

Distinguished Alumni Honored

Clayton State Alumni Association Meets for Annual Dinner and Meeting

by Leigh Duncan, University Relations

Clayton College & State University celebrated the 13th Annual Alumni Dinner and Meeting on Thursday, April 21, 2005 in the Atrium of the Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education overlooking the pristine Swan Lake on the university's campus.

Some 60 attendees and guests joined the Alumni Board of Directors and guest speaker the Hon. Nadine Thomas, former Georgia State Senator and Clayton State alumna, for an evening of food, fun and fellowship as well as the annual opportunity to honor outstanding and distinguished alumni for 2005.

Kevin Meckes, from the School of Arts & Sciences, was the Outstanding Distinguished Alumni for 2005. At 30, Meckes achievements have been phenomenal and the Alumni Board of Directors felt his accomplishments deserved special recognition.

Alumni Association President Michael McCullough welcomed attendees on behalf of the Board and introduced Sherrie Eoff and Dina Swearngin, co-chairs of this year's dinner committee. Following his introduction, Dr. Sharon E. Hoffman, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs, greeted guests and introduced them to the many new changes that Clayton State has been undergoing for the past year and the many changes anticipated for the year to come.

Included in her address was the recent request by the President, Dr. Thomas K. Harden, to the Chancellor of the University System of Georgia, Dr. Thomas Meredith, to change the name of the university to Clayton State University. This opportunity was recently given to

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Steve Stephens Named Executive Assistant to the President

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Retired Brigadier General Robert L. "Steve" Stephens, Jr., has been appointed executive assistant to the president at Clayton College & State University.

Clayton State President Dr. Thomas K. Harden made the announcement of Stephens' appointment, noting that the position has been vacant for a number of years since the retirement of Robert "Bo" Bolander, although the duties of the position have changed.

Since the start of the fall 2002 semester, Stephens has served as director of Academic Advisement for the Clayton State School of Business, and as a visiting assistant professor. His primary responsibility as executive assistant to the president will be as the University's Affirmative Action Officer. In addition, Stephens will handle special projects and assignments for the Office of the President.

"Steve Stephens' appointment is one that will enrich both the Office of the President and your University," said Harden in an e-mail to the Clayton State campus.

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, 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.

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Record Numbers Enroll in Clayton State's Study Abroad Summer Program

by Lauren Baker, University Relations

In a dramatic increase from the previous high of 14 participants during summer semester 2003, a record 31 students are packing their bags to participate in Clayton State's summer 2005 study abroad program.

According to Clayton State's Director of International Education Dr. Robert Welborn, 17 students will study in the five-week European Council collaborative programs in London, Paris, the Czech Republic, Italy, Spain, and Greece; and 14 students will participate in Clayton State's first ever in-house study abroad program in Chile.

And while 31 Clayton State students are looking forward to learning on foreign soil, students aren't the only participants in the University's study abroad program. Several faculty members have volunteered to teach summer courses at various institutions abroad. These professors will not only teach courses, but will also lead field trips to help students get the most out of studying abroad.

For example, Clayton State's Assistant Professor of Film & Media Studies Dr. Virginia Bonner will teach Introduction to Film and Impressionist & Post-Impressionist Art in France and will use Paris art galleries to give students a first-hand look at famous paintings that most students only see online or in textbooks.

Clayton State professors participating in the 2005 summer study abroad program include: Dr. Virginia Bonner, Paris; Dr. Ron Jackson, Greece; Dr. Hugh Arnold, the Czech Republic; Dr. Robert Welborn, Montepulciano, Italy; Dr. Juliet D'Souza and Rajgopal Sashti, Chile. Professors Dr. Kathryn Kemp and Dr. Judith Ogden will attend a faculty development seminar in Xalapa, Mexico.

Students who participate in study abroad receive full credit for coursework completed within the program. To learn more about study abroad and Clayton State's Office of International Education, contact Welborn at RobertWelborn@mail.clayton.edu, call (770) 960-5189, or visit <http://adminsivices.clayton.edu/oie/>. ■

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

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all colleges and universities system-wide. After many long hours of deliberation that included nearly four months of committee meetings, surveys and polls, Harden and his cabinet decided to submit the new name for consideration. The proposed name change is expected to be on the Board of Regents' agenda within the next several months.

Another possible change is in a proposal already before the Regents... the possible acceptance of a 197-acre parcel of land being donated by the City of Locust Grove to Clayton State to build a satellite campus. The property mirrors the main campus in Morrow with its heavily wooded landscape and stream running through it, a hallmark that many, including Thomas, refer to as a main reason for loving the university.

"I think the reason it took me so long to graduate," says Thomas, "is because I love this campus so much! I just never wanted to leave. I can't say enough about the environment and atmosphere here. I just love it and hope to come back and do graduate work some day."

Speaking of graduate work, Hoffman also talked about two programs currently under

review by the Board of Regent; the POST...Professional Office Systems Technology bachelors program and the MS in Liberal Studies.

This year, there were a record-breaking amount of nominees for the Annual Alumni Awards from all five schools – 40 overall. Winners of the Distinguished Alumni Award were Jerri Clay-King, School of Arts & Sciences; Lillie R. Farmer, R.N., School of Health Sciences; Rick M. Jeffares, School of Technology; Anou Sothsavath, College of Information and Mathematical Sciences; and Lee Moore, School of Business.

"This year we had 40 nominees, the most of any year as far as I'm aware," says Eoff, who is also vice president elect of the Alumni Board of Directors. "When you consider that our alumni base is thousands of people, we are just touching the tip of the iceberg. I think it's important that everyone be aware that the association includes anyone who matriculated as an alumnus, not only graduates. We can never sing the praises of our alumni enough."

Meckes, this year's Outstanding Distin-

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Nancy Vogt is Clayton State's G.O.A.L. Nominee for 2005

by Leigh Duncan, University Relations

Nancy Vogt of Hapeville will represent Clayton College & State University on May 24-27 at the Crown Ravinia in Atlanta for the 2005 Georgia Occupational Award of Leadership (G.O.A.L.)

Sponsored in the Southern Crescent by the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce and the Clayton County Rotary Club, G.O.A.L. is a statewide competition designed with emphasis on technical education's important role in the economic development of Georgia.

Vogt, a senior project coordinator for Chick-fil-A and Office Administration student in the School of Technology at Clayton State, was nominated for G.O.A.L. by her instructor, Joan Bass, and was selected as Clayton

State's representative to G.O.A.L. by the Chamber. She hopes to attain her Associate of Applied Science by 2006 and to continue her studies until she completes the course requirements for a Bachelor's degree.

"Nancy sets high expectations for herself and is only satisfied when she gives 100%," says Bass. "She has a great sense of humor and is a survivor. She's diligent, determined, and demonstrates her faith through strength under adversity."

"I started at Clayton State during the fall semester of 2001," says Vogt. "In order to successfully balance a career and family, I only take one or two classes a semester. I am learning new skills, new techniques, new methods and being challenged to 'think

outside the box' to come up with better and innovative ways of accomplishing tasks and goals."

Vogt will compete in May against 30 other students representing 30 colleges and universities throughout the state. She credits her instructors, Bass, Lou Brackett, and Renee Ahmann, for being instrumental in keeping her in school, giving her support, and encouraging her to persevere.

"Nancy is a wonderful representative of our students at Clayton State," continues Bass. "I am happy for the recognition she is getting through this award."

Vogt has been married to husband Clifford for 23 years. They have two children, Wendy, 20 and Bethany, eight. ■

Dr. Adam Tate Writes Book on Conservatism and Southern Intellectuals

Clayton College & State University Assistant Professor of History Dr. Adam Tate has had his first book published.

The University of Missouri Press published "Conservatism and Southern Intellectuals, 1789-1861: Liberty, Tradition, and the Good Society" in mid-March, 2005.

"Conservatism and Southern Intellectuals discusses the ways in which southern intellectuals developed what became called the southern conservative view of the United States," explains Tate. "I argue in the book that southern conservatives adopted many of their political views from the ideas of the English philosopher John Locke, who was a major influence on the American Revolution. Southerners then used these principles to preserve and defend their understanding of the Constitution."

Tate points out that even though southern intellectuals have a tendency to agree on political principles, they differed on the specific traits that a good southern society should adopt.

"In short, they struggled to balance in southern society liberty and tradition," he says.

"Conservatism and Southern Intellectuals"

looks at both the political and social views of six southern intellectuals – John Randolph, John Taylor, Nathaniel Beverley Tucker, William Gilmore Simms, Joseph Baldwin, and Johnson Hooper – to reveal the complex nature of southern intellectual life before the Civil War, and discusses such topics as slavery, sectionalism, religion, and western migration are addressed.

To order "Conservatism and Southern Intellectuals," contact The University of Missouri Press at (800) 828-1894, or call Customer Service at (573) 882-3000.

Tate is a native of New Orleans. He received his bachelor's degree in history and theology from the Franciscan University of Steubenville. He received a masters and Ph.D. in American history from the University of Alabama. Tate has also taught at several colleges and universities in Alabama and currently lives in Stockbridge with his wife and three children.

"People sometimes ask me how I became interested in history," he says. "My parents, particularly my father, encouraged me as a child to read history and think about the ways in which past events influenced the present. Our family often visited historical sites on vacations as well."

"Conservatism and Southern Intellectuals" began as Tate's dissertation at the University of Alabama. The research alone took three years, followed later on by an additional two years revising the manuscript before sending it to the publisher.

"I became interested in southern intellectual history as an undergraduate and pursued the subject in graduate school," he says. "In my reading, I saw that a book could be written on the development of the southern conservative thought in the 1790s and its continuation in the first half of the nineteenth century."

Tate took a biographical approach to the subject and concentrated his research on the six southern intellectuals.

"This approach allowed me to go deeply into the ideas of a few individuals and look at the ways in which the individuals grappled with the major political and social questions of the age," he says.

Tate is also currently in the beginning stages of researching his next book, also on southern intellectual history in the nineteenth century. ■

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Admissions

The Office of Admissions held its first annual Junior Day program on Saturday, April 23 in the University Center. The purpose of the program was to provide high school juniors and their parents with the tools and resources necessary to begin the college search and planning process. Additionally, students were able to learn more about the benefits of attending Clayton College & State University.

Athletics

After defeating the University of South Carolina Aiken early on Friday, the Clayton College & State University women's tennis dropped a match to 14th-ranked Georgia College & State University Friday afternoon for fifth place in the Peach Belt Conference Tournament. With the loss, 28th-ranked Clayton State drops to 12-9 on the season and will now wait for word on whether they will receive a bid to NCAA Division II National Tennis Championships in May from the Mid-Atlantic Regional. The top eight teams from the region advance to the event. Clayton State was ranked eighth in the last regional poll but should jump ahead of at least one team in the poll, as the Lakers have defeated USC Aiken, who is ranked ahead of CCSU, twice in the last week.

Clayton State distance runners Heather Krehbiel and Allison Kreutzer had the opportunity to race against some of the areas top runners last week, competing at the prestigious University of Tennessee Sea Ray Relays in Knoxville, Tn. Both Krehbiel and Kreutzer competed in the 3000m event, with Krehbiel placing 19th and Kreutzer finishing 21st. Both Krehbiel and Kreutzer's times were short of their personal bests, as Krehbiel's finished with a time of 10:56.44, while Kreutzer followed with a time of 10:56.36. Krehbiel's best time is 10:32.73 run last year, while Kreutzer broke Krehbiel's school record last week in the event at the Oglethorpe Invitational, provisionally qualifying for the NCAA Division II national meet with a time of 10:12.39.

The Clayton College & State University Department of Athletics would like to cordially invite you to the 15th annual

Clayton State Athletics Awards Night on Thursday, Apr. 28 in the Athletics & Fitness Center. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Awards Presentation at 7:15 p.m. There is a \$10 fee for dinner, the Awards Presentation is free. Please R.S.V.P. at (770) 961-3666 or to patkeane@mail.clayton.edu by Apr. 26.

Budget Hearings

The 2005/06 Budget Hearings are scheduled on Apr. 28 and 29 in UC-272. Each year, the University's Planning and Budget Council hosts hearings during which Clayton State's administrators present priorities and funding requests for the coming year to the council and the campus. Thursday, Apr. 28: 9:15 a.m. Operations, Bruce Holmes; 9:45 a.m. Campus Life, Kevin Rome; 10:30 a.m. Spivey Hall, Sherryl Nelson; 11:00 a.m. Budget & Finance, Bruce Spratt. Friday, Apr. 29: 8:30 a.m. Academic Affairs/Continuing Education – Sharon Hoffman; 9:45 a.m. External Relations, Deborah King; 10:30 a.m. Information Technology and Services, John Bryan; 11 a.m. Athletics, Mason Barfield; 11:30 a.m. Auxiliary Services, Bob Holmes. You are encouraged to attend not just the hearing for your division, but as many sessions as you possibly can to learn more about the budget process and activities planned across the university. Please also forward any observations or recommendations concerning the material presented to Bruce Spratt or any Planning and Budget Council member for consideration during the budget development process. Planning and Budget Council members are: Art Rosser, Diane Burns, Jacob Chacko, James Mackin, Jeff Jacobs, Jim Braun, Gerald Heavens, Rebecca Gmeiner, John Bryan, Ron Jackson, Sharon Hoffman, Thomas Harden, and Dale Bower.

Center for Academic Assistance

A search committee has been actively engaged in a search for Clayton State's next Director of the Center for Academic Assistance. The search has reached the stage of on-campus interviews, and the search committee would like to encourage you to participate in the interview process. Candidates will be on campus for interviews as follows: Monday, April 25 — Dr. Susan

Henry; Monday, May 2: Dr. Vasanne Tinsley. As part of the interview process, each candidate will make a presentation on the topic of "A Vision for the Center for Academic Assistance at Clayton College & State University." The presentation will, in both cases, take place at 3:15 p.m. in University Center room 272. The presentation will include an opportunity for you to ask questions of each candidate and provide your feedback to the search committee.

CIMS

As one of the five University System of Georgia (USG) institutions participating in the online WebBSIT consortium, Clayton State was honored to host the inaugural meeting of the WebBSIT Advisory Board and supporting Governing and Operating Boards on Apr. 15. The first meeting of its kind in the history of the WebBSIT consortium, the inaugural meeting introduced the members of the three WebBSIT boards – Advisory, Governing, and Operating – and acknowledged the members of the WebBSIT administration. The meeting also recognized those who have contributed time, effort, and expertise to build the WebBSIT program, which was approved by the USG Board of Regents Apr. 21, 2004 and implemented in each of the five participating USG institutions – Armstrong Atlantic State University, Clayton College & State University, Georgia Southern University, Macon State College, and Southern Polytechnic State University – in August 2004.

Continuing Education

The Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education hosted two dozen of the top editors from the Atlanta Journal/Constitution, and a half dozen community leaders, on Thursday, Apr. 21. The luncheon in the Atrium was part of a fact-finding tour of Clayton and Henry counties for AJC editors, arranged by Pete Scott of the Clayton/Henry bureau.

Dental Hygiene

The School of Health Sciences held a reception on Wednesday, Apr. 20 to honor retiring Associate Professor of Dental Hygiene Lois Manning.

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Diversity Services

The Peer Mentoring Task Force is still looking for motivating students to serve as peer mentors for incoming freshman! If you know someone you feel has what it takes to be a mentor; and would not mind making a little extra cash during the next school year, then... we need them! Please encourage them to visit our website for more info. Applications and information can be found at <http://admins-services.clayton.edu/studentlife/PATH/default.htm>. The application deadline is Thursday, Apr. 28.

Homecoming

Remember what fun you had last year? It is time to start planning for the 2005 Homecoming. Our next planning meeting is Apr. 27 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in room 268 of the University Center. The committee is looking for new faces to help plan events for; Alumni Committee, Fall Frolics Talent Show, Special Events, Festival Parade, Publicity & Marketing, and Community Relations/Outreach.

Human Resources

The annual Clayton State Service Awards program will be held on Tuesday, May 3, from 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. in Spivey Hall. During the ceremony, the Faculty and Staff winners, respectively, of this year's Alice Smith Award will be announced. In addition, Clayton State's newest Retirees will be honored, along with fulltime members of the Faculty and Staff who are celebrating five, 10, 15, 20, 25, or 30 years of uninterrupted service to our great University.

The Office of Human Resources will hold a Retirement Information Session on Monday, May 2. Do you have questions about retirement planning? Do you have questions about a tax sheltered annuity? Want to talk with an expert? Check out the HR website for information about the Retirement Information Session! <http://admins-services.clayton.edu/ohr/benefits/retirement/Retirement%20Session%20flyer.doc>.

OITS

Kevin Fitzgerald's picture is in the DOT's new booklet on bicycling, specifically in the

chapter on cycling with kids. The picture was taken during the 2002 Bike Ride Across Georgia, where Fitzgerald's partner on the tandem was Bike Ride Across Georgia Dream Team rider Maurice Jordan. The picture was taken by Atiba Mbiwan, the leader of the Dream Team. To see Fitzgerald, or the entire booklet, go to http://www.dot.state.ga.us/dot/plan-prog/planning/projects/bicycle/georgia_bike_sense/index.shtml.

Professional Development Committee

"Personal Race for Excellence" will be presented by the Clayton State Professional Development Committee on Tuesday, Apr. 26 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in University Center, room 272. The guest speaker will be Kevin D. Rome, Sr., Ph.D., vice president, Division of Campus Life. Please RSVP to Karin Smoot by Monday, Apr. 25.

Provost

Please join us in officially welcoming Dr. Charles Ford, dean of College of Information and Mathematical Sciences to Clayton College & State University, on Apr. 26 at 3 p.m. in the Provost Conference Room. Please RSVP to Sabrina Williams (770) 961-3538.

Public Safety

The University's top five walkers for the week were; Deborah Greer, Leslie Moore, Ricardo Pascual, Jon Preston and Pat Keane. Greer was just 25,341 steps behind the top two walkers. Those individuals that log their steps for the entire month will receive goodies from The Clean Air Campaign. The CommuteTrak winners for March were; Lauren Baker, Pat Barton, Gloria Chapman, Kevin Fitzgerald and Shaneeka Grant. Each winner will receive a \$25 gift card.

RideShare

See who the University RideShare Carpool winners were for March at... <http://admins-services.clayton.edu/ps/winners.htm>. Beginning May 2005, carpoolers must remain active in the 1-87-RIDEFIND database. If you are unsure if you are active, contact Joan Murphy at (770) 961-3540 or call 1-87-RIDEFIND. University RideShare uses the 1-87-RIDEFIND database and

matches employees with employees and students with students. By registering, you are not obligated to carpool, but it is a good way to meet someone who may live nearby and have a similar schedule at Clayton State. Also, in case your vehicle has temporary problems, it is helpful to know someone nearby.

School of Business

Dr. Gary May, assistant professor in the School of Business, was recently elected to the Board of Directors for the Association of Professional Communication Consultants (APCC) and will be serving as Professional Development Chair for his 2005-2007 term. APCC is an international network of communication professionals. Members include consultants, trainers, facilitators, executive coaches, writers, editors, corporate communication specialists, educators, and technical communicators.

School of Technology

Louise Childs, a student of the School of Technology's Lou Brackett, was recently featured in the Clayton County School System's "Stay Connected" newsletter as "Secretary by Day, Scholar by Night." Childs, who has a granddaughter in college and a grandson in high school, is a secretary at Lovejoy High School when she's not a Dean's List student at Clayton State.

SmartBodies

SmartBodies' "Spring Into Action" Contest winners are... Departmental: the School of Technology. Lou Brackett single-handedly won a trophy and a luncheon for her department. Individual: Phyllis Morris, first place; Dale Roach, second place; Lavonnie Williams, third place, Thank to all participants. You are all winners for your better health! Everyone who took part will receive a certificate of participation.

Staff Council

Staff Council is holding a celebration in appreciation for all that you do for Clayton State on Thursday, May 26, starting at 10 a.m. in Spivey Hall and then moving to a pavilion beside Athletics and Fitness Building. The celebration will begin with a presentation from Barbara Glanz, author of many books, including Care Packages for the Workplace and Care Packages for the

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Home. Following Glanz' presentation, Dr. Harden and the Administrative Council are going to cook lunch.

Student Life

Student Life & Orientation will hold its Club & Organization Awards Ceremony, "Honoring & Appreciating our Campus Leaders," on Thursday, Apr. 27 at 7 p.m. in the Atrium of the Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education.

Students

The third annual golf tournament for Clayton College & State University student, Kristy Justus, will be held May 2, 2005. The event will be held at Hickory Hills Golf Club in Jackson, Ga. Tournament registration and breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. and the tournament will begin at 8:30 a.m. Justus, who sustained a spinal cord injury that left her paralyzed from the neck down in 2003,

recently underwent what she hopes to be life changing surgery in Portugal. The surgery will help her to regain function, muscle control, and sensitivity. Justus also participates in therapy at the Shepherd Spinal Center in Atlanta five days a week for approximately three hours a day. Currently, Justus is in Detroit at the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan for the month of April. The tournament is a four-man scramble for the cost of \$50.00 per person. There will be a \$150 Hole Sponsor for companies that wish to advertise at the tournament. The company will receive a sign at one of the 18 holes with their company name, address, and telephone number. For more information on the Third Annual Gold Tournament benefiting Justus, e-mail kreid21@netzero.com. For continuous updates on Justus's progress, check her website <http://www2.caringbridge.org/ga/kristyjustus/> for news and journal postings.

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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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guished Alumni, attended Clayton College & State University from 1995 to 1998 as a Biology major. As an intern in the office of then president Dr. Richard A. Skinner, he coordinated the Information Technology Project, the first and largest such project in the southeast, wherein 8,500 notebook computers were leased to students at Clayton State and Floyd College, making Clayton State the first public university in the southeast with ubiquitous notebook computer learning. In addition, Meckes assisted in implementing a Universal I.D./Point of Service card for the entire campus, was chairman of SLAC, the student life activity committee in 1996, and vice president of SGA, the student government association 1995.

Meckes received an Associate of Arts degree in Anthropology in August of 2000 from Oxford College of Emory University, and in May of 2001, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Anthropology and Human Biology from the same institution.

During his college tenure, Meckes held down several jobs in medical and surgical assisting, utilizing his ongoing education to further his professional career. He currently works in the Plastic and Reconstructive (P&R) Surgery Division of Integra Life Sciences Holding Corporation as the products specialist and surgical consultant and field sales trainer for the East Coast. Meckes serves as a clinical coordinator for the rest of the P & R staff due to his extensive surgical background and is currently under consideration as Integra's

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Clayton State Hosted Successful NATS Auditions

by Erin Fender, University Relations

Clayton State hosted the annual Southeastern Regional Auditions of the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) on Apr. 1 and 2.

Two Clayton State students won prizes in their respective competition divisions. Chelsea Cook, mezzo-soprano and senior B.M. in voice performance major won third prize in the Fourth-Year College Women's division. Abe Okie, a baritone freshman B.A. in music, also won third prize in the Beginning Adult Men's division for students above 24 years of age.

Elena Cholakova, a Clayton State senior majoring in piano performance, also appeared in the Finals Concert, accompanying both Okie and a prize winner in the High School Boys division.

"From our standpoint the event was quite successful; it ran very smoothly, and I think all who attended came away very impressed with Clayton State, its music facilities and programs, the beauty of its campus, and the friendliness and efficiency of our faculty, staff, and students," says Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller, director of vocal activities and opera.

More than 275 singers, high school through

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Clayton State Music Professor Offered Summer Fellowship at MacDowell Colony

by Leigh Duncan, University Relations

Clayton College & State University's School of Arts & Sciences is proud to announce that Dr. Chris Arrell, director of theory and composition in the Department of Music, has been awarded a fellowship at the MacDowell Colony in Peterborough, N.H. this summer, beginning May 16.

The MacDowell Colony was founded in 1907 with a mission to nurture the arts by offering creative individuals of the highest talent an inspiring environment in which to produce enduring works of the imagination. At its founding, the Colony was an experiment for which there was no precedent. It stands now with more than 5,500 artists having worked there.

More than 250 writers, composers, visual artists, photographers, printmakers, filmmakers, architects, interdisciplinary artists, and those collaborating on creative works come to the Colony each year from all parts of the United States and abroad to inhabit over 450 acres of woodland and fields and the Colony's 32 artist studios. Works of art created by artists while in residence are exhibited in galleries and museums around the world. Colonists have been Pulitzer, National Book Award, and Rome Prize winners, as well as Guggenheim, Fulbright, and MacArthur Fellows. Arrell, who joined the Clayton State faculty in 2002, will spend two weeks at the Colony working on a new piece for orchestra.

"The application process involved submitting samples of my music and a description of my proposed MacDowell project," says

Arrell. "The project is a new work for orchestra written in tribute to a personal hero, French composer Gérard Grisey, and his use of acoustics as a metaphor for composition. The muse of my work is the sound of the electronic guitar—its physical properties and iconic status in American culture."

Arrell is in distinguished company with fellow artists who have worked in Peterborough. Edwin Arlington Robinson was among the first applicants to MacDowell when his work was not yet known. Aaron Copland composed parts of "Appalachian Spring" at the Colony, Thornton Wilder wrote "Our Town," Virgil Thomson worked on "Mother of Us All," and Leonard Bernstein completed his "Mass."

Arrell's music has received international broadcasts and performances across the U.S. by ensembles such as Bent Frequency, Ensemble Green, newear, Sospeso, and Thamyris. He holds degrees from Cornell University (DMA), the University of Texas at Austin (MM), and the University of Oregon (BM) and attended Columbia University as an exchange scholar. Honors include commissions from Music at the Anthology, Spivey Hall, and the Fromm Foundation at Harvard University, and composition prizes from the League of Composers/International Society for Contemporary Music, ASCAP, and the Society of Composers.

Arrell lives in DeKalb County with wife Lisa Leong, pianist and adjunct faculty at Clayton State, and their dog, Hausen. ■

Clayton Community Big Band And Clayton State Jazz Combo to Perform

by Erin Fender, University Relations

Clayton State's Jazz Combo will perform Apr. 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Spivey Hall. Also the Clayton Community Big Band will perform in Spivey Hall on May 2 at 7:30 p.m. Both concerts are free and open to the public.

The Clayton State Jazz Combo features a seven piece band. The program will highlight a mix of exciting jazz styles including pieces by Hank Mobley, Miles Davis, Joe Henderson, Lee Morgan, Chuck Mangione, and Jean-Luc Ponty.

The Clayton Community Big Band has 20 members featuring Clayton State music students and volunteer community members. The performance will also feature several guest artists. Clayton State student vocalists Margaret Harris and Candace Henry will

perform. Music Department head, Dr. Douglas Wheeler, and Clayton State President Dr. Thomas Harden will perform on percussion.

The Big Band will feature traditional and contemporary big band styles including many of today's artists, such as; Les Hooper, Bob Mintzer, Gordon Goodwin, Michael Brecker, and Bob Curnow.

Both bands will be under the direction of Stacey Houghton, adjunct faculty at Clayton State. For more information on the Big Band and Jazz Combo, please contact Houghton at StaceyHoughton@mail.clayton.edu or the department of music by phone at (770) 961-3609. ■

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adult, from Alabama, Georgia, and Florida participated, representing 45 teachers, who also were in attendance. This was the first time Clayton State hosted the NATS auditions.

"Dr. Maya Hoover, was a wonderful co-host, and Dr. Doug Wheeler, department head, and Dr. Michiko Otaki, director of keyboard activities, were especially helpful," says Zeller.

Margaret Harris and Ashley Dunn of the Delta Psi Chapter of the Mu Phi Epsilon, assisted with set-up, registration, greeting, room monitoring, ushering and score tabulation. Administrative Assistant Delores Toothaker performed numerous 'above-and-beyond' tasks on Friday to welcome all the visitors. ■

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2nd CAREER EVENT OF THE MONTH

13th Congressional District's 1st
Annual Job Fair
Friday, April 29
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Georgia International Convention
Center

For more information and registration:
Congressman David Scott's office:
(770)210-5073

INTERNSHIP OF THE MONTH - YMCA:

Henry County YMCA has internships in
Member Services (paid), youth camps,
sports camps, family group sessions.
Contact Angelyn Hayes
(angelynhayes@mail.clayton.edu) for
more information.

UPS

Monday, April 25
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
University Center Commons
Recruiting for P/T Loaders/Unloaders
\$8.50 – \$9.50 per hour
www.upsjobs.com

Georgia Air National Guard
Wednesday, April 27
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
University Center Commons
Recruiting for: P/T Telecommunication
Technicians
Great pay and educational benefits
www.garobi.ang.af.mil/283cbcs

How Money Works
Presented by Mitch Johnson, Primerica
Tuesday, April 26
Noon – 1:00 p.m.
Student Center 223
Reserve your seat w/
adrianwillis@mail.clayton.edu

AJCJOBS & The Latin American
Association presents...
23rd Annual Career Expo
Atlanta's premier career fair for Latino
professionals
Friday, May 13
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Cobb Galleria Centre
For more information, call (404)638-1837
or (404)982-6897

IRC Atlanta Sales Career Forum
(Professional Sales Career Forum)
Tuesday, May 24
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Embassy Suites Hotel Atlanta-Perimeter
Center
For directions, call (770)394-5454
For more information,
www.ircdirect.com or email
careers@ircdirect.com (include
Reference Code "Atlanta" in the
subject line of your email)

Alumni dinner, from p. 6

National Sales Trainer.

Jeffares graduated from Clayton State with an Associates of Applied Science in management and Supervision in 1995 and a Bachelor of Applied Science in Technology Management in 1997. He and his wife Leslie live in Jackson, Ga., with their four daughters, Brook, 17; Lauren 16; Alex, 12; and Cameron, two.

Currently the city manager for the city of Locust Grove, Ga., he is responsible for the day-to-day operations and functions for the fastest growing city in metro Atlanta. He manages 41 employees with a \$6 million budget and is responsible for forming a Downtown Development Authority to help vitalize the downtown area. He is also responsible for preparing, funding, and organizing a \$10 million sewer system improvement for the city consisting of a new 1.5 million gallon/day sewer plant and for water system improvements of over \$2 million.

Jeffares owns a water and wastewater consulting firm in addition to his position at city hall. He is also instrumental in initiating the offer of the 197 acres of land in Locust Grove that is currently under consideration by the Board of Regents for Clayton State's satellite campus.

Sothsavath, the College of Information & Mathematical Sciences' Distinguished Alumni, is a recent graduate of Clayton State; class of 2003. He has worked at his current position for the City of Morrow for four years. He started as an intern Help Desk Analyst and moved his way up as a Systems Network Administrator. He is now the

Information Technology Director and is in charge of a network that consists of more than 80 workstations and 10 servers.

He received his Certificate of Information Technology in 2001, his Associate of Applied Science in Information Technology in 2003 and his Bachelor of Information Technology in Network Plan, Design, and Management, also in 2003.

"The significance of my job is primarily the direct impact we have on the City which I call home," he says. "I know that if I am successful enhancing Public Safety, City Hall and/or Public Works, that I am making a positive difference for the citizens or Morrow, my neighbors.

"While Clayton State is only partially in Morrow's jurisdiction, it is considered a crucial piece of our City, now and for the future. Therefore, it is important to remain connected with Clayton State and I believe technology will play an important role in that connection."

CIMS' Distinguished Alumni is currently working toward his Master's Degree in Business Administration. He lives in Morrow with his wife, Christy.

Farmer, a resident of Sharpsburg, earned her Associate Degree in Nursing at Clayton Junior College in 1985 and then her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Clayton College & State University in 1994.

In 1995, she attended Emory University's wound, ostomy, and continence certification program and in 2003 earned an M.A. in Education from Central Michigan University. Currently a nurse at Southern Regional Medical Center, she has dedicated 27 years to the nursing practice.

Clayton State Offering New Scheduling for Criminal Justice Courses

by Erin Fender, University Relations

Clayton College & State University's criminal justice program will offer bi-weekly scheduling to accommodate local law enforcement personnel in select courses fall 2005.

"These courses give students the flexibility that comes with fewer on-campus sessions while still offering the benefits of face-to-face interaction with the instructor and other students," says Dr. Kevin Demmitt, coordinator for Clayton State's Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice.

The bi-weekly schedule will accommodate law enforcement personnel who often have rotating shifts. The offered courses will meet on-campus every other Saturday for lecture and instruction, as well as testing. The rest of the course work will be completed online.

"Chief Dwayne Hobbs and Chief Charlie Sewell were instrumental in designing this schedule in response to the needs of our local law enforcement," explains Demmitt.

"Our ever-changing law enforcement and new developments in technology create new challenges for present and future law en-

forcement leaders making education paramount in keeping up with these new demands," says Sewell, chief of the Morrow police department.

"The Forest Park Police Department has a college incentive plan and I hope that many of our officers who have not been able to attend the traditional college setting will enjoy the opportunity afforded them by Clayton College & State University," says Forest Park's Hobbs.

Sewell will teach introduction to criminal justice and Hobbs will teach law enforcement. The courses are set up in order for a student to be able to attend both classes. New student enrollment deadline is July 1, 2005 for fall courses. In addition, the course has just been approved for POST credit... mandated continuing education for certified peace officers in Georgia.

If you would like more information on Clayton College & State University's new criminal justice scheduling, contact Demmitt at KevinDemmitt@mail.clayton.edu or by phone at (770) 960-4372. For new student admissions, please visit www.clayton.edu.

Thomas George Named Director of Human Resources At North Georgia

The Office of Human Resources & Services is both pleased and saddened to announce that Thomas George has accepted a position as the Director of Human Resources at North Georgia College & State University. George will be leaving Clayton State after the May 3 Service Awards Program to take on his new duties.



"Walking away is not easy because I have been a part of this institution for nearly 20 years - student, Alumni Board member, Alumni President, Foundation Trustee, and employee," says George. "While most people would go off to celebrate after proposing to their fiancée, I brought my wife to see our beautiful campus after we got engaged!"

"No matter what happens, I intend to be a part of this great institution always. I am very proud and passionately loyal alumnus."

You can join the Clayton State Office of Human Resources in wishing George the best in his new role. As both a Clayton State alumnus and employee, he is a true product of Clayton State, and his career advancement reflects well on us all. You are invited to stop by the HR Office in the Administration Building at your convenience on Friday, Apr. 29 for light refreshments and an opportunity to visit. ■

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In 2004, Farmer was awarded the prestigious Georgia Nurses Association Staff Nurse Award at the Annual Awards Banquet held in Athens. The award recognizes her important contribution to the nursing field as a facilitator of the healing process, a patient advocate, and a mentor and role model for other nurses.

Clay-King, the School of Arts & Sciences winner attended Clayton Junior College from 1978-1980 as an education major. She transferred to Georgia State University and completed her degree in Special Education K-12, Magna Cum Laude, in 1983. From there, she went on to get an add-on degree in Related Vocational Education from Georgia Southern University in 1989.

Clay-King, an educator for more than 20 years, currently teaches Special Education in the Fulton County Schools. For the last 10 years, she has been the Career Technology Intervention Specialist at Tri-Cities High School where her concentration is mainstreaming special education students into regular classrooms and ultimately society. Clay-King and her husband, Marshall, live in Jonesboro, with their daughter Stephanie, 11 and son Ryan, a junior at UGA.

Moore, this year's winner of the School of Business Distinguished Alumni Award, earned his Associates of Applied Science in Business Administration in 1972. He went on to receive a Bachelor of Business Administration from Georgia State University in 1975. Moore owns Moore Co., the umbrella company for several development, construction, and insurance companies and works alongside his son, Robbie. Moore and his wife, Hattie, live in McDonough.

Clayton State's SAAB to Host Student-Parent Banquet

by Erin Fender, University Relations

Clayton College & State University's Student African-American Brotherhood [SAAB] and Lyceum-Traditions will host a banquet to honor parents and family who have helped students through their academic career on May 5, 2005. The banquet will take place from 7:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. in the University's Student Center.

"The banquet is intended to give any student who desires to recognize those who have supported them as a student, a formal opportunity to do so," says Terence Bates of SAAB.

SAAB, a national student organization that focuses on the retention and graduation of African American males, put together this banquet to celebrate those who provide support to keep students on track for graduation.

This event is free and open to the public. A seated meal will be provided at no cost. There will be an essay contest to select the "Family Supporter of the Year."

"This is an opportunity to write about why your "family" deserves to be recognized for their efforts in supporting you as a student," explains Bates.

If you would like to write an essay, it must be submitted to Bates at csu14256@mail.claytonstate.net no later than Apr. 26, 2005. Please keep the essay to 500 words or less. The winners will be announced at the banquet.

For more information or to attend the banquet, please contact Bates at csu14256@mail.claytonstate.net or by phone at (404) 936-6631. ■

Women's Basketball Signs Three JCs

The Clayton College & State University women's basketball program, the 2004-05 Peach Belt Conference regular season and tournament champions, has signed a trio of players to help defend its titles.

Head coach Dennis Cox has announced the signing of three talented junior college players in Roberta Phillips, Teri Willis and Alecia Humphrey to letters of intent. All three players competed in the Florida Junior College ranks and will enter the Clayton State program as sophomores.

"We were extremely excited to sign these quality players at the onset of the late signing period," said Cox. "There were lots of smiles and back slaps for everyone in the women's basketball office on signing day. Our players did a great job in recruiting these new players, and once again they delivered for us with the pressure on. These were heavily sought after recruits, and I think it just says a lot for the direction we're headed."

Phillips, a 5-foot-7 shooting guard from Savannah, GA, will transfer from Palm Beach Community College in Lake Worth, FL, where she played for coach Chanita Olds. She received NJCAA All-Region VIII honors this past year, while averaging 18.6 points, 8.0 rebounds, 2.5 assists, and 3.6 steals per game.

Willis is a 5-5 point guard and also hails from Savannah, Ga. She is a junior college transfer from Florida Community College in Jacksonville, Florida, where she played for coach Debra Woods. She is a two-time Mid-Florida All-Conference recipient, and as a sophomore, averaged 13.3 points, 2.8 assists, and 2.4 steals per game. She also made 84 three-point shots on the year and shot 78 percent from the free throw line. Willis played her high school career at Beach High School in Savannah.

A 6-2 post from Okmulgee, OK, Humphrey also played at Palm Beach Community College where she was a teammate of Phillips. Alecia received All-Southern Conference honors her sophomore season, averaging 12.3 points, 8.0 rebounds, 2.2 steals, and 1.1 blocks per game. She also shot 50 percent from the floor in 242 attempts.

"These two guards, Roberta and Teri, were two of the best guards in the Florida junior college system, which is arguably the strongest in the country," said Cox. "Alecia is a true Division I post player that can anchor our middle, but is athletic enough to play in our up-tempo, pressing style. We have some more work to do to complete our roster, but I like our start."

Clayton State graduated six players off the 2004-05 squad that finished with a school best 25-7 record. Along with winning the Peach Belt regular season and conference tournament for the first time, the program also played in its first NCAA Division II Tournament, advancing to the second round of the national tournament.

Women's Tennis, from p. 12

Clayton State's tennis team received All-American honors. Former Laker standout Jackeline Nieto was a three-time All-America in singles from 2002-04.

In addition to receiving All-Conference honors in singles, Clayton State's No. 1 doubles team of Gandia and Chergova were also named to the All-Peach Belt team. The doubles team has a 13-4 record on the season and is currently ranked third in the nation in doubles.

The doubles team also has a good shot at receiving All-America honors as the top five doubles teams in the ITA rankings receive the honor. Clayton State's doubles team of Nieto and Nathalia Collantes received the honor twice from 2003-04. ■

Clayton State Runners Hit NCAA Provisional Marks

The Clayton College & State University men's and women's track & field teams had runners hit NCAA Division II National Championship provisional marks at both the Cumberland College Invitational in Williamsburg, Ky., and at the Oglethorpe Track & Field Meet in Atlanta.

At the Oglethorpe meet, freshman Allison Kreutzer hit a provisional mark in the 3000m, winning the race with a time of 10:12.39. Her winning time was better than 35 seconds from the second place finisher and more than seven seconds below the provisional time for the event. Kreutzer's time broke junior Heather Krehbiel's school record in the event set last season.

The Lakers 4x100m team turned in Clayton State's top performance at Cumberland, as the group posted a provisional time of 41.14. The 4x100m team of sophomore Eric Simmons, junior Greg Galloway, junior Brian Etelman and senior Carlos Guyton won the event. The time was not a season best for the relay, as the Lakers posted a time of 40.81 earlier in the week at a Morehouse College meet.

In other top finishes at Cumberland, the 4x400m relay team of Simmons, Galloway, Etelman and Guyton won with a time of 3:13.59, missing the national meet provisional time by just under three-tenths of a second. Simmons won the 400m with a time of 49.1.

Along with Kreutzer at Oglethorpe, the Laker men's and women's team had seven other first place finishes. Junior Jose Garduno won the 3000m with a time of 9:24.90, while senior Oscar Campos brought home a first in the 1500m with a time of 4:15.30. Senior Jed Foster won the discus with a throw of 102-feet-4-inches.

Senior Dawn Baldwin won the 400m with a time of 1:03.94, while senior Aletha Binon improved her school record, winning the discus with a toss of 112-8-1/2. The Clayton State women's sprint medley team of sophomore Lairin King, freshman Bose Tanimola, sophomore Olaitan Yusuf and freshman Brittany West won with a time of 1:59.86, while the 4x400m relay squad of senior Kim Daniel, West, freshman Katelyn Stache and Kreutzer won with a time of 4:24.80.

In addition to these winning performances, junior Manuel Aguilar broke a school record in the 3000m steeplechase at Cumberland with a time of 9:59.0. ■

Trivia Time

A Favorite...

Zaphenath-paneah

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Everyone has their favorites. Personally, when it comes to Old Testament figures, Joseph of Egypt stands out for, as Emeritus Director of Student Life (and current full-time missionary) Rob Taylor puts it, "he had the coat of many colors and the integrity that we all wish we had."

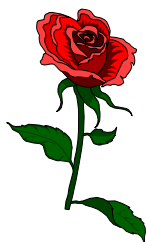
When that integrity led to his being named the number two man in Egypt by the Pharaoh, that august individual also named Joseph, Zaphenath-paneah, which translates into something like, "he speaks, and the Gods listen."

As it turned out, Taylor was third this week. Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller, one of the current campus trivia experts took first, followed by another retiree, Dotty Bumbalough. Alum Kevin Dixon took fourth.

For this week... who was the voice of both Tennessee Tuxedo and the cartoon version of Inspector Gadget... and who was the Inspector Gadget cartoon character loosely based on?

First correct answer to johnshiffert@mail.clayton.edu will probably be from an old sitcom fan. ■

Life's Transitions...



Katrina Barnes' (School of Health Sciences) father, William (Bill) Rhymmer, passed away on Wednesday, Mar. 30.

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Moore has served the community over the years on numerous boards and committees, including three years on the Clayton County School Board, as chair of the Clayton County March of Dimes for two years, and on D.F.A.C.S. Abused & Neglected Children Committee for eight years. He was founder of A-Plus for Clayton County, named Businessman of the Year by the Riverdale Future Business Leaders of America, and served on the Leadership Clayton Board.

Alumni Dinner guest speaker Thomas is a former Georgia State Senator and a 2004 School of Health Sciences Distinguished Alumni Award winner. She received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Clayton State in 2003. Elected to the Georgia State Senate in 1992, she was the first African-American woman to serve in the Georgia senate. Prior to that, she served in the Georgia House of Representatives from 1991-93 and elected to return to Clayton State after 30 years of being a nurse to complete her B.S.N. in 2003. ■

Sports Page

Golf Coach Bob Hill Named 2005 Peach Belt Golf Coach of the Year

by Gid Rowell, Sports Information

Head Clayton College & State University men's golf coach Bob Hill has been named the 2004-05 Peach Belt Conference Golf Coach of the Year.

In his eighth season, Hill led the Lakers to four top-10 finishes this year, including a seventh place finish at the Presbyterian Intercollegiate and a ninth place finish at the Carolina Sands Intercollegiate. He becomes the first Clayton State coach to receive the Coach of the Year award.

Hill has led the Laker golf program to the NCAA Division II Regional Championships four of the last seven seasons. The program's top season was a seventh place finish at the 1999 National Championships. The Lakers placed fourth in the PBC tournament that same season, its best finish in the conference event.

Clayton State ended its season on Tuesday, placing seventh in the Peach Belt tournament in Savannah. ■

Gandia & Chergova Receive Peach Belt Conference Women's Tennis Awards

Clayton College & State University's "one-two" tennis punch of Julia Gandia and Julia Chergova were recognized last week among the top tennis players for 2005 in the Peach Belt Conference.

Gandia, a 5-7 freshman from Almansa, Spain, became the first Laker tennis player to receive Peach Belt Freshman of the Year honors and the fourth to receive All-Conference recognition. She currently has a 15-2 record in singles, falling only to Armstrong Atlantic State University's Lusia Cowper, the nation's fourth-ranked player, and in a match when she had to retire due to an ankle injury.

Ranked sixth nationally in singles, Gandia has a good shot of becoming Clayton's State second All-America tennis player in singles. The nation's top 15 players in the Intercolle-

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