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Nikki Sawyer Named 2007 Chancellor's Academic Recognition Award Recipient

by Gina Finocchiaro, University Relations

Clayton State University senior Nikki Sawyer, a resident of McDonough, Ga., has been chosen as the University's 2007 Chancellor's Academic Recognition Award recipient. Sawyer was recognized at the Clayton State Academic Honor's Convocation held on Thursday, Apr. 5 in Spivey Hall.

The award is a celebration of individual academic achievement and recognition of those students throughout the University System of Georgia's institutions who have attained the distinction of earning the highest grade point average (GPA) in their school and who represent excellence in academic achievement and personal development. Only one student per institution is awarded the Chancellor's Award.

Sawyer's address to the Academic Honors Convocation, "Let Go of Regrets and Look to the Future," spoke of Sawyer's experiences as a nontraditional student.

"Clayton State is wonderfully supportive of non-traditional students," she said.

In addition to the Chancellor's Award, Sawyer has already been awarded "Ms. Brain 2006," the Clayton State Scholastic Achievement Award, and several scholarships including the Allan and Elizabeth Marshall Scholarship and the Harmon Born Scholarship.

She was also awarded the 2007 O.C. Lam III Award for Excellence in Biological Sciences at the Convocation.

Sawyer has been on Clayton State's Dean List with a 4.0 GPA since her first semester in 2004. She will be graduating in May with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and a minor in Chemistry.

Already accepted to Emory University, Sawyer plans to earn her doctorate's degree in Neuroscience.

"I am excited about doing neuroscience research," says Sawyer. "I hope to someday be a faculty member at a university so that I can combine my two passions – scientific research and the sharing of knowledge with others."

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Smith Staff Award Nominees Announced

Clayton State University's Alice J. Smith Award Committee has announced the five finalists for the University's 2006 Alice Smith Staff Award. They are: Joan McElroy, Office of Career Services, Barrett Hoover, Spivey Hall, Pam Healan, College of Professional Studies, Alina Brooks, College of Information and Mathematical Sciences (CIMS), and Karen Blackburn, Disability Resource Center.

Clayton State's 2007 Alice J. Smith Awards, for both faculty and staff, will be presented at Clayton State's Faculty/Staff Awards Ceremony on May 1. An annual event since 1995, the Smith Awards are presented to the faculty member and staff member ranked most outstanding as determined by committees of their peers.

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Clayton State welcomed its women's basketball team back from the NCAA Division II Final Four on Mar. 26 with a Pep Rally in the Baker Center.

(Above) Coach Dennis Cox introduces sophomore guard Marie St. Fort to the crowd. St. Fort led the Lakers with 16 points in the 61-57 Final Four loss to Florida Gulf Coast University. ■

Thai Fulbright Scholar to Join Faculty in Fall 2007

by John Shiffert, University Relations



Professor Samrit Yossomsakdi

Based on a \$27,500 grant awarded by the Council for the International Exchange of Scholars to Clayton State University, a Fulbright Scholar in Residence (SIR) from Thailand, Professor Samrit Yossomsakdi, will join Clayton State beginning in the fall 2007 semester.

Yossomsakdi is chair of the Department of Political Science at Burapha University, located in the Bangkok area. The purpose of the SIR grant is to infuse Thai/Southeast Asian dimensions into various Clayton State courses. As a part of his assignment the visiting scholar will teach two courses per semester, present guest lectures, speak frequently to community civic organizations and also engage in professional enrichment activities.

The SIR grant is the fifth Fulbright grant awarded to Clayton State University during the past three years.

“Clayton State is one of the few four-year universities within the University System of Georgia that has been recognized by the Fulbright program for making a significant contribution to promoting mutual understanding between United States and other countries through educational and cultural exchange,” notes Clayton State President Dr. Thomas K. Harden.

Yossomsakdi completed his B. A. and M.P.A. at Chulalongkorn University and received his Ph. D. in Political Science

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Study Abroad Student Shines in England

by Gina Finocchiaro, University Relations

Clayton State University student Leah Baker recently received first prize for the Northumbria Shine+ Awards held by the University of Northumbria in Newcastle, England. She was recognized on Wednesday, Mar. 14 in a small ceremony at Northumbria.

The Northumbria Shine+ Awards rewards international students who have learned new skills, achieved personal ambitions, enjoyed new experiences or made a contribution to their institution since coming to study in the United Kingdom. Students are required to write a letter home to their friends or family about their extracurricular activities in order to enter the awards.

Baker's letter, an amusing comparison of British and American every day life, won her a trip for two to Edinburgh, Scotland.

“I had to use my legs more than I had ever used them in my life,” wrote Baker. “In the states, everyone drives even the shortest distances, but here you have to walk

everywhere and for the first few months my legs felt as though someone had taken a sledgehammer and beaten the life out of them!”

The Shine+ Awards are held nationally in the United Kingdom (UK). In the national awards, students compete for £2,000 and a trip to London. The eleven winners for the national awards are expected to be announced in April.

This is Baker's second semester at Northumbria. She began classes in fall 2006 and enjoyed it so much she stayed for the following spring semester. Baker is also involved with the Christian Union, the Northeast of England Refugee Center and is a child-minder for a local eight-year-old boy.

“Clayton State gave me the opportunity to study abroad,” says Baker. “The support was there and Dr. (Robert) Welborn helped me with everything.”



Leah Baker

Baker will graduate from Clayton State on May 12 with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. She plans to continue her education and obtain both a Master's degree in Forensic Science and a law degree.

“As an American I was limited to an ‘American’ point of view, but I have had the opportunity to see the political views of another country,” says Baker. “After only a few months in the UK, I have learned that there is so much more in life than what is portrayed within my native culture.”

“She [Baker] has adjusted quite well,” says Welborn, director of International Education for Clayton State. “As of today, we have sent six students to the UK, but none have done as well as Leah.”

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Clayton State Holds 32 Annual Honors Convocation at Spivey Hall

by Leigh G. Wills, University Relations



On April 5, 2007 at 7:30 p.m., Clayton State University held its thirty-second annual Honors Convocation in Spivey Hall to recognize outstanding students in all five Colleges and Schools for the academic year 2006-2007.

After a very warm welcome by Dr. Thomas K. Harden, president of Clayton State University, Dr. Sharon E. Hoffman, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs recognized some 200 Honors Program and Dean's List students. Special awards from each of the University's schools and colleges, contest winners

were presented by each of the respective deans or their representatives.

The Clayton State University Peer Tutor Graduates and the Clayton State Supplemental Instruction Student Graduates awards were presented by Dr. Mark Daddona, director of the Center for Academic Success, while the nominees for Chancellor's Academic Recognition Award, and the Academic Achievement Awards were presented by Harden and assisted by Hoffman and Ms. Rebecca Gmeiner, registrar.

Nikki T. Sawyer, a senior and Biology major in the School of Arts & Sciences was chosen for the prestigious Chancellor's Academic Recognition award. She gave a heartfelt speech to the

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Barfield Appointed To City Council

by John Shiffert, University Relations

In what informed sources describe as a first for a Clayton State faculty or staff member in Clayton County, Director of Athletics H. Mason Barfield has been appointed to the Morrow City Council by Mayor Jim Millirons.



Mason Barfield

Millirons appointed Barfield to fulfill the term of departing Councilman Tom Laporte, who resigned earlier in 2007. The appointment will conclude at the end of Laporte's unfinished term, on Dec. 31, 2007.

"I was happy to fill this position at the request of Mayor Millirons, and look forward to the opportunity to serve the citizens of the City of Morrow," says Barfield. "I will do what I can to continue

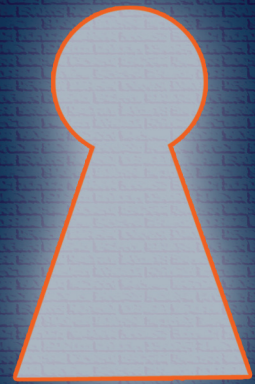
the great work that Tom Laporte did in his over 10 years of service in his capacity on the council."

Barfield joins SBDC Director Cecil McDaniel (Barnesville, Ga.) as the only sitting City Council members among the University's faculty and staff. According to Professor of History Dr. Gene Hatfield, no one else from Clayton State has previously served Clayton County in this fashion.

Barfield took his seat on the Morrow City Council on Feb. 27, 2007. Clayton State's first and only director of Athletics, Barfield has taken Laker sports from a

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THE KEYHOLE



Procedures for Submission of Materials

Thanks to the campus community for assistance with these new procedures. The cooperation that has been demonstrated by many departments has enabled Media and Printing Services to provide quality outcomes. The month of April is filled with events, and Commencement is fast approaching. Please keep in mind that the preparation time needed for materials (such as posters, flyers, artwork, and programs) which require graphic design or writing services is 15 working days. More time is needed for brochures and larger projects. We greatly appreciate the efforts of all departments to plan and request materials in a timely manner so that the high standards and level of service which are essential to promoting a positive image for Clayton State University can be maintained.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Stress Less... Avoid Burnout!

People often use unhealthy ways to cope with stress, life's challenges and problems. Using alcohol and drugs is just an example of how people sometimes choose to cope/deal with their problems. Realize that you have the power within you to overcome your problems without engaging in harmful and destructive behaviors. Make a choice to find healthy but effective ways to cope with the challenges in your life!

"Be mindful that we feed our soul everyday without knowing it. Take an inventory of what you are eating, the type of shows you watch on T.V., and the type of people you surround yourself with. Then ask yourself, am I feeding myself junk food or soul food?"

- Damafing Keita Thomas,
Counseling Services

"Problems are not the problem; coping is the problem."

- Virginia Satir

"The more I like me, the less I pretend to be other people."

- Jamie Lee Curtis

"A sad soul can kill you quicker than a germ." - John Steinbeck

For more information on this or other topics, please feel free to contact Counseling Services.

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Hours: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., M-F
Phone: (678) 466-5406
Online at:
<http://adminservices.clayton.edu/counseling/>

Student Hygienists Help Residents Polish Up Home Oral Care

by Gina Finocchiaro, University Relations

Five Clayton State University student hygienists are finding much success in their teaching visits to the Sandy Springs Health Department, as part of a program sponsored by the Morehouse School of Medicine's Learn and Serve America Higher Education Grant. They have already made three trips with the theme "Keep Your Smile for a Lifetime" and are making two more trips on Apr. 4 and Apr. 6.

"It was fantastic," says Marisha Hollins Singleton. "Some people didn't even own a toothbrush so they were ecstatic to get a free one."

The five student hygienists who are involved in the program are group leader Miriam Liburd, Stone Mountain, Donna Rogers, Griffin, Marisha Hollins Singleton, Pike County, Cherise Cole, Fayetteville, and Nikita Willingham, Jonesboro.

"The biggest surprise for me was that we were able to overcome the language barrier," says Rogers. Over half of the residents who attended the event only spoke Spanish. To prepare for this, the student hygienists learned several Spanish phras-

es in addition to printing all of their material in English and Spanish.

Refreshments, toothbrushes, and brochures have been available to Sandy Springs residents during each teaching visit. In addition, face painting, balloons, games, prizes, and a piñata filled with sugar free candy have been used to reach out to the children.

Highlighted topics in the program are proper tooth brushing and flossing techniques, preventative care, nutritional benefits on oral health, negative effects of tobacco use, and prevention information on gingivitis and periodontal disease.

The students planned the outreach program as part of their Community Dental Health class. As part of this class, students are required to reach out beyond the Clayton State community to teach others about oral health care.

"Even after I graduate, I plan to continue to educate the community outside of the dental chair," says Hollins Singleton. "After all, education is the key to change." ■



Nikita Willingham goes over proper brushing with Sandy Springs Health Department employee Vicki Norris.

Arts Page

Jazz Combo Plays the Blues, Apr. 25

by Lauren Graves, University Relations

Clayton State's Department of Music presents the Clayton State University Jazz Combo in "The Blues Factor," an evening of classic and original jazz compositions with emphasis on the blues, on Wednesday, Apr. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in Spivey Hall. Admission is free.

The program contains music from a wide assortment of styles, but every selection has at least one element in common...the blues factor, shares director Stacey Houghton (Rex).

"The blues tradition has been a big part of American jazz since the very beginning, from 1920's early jazz to modern jazz-rock fusion," says Houghton. "Even

today, musicians return to the blues for its expressive nature and emotional impact."

Highlights include three new originals by Houghton, two later Horace Silver compositions, and fun music that all will enjoy.

The Clayton State University Jazz Combo features the following talented musicians: Michael Wheeler (Forest Park) on trumpet and flugelhorn, Houghton on alto/tenor saxophone and clarinet, Tara Adcock (Fayetteville) on tenor saxophone, Shaun Brooks (Peachtree City) on trombone, Chris Odom (Lovejoy) on guitars; Jill McBrayer (McDonough) on piano, Stephanie Butler (Atlanta) on piano and keyboard, Tony Terrell (Forest Park)



Clayton State University Jazz Combo

on bass, and Courtney Tatum (Peachtree City) on drums.

For more information on the Clayton State University Jazz Combo's Apr. 25 performance, contact Houghton at staceyhoughton@clayton.edu. ■

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Clayton Community Big Band Performs in Free Spivey Hall Concert, Apr. 30

Clayton State's Department of Music presents the Clayton Community Big Band (CCBB) concert "In the Mix," an adventurous blend of traditional and contemporary big band music, on Monday, Apr. 30 at 7:30 p.m. in Spivey Hall. Admission is free.

"The big jazz band is a versatile medium for writers and arrangers of diverse styles. We have decided to include a vast array of styles, from Dixieland to swing to funk, to satisfy the tastes of listeners from all ages," says Director Stacey Houghton (Rex).

Highlights include two vocal numbers featuring recent Clayton State alumna Candace Henry and CCBB member Amy Castillo, as well as a vivid new composition by Bill Holman.

Performing in "In the Mix" are the following musicians: Amanda Chatham (Riverdale), Josh Jackson (McDonough), Barrett Hoover (College Park), Michael Terry (Locust Grove) and James Riley on saxophone; Michael Wheeler (Forest Park), Anthony Bailey (Decatur), Mark Lewis (Jonesboro) and Marvin Pollock (Morrow) on trumpet; Doug Murray (Jonesboro), Mark Gladfelter

(Ellenwood), Amy Castillo (Jackson) and Brent Vokes on trombone; Jill McBrayer (McDonough) and Stephanie Butler (Atlanta) on piano; Chris Odom (Lovejoy) and Zach Orr (Monroe) on guitar; Tony Terrell (Forest Park) on Bass and Courtney Tatum (Peachtree City) on drums.

The CCBB is a full-size big band comprised of Clayton State University music students and talented members from the local community. Membership is contingent on need and audition. Interested musicians should contact director Houghton at the Clayton State University Department of Music at (678) 466-4750. ■



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Clayton Community Big Band

Across the Campus...

Athletics

After enduring a marathon first two rounds on Monday, the Clayton State Lakers finished with a fury on Tuesday in the final round of the Bobcat Invitational at the Cuscowilla Golf Club. Paced by the strong play of sophomore Will Wilcox, the Lakers shot a superb final-round score of 293 and finished tied for ninth overall with a 902 in the 15-team field. Wilcox fired a two-under-par 68 in the final round and finished tied for fourth with a five-over 215.

In addition to Allison Kreutzer's record showing at Emory, Jon Taylor won the women's 200-meter dash with a school-record time of 25.45 seconds, while Natasha Gass won the women's triple jump with a school-record distance of 36-6.75 feet. Angela Cobb finished second to Kreutzer in the 1,500-meter run (4:43.93) and 5,000-meter run (17:52.63). In the men's meet, Clayton State's Lawrence DeShields garnered two victories in the hurdles. He won the men's 110-meter hurdles in a school-record time of 14.98 seconds and the men's 400-meter hurdles in a school-record time of 54.51 seconds. In addition, Eric Simmons finished second in the men's 800-meter run in a school-record time of 1:53.04 and Brad Twyford placed fourth in the men's discus with a school-record distance of 140-9 feet.

The Clayton State Laker women's team returned to the friendly confines of Laker Courts on Monday, and came away with a handy 9-0 shutout victory over visiting North Georgia in Peach Belt Conference action. With the victory, Clayton State has now won four of its last five matches and improves to 8-7 overall and 7-4 in the Peach Belt. Clayton State swept both singles and doubles, recording a forfeit victory in each. The Lakers won each singles match in straight set fashion, losing only a combined 12 games.

Career Services

On Monday, Mar. 12, 2007, Director of Career Services Angelyn Hayes successfully defended her dissertation for a Ph.D. in Higher Education from Georgia State University. The degree will be conferred upon graduation on Saturday, May 12. Congratulations Angelyn!

City of Morrow

Volunteers are needed for the City of Morrow's Day in the Park, "The Past is Our Gateway to the Future," Saturday, May 5, 2007 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Milton Daniel Park, adjacent to Morrow City Hall. For more information on volunteering, please call Lauren Singleton at the Morrow Tourist Center at (770) 968-1623. For more information on Day in the Park and other City of Morrow events, please visit <http://www.morrowtourism.com/>.

University System

The new issue of the University System of Georgia's The System Supplement is now available online at: http://www.usg.edu/pubs/sys_supp/.

This week's issue of the University System of Georgia's Legislative Update is now available for downloading at <http://www.usg.edu/pubs/lu/>. Back issues of the newsletter are also available there.

Women's Forum

Michelle Deraney, president and owner of SCB-TV Channel 15 (<http://scbtv.com/scbtv.html>), will be the guest speaker at Women's Forum on Thursday, Apr. 19. The luncheon is held in the Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education, room 101. Luncheon cost is \$12. Please RSVP by Apr. 16 to Sharon Bookmiller at (678) 466-4281 or sharonbookmiller@clayton.edu.

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single NAIA men's basketball team in 1990/91 to a national power in NCAA Division II, with national championship appearances by either teams or individuals in all 12 current sports.

A native of Hahira, Ga., and a graduate of Valdosta State University, Barfield will become Clayton State's senior administrator in terms of length of time served upon the forthcoming retirement of Director of Auxiliary Services Bob Holmes. ■

Life's Transitions

Rosemary Fischer's mother, Dare Fischer of Stockbridge, passed away on Tuesday, Mar. 27 at the age of 90. The family received friends on Friday, Mar. 30 at McMillan-Small Funeral Home, Myrtle Beach, Fl. Graveside services were held at the Manley Bennett Cemetery on Thomasboro Road, Hickmans Crossroads, N.C., on Mar. 31.

The obituary notice may be found online at:
<http://www.legacy.com>



As if Pollen Season Wasn't Bad Enough

Smog Season Starts May 1

Spring and summer bring rising temperatures and stagnant winds that combine with tailpipe emissions from traffic congestion to produce smog. The period between May 1 and Sept. 30 is known as Smog Season in metro Atlanta.

In 2006, Smog Season in Atlanta produced 38 days with air quality levels designated as unhealthy for sensitive groups (asthmatics, children and the elderly), and many of those days were designated as

unhealthy for the public in general. But smog days can be reduced. One way is by carpooling just two or three days a week. It will not only help improve air quality, but also reduce congestion and out-of-pocket costs for gasoline and vehicle maintenance. To learn more about carpooling or to locate others who live and work nearby and want to carpool, visit <http://www.187ridefind.com/> or call Joan Murphy in Public Safety, (678) 466-4050.

Other ways to reduce smog include teleworking, especially on Smog Alert days, working a condensed work week (example... four, 10-hour days instead of five, eight-hour days), and refueling your vehicles before 6 a.m. or after 6 p.m.

For more information on how you can reduce smog, visit www.187ridefind.com or www.the-cleanaircampaign.com. You can find information on the Public Safety web page as well. ■



Nurse Managed Clinic Launches Sexual Health Initiative

The Sexual Health Initiative (SHI) is the newest aspect of the Nurse Managed Clinic's (NMC) efforts to holistically address the health care of the students of Clayton State University.

The NMC already heavily emphasizes prevention with our Annual Women's Health Fair and Annual Breast & Testicular Cancer Awareness Health Fair. In cooperation with the counseling center, mental health is emphasized. General illness care is given daily as part of the wellness commitment to student patients.

This expansion of services through SHI will encompass all the elements—education for, prevention of, patient care for diagno-

sis and treatment of and initial counseling issues dealing with sexual health.

Men will benefit from genital cancer and STD testing and treatment. Women will also be offered genital cancer screening and STD testing and treatment thru pelvic exams and laboratory tests. All education, screening and treatment are done in the privacy of exam rooms with licensed medical personnel.

SHI is being launched on Apr. 10. Call the Nurse Managed Clinic at (678) 466-4940 to schedule an appointment. ■

HUB Sets May Hours for Walkup Locations

The walkup locations of the HUB are normally closed when classes are not in session. However, the HUB will be able to offer the following services for those students who qualify for service and need assistance prior to the first day of the full summer semester.

———— Closed ————

Tuesday, May 8 – Friday, May 11

Phone service and in office repairs for this week will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

———— May 14 – 17 ————

Closed Friday, May 18

The Service Counter, located in the Baker Center, will be open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Phone service and in office repairs for this week will be 8a.m. to 5 p.m.

———— May 21 – 24 ————

Closed Friday, May 25

Student Software Support Services, located inside the CAS, will be open 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Phone service and in office repairs for this week will be 8a.m. to 5 p.m.

Regular hours of operation will resume on the first day of summer semester, Tuesday, May 29. ■

Got News?

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Sigma Phi Alpha Scholars Announced

by Gina Finocchiaro, University Relations

The 2007 Sigma Phi Alpha Scholar Awards from Clayton State University were recognized during the Honors Convocation held Thursday, Apr. 5 at 7:30 p.m. in Spivey Hall. They are Kathryn F. Condit, a resident of Senoia, Adrienne L. Rogers, a resident of Jackson, and Tsungar A. Sanford, a resident of Dunwoody.

“It is a great honor to be chosen to be in the Sigma Phi Alpha honor society,” says Condit.

The Sigma Phi Alpha Scholar Awards are administered by the American Dental Hygienist Association (ADHA). Students who have maintained at least a 3.0 grade point average (GPA) and have an active Sigma Phi Alpha Chapter in their college or university to be eligible for the award. The Clayton State winners were chosen from the top 10 percent of their class.

Winners of the award are inducted to both the national honor society and the school’s local honor society. This year’s winners are expected to graduate on Saturday, May 12.

“The recipients of the awards this year represent the scholars found in Clayton State’s dental hygiene program,” says Dr. Susan Duley, the department of the Dental Hygiene program. “I’ll be calling on them to help to plan an annual meeting of the society.”

Sigma Phi Alpha is the national honor society for dental hygienists. Their purpose is to promote, recognize and honor scholarship, leadership and service among dental hygiene students and graduates of dental hygiene programs.

“It feels great that somebody recognized how hard we’ve worked to get to where we are,” says Sanford.

Clayton State’s chapter of Sigma Phi Alpha, Alpha Alpha Xi, has been active since 1982.

For more information on Sigma Phi Alpha and Alpha Alpha Xi, visit <http://nursing.clayton.edu/HelpingHands/organizations.html> or contact Duley at susanduley@clayton.edu.

A unit of the University System of Georgia, Clayton State University is an outstanding metropolitan university located 15 miles southeast of downtown Atlanta. ■

SmartBodies Holding Final Choose 2 Lose Educational Sessions

SmartBodies, Clayton State University’s public fitness and wellness center, will be holding its final two “Choose 2 Lose” educational seminars in the next two weeks. All of the free seminars in the “Choose 2 Loose” series are free and open to the public and are held in Clayton State’s Athletics and Fitness Center.

SmartBodies Director and Clayton State Coordinator of Physical Education Cindy Lauer will present the last of the Choose 2 Lose Seminars on Apr. 10 and Apr. 11 and Apr. 17 and Apr. 18:

On Tuesday, Apr. 10, learn about “Defensive Dining” at 5:30 p.m.

“Whether at home or at a restaurant, learn the little tips to keep you on track toward your goals,” says Lauer.

Defensive Dining will be repeated at 12:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Apr. 11.

On Tuesday, Apr. 17, Lauer will present “Drinking the ‘Cool-Aid’.” Noting that it takes about six months to adopt a new habit, Lauer asks, are you on your way?

“This is probably the most important discussion as we near the end of our program,” she says. The Tuesday program will start at 5:30 p.m. and then be repeated on Wednesday, Apr. 18 at 12:15 p.m.

“These sessions are open to all on a space available basis. Please feel free to bring your lunch, or an evening snack for yourself,” she adds.

The first seminar, “What Burns Fat BEST,” will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 5:30 p.m. and on Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 12:15 p.m. ■

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Sawyer currently works as a student instructor for Clayton State’s biology and chemistry classes. She is also a member of the Clayton State Science Association and Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society. ■



Nikki Sawyer

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audience entitled, "Let Go of Regrets and Look to the Future." Sawyer a non-traditional student has been awarded a scholarship at Emory University, where she will work towards her Ph.D. in Neuroscience.

The Clayton State University Foundation, Inc., Academic Excellence Award Overall

GPA of 4.0 to transfer and Clayton State students were the highlight of the evening. In addition, the Hon. Stephen E. Boswell, Judge, Clayton County Superior Court (ret.), chair of the Clayton State University Foundation and member of the CSU Foundation Real Estate I, presented the Awards with the assistance of Harden,

saying that he was very impressed with anyone who could maintain a 4.0 grade point average.

A light reception was held in the foyer of Spivey Hall after the ceremony, which lasted a little under an hour. ■



photo credit Leigh G. Willis

Clayton State to Unveil New African American Studies Curriculum

by Gina Finocchiaro, University Relations

Clayton State University will be offering a concentration in African American Studies in its Integrative Studies program beginning in fall 2007. The first course, "Introduction to African American Studies," will begin what is hoped to grow into a minor and major program.

Clayton State already has courses geared towards African American studies, such as "Civil Rights and the Media, 1955 to the Present" and "The Reign of Hip Hop," both taught as special topic courses within the Communication and Media

Studies program, and "African American Literature," taught in the English Studies program by Dr. LaJuan Simpson, assistant professor of English.

Simpson began looking into expanding the program as early as fall 2005.

"I looked at the demographics of the university and compared it to the curriculum," explains Simpson. "I noticed that

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Alice Smith

The two, \$1000 awards were established by local philanthropist Joseph Smith in honor of his wife, Alice. The winners of both categories will be announced at the May 1 ceremonies.

McElroy, resident of Rex, has worked for Clayton State for 20 years, with 18 years spent in the Office of Career Services. As the Employer Relations coordinator, McElroy works with students, faculty, staff, and employers to plan events that

prepare students for employment and help to meet the hiring needs of employers. She will be retiring on June 30, 2007.

"When I look at the past winners and the group of nominees for this year's award, I am humbled to be a part of such a wonderful group of people," says McElroy.

As production manager for Spivey Hall, Hoover oversees all the technical aspects of the hall including concert sound and lighting, managing the production calendar, scheduling and supervising the part-time production assistants and handling logistics for our visiting concert artists, which includes booking airline tickets, hotel reservations and ground transportation. He lives in East Point.

"Being nominated for this award is a great honor," says Hoover. "Because my job is very much behind-the-scenes, it means a lot to me to be recognized by the university in this way."

Healan, a resident of Stockbridge, began working for Clayton State in 1994. As administrative coordinator for the Administrative and Technology Management Department, she takes pleasure in seeing non-traditional students

become successful after wondering if they will be able to handle college after being out of school for so long.

"I was genuinely surprised," says Healan. "It makes me feel good to know I helped in a small way."

Brooks, a resident of Riverdale, also enjoys working with the students. As administrative assistant to the Dean of CIMS and the IT Department, she enjoys explaining the CIMS academic programs, helping students locate internships, providing guidance to the academic path, and listening and encouraging them to continue in their studies.

"It is an honor to be recognized by my peers," says Brooks.

Blackburn, a resident of Fayetteville, has served students with disabilities at Clayton State for 10 years. As Support Services coordinator of the Disability Resource Center, Blackburn is responsible for providing accommodations, assisting with documentation, coordinating alternative text, assisting with new pro-

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Women's Forum Features Guest Speaker from SCB-TV Channel 15

by Maggie Shiffert, University Relations



Michelle Deraney

TV Channel 15, will be the guest speaker.

The luncheon will be held in room 101 of the Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education at Clayton State. The luncheon costs \$12. RSVP to Sharon Bookmiller at (678) 466-4281 or sharonbookmiller@clayton.edu.

Deraney is the president and owner of SCB-TV Channel 15 and a graduate of Lee University. Her career quickly took off after college when she worked as a newspaper reporter and began auditioning for commercials and industrials. She co-

Come join the Clayton State University Women's Forum on Thursday, Apr. 19, for its monthly luncheon from noon until 1:30 p.m. Michelle Deraney, president and owner of SCB-

hosted a talk show in the Atlanta market similar to the SCB-TGV current show, "Talk of the Town." She is the mother of two children and lives in Henry County.

The 45-member Clayton State Women's Forum was chartered in September 2002 and strives to promote the educational, career and scholarship development activities of women through programming, mentoring and advocacy. Its purpose is to enhance the professional, educational, and



cultural position of Clayton State women employees and to award an annual scholarship for women attending, or planning to attend, Clayton State.

Each month, the Clayton State Women's Forum committee adds to their complement of exceptional guest speakers and broad array of informative subjects. ■

Women's Forum News

Election of Women's Forum Officers

The Women's Forum membership will elect 2007-2008 officers at the April 19 luncheon meeting. Only current members are eligible to vote. For more information, contact Vickie Fennell, Nominating Committee Chair, at (678) 466-4283.

Scholarship Awards

The Scholarship Committee of the Women's Forum has selected two students who will receive Women's Forum Scholarships. Debra Cody, Scholarship Committee Chair, will present the awards at the April 19 luncheon. For more information about the Women's Forum Scholarship program, visit http://adminservices.clayton.edu/wom_forum and click on Scholarships.

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Clayton State participates in the study abroad program as part of the European Council of the University System of Georgia.

In addition to Baker, Northumbria is home to one other Clayton State student this semester and is expected to host two more beginning in the fall semester. Clayton State also hosts two study abroad students from Northumbria.

Clayton State students are encouraged to participate in study abroad programs to a number of places including India, London, Paris, Chile, Ghana, Italy and the Caribbean.

Prior to her study abroad classes in England, Baker also traveled to Santiago, Chile to study abroad as part of a five-week "maymester" study abroad program.

When not studying abroad, Baker resides in Ellenwood with her family. ■

Robert Martinez to Speak To Next Frontiers in Science

Robert Martinez, a senior Ph.D. student in the School of Biology at the Georgia Institute of Technology will be the next speaker at Clayton State University's Frontiers in Science series. His presentation is titled "The Microbial Ecology of Extreme Environments" and will be given on Tuesday, Apr. 10 at 4:30 p.m. in Clayton State's James M. Baker Center.

Currently a graduate research assistant in Georgia Tech's School of Biology, Martinez' research focuses on the bioremediation of soil contaminated with radioactive materials like uranium. He is part of a research team examining bacteria found in soil that can release phosphate that converts uranium contamination to an

insoluble form. The project has been funded by the U.S. Department of Energy Environmental Remediation Sciences Division.

Martinez expects to graduate with a Ph.D. in Microbiology from Georgia Tech this summer. He is appearing at Clayton State courtesy of the University's Lyceum Program. The spring 2007 Frontiers in Science Series, under the direction of Clayton State Assistant Professor of Biology Dr. Jacqueline Jordan, will continue on Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. through Apr. 17. ■

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from Northern Illinois University. He also has earned a Masters in Policy Science from Saitama University in Japan and served as a commercial officer at the Department of Foreign Trade in the Thai government.

Yossomsakdi has held the following positions at Burapha University: lecturer, assistant professor, associate professor, associate dean of Academic Affairs and associate dean for Research and International Affairs - Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. A scholar and a teacher, he has published three books in Thai on public administration, human resource management and integrated perspectives on Thai society.

Clayton State currently enrolls approximately 300 students (five percent of the University's total enrollment) of Asian descent. ■

Smith Awards, cont'd. from p. 10

gram policies and procedures, and overseeing test taking for students with disabilities.

"Serving students with disabilities at Clayton State brings true joy and fulfillment to my life," says Blackburn. "I am both honored and appreciative [of the nomination]." ■

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although the student population reflected a large percentage of African Americans, the curriculum reflected a small percentage of classes that focused on African American issues/curriculum."

Last year, a committee was formed in order to develop the African American Studies Curriculum. Several classes are currently being developed to complement the course already offered by Clayton State. Simpson works very

closely with Dr. Thomas Barnett, department chair of Communicative Arts and Integrative Studies, to oversee the development of the program.

Members of the African American Studies Curriculum include: Dr. Karen Young, Dr. Shondrika Moss-Bouldin, Dr. Celeste Wally-Jean, Dr. Victoria Pasley, Dr. Hamin Shabazz, Dr. Joe Carrodo, and Dr. Eric Bridges.

"We have an overwhelming response in support of both a minor and a major in African American Studies," says Simpson in response to a survey done in spring 2006. Minor and Major programs will be pursued in response to student demand.

The African American Studies Curriculum Committee hopes to develop programs that promote cultural, ethnic and gender diversity, to provide insight into the historical and cultural context of the peoples of the African Diaspora, to teach, investigate, and analyze the knowledge and contributions of the descendents of African civilizations and to further the knowledge and the connections to the understanding of Africa. ■



Michele Wood, Artist

Clayton State Student Says “I Do” to Bridegroom Ken® Doll

by Gina Finocchiaro, University Relations

Strange but true: in all the history of Barbie® and Ken®, they have yet to get married, despite the numerous Bride Barbie® Dolls that CNN reported as Barbie’s “wishful thinking.” Perhaps that’s why on Thursday, March 29, Clayton State University student April Greenway found Wedding Ken® waiting for her with an engagement ring in hand from her now fiancé, Clayton State student Shaun Brooks.

“Shaun and I eat lunch outside on campus fairly frequently,” says Greenway. “I was pulling the blanket out of the bag when Shaun told me that there was something in the bag for me.

“I pulled out a Wedding Ken doll. Inside the box was also a little ring bearer with a pillow. The doll apparently comes with a little plastic ring for little girls and he had replaced that ring with my engagement ring.

“The box said, ‘Will you marry me?’ I looked down and he was on his knee.”

Brooks chose to propose on the Clayton State campus because it was such a familiar place for the couple.

“He and I have both become very fond of the scenery behind the music building,” says Greenway.

The couple plans to marry on Oct. 11, 2008 on the beach at Hilton Head Island.

Greenway and Brooks have known each other since 2005 when they met in classes they shared together at Clayton State. They are both music majors with Greenway planning to graduate in Spring 2008 and Brooks planning to graduate in Spring 2009. After graduation, they plan to continue their education by pursuing Master’s degrees in



Elementary Music Education, for Greenway, and Sound Engineering, for Brooks.

They are currently residents of Fayette County, with Greenway living in Fayetteville and Brooks living in Peachtree City. ■

Campus Connect Social Hour

The Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education will host the next Campus Connect event on Wednesday, Apr. 18 from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Atrium.

Clayton State Downs Berry 8-1, Finishes Undefeated at Home

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

The Clayton State Laker women's tennis team closed out the home portion of the 2007 schedule in fine fashion on Wednesday, posting an impressive 8-1 victory over in-state rival Berry at Laker Courts. The victory – the fifth in the last six matches for the Lakers – improves Clayton State to 9-7 overall on the season.

The Lakers also went undefeated at home this season.

Clayton State won five of the six matches in singles and swept the three matches in doubles. Two of the matches (one – singles, one – doubles) were forfeit victories for the Lakers.

Anna Redecsi knocked off Berry's Kristin Hunter 6-2, 7-6 at No. 1 in singles, while Julia Chergova defeated the Lady Vikings' Anja Chan 6-2, 6-0 at No. 2. In addition, Zsuzsa Marosfalvi won a 6-1, 6-

0 decision over Berry's Kristen Cobb at No. 4, and Anna Marton knocked off the Lady Vikings' Rachael Feibelman 6-4, 6-3 at No. 5.

In doubles, Redecsi and Chergova won a thrilling 8-6 decision over Hunter and Feibelman at No. 1, while Marosfalvi and Marton defeated Chan and Kirstin Ruffner 8-4 at No. 2. ■

Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!

College-to-Career Fair

Tuesday, Apr. 10

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Cobb Galleria Centre

A state-wide job fair for member schools of the Georgia Association of Colleges and Employers

Bring copies of your resume and wear business attire

Pre-register at www.gace.org/careerfair

Interested in car pooling to the Cobb Galleria? Send your request to career@clayton.edu

On-Campus Interviews

Hertz

Wednesday, Apr. 11

Interviewing on campus for Management Trainees. All bachelors level majors and 1+ year of customer service and/or relevant sales experience Graduate or graduating spring semester 2007. Submit a resume for a pre-select screening with joanmcelroy@clayton.edu

On-Campus Recruiting

FedEx Ground

Tuesday, Apr. 24

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

University Center Commons

P/T Package Handlers, \$9.00 - \$9.50 per hour, tuition assistance, at the Ellenwood location

Upcoming Events

DaimlerChrysler Corporation

Recruiting for P/T and Temporary Warehouse employees in Morrow, GA \$18+ per hour. Positions will start in May 2007. Recruiters will be in our area on Wednesday, April 11th for a Pre-Employment Assessment.

In order to be considered, apply at www.dcchourlyjobs.com by April 4th

11th Annual 2007 College Spring Break National Job Fair

Saturday, Apr. 21

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Georgia World Congress Center

One Andrew Young Blvd NW

Building C

Atlanta, GA 30313

Professional attire is required

For more info call (404) 244-1777

North Carolina

Mountains Teacher Job Fair

Monday, May 21

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Western Region Education Service

Alliance

Asheville, NC

Wilcox Gives Best Performance of Season

Needing one more tournament to qualify for postseason play, Clayton State's Will Wilcox turned in his best performance yet in the 2007 golf season with a second place finish on Tuesday at the North Alabama Spring Classic. Wilcox, playing as an individual, finished second with a one-under par 143 for the two-round event.

Wilcox finished with rounds of 73 and 70 and was five strokes behind the individual medalist, Mitch Boles from Central Oklahoma. In fact, Wilcox and Boles were the only two players to finish the tournament with scores under par. Wilcox finished a stroke ahead of St. Edwards' Blake Slaughter, North Alabama's Daniel Creel and Abilene Christian's Hugues Joannes, two strokes ahead of Central Oklahoma's Chance Tatum and three strokes in front of Lynn's Federico Celano and Scott Aydelotte.

In the first round on Monday, Wilcox recorded four birdies. He birdied the Par 5 seventh hole, the Par 5 12th hole, the Par 5 17th hole and the Par 3 18th hole to finish with a 73. In the final round on Tuesday, however, Wilcox recorded three birdies and an eagle to finish at two-under for the round. The eagle came on the seventh hole, while the three birdies occurred on the second, fifth and 12th holes. His 70 tied for the second-lowest score for the second round.

Wilcox and his Laker teammates play their final tournament of the regular season on Monday and Tuesday at the BMW Collegiate in Greenville, S.C. ■

Gibbons to be Honored as Georgia "Coach of the Year" By Atlanta Tip-Off Club

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

Clayton State men's head basketball coach Gordon Gibbons paced the Lakers to arguably their best season in program history in the 2006-07 season. Wednesday, he was honored for his achievement.

Gibbons was honored by the Atlanta Tip-Off Club with the Whack Hyder State of Georgia Men's College Coach of the Year as a part of the Tip-Off Club's annual Naismith Awards Banquet at the Georgia World Congress Center. This honor covers all levels of college basketball in Georgia, from Division I to the NAIA and junior college levels.

This marks the second time that a Clayton State men's basketball has received such an honor. In 1994, current Clayton State Athletic Director Mason Barfield was honored as the Georgia Men's NAIA Coach of the Year by the Atlanta Tip-Off Club.

Gibbons paced Clayton State to a 24-8 mark this season, the best season for the program at the NCAA Division II level. That included advancing to the Peach Belt Conference championship game for the first time in program history, and the school's first ever NCAA Division II National Tournament appearance.

The 24 victories were tied with Augusta State for the most victories by a men's program in Georgia at any level this season.

In addition, the Lakers were ranked in the Division II Top 25 for the entire season for the first time in program history. Clayton State was ranked eighth in the preseason Division II Top 25 poll, and spent eight weeks at No. 2 in the nation in Division II. The Lakers won 17 straight games to start the season for a school record and ranked sixth in the nation in scoring defense.

The Whack Hyder State of Georgia Men's College Coach of the Year is named in honor and memory of the late John "Whack" Hyder, who was head coach at Georgia Tech from 1951-1973. Hyder compiled a 292-271 record at the helm the Yellow Jackets which included the program's first NCAA National Tournament appearance in 1960 and an unprecedented nine victories over Kentucky and legendary coach Adolph Rupp. ■

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As the national rankings for DII stand as of Apr. 2, two-time cross country All-American Kreutzer is currently the top-ranked runner at 5000 meters, her school record time of 17:10.83 from the Emory meet putting her more than seven seconds ahead of the next best time in the nation. Although championships are won on the track and not on paper, Kreutzer's 5K time is nonetheless indicative of her accomplishments so far in 2007. In addition to qualifying for the indoor NCAA DII Championships in the 5K, she is cur-

rently ranked second in the outdoor 10K (36:07.89) and fifth in the 1500 meters (the 4:34.30 she ran at Emory). Fellow junior Angela Cobb, the other half of the A Team and a cross country All-American in 2006, is ranked third in the 10K (36:21.13). A word of caution... should you see either of the A Team members on the roads around campus, don't challenge them to a race.

To show that the A Team aren't the only Laker runners going to the upcoming

Trivia Time

Kokpar

by John Shiffert, University Relations

As noted last time, the national pastime of Kazakhstan is neither baseball nor hissing "Borat."

Depending on who you talk to, or maybe what website you visit, you might decide that boxing, wrestling, sayat (that's hunting with golden eagles), or any of a number of horseback-related activities qualify as the national sport of Kazakhstan. And, indeed, the traditional sport dear to all rough and ready Kazakhs is played on horseback, and is one of the roughest games imaginable. For further details, try googling "Kokpar" or reading James Michener's "Caravans," wherein the great novelist described the Afghan version of the same sport... essentially, polo played with the carcass of a headless goat. What fun!

While no one had the correct answer without a little help, Kurt-Alexander Zeller, Dina Swearngin and Rob Taylor all earned two bonus points for, at the very least, imagination.

Speaking of national pastimes, and just in time for the opening of the 2007 baseball season, what two pitchers in the major leagues have thrown nine, no-hit innings on Opening Day? Send your answers to johnshiffert@clayton.edu.

nationals, junior sprinter Eric Simmons, who also ran in the indoor national meet, is ranked fifth in the outdoor 400 meters with a time of 47:13, less than nine-tenths of a second behind the top time to date nationally for 2007. ■

Sports

Lakers Ranked Fourth in Final NCAA DII Poll

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

The Clayton State Laker women's basketball team capped off its memorable 2006-07 season on Tuesday with the highest ranking ever in the history of Laker women's basketball. Clayton State was ranked fourth in the final USA Today/ESPN Division II Top 25 Women's Basketball poll.

Clayton State, which finished with a school-record 29-6 mark this season and advanced to the Final Four of the NCAA Division II National Tournament, received 439 points in the last ranking of

the season and moved up 12 spots from the previous ranking. NCAA Division II national champion Southern Connecticut State was the top-ranked team, followed by Division II runner-up Florida Gulf Coast and Cal-San Diego.

The ranking epitomizes the late-season success that the Lakers enjoyed. After winning the Peach Belt Conference regular season championship, Clayton State won the Peach Belt Conference Tournament title and earned the right to host the NCAA Division II South Atlantic

Regional as part of the NCAA Division II National Tournament.

There, the Lakers knocked off Carson-Newman, Columbus State and Georgia College to win the South Atlantic Regional and advance to the NCAA Division II "Elite Eight" in Kearney, Neb. Clayton State defeated Texas A&M-Commerce 60-55 in the quarterfinals, but dropped a tough 61-57 decision against Florida Gulf Coast in the semifinals. ■

Kreutzer Wins Twice, Meets NCAA Provisional Times at Emory Classic

Clayton State Runners Ready for Nationals

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Is Allison Kreutzer, one-half of Clayton State's "A Team," looking to take care of some unfinished business?

It appeared that way at the Emory Classic last Saturday, when she ran NCAA Division II provisional times, won twice, and set school records in the women's 1500-meter and women's 5,000-meter...

less than two hours apart. This tour de force on the track was the latest highlight of the junior's outstanding spring season, wherein she's recalled her freshman cross country season that culminated in a second place in the DII national cross country championships, just three seconds behind the winner.

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