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**“The Gold Standard of Management Education,” say Dean Miller**

## School of Business Earns AACSB Accreditation

by John Shiffert, University Relations

The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International on Monday, Apr. 10 notified the School of Business at Clayton State University that it has been awarded the Association’s coveted accreditation.

“It is our pleasure to inform you that the Peer Review Team’s recommendation for initial accreditation of the undergraduate degree programs in business offered by the School of Business at Clayton State University has been concurred with by the Initial Accreditation Committee and ratified by the Board of Directors,” read the e-mail from AACSB’s Director of Accreditation Services, Lucienne Mochel, to Clayton State Dean Ernest M. “Bud” Miller. “Congratulations to you, the faculty, students, staff and all supporters of the business programs. On behalf of the

Accreditation Council, we welcome Clayton State University as a new member.”

The Clayton State School of Business’ new status is a rare one. According to Tampa, FL., based AACSB, less than a third of all schools of business nationwide have AACSB accreditation. And, as an international organization, AACSB accredits less than 15 percent of schools of business worldwide. Clayton State has been working towards accreditation since the summer of 2000, when Miller first broached the idea to the then-newly-named President of the University, Dr. Thomas K. Harden, whose enthusiastic support has been a key to the accreditation process.

“As I have said previously, this great achievement would not have been possible without the efforts, contributions and sup-

*Did you know...*



Less than one third of all schools of business nationwide have AACSB accreditation? Clayton State’s School of Business is proud to be one of them.

port of the whole campus,” says Miller. “My special thanks to the President and Provost [Dr. Sharon Hoffman] for their support and encouragement; to [Associate Dean Dr.] Jacob Chacko for his leadership; to the faculty and staff at the School of Business for their talent, commitment, and hard work; to our students for their efforts

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## CIMS Names New Outstanding Graduate Award After Founding Dean Dr. Cathie Aust

by Leigh Duncan, University Relations

The College of Information and Mathematical Sciences’ newest student award -- The Catherine Cowan Aust Award -- has been named after founding Dean of the College, Dr. Catherine Aust, who celebrates 31 years at Clayton State University this spring.

The College faculty unanimously voted to name the award after Aust, who in turn headed the committee to create the criteria for the award. It will honor the best all-round performance in a CIMS major and will include a certificate, plaque and cash award, plus a perpetual plaque displayed in the College.



Dr. Catherine Aust

“I love to give people their flowers while they can still smell them,” says Dr. Charles Ford, dean of the College. “I made the recommendation to the faculty because of Cathie’s leadership and contributions to the College as the founding dean. She has been a tremendous help to me and more than deserves this honor.”

Candidates for the award will have a minimum of a 3.5 GPA in all their CIMS courses (Math, Information Technology and Computer Science) and a minimum 3.0 overall GPA. They must be scheduled to graduate within the calendar year and be nominated by a fac-

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# Clayton State Names 2006 Alice Smith Staff Award Nominees

by Joey Rogers, University Relations

Lydia Vanderford, chair of the Clayton State University Alice Smith Award Committee, has announced the five finalists for the University's 2006 Alice Smith Staff Award. They are: Diane Burns, from the Office of the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs; Dolores Cox, from the Office of University Image and Communications; Reginald Evans, from Plant Operations; Gid Rowell, from the Office of Alumni Relations; and Joyce Sandusky from Client Support Services.



The Alice J. Smith Awards for past faculty and staff winners are on display in the Baker Center Boardroom.

The University's 2006 Alice Smith Awards, for both faculty and staff, will be presented at Clayton State's Faculty/Staff Awards Ceremony on May 2 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Spivey Hall. An annual event since 1995, the Smith Awards are presented to the faculty member and staff member ranked most outstanding as determined by committees of their peers. The two, \$1,000 awards were established by local philanthropist Joseph Smith in honor of his wife, Alice. The winners of both categories will be announced at the May 2 ceremony.

Director of Evening Services Burns is a resident of Decatur. She holds a B.A. in Psychology from Stetson University in DeLand, FL, as well as a M.Ed. in Administration and Supervision from

University of South Florida in Tampa. Whenever she has any spare time, Burns loves to enjoy the great outdoors, especially if a beach and a sunset are somehow involved. Burns enjoys her job at Clayton State University because, "We serve a diverse population of students who want to achieve a better life through education."

Cox has a Bachelor of Arts in Literature from the University of North Carolina, and belongs to the Clayton State Women's Forum. A resident of Stockbridge, whenever she is not serving as the University's communications coordinator, she

enjoys making silk floral arrangements and spending time with her husband of 23 years, Tim, and her dogs, Pepper and Prancer. According to her, "Students thrive where there is an attitude of support and cooperation."

Evans, who is also from Stockbridge, works with a team to help set up the campus for special events. The gratitude that everyone pays him and his team for these services makes him proud to be a member of the University. Evans faithfully attends New Birth Church in Lithonia. To him, Clayton State is all about "opportunity."

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## Have you heard the news?

We are proud to begin selling the famous Chick-fil-A sandwich in the Lakeside Café beginning Monday, Apr. 24, 2006. The Chick-fil-A sandwiches will be served Monday-Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. On Fridays the Chick-fil-A sandwiches will be served from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. You can now enjoy the delicious taste of Chick-fil-A without having to leave campus!



# Clayton State Holds Finals Tutoring Blitz to Help Students Prepare for Exams

by Lauren Graves, University Relations

As finals week approaches, you'll see more than a few stressed out students roaming the Clayton State campus. But, thanks to the Finals Tutoring Blitz, students can get the academic help they need to prevail against their finals foe.

On Wednesday, Apr. 26 and Thursday, Apr. 27 from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m., tutors will be available in Clayton State's Center for Academic Success (CAS) to help students prepare for their exams. Light refreshments will be served.

"The Finals Tutoring Blitz is an opportunity for students to meet with faculty, staff and peer tutors to get help with their studies," says CAS Assistant Director Kathy Garrison. "We currently have around 25 faculty members and more than 20 peer tutors who have volunteered."

Unlike regular scheduled tutoring in CAS, students do not need an appointment for the Finals Tutoring Blitz and can drop in for tutoring any time during the 10-hour

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## Thomas George Named Clayton State's Outstanding Alumnus for 2006



Thomas George, a man who bleeds Laker Blue and Orange, has been named Clayton State University's Most Outstanding and Distinguished Alumnus for 2006.

George, along with four other alumni honorees, was feted before a crowd of more than 100 at last night's 14th Annual Clayton State Alumni Association Annual Meeting and Dinner at the Atlanta Motor Speedway.

George is currently employed as the Director of Human Resources at North Georgia College & State University in

Dahlonega. From 1998 until April 2004 he worked at Clayton State in various positions, the last as Assistant Director of Human Resources. He received two degrees and a Certificate from Clayton State, an Associate of Arts in Business Administration (1989), a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management (1990), and a Certificate in Information Technology (1999). He also earned a masters from Kennesaw State University in 2003.

Beginning in 2002, the Clayton State Alumni Association began recognizing outstanding alumni achievement through the Distinguished Alumni awards. Each year, the awards spotlight the professional excellence, leadership and community involvement of Clayton State alumni.

Additional award winners announced last night included; Jocelyn Okoro '05, David Lindley '97 and '99, Judge Steven C. Teske '81, and Dee Ann Turner '89. Additional finalists for the 2006 Outstanding Alumni Awards were: Gordon Baker '73, Lou Brackett '84, Kendall Ellis '03, Paula Hicks '99, and Peter Zolja '05,

In addition to working at Clayton State for six years, George served on the Clayton State Alumni Association Board of Directors from 1994 to 2005, including serving as President from 2001 to 2003. He was also a member of the Clayton State Foundation Board of Trustees during his term as Alumni

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## Student Success Forums Wrap Up With Roundtable Discussions

Clayton State's recent series of three Student Success Forums concluded on Thursday, Apr. 6 with a broad-ranging roundtable discussion in the Downs Center.

A total of five themes, each developed from the results of a faculty/staff survey, were discussed at the 10 tables -- How do we recruit students who are a good fit for the University? How do we support students academically? How do we engage students in the college experience? How do we improve teaching, advising, and mentoring? How do we better meet our students' needs? Moderating the discussions were Susan Duley, Angelyn Hayes, Mark Daddona, Debye Baird, Susan Henry, Bryan Haynes, Martha Wicker, Kathy Garrison, Elaine Manglitz, and Celina Milner.



"The Student Success Committee was very pleased to see the level of participation and enthusiasm from faculty and staff participants," says Chair of the Communications Subcommittee of the Student Success Committee, Diane Burns. "We hope that these forums stimulated meaningful dialog regarding how we can collectively and individually have an effect on student retention and success. It is our hope that our colleagues across campus will continue the dialog in their individual units and departments."

Eighty-three members of the faculty and staff attended the third forum (a total of 180 faculty and staff attended over the course of the three forums). According to Burns, the participants enjoyed the forum and commented that they appreciated the structure provided for the roundtable discussions. The results of the faculty/staff survey are posted on the web at: <http://cims.clayton.edu/SSForum/default.html>.

The Student Success Committee is synthesizing the summaries and will be preparing a report with recommendations for Clayton State President Dr. Thomas K. Harden. ■

## SAM Gathers Awards at International Competition

Clayton State University's Society for Advancement of Management (SAM) Chapter, participated in the 2006 Society for Advancement of Management International Case Competition on Apr. 6 to Apr. 9, in Orlando, FL., where it again gained national recognition.

With more than 350 people in attendance at the conference and 33 teams in the case competition, the Clayton State team captained by Lisa Earls (McDonough), and including Schwanna Clark (Lithonia), Ronald Kinsey (McDonough), Liz Vincent (Stockbridge) and Liz Wellington (Henry County), won the second place award in the Open Division at the case competition.

"This is truly outstanding, considering that graduate students participate in the Open Division and all of our students are undergraduates," says Dr. Michael Deis, Clayton State SAM advisor and associate professor of Management.

Deis and fellow SAM faculty advisor Dr. Lari Arjomand say they are extremely proud of how the Clayton State students

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## Arts Page

# Clayton State Theater Presents Peter Brook's "The Conference of the Birds," April 21, 22 & 28, 29

by Lauren Graves, University Relations

Ancient poetry takes a modern twist in the Clayton State Theater all-student production of Peter Brook's innovative work "The Conference of the Birds" showing at 8 p.m. in the University's Arts & Sciences theatre Apr. 21 and 22 and again Apr. 28 and 29.

Based on 13th Century Sufi poetry, "The Conference of the Birds" uses a journey by a group of birds as an allegory for humankind's age-old quest for enlightenment. Couched in Islamic mysticism, the play takes a new look at a very old work of poetry.

"I like the spiritual content of the play," shares Clayton State Theater's Artistic Director Phillip DePoy. "Although the story is from the 13th Century, it asks very modern questions like 'How do you find God?' and 'How do you find your own spiritual awareness?'"

The play, which involves a mix of poetry, music, movement and story, is a first for Clayton State Theater. DePoy describes the production as bordering on performance art, and notes that this type of work is very unusual on the 21st Century stage.

And although the production may be a first for audiences as well as the University, audiences should not discount "The



Conference of the Birds" as antiquated. Thanks to Brook, arguably one of the most provocative theatre directors of the 20th Century, the work is a strange, really smart and very spiritual, says DePoy.

"The play looks at the different excuses people give not to search their souls," DePoy explains, emphasizing the play's connection with modern life. "In the end, the characters realize that what they have been looking for all along is within themselves – sort of a slightly more elevated version of 'The Wizard of Oz.'"

The cast for "The Conference of the Birds" includes the following Clayton State students: Todd Denson (Cincinnati), Timothy Hand (Honolulu), Ben Hopkins (Tenaha, Tx.), Redd Horrocks (Rudgwick, England), Richard Khouri (Lebanon), Brittany Loffert (Atlanta), Wyatt Lowe (McDonough), Kimberly McClould (El Paso, Tx.), Andrea Rowe (Miami), Ralph Stovall (Atlanta), and Cody Wilson (Marietta). Julia Burke will serve as stage manager for the production.

Tickets are available at the door. General admission is \$5, and students are admitted free with their LakerCard. "The Conference of the Birds" is a short production, running just under an hour. ■

### What to know...

**DATES:** Friday, Apr. 21  
Saturday, Apr. 22  
Friday, Apr. 28 &  
Saturday, Apr. 29

**TIME:** 8 p.m.

**PLACE:** Clayton State Theatre,  
Arts & Sciences, G132

**COST:** Free to Clayton State students, faculty and staff.  
All others \$5.

## Clayton Community Big Band Presents "Jazz for Warm Months"

The Clayton State University Department of Music presents "Jazz for Warm Months," a hot evening of contemporary big band music by Bill Holman, Gordon Goodwin, Bob Florence, Bob Mintzer and others, on Monday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m. in Spivey Hall. This event is free and open to the public.

"Many of today's best and most colorful writers for big band are included in our program," says Big Band Director and Clayton State Instructor of Jazz Studies Stacey Houghton. "If you think big band music only consists of the dance music of Benny Goodman or Glenn Miller, think again!"

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## Arts Page

### Clayton State Faculty and Degas String Quartet in Free Concert at Spivey Hall



the Degas String Quartet

Tenor Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller and Pianist Dr. Michiko Otaki will be featured in a concert of chamber music with the Degas String Quartet in Clayton State University's Spivey Hall on Thursday, Apr. 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Presented by the Clayton State Music Department, the free program includes Mozart's String Quartet in G, K. 387, and Ravel's Quartet in F. Professors Otaki (Clayton State's Director of Keyboard Studies) and Zeller (Clayton State's Director of Opera and Vocal Studies) will join the Degas String Quartet to perform Ralph Vaughan Williams's song cycle "On Wenlock Edge," based on poetry of A.E. Housman.

The Degas Quartet is currently Quartet-in-Residence with the Western Piedmont Symphony in Hickory, N.C. Founded in 1999 at the Bowdoin International Music Festival, the Degas Quartet has performed throughout the Southeast, and at the Aspen Festival, Hunter College, and Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall. Comprised of musicians from England, Scotland, Japan and the United States, the Degas Quartet previously had a three-year residency at Syracuse University.

No tickets are required for this free concert event. ■

### We Gotta Represent: Women & Popular Culture

Clayton State University was well represented last weekend at the Joint Popular Culture Association and American Culture Association Conference (PCA/ACA) held in downtown Atlanta.

A Clayton State student/faculty collaborative panel entitled "We Gotta Represent: Women in Popular Culture" presented papers in the company of 2000 academics who attend the PCA/ACA conference from across the country and around the world. Clayton State faculty Dr. Wendy Burns-Ardolino and Dr. Shondrika Moss-Bouldin gave papers alongside student presenters Ashley Lott, Heather Hale and Danielle Jennings. The students were members of the



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### Jazz Combo Performs April 26

by Lauren Graves, University Relations

Jazz enthusiasts will hear a variety of American jazz styles as the Clayton State University Jazz Combo presents "Hybrid Moods" at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Apr. 26 in acclaimed performance venue Spivey Hall. This event is free and open to the public.

"Hybrid Moods" will feature works by Horace Silver, Sonny Rollins, Duke Ellington, Michael Brecker and several other acclaimed American jazz artists.

"Fans of a variety of jazz styles from Dixieland to jazz-rock will find something to enjoy in our diverse program," says Stacey Houghton, director of the Jazz Combo and instructor of jazz studies at the University.

Program highlights include an exciting, new arrangement of Lester Young's classic tune "Lester Leaps In," a vocal number reminiscent of Ella Fitzgerald's style performed by Madoka Ohshima (Tokyo) and a piano feature showcasing Jill McBrayer (McDonough).

Performing in "Hybrid Moods" are the following talented members of the Clayton State University Jazz Combo: Shaun Brooks (Peachtree City), trombone; Stacey Houghton (Rex), tenor saxophone and clarinet; Jill McBrayer (McDonough), piano; Chris Odom (Lovejoy), guitars; Madoka Ohshima (Tokyo), piano and vocals; Zach Orr (Palmetto), drums; Marvin Pollock (Charlotte, NC), trumpet; Tony Terrell (Lake City), bass and Michael Wheeler (Forest Park), trumpet.

"This semester's combo group is one of the largest groups we have assembled yet," says Houghton. With four horns and a full rhythm section, the nine member combo will offer audiences the full experience of American jazz. ■



## Across the Campus

### American Humanics

Diane Raymond, a member of Clayton State University's American Humanics Student Association, was awarded a full scholarship by American Humanics, Inc., to attend the recent national meeting of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) at the Georgia World Congress Center. The AFP represents nearly 27,000 members in more than 175 chapters throughout the world, working to advance philanthropy through advocacy, research, education and certification programs. The association fosters development and growth of fundraising professionals and promotes high ethical standards in the fundraising profession. Currently interning at Clayton County's C.A.S.A., a child-advocacy group within the juvenile court system, Raymond is developing a therapy program to work with child deprivation cases.

### Public Safety

Clayton State had an i-Pod Shuffle winner last week! Congratulations to Sandra Starr, who was chosen as a random winner last week. Remember to continue logging. You may be the next winner. Everyone is also invited to the Monday, Apr. 24 Walk There! Challenge Party, marking the halfway point of the Challenge. Come to the Public Safety Office in the Student Center at 2 p.m. to get prizes and see Starr with her new i-Pod. There were also five Commuter Prize winners last month. They will each win \$25 Visa Gift cards. Congratulations to Sundiata Bradshaw, Alisa Kirk, Shannon Kelsey, Ricardo Pascual and Lisa Eichelberger.

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MARTA's University Pass Program (U-Pass) partners with several Atlanta Metro area colleges, universities and technical/vocational schools to offer discounted MARTA monthly TransCards for its students and faculty / staff. The Department of Public Safety works with MARTA to help promote alternate transportation and carpooling. You must have a current LAKER card to purchase a MARTA U-Pass card monthly TransCard, good for unlimited trips on MARTA trains and buses all day, every day of the week for the calendar month. You can pay by cash, check or Laker Card with sufficient

funds on the card. Limit one per month per person. Limited supplies. Students: \$40; faculty & staff: \$49. For more information, contact Public Safety, (678) 466-4050 or (770) 961-3540.

### USG

The latest issue of the Chancellor's Points of Pride report is available on the web at <http://www.usg.edu/chancellor/goodnews/>. This month's issue includes a mention of Dr. Nikki Finlay, assistant professor of Economics, for being Clayton State University's first recipient of a prestigious Sasakawa Fellowship in Japanese Studies from the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

### Women & Pop, cont'd. from p. 5

fall 2005 CMS 3810 Course, Women and Popular Culture.

The panel explored the pedagogical value of using popular culture images, particularly representations of women, in the teaching of media studies, women's studies, African-American studies, and cultural studies courses. Students' midterm presentations were at the center of this panel. Student presenters discussed their midterm presentations, which focused on roles of prostitution in mainstream American film, roles of women in hip hop videos and representations of women in sports media.

Both faculty and student presenters addressed the ways in which popular culture is at once a product and producer of cultural values and meanings. While gender as a category remained at the heart of exploration for this panel, the presenters also critically examined intersections of race, class, ethnicity, and sexuality as they are signified in tropes and stereotypes which dominate the landscape of American popular culture. In this way, the conference papers underscored the significance of teaching critical thinking and media literacy in order to facilitate more critical consumption of the images, representations and meanings articulated in the signs of popular culture. ■

### Life's Transitions...

Congratulations to Jeff Anderson, son of Row Anderson in Purchasing. Anderson has been screened for command of a F-18 Fighter Squadron. He is a F-18 fighter pilot in the United States Navy and will be commissioned as Commander this month. He is currently attending the War College in Rhode Island.



Valerie Laney-Marshall's mother, Conchita Laney, passed away last week. A memorial service will be held for her tomorrow at 1 p.m. at Lux Memorial Chapel, 1551 East Grove Ave., in Rantoul, Ill.

Clayton State retiree Naomi Loffert passed away on April 15. She worked for Clayton State with Duncan Brantley from Mar.14, 1983 to June 30, 1994. Her husband, James Loffert, resides at 125 Country Roads Dr., Stockbridge, GA 30281-1341.



### Got News?

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## Development/Alumni Page

# Lucy Huie Tells her story of HOPE to Clayton State Women's Forum

by Leigh Duncan, University Relations

On Tuesday, March 28, Clayton State Foundation Trustee, Mrs. Arthur (Lucy) Huie spoke to the Clayton State Women's Forum in celebration of National Women's History Month. This year's theme - Builders of Communities and Dreams motivated Reda Rowell, the Forum's vice president of programs, to invite Huie to speak because of the stand she, her husband, and a dozen or so of their neighbors took to save Georgia's public school system 48 years ago during the fervor of the civil rights movement.

As part of the celebration, Huie, along with three others at Clayton State received an award for exuding leadership and spearheading efforts to bring communities together by restoring hope in the face of impossible odds. And a little known fact about Huie is House Resolution 1460, where the Georgia State General Assembly commended Huie for her donation of 50 acres to Clayton County for the Jim Huie Aquatic Center was named after Huie's late son an aquatic center in March of 1998.

It was 1958 and already Mississippi and Alabama had closed their public schools. They were embroiled in the controversy over desegregation, and then Gov. Ernest Vandiver was threatening the same in Georgia. Huie and several of her neighbors began the Clayton County chapter of the grassroots organization called HOPE - help our public education.

"I had four children in the public school system," says Huie. "My husband and I believed strongly in public education."

The first meeting of HOPE in Clayton County was held in the Huie's living room. Many were afraid they'd lose their jobs if they publicly supported the organization. But after the initial assembly, they decided a county-wide meeting should be publicized and the date was set to meet again at the Jonesboro Presbyterian Church.

"I was amazed at how little interest there was throughout the community," Huie con-



tinues. "Of the 20 plus ministers in the county, only two showed up."

The first meeting had an attendance of 20-25 people, mostly women. Staying behind to clean and lock up the church, an attendee came screaming back in to announce the Klu Klux Klan was gathering outside. The woman left, but the Huie's were reluctant to venture outside. With no phone to call for aid, they decided to take their chances. Donning

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## Clayton State University Celebrates Small Business Week

In conjunction with National Small Business Week, the Clayton State Foundation recently joined the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and Continuing Education in celebrating small business.

Clayton State welcomed representatives of several businesses who have benefited from Clayton State's Small Business program. The celebration, sponsored in part by SunTrust Bank, recognized the work of the Small Business Development Center, led by Director Cecil McDaniel.

"This event gave us the opportunity to stress our partnership with local businesses, and it was great to see how much these businesses truly appreciate the support and involvement



Some participants told about their businesses through demonstrations and games, like the game seen above.

of the SBDC," says Clayton State's Director of Development Reda Rowell.

Participants in the program praised McDaniel, Donna Kelsick and Henrietta Cowan for the many advantages their businesses have received thanks to the Center.

Clayton State University President Thomas Harden reminded program participants that they too are alumni of Clayton State, and that their ongoing involvement with the University is welcome and appreciated. Robert Lee, chairman of the Clayton State University Foundation, shared his personal story of working with the SBDC to build Southside Seafood Company and his ongoing

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her white gloves (all proper Southern ladies wore white gloves in public) she and her husband Arthur walked outside to face the Klan.

There were eight of them surrounding the vehicle – two on every side of the car. The Huie's went strait for their doors, never looking up – not wanting to see the faces of the members. In 1958, the law required that an oval be cut out of the face mask, positively identifying the robed member.

The Huie's drove home and turned out the lights inside. Outside, Klan members parked their cars under a street light, talked for a while, then drove away. The next Friday night, the first cross in Clayton County was burned on the Huie's front lawn, the first of many.

Organizations like the NAACP, the white group Help Our Public Education (HOPE), and the biracial coalition Organizations Assisting Schools (OASIS) advocated finding ways to desegregate so that public schools could stay open. On the other hand, many segregationists advocated mass resistance and even the closing of public schools rather than integrating them. (<http://www.atlantahighered.org/civil-rights/essay>)

The battle for integration in Georgia would be fought for years to come, and though the integration of Georgia's public schools went through many changes, the efforts of the Huie's and others like them would ultimately keep the system open and eventually lead to a more peaceful existence for all Clayton County's citizens.

"There were only two counties in Georgia where crosses were burned," says Huie. "Clayton County got the most. It was a scary time [in our lives] and we were afraid for our children. Georgia integrated and more crosses were burned."

Eventually, the violence settled down and life became normal again. Huie endured more than just cross burnings on the lawn. She was hit in the grocery store and called very bad names. When asked what she thought about the Klan mentality, Huie responded, "I've been a Southerner all my life and I guess I just take for granted that there are nuts around." ■

## Hala Moddelmog to Speak To Women's Forum, April 25

by Joey Rogers, University Relations

Clayton State University's Women's Forum is holding a very special meeting Tuesday, Apr. 25 at noon in the Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education. The special guest speaker for this meeting is the CEO of Catalytic Ventures LLC, Hala Moddelmog.

Moddelmog is a vital member of The Brand Atlanta Campaign. In addition to her responsibilities as president of Catalytic Ventures, she also serves as The Brand Atlanta Campaign Events Committee Chair.

Moddelmog was the first woman to lead a multi-national Quick Service Restaurant brand, when she served as president of Church's Chicken for 10 years. She is currently CEO of Catalytic Ventures LLC, a company she founded to evaluate investment opportunities and consult within the multi-unit, multi-national retail, food service and franchising arenas. She has extensive background in serving on advisory and non-profit boards and is very involved in the Atlanta community. Moddelmog serves on the boards of Leadership Atlanta, the Atlanta Police Foundation, the B.B. King Museum Foundation and "Women Looking Ahead" magazine.



This is the last Women's Forum meeting of the academic year, and annual Women's Forum scholarship recipients will be announced. The cost of the luncheon is \$12.

Please respond to the Women's Forum Vice President of Meetings Vickie Fennell, at [vickiefennell@clayton.edu](mailto:vickiefennell@clayton.edu) to make a reservation. ■

## Retirees Remain Active in Community

by Lauren Graves, University Relations

Although they have officially retired from teaching, Clayton State University retirees Dr. Avery Harvill, Dr. Larry Corse and Dr. Jeannine Morrison are still active in their community.

Harvill, Clayton State professor emeritus of physical education, will be honored by the University of Georgia this fall. Beginning in November, the UGA annual wrestling tournament will be named "The Avery Harvill Championships." Harvill served as the first UGA wrestling coach. The announcement of his honor was made by UGA Wrestling Club Coach Mike Kemling.

Corse, Clayton State professor emeritus of English, recently completed his latest opera, "Byron: A Masque" based on a libretto by Robert Karmon, winner of the 2003-2004 Clayton State Theater International Playwriting Competition. Corse's two-act work will be performed in a concert reading this September in New York City and will feature cast members from Lincoln Center's Gilbert and Sullivan ensemble.

Morrison, Clayton State professor emerita of Music, will perform in a piano and organ duet with her son on Sunday, May 21 at 4 p.m. at Holy Trinity Episcopal Parish in Decatur. The concert is free and open to the public.

For more information on these and other Clayton State retirees, contact the Office of External Relations at (678) 466-4470. ■



# SPRING FLING 2006

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and enthusiasm; to the other schools and colleges at Clayton State for their sacrifices in enabling our School to obtain the needed resources; and to the University's staff for their ongoing commitment to excellence.

"I think the AACSB logo describes our University's accomplishment -- Earned Excellence...The Best Business Schools In The World. This is the gold standard of management education."

"I am truly thankful for the all the hard work and commitment of our faculty, the unselfish help of other schools, and tremendous support of the University community," adds Chacko. "Bud has led the process to transform the School of Business. Thank you for a masterful job."

The transformation of the Clayton State School of Business is not a first for Miller. Prior to coming to Clayton State as Dean of Business in the summer of 1997, Miller made a reputation as a corporate re-engineer by transforming Arvida Company through a reorganization and reduction process, turning the Florida-based real estate company's balance sheet from one of severe losses to strong profits. Then, in a move that made national headlines, he re-engineered one more move – he resigned and thereby eliminated one of the two senior positions in the company.

"I just couldn't justify me to me," he said at the time -- March 1995. Miller was also quoted at the time of his own personal re-engineering that he hoped he would be "helping [another] company restructure."

That "company" turned out to be Clayton State. Following a two-year search for a new dean for the School of Business, Clayton State made an unconventional choice, a Harvard MBA with an unconventional corporate background. Miller said it was a good fit all-around.

"Talking with the deans, the administrative council, the faculty and the staff, I saw Clayton State as an institution whose time has come," he said in 1997. "It has reached critical mass... going into uncharted waters. They're doing something that hasn't





## Arrell's "all fall down" to Make Georgia Premiere April 28



Mezzo-soprano Dr. Maya Hoover, assistant professor of Voice at Clayton State University, will give the Georgia premiere of Dr. Chris Arrell's

composition "all fall down" on Friday, Apr. 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Kopleff Recital Hall, located on the Georgia State University campus. Also performing are pianist and Clayton State adjunct faculty member Lisa Leong, and members of the Georgia State Department of Music.

"all fall down" is a setting of nine nursery rhymes for mezzo-soprano and chamber ensemble commissioned by the Fromm Music Foundation of Harvard University.

Arrell, director of Music Theory and Composition at Clayton State, holds his doctorate from Cornell University. He has received numerous awards and recognitions for his music including commissions from the Fromm Foundation, Music at the Anthology, and Spivey Hall, honors from the Society of Composers and ASCAP, and residencies from the MacDowell Colony and the Atlantic Center for the Arts. His music has been performed across the United States by ensembles such as the Aspen Contemporary Ensemble, the Admony-Kanazawa Duo, the Bent Frequency Ensemble, Green, newEar, the Ensemble Sospeso, and Thamyris, and broadcast internationally by the BBC3 and others. This summer saxophonist Rhonda Taylor will premiere his composition "Ghosts" at the 2006 World Saxophone Congress in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

On the operatic and concert stage, Mezzo-soprano Hoover has sung roles from Xerxes (Xerxes) to Cio-Cio San (Madama Butterfly), and has appeared with orchestras in works from Bach to Babbitt. She has appeared in performances in Colombia, Bolivia, Italy, Hungary, and Peru in addition to numerous venues in the United States. This summer she will appear in recital as part of the Barcelona Festival of Song in Spain, and then she will return to the International Bach Festival in Trujillo, Peru for a recital with pianist Rubia Santos and an opera gala with the Orquesta Sinfónica de Trujillo, where she will premiere two vocal-orchestral works. Hoover holds a Doctor of Music from Indiana University. ■

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### Big Band, cont'd. from p. 4

Performing in "Jazz for Warm Months" are the following talented members of the Clayton Community Big Band: saxophonists Tara Adcock (Jonesboro), Abbie Byron-Goslin (Hickory Flat), Sorrell Carr (Jonesboro), Amanda Chatham (Riverdale), Barrett Hoover (Baltimore), and James Riley (Peachtree City); trumpeters Anthony Bailey (Decatur), Joseph Grawel (Hampton), Mark Lewis (Jonesboro), and Deb Lyles (Riverdale); trombonists Shaun Brooks (Peachtree City), Amy Castillo (Lithonia), Doug Murray (Jonesboro), and Lee Stofer (Jonesboro); pianists Jill McBrayer (McDonough) and Lacy Griffin (East Point); guitarists Chris Odom (Lovejoy) and Zach Orr (Palmetto); and vocalists Amy Castillo (Lithonia) and Madoka Ohshima (Tokyo, Japan). Tony Terrell (Lake City) will play bass, and Brandon Purinton (Fayetteville) will play drums.

The Clayton Community Big Band is comprised of Clayton State students and community musicians. ■

## Spivey Hall Presents Free Concert with Army Jazz Guardians



Spivey Hall will present a free concert by the Army Jazz Guardians on Tuesday, Apr. 25, at 4 p.m. The concert will conclude the Spivey Hall Spivey Jam jazz workshop, a non-competitive jazz band master class and clinic for middle and high school ensembles in metro Atlanta.

Members of the Army Jazz Guardians are leading classes on jazz technique and improvisation to jazz students during the all-day workshop and will present the free concert as the conclusion of the days events.

The Army Jazz Guardians is an 18-member group whose primary mission is to maintain and promote Jazz, a uniquely American art form. Under the direction of Sergeant Major Joseph A. Camarda, the Jazz Guardians pay tribute to the big bands of yesterday by performing the music made popular by such greats as Ellington, Basie, Miller, and Herman. Demonstrating their great versatility, the group also performs the latest and most innovative sounds of today's most popular composers.

The Jazz Guardians have been featured at numerous jazz festivals around the United States, performing with such notable artists as Louis Bellson, Cab Calloway, Bill Watrous, Conrad Herwig, and Jamey Abersold. Equally comfortable in live performance or the studio, the group recently finished recording its second compact disc, appropriately titled *The Jazz Guardians*.

Given their broad talents and diverse repertoire, a concert by the Jazz Guardians will be sure to entertain any audience.

No tickets are required for this event, which will be held in Spivey Hall. For more information, please call (678) 466-4200. ■

### Smith Nominees, cont'd. from p. 2

Rowell earned a bachelor's degree in Mass Communication from West Georgia University and recently completed his coursework for a master's degree in Public Administration, also from West Georgia. Originally from Bremen, and now an Atlanta resident, he enjoys watching and attending sports events. Until recently, he served as the University's Sports Information Director, accepting the position of Alumni Director this February. According to him, Clayton State's family-type, caring atmosphere is unmatched by other schools.

Sandusky earned her B.A.S. in Technology Management at Clayton State in 2002. She lives in McDonough with her husband and teenage daughter, and her son attends college. Whenever she's not helping students with computer problems, Sandusky likes to enjoy leisurely activities like reading and going to the movies. "We all want the same things from our jobs and our relationships. I appreciate that we are in an encouraging environment that allows us to grow to our potential," she says. ■

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

been done before. To be a part of that was intriguing to me.

"I believe that it is important that people who have been successful because of education give something back to education. This job will be a way of my giving back."

To achieve AACSB accreditation, business programs must satisfy the expectations of a wide range of quality standards relating to strategic management of resources, interactions of faculty and students in the educational process, and achievement of learning goals in degree programs. These standards are mission-linked. During the accreditation process, Clayton State was visited and evaluated by business school deans with detailed knowledge of management education, applying accreditation

standards that are widely accepted in the educational community.

AACSB International is a not-for-profit organization consisting of more than 900 educational organizations and corporations. Its mission is excellence in management education in colleges and universities. AACSB International is the premier accrediting agency and service organization for business schools. For more information, visit the AACSB website at [www.AACSB.edu](http://www.AACSB.edu).

Clayton State's accreditation will be acknowledged on Sunday, Apr. 23 at AACSB's International Conference and Annual Meeting in Paris. Miller and Chacko will both be attending the meeting. ■

### Small Business, cont'd. from p. 7

involvement with the University.

Keynote speaker Gilda Watters from the Governor's Office of Economic Development reiterated the importance of small business as a driver of economic development in this country, congratulating all of the business owners for their entrepreneurial leadership and fortitude in building a business. She also provided valuable information available to business owners through the Georgia state government.

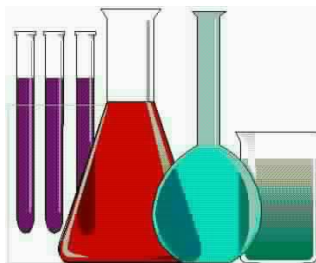
"We appreciate all who joined us in applauding small business," says Rowell. "We look forward to developing next year's program where we will celebrate the next generation of small business success." ■



## Students Present at National American Chemical Society Conference

by Joey Rogers, University Relations

Clayton State University Natural Sciences students Kathy Cochran and Heather Roden presented their independent research projects — done under the direction of Assistant Professor of Chemistry Dr. Patricia Todebush — at the recent National American Chemistry Society (NACS) Conference.



Cochran, a sophomore Biology major, presented on “Computational Chemistry Study of Hydrogen Bonding using Silicon instead of Nitrogen, Oxygen, and Fluorine” at the Physical Chemistry Undergraduate Research Poster Session during the conference.

According to Todebush, Cochran’s work was well received; so much, in fact, that many chemists commented on the extremely interesting implications her work has for expanding our understanding of the chemical interactions involved in hydrogen bonding systems. Cochran plans on attending veterinary school after graduating Clayton State.

Roden, also a sophomore biology major, presented “Computational Study of the Reaction Mechanism of Formaldehyde in Viral Proteins” at the Medicinal Chemistry Undergraduate Research Poster Session. Many of the conference attendees commented on her project, and were surprised to learn that she was only a college sophomore. Roden plans on attending optometry school after graduation. ■

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

President. Anyone who ever had the chance to hear George speak about Clayton State, especially during his term as Alumni Association President, will recall his passion for the University, its professors, students and alumni.

Among his recent accomplishments at North Georgia, he was recently appointed the Customer Service Champion to represent the school at the University System level.

Born to teachers of Indian origin in Malaysia, George and his wife, Bissy, have two children, Michael, six and-half years old, and Sarah Ann, two years old. In his spare time, George enjoys astronomy, reading, playing cricket and badminton and being a Clayton State alumnus.

Okoro graduated in the fall of 2005 with a bachelor’s degree in nursing. She was part of the Clayton State student nursing group that went to the areas affected by Hurricane Katrina. Okoro’s group was stationed in a Jackson, Ms., shelter that housed special needs and medical surgical needs patients. The volunteers made sure that patients received the medications that they were currently taking along with changing dressings for wounds.

Said Okoro of the experience, “It was very rewarding knowing that I was helping people in need and a wonderful feeling swept over me every time they expressed how appreciative they were. It was heart breaking to see they had one storage box of belongings to start their lives all over again with.”

A native of Nigeria and a resident of Stone Mountain, Okoro currently works at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Atlanta.

Okoro is also a former Clayton State soccer player and has been a volunteer assistant coach for the program the last two years, helping lead the program to national prominence. She also loves volunteering for food and clothes drives, and donates blood.

### Alumni, cont'd., p. 13

## University Orientation Team Attends SROW



Clayton State University’s Student Orientation Team recently attended the Southeast Regional Orientation Workshop (SROW) at the University of Alabama. SROW, sponsored by the National Orientation Directors Association (NODA), is one of the largest orientation conferences in the nation.

At the workshop, team members gained insight by meeting orientation leaders from other schools as well as learning new skills to bring back to Clayton State. According to the conference’s hosts, all orientation leaders are stars and have the potential to do great things in the galaxy of higher education and in life.

Clayton State Orientation Team members in attendance were: Celena Milner, Orientation coordinator; Candace Henry, student coordinator; Tamara Edouard; Brittany Goodwin; Qiana Brand; Kimberly Burlbaugh; Rajiv Manborde; Kim Burlbaugh; Elizabeth Wellington; Stephanie Seaborough; Albertina Green; Qiana Brand; Tamara Edouard; DeAngelo Evans; Brittany Goodwin; Natacha Smith; Montavia Madison; Charlee Glenn; and Ebony Flowers.

This is the first time that Clayton State University’s Orientation Team has sponsored the trip for all orientation team members to attend. ■

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A loyal supporter of Clayton State whenever a group needs help sponsoring event, Lindley is manager of the Chick-fil-A in Forest Park. He graduated from Clayton State in 1997 with an Associate of Applied Science in Marketing and in 1999 with a Bachelor's degree of Applied Science in Business Management.

Along with his support of Clayton State, Lindley actively supports many schools, churches, and non-profit organizations in the community. Some of his programs include, "Spirit Nights" at the local schools or "Holy Cow Nights" at several of the local churches.

On his job, Lindley says he enjoys having the opportunity to mentor his fellow employees.

"I have strong relationships with my team members. I like being involved in their lives and know what's going on, which proves invaluable during times of need or crisis. Chick-fil-A is a family business, and the business I run in Forest Park is my extended family," he says.

"Whether it's playing an active role in an athletics event, supporting the Clayton State Ride Share program on Earth Day or helping with a Science Club fundraiser, he is always there," says Director of Alumni Relations Gid Rowell. "We appreciate his service and dedication to the community."

Teske received his Associate of Arts in Political Science from Clayton State in 1981. In addition, he obtained his bachelors in 1983, masters in 1988 and his law degree in 1991, all from Georgia State.

Teske was appointed to the juvenile bench of Clayton County in 1999 and reappointed in 2003. Prior to appointment, he was a trial attorney and partner in the law firm of Boswell & Teske, where he served as special assistant attorney general representing various state agencies in federal and state courts and also the Clayton County Department of Family and Children Services prosecuting abuse and neglect cases in Juvenile court.

While on the bench, he has received the Scales of Justice Award from the National Association of Legal Professionals for

"conduct that exemplifies the hallmark of professionalism and ethical standards and inspires public confidence in the legal system," the Judge Romae T. Powell Award from the Georgia Association of Juvenile Services Association, the Community Service Award by the Clayton County Chapter of the NAACP, and the Atlanta Journal-Constitution Hero of Open Government Award.

He is the author of the nationally acclaimed juvenile detention alternative initiative titled "F.A.S.T.-S.T.A.R.T." which received the American probation and Parole Association's President's Award for effectively reducing detention by 44 percent and recidivism among offenders by 50 percent.

He serves on the Executive Board of the Georgia Council of Juvenile Court. He was appointed by the governor to the Board of the Georgia Children and Youth Coordinating Council representing the 13th Congressional District and also serves as Vice-Chair of the Board. He also serves president of the Southern Crescent Habitat for Humanity, on the Board of Trustees of the Securus House for Battered Women and is Vice-President of the Southlake Kiwanis.

Teske and his wife Deborah, have three children, ages, 21, 17 and 16 and live in Atlanta.

Another human resource professional, and another employee of Chick-fil-A, Turner began working at Chick-fil-A, Inc., in 1985 in Human Resources. Now serving as Vice President of Human Resources, she is responsible for recruitment, selection and retention of more than 500 corporate staff and 800 Chick-fil-A unit operators. During her 20 years at Chick-fil-A, she has been innovative in developing selection processes to handle the 10,000-plus Unit Operator applicants and 7,000-plus staff applicants that inquire each year to Chick-fil-A.

Turner began her business education by graduating with honors from Clayton State's School of Technology in 1989 in Management with an emphasis in Human Resources. In addition to studying at Clayton State, she also has completed management and executive programs from

Emory, the University of Virginia and the University of North Carolina.

She has been married to Ashley Turner for the past 22 years, and the Turners have three sons, ages 15, 11 and six. They are actively involved at Heritage Christian Church. Turner leads an executive women's weekly Bible study and is active in various committees at Woodward Academy.

She is also currently active in The Kenya Project, a ministry providing Christian education to school children in Nehuru, Kenya. Turner serves as secretary on the Board of Directors for Burning Hearts Ministry and on the Personnel Committee on the Board of Directors for Eagle Ranch, a foster home ministry committed to reuniting families and resolving in-home challenges. ■

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**SAM, cont'd. from p. 3**

represented themselves, the School, and the University at the conference. In addition to the two teams of five students each from the Clayton State School of Business competing in the case competition, Deis and Arjomand also attended the conference.

The team consisting of Rebecca Barnwell (Fayetteville), Larry Jordan (Bridgeton, N.J.), Celest Mapri (Cameroon), Darien Tejeda (Miami), and Sheena Williams (Atlanta) also performed very admirably at the conference, adds Deis. And, in addition to driving the van to the conference, Thomas Zaharopoulos (Akron, Oh.) accompanied the group as an alternate.

This year the case involved Apple, Inc. The teams received the case approximately two months prior to the competition and then were responsible for developing a 15-minute presentation to be presented to a panel of three judges hearing the case. Judging decisions are based on such variables as presentation skills, creativity of the team's ideas, and responses to questions asked by the judges.

# Student Leadership and Involvement Awards Celebrate Leadership Success

by Leigh G. Duncan, University Relations

Assistant Director for Leadership and Fraternity-Sorority Life advisor Eric Simon, along with the Office of Student Life, hosted the second annual Student Leadership and Involvement Awards program on Tuesday, Apr. 18 in the Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education.

“Clayton State student leaders and organizations make a significant contribution to the campus and surrounding communities,” says Simon. “It’s important that we recognize them formally.”

This year, Clayton State recognized three of the sixty organizations on campus, three outstanding students and one outstanding faculty/advisor with the Organization of the Year, Outstanding Program/Activity of the Year, Outstanding Community Service or Social Justice Program/Activity of the Year, Advisor of the Year, Orientation Leader of the Year and the Laker Vision Award.

The Organization of the Year award went to SAM – the Society for the Advancement of Management. SAM demonstrated the essence of the award by encouraging the development of and engagement in the cultural, social, educational and ethical values of the campus community. Along with the Organization of the Year, two members of SAM, Lizzy Vincent and Lisa Earls, captured the Laker Vision Award, the highest honor presented Tuesday. Dr. Michael H. Deis, Associate Professor of Management, was awarded the Advisor of the Year as SAM’s faculty advisor.

The Outstanding Program/Activity of the Year award went to Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. for sponsoring the Miss Black & Gold Pageant which, according to the award criteria, exhibited creativity, encouraged student growth and development, and contributed to the quality of student life on campus.

The Outstanding Community Service or Social Justice award went to Zeta Phi

Beta Sorority, Inc. for the Cellular Phone Collection Program. The members collected used cellular phones for women victims of domestic violence. The phones were reprogrammed and then given to the women to use in the event of an incident.

The final award, Orientation Leader of the Year, was presented by Celena Milner, Coordinator of Orientation, to Joseph Echols “who stood by my side” every inch of the way during Milner’s first two semesters at Clayton State.

Simon is hoping these awards and the award program itself will inspire students to become more involved with the campus community and at the same time take them beyond their college careers into a future committed to involvement as community leaders. ■



Eric Simon

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blitz. Offering the blitz from morning until night demonstrates how much CAS and the volunteer tutors want each student to succeed in his or her academic endeavors.

“The Blitz helps students realize they are not alone here at Clayton State – there are people on this campus who care about them and want them to be successful in their studies,” Garrison comments. “It also helps students realize there are resources here to help them succeed and that faculty members care about the students’ academic careers.”

In addition to the Finals Tutoring Blitz, CAS offers a variety of personalized academic services to all Clayton State students, including staff and peer tutoring, study behavior assessments and multimedia instruction. The Center also develops and facilitates instructional resources, workshops and courses to support the academic success of all students.

CAS recently began coordinating the Peer Mentor Program and, during mid-semester exams, offers the Midterm Tutoring Blitz, a companion to the Finals Tutoring Blitz.

Clayton State began offering tutoring blitzes in fall semester 2003, and the popularity of the blitz has attracted the attention of the University System of Georgia’s “System Supplement” newsletter. “System Supplement” published an article on the blitz in their January/February 2004 issue. ■





## Aust Award, cont'd. from p. 1

ulty member. Each nominee was asked to fill out a questionnaire that included career goals and extra-curricular activities and be interviewed by the award committee.

"It's important that a faculty member nominate the student," says Aust. "This isn't just about grade point average. It's also about attitude and citizenship; it's about character."

Eligible candidates were chosen from students that had 75 hours or more last fall and who conceivably could earn 15 hours each semester for Spring, Summer, and Fall and graduate in December. There were two candidates for the first Catherine Cowan Aust Award; Ashley Askew, a Math major who won the Chancellor's Academic Recognition Award in 2005 and Dianna Knight, an IT major, working mother of two and active volunteer for her church and community. Askew was named as the first Aust Award winner at the Academic Honors Convocation on Apr. 6.

Aust, a professor of Mathematics, began her Clayton State career in 1975 as assistant professor of Mathematics and moved to the head of the class as the first dean of the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences in 2003. After graduating with a B.S. in Mathematics (Magna cum Laude) from the University of Georgia in 1968, she earned her Doctor of Philosophy in Mathematics from Emory University in 1973.

She served as an instructor and assistant professor of Mathematics at Georgia Tech from 1972 to 1975, before taking the same position at Clayton Junior College. In 1977, Aust was named coordinator of Mathematics, promoted to associate professor in 1980, and to professor in 1985. In September 1994 she was named acting head of the Department of Mathematics, becoming department head in 1996.

Aust has served both the University and the University System of Georgia on more than 20 committees and task forces while making more than a dozen professional presentations. She currently serves on the Georgia Department of Education High School Mathematics Advisory Committee, allowing her to contribute to the development of the new Georgia Performance

Standards for High School Mathematics. She is a member of seven professional societies, including the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, the Mathematical Association of America (where she has served as chair of the Southeastern Section), the American Mathematical Society, and the Georgia Council of Teachers of Mathematics (a Life Member).

Aust was named an Outstanding Young Woman of America three times, included in the 10th Edition of Who's Who of American Women, the 13th Edition of American Men and Women of Science, and recently selected for inclusion in the Ninth Edition of Who's Who Among America's Teachers.

In January 2005, having lead the faculty from the departments of Information Technology and Mathematics in the work of establishing the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences, she left administration to return to the classroom and focus on what she loves most, teaching. Since returning to the classroom, she has been involved in faculty focus groups devoted to active learning and collaborative learning and has developed considerable expertise with the use of electronic classroom response systems. Her next new teaching venture will be with Clayton State's Learning Communities as an instructor for one of the fall 2006 sections of the orientation course, CSU 1022.

Aust is married to Tomie Randolph Aust, a retired Clayton County School Teacher who taught at Lee Street Elementary School from 1963 to 1993. At his retirement the administration named the drive in front of the school "Aust Drive."

Cathie Aust's father and mother were both involved in education. Orris W. Cowan was a member of the Clayton County Board of Education for more than 30 years, serving as Vice Chairman for most of the time and Frances King Cowan was an active volunteer at East Clayton Elementary School for many years helping especially with the Book Fair each year. East Clayton named a reading room after her. ■

## Trivia Time

### Smarter than The Average Reader?

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Clearly Campus Review readers are smarter than the average bear. No less than a record 13 respondents knew that Yogi "I'm Smarter than the Average Bear" Bear's little sidekick was named "Boo-Boo."

In order they were; Todd Birchfield, Chris Haberland, Tom Eddins, Dotty Bumbalough, Lou Brackett, Kurt-Alexander Zeller, Dina Swearngin, Rob Taylor, Mike Mead, Ethel Lynn Keaton, Mary Coursey, Jill Sears and Maria Johnson.

Getting away from the bear facts... who was the first United States President born, not in a log cabin, but in a hospital? Send your answers to [johnshiffert@clayton.edu](mailto:johnshiffert@clayton.edu).

## SAM, cont'd. from p. 13

Several of the Clayton State students also received individual awards at the conference. Clark, Kinsey and Mapri each received a Regional Outstanding Student Award and Clark was one of only 15 students to receive a National Outstanding Student Award. Deis also received an Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award. In addition, Tejada, after giving a speech to SAM student attendees at the conference, was chosen as an alternate member of the SAM Student Board of Directors for the coming year.

The Clayton State SAM chapter continues to be the largest, most active chapter in the country, and the national organization recognized this when it awarded the Clayton State chapter the First Place Campus Chapter Performance Program Award (CCPP) for large chapters at the 2006 conference. This is the fourth time in the past five years that the chapter has won this award, having also won it in 2002, 2004, and 2005.

## Sports Page

### Clayton State Leads PBC Commissioner's Cup

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

The Peach Belt Conference released its newest Commissioner's Cup Standings on Thursday, and Clayton State continues to lead through the completion of the winter sports.

Thanks to two strong basketball seasons by the Laker men and women, Clayton State gained 18 new points in the race for the Commissioner's Cup and now has a total of 46.5 points. Clayton State now holds a 9.5-point lead over Columbus State (37) and an 11-point advantage over UNC-Pembroke (35.5). Armstrong Atlantic is currently fourth with 30.5 points, followed by USC-Upstate with 29.

Rounding out the standings are North Georgia (26), Georgia College & State

(24.5), Lander (20.5), Francis Marion (18), USC-Aiken (17) and Augusta State (14.5).

Clayton State gained 10 points in women's basketball and eight points in men's basketball. Head coach Dennis Cox's Laker women finished a remarkable 25-6 overall, finished second in the Peach Belt behind newcomer North Georgia at 17-3, and were ranked as high as 18th in the Division II Top 25. The Lakers advanced to the second round of the NCAA Division II National Tournament.

Head Coach Gordon Gibbons' Laker men finished 21-7 overall and were fourth in the Peach Belt at 14-6. The Lakers were ranked as high as 20th this season in the Division II Top 25. ■

#### Searl Resigns As Tennis Coach

Elizabeth Searl has announced her resignation as women's head tennis coach at Clayton State. Searl was head coach at Clayton State for the last six years, and a nationwide search for her replacement will begin immediately.

"We've been very fortunate to have someone with the background of Elizabeth Searl to lead our program over the last six years," said Athletic Director H. Mason Barfield. "She has built a program that has been respected, and one of the most consistent nationally-ranked programs in the Peach Belt Conference."

#### SAM, cont'd. from p. 15

The CCPP Award recognizes chapters for practicing good management skills and was awarded based on the success of the Clayton State SAM Chapter. The chapter has had approximately 40 activities and meetings this year, including the Career Enhancement Speaker Series (eight speakers throughout the year), involvement in the Homecoming Alumni Breakfast and homecoming activities, an Enjoy Atlanta Fundraiser, Habitat for Humanity, Secret Santa Christmas Party, fall and spring BINGO, Spring New Member Luncheon, an Otis Spunkmeyer cookie sale, Campus Easter Egg Hunt, Awards Banquet, a rafting trip, the American Democracy Project South conference, and participation in the campus softball tournament. ■

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