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## Clayton State Awarded \$73,000 Fulbright Grant by U.S. Department of Education

Clayton State University has been awarded a \$73,000 matching Fulbright-Hays grant by the U. S. Department of Education for a four-week on-site "Seminar on Tradition and Transformation in Hungary and the Czech Republic." Contingent upon successful negotiations, 13 to 15 Clayton State, University System of Georgia (USG), K-12 teachers and academic administrators will be eligible to participate in the four week program from June 6 to July 5, 2008.

The purpose of the program is to provide on-site educational and field experiences to increase participants' knowledge and understanding of the historical, social, cultural, political, economic and contemporary aspects of Hungary and the Czech Republic. Participants will incorporate the

knowledge gained into various courses to help students and citizens overcome stereotypical images of Eastern and Central Europe in general and Hungary and the Czech Republic in particular. The seminar will be affiliated with institutions of higher education in the two countries and, as a part of the program, participants will be involved in lectures, conferences, meetings, cultural activities, and visits to historical and cultural sites in and around Budapest, Prague, Debrecen, Pecs, Telc and Karlovy Vary.

According to Clayton State University President Dr. Thomas K. Harden, the program in Hungary and the Czech Republic is a direct outgrowth of the trade mission to the two countries in which he and several area business leaders participated in during the fall of 2003. Harden also notes

that Clayton County and Morrow are home to the first Hungarian Consulate in the State of Georgia and that Delta Airlines' John E. Parkerson, Jr., past chair of the Clayton State University Foundation Board of Trustees, and another member of the 2003 trade mission, serves as Honorary Consul of Hungary for the States of Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina.

The purpose of the internationally known and prestigious Fulbright Program is to promote mutual understanding between the United States and other countries through educational and cultural exchange.

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## A Gust Blows in Georgia

by John Shiffert, University Relations

The tornado that chased the SEC Championships out of the Georgia Dome wasn't the only hurricane-like force on the state's basketball map in March 2008. After winning the Peach Belt Conference championship with a remarkable triple overtime win over USC-Aiken, Coach Gordon Gibbons' Clayton State Lakers took Augusta, Ga., by storm, defeating the sixth-ranked Pacers from Aiken for a second time in six days, then bouncing Lenoir-Rhyne in an even more remarkable overtime performance in the NCAA Division II South Atlantic regionals at Augusta State University's Christenberry Fieldhouse.

Although the Lakers failed to win the regional title, falling to host and nationally-ranked Augusta State, Clayton State's run from a sub-.500 regular season to the

NCAA Division II Sweet Sixteen was a blast seldom seen in the past.

The Lakers' second straight win over top-seeded Aiken that opened the regionals was practically routine compared to Clayton State's Peach Belt title win and the forthcoming second round triumph over Lenoir-Rhyne. In Aiken... The Sequel, Gibbons' shock troops didn't even need overtime, winning 60-58 in regulation and handing the region's best team just its fourth loss in 31 games. To the surprise of virtually no one, All-Peach Belt forward Michael Sloan (14 points) and Peach Belt Tournament MVP Tracy Williams (14 points, five assists) paced

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# Clayton State University Students Sign Their Names to a Piece of History

by Erin Fender, University Relations

Clayton State University students have a chance to ink their names to a piece of history headed for the new Student Activities Center (SAC).

“This fall Clayton State University will open the doors to the new SAC, which will include a number of feature attractions such as a new fitness area, game room, basketball and volleyball courts, ballroom, café, student organization office space and much more,” explains Assistant Director for Campus Life Eric Simon.

Until Apr. 4, 2008 a steel beam that is a part of the construction of the SAC, which is slated to open fall semester 2008, will be in front of the James M. Baker University Center on the Clayton State campus for students to sign.

“I know from experience, both as a student and as an employee, having these facilities definitely add to the student’s

connection with the institution... a sense of pride,” says Simon.

Faculty and staff are welcome to sign the beam as well, but the primary focus is to get students to sign a piece of their new building.

After Friday, Apr. 4, the beam will make its way to the construction site.

For further information on the steel beam, contact Simon at (678) 466-5433 or by email at [EricSimon@clayton.edu](mailto:EricSimon@clayton.edu). ■



Photo Credit: Erin Fender

Student Government Association Students sign the steel beam that will be placed in the Student Activities Center; From Left to Right: SGA Treasurer, Darius Thomas, SGA Secretary Olguin LaRoche, SGA Academic Affairs Chairman, Rajiv Manborde and Audreianna Smith.

## Clayton State Library Archives to Host New Exhibit

The Clayton State University Library Archives will host “Tee Time at the Archives” a new exhibit, beginning Apr. 1, 2008 at 2 p.m. Many of the exhibits will feature Clayton State tee-shirts from over the years.

“We came up with the event name of ‘Tee Time’ because we have a very large collection of tee-shirts commemorating different events and activities,” says Clayton State Archivist Rosemary Fischer.

The new exhibits will open with a special event – Clayton State President Dr. Thomas K. Harden signing the statement of authority for Clayton State University Library’s Archives.

“The signing of the statement is important because it passes the responsibility of preserving Clayton State

University’s history to the Archives,” explains Fischer.

Events, such as the upcoming exhibit, help to promote the archives and their mission of retention and preservation of Clayton State’s history (past and present).

“Exhibits are always important to any archives, because exhibits can bring additional donations of materials as well as financial support,” says Fischer.

The exhibits will feature history panels reflecting the University’s past and current presidents and name and college seal changes. A graduation display will reflect academic regalia, photographs, pins from the nursing program, and diplomas from 1973 to the present.

A spirit area will feature stadium blankets, pennants, tee shirts and photographs from

activities and sports. A display will also feature the history of Clayton State’s mascots, Lucky and Loch.

In a quest to identify photographs of students, faculty, and staff around campus and various events, an intriguing display will be set up for identification purposes. Fischer is hoping to solve the mystery of these pictures with everyone’s help.

“The Clayton State University Library Archives has come a long way in three years: from an empty room to a room filled with documents, photographs, slides, phonograph records, books, and reports. We have established an excellent internship program and have

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## James Earns First Clayton State Retirees Association Scholarship

by John Shiffert, University Relations

It is perhaps too obvious a connection to say that the first recipient of the Clayton State University Retirees Association (CSRA) Scholarship is a rising star among the University's graduate students.

But it's true.

Barbara G. James, who teaches English and gifted English to eighth graders at



Fayetteville's Barbara G. James, who teaches English and gifted English to eighth graders at Fayette County's Rising Starr Middle School, the first Clayton State University student to be awarded the Clayton State Retirees Association's (CSRA) yearly \$1000 scholarship. James is pictured with CSRA Treasurer Robert Koermer, retired Clayton State CFO. (Gid Rowell photo)

Fayette County's Rising Starr Middle School, is indeed the first Clayton State University student to be awarded CSRA's yearly \$1000 scholarship... the first such award at Clayton State targeted specifically to graduate students. One the University's first 14 graduate students, James enrolled in the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS) program in 2006, and immediately made an impression on her first professor, Dr. Bill Pasch.

"Having met Barbara in the first semester of the operation of the MALS program I can say without hesitation that she actually helped teach 'Great Books' week in and week out, so total was her dedication not just to our chosen texts but to the study of imaginative literature in general," he says.

The University's first graduate program, MALS has helped lead the way for three additional graduate programs -- an MBA, a Master of Science in Nursing and a Master of Health Administration. In a similar fashion, as one of the University's first graduate students, and an outstanding one at that, James has helped lead the way

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## Jessica Vickson Chosen as Clayton State 2008 GOAL Winner

by Shavaun Brewer, University Relations

Jessica Vickson, a student in Office Administration in the College of Professional Studies, has been named as Clayton State University's winner of the Georgia Occupational Award of Leadership (GOAL) for 2008.

The announcement was made at the GOAL recognition meeting on Mar. 12 at Clayton County's Rotary Club Luncheon.

Vickson was chosen by a panel of local leaders over three other nominees for the award. The runners-up were: Arwen Mullikin (first runner up), Office

Administration; Andrita Brown, Marketing and Merchandising; and Karen Render, Office Administration.

GOAL, a statewide program of the Georgia Department of Technical and Adult Education (DTAE), honors excellence in academics and leadership among the state's technical college students. Local GOAL winners are selected at each of the state's 33 technical colleges as well as the four Board of Regents colleges with technical education divisions. While

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## Smith Award Nominees Named

The Alice Smith Staff Award Committee announces the five finalists for the 2008 Alice J. Smith Staff Award and asks for your help in selecting the winner:

Kathy Garrison  
*Center for Academic Success*

Mary Alice Gladin  
*School of Business*

Sandy Haught  
*Plant Operations*

Vicky Stewart,  
*School of Nursing*

Celeste Wade  
*Administrative Systems*

The committee invites you to recommend the individual whom you believe is most deserving of the award. Please be very specific in your description of the individual's outstanding contributions to our campus and why you believe he/she should be the recipient. Recommendations may be emailed to [AmberDimkoff@clayton.edu](mailto:AmberDimkoff@clayton.edu); please write "Smith Award [Last Name of the Person You're Recommending]" in the subject line. Recommendations are due by Friday, Apr. 4. Both the staff and faculty Smith award winners will be announced at the Clayton State University Service Award Ceremony on Wednesday, Apr. 30.

The nominees for the Alice Smith Faculty Award are as follows:

Patricia Todebush  
*College of Arts & Sciences*

Antoinette Miller  
*College of Arts & Sciences*

Anita Whiting  
*School of Business*

Lou Brackett  
*College of Professional Studies*

Annita Hunt  
*CIMS*

Lillian Parker  
*School of Nursing*

## Alumni/Development

'07 Distinguished Alumnus Charles D. English, Director of GEMA, to Speak

### Clayton State Alumni Association to Hold 16th Annual Dinner at Georgia Aquarium

Clayton State University alumni and friends, all Laker ships will be sailing to the Georgia Aquarium later this spring.

The Clayton State Alumni Association will be hosting its 16th Annual Dinner on Saturday, Apr. 12 at the Georgia Aquarium in the Atlantic Room of the Oceans Ballroom. The dinner will begin at 7 p.m. and be preceded by a reception at 6 p.m.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to purchase tickets at a special reduced rate and tour the Georgia Aquarium from 5-7 p.m. All alumni, faculty/staff, students and friends of the University are invited to the dinner. Tickets to the dinner are \$55 per person and \$50 for Alumni Association members. Guest will also have the opportunity to purchase a ticket to tour the Aquarium for \$15.

"We are thrilled about the plans for our Annual Meeting and Dinner this year," says Alumni Association President Shawn Nelson. "Our event has grown



tremendously over the last couple of years, and we are excited about having the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our alumni at the Aquarium this year. This has always been a special time for our friends and University family to get together and reacquaint themselves to each other and to the exciting growth and development of Clayton State."

In conjunction with the dinner, the Alumni Association will also recognize its 2008 Distinguished Alumni Award winners and hold a benefit auction. The Association is also proud to announce that last year's overall Distinguished Alumni winner, Charles D. English, the director of the Georgia Emergency Management

Agency (GEMA), will speak at the event.

"Tickets are selling well," says Gid Rowell, Director of Alumni Relations. "Having our dinner at Aquarium has generated a lot of excitement, and I expect a record number this year. We are also having a great response from sponsors supporting our event as well."

Sponsors to date include: BB&T, Mt. Zion Financial Center, H.J. Russell & Co., Liberty Mutual Group, Skanska USA Building Inc., the CSU College of Professional Studies, the CSU School of Nursing, Cobbs Allen & Hall of Georgia, Fulton & Kozak, Chick-fil-A, SunTrust and Trusco Capital Management, Clayton State Department of Athletics, AirTran Airways and Delta Community Credit Union.

For more information about tickets and sponsorship opportunities, contact the Alumni Relations at (678) 466-4477 or [gidrowell@clayton.edu](mailto:gidrowell@clayton.edu). ■

### Alumni Association in Midst of '40-in-40' Phonathon

The phones of Clayton State University alumni have been ringing off the hook in recent weeks.

The Clayton State Office of Alumni Relations and the Clayton State Alumni Association have been conducting a Phonathon over the last two weeks, calling alums and asking them to participate in its "40-in-40" campaign.

The Association is asking for a \$40 gift in celebration of the University's 40th anniversary. After five weeks this spring, the Phonathon will continue next fall and also next year when the University celebrates its 40th anniversary in 2009.

"We've had an awesome response so far," says Gid Rowell, director of Alumni Relations. "We've had almost 125 pledges or gifts and had more than 300 others request additional information."

The Alumni Association has enlisted the help of student callers, and they have been calling from the University's External Relations Suite on Monday through Thursday evenings from 6-9 p.m.

Along with raising funds, the Phonathon is beneficial in updating records and informing grads on some of the exciting developments of Clayton State, including the new graduate programs and building

projects. One of the most interesting contacts was made in the first few days when a student caller was able reconnect with one of the University's first graduates from 1970.



Clayton State student Tiffany Whidby is one of the student callers in the Clayton State Alumni Association "40-in-40" Phonathon.

## Arts Page

### Visiting Trio "Czechs Out" Spivey Hall, April 2

The Czech Trio, the acclaimed ensemble from Prague with a history going back over a century, performs an all-Czech program in Clayton State University's world-famous Spivey Hall on Wednesday, Apr. 2. The concert is presented by the Clayton State Department of Music and admission is free to the public.

The Atlanta program is an all-Czech one, featuring the Second Trio in D minor by Bohuslav Martinu, Bedrich Smetana's Trio in G minor, and Dvorak's "Dumky" Trio in E minor. The Martinu work was written in 1950 when the composer was living in New York and it was premiered at the opening of the Haydn Library at

MIT in Cambridge that year. The Smetana and Dvorak are two of the most beloved chamber masterworks from the Romantic period.

Members of the Czech Trio are Milan Langer, piano, Dana Vlachová, violin, and Miroslav Petráš, violoncello. All three members of the Trio are sought-after teachers at the Prague Conservatoire or Academy of Performing Arts. The Czech Trio continues the work of previous famous trios of that name, whose members have been spreading the fame of the art of Czech music interpretation in almost uninterrupted sequence since 1899. The Trio's most recent recording on

the Arco Diva label, entitled "Elegiac" includes works by Rachmaninoff, Suk and Dvorák.

This will be the Czech Trio's third tour of the United States, with 17 performances in Florida, South Carolina and Georgia (including Macon on Apr. 1 and Hawkinsville on Apr. 5.)

For further information on the Spivey Hall performance, call (678) 466-4756. The Czech Trio's website is: [www.czechtrio.cz](http://www.czechtrio.cz). The Czech Trio is represented by Raymond Weiss Artist Management, Inc. ■

### Jazz Combo Presents "Shades of Max" in Spivey Hall, April 23

by Lauren Graves, University Relations

The Clayton State University Jazz Combo presents "Shades of Max" remembering Max Roach (1925-2007) on Wednesday, Apr. 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Spivey Hall on the Clayton State main campus in Morrow. The event is free and open to the public.

"Max Roach was one of the most versatile and accomplished musicians in jazz history since his emergence in the 1940s," offers Clayton State University Jazz Combo Director Stacey Houghton. "His inventive drumming has added significantly to the sounds of jazz masters Charlie Parker, Miles Davis, Sonny Rollins, Clifford Brown, Duke Ellington and many others."

A large portion of the evening's show will feature music to which Roach contributed his developmental drumming, as well as some of his own compositions and arrangements. Other highlights of the program include several arrangements and originals by Houghton written specifically for the combo, as well as an exciting vocal rendition of Duke Ellington's "It Don't Mean a Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing)" featuring guest Clayton State alumna Candace Henry (Lithonia).

In addition to Henry's vocals, the following musicians will perform in "Shades of Max:" Michael Wheeler (Forest Park) and Wilgens Pierre (Mableton) on trumpet; Shaun Brooks (Peachtree City) on trom-

bone; Houghton (Rex) on tenor saxophone; Chris Odom (Lovejoy) and Marc Agenor (Morrow) on guitar; Tony Terrell (Lake City) on bass; and Courtney Tatum (Lovejoy) on drums. ■



**Want more jazz? See the Clayton Community Big Band perform in Spivey Hall on April 28. Story on page XX.**

## Arts Page

# Clayton State and Brenau University Present Opera and Play, "Riders to the Sea"

Clayton State University and Brenau University are collaborating on a series of joint theatrical productions in April, including "The Telephone" and "Riders to the Sea." Performances will be held at Brenau's Pearce Auditorium, and at the Clayton State Theater. The following is a list of the dates and times of the performances.

**April 11** at Brenau University's Pearce Auditorium; 8 p.m.



**Curtain Raiser:** "The Telephone," by Gian Carlo Menotti;

**Act 1:** The play of "Riders to the Sea" by John Millington Synge, performed by the Clayton State Theater;

**Act 2:** The opera of "Riders to the Sea" by Ralph Vaughan Williams, performed by Brenau University.

**April 17** at Clayton State University's Clayton State Theater (G132), 7 p.m.

The play of "Riders to the Sea" by John Millington Synge, performed by the Clayton State Theater.

**April 18** at Clayton State University's Clayton State Theater, 7 p.m.

**Act 1:** The play of "Riders to the Sea," by John Millington Synge, performed by the Clayton State Theater;

**Act 2:** The opera of "Riders to the Sea," by Ralph Vaughan Williams, performed by Brenau University.

**Performance Notes:** Brenau University will host a unique "multimedia" version of the classic Irish tragedy "Riders to the Sea" at 8 p.m. Friday, Apr. 11, in historic Pearce Auditorium.

The collaboration with Clayton State University will include a performance of the one-act 1904 work by Irish playwright John Millington Synge. That will be followed with a performance of the 1927 Ralph Vaughan Williams opera, which is based on the play. Following the Apr. 11 performance in Gainesville, the works will be repeated at 7 p.m. on Friday, Apr. 18, at the Clayton State Theatre. Performances in both venues are open to the public. Admission is \$10 at Brenau and \$5 at Clayton State.

The Apr. 11 program at Brenau is the International Opera Center's annual spring program. It also will include a performance of "The Telephone," the 1937 comic opera by Italian-born American composer Gian Carlo Menotti.

According to Brenau Artist-in-Residence William Fred Scott, who will be conducting the opera, to the best of his knowledge, the play and opera have never been performed together.

"The play, as produced by the Druid Theatre of Ireland, was a huge hit a few years ago in New York," notes Clayton State Theater Director Phillip DePoy, who will conduct Clayton State's portion of the collaboration. ■

## Gospel Choir Schedules New Rehearsal Dates

Many of you have inquired whether the Gospel Choir would have any rehearsals on days other than Wednesday. Due to this request, the Clayton State Gospel Choir is pleased to inform you we will be holding a few off-schedule, mandatory rehearsals. Those interested in being a part of this wonderful choir, please be willing to make a commitment to these few, but limited rehearsals. The rehearsals are as follows:

Saturday, Apr. 5, 2008  
Location: TBA; Time: noon - 2 p.m.

Saturday, Apr. 19, 2008  
Location: TBA; Time: noon - 2 p.m.

Monday, Apr. 21, 2008  
Location: TBA; Time: TBA

Wednesday, Apr. 23, 2008  
Location: TBA; Time: TBA

The Clayton State Gospel Choir holds its regular rehearsals every Wednesday, at Rock Springs Baptist Church from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact LaQuisha Smith at [lsmith59@student.clayton.edu](mailto:lsmith59@student.clayton.edu). ■

## Arts Page

# Clayton State Music Department Chair a Literary Figure as Well



Dr. Douglas Wheeler

Dr. Douglas Wheeler, head of the Music Department Professor of Percussion and Music History at Clayton State University is nothing if not versatile. In addition to leading the outstanding group of professional musicians and educators who make up the Music Department in the College of Arts & Sciences, Wheeler is also a fine percussionist, music historian and writer.

His most recent venture into the literary field is in the NACWPI (National Association of College Wind and Percussion Instructors) Journal, wherein Wheeler reviews three pieces of percussion ensemble music and contributes an

article for the purpose of benefiting young professionals as negotiate the college teaching career field.

Asked to write a manuscript that would benefit those new to the profession for the summer 2007 issue of the NACWPI Journal, Wheeler produced "Practical Suggestions for New and Aspiring College/University Professors."

"Since the editor wanted something that would be helpful, I attempted to make the article as practical as possible," he notes.

Wheeler gave aspiring professors suggestions on application and interview processes, as well as the negotiation process. He also offered tips on being an

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# Wind Ensemble to Hold Spring Concert at Spivey Hall

by Erin Fender, University Relations

Clayton State University's Wind Ensemble will hold its spring 2008 concert in Spivey Hall on Apr. 9 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

A special piece by a Clayton State senior music composition student Christel Vinot (Jonesboro), entitled "Forsaken Past," will be featured among the night's program.

"The original version of this piece, for string orchestra, trumpet, piano and percussion, received its premier in 2005 by the Southern Crescent Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Dr. Richard Bell," explains Vinot in her program notes. "It was so well received that I decided to re-orchestrate the piece for wind ensemble. I was very pleased with the result, and would like to thank Dr. Patrick Carney and the Clayton State

University Wind Ensemble for doing such a great job!"

The concert will also feature the Clayton State University Brass Ensemble, Flute Trio, and Percussion Studio. The Wind Ensemble will also perform works by Holst, Yurko, Gillingham and O'Loughlin.



Christel Vinot

For more information, contact Carney, Clayton State's director of bands, at (678) 466-4745 or email [Patrickcarney@clayton.edu](mailto:Patrickcarney@clayton.edu). ■

# Weeks Joins Spivey Hall Staff as Executive Assistant



Yashica S. Weeks has joined the staff of Spivey Hall as executive assistant, effective Mar. 3. Her appointment is the culmination of a selection process that yielded more than 60 applicants for this position.

A graduate of Columbia College in Columbia, S.C. with a bachelor's degree in public affairs, Weeks has worked as an event planner for a variety of organizations, most recently the City of Atlanta Office of Cultural Affairs, where she assisted with the Montreux Jazz Festival and the Atlanta Jazz Festival.

As executive assistant, Weeks provides general administrative support to the director of Spivey Hall with emphasis in the areas of artistic planning, artist and donor relations, internal and external communications, event planning, and special projects.

"We're delighted to welcome Yashica Weeks to Clayton State," says Sam Dixon, executive & artistic director of Spivey Hall. "I'm certain she will play a vital role in sustaining Spivey Hall's success by working closely with staff and volunteers, The Friends of Spivey Hall, and our consular corps partners who support our presentation of outstanding international musicians."

Weeks may be reached by telephone at (678) 466-4486 or via email to [yashicaweeks@clayton.edu](mailto:yashicaweeks@clayton.edu).

## Across the Campus...

### Academic Affairs

Dr. Nasser Momayezi has been appointed as the new dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Dr. Lila Roberts has been appointed as the new dean of the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences. Both new deans will be officially joining Clayton State on July 1, 2008, however they will be visiting campus prior to July 1 to begin the transition. Dr. Benita Moore chaired the C&S search and Dr. Jacob Chacko chaired the CIMS search committee and both did an excellent job.

### Admissions

It's time to celebrate. The Office of Undergraduate Admissions is hosting its annual Admitted Student Celebration on Saturday, Apr. 26. If you would like to volunteer or would like more information, please contact Ted Riley ext. 4137 or [theodorariley@clayton.edu](mailto:theodorariley@clayton.edu).

### Athletics

The Clayton State Laker men's golf team finished its final tune-up for the Peach Belt Conference championships on Tuesday with a strong showing at the Bobcat Invitational. In the 17-team field featuring 11 nationally-ranked Division II teams, the 20th-ranked Lakers finished eighth overall with a three-round score of 914. Following a 308 in Monday's first round, Clayton State shot rounds of 306 and 300 in harsh conditions at Cusawilla Golf Club. The Lakers finished one stroke off the pace of third-ranked Florida Southern, two strokes behind 19th-ranked North Alabama and eight strokes behind sixth-ranked USC Aiken. Amongst the teams that the Lakers defeated included 14th-ranked Georgia College (918), 18th-ranked Lander (939) and 10th-ranked Armstrong Atlantic (943). Individually for Clayton State, junior Will Wilcox shot a 223 (72-79-72) to finish 11th overall. In addition to Wilcox, sophomore Wade Binfield finished tied for 24th with a 228 (75-74-79), while junior Jonathan Visconti finished tied for 44th with a 234 (89-72-73). Freshman Kevin Duncan and Chris Cartwright both finished tied for 68th and 75th, respectively, with a 242 (82-84-76) and a 245 (79-81-85).

### CAIS

Dr. Wendy Burns-Ardolino reports that she still has copies of her new book, "Jiggle:(Re)Shaping American Women," available in her office in Arts & Sciences, room 110-C. She is selling copies for \$30 and would be happy to sign any copies that folks have purchased who couldn't make it to her book signing.

### Graduate Studies

The Clayton State University School of Graduate Studies will be holding its next informational Open House on Tuesday, Apr. 8 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The Open House will give prospective graduate students a chance to learn more about the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies, Master of Business Administration, Master of Health Administration, and Master of Science in Nursing. The event will be held in Room 201 of the University's Harry S. Downs Center. The University is now accepting applications for all four of its graduate programs. Go to <http://graduate.clayton.edu> or call (678) 466-4113.

### Health & Fitness Management

Improve your health and the health of loved ones by becoming a certified personal trainer. Clayton State will host a three-day personal trainer workshop from Apr. 4 through Apr. 6 and a one-day personal trainer workshop on Apr. 6 in the University's Athletics & Fitness Center, room E43. Coordinated by Clayton State's Dr. Melanie Poudevigne, the three-day workshop will prepare attendees to receive the newest personal trainer certification from the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) ([www.acsm.org](http://www.acsm.org)). The one-day workshop is designed for currently and previously certified personal trainers and will provide the knowledge necessary to successfully attain the new ACSM Certified Personal Trainer credential. To register for the three-day or one-day workshop, contact ACSM by calling (317) 637-9200 or visit [www.FRAUSA.com](http://www.FRAUSA.com) or [www.ACSM.com](http://www.ACSM.com). Workshop costs range from \$375 to attend all three sessions to \$175 for the one day ticket. One day tick-

ets are available only for those who are already certified or educated in exercise science.

### History

Eugene K. Wilson, an adjunct faculty member of the History Department at Clayton State University and a member of the North-South Skirmish Association (N-SSA), will present his knowledge of the Civil War era and firearms of the Civil War and Southern industry to students at 1:30 p.m. on Apr. 1 in room T-100 of the Technology Building. Wilson will present on the influence of technology on Civil War tactics to a course in Civil War and Reconstruction taught by Dr. Eugene Hatfield, head of the Department of Social Sciences.

### Music

Clayton State Director of Keyboard Studies Dr. Michiko Otaki is featured on a new CD recently released by Dutton Epoch -- a recording of viola music by Benjamin Dale (1885-1943). As part of his on-going Tertis Project, renowned British violist Roger Chase brings this relatively unknown English composer into the limelight with the help of pianist Otaki in the CD, "Benjamin Dale Music for Viola." The Duo's Tertis Project began with performances last year at the National Gallery of Art in Washington and at Princeton University; a selection from the National Gallery concert was broadcast nationally last month on Performance Today.

### Procurement

The State Accounting Office announces that effective Apr. 1, 2008 the mileage rate for use of personal vehicle for business purposes is increasing from \$0.485 to \$0.505 per mile. Please remember to determine that usage of a personal motor vehicle is the most advantageous form of travel prior to your business trip. If there are any questions, please contact Wanda Bunn or Row Anderson.

### SBDC

Donna Kelsick, business consultant with the Clayton State University Small



## Across the Campus...

Business Development Center (SBDC), is planning a one day Wellness Retreat at the University's Harry S. Downs Center on Apr. 12. The Wellness Retreat will run from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and is offered through Kelsick's own business, ASK Unlimited LLC, a coaching, consulting and training organization. Kelsick also notes that they will be offering a student discount, "Buy One, Bring a Friend Free... Split the Cost & Share the Benefits." Individuals will have to show a student ID at the door to get the second person in free. For more information, or to register, go to the ASK Unlimited website at [www.asknolimits.com](http://www.asknolimits.com).

### University Relations

The Office of University Relations is looking for faculty members who reside in either Henry or Fayette counties who are willing to be profiled by the Neighbor newspapers in those two counties. If you live in either Henry or Fayette, and wouldn't mind being interviewed by Neighbor Newspapers editor Nicole Hollimon, please e-mail [johnshiffert@clayton.edu](mailto:johnshiffert@clayton.edu).

### University System

This week's issue of the University System of Georgia's Legislative Update has been posted and is available for down-

loading at <http://www.usg.edu/pubs/lu/>. Back issues of the newsletter are also available there.

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## Students Volunteer For Alternative Spring Break

During the course of an average academic year, students at Clayton State University will participate in any number of volunteer activities in and around the Atlanta Metropolitan area under the auspices of the University's Department of Campus Life.

However, during the just-concluded Spring Break, nine Clayton State students went a lot farther for their community service, taking part in the University's inaugural "Alternative Spring Break" program. All nine students gave up their regular spring break, not by hitting the beaches in South Florida, but to volunteer to work with the homeless population in New York City.

From Mar. 2 to Mar. 8 the Clayton State students were serving the Big Apple, visiting some of that city's sites, and even finding the time to keep their own blogs. The students taking part in the Alternative Spring Break were; Amber Pierce-Bennett (Jonesboro), Michelle Carter (Decatur), Penny Ho (Forest Park), Willetta Reed (East Point), Kamille Rigsby (Lubbock, Tx.), Atawanna Royal (Savannah), Xavier Russ (Ft.

Stewart), Denise Taylor (McDonough) and Celestina "Tina" Young (Dallas).

You can read the student blogs at: <http://claytonaltspringbreak08.blogspot.com/>.



Clayton State students at Ellis Island. Clockwise from far right, they are: Kamille Rigsby (black hooded jacket), Penny Ho, Xavier Russ, Atawanna Royal, Michelle Carter, Denise Taylor, Willetta Reed, Amber Pierce-Bennett, Tina Young.

## Henry County School Superintendent Dr. Jack Parish Speaks With Students

by Erin Fender, University Relations

Superintendent Dr. Jack Parish of the Henry County School System spoke with pre-teacher education students and was presented a certificate from the Department of Teacher Education at Clayton State University on Feb. 29, 2008.

“While I have been superintendent, I have been very appreciative of the relationship with Clayton State and working with President Harden and Dr. Flannagan,” said Parish.

Parish was recognized with a certificate of appreciation for his continued support and work with the Clayton State University Southern Crescent P-16 Council, which is comprised of superintendents from school districts of Clayton, Fayette, Fulton, Henry, Rockdale and Spalding counties.

“In addition, Dr. Parish is a strong supporter for our teacher education programs, as we use his school system to place student teachers and for offering a field-based course for juniors at one of the mid-

dle schools,” explains Dr. Larnell Flannagan, head of the department for teacher education.

Parish spoke with students in the course, Critical Issues in Contemporary Education, taught by Dr. A. G. Stewart, a visiting Fulbright Scholar from New Zealand. One of the goals of this course is to prepare students with the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to teach and work in today’s school settings.

Parish engaged the students with an open discussion on the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education’s annual publication, The Top Ten Issues to Watch. Some of the topics discussed include, debates over school funding, charter schools and vouchers, and teacher quality.

“I enjoy talking with students in teacher education programs and encouraging them to continue with their pursuit to become an educator,” says Parish.

The Department of Teacher Education works to expose pre-teacher education students to leaders in education in order to help them understand what their duties and responsibilities will be as an educator.

“We hope to continue inspiring pre-teacher education majors to pursue teacher education as their major at the junior year,” says Flannagan. ■



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Dr Larnell Flannagan and Dr. Jack Parish

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In commenting on the latest award, Harden indicated that Clayton State has earned the unique distinction of being the only University System of Georgia institution which has been awarded six Fulbright-Hays grants during the past four years. Previous Fulbright and other direct and matching grants received by Clayton State in the amount of \$450,000 have helped more than 55 Clayton State, USG faculty members and K-12 teachers to study and travel in Argentina, Chile, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and South Africa.

Although the Federal grant will cover a major portion of international and domestic air and surface travel from Atlanta, room and board and other expenses; each selected participant or his or her sponsoring institution will be responsible for a registration fee of \$1,800 to cover supplementary travel, lodging and other program related costs.

More details regarding the program can be obtained by contacting Raj Sashti ([rajgopalsashti@mail.clayton.edu](mailto:rajgopalsashti@mail.clayton.edu)), semi-

nar director and director of the Nine University and College International Studies Consortium of Georgia at Clayton State. The deadline for applications for this program is Apr. 10. Due to program and time constraints, individuals interested in participating in the seminar are requested to contact Sashti immediately. ■

## Business and Operations Changes Organizational Structure

Vice President Business & Operations David Heflin is pleased to announce a change to his organizational structure that will provide increased focus on several strategic objectives.

With the many changes that the campus is experiencing in preparation to offering student housing, along with new facilities and programs, a new organization has been formed to help focus on the success of this transition. Carolina Amero, assistant vice president Auxiliary & Administrative Services, will lead this organization.

Norman Grizzell, associate director Auxiliary Services, will continue to report to Amero and manage the existing auxiliary functions on campus.

Cindy Knight, director Operations Services, will move her existing functions to Amero's group. Knight is currently responsible for; campus mail room operations and deliveries, warehouse operations; inventory management, property risk management; contract administration, and records retention. She will also assume a new role as Clayton State's Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) coordinator, and will bring increased focus to this critical function.

Clayton State continues to be committed to promoting environmental stewardship, and a safe and healthy campus community. Knight will also ensure that the institution is in compliance with all applicable EPA laws and regulations. ■

## Eagle Scout Scholarships Available

The Clayton State University Office of Financial Aid announces that the Mrs. Bobby L. Johnson Memorial Scholarship is available for male students enrolled in, or admitted to, Clayton State University for the fall 2008 semester. Applicants must have a minimum 2.8 GPA and have attained the rank of Eagle Scout from the metro Atlanta region.

Individuals meeting these guidelines who would like to apply for the Johnson Scholarship for the 2008/2009 academic year (fall 2008 and spring 2009 semesters), can print the Clayton State scholarship application and recommendation forms at <http://adminsivices.clayton.edu/financialaid> and click on Scholarships. The scholarship application deadline is Thursday, Apr. 24, 2008.

Note that applicants must submit two recommendation forms. Also, the scholarship recipient must submit proof of his Eagle Scout rank from the Metro Atlanta region. ■

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Clayton State University is not a technical college, various programs in the University's College of Professional Studies receive funding from DTAE, allowing the opportunity for Clayton State students to participate in the GOAL competition each year.

The announcement of Vickson as Clayton State's GOAL winner was made by Dr. Laveda Pullens, the University's GOAL Coordinator.

Vickson will receive an all-expense-paid trip to Atlanta in May where, for three days, she will compete with GOAL winners from the other state technical college campuses. A panel of leaders from the business, industry and government sectors will interview them and choose one to be the state's 2008 GOAL winner and the recipient of the GOAL medallion. The grand prize for the state GOAL winner also includes a new car, courtesy of Chevrolet, the statewide corporate sponsor of the GOAL program. ■



(Left to Right) Dr. Laveda Pullens, Clayton State 2008 GOAL winner Jessica Vickson, Clayton County Rotary's Shegale Crute.

## Life's Transitions...

Dr. Donald Phillips

Dr. Donald Phillips passed away on Thursday, Mar. 13, 2008. A retired professor of Management in the Clayton State School of Business, and a 2000 nominee for the Alice Smith Faculty Award, he joined the Clayton State faculty in September, 1989, after a long tenure with the University of Alabama. Dr. Phillips held both the Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Georgia Tech and the Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Alabama. In his professional career, Dr. Phillips was been employed in the textile industry and had teaching positions at Georgia Tech, The Citadel, The University of Alabama and the University of New Hampshire. His areas of expertise included production, economics, statistics, and business policy and strategy.

Dr. Phillips worked extensively with business, industry, and government as a consultant and provider of training and employee development. His publications appeared in many of the leading journals of business and covered a variety of topics including motivation, math models, systems management, and computer information systems models.

His memorial service was held from on Sunday, Mar. 16, at Fayetteville First United Methodist Church in Fayetteville.



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brought publicity to Clayton and the Archives through multiple outreach programs in the community," says Fischer. "Our Archives is small but it is constantly growing."

The public is invited to attend the opening event as well as through out the month of April while the exhibits are on display. The archives are located in the Clayton State University Library. Light

refreshments will be served on opening day from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

For further information about the Clayton State University Archives or the upcoming event, please contact Fischer at (678) 466-4333 or by email at [Rosemaryfischer@clayton.edu](mailto:Rosemaryfischer@clayton.edu). ■



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T-Shirt display featuring designs worn throughout the University's history.

## Clayton State Senior Raises Awareness for Ovarian Cancer

by Lauren Graves, University Relations

Clayton State University Integrative Studies major Julia Jones is earning more than class credit in her senior internship. Jones is raising funds to support earlier detection of ovarian cancer through Ovarian Cycle, Inc.

Jones, who lost her mother to ovarian cancer, is merging her passion for the cause with her educational goal of work in the public relations sector. Now in her second internship with Ovarian Cycle, Inc., Jones is taking what she's learned in the Clayton State classroom and making a difference by promoting Ovarian Cycle's 2008 Ride to Change the Future scheduled for Apr. 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Atlanta's Midtown Athletic Club.

"Supporting the efforts of Ovarian Cycle not only brings awareness to this silent killer, but also brings people to fitness," Jones explains of the annual event. Health clubs across the nation participate in Ride to Change the Future, a stationary bike ride created by fitness expert Bethany Diamond in memory of her friend Debbie Flamm who lost her battle with the disease.

Participants form teams and ride 100 virtual miles on indoor bikes to raise money for ovarian cancer research.

Jones plans to pursue a career in public relations in the non-profit sector after she graduates from Clayton State in spring 2009. "My plans are to work for a non-profit organization not necessarily for the salary, but more for the cause," she says, and cites Clayton State Assistant Professor of Journalism Dr. Randy Clark as her inspiration for pursuing public relations.

Jones invites the community to join in the cause saying, "If you have a mother, daughter, sister or aunt, you have a reason to support earlier detection....We have the power and the responsibility to make a difference."

For more information on Ovarian Cycle's Apr. 26 Ride to Change the Future, visit [www.ovariacycle.org](http://www.ovariacycle.org). To learn more about Clayton State University's Integrative Studies program contact the College of Arts & Sciences at (678) 466-4735. ■

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for dozens of graduate students over the past year-and-a-half.

A graduate of Fayette County High School, James has an undergraduate degree in American Studies from Wesleyan College in Macon, Ga. She subsequently married a Macon native, William B. "Bill" James, and lived there for 23 years before returning home to Fayetteville 12 years ago. Currently in her 19th year as an eighth grade teacher, she has also previously coached the Academic Team, and sponsored school newspapers, literary magazines and a drama club.

Although, as Pasch and her fellow graduate students have noted, James is already an expert on literature, she is taking the History track in the MALS program.

"I am passionate about literature, especially Southern authors, and history, especially Southern history," she says. "I am pursuing a degree in history which I hope will not only make me a better teacher, but will prepare me to volunteer after retirement at the State or National Archives or a similar institution.

"In due time I hope to retire to the North Georgia mountains, my 'spiritual home,' where I hope God will grant me enough time to write a historical novel about my Huguenot ancestors leaving France and coming to the New World."

Like many of her fellow MALS students, James is a non-traditional student, returning to class in a different role from her profession at Rising Starr. Although she had her doubts at first about becoming a student again, James says it's been a great experience.

"I had my doubts about pursuing this degree at my age, but it has been one of the most exciting things I have ever done," she says. "I have been impressed in particular with the professors I have encountered in the MALS program and with the program in general. One aspect

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## Do You Knead A Therapeutic Massage?

Did you know that the Department of Recreation & Wellness (formerly SmartBodies) has contracted with a massage therapist to provide massage therapy on campus for more than nine years?

It's true and there is now an expansion of massage therapy hours as a part of the campus wellness initiative. Michael Clark's Integrated Wellness team has more than 83 years of combined experience and all the massage therapists are licensed to practice in the State of Georgia. So, whether you are dealing with chronic pain issues or simply need some stress relief, a deep tissue massage just might be what the doctor

ordered. List below is the therapist's contact information and availability. Call to schedule your appointment time.

Michael Clark – (678) 984-2943,  
Wednesday - Saturday, 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Darr Johnson – (770) 855-9267,  
Monday & Tuesday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Phyllis Arnold – (404) 202-2325,  
Saturdays only, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Joyce Turner – (770) 968-8293,  
Monday - Friday, 6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

# Clayton Community Big Band Presents "Crossing Over" in Spivey Hall, April 28

by Lauren Graves, University Relations



The Clayton Community Big Band under the direction of Stacey Houghton presents "Crossing Over," big band versions of popular tunes, on Monday, Apr. 28 at 7:30 p.m. in Spivey Hall on the Clayton State main campus in Morrow. The event is free and open to the public.

"In order to make the modern big band more accessible to a wider audience, bandleaders and writers have occasionally worked with popular melodies outside of the swing tradition, converting them to a jazz format," explains Houghton. "Our program includes jazz arrangements of non-jazz melodies from the books of such bandleaders as Buddy Rich, Terry Gibbs, and Gordon Goodwin in addition to its usual lineup of standard swing."

Performing in "Crossing Over" are the following musicians: Sorrell Carr (Jonesboro), Marcus Outler (Morrow), Michael Terry (Meansville), James Riley (Peachtree City), and Tara Adcock (Fayetteville) on saxophone;

Michael Wheeler (Forest Park), Anthony G. Bailey (Decatur), Mark Lewis (Stockbridge) and Daniel Sims (Morrow) on trumpet; Doug Murray (Jonesboro), Mark Gladfelter (Ellenwood), Amy Castillo (Jackson) and Enrique Mercado (Lake City) on trombone; Stephanie Butler (Atlanta) on piano; Tony Terrell (Lake City) on bass; Courtney Tatum (Lovejoy) and Daniel Watts (McDonough) on drums; and Chris Odom (Lovejoy), Marc Agenor (Morrow) and Caleb Halstead (McDonough) on guitar.

The Big Band also presents vocalist K.J. McKinnie on two numbers that were originally arranged for the likes of Sarah Vaughan and Diane Schuur.

The Clayton Community Big Band is comprised of Clayton State music students and talented musicians in the local community. The Apr. 28 Big Band performance is presented by the Clayton State University Department of Music. For more information, contact [HOUGHTONES@aol.com](mailto:HOUGHTONES@aol.com). ■

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- Stacey Houghton

**Place: Spivey Hall**  
**Date: April 28, 2008**  
**Time: 7:30 p.m.**  
**Cost: FREE!**

## Clayton State Chapter of Golden Key International Honour Society Inducts 30

Clayton State University recently inducted 30 students to its chapter of the Golden Key International Honour Society on the occasion of the official chartering of the Clayton State chapter. Also inducted at the ceremony were four honorary members, including Clayton State President Dr. Thomas K. Harden.

Golden Key was founded in 1977 by a group of undergraduate students at Georgia State University. Since its inception, Golden Key has been established as a positive force in higher education. Membership to this academic achievement organization is granted by invitation only and requires the achievement and maintenance of high academic standards. Golden Key is not only an academic achievement organization, but is also involved in community and university service, thus providing many opportunities for the members to gain valuable experience.

Golden Key also awards its members more than \$400,000 annually through numerous scholarship and award programs. Members are connected to exclusive career opportunities and assistance through Golden Key's partnerships with

major corporations and graduate programs. The Society provides campus and community service opportunities enabling personal growth and leadership development as well as collaborating with university faculty and administrators to develop and maintain high standards of education.

The Clayton State chapter was established in the fall of 2006 and was originally recognized as a "benefits only" chapter. On Feb. 17, the Clayton State chapter was officially chartered and recognized as the 358th Golden Key Chapter world-wide. Invitation to join Golden Key is only extended to the top 15 percent of the sophomore, junior and senior classes at Clayton State.

Currently the Clayton State University chapter has 86 members, 30 of whom were recently inducted. Golden Key also awards honorary member status to individuals who contribute to the local chapter and/or community. In addition to Harden, the Clayton State chapter also inducted honorary members Dr. Matthew Parrott and Jeff Jacobs -- co-advisors to the Clayton State chapter -- and Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Brian Haynes.

The following Clayton State students were inducted into Golden Key...

Iris Abernathy (Forest Park), Melka Argaw (Clarkston), Yolanda Barrow (Rex), Loretta Boyd (Fayetteville), Debra Burt (McDonough), Tiffani Davis (Riverdale), Thuy Dinh (Stockbridge), Kisha Foster (Covington), Monique Francois (Jonesboro), Dean Gilewicz (Atlanta), Alan Gordy (Conyers), Debra Grigsby (Rex), Leland Haraszti (Jonesboro), Diana Harris (Stockbridge), Sabrina Horne (Riverdale), Gay Iglesias (Riverdale), Caroline Jones, Kanita Key (Lithonia), Julie Kornder (Forest Park), Hazel Manatsa (College Park), Suzzette Moore (Lithonia), Jewels Morgan (Snellville), Lauren Ogden (Stockbridge), Anne Ogrosky (Stockbridge), Helena Peace (Stone Mountain), Katie Peppers (Sharpsburg), Hina Rehmani (Ellenwood), Tasha-Gaye Samuels (Atlanta), Felicia Shy (Decatur), John Toliver (Decatur). ■

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that I especially like is that there are participants of all ages and backgrounds in the program. Another is the collegiality that the program strives to foster among, not just the participants, but between the students and the faculty as well.

"I can't say enough about how interesting, as well as enlightening, the courses have been."

The Jameses have two daughters. Erin is currently doing a Master's in Library Science through Florida State University and Lana is a senior at Kennesaw State University getting a degree in Spanish and ESOL education. Unlike most of the rest

of the family, their white Bichon Frise, Maggie, isn't in school at the present.

"Words can never express how honored I feel to have been chosen as the recipient of the first Clayton State Retiree's Scholarship. The retirees have been so supportive and kind in so many ways, as has the administration," she says. "The boost to my confidence from this honor is immeasurable; it has been a constant reminder that we can all reach the goal of being a 'lifelong learner.'"

"I simply cannot say enough good things about every aspect of my experience at Clayton State."

And there are many in the Clayton State Retirees Association, and the Clayton State College of Professional Studies, who would say good things about James. ■

## New Biology Professor a Top Researcher on Chimpanzee Communications

by Erin Fender, University Relations

Dr. Jared Tagliatela, a research associate at the Yerkes National Primate Research Center and new assistant professor of Biology at Clayton State University, was a lead researcher on a study involving the use of positron emission tomography (PET) to monitor the brain activity of chimpanzees during communicative behavior with results indicating a close relationship to humans.

“One of the major findings of this study indicates the region of the chimpanzee brain that anatomically corresponds to the human Broca’s area is involved in the production of communicative signals, specifically, manual gestures and vocalizations,” explains Tagliatela. “As far as we know, no other study has implicated the homolog to Broca’s area in communicative functions in apes.”

Tagliatela, who has worked with chimpanzees and bonobos for 10 years, expressed the rewarding aspect to this research is learning about the communicative and cognitive competencies of their ape subjects.

The researchers spend a great deal of time building relationships with the

chimpanzees creating a system of trust and respect, he says.

“This not only allows us to humanely and non-invasively conduct our research, but ensures that we acquire the highest quality data,” notes Tagliatela. “The work is challenging given the time, effort, and patience it takes to accomplish this level of trust and respect with our subjects, as well as due to the logistics associated with the technology itself.”

The study suggests that chimpanzee communication is more complex than previously thought and involves brain areas that are similar to those used by humans.

“Specifically, one interpretation of our results is that chimpanzees have, in essence, a “language-ready” brain. By this, we are suggesting that our results imply that apes are born with and use the brain areas identified in our paper when producing signals that are part of their communicative repertoire,” says Tagliatela.

This study was partially presented at the “Mind of the Chimpanzee” conference in Chicago in March 2007. Most recently the study, co-authored by Tagliatela, was published in the journal “Current Biology” in March 2008.

Tagliatela organized a workshop on ape communication that was held on Mar. 11, 2008 at the Seventh Evolution of Language Conference held in Barcelona. He also provided introductory remarks at the workshop.

He will begin teaching courses at Clayton State in the fall 2008 semester.

“I hope to actively involve undergraduates in my research program looking at ape cognitive and communicative behavior, and the neurocorrelates of these competencies. Through classroom teaching, mentored research instruction, and participation in high impact research, I hope to complement the department’s existing strengths and offer undergraduates unique opportunities for learning,” says Tagliatela. “My wife, Lauren, is an assistant professor of Psychology at Kennesaw State University. She and I have, and continue to, collaborate on a number of projects, although she was not directly involved in this study.”

He and his wife live in Atlanta with their two dogs, Floyd and George, and three cats, Jake, Walter, and Natalie. ■

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outstanding faculty member so as to better prepare his readers for the tenure and promotion process.

“I commented on what universities are looking for when they evaluate faculty members. Finally, I commented on the post-tenure review process,” he says.

Wheeler’s reviews were published in the latest edition of the NACWPI Journal, spring 2008. He reviewed “Materials-A Percussion Quartet;” a piece for solo percussion entitled “Canned Heat” which

was the first place winner for Multi-percussion Solo in the 2002 Percussive Arts Society Composition Contest; and “Three Concert Pieces for Solo Marimba” by Alice Gomez.

Wheeler explains that “Materials-A Percussion Quartet” is in four movements. The first movement is for “wood” instruments (xylophone, woodblocks, claves, and marimba.) The second movement is for “metal” instruments such as the vibraphone, gong, chimes, and suspended cymbal. The third movement is

for the “drums” including snare drum, tom toms, timpani, and bass drum. The last movement is entitled “The Works” and includes some of the instruments (metal, wood, and drums) from the other three movements. ■



## Marcia Garrison Taylor, CEO of Bennett International Group, to Speak at April Women's Forum

The Wednesday, Apr. 16 luncheon meeting of the Clayton State University Women's Forum will feature Marcia Garrison Taylor, CEO of Bennett International Group, as the keynote speaker.

The luncheon, which is open to the public, will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. in room 101 of the Harry S. Downs Center.

Taylor is president and chief executive officer of Bennett International Group, a company she acquired with her late husband G.D. Garrison in 1974. For more than 30 years she has overseen the company's strategic growth into an international transportation and logistics industry leader with six primary business lines. Taylor has developed Bennett and its related entities into a multi-faceted system

of innovative transportation related companies involved in such diverse modalities as drive away, manufactured housing, heavy-haul freight, logistics, warehousing, port services, international freight forwarding and transportation related insurance.

In addition to her work at Bennett, Taylor also serves on the Executive Board of the Georgia Motor Trucking Association and has received numerous recognitions for her professional and civic accomplishments, including Entrepreneur of the Year (Venture Magazine) and industry of the Year (Henry County Chamber of Commerce). Bennett was most recently named the #1 Woman-Owned Business on the Top 25 Woman-Owned Business List of the Atlanta Business Chronicle.

The cost of the luncheon is \$12. Please R.S.V.P. to Terri Taylor-Hamrick at (678) 466-4475 or [territaylor-hamrick@clayton.edu](mailto:territaylor-hamrick@clayton.edu). The Women's Forum always welcomes walk-ups, but may only be able to accommodate those without reservations on a space available basis given the advance guarantee and seats available upon arrival. ■

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## Gordon Baker Named Chair-Elect of RACL

by Shavaun Brewer, University Relations

Clayton State University Director of Libraries Dr. Gordon Baker is the new chair-elect of the Regents Academic Committee on Libraries (RACL).

RACL is an academic advisory committee established by the Academic Affairs division of the University System of Georgia (USG). The membership consists of one voting member from each USG institution, appointed by that institution's President. In most cases, the RACL member is the institution's library director, dean, or university librarian. The function of the committee is to make reports and recommendations concerning the improvement of instruction, curriculum, research, and service in matters related to libraries, to improve resource sharing and coordination of services between units of the University System and to consider any other matters requested by the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs or his/her representatives.

Baker graduated from Clayton Junior College (now Clayton State University)

in 1973 with an Associate of Arts in Education. He completed his undergraduate studies at Valdosta State University with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and a minor in Library Science in 1975. He received both a Master of Science in Library Service (1978) and Specialist of Library Service (1981) from Clark Atlanta University. He earned his Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University in 1997. Baker spent 29 years serving the Clayton County School System as a classroom teacher and media specialist, as well as serving as coordinator of Instructional Technology and Media Services for the Henry County School System.

When asked what are some of the most underutilized programs that the Clayton State library offers, Baker replied "Our faculty and students do not take enough advantage of the 'library instruction' that we offer each semester. Faculty members may register their classes for either a generic or specific session with our librar-

ians. In addition, our librarians are top-notch guides who can lead students to resources for their assignments.

"Furthermore, our students need to make more use of our interlibrary loan, GIL Express and GALILEO services."

Clayton State is one of the founding universities that did the groundwork and set the foundation for GALILEO (Georgia Library Learning Online), the USG's web-based electronic library. GALILEO is a nationally-recognized research system that allows users to access multiple information resources, including more than 70 databases and more than 3,000 journal and magazine titles available in full-text. By electronically connecting the library resources of Georgia's 34 public colleges and universities, GALILEO has become a powerful research and information tool. In 1995, former Clayton State President, Dr. Richard Skinner, led the

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## Maritz VP to Speak On the Blue Ocean Business Strategy

Jim Messina, vice president of Sales and Marketing for Maritz Corp., will be speaking on “Understanding the Blue Ocean Business Strategy” on Thursday, Apr. 3 at Clayton State University.

Messina’s lecture will begin at noon in room 416 of Clayton State’s James M. Baker Center and is free and open to the public.

Maritz Corp. is ranked 157th on the most recent Forbes list of “500 Biggest Private Companies.” Maritz offers marketing research, travel, and performance improvement services, which are delivered through 20 operating companies located in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, France, Spain, Germany and Italy. They work with companies like, Acura, Pacific Life, GM, Honda, Hyundai, Toyota, Marriott, Caterpillar, Bank of America, and American Express.

“Blue Ocean Strategy is a business technique that helps businesses find new opportunities and markets before the competition does,” explains Dr. Michael Tidwell, associate professor of Management in the Clayton State School of Business. “It helps discover new ways to differentiate your business from the competition.” ■

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steering committee responsible for implementing GALILEO. In addition, many of the meetings regarding the formation of GALILEO were at Clayton State.

Baker’s favorite thing about Clayton State is, “the community...the students, faculty, and staff. We have very friendly and helpful folks on this campus, whether they attend classes or work here!” In January 2008 I celebrated my 29th year as an employee at Clayton State. I love it here!” ■

## Clayton State Takes Part in GA CHIP



On Mar. 1, the Clayton State University Department of Dental Hygiene participated in a GACHIP (Georgia Child Identification Program) sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Masons in Georgia and 11 separate Masonic Lodges within the area.

GACHIP is a joint partnership venture to ensure the safety of children by establishing identification kits for individuals that provide lasting documentation for the children taking part in the program. The service is provided free of charge to parents and/or guardians and includes fingerprinting, dental impressions, DNA swabbing of the mouth and videotaping.

The Mar. 1 event was held at the American Legion Post #258 in Jonesboro and was chaired by Clayton

State alumnus Patrick J. “P.J.” Maloney, Sr. (class of 1973), a former member of the board of the Clayton State Alumni Association who works in corporate safety and compliance for Atlanta Southeast Airlines.

Dr. Ximena Zornosa of the Clayton State Department of Dental Hygiene, a part of the University’s College of Professional Studies, conducted the dental portion of the identification process.

“I was extremely pleased when I invited my alma mater, Clayton State, to participate and they graciously accepted,” says Maloney. “This event processed 95 children into this program which we hope we never have to use.” ■

**Don’t miss the Alice Smith Faculty/Staff Awards!**

**Spivey Hall | April 30 | 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

**See this year’s nominees on pg 3 of this issue**

## Clayton State Holds Beta Gamma Sigma Induction



Dean of the School of Business Dr. Jacob Chacko speaks at the annual induction ceremony for Beta Gamma Sigma.

The Clayton State University School of Business' Beta Gamma Sigma chapter held its annual induction ceremonies on Friday, Mar. 21, in the Atrium of the Harry S. Downs Center.

Beta Gamma Sigma is the international honor society in business, management, and administration for AACSB accredited business schools. Beta Gamma Sigma is an honor society, not a fraternity, and membership indicates that the inductees are among the top students in their class. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and top 7 percent of juniors (based on overall grade point average) in the Clayton State School of Business are invited to join.

This year's inductees were: Mirla Duenas, Monique Francois, Stephen Gabel, Marcia Greer, Jamelia Hall, Lisa Hawkins, Jonathan Howard (posthumous), Michael Ivie, Julie Konieczny, Vu

Le, Kristal Leverette, John Maimo, Karl Meszaros, Yelena Pak, Benita Perkins, Felicia Shy, Stephanie Steele, Anna Strange and Pamela Watkins.

In addition to the student inductees, Clayton State University President Dr. Thomas K. Harden was also inducted into the Clayton State chapter, along with Chairman of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia M. Allan Vigil and Heritage Bank President Leonard Moreland, like Vigil, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Clayton State University Foundation. Also inducted were faculty members Dr. George Nakos and Dr. C.R. Narayanaswamy. ■





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Apr. 8, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Come early and attend the How to Make the Most of Your Career Fair Experience workshop, which begins at 10:00 am. Admission is free, but is restricted to current students and graduates from participating schools (be sure to bring your LakerCard with you). Professional business attire is required; Bring plenty of resumes! Over 100 employers attending!

## ON-CAMPUS INTERVIEWS AND RECRUITING

### INTERVIEWS

Wednesday, Apr. 23rd  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

#### Good Year Tires

See details on LakerTRAK

To schedule an interview time for position(s):

Call the Career Services Office 678-466-5400

Submit resume by 04/17/08 to  
ryanwhitfield@clayton.edu

or Tomekamayo@clayton.edu

Re: name of company interviewing for

NOTE: BA, BBA, BAS, MBA Majors, Senior/Grad or Alumni, GPA minimum of 2.5

### RECRUITING

Thursday, Apr. 10  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

#### Good Year Tires

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FAX or EMAIL your Resume and Transcripts by Apr. 11, 2008 to 703-614-0490 (fax) or cp26@hqda.army.mil (email).

Please call (703) 695-5439 for more important details.

## Internships

<http://adminsivices.clayton.edu/career/LakerTRAK.htm>

## Part-Time Jobs

<http://adminsivices.clayton.edu/career/Jobs/JobPostings.aspx>

## Full-Time Jobs

<http://adminsivices.clayton.edu/career/LakerTRAK.htm>

## Championship, cont'd, from p. 1

Clayton State, as the Lakers led for the entire contest against a team that was 27-2 prior to running into Gibbons' suffocating full-court pressure man-to-man defense at tourney time.

That same defense then came out and blew Lenoir-Rhyne off the floor in overtime. In an occurrence even rarer than a triple overtime game, the Lakers shut out the Bears in the extra session, outscoring the region's fifth-seeded team (the Lakers' were the region's eighth and lowest seed) 14-0 to win going away, 83-69. Although Sloan once again got most of the headlines, scoring a game-high 21 points and going into second place on Clayton State's all-time points list with 1256, the bigger story was the Laker "D" that held the Bears to 0-9 shooting in a remarkable overtime. As Gibbons has said more than once in his seven seasons at Clayton State, "our team is built around defense."

The Lakers, 13-14 going into the Peach Belt championships, moved their record to 19-14 after winning two rounds in the NCAA Division II tournament, topping the similar feat of the University of Georgia's men's basketball team. The Bulldogs, 13-16 in the regular season, did manage to match the Lakers' feat of winning four straight conference tournament games, and ended up 17-17 after getting beat by Xavier in the first round of the NCAA Division I championships.

The Lakers' extended season finally ended in the rematch against Augusta as the Jaguars won 89-72 on their own floor in the regional final. Bernard Fields led Clayton State with 18 points while Tracy Williams scored 14 points and added six assists. Will Lewis and Jerome Boyd both gave the Lakers strong performances off the bench with 13 and 11 points, respectively.

As to an encore for the 2008/2009 season, Gibbons is still working on that script, undoubtedly one that will rival "Gone with the Wind." ■

## Eighth-Ranked Clayton State Blanks Peach Belt Rival Lander, 9-0

The Clayton State Laker women's tennis team made it five straight victories last Friday with a 9-0 shutout over visiting Lander in Peach Belt Conference action at the Clayton County Tennis Center. Eighth-ranked Clayton State is now 14-1 overall and 7-1 in the Peach Belt Conference.

The Lakers swept the singles and doubles matches, winning all six singles matches

in straight sets. Top-seeded Anna Redecsi and sixth-seeded Veronika Jasenovcova both won with dropping a single game.

In doubles, the top-seeded Laker team of Redecsi and Julia Chergova and the No. 2 team of Katie White and Selma Hidass both recorded 8-0 shutouts. ■

## Track and Field, cont'd, from p. 24

Connecticut State to NCAA Division III schools like the hosts and The College of New Jersey.

"Most of our folks have not competed since Feb. 16," said Clayton State head coach Mike Mead. "I'm interested to see where everyone is at following a solid month of training. Most of our kids have been looking very good in practice. Now we'll see how the hard work will pay off."

The Laker women head into the outdoor season led by senior Allison Kreutzer and junior Jon Taylor. Both competed in the NCAA Division II national indoor meet and will be vying for times and marks to go to outdoor nationals in May. Kreutzer was a Division II All-American last season in the 5,000-meter run and 10,000-meter run at the NCAA championships. Taylor went to indoor nationals in the long jump.

The women's team will also be counting on veterans Keisha Etienne, Natasha Gass, Terrica Hamilton, Nyisha Nelson and Kara Stokes to help the squad vie for the team title. At last season's meet, the Lakers finished third in the team scoring.

"We're a stronger and healthier team than we were last season," said Mead. "If the weather is decent, we may see several team records broken. I look for similar results on the men's side, too."

The men's team will be much improved over last season, led by Division II All-

Americans Eric Simmons and Rolle. Simmons, a senior and three-time participant in the Division II outdoor championships, will be the go-to guy on the relays this weekend for the Lakers. Rolle, a junior will also run relays and the 400-meter hurdles at Emory.

The Lakers will have solid coverage during outdoor season from the 100-meter dash all the way up to the 10,000-meter run and most of the jump events. Clayton State has a balance of veterans and newcomers that include Anthony Aguilar, Walid Berkhedle, Lawrence DeShields, Joey Chino, Tim Moran, Sherard Polite and Joshua Tiggs. ■

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-Coach Mike Mead

**Mead is Women's Coach of the Year**

# Kreutzer, Rolle Selected Indoor Region Athletes of the Year

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

Clayton State senior Allison Kreutzer and junior Ahmad Rolle have been named South Region Athletes of the Year by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

Kreutzer was named the South Region Women's Indoor Track Athlete of the Year while Rolle was named the South Region Men's Indoor Field Athlete of the Year. In addition, Laker head coach Mike Mead was named the South Region Women's Coach of the Year for a second time. The USTFCCA announced the regional honorees on the eve of the 2008 NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field Championships.

Kreutzer, a native of Lilburn, Ga., recently made her second straight appearance at the NCAA Division II indoor meet. She qualified for the national meet last month

when she ran a time of 17:27.36 to win at the Carolina Chick-fil-A Invitational in Chapel Hill, N.C. Kreutzer is Clayton State's most decorated runner earning All-American honors twice in cross country and last outdoor season earned All-American honors in the 5,000-meter and 10,000-meter events. She holds a total of six individual indoor and outdoor team records.

Rolle, a native of Nassau, Bahamas, made his first appearance in an NCAA Division II championship meet. Rolle qualified for the national meet when he leaped 48-8 at the Indiana Relays last month and bettered his school record. He also holds the team's indoor long jump record (23-3¼) and the team's outdoor mark in the 400-meter hurdles (53.87). ■

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## Basketball, cont'd, from p. 24

In a game that was back-and-forth throughout, Clayton State held an eight-point lead 55-47 on a three-point basket by Marie St. Fort with 10:41 remaining. However, Wingate went on a 19-2 run over the next five minutes to take a nine-point lead.

Kate Edwards drilled two straight threes to trim the Laker lead to two points, and then a three-point play on a fastbreak by Anna Atkinson gave Wingate a 56-55 lead with 9:06 remaining. Another three-point basket by CC Brooks and another three-point play by Jessy Keitt stretched the Bulldog lead to 64-57 at the 6:29 mark.

Atkinson then drained two free throws to make the Wingate lead 66-57 with 5:52 remaining.

The closest Clayton State could cut the lead was five points twice. A lay-up off a steal by St. Fort cut the Bulldog advantage

to 69-64 with 4:11 remaining. After that, Wingate finished the game on a 13-8 run to seal the victory.

St. Fort poured in 23 points with nine rebounds for Clayton State, while Lisa Jackson scored 15 points on 7-for-10 shooting from the field and nine rebounds off the bench. Shantel Ragin finished her brilliant Laker career with 13 points and eight rebounds, while Shanrika Hardeman added a double-double with 13 points and 12 rebounds.

For Wingate (26-7), Edwards scored 22 points, while Stefani Shuey scored 17 points and Adtkinson recorded a double-double with 12 points and 12 rebounds.

Both Ragin and Jackson were selected to the All-Tournament team, and Atkinson was the Regional Most Valuable Player. ■

## Trivia Time

# Beam Me Up, Scotty

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Actually, that's not exactly what Captain James Tiberius Kirk said in the final scene of arguably the best "Star Trek" episode, "The City on the Edge of Forever," but it's close.

In that scene, Kirk, Mr. Spock and Dr. McCoy had just finished stepping through "The Guardian of Forever," also known in that episode as "the portal," having returned from Earth of the 1930s and a close encounter with a young Joan Collins. While Clayton State's Luminis portal may not take us where no man has gone before, it certainly does have the potential to do many wondrous 21st Century things.

Among the correct respondents using e-mail to recall "The City of the Edge of Forever" were Katherine Ott, Scott McElroy, Dolores Cox (only fitting, since she is the guardian of the SWAN portal), Dina Swearngin, Lou Brackett, Antoinette Miller and B.D. Stillion. McElroy, Cox, Brackett and Miller each get a bonus point for added details, primarily about Collins.

So... exactly what did Kirk say into his communicator at the end of "The City on the Edge of Forever," and why did it cause a fuss in 1967? First correct respondent to johnshiffert@clayton.edu gets to explain how to play fizzbin. ■

## Sports

### Clayton State Women Fall 82-72 to Wingate In South Atlantic Regional Championship Game

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

One game stood in the way of the Clayton State Laker women's basketball team and a possible return trip to Kearney, Neb., and the NCAA Division II "Elite Eight."

However, a late rally by Wingate proved to be the difference as Clayton State fell 82-72 in the Division II South Atlantic Regional championship game at Francis Marion's Smith Center. The defeat ends the Lakers' season at 20-11, but it marked

the second straight season that Clayton State advanced to at least the "Sweet 16" of the NCAA Division II National Tournament.

"We got beaten by a very good team that played very poised," said Clayton State head coach Dennis Cox. "We had things going our way in the second half, and then they went on a big run. They knocked down some threes against our zone, and I

thought we broke down somewhat defensively.

"I also thought we panicked a little. Maybe we were little emotionally spent and our lack of depth may have finally caught up to us."

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### Clayton State Laker Track and Field Opens Outdoor Schedule at Emory Asics Classic

The Clayton State University track & field teams resumed their 2008 season this past weekend with the outdoor portion of their schedule at the Emory Asics Classic in Atlanta. The meet marks the beginning of the 11th outdoor season of track & field at Clayton State.

The Laker program is coming off its best indoor season, which ended two weeks ago as each team sent two athletes to the NCAA Division II indoor championships

and set a combined 11 team records during the season. Highlighting the indoor competition was Ahmad Rolle finishing fourth in the triple jump, earning All-American status. The Clayton State squads faced a wide range of competition at Emory varying from the likes of NCAA Division I Furman and Central

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