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Board of Regents Approves Proposal for Bachelor of Arts in Theatre

by Lauren Graves, University Relations

Clayton State University sophomore Tim Hand is changing his major following the University System of Georgia Board of Regents' October decision to approve Clayton State's proposal for a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre.

Hand, already an active participant in Clayton State Theater, believes the new theatre major will make him more valuable to real-world theatrical outlets because of its emphasis on involving local professionals.

"Academics are important in the theatrical world," says Hand. "However, at an audition or interview, it can often come down to the person the director knows."

Clayton State Theater Artistic Director Phillip DePoy knows the importance of networking and is on a mission to help Clayton State's theatre majors make the contacts they need to be successful in professional theatre.

Program coursework, strengthened by professional input, will no doubt put Clayton State's newest baccalaureate degree front and center among academic theatre programs. In fact, DePoy says that Clayton State's commitment to partner with local playwrights, actors, directors and technicians makes the program unique in the South.

The University will hire degreed professionals to teach courses in their area of expertise. Students will not only benefit from a well-rounded curriculum, but they will also have in-class networking opportunities that can lead to internships and employment. Courses in the program will range from acting and playwriting, to set design, lighting, and sound, to name a few.

Hand, who hopes to concentrate his coursework in technical theatre classes, has already benefited from DePoy's focus on involving local professionals. Hand recently directed two radio shows on the Clayton State stage that featured the voice talent of professional actors Hugh Adams and Jennifer Akin. Hand first met Akin through an internship at the New American Shakespeare Tavern.

Hand credits DePoy with his theatre connections saying, "If it wasn't for Phillip DePoy and Clayton State, I wouldn't have had the professional experiences I have had to date." Now that the theatre major is in place, Hand can hope to have more opportunities to work with local talent and technicians before he graduates.



Tim Hand bewitches fellow cast member Wyatt Lowe during a rehearsal of Clayton State Theater's spring 2006 show, "The Conference of the Birds."

"This program benefits our students through its direct connections with most of the theatres in the area," explains DePoy, who is himself a respected director, playwright and novelist in the local theatre and literary communities. "Professionals from all over Atlanta have already worked here designing sets, working with lights, acting, and directing...The professional world and the world of students is already intertwined, which means the student's transition to professional theatre is comparatively a snap."

DePoy, along with Dean of Arts & Sciences Dr. Ray Wallace and Department Head Dr. Tom Barnett, spent two and a half years planning the newly approved program. Now that the major is official, DePoy reports that 20 students have expressed interest in changing their major to theatre – a solid number considering Clayton State has no minor in theatre.

"Some students who started to school here two years ago have been hoping that the

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Today's Assignment: Define Good Teaching

by Lauren Graves, University Relations

Regardless of how many or how few degrees one holds, we all know what it's like to be a student. We remember the teacher who captivated the class with his or her enthusiasm; we recall that particular professor who made us loathe learning. And although we probably didn't stop to scientifically question why we preferred Professor X to Professor Y, a survey is in the works to determine the definition of good teaching and how it is accomplished.

Clayton State University Assistant Professor of English Dr. Susan Copeland Henry and University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Jerry Samples have teamed

up to define good teaching. Both active members of the International Society for Exploring Teaching and Learning (ISETL), the duo recently developed an online survey to evaluate what excellence in teaching means.

According to Henry, most faculty members are too caught up in research in their disciplines to take the time to really analyze teaching methods and their effectiveness. A study to define good teaching would help set a benchmark for training faculty on how to refine their teaching methods to accommodate student needs.

"While the study of good teaching methods based in solid research has been around for decades, as ISETL's founders and its 36-year history can attest, this kind of scholarship is recently gaining recognition from community colleges to research institutions especially," says Henry. "This scholarship is key to such issues as student success and retention, and thus it cannot be ignored."

The Faculty Survey on Excellence in Teaching poses five questions geared to encourage Clayton State University and University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown faculty to share their opinions on the definition of good teaching, how good teaching is accomplished, the necessity of good teaching, how good teaching is evaluated, and the results of good teaching. The survey is anonymous and faculty participation is voluntary.

Henry and Samples expect to use their data to show that excellence in teaching is measured in the same way by faculty members across academia. As Samples says, "Good teaching is good teaching regardless of the discipline." If their hypothesis proves conclusive, Henry and

Samples can apply the results to encourage and enhance college level teaching support in a centralized manner rather than by discipline.

"Centralized faculty training is not a new idea at Clayton State, but it is for most institutions" says Henry, citing Clayton State's Course Enhancement Seminar Series (CESS) implemented by now retired faculty members Dr. Martha Wicker and Dr. Joyce Swofford. "Martha and Joyce's work with CESS provided the framework for good teaching support for faculty members across the curriculum. Clayton State is a leader in this field."

And if universities do not already have a centralized teaching series like

Clayton State's in place, Samples explains that seasoned faculty who keep current in higher education pedagogy can help new professors develop into good teachers.

"As we learn more about student learning, we also learn more about teaching styles and how to optimize teaching and learning," shares Samples. "Faculty should constantly improve their pedagogy to better serve the students of today, and experienced faculty who spend time learning about good teaching are excellent mentors for new faculty."

If the findings prove that good teaching has a common definition across disciplines – as both Samples' and Henry's earlier research has indicated – and if institutions can implement some form of interdisciplinary teaching support for their faculty, colleges and universities will have a helpful tool to combat retention problems and promote student achievement.

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-Dr. Jerry Samples
University of Pittsburgh
at Johnstown

The Faculty Survey of Excellence in Teaching research project meets IRB approval from both participating institutions. Dr. Fatimah Taherbhai of Clayton State's Center for Instructional Development developed the online version of the survey and will collect and keep completed surveys until the survey's conclusion on Nov. 15.

Henry and Samples will coauthor a paper

to document their findings and will present their study conclusions to ISETL. For more information on the Faculty Survey on Excellence in Teaching, contact Henry at susanhenry@clayton.edu or Samples at samples@pitt.edu. ■

Clayton State Students to Sing at NARA Veterans Open House and Recognition Ceremony

by Sara Wheeler, University Relations

The Southeast Regional Archives of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) will present a Veterans' Open House and Recognition Ceremony on Friday, Nov. 10. The event will be held at the Archives, 5780 Jonesboro Rd., in Morrow, Ga., from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This ceremony is part of a nationwide effort by the National Archives to honor veterans and their families at all NARA facilities throughout the country.

The ceremony will include patriotic music by Clayton State University music students Daniel Sims, Brandon Odom and Emily Sanders. Workshops on NARA military holdings, online resources, and assistance to veterans in the use of the NARA's e-VetRecs electronic system for ordering military records from the Military Personnel Records Center in St. Louis will also be held during the day's events.

The ceremony will recognize veterans from all walks of life for their contribution to our country. A special recognition will be held for NARA employees, volunteers, and members of the Friends of the National Archives Southeast Region who served their country in one of the branches of the military service. All veterans are encouraged to attend, including Clayton State faculty members, staff members, volunteers, contractors, alumni, students or family members that have served or are serving in the Armed Forces.

The schedule and highlights for the event include: workshop on NARA military resources held from 9 a.m. to 11a.m.; formal recognition ceremony, which includes an invocation by a chaplain from Ft. Gillem; the keynote address by a military representative from Ft. Gillem; a moment of recognition for NARA staff, volunteers, and friends that served in the military; music by the Clayton State stu-



NARAs Southeast Regional facility is located adjacent to the Clayton State main campus in Morrow.

dents from 11 a.m. to noon; light refreshments from noon to 1p.m.; and facility tours and assisted research for veterans and their families from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public, but reservations are required for the morning events (9 a.m. to noon) due to limited space. ■

Clayton State Psi Chi Chapter To Hold First Induction Monday

The newest chapter of Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology, will hold its first induction on Monday, Nov. 6 at 12:30 p.m. in room 272 on The James M. Baker Center.

According to faculty advisor Dr. Erica Gannon, the Clayton State Psi Chi chapter will induct approximately 40 individuals. With more than 500 Clayton State students currently declared as Psychology majors, the establishment of a Psi Chi chapter on campus marks another milestone in the tremendous growth and development of this program at Clayton State, says Dr. Donna McCarty, head of the Department of Psychology.

Psi Chi was founded on Sept. 4, 1929, during the Ninth International Congress of Psychology at Yale

University. The Honor Society's stated purpose is to encourage, stimulate, and maintain excellence in scholarship, and to advance the science of psychology.

A member of the Association of College Honor Societies and an affiliate of the American Psychological Association and the American Psychological Society, Psi Chi has more than 1,000 chapters in college and university campuses throughout the nation. These chapters not only recognize academic achievement by granting membership in the Society, but also sponsor programs and activities which augment and enhance the regular curriculum, offer an outlet for service to the campus and the community at large, and provide practical experience and fellowship through affiliation with the chapter. ■

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major would be approved before they graduated," explains DePoy, citing present junior Brittany Loffert as an example. Loffert, who has been involved in several Clayton State Theater productions, will play the lead in student Dana Staves's play "A Little Girl in Green Shoes" on Nov. 10 and Nov. 18 at 8 p.m. in the Arts & Sciences theatre, room G-132.

"When Brittany was a freshman, we told her that we would have a theatre major before she graduated, and she trusted us," says DePoy. "With the major in place, Clayton State students who were already interested in theatre will be more devoted to it and this increases the talent pool for our theatre productions."

Clayton State's Bachelor of Arts in Theatre officially begins in January 2007. ■

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CLAYTON STATE THEATER Presents

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**CITY
OF DEVILS**

THURSDAY, NOV. 9
FRIDAY, NOV. 17

Directed by
Wyatt LOWE

**DANA
STAVES**

**A LITTLE GIRL
IN GREEN SHOES**

FRIDAY, NOV. 10
SATURDAY, NOV. 18

Directed by
Phillip DEPOY

**RALPH
STOVALL**

**THREE SIDES
TO EVERY STORY**

SATURDAY, NOV. 11
THURSDAY, NOV. 16

Directed by
Andrea ROWE

Showtime 8 p.m. | A&S Theater, G132
Students free with LakerCard | General Admission \$5

Clayton State Theater's fall 2006 season presents the original work of three, talented Clayton State student playwrights Wyatt Lowe, Dana Staves and Ralph Stovall.

Showtime is at 8 p.m. in the Arts & Sciences theatre, G132. General admission is \$5; students are admitted free with their LakerCard.

Look for posters like the one above for more information, plus read about each playwright in this issue of "Campus Review."

"City of Devils"

(Lowe) Nov. 9 and Nov. 17

"A Little Girl in Green Shoes"

(Staves) Nov. 10 and Nov. 18

"Three Sides to Every Story"

(Stovall) Nov. 11 and Nov. 16

Clayton State Theater Presents "A Little Girl in Green Shoes" by Student Playwright Dana Staves

by Lauren Graves, University Relations

Clayton State University senior Dana Staves loves to write. And her passion can't be contained in print. Her one-act play, "A Little Girl in Green Shoes," will premiere on the Clayton State Theater stage on Friday, Nov. 10 at 8 p.m. in the Arts & Sciences Theatre, room G132 of the Arts & Sciences Building and will reprise on Saturday, Nov. 18.

A weighty and challenging subject for a first play, "A Little Girl in Green Shoes" is about one girl's struggle to overcome child abuse. Staves's honest portrayal of human tragedy turned triumph will no doubt cause audiences to connect with main character Bridget as she faces her past and embraces her future.

Staves' play will be produced under the direction of Clayton State Theater Artistic Director Phillip DePoy. DePoy is well respected in the theatre community and has held positions such as artistic director for Atlanta's Theatrical Outfit, composer in residence at the Academy Theatre, and designer for the Alliance Theatre.

What is more unique about DePoy is that the artistic director is also a nationally recognized novelist, playwright and Edgar Award recipient, which makes for a stellar combination when you're a student who has aspirations to become a playwright.

"Mr. DePoy has been great to work with," shares Staves. "From the beginning he's been very encouraging with my writing, and has been fully in touch with the characters, seeing their layers. His reading of the more dream-like scenes has made moments on stage beautiful despite

violence and tragedy. He sees the complexities in all the characters, buys into them, and takes them to a level I didn't even realize possible."

Both the playwriting and production process is new to Staves. But she calls the journey from paper to the stage an "interesting experience," citing differences between writing for a medium meant for acting versus writing for a medium meant for reading.

"I'm used to being able to change the things that I don't like because it's on a computer screen, not in an actor's hands," she says. "There have been several times when Mr. DePoy has had to tell me to just be patient and wait to see how the rehearsals go before trying to fix things, cut things, etc."

But as "A Little Girl in Green Shoes" gets closer to its Nov. 10 premiere, Staves is excited to see her hard work brought to fruition on the stage.

"It's been great to see the actors take hold of the characters and work at meeting up with the material, confronting it and working through the problems along with the characters. I couldn't be prouder of the job the cast is doing and I think that has been the best part about seeing it come to life. The characters that were inside my head are now right in front of me and I've loved seeing that transition," Staves concludes.

The cast for "A Little Girl in Green Shoes" features the following Clayton State student actors: Heather Hale, Andrew Hubbard, Kelly Foresman, Brittney Loffert, Wyatt Lowe, and

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Mystery Comes to Clayton State Theater with Student Written/Directed Play “City of Devils”

by Lauren Graves, University Relations

As an underclassman, Clayton State student Wyatt Lowe participated in the drama club’s Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre. Now, as a senior, Lowe will direct his own one-act murder mystery “City of Devils” on the Clayton State Theater stage Thursday, Nov. 9 and Friday, Nov. 17 at 8 p.m. in A&S G132.

“City of Devils” is a murder mystery that examines racial undertones and tensions in a large, multi-ethnic city. According to Lowe, the play got its name “because of the nature of humans when race, religion and politics get involved.”

Lowe wrote “City of Devils” while he was in Clayton State Theater Artistic Director Phillip DePoy’s spring 2006 playwriting course. His one-act play

and two others were chosen by a panel of faculty judges for production during the 2006 fall semester.

When it came time to choose a director for “City of Devils,” Lowe volunteered. Having been involved in many Clayton State Theater productions as an actor, Lowe wanted the opportunity to stretch his wings and add playwriting and directing to his theatre resume.

“It been a growing experience for me as an artist, and is something I hope to take with me as I continue into a career in film,” says Lowe, who has expressed interest in Hollywood and is currently working on three movie scripts, a play and a TV pilot. “Getting to write and direct has helped me gain a better feel for all aspects of the business.”

Lowe will direct an all student cast featuring Ashley Brown, Todd Denson, Kurt GoPaul, Heather Hale, Ben Hopkins, Drew Hubbard, Dori Murdoch, Eric Lee Usher, and Cody Wilson.

And if writing and directing “City of Devils” doesn’t sound like enough stress for this senior Communication & Media Studies major, Lowe will also be acting in fellow student playwright Dana Staves’s one act play “A Little Girl in Green Shoes,” showing Nov. 10 and Nov. 18 on the Clayton State Theater stage. He credits DePoy for helping him juggle his many theatre commitments.

“It’s always great working with Mr. DePoy,” says Lowe. “He’s a wonderful director and teacher and has always helped me to improve my skills. Even while helping me as a director, he is furthering his work with me as an actor. Working with him is pleasant, and something I hope to keep doing even after I graduate this fall.”

Lowe would like to thank his parents; DePoy; professional’s Rochelle Barker, Ken Yonker and Julianna Lee; all the cast and crew and Matt Bankston for his technical support.

“This has by far been one of the most amazing times of my life,” says Lowe. “I will miss the time and the people greatly after graduating this fall. Thanks for all the good times.”

Lowe plans to move to Los Angeles at the end of next year to pursue his dreams. He encourages other students who are interested in playwriting to push through any struggles.

“Never forget the idea that made you want to write the script in the first place,” advises Lowe. “It’s a wonderful feeling to finish a story that was your idea.” ■

Student Written Play Discusses Race, Gender Prejudices, Nov. 11 and Nov. 16

Clayton State University senior Integrative Studies major Ralph Stovall may have taken flight as an actor in Clayton State Theater’s spring show “The Conference of the Birds,” but Stovall stands firm in his commitment to present an honest look at human interaction in his one-act play “Three Sides to Every Story.”

Stovall’s play will take the stage at 8 p.m. in Arts & Sciences G132 on Saturday, Nov. 11 and again Thursday, Nov. 16.

“Three Sides to Every Story” examines the complex roles women and men play in relationships and discusses patriarchal and matriarchal domination, homosexuality, infidelity, interracial relationships, gender and sexism. Stovall hopes that the play will encour-

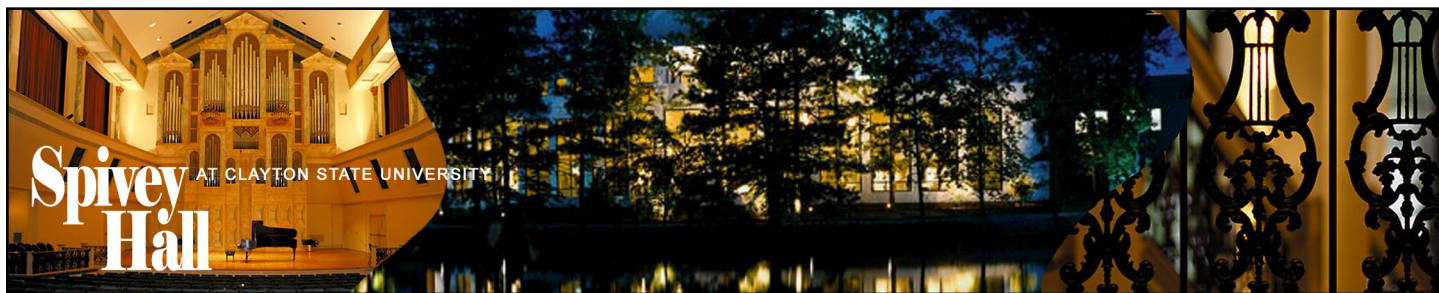
age audience members to reassess views founded on societal stereotypes.

“I want people to realize that we are complex individuals and there are many things that have been churning in the pot well before the first slap, racial slur, or homophobic remark is made,” says Stovall. “I have learned that half of the things we do, or don’t do for that matter, are based on the opinions and beliefs we have adopted from our family and, perhaps even more so, our friends. I want the audience to see how we sometimes act, albeit indirectly, on the impulses of others and not our own.”

While Stovall hopes his play makes audiences aware of stereotypes, he

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Spivey Hall Children's Choir Performs For Prestigious Sporting Ceremony

by Jared Morrison, Spivey Hall

The Spivey Hall Tour Choir, 50 voices of the 120-voice Spivey Hall Children's Choir, performed several musical selections during the 2006 Payne Stewart Award ceremony on Nov. 1 at East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta. The Payne Stewart Award was created by the PGA Tour to perpetuate the memory of Stewart, a professional golfer who died tragically during the week of the 1999 PGA Tour Championship.

According to the PGA, "it is presented annually to a player sharing Stewart's

respect for the traditions of the game, his commitment to uphold the game's heritage of charitable support and his professional and meticulous presentation of himself and the sport through his dress and conduct." This year's winner was South African humanitarian and nine-time PGA major champion Gary Player.



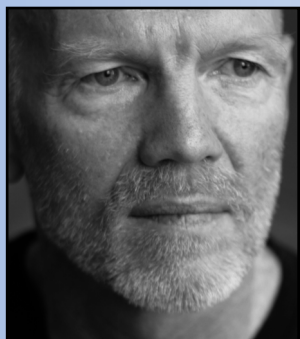
"It was more than appropriate to have the Children's Choir perform at the Payne

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Fiction Novelist Ralph Berry to Speak on November 9

by Lauren Graves, University Relations

Clayton State's fall 2006 Visiting Writers Reading Series welcomes fiction novelist and Atlanta native Ralph M. Berry to read from his work on Thursday, Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in room 267 of the James M. Baker University Center.



Ralph M. Berry

This event is free and open to the public.

Berry will read from his latest novel "Frank" (2006), an "unwriting" of Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein" that, according to Joseph Tabbi of the American Book Review, delves into "racial, class, imperial, and gendered terms [recalling] events not available to Mary Shelley, but always there in potential at the edges of an already post-Romantic, proto-feminist, multiracial awareness."

In addition to "Frank," Berry is the author of "Leonardo's

Horse," a 1998 New York Times "notable book" and "Plane Geometry and Other Affairs of the Heart," a collection of short fictions named the winner of the 1985 Fiction Collective prize. His second collection of short fictions, "Dictionary of Modern Anguish" (2000) was praised by the New York Times Book Review who extols Berry saying, "R. M. Berry again shows himself to be a writer's writer."

Berry's essays on philosophy and experimental fiction have appeared in several publications and in such books as

"Ordinary Language Criticism: Literary Thinking After Cavell After Wittgenstein" (2003) and the forthcoming "Oxford Handbook of Philosophy and Literature," edited by Richard Eldridge.

Berry is an alumnus of the University of Iowa where he earned an M.F.A. and Ph.D. He is currently an English professor at Florida State University where he specializes in 20th Century Literature and Critical Theory. Berry has been the

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Retiree and Professor Emeritus Dr. James C. Doig Translates 13th Century Latin Work by Averroes

by Lauren Graves, University Relations

Retirement – beloved among words in the workplace lexicon – is that coveted time in life when deadlines and projects ebb into the sea that was your career, and you now puzzle over weightier matters such as which route to take on your Mediterranean cruise, and how you can best spoil your grandchildren and great grandchildren.

But retirement, like so many things, means something different to everyone. So when Clayton State Philosophy Professor Dr. James C. Doig retired from Clayton State in 1993, the professor emeritus carried his work home. His latest achievement in retirement is the English language translation of the Latin 13th Century work by Averroes, the “Great Commentary on Aristotle’s *De anima*.”

Originally written in Arabic by Spanish Moor Ibn Rushd (known as Averroes in Latin and English), the commentary was translated into Latin around 1225. While a few of Averroes’s Arabic commentaries were translated into English years ago, the Latin versions of those commentaries remained untranslated. Averroes’s “Great Commentary on Aristotle’s *De anima*” was among them, and Doig explains the history behind the once-controversial doctrines set forth therein.

“Averroes’s procedure in that commentary is so complicated that it took about 30 to 35 years before the Latin philosophers and theologians began to see what he was saying about some things,” explains Doig, noting that Averroes’s reading offers a different take on Aristotle and includes arguments against the immortal nature of the human soul and life after death.

“When it was realized what Averroes was saying, the more conservative the-

ologians tended to turn against Aristotle as well as Averroes, while a small number of philosophers, especially at Paris, continued to teach Aristotle as interpreted by Averroes,” says Doig. “They appear to have been totally unconcerned with the fact that their philosophical conclusions contradicted Christian faith.”

Still “there was a third group in between the conservative theologians and the philosophers teaching Averroes’s view. This third group, among whom Thomas Aquinas was the most prominent, tried to defend the use of Aristotle against the conservatives, while at the same time arguing that Averroes had incorrectly interpreted Aristotle,” explains Doig.

All the commotion over Averroes’s teachings and other philosophical views of the day reached its boiling point in 1277 when the Bishop of Paris condemned 270 plus philosophical doctrines – among them were ideas set forth in the “Great Commentary on Aristotle’s *De anima*.”

The impact of the Bishop’s condemnation not only causes Averroes’s commentary to be avoided, but it also changed the course of philosophical inquiry. According to Doig, the condemnation led almost everyone to think twice about depending on Aristotle in their attempt to create philosophical and theological systems of thought.

“They tended to turn away from system building and look back to the neo-Platonic views of St Augustine,” says



Doig. “The remainder of the 13th and, even more so, the 14th Century became one in which the analysis of previously proposed doctrines would take precedence over creating something new.”

When it came time to publish his translation in June 2003, Doig faced an unexpected setback. It seems that Yale University Press had given someone a contract in the early 1990s to translate all three books of the Commentary. The Yale translation was published in August 2006 – three years after Doig completed his translation.

“From what I have been able to learn (the Yale translation) reconstructs what the doctrine was of the original Arabic commentary. To do that, one looks to translations of sentences or passages of the original Arabic text in other Arabic and Jewish philosophical documents of

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Across the Campus...

Alumni

Clayton State Director of Alumni Relations Gid Rowell, hosted an information session for the Office of Graduate Studies on Wednesday, Nov. 1. Dr. Tom Eaves, associate provost and dean of Graduate Studies along with program directors for all three master's programs, gave an informative overview of the programs, requisites and requirements for those contemplating application to the programs. Charlene Morgan, director of Financial Aid and Gordon Baker, head of Public Service (Library) also spoke about their services. Eaves noted the effectiveness of the session and will be scheduling additional sessions for the future.

Athletics

The Clayton State men's and women's soccer teams dominated in the first round of the Peach Belt playoffs, the men winning 5-1 over Francis Marion and the women winning 4-0 over North Georgia.

For the second straight season, the Clayton State Lakers have been selected as the preseason favorite to win the 2006-07 Peach Belt Conference men's basketball championship, based on the preseason poll. The poll, conducted by the conference's head coaches, showed Clayton State receiving seven of the possible 11 first-place votes and 113 total points. The next three teams were separated by only two points. Armstrong Atlantic was picked second with 104 points, followed by USC-Upstate in third with 103 and Columbus State in fourth with 102.

Center for Academic Success

The fall 2006 semester Midterm Tutoring Blitz on Oct. 4 and Oct. 5 was a rousing success, according to Center for Academic Success Assistant Director Kathy Garrison. The Blitz drew 25 faculty participants and more than 175 students.

Criminal Justice

Students in Clayton State University's Criminal Justice Association will be traveling to Savannah, Ga., in

November to attend a conference held by the Criminal Justice Association of Georgia. The conference is an annual meeting of the Criminal Justice Association and will take place over the weekend of Nov. 16 to Nov. 18 at the Doubletree Hotel. Six panels of discussions will take place during the weekend conference. Topics range from "Perceptions of Safety and Security on a University Campus" to "Fourth Amendment in the Public Schools: Analysis of Search and Seizure limitations." The Criminal Justice Association has been an active organization on Clayton State's campus since 2005, and boasts approximately 30 members. Fifteen of those members will be attending the conference.

Faculty Council

The Task Force on Student Evaluations, a sub-committee of Faculty Council, is charged with developing recommendations for increasing the student participation rate in student evaluations. The committee would like to gather some thoughts from faculty members prior to developing recommendations. Please fill out the survey at http://A-s.clayton.edu/biology/faculty_perspective.htm to assist us. We hope to present the data and ideas that we have collected from various sources concerning student evaluations and offer some recommendations for increasing student participation at a future Faculty Council meeting.

Laker Club

Clayton State "Hoop Fans," it's time to tip-off the 2006-07 basketball season. The Clayton State Laker Club would like to invite faculty/staff, students, alumni and friends to the 2006 "Meet the Lakers" Tip-Off Party. The event will be held on Thursday, Nov. 9 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Athletics & Fitness Center. Please RSVP by Monday, Nov. 6 to gidrowell@clayton.edu. Be sure to bring your camera and get a photo with your favorite Laker.

Language and Literature

The First Clayton State University Writers Harvest on Nov. 1 gathered

around \$300 and many cans of edible goods.

On Monday, Nov. 20 at 12:15 p.m. there will be a Romantic and Victorian poetry reading in the Baker Center dining area. Readers will be students of Dr. Kathryn Pratt's British Literature courses, as well as some of their friends.

Library

The Clayton State Library will be participating in the LibQUAL+ national survey from Nov. 1 to Nov. 22, 2006. Twenty-one other institutions in the USG will participate in the survey during this academic year. This is a national survey and will provide us with benchmark data. Gordon Baker requests that all faculty, staff and students consider participating in this survey. Contact gordonbaker@clayton.edu for more details, or read forthcoming Laker Lines for more details.

Mathematics

The Department of Mathematics hosted its monthly colloquium last Friday with 14 students and six faculty attending. Dr. Patrick Bahls, assistant professor of Mathematics at the University of North Carolina, Asheville, presented a lecture entitled "Groups, Graphs and Geometry." Much of the presentation was nontechnical and easily accessible to audience members who have had coursework in mathematical proofs. For more information about upcoming Mathematic Colloquia, contact DavidWilliams@clayton.edu or visit <http://cims.clayton.edu/math/ColloquiumSeries.html>.

Public Safety

Congratulations to Sundiata Bradshaw, Jonathan Fischer, Glenda Wade and Tenesea Grant! They have all won \$25 Visa gift cards from The Clean Air Campaign Commuter Prizes September Drawing. The gift cards were delivered and distributed on Thursday, Oct. 26. Great job logging to all of you. If you are a Clayton State employee carpooler, teleworker, transit rider, etc., remember to log

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on www.logyourcommute.com/csu and you could be a winner next month.

Student Affairs

The Division of Student Affairs is pleased to announce that Nicole M. Palazzo has been appointed interim director of the Disability Resource Center (DRC). She has served on staff in the DRC since August 2005; prior to assuming the role of interim director she fulfilled the duties of assistant director. Palazzo has worked with individuals with disabilities for 14 years and is one of a select few individuals in the United States possessing a Master's Degree in Postsecondary Disability Services. In addition to her experience at Clayton State, she has had extensive experience at the University of Georgia, Rutgers University and the University of Iowa in

handling the varied aspects of providing services and accommodations to students with disabilities. She has expertise in evaluating documentation, tutoring students in learning strategies and drafting policies and procedures.

Women's Forum

The Women's Forum is sponsoring the 3rd Annual Chili Cook Off on Wednesday, Nov. 15. Have your chili set up in the Baker University Center (1st floor across from information desk and bookstore) no later than 10:15 a.m. for judging. Please register by emailing bettyharipar@clayton.edu with your completed registration form (at <http://adminsivices.clayton.edu/womforum/news/chiliCookOff.html>). Judging will be based on the taste, aroma, texture, originality, and table

decorations. The Chili Cook Off is in conjunction with the Women's Forum Auction (Online beginning Nov. 1 and ending at 1 p.m. on Nov. 15; auction items will be displayed in the Baker Center Commons on November 15, and laptops will be available for bidding up until 1 p.m.) If you don't want to submit a chili entry, then plan to come and enjoy the chili that is available for lunch for just \$5 (and that includes your chili, drink, and dessert).

CIMS Introduces Three New Faculty to Clayton State University

by Leigh G. Wills, University Relations

Clayton State University's College of Information and Mathematical Sciences would like to introduce three new faculty members who began teaching this fall. Dr. Junfeng Qu and Dr. Kristine Nagel are both doctors of Computer Science and Dr. Christian Barrientos is a doctor of mathematics.

Kris Nagel, assistant professor of Computer Science, is an energetic mother of two active boys and two grown step-children. She lives in Atlanta with the two younger boys and her husband and in-between classes, office hours, grading papers and answering questions (we had a student interrupt us during this interview), she's shuffling her boys, Matthew, 9 1/2, and Michael,

16, between soccer games, baseball and basketball games, piano lessons, marching band practice and football games.

With over 20 years in the industry, Nagel's background includes experience as software analyst and programmer and software developer and consultant. She has worked on projects to develop missile tracking systems and flight data for manned and unmanned launch vehicles, been an air traffic controller, and taught middle school mathematics.

Nagel has been the recipient of the Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing Scholarship, the Anita Borg Memorial

Scholarship and the "STAR" Employee Award for the RCA Missile Test Project, a peer nominated and management selected award. Her plans as assistant professor of Information Technology at Clayton State include focusing on the human interface of computer science.

"I want to be their technical antagonist," says Nagel of her role as professor. "Ask the hard questions and challenge [my students] to understand how they will use technology; how they will balance it within the context of their lives."

Dr. Junfeng Qu is from Harbin City in the Black Dragon River Province of Northeast China. A master of Taiji Quan (or Tai Chi Chuan), he says he



Dr. Kristine Nagel



Dr. Junfeng Qu

enjoys practicing his Martial Arts more than anything else he does in his spare time.

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Spivey Hall's Rolando the Lobster Wins Heat In Second Annual Lobster Derby in Morrow



by Leigh G. Wills, University Relations

The 2nd Annual Race Fest and Lobster Derby, sponsored by the Morrow Business and Tourism Association along with Harley-Davidson of Clayton County, Hooters, Southside Seafood and several others, got the attention of several folks at KTYD, 99.9 FM in Santa Barbara, Ca. this year. Well attended by nearly three thousand visitors, the main draw included country singer Mark Wills and of course,

the Lobster Derby and Clayton State had two competitors entered.

Rolando the Lobster, who decisively won his heat, is named for tenor Rolando Villazón of Mexico, who will be performing at the world-renowned Spivey Hall on November 12. Villazón is the hottest tenor in the world today and his Spivey debut is destined to be one of the most celebrated events of the hall's history. He is a leading star at the most important opera houses and his recital at Spivey Hall is one of only six he'll perform this season.

Loch the Laker is named for Clayton State's mascot Loch and was favored as the "Dean's choice" by Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Sharon E.

Hoffman (even though Rolando does have the better voice.)

Rolando and Loch spent Wednesday morning prior to the race training with Clayton State Athletic Director Mason Barfield in the Clayton State University weight room. Barfield was joined by Sam Dixon, executive and artistic director of Spivey Hall, who appreciates the attention Barfield gave to building the muscles, uh... claws (neither lobster likes to be referred to as a mussel) and stamina of Rolando, who has only been exercising his voice of late.

Both he and Loch enjoyed a rigorous work out on the treadmill and the elliptical machine but passed on the whirlpool spa after the exhausting calisthenics. Onlookers included Jared Morrison, marketing coordinator for Spivey Hall and Robert Lee, president and owner of Southside Seafood, who provided all the lobster athletes for the race on Saturday. ■



Mason Barfield cheers on lobsters Rolando and Loch.

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publisher of "Fiction Collective Two (FC2)" since 1999.

Copies of "Frank" are available for purchase in the University bookstore. A Question/Answer session and book signing will follow Berry's reading.

The Visiting Writers Reading Series is sponsored by Clayton State's Lyceum and the Language and Literature Department. ■

Up Next in the Visiting Writer's Reading Series



**Paul Shepherd, Tuesday, Nov. 28
Baker Center, room 267**

Shepherd is a fiction writer and the author of "More Like Not Running Away." His work has appeared in "Crazyhorse," "Fiction," "Omni," "Prairie Schooner," "William and Mary Review," and others. He has served as Senior Editor of "International Quarterly," and as faculty advisor to award-winning college newspapers and literary magazines. Shepherd is currently a Writer in Residence at Florida State University.

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Stewart Award Ceremony," said Amber Dimkoff, Spivey Hall's Education Manager. "The qualities that Payne Stewart perpetuated through golf are the same that we try to instill in this choir through music. It's important for our young singers to see generous behavior and integrity recognized and rewarded."

The goal of the Spivey Hall Children's Choir Program is to provide vocal and choral training of the highest quality to young singers from the area surrounding Clayton State University. Through this program, children develop self-reliance, personal integrity, self-discipline, social awareness, a commitment to excellence,

and a sense of confidence in their abilities. The Spivey Hall Children's Choir and the Spivey Hall Young Artists will present their annual holiday concerts on Dec. 8 through Dec. 10 at Spivey Hall. For tickets or more information, call (678) 466-4200 or visit www.SpiveyHall.org. ■

Counseling Services Sponsors Domestic Violence Awareness

Clayton State University Counseling Services joined with local community resources to bring domestic violence awareness to students, faculty and staff. The week-long activities were aimed at bringing campus-wide awareness to the crisis of domestic violence and its impact on families, friends, and the community.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month began in 1987 to mourn those who have died because of domestic violence, to celebrate those who have survived, and to educate the community as a whole about how to end the violence. It is observed nationally every October and traditionally, the color purple is used to represent the collaborative efforts of community members to end the violence against domestic partners.

The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence reports that 1 in 4 women will experience domestic violence in their lifetime and young women, age 16-24 experience the highest rate of domestic violence; 16 per 1,000 persons.

“Domestic violence is a community issue that crosses gender, race, and economic lines”, said Shiraz Karaa, Licensed Professional Counselor at Clayton State’s Counseling Services. “It is important that we work together as a community to educate and prevent violence in the home.”

Programs for the week included workshops on dating violence, victims and why they remain in violent relationships and healthy communication for conflict resolution. The highlight of the week’s programs was a candlelight vigil, which was held on Oct. 24 in front of the Baker Center Plaza.



Student, faculty, staff and community members unite on the Clayton State campus to raise awareness for domestic violence.

The vigil, which was attended by some 30 campus and community citizens, was held in partnership with Securus House, Clayton County’s local battered women’s shelter, and represents Clayton County as a community uniting to remember and honor the women and men who have died due to domestic violence and those who survived violence by their partners.

Executive Director of Securus House, Pat Altemus, spoke to the audience about the disturbing number of violent crimes committed within the home and the need for ongoing community awareness and support. Junior Psychology major, Sonya Knight of College Park, performed an a cappella piece, Beautiful, written by her especially for the vigil.

For a more information about how to stop domestic violence, contact Elaina Chance with Counseling Services at elainachance@clayton.edu or telephone (678) 466-5406 or on the web at <http://admins-services.clayton.edu/counseling/>. ■

Professor to Speak On Archival Family Records at LDS Family History Open House in Newnan

Dr. Randall S. Gooden, assistant professor of History at Clayton State University, and circuit rider archivist for the Georgia Archives, will be speaking at an Open House at the Newnan Family History Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) on Saturday, Nov. 18.

The Open House, “Diggin for your Roots II,” will run from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the LDS Church’s Newnan Building, 821 Old Atlanta Hwy., Newnan, just south of the Newnan Country Club off of Highway 29. Gooden, a member of the LDS Church’s Fayette County-based Whitewater Ward, will be speaking on creating a family archives.

“Families are the basis of society, and their histories reveal the true origins of who we are and why we act the way we do in society,” he says. “By creating a family archives, each of us can preserve the wonderful heritage of our own family but also aid archivists and historians in preserving building blocks of our history as a people.”

In addition to Gooden’s presentation, the Open House will also feature a presentation by Italian Genealogist Jennifer Petrino and mini family history classes on: Civil War Records; Computers; Microfilms and How to Get Them; How to Get Started; Poland and Ancient Records; and Records from Scotland.

“Diggin for Your Roots II” is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For further information, call (770) 254-9857. ■

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that period. It also looks at how individual Arabic words might have been translated into Latin," he explains.

"I see that project as valuable for the history of Medieval Muslim philosophy, but not exactly what is needed for people interested in the history of Medieval Latin philosophy. So I think there is room both for my translation and the Yale one," he concludes.

Doig earned a bachelor degree in philosophy from Notre Dame; a master's in theology from the Gregorian University in Rome, Italy; and a doctorate in philosophy from the University of Louvain/Leuven in Belgium (1965).

Doig began his tenure at Clayton State in 1969 when the University, then known as Clayton Junior College, first opened its doors. Although he has been in retirement for 13 years, he keeps in touch with colleagues at the University and supports the philosophy department's pursuit to bring a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy to Clayton State. The institution established its minor in philosophy this fall, and professors in the program are working to gain University and Board of Regents approval for the four-year degree. If their proposal is accepted, the bachelor's program could begin as early as fall 2007.

To read Doig's introduction and translation titled "Averroes' Great Commentary on the Third Book of Aristotle's 'De Anima,'" visit the Clayton State philosophy program website at <http://a-s.clayton.edu/ahall/philosophy/>. To see other works by Doig, visit <http://www.corpusthomicum.org/zbi/blic.html#D>. ■

Eastern Cherokee Nation Speakers To Give Presentation November 20

by Ashley Spillers, University Relations

On Nov. 20, two individuals from the Georgia Tribe of the Eastern Cherokee Nation will visit Clayton State University's campus to give a presentation for Native American Indian Heritage Month, which is celebrated in the month of November. This month-long celebration was put into place by former President George H.W. Bush in 1990.

The presentation, which is free and open to the public, will be held in the James M. Baker University Center, room 265, and will take place from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Attorney John Chattin and Chief Counsel Cecil Galagina Summerour

will give a presentation entitled, "The Trail of Tears and the Eastern Cherokee Nation." They will also talk about related topics and show artifacts of the people from the Cherokee Nation. After the presentation, Chattin and Summerour will take questions from the audience.

The program will be hosted by the University's Office of Multicultural Programs and Services. For additional information, please contact Multicultural Programs at (678) 466-5444. ■

Stovall, cont'd. from p. 5

does not want to appear pretentious or exempt from prejudice. Stovall admits that he is a part of every one of his characters, even those characters who don't say and do the nicest things.

"Writing [this script] forced me to hold a mirror on myself, reflecting things that I had to be honest about and things that were hard for me to admit," shares Stovall. "I had to reconcile with many of my own prejudices through my characters."

Helping to bring Stovall's cathartic work to the stage are the following Clayton State student actors: Tony Berry, Kristina Bjoran, Ashley Brown, Todd Denson, Natasha Dixon, Tivola Drake, Isaac Onu, Shari Perry, Kamau Waweru and Cody Wilson. "Three Sides to Every Story" will be directed by student Andrea Rowe.

Stovall will graduate this fall and appreciates this unique opportunity to express himself through the medium of playwriting. He hopes to continue writing scripts and says with a smile, "If the world is willing and open to handling more of my stories, I am more than willing to share."

As for "Three Sides to Every Story," Stovall hopes that this production will help dispel prejudices and harmful stereotypes. He quotes James Baldwin saying "You write in order to change the world, knowing perfectly well that you can not, but also knowing that literature is indispensable to the world. The world changes based on what they believe and if you can change, even for a millimeter, the way the world sees reality, then you can change it."

"I just need enough people to see this play, and one millimeter." ■

Staves, cont'd. from p. 4

Carol Parish. Ashley Hughes, an elementary school student from Locust Grove, Ga., will make her debut on the Clayton State Theater stage in the role of Young Bridget.

As if having ones play produced by a University theatre and directed by an accomplished director isn't exceptional enough for a new playwright, local theatre profes-

sionals Curt Holman, National Endowment for the Arts Fellow in Theatrical Criticism and reviewer for Creative Loafing; Jessica Phelps West, artistic associate for Marietta's Theatre in the Square

and noted actor and director; and Peter Hardy, artistic director for Essential Theatre Company and noted playwright will attend the premiere to critique Staves' work. ■

Halloween Contest 2006



WINNERS

Students

- 1st: David Henry as Nacho Libre
- 2nd: Marie Mike as Jessica Rabbit
- 3rd: Christina Patterson as The Nobel Woman

Faculty & Staff Winners

- 1st: Delores Toothaker as Paula Dean
- 2nd: Kerrie Ward as Sneezy Dwarf
- 3rd: Pat Keane as Sexy Witch

Thanks to our Judges:

- Angela Avery
- Lydia Vanderford
- Heidi Benford
- Dolores Cox
- Dr. Ray Wallace



Small Business Development Center's November Class Schedule

Clayton State University's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is now offering the following small business classes during the month of November. All classes will be held at Clayton State University's Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education.

Starting Your Own Business
Nov. 7 (6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.) \$54

Minority Business Opportunities In Government Contracting
Nov. 9 (6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.) \$54

Writing an Effective Business Plan
Nov. 14 (6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.) \$54

Secrets of Small Business Marketing Strategies
Nov. 15 (6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.) \$54

Business Related Expenses
Nov. 16 (6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.) \$45

How to Get Started in Import/Export
Nov. 28 (6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.) \$54

Banking for Your Small Business
Nov. 29 (6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.) \$54

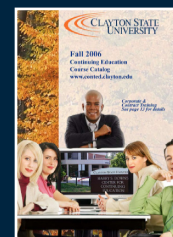
Payroll/Employment Taxes
Nov. 30 (6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.) \$45

To register on-line, visit www.clayton.edu, or call (678) 466-5050 for credit card payment. For more information, call the Small Business Development Center at Clayton State at (678) 466-5100. ■

Interested in taking Continuing Education courses this month?

See the complete course listing at:

<http://conted.clayton.edu/>



Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!

Coming Soon!

Career Opportunities 2006

Wednesday, Nov. 8
Cobb Galleria Centre
11 a.m. to 3 p.m

A job fair for member schools of the Georgia Careers Consortium. Clayton State is an active member, enabling our graduates and currently enrolled students to attend. Bring copies of your resume and wear business attire. Registration is on-site, so bring your LakerCard.

A limited amount of transportation to the Cobb Galleria is available. Contact joanmcelroy@clayton.edu if you need a ride.

Volunteers are needed to represent Clayton State at Career Opportunities as "Student Ambassadors." Ambassadors will receive a red collared golf shirt and are invited to attend the employer luncheon. If you are interested, please contact joanmcelroy@clayton.edu.

Spring Internship Opportunities

Remember to check LakerTRAK for internship opportunities

Upcoming Events

Government & Non-Profit Career Fair 2006

Wednesday, Nov. 8
Georgia State University
Student Center Ballroom
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Women for Hire

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

Attention Readers!

Mark your calendars. The next issue of "Campus Review" will be published on

Friday, Nov. 10.

Got News?

Send your campus news to
JohnShiffert@clayton.edu



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Beyond practicing the Arts for over 20 years, Qu taught Taiji Quan for seven years at the University of Georgia and judges competitions regularly here in the U.S.

Qu is currently working with the group of research scientists at Georgia Institute of Technology on ovarian cancer, which has a very low survival rate. Encompassing a variety of professional interests, including data mining, knowledge discovery, bioinformatics and computational biology, he has been developing an integrated system for cancer analysis.

He received a Bachelor of Engineering at East China University, Shanghai and one of two Masters Degrees, a Master of Engineering, also

from East China. He then earned his Master of Science and his Ph.D. in Computer Science with a minor in finance from the University of Georgia. He currently resides in Clayton County and is married with a three year-old son.

Dr. Christian Barrientos was born in Chili but he will tell you he comes from Spain. He received his Doctor of 3rd Cycle Mathematics from Polytechnic University of Catalonia in Barcelona and comes to Clayton State from the University of Central Florida where he's taught mathematics for the past three years.

Barrientos has experience teaching at both graduate and undergraduate levels, having held professorships at the

University Adolfo Ibanez Business School, the Technological University Federico Santa Maria and the Catholic University of Valparaiso all located in Valparaiso, Chili, Polytechnic Naval Academy, also in Chili and the Valencia Community College in Orlando,. He is currently involved in several research projects and enjoys collaborating with other researchers as well as participating in conferences and writing for peer reviewed journals.

With over nine published papers and 16 waiting to appear, be submitted or in preparation, Barrientos keeps himself busy and focused. One of the reasons he decided to come to Clayton State is he likes the size and diversity of

the student body and the fact that the university is on the cusp of tremendous growth. Another reason is because he loves living and working near a large metropolitan city.

"I like to live in a big city," says Barrientos. "The energy and cultural diversity a large city has to offer is very appealing to me and I am looking forward to exploring Atlanta and moving to the city in about a year."

Barrientos has found temporary housing in Stockbridge while he explores his options and settles into his new position. In the meantime, he'll be working on another project – getting his wife here from Florida where she works as an instructor as well. ■

Lakers' Yusuf Selected Peach Belt Women's Soccer Player of the Week

The 2006 women's soccer season has not been an "All-American" one for Olaitan Yusuf. However, the Clayton State mid-



fielder is making the most of it in the last half of the season.

Yusuf was selected as the Peach Belt Conference Player of the Week for women's soccer after two solid performances last week resulting in Laker victories. The two-time Division II All-American, who missed much of the first half of the season due to injuries, became the first Clayton State player to receive the conference's weekly honor for women's soccer this season.

Yusuf scored three goals in Clayton State's two games last week. She scored a goal in the Lakers' thrilling 2-1 victory over USC-Aiken last week, followed by two goals in a 3-0 Clayton State victory over USC-Upstate on Saturday. ■

Soccer Stalls in Semifinals

The 2006 Clayton State soccer season came to a tough conclusion in the Peach Belt Conference semifinals as the men dropped a 2-1 decision against USC-Aiken and the women lost 1-0 to Armstrong Atlantic.

The men ended their season at 10-9 although they did win their second straight Peach Belt Conference regular

season championship. Hailab Habtom scored the lone Clayton State goal in the Aiken match, scoring to the near post in the 55th minute for his 10th goal of the season.

The women ended at 10-8, the loss to the Pirates snapping an eight-game winning streak. ■

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For Rall, Crooks and Lara, it was the second time the trio was selected All-Peach Belt, while Habtom was selected for the first time. All four played key roles in pacing Clayton State to its second straight Peach Belt Conference regular season title.

Selected for the All-Peach Belt women's team were forward Nkese Udoh and midfielder Yasemin Sunbul. Udoh was selected All-Peach Belt Conference for a second straight season, while this is the first All-Conference selection for Sunbul.

With two-time All-American Olaitan Yusuf missing half of the season with an

injury, Udoh had to take up much of the scoring slack in her place. And she did. The 5-6 senior from River-State, Nigeria, Udoh is the Lakers' leading scorer this season with 10 goals and seven assists for 27 points. Her best game was a hat trick against Georgia Southwestern. In two seasons, Udoh has scored 28 goals with 14 assists for 72 points to rank amongst the best all-time in scoring at Clayton State.

Another player that had to take up more of a scoring punch this season was Sunbul. The 5-8 junior has responded with eight goals and two assists for 18 points. Her best game was a two-goal performance against Lander. ■

Trivia Time

We Recall...

Thomas George

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Very few people who passed through this University in the past 15 years or so did so without having the good fortune to, in some fashion, get know Thomas George, Clayton State's 2006 Alumnus of the Year... a richly-deserved award, and not just because he bleeds Laker Blue and Orange.

Currently the Director of Human Resources at North Georgia College & State University in Dahlonega, from 1998 until April 2004 George worked at Clayton State in various positions, the last as Assistant Director of Human Resources. He received two degrees and a Certificate from Clayton State, an Associate of Arts in Business Administration (1989), a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management (1990), and a Certificate in Information Technology (1999). And, while serving as president of the Clayton State Alumni Association, he did indeed like to tell the unusual story about his best friend who took 12 years to graduate from Clayton State.

While we take this opportunity to salute George, it should be noted that only the sharp-eyed Vickie Fennell knew about George's long-serving friend, thus becoming the sole correct respondent to our last Trivia Time.

From the sublime to the ridiculous... what is the outcome of James Thurber's short story, "If Grant Had Been Drinking at Appomattox"? First correct answer to johnshiffert@clayton.edu gets to live the Secret Life of Walter Mitty.

Sports Page

Clayton State Women Ranked 24th In Division II Bulletin Preseason Top 25 poll

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

Over the last few seasons, the Clayton State Laker women's basketball team has been ranked nationally in the Division II Top 25 poll periodically during the regular season. Now for the first time in program history, the Lakers are preseason nationally ranked.

Clayton State is ranked 24th in the nation in Division II, according to the Division II Bulletin Preseason Top 25 poll. The Lakers are the only team in the Peach Belt Conference ranked in the preseason poll after last season's 25-6 mark and a 17-3 record in the Peach Belt Conference.

Head coach Dennis Cox's team also advanced to the NCAA Division II National Tournament for the second straight season.

This season, Clayton State is also the preseason favorite to win the Peach Belt Conference.

"It's an honor to be mentioned amongst the nation's elite teams in the Division II Bulletin Preseason Poll," said Cox, entering his third season at the Laker helm. "We will continue to work hard to be deserving of this recognition."

The Lakers return eight veteran players from last season, headlined by senior guard Sharon Wiles, who was an All-Peach Belt selection last season and one of the nation's leaders in steals with 113. Wiles is one of six seniors on this veteran Clayton State squad with is comprised mostly of junior and seniors. Four Florida junior college standouts, led by 6-4 center Lynette Jackson, make up the Clayton State recruiting class. ■

Lakers Place Six on All-Peach Belt Conference Soccer Teams

Six Clayton State Lakers made the Peach Belt Conference 2006 All-Conference soccer team.

Selected for the men's team for the Lakers were forward Kevin Crooks, defender Andre Rall and midfielders Johnny Lara

and Hailab Habtom. Clayton State joined Lander and USC-Upstate as the three teams that placed four players on the All-Peach Belt team. The team was selected by the votes submitted by the Peach Belt men's soccer head coaches.

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