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## Regent M. Allan Vigil Charges Clayton State Graduates at Spring Commencement, May 12

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Clayton State University held its 37th Annual Spring Commencement on May 12, honoring the 501 members of its spring 2007 class.

Dr. Thomas K. Harden, president of Clayton State, presided over the ceremonies and M. Allan Vigil, chair of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, delivered a charge to the graduates. Actually, Vigil, who has also been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Clayton State University Foundation since 1983, delivered five charges to the graduates.

His first charge was to ask the graduates at both the 9 a.m. and noon Commencement

ceremonies to join in expressing appreciation to those people who, “faithfully supported you during this trying yet often enjoyable journey,” a request that drew a rousing response from his audience.

Secondly, Vigil asked each graduate to make a commitment to continue learning.

“Knowledge can still be hard to gain, but knowing you have mastered a difficult task in life is a rewarding experience,” he said. “You are just beginning. Now comes the time that you can put some of those Clayton State University acquired skills to good use. I would also like to challenge you to help others. The world needs fresh minds such as yours. There are many ways to accomplish this, not the

least of which is to use your education to the best of your ability in your chosen field.

“There is more to life than professional success. There is also service... service to your family, service to your community, service to organizations, service to individuals whom you may or may not know.

Vigil continued in this same vein with his third charge – to get involved – something one of the Southern Crescent’s foremost businessmen and civic leaders knows very well. The president and owner of Allan Vigil Ford in Morrow and Fayetteville,

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## College of Arts & Sciences Comes Under New Leadership

by Leigh G. Wills, University Relations

Clayton State University’s College of Arts & Sciences Dean, Dr. Ray Wallace, has accepted a new position as provost and senior vice chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of Arkansas, Fort Smith. Clayton State Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Sharon E. Hoffman, reluctantly announced the news with “joy and sadness” to the campus community adding, “congratulations Dean Wallace, we will miss you!”

At the same time, she announced that Associate Dean Dr. John Campbell would be assuming the duties as dean of the College beginning July 1, 2007 for the academic year 2007/2008 and that a

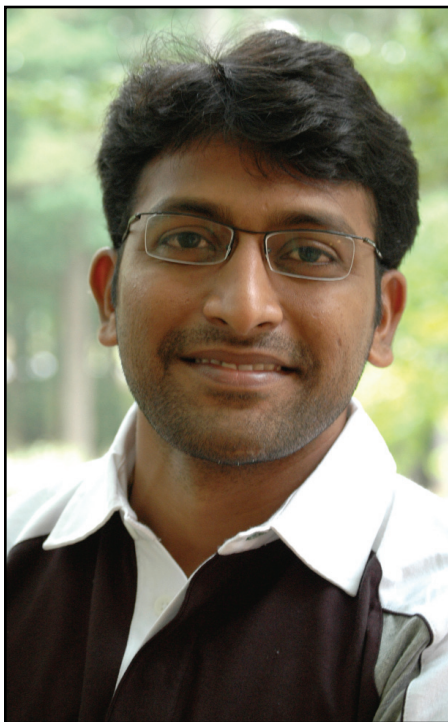
search committee would be formed in July 2008 to permanently fill the office. Campbell, who joined the faculty at Clayton State as head of the Department of Natural Sciences in 1996, has been serving as associate dean since 2004.

“I believe the transition will be smooth,” says Campbell. “We have a wonderful, professional faculty and staff within the College and they care deeply about doing their best for students and the University. Having the privilege to serve as the associate dean of the College for three years has given me the opportunity to become familiar with the departments and their programs.”

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## Master of Health Administration Starts with an International Perspective

by Leigh G. Wills, University Relations



Dr. Chandra Mouli Cherukuri

The Master of Health Administration (MHA) program at Clayton State University officially starts this fall. But this summer the first international graduate student at Clayton State University will start his MHA career taking some pre-requisites in graduate health economics and health accounting.

A native of Hyderabad, India, Dr. Chandra Mouli Cherukuri (MBBS-MD) is a medical doctor interested in pediatric management and/or psychiatric management. His initial research in the United States will focus on health ethics with Dr. Russell Porter, Clayton State's MHA Director.

Cherukuri studied medicine and surgery at the Mamata Medical College in India. He completed his internship and obtained his license to practice medicine in India before arriving in the United States, just two weeks before the summer semester is to begin. He is adapting quickly to his sur-

roundings and is even helping faculty members with some of their research endeavors.

When asked how he has transitioned to the United States and about his interactions with Clayton State University faculty, staff and students, Cherukuri indicates, "The campus is a beautiful setting with many more trees than I am used to in Hyderabad. The people are very nice here and I look forward to my studies."

The MHA program is one of four master programs in the School of Graduate Studies at Clayton State University. The curriculum is designed to prepare a variety of professionals from both health and non-health related disciplines to manage health service organizations. Individuals interested in the MHA should contact Porter at [RussellPorter@clayton.edu](mailto:RussellPorter@clayton.edu) or go to <http://graduate.clayton.edu/> for more information. ■

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## Arrell's "Argot" Receives Honorable Mention in Composition Award Competition

by Gina Finocchiaro, University Relations

Dr. Chris Arrell, director of Theory and Composition in Clayton State University's Department of Music, received an honorable mention in the Salvatore Martirano Memorial Composition Award Competition for his composition, "Argot." His composition was one of three selected from an international pool of 182 submissions.

"I am honored to be one of three winners and the only American selected from an international pool of 182 applicants who applied to the 2007 Salvatore Martirano Memorial Composition Awards," says Arrell.

"Argot" is a setting of two poems by e.e. cummings for a soprano voice and orches-

tra. It was originally written in 2000 for the Cornell Festival Chamber Orchestra.

First Prize went to "Instability Principle" for flute, clarinet, cello and vibraphone by Takeo Hoshiya of Tokyo and second prize went to "Ssa-reng, Ui" for soprano, alto saxophone, percussion, kayageum and live electronics by So Jeong Ahn, born in Seoul, educated in Germany and presently living in Toronto. All three works will be performed by the University of Illinois New Music Ensemble at the Martirano Award Concert on Nov. 15.

The Salvatore Martirano Memorial Composition Award Competition is sponsored by the University of Illinois. It is held annually in honor of Salvatore

Giovanni Martirano, an internationally acclaimed American composer and professor emeritus at the University of Illinois.

Arrell has received commissions from the Fromm Foundation of Harvard University, Music at the Anthology, and Spivey Hall and received awards from the League of Composers/International Society for Contemporary Music, the Society of Composers, ASCAP, Cornell, the University of Oregon and many others. ■

Dean Ernest “Bud” Miller to Retire in December

## Dr. Jacob Chacko Named Dean Of Clayton State School of Business

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Starting on Jan. 1, 2008, Dr. Jacob Chacko will be the new dean of the Clayton State University School of Business. The associate dean of the School of Business since 1999, Chacko will succeed Dean Ernest “Bud” Miller, who will retire from Clayton State and shift back to the business world at the conclusion of 2007 after 10 eventful years leading the school.

Chacko joined Clayton State from the University of North Dakota, College of Business and Public Administration, where he served as the associate dean. Prior to that appointment he served as chair of the marketing department at UND

as a tenured associate professor. He has also served as international programs coordinator for the United States International University in San Diego.

Miller’s tenure as dean saw the Clayton State School Business attain an elite status through accreditation by Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International in April 2006, following almost six years of intensive effort by Miller, Chacko and the University’s entire Business faculty. According to Tampa, Fl., based AACSB, less than a third of all schools of business nationwide have AACSB accreditation. And, as an international organization, AACSB

accredits less than 15 percent of schools of business worldwide.

A second milestone for the School of Business took place in January 2007, when the University’s fourth master’s program, a Master of Business Administration, was approved by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia.

“The School of Business is being called to be increasingly responsive and accountable to our stakeholders. We have to balance the School’s needs with the demands

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## Clayton State’s Swan Song

by John Shiffert, University Relations

In case you haven’t noticed, Clayton State’s two adult mute swans have a couple of little cygnets.

No, they’re not reading copies of the University’s literary magazine of the same name, Belle and Rhett II have a couple of little swans swimming alongside these days.

Francine Schau in Student Affairs recently brought out her camera to take a picture of the family, while asking for some information about the Clayton State swans. Since there are a lot of new faculty, staff and students on campus since the last time this story was told – back around 2000 or so, when Swan Lake was officially named – that seemed like a good request. With a

little help from swan experts Pat Keane and Maggie Shiffert, here’s the story.

The first two mute swans, Scarlett and Rhett, were donated to Clayton State by a local resident in 1994... basically, they had two mute swans and didn’t want to keep them. (Note: mute swans are not really mute, they do make some noises, they’re just not as loud as trumpeter swans.) Both Rhett and Scarlett died after about four years. Rhett was killed by a dog while defending the nest and Scarlett died afterwards from ingesting a fisherman’s lead sinker.

The next male was Ashley – the University actually purchased him from Texas – and the next female was Melanie.

“Melanie came from Lake City, Fl. We had a retired school teacher who worked for us and he drove to Florida to pick her up,” recalls Keane. “When

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## Alumni/Development

### Alumni Association to Sponsor Clayton State Night at Turner Field

by Gid E. Rowell, Alumni Relations

Clayton State University alumni and friends, it's time for a special night at the ole ballpark.

Back by popular demand, the Clayton State Alumni Association will sponsor Clayton State Night at the Atlanta Braves' Turner Field on Saturday, June 23. First pitch will be 7:05 p.m., as Atlanta faces off against the American League's Detroit Tigers in an interleague match-up.

The game will also be "Hat Night" at Turner Field with the first 30,000 fans receiving a complimentary Braves cap. Fans will also have the opportunity to "groove" to sound of Motown in the Fan Plaza before the Braves battle Detroit. The Tigers were the 2007 American

League Champions and played in last year's World Series.

Tickets will be \$18 per person, and the Association asks that alumni and friends please RSVP as soon as possible in order to purchase as many tickets as possible in a special reserved Clayton State section.

Before the game, the Association is hoping to reserve a patio/hospitality area inside Turner Field, which would include a pre-game meal at an additional charge if there is enough interest.

For more information about purchasing tickets, please call (678) 466-4477 or email gidrowell@clayton.edu. To attend, please complete the form on page 5. ■

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and a resident of McDonough, Vigil has represented the Third Congressional District on the Board of Regents since 2003, although his community service to the Southern Crescent dates back another 20 years, when he first was named to the Board of Trustees of the then-Clayton Junior College Foundation. Indeed, along with his wife, Bonnie P. Vigil, he has been one of the region's most devoted civic leaders for the past 25 years, also serving as a board member of the Southern Regional Health System, the State of Georgia's Board of Motor Vehicle Safety, and the Fayette and Clayton County Chambers of Commerce. He served as president of the latter organization in 1990.

"Civic involvement is one of the keys to bettering our communities, whether you are a member of the Board of Regents, serve on the local Kiwanis or Rotary Club, or a mentor to a middle school student who needs a good role model," he said. "Get involved... in your community, in your schools, in your church, in your local service organizations, certainly in your Clayton State Alumni Association... participate in ways that you feel you can make a difference."

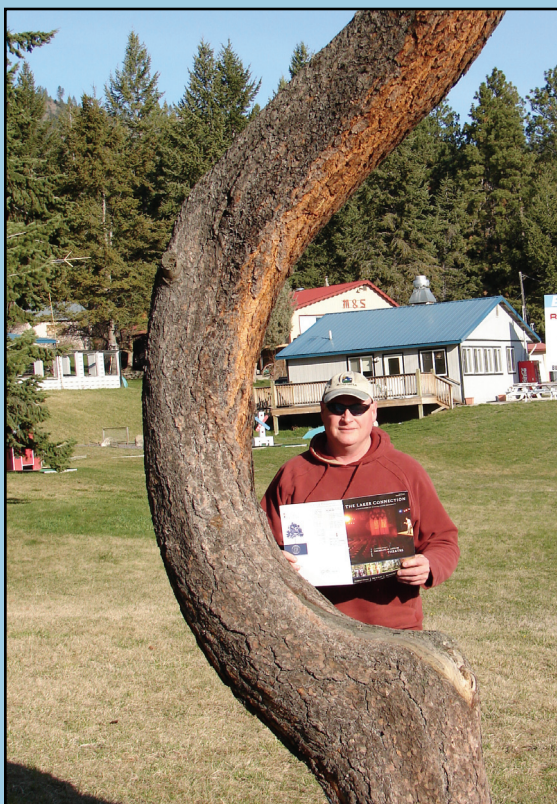
Vigil's fourth charge was to ask the graduates to be independent thinkers, to ponder the unthinkable.

"Understand the status quo, but do not be afraid to question the status quo," he said. "Dream of a better future, but contribute to the present. Share your talents with all people. Be steadfast with friends. Be honest in all that you do. Think for yourself."

Finally, the fifth charge was to be happy and live a happy life.

"It is a choice you can make," he concluded. ■

### Cousin of Bent Tree Found in Big Sky Country



Clayton State alumnus Richard L. Howell ('94) has located a long, lost cousin of our beloved Bent Tree in the Big Sky country of Montana. To the left is a photo of Howell, posing with his Laker Connection magazine at the tree. Howell, who received an AAS degree in electromechanical technology, moved to Columbia Falls, Mont., in 2003. He owns an electrical contracting business called The Watt Doctor, and lives 17 miles from Glacier National Park with a view of the Rocky Mountains from his window. The Bent Tree clone is located in the Big Sky Resort campground next to state highway 93 in Rollins, Mont.



# CLAYTON STATE NIGHT @ TURNER FIELD



## Atlanta Braves vs. Detroit Tigers Saturday June 23, 2007 Turner Field – 7:05 p.m.

Come join the Clayton State Alumni Association  
for a fun evening of baseball at the “ole ball park”

*Single Ticket Price: \$18 (Upper Box Ticket in CSU Reserved Section)  
Single Reserved Ticket & Pre-game Meal in Reserved Patio Area: \$35*



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Please detach the lower portion of this form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Alumni \_\_\_ Faculty/Staff \_\_\_ Student \_\_\_ Friend \_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets requested \_\_\_\_\_

My check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed and made payable to CSU Foundation.

For credit card charges: Please call the CSU Alumni Office at (678) 466-4477 or complete:

Please charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to my credit card. \_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_ MasterCard

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Please send to: Clayton State Office of Alumni Relations  
2000 Clayton State Boulevard • Morrow, GA 30260

*CSU Reserved Tickets are limited, please RSVP as soon as possible to reserve your spot.  
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## Across the Campus...

### Alumni

Clayton State alumna Precious Prothro was surprised when her high school world history and government teacher walked into her classroom as part of Teacher Appreciation Week. Prothro's former teacher is Georgia School Superintendent Kathy Cox. "Having her surprise me today made me feel so special," said Prothro, a sixth grade language arts teacher at Dutchtown Middle School. "I ... have been all smiles, all day."

### Athletics

Competing in a final meet before the NCAA Division II National Championships, a select number of athletes from the Clayton State Laker men's and women's track and field teams competed at the Georgia Tech Invitational over the weekend. Along with a stellar field, the Lakers also had to battle other obstacles – like the weather. The one bright spot for the Lakers on the men's side was Brad Twyford. For the second straight week, he battered his school record in the men's shot put, this time finishing 13th overall with a school-record throw of 46-6.75.

### Bursar's Office

All cash receiving locations must have their deposits into the Bursar's Office no later than 2 p.m. on June 29 so deposits can be booked in the proper fiscal year. The Bursar's Office will be closing at 2 p.m. that day to begin year end closeout processes. Don't delay, bring those deposits over early!

### City of Morrow

Morrow's 2007 SummerFest on the Green will be held on Saturday, June 30 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at 5917 Reynolds Rd., Morrow (behind the Morrow Wal-Mart). SummerFest on the Green will include live musical entertainment featuring Bill Haley's Comets with The Party Nation, activities for children of all ages, food from various Morrow restaurants, and so much more. As always, the event's admission is free. Volunteers are an integral part of SummerFest. Without the volunteers, SummerFest would not be as successful

as it has been in the past. For more information on volunteering, please call Lauren Singleton (a Clayton State alumna) at the Morrow Tourist Center at (770) 968-1623. For more information on SummerFest and other City of Morrow events, please visit <http://www.morrow-tourism.com/>.

### Human Resources

Training for Human Resources' new Employee Self-Service System continues on Thursday, May 24 (2 p.m.), Tuesday, May 29 (10 a.m.) and Thursday, June 7 (2 p.m.). This system will provide individuals with the opportunity to easily review Payroll and Benefits information. The benefits of this new program include: Viewing and printing paycheck information; Updating direct deposit information; Viewing dependent/beneficiary data; Maintaining your current address and contact information; Viewing benefits enrollments; Updating state and federal tax withholdings. Since everyone will have the ability to view and print paycheck information, Human Resources will eventually phase out printed payroll advices for those with direct deposit. Due to this and other changes that this program is bringing, Human Resources would like to strongly encourage everyone to attend one of these upcoming training sessions in UC 150. To sign-up for training sessions go to the Center for Instructional Development and click on "Workshop Calendar."

### Library

The summer hours for the Library are as follows: Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. ; Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, closed; and Sunday, 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

### Procurement Services

Purchase Requisition Approval: The purchase requisition deadline was May 11, 2007. Any purchase requisitions sent to Procurement Services after that date must be approved by Linda Corva. If you have any questions, please contact Procurement Services.

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Upcoming deadlines for FY 2007 include: May 25, 2007 – All budget amendments for FY 2007 submitted to Scott McElroy; and May 31, 2007 - Last day to use the p-card to assure the purchase will be charged to the June 15, 2007 Visa statement. Any purchases on future statements will be charged to FY 2008. Please contact Procurement Services with any questions.

### Public Safety

The University RideShare winners of the Random Drawings for submitting their April Clean Air Campaign reports to Joan Murphy are: Tammy Wilson, Academic Affairs, \$20 Wal-Mart card; JoAnn Quattlebaum, CAA, \$15 Wal-Mart card; Kurt Zeller, Music, \$10 Wal-Mart card. No carpooling required for this drawing, but it is only available to Clayton State employees. For more information, contact Joan Murphy in Public Safety, (678) 466-4262 or (678) 466-4050.

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Pat Keane led all Clayton State walkers in the Clean Air Campaign's April Walk Challenge with 312,261 steps. (Figuring around 18 inches per stride, that's almost 25 miles.) She will receive a \$10 BP Fuel Card from the University RideShare Program. Joan Murphy was second with 226,295 steps and Kurt Alexander Zeller third with 181,209 steps.

### Toastmasters

The Southern Crescent Toastmasters Club meets on first and third Thursdays of each month at noon on the campus of Clayton State University. Contact Club President Leon Wheeler at (678) 466-4234 for more information. Southern Crescent Toastmasters is open to anyone at least 18 years old. There is no cost to visit a club meeting. Guests are always welcome.

## Staff Council Elects New Delegates and Alternates

### ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES

Kathy Garrison - Delegate  
Barbara Dantzler - Alternate

### ATHLETICS / SMARTBODIES

Brandon Marshall - Delegate  
Lee Wright - Alternate

### BUDGET, FINANCE, AND

#### AUXILLARY

Sandra Starr - Delegate  
Anita Mercer - Alternate

### CAMPUS LIFE / STUDENT

#### AFFAIRS

Angela Avery-Jones - Delegate  
Rashad Sanders - Alternate

### CONTINUING EDUCATION AND EXTENDED PROGRAMS

Faye Henderson - Delegate  
Amelia Covington - Alternate

### ENROLLMENT SERVICES

Wanda Winfield - Delegate  
Carolyn Schaer - Alternate

### OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY

Marcia Price - Delegate  
Cheryl Garvin - Alternate

### PLANT OPERATIONS AND

#### OPERATIONAL SERVICES

Svetlana Soroka - Delegate  
Jay Lovett - Alternate

### PUBLIC SAFETY

Tim Summers - Delegate  
Angela Evans - Alternate  
Curtis Mack - Alternate for  
Gloria Chapman

### SCHOOLS/COLLEGES/ PROVOST/WEBBSIT

Sabrina Williams - Delegate  
Betty Haripar - Alternate

Staff Council is looking forward to having all the new delegates and alternates take part in Staff Appreciation Day on June 14 from noon to 2 p.m.

Also, the By-Law Motions voted upon unanimously passed.

## Stanley Cyrus Awards and Goldberg Essay Prize Winners Announced

by Gina Finocchiaro, University Relations

The Stanley Cyrus Award for Creative Writing and Goldberg Essay Prize winners were announced at Clayton State University's recent 2007 Academic Honors Convocation.

English major Auzelle M. Epeneter (Morrow) received the Stanley Cyrus Award in Fiction for her short story "Waves."

"The award is a real honor," says Epeneter. "There are some very talented writers on campus and a lot of us have worked together both in and outside of classes, so I knew the competition was tough. I didn't expect to win this, and it felt really good to be recognized."

Recent graduate and English major Anna R. King (Jonesboro) received the Stanley Cyrus Award in Poetry for "Kaytie Bug" which consisted of three poems, "On February Past," "Aralyn" and "On Being Just Another Poetry." "Aralyn" will also be included in the anthology "In Other

Words," published annually by Western Reading Services.

Recent graduate and English major David W. Bearden (Senobia) received the Stanley Cyrus Award in Creative Nonfiction for his story "Subway Fiction." This award is named in honor of the late Dr. Stanley Cyrus, associate professor of Humanities.

Recent graduate and English major Dana Staves (Jonesboro) received first prize for her essay "Filling the Void in Cather's 'The Song of the Lark'" for the Goldberg Essay Prize. Staves has been accepted into the Master of Fine Arts program in Creative Writing at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va.

English major Garry D. Howell (Riverdale) received second prize for the Goldberg Essay Prize. This award is named in honor of Associate Professor of English Dr. Frederick Goldberg who retired at the end of the 2002 academic year.

In addition to the students honored at Academic Honors Convocation, seven student poets were recognized at the 2007 Poetry Palooza held Thursday, Apr. 12.

Students who won awards are: Epeneter, first prize for her poem "Bourbon King," second prize for her poem "Te Olvido" and Claudia Salomon (Sinaloa, Mexico), third prize for her poem "Composition." Poems that received honorable mentions are Epeneter's "Maybe Out," Kelly Foresman's (Newnan) "Liquor Store," Salomon's "El Panteon" and King's "On February Past."

For more information about the Stanley Cyrus Awards or the Goldberg Essay Prize, contact Dr. Susan Hunter, department head for English, at [susanhunter@clayton.edu](mailto:susanhunter@clayton.edu). For more information about Poetry Palooza, contact [brigittebyrd@clayton.edu](mailto:brigittebyrd@clayton.edu). ■

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of its stakeholders, in particular, the University, students and alumni, academic community, industry and local community,” says Chacko of his vision for the future of his school. “A good example of this balancing act is the launch of our part-time MBA program. We will need to continue to look for opportunities in other communities in the University’s service area and introduce value added programs. If we are successful in balancing the needs of our stakeholders, then ours will be the school of choice.

“AACSB accreditation adds a tremendous value to the education our students receive at Clayton State. To remain accredited, we should not only maintain but enhance the quality of education we provide to our students.”

“Dr. Chacko is a prolific writer in the field of marketing and strategic planning and serves as consultant in these fields,” says Clayton State Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Sharon E. Hoffman. “I know that the faculty and Dean Miller join me in welcoming Dr. Chacko to his new role next year.”

The transformation of the Clayton State School of Business via AACSB accreditation came some nine years after Miller came to Clayton State as Dean of Business in the summer of 1997. After making his a reputation as a corporate re-engineer by transforming Arvida

Company through a reorganization and reduction process, and turning around the Florida-based real estate company’s balance sheet, he resigned and eliminated one of the two senior positions in the company.

“I fired myself,” he said at the time -- an action that brought him commendations from the Wall Street Journal, Reader’s Digest and Harvard Magazine. The Lynn, Ma., native came to Clayton State with an impressive resume that included Sperry and Hutchinson, Penn Central and Arvida. He has also founded two investment companies, Wilson Miller Capital and Miller Financial Enterprises.

“It has been a pleasure and privilege to work for Bud. He is a great boss, a wonderful friend and an excellent mentor to me. I have learned so much about leadership, collegiality, and planning from Bud,” says Chacko of his eight-year relationship with Miller. “Bud is unique in that he never takes credit and is always willing to give his colleagues all of the credit. I hope that someday I can be more like him in this regard.

“Bud’s retirement will be a great loss to the School and the University. I hope that he takes me up on my request to him to stay involved with the School.”

As a professor of Marketing as well as a dean, Chacko has already turned his eye

towards the importance of the School of Business establishing a strong brand.

“I believe that, for our School to move to the next level of operations, we have to develop a strong brand. Our brand should communicate a clear and succinct value proposition to our stakeholders. We should develop institutes/centers of excellence that will attract industry and community organizations to closely align with the School. In short, we should communicate and connect with our stakeholders, and provide specific opportunities for them to invest in the operations of the School.”

While the Clayton State School of Business has indeed achieved a rare level of excellence under Miller’s leadership, Chacko notes that there is always the opportunity to improve... to move to another level of excellence.

Chacko’s tenure as associate dean has been marked by a high level of responsibility and accomplishments. In addition to leading the AACSB pre-candidacy and candidacy processes, he also led the development of the proposal for the MBA program. Among his other duties have been developing and maintaining an HR plan for faculty and staff, leading and evaluating the faculty and staff, facilitating the hiring and retention of full-time and part-time faculty, developing and maintaining the school’s budget, developing course schedules, deploying faculty resources and administering RFPs for internal grants and faculty performance awards.

Chacko holds a Doctor of Business Administration in International Business and Marketing from the Marshall Goldsmith School of Management in San Diego. His MBA (in International Business) and BBA (in Management) degrees are both from United States International University in Nairobi. He has also attended the Management Development Program at Harvard University and was a Fulbright-Hays Scholar to Singapore and Malaysia, both during the summer of 2006.





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Wallace came to Clayton State in 2003. A native of Northern Ireland, he came to the U.S. as a college student in 1978 and pursued his undergraduate and masters degrees at Eastern Illinois University. He then earned his doctorate in English from Illinois State University and became a naturalized citizen. He has held faculty and administrative positions in several academic institutions throughout the southeastern U.S.

"We will all miss Dr. Wallace a great deal," Campbell noted. "His personality, sense of humor and ability to connect with others at a personal level are remarkable. He made working in the College fun. During his tenure as dean, the College saw tremendous growth in degree programs and in faculty. Ray Wallace will be a very hard act to follow."

In 1969, Campbell received his Bachelor of Science in Physics from the University of Missouri. One year later, he attained his master's degree in Nuclear Engineering from the same University and in 1987 he completed his dissertation and received his doctorate in Medical Health Physics from the University of Florida.

Campbell began his teaching career in 1976 as an instructor and assistant professor in the Department of Physics at United States Military Academy at West Point. He continued his tenure there moving up in rank and status until his retirement from the military in 1994 as a full colonel, associate professor and acting head in West Point's Department of Physics. From there he took an associate professorship at Colorado State University in the Department of Radiological Health Sciences from 1994 to 1996.

At West Point, he taught courses in Classical and Modern Physics, Environmental Radioactivity, Nuclear Reactor Theory, Astrophysics, Experimental Physics, Nuclear Physics, and Advanced Individual Study in Physics. At Colorado State, he taught Radiological Physics and Dosimetry, Nuclear Instruments and Measurements, Techniques in Radiation Dosimetry, and Radiation Detection Methods in Radiobiology. At Clayton State, he has taught the Introductory Physics sequence,

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Wallace emerges from a cave in South Africa's Cradle of Human Kind. Wallace, Dr. Michael Deis, Dr. Victoria Pasley, Rajopal Shasti, and Dr. Shondrika Moss-Bouldin visited South Africa for 30 days last summer as part of a Fulbright-Hays Grant and explored the social, political and economic climate in the country.

## Michelle Furlong Appointed Interim Department Head of Natural Sciences

by Gina Finocchiaro, University Relations

Associate Professor of Biology Dr. Michelle Furlong has been appointed as the interim head of the Department of Natural Sciences for Clayton State University. The position will begin July 1.

"As department head of Natural Sciences, I feel eager to help lead this department as it grows and transforms," says Furlong. "As the transformation continues, I hope to keep Natural Sciences focused on excellence in teaching and student success."

Furlong has worked at Clayton State for seven years and has served as the coordinator for Clayton State's Biology degree program since 2005 in addition to teaching a wide variety of Biology courses and labs including Biobusiness,

Biocomputing, Introductory Biology, Introductory Microbiology, Life Sciences, Microbiology for the Health Sciences, Applied and Environmental Microbiology, and the Biology Seminar.

An active participant on campus, Furlong has served on a wide variety of committees and campus organizations including the Faculty Council, the University System's Academic Advisory Board for Biology, and many others. She also organizes the Frontiers in Science and Medicine Lyceum and has sponsored 13 undergraduate research projects.

At the department level Furlong has served on eight faculty search committees, chairing two of them in addition to serving on the department's Laboratory

Fee Budget, Pre-Med and Pre-Professional Advising, and Laboratory Safety committees. She has also served as a mentor for four tenure-track faculty, and as the faculty advisor to the Clayton State Science Association.

"It is amazing to me how much Clayton State has changed in a short period of time," says Furlong. "Despite the fact that Clayton State is growing into much larger comprehensive university, the faculty are still encouraged to focus on teaching and student success. It is difficult to find a large university with as much genuine dedication to student success."

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## Chacko, cont'd. from p. 8

A resident of Atlanta, Chacko's community involvement includes service for St. Thomas Orthodox Church in Clarkston, Ga., and being a member of the Business and Information Technology Advisory Board for Riverdale High School.

The search committee for the new dean was chaired by Clayton State Dean of Nursing Dr. Lisa Eichelberger.

"The committee worked together very well to bring an excellent slate of candidates to campus this spring," says Hoffman. "I would like to thank the members of the search committee for a job well done." ■

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the Principles of Physics sequence, Modern Physics, and Energy Use and the Environment.

"In the next academic year we will continue the development of our academic programs within the framework of the University's Strategic Plan," continues Campbell. "We will work to improve retention and graduation rates and build upon the existing strong foundation to prepare us for the changes and challenges coming in the future. In addition, we will integrate new faculty into the College and continue the professional development of all faculty and staff. Working with them as their dean will be an honor." ■

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## "A Team," cont'd. from p. 12

Actually, the Lakers have a chance for a Hat Trick – three All-Americans at once. Junior Eric Simmons, already a track All-American in the 4x400m relay, is tied for the 11th seed (47.13) out of 21 qualifiers in the 400 meters. ■

# Clayton State's New Custodial Manager

by Gina Finocchiaro, University Relations

Donald West of Stockbridge joined Clayton State University as the University's new Custodial Manager on May 10.

West is responsible for planning, coordinating and directing all activities of the night shift of the custodial staff. He also oversees the hiring, training, evaluation and discipline of all night shift custodial staff.

"I think it will be a challenging, yet rewarding job," says West.

Prior to coming to Clayton State, West served as the Senior Military Science Instructor at Georgia State University's Army ROTC Department. In addition, he is a Master Sergeant in the United States Army where he has served in every leadership position from Team Leader to First Sergeant.

While serving for the military, West was deployed on numerous worldwide missions throughout his military career

including deployments to the National Training Center (Incirlik Air Force Base, Turkey, Operation Desert Shield/Storm (Iraq), Jungle Training Center (Fort Sherman, Panama) and Operation Iraqi Freedom I (Iraq).

West's work in the military earned him several awards and decorations including Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal and many more.

West holds an Associate of Science degree in Business Administration and is currently working on a Bachelor of Science degree in Resource Management from Troy University.

"I could not find a better person than Donald," says Harun Biswas, director of Plant Operations. "This young man has already showed the notion of excellent leadership. I am optimistic that he will be a very good leader and will make a difference for the campus." ■

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## Youth University Returns June 4

Clayton State University's Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education is once again the home of the award-winning Youth University as an exciting alternative to traditional summer day-camp.

Youth University now offers five new theme-based curricula covering academics, science, computers, drama, or music and dance. These innovative programs, beginning on June 4 and running through July 27, offer students ages seven to 11 a unique learning experience designed to enhance their academic, cultural and physical skills and knowledge. The four, two-week sessions cost either \$265 or \$295 per participant.

All Youth University classes will be held on campus at Clayton State University

and are staffed by qualified teachers and counselors, many of whom attended the programs as children themselves. Selected for their ability to facilitate learning and their enthusiasm in working with students, all Youth University teachers and counselors and have backgrounds in education, technology, recreation, writing, the arts and athletics.

Youth University sessions will be staffed from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. to assist working parents. Sessions run from June 4 – June 15, June 18 – June 29, July 2 – July 13 (no camp on July 4), and July 16 – July 27. To view Youth University courses and register online, visit [www.conted.clayton.edu](http://www.conted.clayton.edu) or call (678) 466-5050 for more information. ■

## Life's Transitions

*Theresa Kulesa's mother, Lois Kulesa, died on May 10. A memorial service was held on Saturday, May 19 at St Joseph's Episcopal Church in McDonough. In lieu of flowers donations to Sacred Journey Hospice, 138 Peach Dr., McDonough, Ga., 32053, are requested.*

### Swans, cont'd. from p. 3

we got her we found out she was older than we thought.”

As a result, Melanie died relatively soon, and was replaced by Belle (another Texan), the female swan you see on the lake now. Ashley died after Melanie. The current adult male swan is the offspring of Belle and Ashley. Although never formally named, he goes by Rhett II... since they aren't that many popular "Gone With The Wind" names left unused. Any suggestions for these two new swans? (Before they fly away... the adult swans wings are clipped.)

In case you're wondering how to tell the male from the females, the knob at the base of the male's beak is larger than the female's corresponding knob.

Over the years, the Clayton State swans have garnered a surprising

amount of publicity, to the point where former President Dr. Richard Skinner once complained they were getting more ink than the Information Technology Project. ■

### Furlong, cont'd. from p. 9

Furlong is also very active in the community outside Clayton State having mentored high school students and served many times as a science fair judge. In addition, she is a member of the American Society for Microbiology, the Ecological Society of America, and the National Association of Biology Teachers.

Furlong received her doctorate in Microbiology from the University of Georgia. She lives in Atlanta. ■

## Athletic Department Ready for Annual Summer Sports Camps

The Clayton State University Department of Athletics is once again offering its popular summer sport camps for boys and girls ages six to 17.

This year's camps include basketball, soccer, tennis and speed development... all designed to provide the highest quality instruction in a safe, fun, and socially enriching environment. The camps are a week long and begin the week of June 4, running through the week of July 30 to Aug. 3. All daily activities are led by Clayton State coaches.

“The primary goal is for all campers to enjoy themselves while learning and improving their skills,” says Clayton State Director of Athletics H. Mason Barfield.

The Clayton State Office of Continuing Education is handling the registration. To view the list of camps please go to <http://conted.clayton.edu/>. You can register by phone by calling (678) 466-5050, on-line, by mail, or in person. For more information, please call the Clayton State Department of Athletics at (678) 466-5257. ■

## Trivia Time

### A First in the Winter

by John Shiffert, University Relations

A little Clayton State trivia always brings out the deep thinkers.

Clayton State held its annual Commencement ceremonies in either June or May until 1999, when the number of graduates grew large enough to demand a second ceremony, this one held in December. As Liz Wellington in the Registrar's Office (well, who better to know this than someone in the Registrar's Office?) pointed out, the first winter commencement was held on Dec. 11, 1999 with Interim President Michael F. Vollmer presiding over the ceremony.

Wellington gets an extra Trivia Point for supplying the exact date, but she wasn't the fastest on the "Reply" button. That honor went to Alumni Association President Dina Swearngin, who just finished delivering her charge to all the new alumni at the May 12, 2007 ceremony. Another Clayton State "alum," retiree Dotty Bumbalough, was second, followed by Wellington.

Returning to the more mundane subject of pop culture, we have doubleheader question.

- 1) What was Little Red Riding Hood's first name? (Seriously. Tom Eddins – who sent in this question – swears he knows the answer.)
- 2) What was unusual about Les Nessman's office?

First correct answers to [johnshiffert@clayton.edu](mailto:johnshiffert@clayton.edu) get a DVD of pop culture expert Dr. Randy Clark's appearance on "American Eats."

### Wilcox, cont'd. from p. 12

close out the season, and his eighth-place performance was the second-best showing for a Laker golfer ever in a Regional, Dave Kelly having tied for first in the 1999 NCAA South Regional. ■

## Sports

### The “A Team” is Going to the Nationals

by John Shiffert, University Relations

This time, they’re both going.

In the fall of 2006, Clayton State University cross country star Angela Cobb ran in the NCAA Division II national championship meet, earning All-American status by finishing 20th overall. Then, in March 2007, Allison Kreutzer, the Lakers’ two-time All American in cross country, qualified for and ran in the

NCAA Division II Indoor National Track and Field Championship meet in Boston.

Known together as the “A Team” of Clayton State running, juniors Kreutzer and Cobb will be journeying together to the NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Charlotte, N.C. on May 24. Kreutzer is the fifth seed (17:10.83) among the 21 qualifiers in the

5K, and the ninth seed (36:07.89) among the 17 qualifiers in the 10K. Cobb is seeded one place (36:21.13) behind Kreutzer in the longer race, giving Clayton State a chance for a first – two women’s All-American runners at the same time.

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### Lakers’ Wilcox Finishes Eighth at Southeast Regional; Just Misses NCAA Tournament Bid

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

Clayton State’s Will Wilcox shot a final-round score of four-over-par 76 in the 2007 NCAA Division II Southeast Regional for men’s golf Wednesday at Savannah Quarters Country Club, which was good enough for an eighth-place finish overall. However, Wilcox’s hopes for an individual NCAA Division II National Tournament bid came up two strokes short.

He finished with a three-round score of 229. However, in the Atlantic Regional, Queens’ Iain Hall won the regional with a

228, earning him low individual honors for the Atlantic/Southeast Super Regional and the bid to the NCAA National Tournament.

Despite not earning the NCAA bid, Wilcox finished the spring season strong for Clayton State after transferring from Alabama-Birmingham at the semester break. The sophomore from Pell City, Al., recorded six straight Top 10 finishes to

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