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Clayton State University's School of Nursing Receives Fourth Nursing Workforce Diversity Grant

by Erin Fender, University Relations

The School of Nursing (SoN) at Clayton State University was recently selected to receive a \$1,089,000 Nursing Workforce Diversity (NWD) program grant from the Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration over the next three years.

"The fact that we have been fortunate to receive four workforce diversity grants over the past 10 years has drastically improved our retention, recruitment of students from underrepresented groups, and increased the knowledge about cultural issues for all our faculty and students," says Dean of the College of Health, Dr. Lisa Eichelberger.

"I feel privileged to have the opportunity to serve as the project director of a grant



Dr. Betty Lane

that will have an impact on the future and diversity of the nursing profession and better serve the residents of the Southern Crescent," says Associate Professor of Nursing, Dr. Betty Lane.

The grant will fund two new positions for the SoN with goals to guide the students and enrich the program. Judy Ruvalcaba was hired to fill the new Peer Tutor Coordinator position. Dr. Jim Joy was selected to fill the new Pre-Nursing Science Tutor position.

An existing position funded by this grant is the Student Navigator. Elicia Collins will fill

this position and continue the guiding process for pre-nursing and nursing students.

This grant will also pay for a mentoring program which will involve pairing faculty and students. In addition, students will have opportunities to apply for academic scholarships and stipends, NCLEX board of nursing reviews, and paid positions as peer tutors.

The ultimate goal for this grant is to increase the diversity of the nursing workforce through 1) pre-entry preparation, 2) retention of current students enrolled in the SoN and 3) cultural competence of students and faculty. A special emphasis is placed on the recruitment of Hispanic students with this grant. ■

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It's the Laboratory Annex Building

by John Shiffert, University Relations

In a decision worthy of King Solomon, the Naming Committee for Clayton State's newest building has rendered a decision.

Faced with two somewhat similar choices from the entries submitted in the "name the BHS Annex" contest, neither of which exactly fit what the committee was looking for, the committee split the difference (so to speak) and took parts of both names to come up with, the Laboratory Annex Building (L.A.B., LAB, Lab... get it?)

Student Jessica Bledsoe submitted the name "Laboratory Annex" and staff member Bob Ward submitted "Swan Lake Annex Building." Put them together, and you have the Laboratory Annex Building, or The Lab, for short. And, together, they will split the \$100 Bookstore gift card for the contest's winning entry.



A rendering of the Laboratory Annex Building

"The Naming Committee, which was composed of faculty, staff and students, considered more than 20 names recommended by students, faculty, alumni and others," explains Committee Chair Dr. Nasser Momayezi. "The committee was charged with recommending three names to the president's cabinet. We tried to devise a name that accurately represents the major functions of the building without creating any confusion for our students."

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Clayton State Selected as a Top Military-Friendly College/University by Military Advanced Education

Clayton State University has received the significant honor as a Top Military-Friendly Colleges and Universities honoree by Military Advanced Education magazine.



Military Advanced Education

According to Shiraz Karaa in the Clayton State Office of Counseling and Psychological Services, the target readers of this magazine include military and military education office personnel, government employees, higher educa-

tion institutions, the Pentagon, and the White House. The honor was based on a survey and short essay submitted by Karaa last month. Her submission form and essay will be published in the December, 2010 issue of Military Advanced Education (Volume 5, Issue 10).

“On behalf of everyone at KMI Media Group, let me congratulate you and the entire staff at Clayton State University for the inspired effort you put into making it

easier for our men and women in uniform to advance their careers by enhancing their educations,” wrote Ted Flottman of Military Advanced Education in an email informing Karaa of the honor.

For more information on Clayton State’s programs for veterans, and the Clayton State Student Veterans Association, go to <http://adminservices.clayton.edu/veterans/Default.htm>. ■

Hollowell Wins 2010 Equity and Social Justice Advocacy Award From the National Association for Multicultural Education

by John Shiffert, University Relations



Hollowell

Renowned child advocate and Clayton State University Associate Professor of Teacher Education Dr. Mary Hollowell has been awarded the 2010 Equity & Social Justice Advocacy Award from the National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME).

Hollowell will be travelling to Las Vegas to accept the award during the president’s banquet at the NAME 20th International Conference (<http://nameorg.org/>) on Friday, Nov. 5.

Hollowell, whose book, “The Forgotten Room,” has received wide acclaim for its treatment of the subject of school solitary confinement in Georgia, was nominated for the award by fellow Clayton State faculty member, Assistant Professor of Teacher Education Dr. Mari Roberts, who is also the Georgia NAME vice president. In her nomination statement for Hollowell, Roberts gives an excellent summary of her colleague’s accomplishments as a child advocate:

“Mary Hollowell has been advocating against the use of school solitary confinement cells since her discovery of this practice in 2004. Her descriptions of solitary confinement of students with disabilities (a practice termed “school seclusion”) are included in her award-winning book *The Forgotten Room: Inside a Public Alternative School for At-Risk Youth*. Her book also includes documentation in the form of photographs, with a particularly vivid picture on page 54 of graffiti written in blood. This evidence, along with media coverage and her oral testimony before the State Advisory Panel for Special Education, has helped sway board members to ban school seclusion in Georgia. Copies of Hollowell’s book, which is the only book documenting school seclusion in the nation, have also been distributed to federal legislators in Washington. The Preventing Harmful Restraint and Seclusion in Schools Act, HR 4247 passed the U.S. House of Representatives and is currently under consideration in the U.S. Senate as Senate Bill 2860. The bill is supported by the special education lobby and may soon be signed into federal law.

“Hollowell’s successful advocacy efforts against an egregious human rights violation include blogging against solitary confinement on her publisher’s website, the distribution of flyers urging constituents to lobby legislators to support The Preventing Harmful Restraint and Seclusion in Schools Act, and presentations of her powerful cell photographs at Georgia NAME conferences, National Youth At-Risk conferences, and the National Archives at Atlanta. She created a personal website at www.theforgottenroom.com, and her advocacy efforts have been broadcasted in university press releases and Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) newsletters.”

Hollowell, a former public school science teacher and museum director of education, is teaching Clayton State undergraduate students in multicultural education this fall. She also facilitated an Advocacy and the Media workshop during the Georgia Chapter of the National Association for Multicultural Education fall conference held at Clayton State on Saturday, Oct. 16. ■

Bursar's Office Receives Honorable Mention for Chancellor's Customer Service Excellence Award

by Ciji Fox, University Relations

Clayton State University's Bursar's Offices recently received an honorable mention for the 2010 University System of Georgia (USG) Chancellor's Customer Service Excellence Award in the Team Award category. The award is based on, in the words of Deborah Scott, USG customer service champion, the Bursar's Office's ability to adopt continuous-improvement methodology that emphasizes customer satisfaction and quality of service. All 35 institutions in the University System submit nominations for the yearly Chancellor's Customer Service Award program.

Clayton State Bursar Cynthia L. Jones, a Clayton State graduate (B.B.A. Management, 2003), is enthusiastic about the accomplishment.

"The Bursar's Office is honored to be nominated for the Chancellor's Customer Service Award," she says. "Many of our students are first-time generation college students, and we are happy to assist them and their parents with understanding the

student account process. The Bursar's Office is one of many offices that students encounter while at this institution and it's important to us to provide excellent customer service. We believe the philosophy of treating others the way you want to be treated which is through excellent customer service."

Jones describes how the Bursar's Office understands the importance of providing clear and concise information, in addition to excellent customer service.

"During the year, we created several projects to enhance and improve our services," she says. "The first project was participating more in the New Student Orientation. At Orientation, information sheets are provided in new student packets regarding the cost of education given various scenarios. In addition to using email, we started using an automated calling system to inform students of their balance status. Doing this avoided late payments and dropped classes, and resulted with reduced late payments by more than 10 percent from the previous fiscal year.

"We also created a small tri-fold business card size Higher One information pamphlet that students could just put in their wallets, pocket, or purse. The card has information and steps to activate both the Clayton State Higher One Card and direct deposit. Request for replacement cards dropped by 21 percent from the previous fiscal year. There was also a decrease in the Higher One invoice by 27.8 percent from the previous fiscal year."

Jones adds that another initiative for improving student services was creating scripts for all Bursars' staff on how to deal with irate customers and administer customer satisfaction surveys. They also extended office hours, developed reports to identify students who have no charges assessed due to missing attributes, and safeguarded of the university's assets by holding fraud awareness workshops. This last effort was a particularly notable success in March 2010, when Shawnda Jennings, a cashier in the Clayton State

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The Daily Beast Rates Clayton State As One of America's Safest Colleges

The website TheDailyBeast.com has rated Clayton State University as being the 19th safest college in the nation.

As part of The Daily Beast's second-annual ranking of the safest and most dangerous colleges in the U.S., data from the three most recent calendar years of campus security and crime data (2006-2008) as compiled by the U.S. Department of Education, as well as the FBI and the Secret Service, was used in arriving at the rankings. This data is in conjunction with the Clery Act, the federal mandate requiring all schools that receive federal funding to disclose crime information annual-

ly. The data reflects incidents reported to campus or local police, not convictions.

The Daily Beast's ranked only colleges with residential facilities, and at least 6,000 enrolled students... a total of 458 colleges and universities in all.

The statistics used in The Daily Beast survey accounted for nine types of criminal incidents, which were weighted based on a subjective judgment of violence. Burglary carried the lowest value, with car theft weighed twice as much, assault or robbery six times, arson 10 times, negligent manslaughter 20 times and murder

40 times. All totals were then divided by the number of enrolled students, so that midsize and large campuses could be accurately compared. ■



The entire Daily Beast rankings are available at:

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/blogs-and-stories/2010-09-14/50-safest-colleges/?cid=topic:featured2>

Clayton State Adds Fourth Swan

What do you do when you have a student who wants to name a swan... but there are no more swans left to name?

Clayton State University Director of Media and Printing Services Paul Bailey recently faced that dilemma, after the two newest additions to Clayton State's Swan Lake were named by the School of Graduate Studies Elizabeth Taylor ("Elizabeth") and Claire Fang ("Carrie"), the four-year old daughter of the newest member of the Clayton State Healthcare Management faculty, Assistant Professor of Healthcare Finance Qiu Fang... thanks to a donation by Associate Professor of Healthcare Management Dr. Sandy Weinberg.

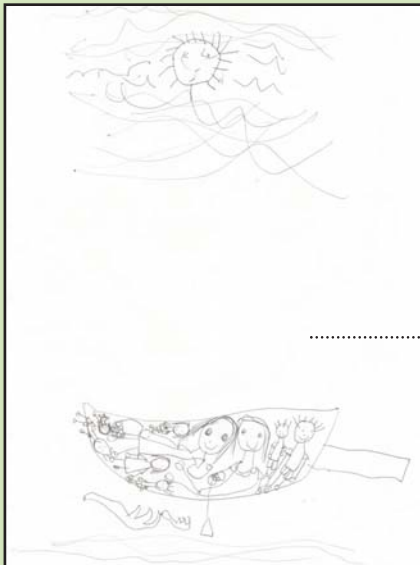
When Clayton State student Nancy Mann recently expressed her desire to purchase the naming rights to a swan, Bailey swung back into action, and obtained a fourth mute swan for the



Clayton State's newest swan, Nancy, makes herself at home on Swan Lake.

University. (To join holdover swan "Belle" on campus.) The new arrival, "Nancy," arrived on campus on Tuesday, Oct. 5, for the University's traditional swan ceremony outside the James M. Baker Center.

Nancy, Elizabeth, Carrie and Belle are all now peacefully co-existing on Swan Lake. ■



A Child's Eye

Claire Fang, daughter of Assistant Professor of Healthcare Finance Qiu Fang, drew an imaginative picture of her family and friends in a boat on Swan Lake. Beside the boat is Carrie - the swan Claire named when Paul Bailey purchased two swans in the summer of 2010 - and her imagined cygnet swimming in front of the boat on a sunny day.

Laker Club Membership Drive Tips Off for the 2010/2011 Basketball Season

The Clayton State University basketball teams are preparing to tip off their 2010/2011 seasons, and there is no way to be closer to the action and to support the Lakers than joining the Clayton State Basketball Laker Club.

Laker Club memberships are available to faculty/staff, alumni, and friends and community supporters of the Clayton State basketball teams. The membership package includes three season tickets and passes to the hospitality room, a Laker Club polo shirt, and an invitation to all Laker Club events. Cost of the membership is \$100.

The Laker Club membership drive will continue until Thursday, Nov. 4, leading up to the annual Laker Tip-Off Party that evening. The Clayton State women will open their season with an alumni exhibition game on Tuesday, Nov. 2, while the men's squad will open its exhibition season on Friday, Nov. 5 against Martinique.

The women's team will open its regular season on Friday, Nov. 12 at home against Catawba, while the men's squad will open its regular season on Nov. 12 at Tusculum.

For more information about the Laker Club, please contact the basketball offices at (678)-466-4673 or (678)-466-4676. The membership brochure for the Laker Club is also available on-line at, <http://www.athletics.clayton.edu/general/Lakerclub2010-11facstaff.pdf>. ■

Lambda Epsilon Chi National Honor Society Established

The College of Arts & Sciences' Legal Studies Program at Clayton State was recently granted a charter of the Lambda Epsilon Chi (LEX) national honor society.

LEX recognizes students who demonstrate superior academic performance in an established program of paralegal and law-related studies. LEX derives from the

Latin root meaning "pertaining to the law" or "legal." Every year, the Clayton State chapter of LEX will honor a select group of high-achieving students by inducting them into this prestigious honor society. The first inductions are scheduled for December 2010.

"I am personally thrilled that we have brought a chapter of LEX to Clayton

State," says Mara Mooney, assistant professor of Legal Studies. "Our students work hard and deserve to be recognized for their outstanding academic achievement."

More info is available at: <http://a-s.clayton.edu/socsci/paralegal/Default.htm>. ■

University Bookstore Holding “Go Green Day” Book Drive

The Clayton State University Bookstore will be holding a “Go Green Day” Book Drive on Thursday, Nov. 11, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The book drive will be held in the Bookstore, located on the lower level of the Clayton State Student Center. All donated books will be accepted, not just text books.

Books will be donated to Better World Books, which collects and sells books online to fund literacy initiatives worldwide. With more than six million new and used titles in stock, they are self-sustaining company that creates social, econom-

ic and environmental value for all their stakeholders. Better World Books supports book drives and collects used books and textbooks through a network of more than 1,800 college campuses and partnerships with more than 2,000 libraries nationwide. So far, the company has converted more than 35 million donated books into \$7.5 million in funding for literacy and education. In the process, they have also diverted more than 13,000 tons of books from landfills.

According to Lynnne Beauvoir, customer service supervisor for the Clayton State University Bookstore, the purpose of the “Go Green Day” Book Drive is also to

bring awareness to how the University Bookstore sustains and supports the “Green” initiative.

The University Bookstore “Green” other commitments (in addition to donating used books) include: sponsorship of the campus “Go Green Team;” helping with bottle and can recycling pick-ups around the campus; carrying “Green” supplies and merchandise; the reusable tote program with “Green” tote bags... with every purchase a percentage of the proceeds goes toward funding green initiatives on campus; and offering a strong used book buyback program which recycles and reuses books and also saves students money. ■

University Bookstore
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BEST HALLOWEEN COSTUME
and
ENTER to WIN
DATE: OCTOBER 26, 2010
LOCATION: UNIVERSITY
CENTER COMMONS AREA
TIME: 11:45 am
Open to all Students, Faculty, and Staff!
Contestants can register between 11:30 and 11:40 am in the
University Center, Commons Area
Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for Students and for
Faculty/Staff Costumes
40% Off Coupons for ALL contestants.
(Discounts does not include text books, electronics, supplies)
For more information please contact the University Bookstore at
678-466-4220

“Rename the Bookstore”

Contest Planned

Clayton State Bookstore Awarded Investment Grant

by Ciji Fox, University Relations

Clayton State University’s Bookstore was recently awarded a College Store of 2015 Investment Grant from the National Association of College Stores Foundation. The grant is valued at \$1,000 to cover project expenses.

“It is always pleasing when hard works comes to fruition, and writing grant proposals can be hard work,” Todd Smith, bookstore manager, says. “Since coming to the Clayton State University Bookstore in June of this year, I have written two grant proposals for the University Bookstore, and we have been fortunate enough to have received grants on both occasions.”

Smith admits that the application process was fairly in-depth.

“I wrote the proposal after discussing the specifics with my supervisor, Carolina Amero, and with the bookstore staff,” he explains.

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Across the Campus

Athletics

The Clayton State Laker women's basketball team is going "prime time" for a game during the upcoming 2010-11 season. NCAA Division II announced last week its slate of Division II games that will be televised live this season on CBS College Sports, and the Clayton State-USC Aiken women's game at USC Aiken's Convocation Center at noon on Jan. 15 is one of the 10 men's and women's games that will be televised live.

The Clayton State Laker men's golf team concluded the fall portion of the 2010-11 season this week by finishing 11th overall at the Will Wilson Southeast Regional Preview at the Tanglewood Championship Course. Clayton State finished with rounds of 310, 296 and 298 to finish with a 904 in the 14-team field. Despite the low finish, the final two rounds were best yet this season for the Lakers. Clayton State edged Coker by two strokes and finished two strokes off the pace of Mount Olive. Newberry won the tournament with an 861. Individually, sophomore Chris McManus stepped up strong for the Lakers, finishing tied for ninth overall with an 8-over-par 218. McManus had rounds of 76, 69 and 73 and finished seven strokes behind individual low medalist Daniel Stanley from Newberry.

Clayton State's Fidelis Mutiso was selected as the Peach Belt Conference Runner of the Week for men's cross country. It's the second time this season that Mutiso, a senior from Nairobi, Kenya, has earned PBC Runner of the Week honors. Only he and Columbus State's Meshack Koyiaki have earned Runner of the Week honors this season in the Peach Belt.

Chemistry

Elizabeth Ferguson's Advanced Placement (AP) Chemistry class from Forest Park High School recently visited Clayton State, to observe Associate Professor of Chemistry Dr. Patricia Todebush's Chemistry 1211 class, the Chemistry Department's first introductory general chemistry class for majors. Ferguson's class of 14 students also got a quick tour of the Clayton State campus,

and, after class, stopped by for lunch in the University's Lakeside Dining Hall with some of the rest of the Clayton State's chemistry faculty, giving the students a chance to mingle and ask questions before returning to high school.

Clayton State - Fayette

Clayton State University's Peachtree City instructional site, Clayton State - Fayette, is co-sponsoring a presentation at the Peachtree City Library by Clayton State adjunct faculty member and author/economist Mark Rogers. The presentation will be on Saturday, Nov. 6 at 2 p.m. A resident of Peachtree City, Rogers is the author of "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Economic Indicators" (2009, Penguin Books).

Clayton State Theatre

Clayton State Theatre's fall production "Everything Goes, Episode One: Big Max Takes a Cab!" - an original production filled with murder, mayhem, and music - will run Nov. 11, 12, 13 and Nov. 18, 19. All Shows begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Clayton State Theatre, G132. General Admission is \$5; free to students with their LakerCard.

Clayton State Theatre Director Phillip DePoy spoke at "It's a Mystery..." the Saturday, Oct. 9, Second Saturday workshop of the Georgia Writer's Association, held at the Kennesaw State University. DePoy led a workshop on mystery writing, and added something extra, discussing the mysteries of daily life and how to use same in fiction or poetry, because, as he says, "unanswered questions keep our readers reading."

English

Dr. Brigitte Byrd, a widely-read and respected poet, and an assistant professor of English in the College of Arts & Sciences at Clayton State University, will be one of the readers in the "Versed in Poetry Series" at the Coweta County Centre For Performing & Visual Arts in Newnan on Monday, Oct. 25. The poetry reading and dessert will feature Byrd and Mary Carol Moran, and will begin at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$10, seating is limited and reservations are required. For more information, go to <http://www.thecentre-online.net/contact.html>.

Human Resources

Our Open Enrollment Period will be held from Oct. 25, 2010 through Nov. 5, 2010. During this period, you will have an opportunity to enroll in various benefits plans/programs, as well as to make changes to existing coverage. Also, be sure to visit the annual Employee Benefits Fair on Wednesday, Oct. 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Harry S. Downs Center.

ISSO

The International Student Services Office invites all Clayton State University International students to a Thanksgiving feast at the Student Activities Center on Thursday, Nov. 18 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The free event aims to connect international students with local citizens at a time of year when many international students can't be with their own families and might feel isolated. The event will present the tradition of American Thanksgiving in a fun, social way including a feast.

MALS

A Clayton State University faculty member and a student in the University's Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS) program made presentations at the Women & Girls in Georgia Conference on Saturday, Oct. 2. Sara Martin, is a currently in the MALS program while Anna King is one of the first graduates of the MALS program and a part-time member of the English Department faculty at Clayton State. Martin's presentation discussed the issues relating to a woman's freedom of religion versus national security interests. King's presentation is based on research of 1913 court case.

Psychology

Dr. Catherine Deering participated in a panel discussion following a special performance of "The Odyssey" by Georgia Shakespeare on Sunday, Oct. 24. The performance and panel discussion are sponsored by the C.G. Jung Society of Atlanta. Following the play, the panel discussed Jungian perspectives on the hero and warrior archetypes, and Deering shared her insights from her work with combat veterans at the Atlanta V.A. Medical Center.

Across the Campus

Public Safety

The 2010 Campus Security Report is posted on line at two locations at www.clayton.edu, and is accessible from home page, via the bottom right links to “Campus Safety and Security Information” and “Public Safety.”

Recruitment and Admissions

On Friday, Oct. 1, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Clayton State University hosted the annual Clayton County PROBE College Fair. The fair was held in the University’s Student Activities Center, in a joint venture involving the Office of Recruitment and Admissions and the Clayton County Public Schools. More than 2,300 high school seniors from the following public high schools attended; Forest Park, Jonesboro, Lovejoy, Morrow, Mundy’s Mill, North Clayton, Riverdale, and Open Campus. Clayton County private and home schooled seniors were also welcome to attend. Clayton State admissions counselors and recruiters Luxi Zhang and Terquyose Kennebrew personally spoke with more than 300 students interested in learning more about Clayton State.

SBDC

What does “going green” really mean? What do you do differently and how does it benefit you? Those questions and more will be answered at a special class at the Clayton State – Fayette instructional site, 1200 Commerce Dr., in Peachtree City on Monday, Nov. 1. Presented by the Clayton State Small Business Development Center (SBDC), “Greening Your Business: Managing, Marketing and Funding the Green Way,” will run from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The cost is \$69 per person.

School of Graduate Studies

The Clayton State University School of Graduate Studies next open house will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 9. The open house will run from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in room 101 of the University’s Harry S. Downs Center on the main campus in Morrow.

Student Affairs

Clayton State University Division of Student Affairs will be hosting a special training program to help faculty and staff from throughout the University System of Georgia relate to service members and

veterans. The one-day program will be held on Friday, Nov. 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in room 101 of Clayton State’s Harry S. Downs Center. The first part, from 8:30 a.m. to noon is for all faculty and staff and is geared toward military culture and the demographics of service members and veterans on campus. The second part of the day, from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., is tailored for clinicians and deals with depression, suicide, sleep, substance use, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, and Traumatic Brain Injury. The second session will have attendees coming from colleges and universities from throughout the USG who work in counseling and disability resource centers.

Student Media

Clayton State University’s student media; The Bent Tree newspaper, the student internet radio station, CSiR, and the student internet TV station, CSTV, all provided live coverage of the inauguration of Dr. Thomas J. “Tim” Hynes as the University’s fourth president. Anyone who didn’t get a chance to watch the Inauguration on Friday, Oct. 1, can still check out the highlights on the Clayton State Student Media websites... www.bentreenews.org, www.claytonstat-radio.com, and www.cstvnow.com.

Teacher Education

The Clayton State University departments of Teacher Education, English, Mathematics, Natural Sciences, and Humanities are inviting both current Clayton State students and the general public interested in teaching secondary education (grades six to 12) to a pair of information sessions at the University. The first is a general Secondary Information Session for those who are interested in teaching grades six through 12 on Monday, Oct. 25, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in room G101 of the Clayton State Arts and Sciences Building. This session will provide information for prospective students as well as those who have already entered the Clayton State Teacher Education program. The Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Session for current and prospective MAT students will include a reception and information session on Tuesday, Oct. 26 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room G224 of the Arts and Sciences Building. The MAT English and MAT Mathematics programs at Clayton State prepare future teachers for teaching grades six to 12. This session will provide information for prospective students and

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On October 20, the campus community gathered for a baby shower for Erin Fender, writer and photojournalist in the Office of University Relations. Erin and her husband Chris are expecting a baby boy due Dec. 7, 2010. Congratulations, Erin and Chris!

Arts Page

Zeller Commissioned to Create Devotional Meditations for Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts



Zeller

Clayton State's Director of Opera and Vocal Studies Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller has been commissioned by the Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts to create a set of devotional meditations on the Revised Common Lectionary readings for October 2010.

Zeller, who is also director of the chancel choir at Jonesboro First United Methodist Church, will create the devotionals, each of which consists of a short meditation on the Old Testament or Gospel reading for the day in the Revised Common Lectionary and a related prayer. The devotionals will be published online and distributed to the Fellowship's members in weekly e-mails throughout the month.

The Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts is an affiliate of the United Methodist General Board of Discipleship and serves as a resourcing organization to its membership of clergy, musicians, dancers, artists, lay ministers and others and provides training in all aspects of worship leadership. ■

Spivey Hall and *The Billy Goats Gruff*

The Billy Goats Gruff are coming to Clayton State University's Spivey Hall in November. However, children and patrons of the arts alike will not have to worry about a troll hiding under the foot-bridge at Clayton State's Swan Lake.

Spivey Hall's Young People's Concerts have long been noted as an excellent venue in which to see some of the region's best opera companies performing works tailored for students. The current season boasts four children's opera performances and the first – *The Billy Goats Gruff* -- is right around the corner.

Opera Carolina, based in Charlotte, N.C., will bring the familiar story of *The Billy Goats Gruff* to Spivey Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 2 and Wednesday, Nov. 3. Performances will take place both days at 9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. *The Billy Goats Gruff* is an operatic version of the well-known story based on scenes from operas by Mozart, Donizetti, and Rossini.

In case you've forgotten... Once upon a time, there were three Billy Goats called Gruff. After school one day, the goats were playing a game of hide n' seek when

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Spivey Hall Education Manager Commended for Her Own Performances

Catherine Striplin, education manager for Clayton State University's world-famous Spivey Hall, does an outstanding job bringing music education to thousands of school children from throughout the metro Atlanta area on an annual basis.

However, Striplin is herself a performing musician, recently drawing praise from Atlanta music critic, Pierre Ruhe, for her Capitol City Opera performance of a very challenging contemporary opera, *Tartuffe*, by Bay Area-composer Kirke Mechem, in

"a piano reduction brilliantly realized by the multi-talented Catherine Striplin."

Striplin, a native of Powder Springs, Ga., joined the Spivey Hall staff in July 2009. She earned her Bachelor of Music degree from Florida State University, majoring in music therapy. Following two additional years of studies at FSU, she was awarded her Master of Arts in Arts Administration in May 2009.

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For Ruhe's complete review of *Tartuffe*, go to:
<http://www.artscriticatl.com/2010/09/opera-review-kirke-mechem%E2%80%99s-clever-%E2%80%9Ctartuffe%E2%80%9D-gets-a-winning-show-from-capital-city-opera/>

Student Affairs Receives Grant from Governor's Office of Highway Safety

by Ciji Fox, University Relations

The Division of Student Affairs at Clayton State University recently received the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) grant in the amount of \$7,490. The grant is effective Oct. 1, 2010 through Sept. 30, 2011.

André Clanton, assistant director of Student Conduct and chair of the Alcohol and other Drugs Education and Prevention Team (ADEPT) at Clayton State, along with Deborah Dupree, director of Special Projects for Student Affairs, worked together on the grant proposal.

"The GOHS grant will be used to provide alcohol and other drug education and prevention programming at Clayton State University," Clanton

says. "In addition, the grant will support a peer health educator position, survey tools to assess the alcohol and other drug climate on campus, education and training for our BACCHUS (Boosting Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students) peer health educators, and attendance to local alcohol and other drug education conferences."

Clanton is excited about receiving the grant.

"This grant will help us educate students and provide them with the knowledge they need to make wise decisions regarding alcohol and drug use and abuse," he says. "It also helps us teach other students how to share this information with their peers. As a student affairs professional, I

am all about education, prevention, and leadership development."

Clanton admits that it was challenging to gather statistics on alcohol related incidents involving Clayton State University students as well as creating a programming agenda for the entire year. However, despite the challenges, Clanton feels rewarded by the experience.

"What's most rewarding is seeing some of the results of our labor," he says. "Over the summer, our institution received its BACCHUS Network Charter. We received our charter through the hard work and dedication

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October is Archives Month in Georgia

Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue recently proclaimed October as "Archives Month" for the State of Georgia. Since Clayton State University is the only institution of higher education in the state (as well as the entire United States) to be located next to national and state archives facilities, it was only appropriate that Richard Pearce-Moses, director of Clayton State's Master of Archival Studies (MAS) program, was present when Perdue made his proclamation.



(L to R): Richard Pearce-Moses, Kathryn Blackburn-Wright, Christine Wiseman, Elaine Deniro, Governor Sonny Perdue, Bridget Lurette, Tina Seetoo, Rebecca Landel-Hernandez, Georgia Secretary of State Brian Kemp

Kashif Campbell Gains Hands-On Experience with Clayton County Board of Commissioners

by Ciji Fox, University Relations

Clayton State University student Kashif Campbell recently gained hands-on experience through his internship with the Clayton County Board of Commissioner's Office. The student internship was awarded by the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia as part of the Georgia County Internship Program.

Campbell, a sophomore majoring in political science and president of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, learned of the internship while doing a community service project with his fraternity brothers in

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Clayton State Adds Brett Reichert as Associate Director of International Student Services Office

Clayton State University's newest staff member is Brett Reichert, and he's in charge of Clayton State's newest international venture, the International Student Services Office (ISSO).

The function of the ISSO is three-fold: compliance, programming, cultural transition.

"The university reached a point where it needed to centralize these important services in one office, with an eye towards the success and growth of the international population on campus," explains Reichert, whose title is Associate Director of International Student Services. "I'm currently meeting student and university leaders, learning about Clayton State, and setting up all the functions and forms of the office. That's a day-by-day process."

A 1991 graduate of Mercer University with a degree in political science/interna-

tional affairs; Reichert also holds a Master of Science degree in multicultural and multilingual education from Florida State University. He worked as a communications associate for MARTA from 1994 to 1996, where he was responsible for a number of large-scale communications projects leading up to the agency's role in the 1996 Summer Olympic Transportation Plan.

After graduating from Florida State in 2000, he spent a year in Belgium on a Fulbright Fellowship at the University of Antwerp, teaching and conducting research on the linguistic laws and bias of Belgium. He then returned to Florida State to teach ESL in 2001. He later went to the Samsung Global Training Institute in Seoul, South Korea where he trained senior managers from 30+ Samsung companies on presentation skills, business letter writing, negotiating, as well as cultural topics and customs in U.S. markets. In

2005, he was hired as Director of the ESL Department at Savannah College of Art and Design.

International students legally authorized to enter the U.S. face myriad procedural and regulatory compliance issues, which begin well before they arrive in the U.S., Reichert explains. Once they are here, there are lots of rules and restrictions they need to understand and follow in order to stay "in good status." The ISSO informs and educates them on those issues from pre-arrival to graduation and beyond.

The programming aspect of ISSO will be developing a series of workshops, events and activities to help integrate and connect international students with the host culture, community and campus. For example, ISSO is already working with Clayton State's BSM (Baptist Student

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Clayton State Welcoming Two Foreign Exchange Professors

John E. Parkerson, Jr., Clayton State University's director of International Programs, has announced that two foreign exchange professors are coming to Morrow this fall to lecture at the University.

Dr. Peter Mihalyi, head of the Department of Finance (i.e., School of Business) at University of Pannonia in Veszprem, Hungary, will be at Clayton State from Oct. 17 to Oct. 30 as the latest visitor in Clayton State's faculty exchange program with that Hungarian institution. Officially welcoming Mihalyi will be Parkerson, the Honorary Consul of Hungary for the Southeastern United States, and Clayton State exchange student and Hungarian native Zsafia Terek, a student from the University of Pannonia. Mihalyi will be lecturing primarily in the Clayton State School of Business.

Dr. Namita Nimbalkar, professor of Philosophy at Birla College (part of the University of Mumbai system) in Kalyan, India, is returning to Clayton State for approximately 10 days in November to both lecture and to open as the keynote speaker at Clayton State's new Ethics & Gandhian Studies Institute under the leadership of the Department of Philosophy. She is expected to arrive at Clayton State around Nov. 12, although the specific date is still being planned.

Nimbalkar has prepared lectures in many subject areas, from Indian customs, to history (especially Gandhi), to politics and Parkerson is currently inquiring throughout the Clayton State faculty to have her guest lecture several classes. ■

Clayton State Represents Hungary at Atlanta World Showcase

Thanks to Clayton State University, the Republic of Hungary was well-represented at yesterday evening's Atlanta World Showcase at the Georgia International Convention Center.

The second annual international business event honored the players driving Atlanta's worldwide business growth. The event began with a two-hour Showcase of Countries, with consulates, multi-national chambers of commerce and international trade groups exhibiting and answering questions about doing business with their countries.

Representing Hungary was the Honorary Consul of Hungary for the Southeastern

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School of Business Welcomes Dr. Qiu Fang to the Faculty

by Ciji Fox, University Relations

Clayton State University's School of Business recently welcomed Dr. Qiu Fang, assistant professor of Healthcare Finance, to the faculty.

Fang earned her bachelor's degree in international finance from the University of International Business and Economics in 1997. She worked for the Agricultural Development Bank of China, Beijing headquarters, for two years as an assistant economist until 1999. She then decided to pursue her doctoral degree at the Department of Economics at Utah State University. In 2003, she was awarded her doctoral degree of philosophy in economics.

Fang came to the Clayton State University because she felt it offered a unique opportunity to work in an environment where Healthcare Management, Economics and Finance programs were synergized within the same school.

"Being part of Clayton State University faculty and staff community means being a member of a big family where we all learn and grow together through contributing, sharing, and helping each other, pushing things in the right direction," she says.

Fang plans for a successful school year for her students.

"It is not exaggerating to say that student success is one of the most impor-

tant goals of our school and every other goal seems to serve this one way or the other," she says. "As I am testing the waters here to better understand our students' background, experience, learning style, and expectations, both internal and external, my plan for both this school year and the years ahead is to really push our students to a higher level of achievements. No pain, no gain. And I'm fully aware of the fact that this is not going to be an easy ride, but I'll try my best to make it a fun one."



Fang

Fang admits there have been some challenges.

"I just gave the first exam to one of the classes I am teaching, and the results are not exactly what I expected," she says. "There is a significant gap between my expectations of our students and their performance on the exam. The challenge for me right now is to figure out a way to close that gap while staying true to my plan."

Although Fang will have to overcome some obstacles, she feels rewarded to have a relationship and network of faculty and staff members who are ready to step out of their way to help any time she asks or any time she doesn't know what to ask for. ■

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Ministries) student organization to host a traditional American Thanksgiving feast on Nov. 18 for Clayton State's international students.

"The idea is to reach out to international students who might feel isolated over the holiday since they can't be with their own family, and to share this tradition with them," explains Reichert.

Another way to view the cultural transition role of ISSO is in terms of living issues.

"International students quickly face challenges right after arrival in the U.S. ISSO is here to help," says Reichert. "Can you imagine functioning in America today with no DL, SS card, bank account, credit card, cell phone, or car? Or, imagine the confusion over how to access and pay for health care. If your focus is to study and learn, all these issues can impact that aim negatively without help in the beginning." ■

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United States, Clayton State Director of the Office of International Programs, John E. Parkerson, Jr. Assisting Parkerson was Clayton State exchange student and Hungarian native Zsafia Terek, a student from the University of Pannonia in Veszprem, Hungary. In keeping with the international flavor of the evening, Parkerson also brought along Clayton State's other foreign exchange student, Mariam Chubinidze, from Georgian-American University in Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia.

"Our Hungary table attracted a great deal of attention," notes Parkerson. ■

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of our student peer health educators. We also attended the Governor's Office of Highway Safety Young Adult Conference. While there, we interacted with other institutions and shared struggles and triumphs of alcohol education and prevention on our perspective campuses. What we learned is we are all fighting for the same cause...saving lives."

Clanton notes that BACCHUS is affiliated with Clayton State University ADEPT.

"The grant will be used to train our BACCHUS students to develop programs, present information, and recruit members," he says. "In addition, the grant allowed us to purchase an assessment tool to help us collect statistical information

about Clayton State University students' actual use and perceptions of alcohol and other drug use and abuse on campus."

The grant was used for National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week programming, from Oct. 17 to Oct. 23. ■



Faculty/Staff Fund Drive Hot Dog Rally 2010

Teacher Education Grads Win Georgia Power New Teacher Assistance Grants

Clayton State University alumni Yolanda Phillips and Donnell Cox have been awarded \$1000 New Teacher Assistance Grants from Georgia Power.

Phillips teaches fourth to eighth grade science and social science at Rex Middle School in Rex, Ga., while Cox teaches seventh grade mathematics at Cowan Road Middle School in Griffin, Ga. Both are May 2010 graduates from the Clayton State Department of Teacher Education, with degrees in Middle Level Education.

Each year since 2004, Georgia Power has awarded \$1,000 grants for classroom supplies to some of the state's best and brightest new teachers through its New Teacher Assistance Grant Program. The purpose of the program is to encourage promising new teachers by helping them purchase materials and supplies for use in their

classroom beyond those provided by their school. The items purchased with the grant money are the property of the teacher, not of the school system.

Teacher nominations were submitted to Georgia Power by the 18 Georgia public colleges and universities with education majors. To be eligible for the grant, candidates had to be in the top 25 percent of their class academically, and be first-year teachers employed by a public school in Georgia, and demonstrate a high aptitude for teaching.

Georgia Power began the program as a way to encourage new teachers to stay in the profession and to provide them with much-needed funds to purchase classroom supplies, equipment or materials not provided by their schools. ■

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Rex. There, he was introduced to Sonna Singleton, (Commissioner-District 1 Clayton County Board of Commissioners).

“My internship at the Clayton County Board of Commissioners Office was a great learning experience,” Campbell says. “Immediately I was welcomed by the commissioner and her staff. They set me up with my own cubicle equipped with computer, phone, and printer. I took most of my instruction from Sharon Kellam, a constituent aide to Commissioner Sonna Singleton and Commissioner Wole Ralph. I was trained on Excel and learned many skills in public relations. I never knew how many people in Clayton County were out there truly trying to make a difference in the community until I began to hear the calls and schedule meetings.

“These Commissioners really do all they can for the community from being at homeowners’ meetings to answering questions to being in the streets picking up trash; they don't do this job for the income but rather they receive their ultimate satisfaction from making the county a better place to ‘live, work, and raise our children’, as Commissioner Singleton would say.

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Campus Life Urges Clayton State Students to Take Part in Alternative Break Program

by Ciji Fox, University Relations

Do you want to make your winter and spring break memorable this year? Do you want to “give back” through community service? Well here’s your chance! Gather your friends and make it special by participating in The Alternative Break Volunteer Program at Clayton State University.

That’s the message the Clayton State University Department of Campus Life is sending to students as the University’s winter break approaches. The Alternative Break Volunteer Program is an opportunity for students to engage in community-based service projects for one week during the University’s designated winter and spring break vacations. The program is designed so that Students will develop an understanding and appreciation of the issues people across the world encounter daily.

The Clayton State Alternative Break Program began in March 2008 with nine students giving up their scheduled Spring Break to work with the hungry/homeless population in New York City. LaShanda Hardin, leadership and service learning coordinator in the Department of Campus Life says, “Since the first trip, 36 students have willingly done the same to help revitalize a public park in New York City, create happy memories for terminally ill children and their families in Orlando, help with transitional housing in Washington, and preserve the beauty of the rain forest in Puerto Rico. In December of 2009, the program was expanded to include the University’s designated winter semester break when 12 students traveled to Orlando to once again work with terminally ill children and their families.”

This year, Alternative Winter Break will take place from Dec. 12, 2010 to Dec. 8,

2010 in New Orleans. Students will work with Rebuilding Together-New Orleans by helping with home repair and revitalization of New Orleans neighborhoods.

Two separate Alternative Spring Break trips will take place the week of Mar. 6, 2011 to Mar. 12, 2011. One group of student volunteers will travel to Jamaica to contribute their skills as needed in the rural mountain community of Petersfield. A second group of students will go to Puerto Rico where they will help maintain the natural beauty of the El Yunque National Rainforest. Hardin reveals that getting students out of their comfort zones can be a challenge.

“Our biggest obstacle is taking students out of their comfort zones and placing

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EPA Audit Held, October 18 and 19

The University System of Georgia (USG) has been working in conjunction with the EPA for almost three years to ensure a strong commitment to environmental management. As part of this collaboration, the USG has developed an Environmental Management System (EMS) for an Environmental Self-Audit Program that ensures environmental compliance for all USG institutions.

As another part of this collaborative effort, in 2007 the EPA sent letters to all USG presidents, encouraging them to take advantage of EPA’s audit policy, entitled, “Incentives for Self-Policing: Discovery, Disclosure, Correction and Prevention of Violations.” Following up on that initiative, the Board of Regents of the USG has

since signed a three-year agreement with EPA and contracted with an environmental consultant firm to conduct self-audits for all USG institutions.

“I see this as both an educational and partnership opportunity,” says Clayton State Vice President of Business and Operations Corlis Cummings.

“The audit objectives are to assess environmental compliance at each institution, to increase internal staff knowledge of applicable regulations and encourage sharing of best practices, and to gain relief from federal penalties for an identified and disclosed violations,” says Sandra L. Neuse, USG assistant vice chancellor, Compliance & Operations.

Clayton State’s EPA audit was held on Monday, Oct. 18 and Tuesday, Oct. 19. It encompassed all buildings on campus.

Cindy Knight is the Clayton State University EMS person responsible for coordinating with all departments to ensure compliance regarding this audit.

During these two days an audit team that included an outside consultant and environmental staff from other University System of Georgia institutions was on-site at Clayton State to review facilities and activities for compliance with environmental regulations. The team also scheduled a closing meeting at the end of the audit with Clayton State senior administration to present any significant findings, recommendations, or corrective actions noted during the audit. A full written report will be provided to Clayton State approximately eight weeks after the conclusion of the audit. Disclosure of violations to EPA will occur in April 2011, in conjunction with disclosures from other USG institutions to be audited this fall. ■



Iesha Little Awarded Atlanta Association of Black Journalists Xernona Clayton Scholarship

by Ciji Fox, University Relations

Clayton State University student Iesha Little was recently awarded the Atlanta Association of Black Journalists' Xernona Clayton Scholarship.

Xernona Clayton Brady is a civil rights leader and broadcasting executive. In 1968, she became the first Southern African American female to host a daily prime time talk show. The show was broadcast on WAGA-TV in Atlanta and would eventually be renamed The Xernona Clayton Show. In recognition of her contribution to broadcasting, her community and the nation, the Atlanta Association of Black Journalists named its scholarship in her honor and annually presents the Xernona Clayton Scholarship to a student pursuing a career in communications.

Little, a Political Science major with a minor in Communications & Media

Studies, submitted several examples and wrote an essay about "What does the newsroom of the future look like?" She received the top award, which was a \$2,000 scholarship towards her education.

"Winning this award means that I truly have the ability to do whatever it is I wish to do in life," Little says. "All I have to do is go for it, because that's exactly what I did to receive this scholarship. I put everything I was thinking, every idea that I had into action."

After graduation in 2012, Little plans on attending a law school in Georgia.

"Georgia State, Mercer, and Emory are my top three, or I might try Howard University or the University of Vanderbilt to study corporate law," she says. "I would like to put both my creative and intellectual abilities together and work in



the entertainment field as a contract attorney, writing contracts for large and small businesses, independent agents, companies, everybody."

Little is president and executive producer for Clayton State Television, and a member of AmeriCorps (a national service organization). She is also a 2010 Laker Orientation Leader, as well as a journalist for Delta Sigma Theta. ■



2010 Constitution Week Events



Fall 2010 Internship Fair

Want to Complete a Degree Completely On Line? **Now's There's eCore**

Clayton State University students can now complete a degree fully online.

How? By combining eCore with the major choices in the Clayton State Degree Completion program... the Bachelor of Applied Science or the Bachelor of Science in Integrative Studies.

So what is eCore? It's a program that offers the first two years of college core courses completely online. Developed by the University System of Georgia (USG) and approved by the Board of Regents of the USG, eCore

classes transfer to 36 institutions within the University System of Georgia and most other colleges.

Clayton State spring and fall classes for eCore are available in the following disciplines; chemistry, communications, English, electronic technologies in educational environment, geology, history, integrated science (available to non-science majors and transient students only), math, philosophy, physics, political science, sociology, and Spanish.

During the summer sessions, the same classes are offered, with the exception of chemistry, geology, physics, Spanish and MATH1501.

The tuition for eCore classes is \$189/credit hour. For students taking only eCore classes, this tuition is in addition to the Clayton State institutional fee of \$150 per semester. For students also taking on-campus classes, all fees also apply including the technology, student activity, athletic, student activity center fee, parking fee, card fee, and health fee. Visit the Registrar's

website for a complete listing of the current fee schedule: <http://adminsivices.clayton.edu/registrar/newstudents.htm>.

And, even though a student may never set foot on the Clayton State campus, the University still has a wide ranges of services available to eCore students.

For instance... there's academic advising... eCore advisors are available to answer questions specific to eCore including admission, orientation, registration, textbook ordering, and drop/add procedures.

Speaking of textbook ordering (and paying for same)... the USG eCore website maintains the relationship with the online bookseller for eCore. Students may go to that page and order materials directly at <http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/ecore.htm>. A description of required textbooks for each eCore course is listed at <http://ecore.usg.edu/courses/textbooks.php>. If financial aid is the student's only means of payment for eCore textbooks, the Clayton State University Bookstore may be able to special order eCore books and lab kits, which can be paid for with financial aid).

As is the case with many Clayton State classroom-based courses, there are several tutoring resources available to eCore students. Smartthinking is an online tutoring service available to all eCore students needing help in Math, Chemistry, Physics, Statistics, Spanish and Writing. Tutoring is available through Smartthinking 24/7.

In addition, the Clayton State University Student Success Center (<http://adminsivices.clayton.edu/cas/default.htm>) offers free tutoring services such that friendly advisement is only a phone call away.

Students are urged not to hesitate to give the Student Success Center a call and schedule an appointment with a tutor at 678-466-4070. The HUB also helps eCore students with computer hardware and software.

Online students also receive special library support services such as individualized research consultation by phone, fax, e-mail or in person, and direct delivery of articles and books from the Clayton State Library for online students who cannot reasonably access an adequate library in their area. Students can also receive assistance with connecting to online databases available through GALILEO, the statewide virtual library. Each semester that an individual is an eCore student, they are provided with a password to access GALILEO. Additional information about library services at Clayton State is available through the Clayton State Library's Katherine Ott, or eCore students may contact the Student Success Manager for assistance with Library Services.

Finally, that institutions affiliated with eCore must follow the eCore Common Academic Calendar. This includes a common registration begin/end date, class start/end date, attendance verification deadline, midterm, final exam dates, grade submission deadlines, etc. Clayton State follows its own academic calendar for admission and fee payment deadlines only. See the Clayton State eCore home page (<http://ecore.clayton.edu/>) for specific dates.

For more information about Clayton State's eCore program, or any questions about eCore, contact Ginny Bass, Clayton State's director of Degree Completion and eCore Advisor at (678) 466-4098. Or, send an email to the special eCore email address... ecore@clayton.edu. ■





Caryn Solie, RDH, of Sparks, Nev., the 2010/2011 president of the Chicago-based American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) spoke with dental hygiene students on Oct. 13. Solie visit to Atlanta was part of "National Dental Hygiene Month."

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them in areas they may not have ever traveled to before and having them work hands-on with issues they may have never had to really confront," she says. "There is always a little trepidation at first, but usually by day two, everyone is committed and excited about the work they are doing."

Regardless of the challenges, the trip reaps high rewards for those who participate.

"These volunteer service trips allow students to develop an understanding and appreciation of the issues people across the world encounter daily," Hardin says.

"It is our intention for students to come away from the experience with a deeper understanding of volunteerism, community service and an appreciation of diverse cultures and lifestyles. Each year students tell us that they came back from the trip with new friends and memories that will last a lifetime."

Hardin also adds that the trips would not be possible without the support and encouragement of Dr. Brian Haynes, Clayton State vice president of Student Affairs, participating faculty advisors, current and emerging student leaders, as well as the entire Department of Campus Life.

"All of the trips are thoroughly planned and researched by the Department of Campus Life to ensure both the safety of our students as well as successfully achieving intended learning outcomes," Hardin says.

For additional information about the Department of Campus Life Service Learning Program and additional programs, please visit <http://adminservices.clayton.edu/campus-life/default.htm>. ■

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Campbell also worked with constituent complaints.

"I was also allowed to direct constituent complaints to their appropriate departments. I never realized that so many people were trying to start neighborhood watch programs, get traffic lights put up at dangerous intersections, start private bus transportation services, etc." he says. "The internship opened my eyes to see the importance of local elections and that County Commissioners have a more immediate effect on the Clayton county residents than would the President, or even a Congressman."

Campbell is very involved student on campus. He is a member of I.M.P.A.C.T.,

where he previously held positions as public relations director and vice president. He was also elected to be a Student Government Association senator last year, and is currently president of the Omicron Omega Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Despite a busy schedule, Campbell will still volunteer in the community.

"I would like to say that given the opportunity I would continue to assist the Clayton County Board of Commissioners as a volunteer because I feel there is so much more I can learn and so many more influential people I can meet," he says. ■



Recreation and Wellness held an "Outdoor Boot Camp Challenge" by the lake on Tuesday, Oct 12. Participants took part of a spin class outside at the amphitheater.



Women's Forum
Clayton State University

Mark your calendars for the *Women's Forum* Auction, Quilt Raffle, & Chili Cook-Off

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- Prize given for best in each category: Judges' Choice and People's Choice
- Chili will be served November 18 – 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or until the chili runs out
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Clayton State Dual Enrollment Student Named to Georgia Superintendent of Schools Student Advisory Council

Georgia State Superintendent of Schools Brad Bryant earlier this week named 50 high school students from throughout Georgia to his 2010/2011 Student Advisory Council.

As members of the council, these students will meet three times throughout the school year to advise the superintendent and the Georgia Department of Education (DOE) on how state policies are impacting the classroom. The Student Advisory Council will also discuss other education-related issues and will serve as the State Superintendent's Office's ambassadors in their respective schools.

One of these 50 students, Maggie Shiffert, 15, is both a freshman at

Coweta County's Northgate High School, and a freshman at Clayton State University. A resident of Newnan and the youngest Dual Enrollment student at Clayton State, Shiffert was able to take advantage of a change in the DOE's regulations (allowing high school freshmen and sophomores to take part in Dual Enrollment) over this past summer, and to start taking classes at both Northgate and Clayton State this past August.

The Dual Enrollment program provides one way for high school students to ease their transition into college. These programs allow students to take college courses while still in high school. The courses they complete fulfill high school requirements but also count as college credit. Such programs expose students to the nature of the college classroom, while

they still have the support they receive from parents and their high school. Clayton State's Dual Enrollment program, one of the most successful in the state of Georgia, is under the direction of Dr. Mannie Hall.

Students were chosen for the Student Advisory council based on the strength of a submitted essay, as well as their school and community involvement. The first meeting of the Student Advisory Council will be on Monday, Oct. 25, at the DOE offices in Atlanta. ■

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Plans for the grant will include renaming the bookstore.

“The bookstore staff and our Auxiliary Services administration will work with the bookstore advisory committee and the Student Government Association to plan a ‘rename the bookstore’ contest which will be open to our entire student body,” Smith says. “We are hopeful that students will come up with a name that reflects what we offer and what we do, but that is less solemn than ‘The University Bookstore.’ That name connotes somewhere you ‘have to go.’ We want to be a place where you ‘want to go.’”

“We think our students are capable of coming up with something fun that still describes our core mission: to provide our students with the appropriate materials to make them academically successful at a competitive price.”

Smith is enthusiastic about the future of the Clayton State University Bookstore... under any name.

“I am still quite new to Clayton State University, and we are making some very positive changes in regards to bookstore operations that I think our customers will find exciting and helpful,” he says. “The

positive feedback I received after fall back-to-school... the shorter lines we offered, the easier steps to purchasing a laptop with book money, the availability of more used textbooks... is very promising for the future.

“Overall, this is a very challenging time for college bookstores and higher education retail in general, and for our store in particular. I am looking forward to meeting these challenges while continuing to do what we do best, offer the best service possible to our various stakeholders: the students, faculty, and staff of Clayton State University. ■

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Concurrent with her graduate studies, Striplin was actively involved in performing arts management, holding such positions as stage manager and outreach coordinator of the Florida State Opera, and guest artist coordinator in the University's Office of Public Relations. In 2008, she co-founded, with artistic director and conductor Kevin Fenton, the Festival Singers of Florida, a non-profit community chorus in Orlando, for which she served as artis-

tic administrator while also assuming marketing, board development and fundraising duties.

As Spivey Hall's education manager, Striplin creates high-quality educational music programs, working in consultation with Executive & Artistic Director Sam Dixon and the Spivey Hall Education Committee. Her duties include engaging artists, developing and monitoring pro-

gram budgets, devising and implementing marketing plans, overseeing the operations of all Education Department events, and evaluating program outcomes. As a senior Spivey Hall staff member, she also participates in strategic planning and oversees the Spivey Hall Children's Choir Program administrative staff, the Education Assistant, workshop assistants, and volunteers. ■

Disability and Diversity Awareness Week at Clayton State

The Clayton State University Department of Campus Life, the Department of Recreation and Wellness, the Disability Resource Center, and the D.E.E.P. Peer Educators are presenting Disability and Diversity Awareness Week activities at the University from Oct. 25 to Nov. 4.

The first event, on Monday, Oct. 25, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., is an information table on Main Street in the James M. Baker University Center with information about disabilities, and how to find help on campus.

Tuesday, Oct. 26, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in room 272 of the Baker Center, the Disability Resource Center will be hosting a guest lecture on the topic of Accessible Classes. This is a lecture focused towards the faculty

On Wednesday, Oct. 27, Thursday, Oct. 28, and Monday, Nov. 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., D.E.E.P peer educators and members of the Campus Life staff will be on Main Street with a sign-up for the Tuesday, Nov. 2 sitting volleyball game. They will also be presenting the Human Race Machine. The Race Machine will show the viewer what they would like as member of a different race. The same activities will also be available on Nov. 1 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Also on Monday, Nov. 1, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the ballroom of the Student Activities Center (SAC), the CEC will be showing the movie "Radio."

On Tuesday, Nov. 2, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., on the SAC courts, Campus Life, D.E.E.P peer educators, and the Department of Recreation and Wellness will be hosting the sitting volleyball game. For students of Clayton State history, it's worth noting that Clayton State was the venue for the sitting volleyball competition in the 1996 Paralympic Games.

On Wednesday, Nov. 3, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Main Street, the D.E.E.P peer educators will be hosting an Affirmative Action Bake Sale. Later on Wednesday night, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., in the SAC ballroom, D.E.E.P peer educators and Campus Life will host a dialogue discussion on the affects of affirmative action.

Finally, on Thursday, Nov. 4, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Baker Center room 265, there will be a Walk in My Shoes Disability Discussion over viewing issues of disability in everyday life. ■

Employee of the Quarter **Alma Pujalte**

by Michael Theus, Facilities Management

On Sept 30, Alma Pujalte was named the Employee of the Quarter for Clayton State University Facilities Management for the period from July 2010 through September 2010.

Pujalte is employed with the Building Services Department and serves as a Custodian I for the department from 10 p.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday night through Friday mornings. The expectations of the Building Service Department are very challenging due to a high demand of customer service, quality of service, and priorities of work.



Alma Pujalte

She services and maintains the office spaces, primarily in the Student Center, Business and Health Services Laboratories and the Central Plant. At any given time, she may be called upon to assist with servicing the Lecture Hall Building.

She is a quiet individual, who takes a great deal of professional pride in all that she does. This is reflected by the high state of cleanliness and attention to detail that is found throughout the areas in which she service. Pujalte is a team player, often filling in whenever and wherever needed. She is easy going, approachable, and fosters a great relationship with peers and superiors alike. The department can always depend on her.

She has proven that she can balance a demanding workload with quality service and provide great results every time. It takes a special individual to meet the stringent requirements of Employee of the Quarter, but Pujalte has met and exceeded the challenge. She is the kind of employee any manager would love and appreciate having on his or her team. ■

Life's Transitions...



Dana Brown, database specialist in External Relations, and husband Marc welcomed their first baby, Sean Stewart Brown, on September 30, 2010. He weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Welcome to the world, Sean; and congratulations Dana and Marc!

Barbara Young

by Sam Dixon, Spivey Hall

Everyone at Spivey Hall is deeply saddened by the loss of Barbara Young, who passed away Sept. 19 at her home. She was Emilie Spivey's long-time assistant

and, since Apr. 1 1987, secretary of The Walter and Emilie Spivey Foundation.

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for current MAT students already in the program. Refreshments will be served.

University Bookstore

The University Bookstore will be closed for staff development on Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2010. After the Thanksgiving break, we will re-open for normal hours beginning Monday, Nov. 29, 2010.

The University Bookstore now on Facebook. "Like" our page and get updates on sales, events and discounts. Find us at: Clayton State University Bookstore.

University System of Georgia

USG Chancellor Erroll B. Davis Jr., has announced that he plans to retire as University System head at the conclusion of the current fiscal year, June 30, 2011.

VPA

VPA presents the Clayton State University Jazz Combo in "Trends and Traditions: New Compositions and Old Favorites" on Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in Spivey Hall. Admission is free. Along with several newly-penned works by director Stacey Houghton and one by band member Afolabi Giwa, the combo will also per-

form standard versions of traditional melodies, including "Angel Eyes," "Softly, As In A Morning Sunrise," and John Coltrane's "Blue Train."

VPA presents the Clayton Community Big Band performance "Our First Decade: A Muscial Celebration" in Spivey Hall on Nov. 29 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free. Directed by Stacey Houghton and Assistant Director Art Thompson, the performance will celebrate the first 10 years of the CCBB and will honor long-standing participants. ■

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The new building will house science labs, a psychology lab, a classroom, and six faculty offices. (There's no word as of yet as to whether the psych lab will be set up like giant Skinner Box.) Thus, it's largely a lab building.

"After a long deliberation, the committee combined a few of the recommended names to come up with three suggestions to the cabinet: Laboratory Annex Building, Science Laboratory Annex Building and Swan Laboratory Annex Building," continues Momayezi. "The Laboratory Annex Building was the near-

ly unanimous choice of the Committee, and the president's cabinet approved 'The Laboratory Annex Building (Lab)' as the official name.

"We believe that this is the most fitting name for the new building. This is indeed an annex building to the University's planned new science complex. We all hope that the construction of the new science complex will begin next year as its design is near completion. The new science complex is essential if Clayton State University is to properly serve the Southern Crescent." ■



(L to R) Vice President of Business & Operations Corlis Cummings, staff member Bob Ward and student Jessica Bledsoe stand in front of the Laboratory Annex Building construction site. Ward and Bledsoe each received \$50 to the University Bookstore for submitting names in the building naming contest. Bledsoe submitted the name "Laboratory Annex" and staff member Bob Ward submitted "Swan Lake Annex Building." Put them together, and you have the Laboratory Annex Building

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their fun was ruined – a big bully, the ugly one-eyed troll, had blocked the bridge. The billy goats must remember what their moms, dads, and teachers have told them about kindness and dealing with bullies to get home.

Tickets to this performance are just \$2 per person. However, special, \$1 per students discounts are available to teachers. For more information on this and many other Young People's Concerts, visit www.spiveyhall.org/education. To purchase tickets, call the Education Department at (678) 466-4491, or email educationmanager@spiveyhall.org.

For a sneak preview of *The Billy Goats Gruff*, you can visit Opera Carolina's website and view a short video at: <http://www.operacarolina.org/experience/videos/v-33/>. ■

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University Bookstore, hours after attending a Cash Handling Workshop, identified a counterfeit \$100 bill being passed in the Bookstore.

Jones also held staff training in other areas utilizing free online training from the U.S. Department of Education regarding financial aid. ■

Late Rally Comes Up Short For Clayton State Women at Tampa

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

The Clayton State Laker women's soccer team put up a strong battle on Sunday at Tampa, but came up short in a 3-1 defeat against the Spartans.

Clayton State is now 5-10 overall with the non-conference defeat, while Tampa improves to 11-5 overall.

Despite being out-shot for the game 28-4 and 9-1 in shots on goal, Clayton State scrapped hard against Tampa, playing the Spartans to a scoreless first half. However, Tampa struck quickly in the second half with two goals in the first 14 minutes.

Brittan Spence gave the Spartans a 1-0 lead in the 47th minute, scoring off a cross

by Charlotte White. 12 minutes later, Alyson Gregorowicz increased the Tampa lead to 2-0 off a long pass by White.

Clayton State made a game of it briefly in the final 10 minutes as senior forward Cherie Sayon scored her 12th goal of the season in the 83rd minute. However, the Spartans countered four minutes as Carolyn Simon scored off an assist by Gabby Jolin.

Clayton State goalkeepers Stefania Cola and Leanne Hilton-Clarke combined for six saves in the defeat for the Lakers.

Clayton State plays host to Young Harris in a non-conference match-up on Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. ■

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Barbara participated in the creation of Spivey Hall, from its conception through its construction to the dedication concerts and beyond, and was actively involved in supporting the first 20 years of its operations. She administered the Spivey Foundation's annual budget and handled a wide variety financial transactions on behalf of the Spivey Foundation, including those between the Foundation and Clayton State.

In this role, performing a wide range of duties over the years, she maintained the Spivey Hall Foundation's office at Spivey Hall. Though not an employee of Clayton State, Barbara was our very good colleague who worked several days

each week with us here, and she was central to the Spivey Hall "family." She was our daily living link to the Spiveys, and would tell us many insightful stories about Walter and Emilie.

We miss Barbara greatly, will remember her with tremendous fondness, and extend our condolences to her family.

Spivey Hall dedicated its 20th Anniversary Season's opening concert by the Takacs Quartet to Barbara's memory.

Her obituary and the details of her funeral services are at the following URL; <http://www.mckoon.com/html/obituaries.html>. ■

James Arthur Buck, II

Mr. James Arthur Buck ,II, 55 of Fayetteville, died Monday October 11, 2010. Mr. Buck was a recent resident of Fayetteville, Georgia and a resident of the Southern Crescent area for the last 35 years. Mr. Buck was involved with numerous charities, services and sports organizations as well as being active in the Fayetteville First Baptist Church.

Mr. Buck was an active member the Fayetteville Masonic Lodge No. 711 as well as the Yaarab Shriners organization. Mr. Buck served on the fundraising board of the Scottish Rite Children's Hospital, was past President of Arts Clayton and AFC Lightning Soccer Club as well as numerous civic organizations.

Trivia Time

Icy, Muggy, Hot and Dry

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Sounds a little like an off-the-wall weather forecast, doesn't it?

Actually, these are the weather conditions on three figments of George Lucas' imagination... the "Star Wars" planets of: Hoth (Ice planet); Dagobah – a big swamp and Yoda's planet of exile; and Tatooine, a desert and Luke Skywalker's home planet.

Trivia Time returned to Star Wars trivia (asking the climates of threes three planets) last issue in honor of former champion Kelly Adams, our Star Wars expert and most likely the only person on campus to have actually met George Lucas. (Ask her about it some time, she'll be glad to tell you.)

Naturally, Adams had the first correct answer, followed by Rob Taylor, Kurt-Alexander Zeller, Norman Grizzell, Lou Brackett, Scott Bassett, and B.D. Stillion.

Although the 40th Anniversary year is over for Clayton State, it doesn't hurt to throw in a little more Clayton State trivia... what were the first two groups on campus to get laptop computers, back before the Turn of the Century? Send your answers, not to Rick Skinner, but to johnshiffert@clayton.edu.

"He supported nearly every Foundation event we had – golf tournaments, galas, or whatever. He was a dear personal friend and friend of Clayton State as well. He proudly told everyone that his son, Aaron, was a former Clayton State soccer player and a graduate of Clayton State," says Reda Rowell, Clayton State director of Development. ■

Sports

Fredericks Spearheads Number Eight Clayton State Past Young Harris, 3-1

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

The Clayton State Laker men's soccer team has been waiting for Leighton Fredericks to break out offensively this season, and on Saturday, he did just that.

Playing host to Young Harris in a non-conference showdown, Fredericks scored twice as the eighth-ranked Lakers pulled out a 3-1 victory at Laker Field. Clayton State has won six of its last seven games to improve to 13-2 overall on the season. Young Harris, competing in its first season of four-year intercollegiate athletics, falls to 2-7-4 overall.

The Lakers clearly dominated the game offensively, out-shooting Young Harris 17-3. Jonathan McKeever put Clayton State on the board with his first goal of the season in the sixth minute off an assist by freshman Arturo Cruz. Seven minutes later, Fredericks came through with his first goal off a double-assist by Matty Phillips and Ryan Pugh.

Young Harris cut the deficit in half in the 25th minute when Andreas Pechmann scored on a line drive shot from 35 yards out.

The score stayed 2-1 until the 74th minute when Fredericks scored on front of the goal off a double-assist by Cruz and McKeever.

Young Harris goalkeeper Wezley Barnard recorded five saves in the defeat for the Mountain Lions.

Clayton State plays host to Limestone in a key Division II Southeast Region showdown on Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. at Laker Field. ■

Clayton State Women Finish Second at Cougar Invitational

Competing in its final meet before the Peach Belt Conference championships, the Clayton State Laker women's cross country team finished second on Saturday in the Cougar Invitational, which was hosted by Columbus State.

Clayton State finished the eight-team event with 47 points, finishing 25 points off the pace of first-place Columbus State. The Lakers finished 13 points ahead of Darton.

Running without freshman sensation Samantha Walling for the second straight meet, Clayton State had other runners step up with three Top 10 finishes. Junior Kourtney Aylor finished fourth in 11:48.20 in the two-mile, while sophomore Monique Belmudes finished fifth in 11:56.25 and sophomore Paige Galvin finished ninth in 12:27.34.

In addition, junior Tamara Marshall had a strong showing, finishing 11th in

12:41.25, followed by Masiah Hutchinson in 18th in 13:38.29 and Gisele Javois in 19th in 13:32.86. Rounding out the Clayton State scoring was Rene Mares placing 24th in 13:44.52 and Feleshia Dyer finished 28th 14:04.73.

Clayton State competes in the Peach Belt Conference championships in Augusta, Ga., on Saturday, Nov. 6. ■

Clayton State Men Finish Second at Cougar Invitational

Competing in its final meet before the Peach Belt Conference championships, the Clayton State Laker men's cross country team finished second on Saturday in the Cougar Invitational, which was hosted by Columbus State.

Clayton State finished the five-team event with 42 points, 20 points off the pace of first-place Columbus State. The Lakers finished 18 points ahead of Darton.

Senior Fidelis Mutiso once again was stellar for the Lakers, finishing the four-mile event in second place with a time of

19:44.42. That is a Clayton State team record for a four-mile event. Mutiso was one of two Lakers to finish in the Top 10 as freshman Charles Anderson placed seventh in 20:53.24.

In addition to that duo, senior Jarrid Casimir placed 12th overall with a time of 21:19.41, followed closely by freshman Russell Lawless in 14th in 21:39.27 and sophomore Ricky Fort in 19th in 22:08.70. Rounding out the Clayton State scoring was junior Cesar Valdovino finishing 27th in 23:36.92, and junior Robert Spezzacatena finishing 32nd in 24:18.30.

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