality in everything that matters – in performers and the music they play, in the comfort and ambiance of the room itself, in superior acoustics."

The hall has also built nationwide audiences through its unprecedented number of broadcasts on National Public Radio's Performance Today, a program heard by more than 1.2 million listeners each week

Atlanta Higher Ed Adds Spending, Jobs, Talent to Georgia and Atlanta Economies



Colleges and universities in the Atlanta region contribute \$10.8 billion and 130,000 jobs to the state's economy annually, according to a study released last week by the Atlanta Regional Council for Higher Education (ARCHE).

The report, "How the Atlanta Region's Colleges and Universities Are Enriching Georgia," brings together data from Atlanta-area private and public institutions and shows a spending impact from the institutions, their students, employees and visitors of more than \$9.2 billion a year. Spending on capital improvements adds another \$1.5 billion impact in Georgia.

"Higher education is a significant sector of the Georgia economy," said ARCHE President Michael A. Gerber. "This report shows us a different way to think about the region's colleges and universities. These are not only great educational institutions – they're major developers, they're tourist attractions, and they're big employers."

"Until now, we have vastly underestimated the economic impact and overall importance of higher education to Georgia," said Craig Lesser, Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Economic Development, who spoke at the report's release Wednesday. "Georgia has a great story to tell, and all of us need to do a better job of talking about higher ed's contributions to Georgia and Atlanta as great destinations to live and do business."

The impact of these institutions reaches beyond Atlanta to the state as a whole. Much of the report's data is available by industry sector and by impact on the state of Georgia as well as on the Atlanta region. The report is online at www.atlantahighered.org.

Numbers don't tell the whole story of the impact of these institutions on people around the state. So the report profiles seven Georgians – from a first-generation college student to a Decatur restaurant owner to a former U.S. Surgeon General – whose lives or businesses have been transformed by colleges and universities in the Atlanta area.

The 19 ARCHE member institutions, including Clayton State, draw 5.7 million visitors a year – 1.5 million of them for an overnight stay. They come for admissions visits, commencement celebrations, arts, sports, academic conferences and health care. While they're here, they spend \$469 million each year in the state. ■

Clayton State to Hold Writers Harvest For Atlanta Community Food Bank

The Clayton State School of Arts and Sciences, the Department of Language and Literature, the Department of Communication Arts and Integrative Studies, Sigma Tau Delta, the Department of Student Affairs, and the Atlanta Community Food Bank will be joining together on Nov. 1 for a special reading by three Clayton State authors that will harvest a donation to the Atlanta Community Food Bank.

The first Clayton State University Writers Harvest will be coordinated by Dr. Brigitte Byrd and will run from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Clayton State Theater, room 132 of the Arts & Sciences Building. Reading from their most-recently published books will be (in this order), Director of University Relations John Shiffert (non-fiction), Byrd (poetry) and Clayton State Theater Director Phillip DePoy (fiction).

Shiffert will tell of the drawing of the first "Color Line" in baseball, and of 19th Century Civil Rights pioneer Octavius Catto in a selection from "Base Ball in Philadelphia." (McFarland & Company, 2006), Byrd will read from her newest book of poetry, "Fence above the Sea," (Ahsahta Press, 2005) and DePoy will read from his forthcoming (Christmas 2006) work, "A Widow's Curse." Since "A Widow's Curse" won't be available for another couple of months, DePoy will be signing copies of "The Witch's Grave," his previous work, now in its second printing.

Each author will read for approximately 15 minutes following a short presentation by a representative of the Atlanta Community Food Bank. Donations at the door are \$5 for faculty and staff, and \$1 for students, and canned food donation are also highly encouraged.

In addition, each author will donate a signed copy of his/her book for which attendees can bid. The Sigma Tau Delta students will harvest all donations at the door, supervise the bidding process and procure additional items for the auction.

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insists. "But we all know there is always room for improvement!"

She will also focus on professional development and hopes to get the staff more involved in customer concerns.

"Getting hands –on experience with the students concerns will give us the opportunity to improve our system and standards," she continues.

Community involvement and the Peer Financial Counseling (PFC) program are two areas Morgan plans to develop. PFC brings students mentors and students together to talk on how to manage money and other important financial tips. Many students have recently become financially "independent" of their parents – a difficult transition for most traditional students.

Part of the offices community involvement will be to build relationships outside the university with supporters and sister institutions.

"I want my staff to get involved with partnerships off campus; anything that is related to their area," she says. "They can learn a lot from other institutions. Collaborations help you to grow."

The Financial Aid department plays a critical roll in retention and Morgan is committed to helping students be successful at Clayton State. As Diversity Chair on the executive boards of the Georgia Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and as board member of the Southern Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, Morgan lives her commitment.

In 1996 Morgan and her mother moved from Peoria to Milledgeville, Ga., to be closer to family. At Ft. Valley, she worked for Claude E. Lucas, Jr., coordinator of External Degree Programs, but within just a few months, she was offered a position at the University of Georgia as a Student Financial Aid Counselor.

"I didn't get the job the first time around," she said. "But they called me again and I accepted. It was a good time to start from the ground and very good exposure." In 1998 she became Assistant Director of Financial Aid at Wesleyan College and in 1999, the director of Financial Aid at Middle Georgia College.

"My experiences have helped prepare me for my position here," continued Morgan. "Each job is a learning experience. You learn and give as much as you can to each position, preparing for the next step. I've been very fortunate."

The Financial Aid Office will be celebrating Clayton State's third Financial Aid Fair on Wednesday, Feb. 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The fair is a fun time as well as an informative time for students and the campus community alike. Door prizes and give-a-ways, along with lenders and supporters of the university will help enhance student participation and education.

For more information about the Fair, or for general information, contact the Financial Aid Office at (678) 466-4185 or email them at <u>FinancialAid@clayton.edu</u>.

AACSB Celebration, cont'd. from p. 3

in praise included Steve Rieck, one of the School's original and longest sitting advisory board members, of whom Miller said without his efforts the School of Business would never had been able to reinvent themselves. The school's very first endowed scholarship from Heritage Bank and Leonard Moreland, executive vice president, was also on the list of partners spotlighted in Miller's homily.

Alan and Bonnie Vigil, Joyce and Bob Oliver, the Conklin family, who established Clayton State's first Charles S. Conklin Chair of Logistics and Supply Chain Management, and Doug and Debbie Walker of Walker Concrete were just a few more of the School's donors acknowledged by Miller. But the warmest and most heartfelt praise was given to two individuals; Mary Miller, his wife, and Dr. Jacob Chacko, associate dean, "who stood out above the rest," according to Miller.

Miller's devoted admiration for his lifelong partner and college sweetheart was both heartfelt and humbling. Rarely does one get the opportunity to see the 'softer' side of this burly businessman, but he showed no shame or hesitation to honor the woman who stood behind his vision and "never hesitated to write the check" for his beloved School of Business.

As for Chacko, Miller called him "the architect of our accreditation plan... who daily reminded us what we needed to do to reach our goals." And last but not least he named three individuals who are "stars within stars" and according to Miller, are always finding ways to make everyone's job easier. Administrative support staff Mary Alice Gladdin, Crystal Hanson and Veronica Copeland not only serves the School of Business, but the rest of the university with their gracious charm and professional manner.

The last word, however, was from Chacko, who had to quiet the crowd when they thought the formalities were over.

"I've never seen another person who never takes credit for their accomplishments," said Chacko. "[Bud] is a great mentor, a great friend and a great boss. I wish each of you here would have a great boss like him!" And with that, everyone stood with applause.

Shiffert Writes "Base Ball in Philadelphia"

"Base ball." That's how it was spelled in the 19th Century, and that's the subject of the third book on baseball history written by Clayton State Director of University Relations John Shiffert.

"Base Ball in Philadelphia" is a comprehensive history of the national game in the 19th Century in around the City of Brotherly Love... one of the two primary centers, along with New York, of the early American game. Starting with the first ball-playing organization in the United States, the Olympic Town Ball Club, formed in 1831, "Base Ball in Philadelphia" looks at the sport's growth years through the Civil War, the coming of professionalism to the game, and the Philadelphia teams in the three major leagues of the 19th Century – the National Association, the National League and the American Association.

"It is not saying too much to declare that baseball has been, from the very start, a Philadelphia story. While you won't find

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Using the "New" Banner

Banner is now browser based. To minimize the impact to the campus, Banner can still be launched the same way it always has from the BannerLauncher icon that many Banner users have on their desktop.

There are a few differences in the Banner launcher. First, you will no longer enter you password in the Banner Launcher. You need only accept the default Database entry (Prod – Production Server". You will be asked for a username and password after you click the "Login" button on the Banner Launcher.

The first time you login, you will be asked to install a required plug-in called Jinitiator. There is a link on the Banner Launcher window "Plug-in Installation Instructions" which you can click for installation instructions for Jinitiator. There is also a link to an FAQ page that answers many common questions related to the new Internet Native Banner. After clicking Login from the Banner Launcher and after installing Jinitiator, you will receive another Login window where you will be required to enter your Banner Username and Password. You may leave the Database field blank or you may enter "PROD.clayton" for the database. If you leave the Database field blank, the settings from the Banner Launcher will be used with the same effect.

Banner can only be accessed from network authenticated users on campus or via a VPN connection from off campus.

It is possible to connect to Banner without the use of the Banner Launcher by going directly to the following URL:

https://inb.clayton.edu/forms/frmservlet?config=PROD

Please report any issues to the HUB.

Alternately, these links can be accessed directly from the following URLs:

FAQs

http://adminsystems.clayton.edu/Banner/V7%20Upgrade%20News/FAQ.htm

Plug-in Installation Instructions:

http://adminsystems.clayton.edu/Banner/V7%20Upgrade%20News/InstructionsToA ccessBanner7.htm

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A business major in college, he worked and interviewed students for the Admissions Office at North Adams State College for two years. After leaving North Adams in 1997, he then worked for Northeastern University for 10 years.

When asked why he chose Clayton State among the various universities around the country, Burke says he saw promise in Clayton State.

"I saw it as an institution of promise, and the ability to truly grow. I am excited about making Clayton State a more traditional campus," he says.

Burke says the most challenging aspect of his position as admissions director will be to attract the more highly qualified students to Clayton State.

"It is important to get the name out there, and get past the image issues Clayton State may have. It is important to communicate well with our prospects and keep the communication ongoing to get them inspired about Clayton," he says.

Burke believes Clayton's utilization of the most updated technology as well as its close proximity to Atlanta will help in bringing prospects to Clayton State.

He currently holds a Bachelor's Degree from Northeastern University and plans to pursue his Masters in Education through online courses at Northeastern. When he retires, he hopes to open an educational consulting firm with a long time friend.

Burke has been married since 2002 to Sheila Burke, whom he coincidentally met in the field of admissions. Sheila Burke left admissions to pursue her Master of Arts in Teaching at Northeastern University in 2004. Last year, she taught third grade in Boston. She is now a stay-at-home mom. The Burkes have a seven-month old girl, Mary.

Opening Season, cont'd. from p. 6

Spivey Foundation at a reception following the Oct. 13 performance by the Los Angeles Guitar Quartet and Souza.

The artists chosen for the openingweekend showcase both the diversity in programming and commitment to excellence that has been Spivey Hall's hallmark since 1991. The Los Angeles Guitar Quartet has been called a classical music "supergroup," with a dichotomous classification as "the world's hottest classical ensemble or its tightest pop band." (LA Times) The Eroica Trio is one of the most established and revered piano trios in the world, and its program includes both classical and modern masterpieces. Jazz pianist Miller is a living legend, whose blues and gospel-tinged music has captivated his audiences and peers for years.

Soccer Wins, cont'd. from p. 20

In the men's game, Clayton State took control of the game early with three goals in the first half.

Junior midfielder Hailab Habtom scored the first of his two goals in the eighth minute of the game off an assist by Kevin Crooks. After the Crusaders tied the score in the 13th minute on a goal by Bruno Contardo, Clayton State took the lead for good a minute later when Kevin Crooks scored on an assist by Habtom.

The Lakers weren't finished. Freshman Matthias Faublas gave Clayton State a 3-1 lead at halftime with a goal in the 16th minute off an assist by Johnny Lara.

In the second half, North Greenville trimmed the Laker lead to 3-2 on a goal in the 75th minute by Daniel Cobb. However, Clayton State sealed it in the 85th minute when Habtom struck again, this time on an assist by Dean Gilewciz.

In the women's contest, after a scoreless second half, the Lakers got the break they

needed midway through the first overtime period. Jennifer Powell fed Olaitan Yusuf with a pass down the right sideline. Yusuf then made a few moves on the wing, penetrated the penalty box and fed a perfect cross to a waiting Nkese Udoh. After settling the ball, Udoh hammered home the game-winner in the 96th minute.

The Bobcats (4-5-2, 1-3-2) took an early 1-0 lead when Jamie Nevin scored inside the penalty box off an incoming pass from Ali Caton in the 18th minute. However, Clayton State recorded the equalizer in the 32nd minute when Yasemin Sunbul black-flicked a corner kick from Jennifer Howell.

Both teams will travel to UNC-Pembroke on Saturday for a doubleheader against the Braves.

Shiffert, cont'd. from p. 16

Katherine Hepburn, Jimmy Stewart or Cary Grant here, you will find Al Reach, Hicks Hayhurst, Sliding Billy Hamilton and Long Levi Meyerle, and many greater and lesser luminaries lost in the distance," says the 21st Century's pre-eminent baseball historian and writer, John Thorn. "It is in shedding light on the latter set that John Shiffert does the game and his readers signal service. Never has anyone written better on the rise of baseball in the Quaker City."

Shiffert has two book signings upcoming, The first will be on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the 15th Annual reunion of The Philadelphia Athletics Historical Society at the Days Inn on Easton Road in Horsham, Pa. The second will be at Clayton State, as part of the first Clayton State University Writers Harvest, on Wednesday, Nov. 1 at 12:30 p.m. in A&S 132. Shiffert will also be reading from "Base Ball in Philadelphia" at the latter event.

Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!

On-Campus Interviews

Oxford Industries

Thursday, Oct. 12 Interviewing on-campus for: Staff Account Sr. Level Student working toward a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting GPA of 3.0 or higher Salary is Market Comparable Submit as resume and make an appointment with joanmcelroy@clayton.edu.

Walgreens

Thursday, Oct. 19 Interviewing on-campus for:

1) Retail Management Trainee: Alumni, Graduating Fall 2006 or Spring 2007, low to mid \$30,000's, benefits

2) Retail Management Internship: Designed for college students to complete during the summer between their junior and senior years, May through August, 40-hour work week, \$12 to \$14 per hour Submit a resume and make an appointment with joanmcelroy@clayton.edu

On-Campus Recruiting

Edward Jones

Wednesday, Oct. 11 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Information Session – reserve your seat with joanmcelroy@clayton.edu Upper Level Student Center – Career Services

Hertz

Tuesday, Oct. 17 Baker University Center Main Street 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Recruiting for: Management Trainees

Upcoming Events

Business Etiquette Dinner

SOLD OUT – Waiting list available *Tuesday, Oct. 10* 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Presented by Peggy Newfield of Personal Best, Inc. Center for Continuing Education Advance Ticket Purchase Required (\$15) from Career Services

Volunteer & Internship Fair

Wednesday, Oct. 25 Baker University Center Main Street 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Career Opportunities 2006

Wednesday, Nov. 8 Cobb Galleria Centre 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. A job fair for member schools of the Georgia Careers Consortium. Clayton State is an active member, thus our graduates and currently enrolled students are invited to attend. Bring copies of your resume and wear busi-

ness attire. Registration is on-site,

bring your LakerCard. Women for Hire Thursday, Nov. 16

Thursday, Nov. 16 Cogb Galleria Centre 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.



Allison Kreutzer



<u>Two-time All-American wins her fourth</u> <u>Straight meet at Georgia Collegiate Championships</u>

Clayton State's Kreutzer Selected Peach Belt Female Runner of the Week

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

The Peach Belt Conference released its weekly honors for cross country on Monday, and the Clayton State Lakers were honored on the women's side. The Lakers' Allison Kreutzer was selected as the Peach Belt Female Runner of the Week for the second time this season.

A junior from Lilburn, Ga., Kreutzer won her fourth straight race to start the 2006 cross country season with a dominating performance on Saturday at the Georgia Collegiate Championships in Macon. Kreutzer finished first with a time of 18:05, which was her best time this season in a 5K race. She finished 20 seconds ahead of Laker teammate Angela Cobb.

Overall, Clayton State finished second to Berry in the meet.

This season, Kreutzer has prevailed in all four of Clayton State's meets, all four times edging Cobb (the other half of Clayton State's "A Team") for the championship.

Clayton State returns to action this Saturday (Oct. 7) at the Brooks Twilight Meet in Memphis.

Chergova, Redesci Capture ITA Division II Mid-Atlantic Regional Doubles Title

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

The Tamas Szabados era started well for the Clayton State Laker women's tennis team as the Lakers turned in a strong performance last weekend at the ITA (Intercollegiate Tennis Association) Division II Mid-Atlantic Regionals at Barton.

The event was highlighted by the Laker doubles team of Julia Chergova and Ann Redecsi winning the Women's Doubles A Division championship. In addition, Chergova advanced to the quarterfinals in the Women's Singles A Division, while Veronika Jasenovocova also advanced to the quarterfinals of the Women's Singles B Division.

It was the first tournament as head coach for Szabados, who was hired at Clayton State over the summer following six seasons as an assistant at Emory.

Seeded fourth in the Women's Doubles A Division, Chergova and Redecsi stormed through the championship round in impressive fashion. They opened with an 8-0 victory over Lander's Nicoli Marsh and Ana Luiza Zaia, followed by an 8-4 victory over Magda Jezovicova and Sarka Vitkova from Francis Marion in the Round of 32 and an 8-5 victory over Armstrong Atlantic's Martina Beckman and Gabriella Kovacs in the quarterfinals.

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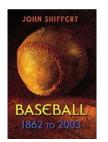
A native Philadelphian who has previously written "Baseball: 1862-2003" and "Baseball... Then and Now," Shiffert started out as a sportswriter at Germantown Friends School in Philadelphia and Earlham College in Richmond, In., before "turning pro" with Montgomery Newspapers and the Germantown Courier. He also served as Sports Information Director at Drexel University and publisher of the Philadelphia Baseball File. A member of the Society for American Baseball Research, he has been the director of The duo, however, made its mark in the semifinals and championship. Chergova and Redecsi shocked the top-seeded team of Dziyana Nazaruk and Illia Stupak from Armstrong Atlantic 8-6 in the semifinals, before crushing the Georgia College team of Sofia Intriago and Celine Martin 8-3 in the championship.

The championship qualifies Chergova and Redecsi for the ITA Division II National Championships, which will be held on Oct. 12-15 in Fort Myers, Fl.

Chergova also excelled in the Women's Singles A Division. She defeated Anderson's Jessica MacDonald 6-1, 6-0 in the first round, followed by a 6-0, 6-0 victory over Columbus State's Erin Reynolds. In the Round of 16, Chergova downed USC-Upstate's Susana Hernandez 6-2, 6-3, but she fell 6-1, 6-3 to Armstrong Atlantic's Johanna Dahlback in the quarterfinals.

In the Women's Singles B Division, Jasenovcova opened with a 6-2, 7-5 victory over Melanie Kragl from Limestone, and then knocked off Marianne Blattes from USC-Aiken 6-4, 6-2 and a 6-0, 6-1 victory over Krista Cedeno from Barton. However, in the semifinals, Jasenovcova dropped a 6-3, 6-0 decision to USC-Upstate's Vivian Neuenschanander.

University Relations at Clayton State since 1995, and wishes to point out that the Phillies finished ahead of the Atlanta Braves in 2006.





<u>Trivia Time</u>

Baseball and the War Of Northern Aggression

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Well, that's what Tom Eddins called it. Where I come from, it's better known as the Civil War.

By either name, said conflict had at least one interesting side effect that wasn't planned when those rebels fired on Fort Sumter. Although the fort's commander was one Abner Doubleday (bet you didn't know that), the Civil War's connection to baseball was a lot more direct than the individual for whom a 1908 commission gave credit for what became the game's creation myth.

Doubleday may have been around at the start of the Civil War, but he didn't start baseball, although the game did evolve from English base ball in the 1830s and 1840s in New York. Largely a regional kids game, although other adaptations of English base ball were played in other places, what is now known as baseball spread like wildfire across the country in the late 1860s, to the point where it was already being called the national game.

How did that happen? The version of English base ball played primarily in New York, Philadelphia, New Jersey and New England was spread pretty much throughout the southern portion of the United States by northern troops (hence, the War of Northern Aggression) who brought along bats and balls to while away the hours when they weren't trying to slaughter each other.

As you can guess, the distinguished Professor Eddins had the first correct answer, however, Teressa Bolt, Robert Caine, Kathy Garrison and George Messer also knew their baseball history on a point that is hardly common knowledge. Caine also gets bonus points for coming up with an even tougher baseball question for this week... who is the only major league player to steal first base? (Yes, it really happened, and you can read about it in "The Glory of Their Times.") Anyone who can send a correct answer to johnshiffert@clayton.edu gets a gold star as well.

Sports Page

Lakers Capture Orchard Fall Invitational For First Tournament Title Since 2000

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

T he Clayton State Laker men's golf team experienced something for the first time since 2000... a tournament championship!

Spearheaded by three players shooting rounds in the 70s, Clayton State won the fourth annual Orchard Fall Invitational last week at The Orchard Golf and Country Club. The Lakers fired a singleround score of 303, finishing two strokes ahead of host Piedmont for the title. Reinhardt finished third with a 313, followed by Truett-McConnell with a 319 and Paine with a 351.

The tournament title was the first for the Lakers since Clayton State won the North Alabama Spring Classic in 2000. It also was the first tournament championship for new Laker head coach Barry Harwell.

Individually, senior Matt Beall had a tremendous round, shooting a 1-under par 71 and finishing in a three-way tie for first with Reinhardt's Bart Johnson and Piedmont's Andy Cartwright. However, Beall fell in the playoff as Johnson won in two holes.

In addition to Beall, Daniel Sommerville shot a 75, while Mathias Carlander fired a 76 for the Lakers. Beall and Sommerville were both selected to the All-Tournament Team. Rounding out the Clayton State scoring was Neil McBride (T-21st – 81) and Tyrone Willis (33rd - 87).

Both Soccer Teams Win on Wednesday

Wednesday, Oct. 4 proved to be a good day for Clayton State soccer, as both the men's and women's team won.

Needing a victory, the men's team got back on the winning track with a 4-2 road victory at North Greenville. The victory ended a four-game losing streak for Clayton State, which improves to 5-7 overall heading into Saturday's Peach Belt Conference showdown at UNC-Pembroke. Perseverance was the name of the game for the women's soccer team, and it paid off in fine fashion with a thrilling 2-1 overtime victory over rival Georgia College in Peach Belt Conference action at Laker Field. After a 1-6 start to the 2006 season, the women have now won three of their last four games to stand 4-7 overall and 3-2 in the Peach Belt Conference.

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