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Clayton State to Honor Dr. Harry S. Downs

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Clayton State University will take the occasion of its Spring 2010 Commencement to bestow a special honor on the man who is still, after 40 years, most identified with Clayton State.

Dr. Harry S. Downs, the first president of Clayton State University, will receive an honorary doctorate from the University he founded and opened in September 1969. Downs will be honored during the noon Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 8, in the Clayton State Athletics & Fitness Center.

“(A) great move for the ‘father’ of Clayton State,” says Downs’ successor, Clayton State’s second president, Dr. Richard A. Skinner.

The founding president of Clayton State is a native of, and still a resident of,

Conyers, Ga. He graduated from Conyers High School in 1942 and earned his Associate’s Degree from North Georgia College in 1943. He holds both a B.S.Ed. (major in Mathematics - 1949) and a M.Ed. (major in Guidance – 1950) from the University of Georgia. In 1962, he earned his doctorate from Michigan State University, an Ed.D., with a major in Student Personnel.

Starting in September 1960, Downs began a 34-year tenure with the University System of Georgia (USG), originally as associate director of Testing and Guidance and director of Junior Colleges for the Board of Regents. His first assignment for the USG was to work with the institutions to improve their use of tests for purposes of admissions and for purposes of improving instruction and learning. After two years with the USG, he was

given the additional assignment of opening Brunswick Junior College. He then opened three additional new junior colleges prior to 1966, when he was assigned the responsibility of



Dr. Harry S. Downs

planning the campuses and buildings for new junior colleges. His first institution under this new assignment was Macon Junior College. His second was Clayton Junior College.

By February of 1969, when construction of the Clayton State campus was well

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Better Together...Clayton State University Foundation Honors its Founding Trustees

With Clayton State University celebrating its 40th Anniversary during the 2009/2010 Academic Year, it was only fitting that the Clayton State University Foundation take the occasion of the Apr. 17, 2010, President’s Gala to honor the Foundation’s founding trustees.

Themed, “Better Together,” the Gala was a celebration of campus and community, highlighted by special recognition for six of the original signers of the Foundation’s articles of incorporation in 1974... Harmon Born, H.M. “Mit” Bradford, S. Truett Cathy, Dr. Harry S. Downs, G. Robert “Bob” Oliver, and James “Jim” Wood, Jr. Also recognized for their legacy in the history of Clayton State were the three original signers who have since passed on; Charles S. Conklin, Dr. Ernest Dunbar, and Claude Whaley.

The evening also included remarks by Foundation Chair Starr Helms, Clayton State President Dr. Thomas J. “Tim” Hynes, Jr., and scholarship recipient Christina Phillips, and featured a video presentation on Clayton State student and faculty community engagement.

Born, who served as chairman of the board of the Foundation for its first 25 years of operation, was recognized by current Foundation Trustee Michael Gray, who noted that, in January 1996, the Foundation was joined by Ford Motor Company (in recognition of Born’s 50 years with Ford) in setting up an endowment in his name, which continues to provide annual scholarship funding to students at Clayton State University. To fur-

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Mother/Daughter Nursing Team Headed to Guatemala for Maymester

by Ciji Fox, University Relations

Clayton State University nursing students are once again preparing to head to the jungle of Rio Dulce, Guatemala, for their Maymester trip. This year's trip will be extremely special to a mother and daughter who will be able to share the experience together. Phyllis Pruikmsa and Melanie Davis are looking forward to working side by side.

"I have been on this service-learning trip several times and know that, for many, it is a life-changing experience," Karen Weaver, director of the Clayton State RN-BSN program says. "Once, I was lucky enough to share the experience with my husband, Ross and adolescent grandson, Zachary; therefore I know how especially rewarding this trip can be when sharing it with family members. Our whole family plans to make the Jungle Medic experience into one of our family vacations in the near future."

Davis heard about the Guatemala trip during orientation to the Clayton State nursing program.

"From that moment, I knew I wanted to go," she says. "My husband could see my interest and encouraged me to go.

"When I first heard of the Guatemala trip, I was so excited about the possibility of going and I told my mother all about it. I knew she was a little jealous, but she was happy for me to have this opportunity. It wasn't long before she was asking me if I would be OK with the idea of her joining me on this trip as a grad student. My mother and I have a very close relationship and she has been a huge role model in my life, so I was thrilled at the chance to work with her."

The two had previously traveled to Belize together for a mission trip.

"She was the team nurse and I was a high school student, so we did not speak the same language at that time," Davis says of their previous trip together. "Following my mother's medical influence and my father's military influence, I joined the Georgia Army National Guard as a combat medic. It wasn't long before I knew that patient care was my calling and my passion. My mother is one of my biggest supporters as I pursue a nursing degree. We now do speak the same language, which has brought us even closer."

Pruikmsa decided to go on the trip early on in the spring semester 2010.

"My daughter mentioned she was going as an elective," she says. "She and I had gone to Belize in 1999 on a mission

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High School Students Excel in Clayton State Dual Enrollment Courses at Academy for Advanced Studies

High school students Staci Cook (Veritas Classical School and New Creation Christian Academy), Jonathan Ensley (home schooled, Forest Park Street School), Anna Vernon (home schooled, New Creation Christian Academy school), and Aisha Bloxson all dual enroll at the Academy for Advanced Studies in McDonough, which is where students from Henry County go take dual enrollment classes from Clayton State University.

Vernon is now a full time student at Clayton State.

"I attended New Creation Christian Academy, and was partly homeschooled, through high school, until my senior year, when I began the dual enrollment program," she says. I enrolled in two courses, for six credit hours, last semester and I am



(L to R) Jonathan Ensley, Anna Vernon, Staci Cook, Aisha Bloxson.

participating in four courses, or 12 credit hours, this semester. I am no longer attending high school.

"Lately have I been challenged by the difference in the way college courses are set

up in comparison to high school classes. In one of my courses, Political Science, I have only had two tests and a term paper. My final exam will count for 50 percent

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Further Information on Facilities Master Planning, Imaging, and Strategic Planning

by Dr. Tim Hynes, President

Let me first thank the scores of faculty, staff, and students who have participated to date in our campus discussions on facilities master planning process, the marketing review process, and the strategic planning process.

As I hope should be clear now, we have connected with a series of consultants who will neither provide us with boiler plate recommendations, nor simply tell us as a campus what they each believe we want to hear. Rather, each group has designed a process that listens, reacts, and then engages us again to help us better

define ourselves. As a result, this will help us chart a future for Clayton State University in which we define excellence on our own terms, and develop those terms in ways that will connect with the system, our community, the state, and the academy. In such a process of defining, we will be better positioned to communicate those terms to broader audiences, and to be better prepared to request resources from a variety of sources that will allow us to succeed in meeting those terms.

Please let me draw your attention to information about these processes.

Concerning facilities master planning, you can find the power point presentations provided at the town hall meetings immediately after you log into the campus portal, the SWAN. In addition, you will be asked there (and here) to provide any reactions or questions you have about the process to facilitiesmasterplanning@clayton.edu.

You should have received notice that you may be asked for your responses to a survey. That survey will assist our market

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Year Three Approaches for Laker Hall

Laker Hall, Clayton State University's first on-campus residence facility, is getting ready for its third year.

Dedicated on Aug. 12, 2008, Laker Hall is a 451-bed, 178,000 square foot student housing facility located on the north side of Clayton State Boulevard, just inside the entrance to the campus. As such, it dominates the northwest corner of Clayton State's 175-acre campus as the largest building on campus.

According to Joseph Cantona, Clayton State University's director of Housing and Residence Life, Laker Hall housing is currently accepting reservations and contracts for fall 2010/spring 2011 semesters. Summer lease terms for the summer of 2010 are also available. The priority reservation and deposit deadline for the coming academic year is July 1. After this date, the deposit payment increases from \$200 to \$300. However, Cantona adds that reservations will continue to be accepted through the start of fall classes on Monday, Aug. 16.

Move-in for the 2010/2011 academic year begins on Thursday, Aug. 12, 2010, for first year resident students, and continues on Friday, Aug. 13, 2010, for resident returning and transfer students. Move-in will also continue through the weekend of Saturday, Aug. 14 and Sunday, Aug. 15.

Laker Hall is a public/private venture, funded by a bond project with the Development Authority of Clayton County the issuing agency. Built and paid for without the use of any state funds, Laker Hall is owned by Clayton State University Foundation Real Estate I LLC, and leased to the University System of Georgia with the lease payments coming from housing rental.

All first-time and transferring freshman students (those registering for 12 credit hours or more) at Clayton State are

required to live in Laker Hall for the fall and spring semesters, unless qualified for an exemption. These exemptions include; age (over 21), married students; those students who are legally responsible for minor dependent children; students who are taking classes solely at Clayton State – Fayette; and students with other compelling personal circumstances which necessitate the student living at home or somewhere other than on campus. First time and transferring freshman students

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CIMS Holds its Own "Amazing Race"

If you were around the Clayton State University campus on Saturday, Apr. 10, you might have witnessed the Clayton State version of the reality TV show, "The Amazing Race." The College of Information and Mathematical Sciences' (CIMS) two student organizations, Wi2STEM and the Math Club, teamed up to host the first ever "Clue Me In To Clayton State" event with 14 teams from Clayton State and surrounding high schools competing against each other to solve clues, puzzles, riddles, or mind twisters that would direct them to various locations across campus.

So where would you go if you had this clue? Rare Grits OR Tsar Re Rig...

All participants were issued Clue Me In To Clayton State bags and binders

with the rules and various information to help solve clues. There were six high schools teams from Clayton, Henry and Fayette counties, with a total of 24 students, who competed in the high school division for first (Smartbook computers), second (Rubics clock and 'Hub Man') and third (Clayton State bookstore certificates) place prizes. The students from Union Grove High School proved the most adept at this version of the Amazing Race, finishing first, just ahead of the students from North Clayton High School and Dutchtown High School.

Thirty-two Clayton State students formed eight teams and raced in the college division for the same awards.

More than 100 brain teasers were written by the Clue Committee; Matt Evans, Frances Williams and Maria Morales-

Beale, chair. Dr. Yvette Gardner had an assignment where Clayton State students were writing clues as well. Christine Gardner was the webmaster and ran registration. Dr. Catherine Matos was mission control director with Dean Lila Roberts. Dr. Byron Jeff and Dave Matos in the thick of monitoring teams' progress all over campus. Drs. Christopher Raridan and Gardner, John Burningham, and Billie May were arbitrators observing teams in pursuit of their next clue. Amy Peek kept track of clues, teams, food and cleanup (one of the most important jobs). In addition, more than 30 CIMS students volunteered to hide and guard the clues across campus. However, one particular Psychology class, that meets on Saturday, decided to try their hand at

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Two Clayton State Professors Attend Sally Ride Roundtable Discussion

Clayton State University professors Mary Hudachek-Buswell and Dr. Catherine Matos, both faculty members in the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences, were recently invited to attend former astronaut Dr. Sally Ride's Roundtable Discussion about Gender Equality in Math and Science Education.

The Apr. 7 event, part of a series of nationwide round tables sponsored by ExxonMobil Corp., featured a distinguished panel gathered at the Four Seasons Hotel in Atlanta to address the issue of motivating young people, especially girls, to pursue careers in science and math with a small select audience of business community leaders, educators, and government officials.

Early on in school, the panelists said, students love science, with research showing that 68 percent and 66 percent fourth grade boys and girls respectively enjoy science. But by fifth and sixth grade, that interest starts to drop off, and it drops off

at a greater rate among female students. That decline might contribute to the sad statistic that although women represent 46 percent of the workforce, only 25 percent of the jobs in science, engineering, and technology are held by women, according to the National Science Foundation (NSF).

The panelists agreed that peer pressure in middle school and the ongoing, popular public perception that science isn't "cool" are the driving factors that account for the drop off in students' interest in science. The NSF report on higher education states that, although there are recent increases in most major science fields, women's share of bachelor and graduate degrees in computer sciences and engineering has declined sharply.

Hudachek-Buswell and Matos are part of a group of women faculty members at Clayton State in the disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), who last year



(L to R) Catherine Matos, Sally Ride, Mary Hudachek-Buswell

decided to start an organization for female students called WiSTEM.

"We saw the need to mentor and encourage women in these fields," said Hudachek-Buswell at that time. "We have gathered women faculty from each of these areas to mentor and cheer Clayton State University women who have a need to connect with other women in these disciplines." ■

Gary May has Small Business Fundamentals Book Published by Business Expert Press

by Ciji Fox, University Relations

Dr. Gary May, associate professor of Management in the Clayton State University School of Business, recently had his book, "Strategic Planning: Fundamentals for Small Business" published by Business Expert Press (BEP). May decided to write the book while attending a conference.



Dr. Gary May

"I met the publisher, Dave Parker of Business Expert Press, at a conference," May says. "He was soliciting new authors. After some research, we determined there were not many books in the marketplace on the topic of strategy for small business owners and managers. I teach strategy, and I have managed strategic planning projects in the

corporate world, and was a second-generation owner of a family business. So there was a nice fit with my experience. On the basis of the research, I drafted a concept proposal and chapter outline."

May admits there were some challenges.

"BEP specializes in concise books on focused topics targeted to busy executives," he explains. "The challenge was boiling the strategic management literature down to fundamental principles that would be useful to small business operators - cutting through all the theory and complexity."

Despite some challenges, May's experience was rewarding.

"Seeing the end result and getting positive feedback from a number of small business owners who served as readers for the initial drafts was very satisfying," he says.

"One small business president said, 'you covered clearly in 10 pages what most books take 50 to say.'"

"On a personal level, it was a great learning experience. Simplifying the complex requires deep learning. I reviewed the relevant strategic planning literature and now understand more concepts at a deeper level. I've always said that he or she who teaches learns the most. Now I say that he or she who writes the book learns even more!"

Although May does not intend to require the book in his strategy class, students will know it's available as a possible resource for those who are interested in the small business arena when they graduate. ■

Outstanding Alumni Recognized, Ventriloquist Mark Merchant & Clayton State's "Appointed Generation" to Perform

There's Still Time to Register for the Clayton State Alumni Association's 18th Annual Dinner at Fabulous Fox Theatre

The Clayton State Alumni Association is gearing up for its 18th Annual Alumni Dinner, Thursday, Apr. 29.

In celebration of the University's 40th Anniversary, the Annual Dinner is going to be held at a "Fabulous" venue and feature a star-studded program. As in the past, the event will feature the presentation of the 2010 Outstanding Alumni Award winners, but new this year, will be some special entertainment performances.



Egyptian Ballroom of the Fabulous Fox Theatre in Atlanta, beginning at 7 p.m., and preceded by a reception at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are on sale for the event for \$55, along with parking passes for an additional \$7. Call the Clayton State Office of Alumni Relations at (678) 466-4477 or email Director of Alumni Relations Gid Rowell at gidrowell@clayton.edu.

The Alumni Association also has sponsorship opportunities, which include tickets, available for the dinner.

Distinguished Alumni Award winners and hold a benefit auction. Attendees will also have the opportunity to tour the Fox Theatre.

Providing the entertainment for the evening will be acclaimed comedy ventriloquist and alumnus, Mark Merchant '77, along with Clayton State's own "Appointed Generation" student choir.

With a 30-year career in comedy ventriloquism, Merchant has traversed from cruises to casinos and corporate events all over the world. Atlantic City Magazine awarded him "Best Variety Act" for his performance, and he has received Crystal Cruises award for "Entertainer of the Year."

All alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends of the University are invited to the Dinner. The event will held in the

In conjunction with the dinner, the Alumni Association will recognize its 2010

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Martha Ellen Stilwell... "Her Spirit Lives On"

Martha Shaw, artistic director of the Spivey Hall Children's Choir, sang a solo (Handel's "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth") at the Apr. 15 funeral service in Peachtree City for Martha Ellen Stilwell.

According to Spivey Hall Executive and Artistic Director Sam Dixon, it is only appropriate that he and Shaw, as well as Spivey Hall Education Manager Catherine Striplin and two members of the Spivey Hall Education Committee, attended the services for the former teacher, music educator and patron of the arts, since Stilwell was the founding force behind the Spivey Hall Children's Choir Program.

"Martha Ellen's achievements, her love of music, and many lives she touched through her teaching others were all

celebrated, according to her wishes," says Dixon. "I imagine the Children's Choir Program may again pay tribute to her memory in their May concerts.

Stilwell's career began in church ministry as Minister of Music at the First Baptist Church in Elizabeth City, N.C. In 1965, she went to teach in the Clayton County School system, first as a third grade teacher, then elementary music, and finally in 1968 the County's first Coordinator of Fine Arts, a position she held for 28 years until her retirement in 1995. In this capacity she helped originate the Spivey Children's Choir -- now an internationally-known group of young (ages 10-18) singers.

"She will be greatly missed," says Dixon. "Her spirit lives on through the love of music she cultivated in untold numbers of children."

We express our deep appreciation for the life and work of Martha Ellen Stilwell, her leadership in seeing the Spivey Hall Children's Choir created, and her role in enriching children's lives with music."

Stilwell's spirit, her love of music and her love of the Children's Choir will continue. The Stilwell family has identified the Clayton State University Foundation to be the recipient of memorial gifts, to support the Spivey Hall Children's Choir Program. ■

Phillip DePoy Nominated for Townsend Prize for Novel "The King James Conspiracy"

by Lauren Graves, University Relations

Phillip DePoy, artistic director for Clayton State University's Clayton State Theatre, dabbles in more than stage productions – he is also a playwright, composer and fiction author. It is for his prowess in the latter that DePoy was nominated for the Georgia Perimeter College 2010 Townsend Prize for Fiction.

"The King James Conspiracy," the historical fiction murder mystery that earned DePoy a place among the 2010 Townsend Prize nominees, is set in 17th Century England and centers on a group of scholars assigned by King James I to create a definitive English translation of the Bible. DePoy's 12th novel and the first to stand alone from a series, "The King James Conspiracy" is the culmination of 30 years of the author's intrigue with the Bible and the ancient texts from which it was compiled.

"The King James Conspiracy" and nine other works of fiction written by Georgia

authors went before an independent panel of judges. The winner, "The Help," by Kathryn Stockett, was announced at the Margaret Mitchell House on Thursday, Apr. 22.

The Townsend prize is named in honor of Jim Townsend, founder of "Atlanta Magazine," who encouraged journalists to stretch their abilities into the realm of fiction writing. It is Georgia's oldest and most prestigious literary award, presented biennially for the most outstanding work of fiction by a Georgia writer during the past two years, according to the Atlanta Journal Constitution.

In addition to receiving critical acclaim for "The King James Conspiracy" and other novels, DePoy is also an accomplished playwright. His play "Easy" won the 2004 Edgar Award, the equivalent to



the Oscar in playwriting. His play "Lamb on Fire" was produced in New York, and his play "Appalachian Christmas Homecoming" has been produced around the United States since 1991 – Seattle's Taproot Theatre will produce it for its 2010 season. His commissioned play "Turned Funny" played to

sold out audiences at Marietta's Theatre in the Square and won three SUZI awards. His latest commissioned play, "Stealing Dixie," will open Theatre in the Square's fall 2010 season.

DePoy is a resident of Atlanta. For more information on DePoy, visit www.phillipdepoy.com or call (678) 466-4715. "The King James Conspiracy" is presently available in hardback from www.amazon.com and will soon be available in paperback. ■

Arts Page

Clayton State University Jazz Combo to Perform “Hard Bop & ‘Peanuts’” at Spivey Hall

by Lauren Graves, University Relations

The Clayton State University Department of Visual & Performing Arts presents the Clayton State University Jazz Combo in a performance titled “Hard Bop & ‘Peanuts’” on Wednesday, Apr. 28 at 7:30 p.m. in Spivey Hall. Admission is free.

“Hard Bop & ‘Peanuts’” will include the music of Vince Guaraldi, spotlighting several tunes from the pen of the San Francisco pianist who composed for Charles M. Schulz’s “Peanuts” television specials from 1965-1976. Other musical selections will include music from the 1950s and 60s hard bop movement by Clifford Brown, Miles Davis, Art Blakey and others. Many charts have been rearranged for the Jazz Combo by Jazz Combo Director Stacey Houghton.

“We wish to celebrate the innocent-yet-sophisticated jazz music of Vince Guaraldi (1928-1976), the 50-year legacy of the “Peanuts” comic strip, and the life

of cartoonist Charles Schulz (1922-2000). Good grief, it’s a triple celebration, Charlie Brown!” jokes Houghton.

The Clayton State University Jazz Combo includes the following talented musicians: Houghton (Rex), director and tenor saxophone; Wilgens Pierre (Mableton), trumpet; Carl Dixon (Morrow), alto and tenor saxophone; Afolabi Giwa (Fayetteville), piano and vocals; Kelly Jarrard (Stockbridge), guitar & vocals; Jennifer Dunn (Lovejoy), acoustic & electric bass; and Courtney Tatum (Lovejoy), drums & vibraphone.

Other highlights include original compositions by combo member Wilgens Pierre and director Houghton, and a guest appearance by Michael Wheeler (Forest Park).

For additional information, contact Houghton at houghtones@aol.com or call (678) 466-4750. ■

The Clayton State University
Department of Visual & Performing Arts presents the
The Clayton State University Jazz Combo
HARD BOP & PEANUTS
Stacey Houghton, Director
Including the music of Vince Guaraldi

Wednesday, April 28, 2010
Spivey Hall | 7:30 p.m. | Admission is free

Wilgens Pierre, trumpet | Carl Dixon, alto & tenor saxophone |
Stacey Houghton, tenor saxophone | Afolabi Giwa, piano & vocals |
Kelly Jarrard, guitar & vocals | Jennifer Dunn, acoustic & electric bass |
Courtney Tatum, drums & vibraphone
Guest appearance by Michael Wheeler

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Clayton Community Big Band to Perform “Current Trends” at Spivey Hall

The Clayton State University Department of Visual & Performing Arts presents the Clayton Community Big Band in a performance titled “Current Trends” on Monday, May 3 at 7:30 p.m. in Spivey Hall. Admission is free.

Current Trends will feature contemporary charts by Gordon Goodwin, Bob Mintzer and Bob Curnow. And while audiences may find it a bit odd that a big band is deviating from its familiar swing tunes, Clayton Community Big Band (CCBB) Director Stacey Houghton explains that big band music is more versatile than some may think.

“Big bands aren’t just for danceable swing music anymore! Modern writers enjoy composing in a wide variety of current music styles, frequently adapting funk, blues, Latin, and other genres for

big band instrumentation,” Houghton shares. “The CCBB presents a collection of recent arrangements that go outside of the swing tradition...but don’t worry, traditionalists...there will be a few swing numbers as well!”

Talented CCBB musicians performing in Current Trends include: Stacey Houghton (Rex), director and alto saxophone; Sorrell Carr (Jonesboro), Michael Terry (Meansville), Carl Dixon (Morrow), Mike Bearden (Stockbridge) and John Babb (McDonough), saxophone; Michael Wheeler (Forest Park), Anthony G. Bailey (Decatur), Mark Lewis (McDonough) and Julian K. Smith, Jr. (Decatur), trumpet; Doug Murray (Jonesboro), Dr. Patrick Carney (Stockbridge), Amy Castillo (Jackson), Mark Gladfelter (Ellenwood),

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The Clayton State University
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presents the
CLAYTON COMMUNITY BIG BAND

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Featuring contemporary charts by Gordon Goodwin, Bob Mintzer, & Bob Curnow
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Monday, May 3, 2010
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Stacey Houghton, Director and Alto Saxophone
SAXOPHONES: Sorrell Carr, Michael Terry, Carl Dixon, Mike Bearden, and John Babb
TRUMPETS: Michael Wheeler, Anthony G. Bailey, Mark Lewis, and Julian K. Smith, Jr.
TROMBONES: Doug Murray, Dr. Patrick Carney, Amy Castillo, and Mark Gladfelter
PIANO: Marvin Pollock
GUITAR: Caleb Halstead
BASS: Jennifer Dunn
DRUMS: Court Tatum
VOCALIST: Amy Castillo

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Across the Campus...

Alumni

Natalie Sibley, a fifth grade math and language arts teacher at Willis Road Elementary in Coweta County, is one of three finalists for the 2010 Coweta County Teacher of the Year award. Sibley earned her middle level education degree from Clayton State.

AmeriCorps

The Clayton State AmeriCorps program will be celebrating AmeriCorps Week from Apr. 26 to May 1. AmeriCorps Week is a recruitment and recognition event designed to bring more Americans into service, salute AmeriCorps members and alums for their powerful impact, and thank the community partners. AmeriCorps Week, which is co-sponsored by the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, at Clayton State will include: Monday, Apr. 26 - "The Fight of a Lifetime," a candlelight vigil on the Student Activities Center Green from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Tuesday, Apr. 27 - AmeriCorps information table and volunteer sign-up, on Main Street in the James M. Baker Center, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, Apr. 28 - AmeriCorps informational in the Student Activities Center Ballroom from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, Apr. 29 - "Knowledge is Surviving" cancer awareness event in room UC 265 of the James M. Baker Center, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Friday, Apr. 30 and Saturday May 1 - Henry County Relay for Life at Woodland High School, 3 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Bursar's Office

On Saturday May 15, the Bursar's Office will be participating in the March of Dimes Walk a Thon in honor of Jamiah, the daughter of Tanya Officer. If you would like to walk with us please use link below to sign up. If you are not able to walk, but would like to contribute to our cause, please use the link to make your donation online. The Bursar's Staff will be accepting cash and check donations in our office through May 13. Please make all checks payable to March of Dimes. <http://www.marchforbabies.org/team/t1367818>.

Campus Life

The Department of Campus Life is soliciting volunteers from among the University's students, faculty and staff to

take part in the Saturday, May 1, Clayton County Humane Society bi-annual yard sale fundraiser at Jonesboro High School. The event is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., however, according to LaShanda Hardin, Leadership and Service Learning coordinator in the Department of Campus Life, volunteers are needed beginning at 5:30 a.m. to help unload trucks, set up tables and assist customers. Clayton State volunteers will also be needed throughout the day in collecting donations, working the food tables and assisting at the shelter across the street. In addition to individuals, Clayton State classes, organizations and groups are all welcome to work whatever shifts that suits them. For additional information on Clayton State's role in this event, contact Hardin at (678) 466-5424 or lashandahardin@clayton.edu.

Center for Academic Success

What is likely the most popular program of the Clayton State University Center for Academic Success (CAS) is coming up. It's the Finals Tutoring Blitz, a regular event at the conclusion of each semester wherein Clayton State faculty, staff and students volunteer their time to help Clayton State students prepare for their upcoming final exams. On Wednesday, Apr. 28 and Thursday, Apr. 29, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., CAS will hold the spring

2010 Finals Tutoring Blitz on the lower level of the Clayton State Library. During these times, students may come into the Center on a walk-in basis to work with peer tutors, staff tutors, and faculty members.

Clayton State Theatre

The last day of class for the spring 2010 semester at Clayton State will be a special one for Phillip DePoy's Improvisational Theatre students. DePoy, the renowned director of the Clayton State Theatre and an assistant professor of Theatre, has arranged with Cynthia D. Samuels-Jackson to have her Radloff Middle School theatre arts students join his Improvisational Theatre class for a day. With tongue firmly planted in cheek, DePoy describes the visit by Samuels-Jackson's 45 Gwinnett County middle schoolers as an "invasion." Actually, the Radloff students will be participating in improv scenes with Clayton State theatre majors.

Auditions for the Clayton State Theatre fall play, *Anything Goes*, a *Surreal Folly*, will be held on Tuesday, May 4, from noon until 2 p.m. in G132, the Clayton State Theatre in the Arts and Sciences building. Students must audition to be in the show. They must also subsequently enroll in either THEA 1990, 2990, 3991 or MUSC 3540 (12:45-2 p.m. T/TR).



Clayton State's newest student organization, "Go Green," is pitching in to help the University's recycling efforts. Go Green was officially recognized as a Clayton State student organization on Friday, Mar. 26. The purpose of the new group is to assist Clayton State in becoming more environmentally responsible. As part of that mandate, Go Green's first project is bottle and can recycling on campus.

Across the Campus...

Students should come prepared to present 16 bars of a piece of music AND 90 seconds of monologue. Casting will be determined by May 6.

Clayton State University Assistant Professor of Theatre/Communication Shontelle Thrash presents the Artist's Showcase of Atlanta Kids/Teens on Monday, Apr. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the 7 Stages Theatre. Doors open at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

Human Resources

Faculty and Staff are invited to gather in Spivey Hall on Apr. 27 for the annual Service Awards Ceremony and annual announcement of the Alice J. Smith Award winners. The event will begin at 2 p.m. followed with a light reception. The Service Awards Ceremony is a time for Clayton State to celebrate and honor faculty and staff through recognizing years of service, tenure, promotions, and retirement. This will be the 15th year for the annual Alice J. Smith Award. This year's faculty nominees: from the College of Arts & Sciences, Dr. Susan Copeland and Dr. Todd Janke; from the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences, Dr. Kelli Nipper; from the College of Health, Dr. Charlene Romer; and from the School of Business, Dr. Margaret Thompson. This year's staff award nominees: from University Health Services, Latrice Barlow; from the Center for Academic Success, Dr. Mark Daddona; from the office of Budget and Finance, Sonya Holtzclaw; from Athletics, Pat Keane; and from the Office of Alumni Relations, Gid Rowell.

Human Resources has coupons for 20 percent off flowers ordered from ProFlowers.com. Offer expires May 24, 2010. They also have two coupons for Atlanta Bread Company. One is for a 20 oz. beverage with purchase of a whole sandwich and the other one is for a free bowl of soup with purchase of a full sandwich or full salad.

Plan to stop by the Liberty Mutual information table on Apr. 28, in the James M. Baker University Center, Main Street, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Liberty Mutual

offers employee discounts on car and home insurance. Goodies and giveaways will be provided.

Psychology

The Southern Crescent Sexual Assault Center (SCSAC) and Clayton State University's Chapter of Psi Chi, The International Honor Society in Psychology, will host the Second Annual Take Back the Night (TBTN) on Thursday, Apr. 29. TBTN will be held at Clayton State University from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Amphitheatre next to the James M. Baker University Center. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and TBTN will highlight raising public awareness and educating communities about sexual violence and its prevention. TBTN will include a rally, candlelight vigil for those who have been victimized, and speakers that will elaborate on the effects of sexual violence. For more information about TBTN, contact Southern Crescent Sexual Assault Center at (770) 603-4045 or visit www.takebackthenight.org.

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Student Affairs

Clayton State's Fifth Annual New Student Convocation, aka, "Fantastic Friday the13th," is scheduled to take place on Friday, Aug. 13 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Spivey Hall. This year's keynote address will be provided by Clayton State

President Dr. Thomas J. "Tim" Hynes, Jr. The ceremony's purpose is to inspire, motivate and formally welcome new students into the university community. Clayton State faculty and staff who participate in the procession portion of the ceremony will be wearing their academic regalia. Questions should be directed to Celena Milner at (678) 466-5429 or Debra White at (678) 466-5458.

University Relations

The Office of University Relations, with the input and approval of Vice President for External Relations Steve Stephens, has decided to establish as a matter of policy that the Office of University Relations does not have the personnel nor the resources to do layout, design, photography or writing for departmental newsletters. Although University Relations does encourage departments to do newsletters as a means of better connecting with various audiences, the role of University Relations in departmental newsletters must be limited to a review function prior to any newsletters being printed and/or distributed.

Life's Transitions

Kathryn "Katie" Donovan, associate professor emerita of Nursing, and an original faculty member of the Nursing Department, passed away in March. She was living in Christian City and some of Clayton State's Nursing students had the opportunity to take care of her within the last few weeks as part of their clinicals.

Clayton State Women's Forum to Hold Annual Scholarship Luncheon, Apr. 29

The Clayton State Women's Forum's Annual Scholarship Luncheon will be held on Thursday, Apr. 29 from noon to 1:30 p.m. in room 101 of the Harry S. Downs Center. Women's Forum award recipients will be recognized at the luncheon and the special guest speaker will be Mary Frances Bowley.

A former school teacher, wife, and mother who found herself working with marginalized women more than nine years ago, Bowley is the president of Wellspring Living, an organization that provides restorative environments for victims of childhood trauma including childhood sexual abuse and forced prostitution. Wellspring's vision is to

see victims step out of their pain and rebuild their lives. She is also the author of "A League of Dangerous Women," a book that tells the incredible true stories of women who knew only abuse, abandonment, and addiction, but now have a new life.

Wellspring has been recognized by Governor Perdue and the GA Care Connection as a leader in addressing the pressing issues in Metro Atlanta and the state of Georgia in regards to child sex slavery.

R.S.V.P. (required) for the lunch should go to Lou Brackett, (678) 466-4195 or loubrackett@clayton.edu. The cost of the luncheon is \$10.

Luncheon menu:

- Pan seared chicken breast
- Key West Style Roasted Potatoes
- Green Beans and Carrots Medley
- Tossed Salad with Mix Greens/Ranch and Italian dressing
- Rolls/Butter
- Strawberry Cloud Cake

The Clayton State Women's Forum mission strives for a wonderful meal, the company of colleagues, and a superb speaker. ■

Amazing Race, cont'd. from p. 4

some clues they found in their classroom, thinking it was part of an assignment.

The day's last clue sent all teams to the "After Clue Me In To Clayton State Party," where the winners were announced. The teams enjoyed lunch, sponsored by Atlanta Bread Company's Morrow location, decorations by Leah Rees, and a Math Club DJ who provided entertainment. The teams were already talking about the competition for next year. The complete results are as follows...

High School teams

1st: Thacker, Kristyn; Hawley, Emanuele; Gwaltney, Clay; Brown, Devan (Union Grove High School)

2nd: Hassin, KIren; Codner, Leslie; Huhn, Lisa; Pargati, Soni (North Clayton High School)

3rd: Pisharodi, Vivek; Stolze, Kara; Jeffcoat, Yves; Imarah, Desiri (Duchtown High School)

Clayton State University teams

1st: Turner, Jarvis; Smith, Mathew; Taylor, Jamil; Hall, Alexia

2nd: Collins, Tim; Standridge, Edward; Burden, Johnathon; Ellison, Gamal

3rd: Robison, Zwayne; Rodriguez, Nicole; Castellanos, Austin; Slaver, Tyler

By the way, if you are wondering what the answer is to the clue above, it's an ana-

gram... you would head to see the Registrar. ■



One of 14 teams participating in CIMS' version of "The Amazing Race" hurries toward the James M. Baker University Center.

Clayton State to Celebrate Asian-Pacific Heritage Month a Little Early

May is Asian-Pacific American (APA) Heritage Month – a celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States.

Since Clayton State University's final exams for the spring 2010 semester start on May 3, Clayton State's Diversity Educational Experiences for Peers (DEEP) Educators will kick-off the celebration of Asian-Pacific Heritage Month a little early with a free, public interactive dialogue discussion entitled, "We Are Not All Chinese." The discussion will take place on Tuesday, Apr. 27, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the James M. Baker University Center, room 268. The DEEP Educators will dress in traditional Asian-Pacific clothing and will focus on the cultural differences of the various Asian countries. Light refreshments will be provided.

A rather broad term, Asian-Pacific encompasses all of the Asian continent and the Pacific islands of Melanesia (New

Guinea, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji and the Solomon Islands), Micronesia (Marianas, Guam, Wake Island, Palau, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Nauru and the Federated States of Micronesia) and Polynesia (New Zealand, Hawaiian Islands, Rotuma, Midway Islands, Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, French Polynesia and Easter Island).

The United States Congress selected the month of May for the Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants.

For more information on Clayton State's APA event, contact the Clayton State Department of Campus Life at (678) 466-5433.

In addition to the Clayton State event, the University's good neighbor, the National Archives at Atlanta, will be holding a symposium celebrating Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month on Saturday, May, 1, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Presenters will include Congressman Joseph Ahn Cao (R-LA), Congressman Mike Honda (D-CA), and John Jung (Author of "Southern Fried Rice: Growing Up in a Chinese Laundry in the Deep South") and more.

An exhibition of APA-related documents in the National Archives holdings will be on display the day of the event. Afternoon programs will include: behind-the-scenes tour of the National Archives vaults, workshops on preserving your family's history and your community organization's history, and an introduction to research resources at the National Archives. ■

Laker Hall, cont'd. from p. 3

who choose not to live on the campus and who do not seek or are not approved for a live-on exemption, will be restricted to part-time enrollment (11 credit hours or less) for each semester of the freshman year.

"This policy has been designed to promote student success and to enhance campus life at Clayton State University," notes Jeff Jacobs, associate dean of Students. "Students living on-campus will be afforded the opportunity to participate in a 'Living Learning Community' and will have additional access to educational, social and cultural programming."

For the 2010/2011 academic year, Laker Hall is offering several themed housing opportunities; these include the Honors Community, Healthy Lifestyle Community, and a Living Green Community.

Included in Laker Hall's amenities are gigabit Ethernet service (making this the

"fastest" residence hall in the state), Wi-Fi service throughout the building, VOIP telephone service, a café, lounge areas, a game room with a large screen HD TV, HD capable cable TV service in the suites, card entry into both the building and individual suites, a 24/7 Community Desk in the lobby, and 66 security cameras. The individual suites are fully-furnished and consist of four individual bedrooms (every bedroom has a hard-wired internet port as well), with a kitchenette, two bathrooms, and a central living room.

To reserve rooms, go to <http://www.clayton.edu/housing> or call (678) 466-HOME (4663). ■

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trombones; Marvin Pollock (Forest Park), piano; Caleb Halstead (McDonough), guitar; Jennifer Dunn (Lovejoy), bass; and Amy Castillo, vocalist.

Recently appointed Clayton State University music faculty member and professor of voice Dr. Christina Howell makes her debut appearance with the CCBB for one vocal selection.

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

For additional information on this free concert, contact Houghton at houghtones@aol.com or call (678) 466-4750. ■

Staff Council Presents Staff Appreciation Day

by Erin Fender, University Relations

The Staff Council at Clayton State University is pleased to announce the annual Clayton State Staff Appreciation Day will be held May 21, on the lawn between Swan Lake and the Clayton State Library. The annual event will begin with a special motivational speaker and wrap up with a BBQ picnic.

From 10 a.m. until 10:45 a.m., guest speaker Doug Smart will present, "How to Bring Out the Best in Yourself and Everyone Around You." This will be Smart's second appearance at Staff Appreciation Day.

His program promises to be positive and interactive. He will speak about the four secrets for instantly raising your accomplishments and happiness while at the same time dropping stress and conflict. You can use these secrets with coworkers, managers and students. You can even bring out the best in your spouse and kids.

Following his program, at 11 a.m., lunch will be served. Shane's Rib Shack of McDonough, Ga., will cater BBQ. Staff Council will also hold random drawings from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. for door prizes.

Staff, please do not forget to R.S.V.P. by May 10, 2010: <http://adminservices.clayton.edu/staffcouncil/staffappreciationday2010.aspx> . For further information or questions, please email StaffCouncil@clayton.edu.

STAFF APPRECIATION DAY

Staff Council invites the staff of Clayton State University to Staff Appreciation Day, a back yard picnic featuring a guest motivational speaker and food catered by Shane's Rib Shack!

Date: Friday, May 21
Time: Speaker, 10 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Lunch, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Place: Lawn between Swan Lake & The Library.....

FREE DOOR PRIZES!

MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER
Before the picnic, be sure to catch the motivational speaker, also on the lawn between Swan Lake & the Library!

SHANE'S RIB SHACK

COME & GET IT!
Great food catered by Shane's Rib Shack! Email invitation to come Please RSVP!

Individuals requiring disability related accommodations for participation in any event or to obtain print materials in an alternative format, please contact the Disability Resource Center at (678) 466-5445.

Alumni, cont'd. from p. 5

To commemorate the University's 40th Anniversary, "Appointed Generation" will sing a montage of songs ranging from the University's founding in 1969 to 2010. The choir will feature some of Motown's finest in The Supremes, Luther Vandross, The Temptations and Aretha Franklin, followed by closing with a number of popular hits in "Celebrate" by Earth, Wind and Fire, "Love Shack" by

the B-52s and "We are Family" by Sister Sledge. The choir members are planning to be in full costume for each celebrity.

"In our University's 40th anniversary year, we are thrilled about plans for our Annual Dinner," says Alumni Association President Jamey Hicks. "Our event has grown tremendously over the last few years, and we are excited about having the

opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our alumni at the Fox Theatre." ■

Dual Enrollment, cont'd. from p. 2

of my grade! I cruised through high school as an all-A student, and was used to receiving good grades with little effort. I have definitely had to step up my game, manage my time, and make sacrifices in my schedule in order to be prepared for my Clayton State classes.”

Despite the challenge, the experience has been rewarding for Vernon.

“The most rewarding aspect of the dual enrollment program, in my opinion, is the amount of time being saved,” she says. “I do not share in the complaints of many of my senior friends who feel that their time is being wasted as they wait and wait for graduation to come so they can stop turning in busywork homework assignments and sitting through long, pointless class periods. I have begun college and finished high school all in the same year! I see it as an incredibly efficient use of my time.”

“I have really benefited from the Dual Enrollment program at Clayton State University,” Ensley says. “I think it is

great to be able to go ahead and start building college credit. The biggest challenge for me has probably been the extra study time required for college classes, but I have pretty much gotten used to that now.”

“Taking dual enrollment classes this year prepared me for my college experience,” Cook says. “It has provided a good transition into college. As I have attended university-model schools during high school, the schedule and setting were similar for me.” ■

Nursing, cont'd. from p. 2

trip. We enjoyed that greatly, so when this opportunity came up, I decided to go also. I too needed the credit hours.

“I have always believed from an early age that Melanie had the heart for nursing. She began this journey three years ago and I am so proud of her. This will be the first time we will work side by side as nurses. This is such a thrill for me. We will create memories that we can each carry with us forever. Melanie will one day tell our stories to her children.” Pruiksma also looks forward to working with future nurses.

“I have always loved training and mentoring new graduate nurses in my years of nursing,” she says. “Now, we will be working together in a totally different culture. It will be a new challenge for all of us. I am also excited for the opportunity to serve the children and adults in Guatemala. These people deserve more than what we can give them. I am thankful to be able to give them a little bit of hope for the short time we will be there.” ■

School of Business to Hold Student Business Competition

The Clayton State University School of Business will be holding a student business competition for five student teams from high schools in Clayton, Henry and Fayette counties on Friday, Apr. 30 and Saturday, May 1. The entire event will be held in room T-152 of Clayton Hall on the Clayton State campus.

The high school teams, from Eagle’s Landing, Forest Park, Jonesboro, Morrow, and Sandy Creek high schools will each be managing a manufacturing company in a web-based simulation for a virtual four-year period. The five teams will be competing for sales, profits, and market share, and earning points for financial performance. The student business competition will begin on Apr. 30 at 4 p.m. with an orientation session and a practice

round, prior to the real competition beginning at 8:30 a.m. on May 1. The competition is scheduled to conclude with an awards ceremony at 4:30 p.m. The school with the highest score wins a \$250 award, second place earns a \$100 award.

Each of the high school students involved in the business competition are currently Honor Roll juniors who have been selected by their respective school’s faculty coordinators and who are interested in majoring in business in college. Each team will also include a Clayton State student mentor.

Among the educational opportunities available to the participants will be: planning business strategies; analyzing competition; making decisions on product design, marketing, production and finance to optimize performance; reading finan-

cial statements; and working effectively as a team.

“This event will also be a great resume item for college applications,” notes Dr. Gary May, author of “Strategic Planning: Fundamentals for Small Business” and an associate professor of Management in the School of Business. ■

Trustees, cont'd. from p. 1

ther express their appreciation, the Foundation and the University have also established the Harmon Born Servant Leadership Award which encourages others to live similar lives of service.

Chairman Helms acknowledged Bradford's involvement with Clayton State, noting that it goes back to him being one of the earliest people to walk the current campus property, envisioning a college campus. As the appraiser engaged by the Board of Regents, and the owner of Forest Park Realty, he became Downs' landlord when he rented space from which to operate while waiting on campus construction. During this time, Bradford and Downs grew accustomed to working together, so having him serve as a founding trustee, and serve on the Foundation board for 10 years, was an extension of the relationship they had previously forged.

Foundation Board member and former ARC Chairman Carl Rhodenizer recalled the contributions of Cathy, one of the region's foremost businessmen and philanthropists, and the first recipient of the Harmon Born Servant Leadership award.

"Truett is known throughout the nation as a principled leader who values education. So much so that the University System of Georgia chose to honor him with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his strong support of higher education in Georgia through student scholarships both he and his corporation award annually," said Rhodenizer. "In acknowledging his achievement, Regent Leeburn commented that, 'Truett Cathy is a model of public service and the American values of faith, family and hard work.'"

Fittingly, Clayton State's fourth president recalled Clayton State's first president.

"Harry's foresight in the creation of Clayton State is legendary. From site selection and negotiation, to campus development and design, and on to assembling a team of faculty and staff, Harry was involved every step of the way," said Hynes. "As the founding president, he also hand-picked the people to serve as trustees to get the Foundation organized and off to a good start. He,

along with many of those trustees, was instrumental in leading the campaign for Spivey Hall. Harry continues to care for Clayton State, and serves as a member of the Spivey Foundation Board of Trustees."

Hynes in general expressed his great appreciation to everyone who attended, supported, and organized the Better Together dinner. He commended all the visionary leaders who organized the Foundation and brought so much early support to the development of Clayton State. He also had the chance to elaborate on recent achievements of Clayton State students, and the success of many programs and campus activities, and the strategic plans currently under development to chart the course for Clayton State's future.

Past Foundation Chair Leonard Moreland introduced fellow past Foundation Chair Oliver to the audience, noting that, "Bob's wisdom and guidance have been, and continue to be, invaluable to the Foundation."

Oliver served on the Foundation Board of Trustees for nearly 30 years, and was the second chairman after Born. He continues to serve the Foundation as a manager of the CSU Foundation Real Estate I LLC, the entity responsible for the Laker Hall and the Student Activities Center.

The sole remaining original member of the Foundation Board was saved for last. Dr. Bryan Edwards, Vice President Emeritus of External Relations, introduced the longest-serving member of the founding trustees.

"Jim was a Clayton State advocate before we even existed," he said of Wood. "Using the power of his pen, he wrote editorials in his newspaper in support of bringing a college to Clayton County.

Wood's involvement with Clayton State is a family affair. His wife, Dr. Martha Wood -- professor emerita of Mathematics -- established an endowment for faculty development. Once this endowment was successfully completed, Jim Wood established an endowment for the Jim Wood Speaker Series in the School of Business, a program that has brought a distin-

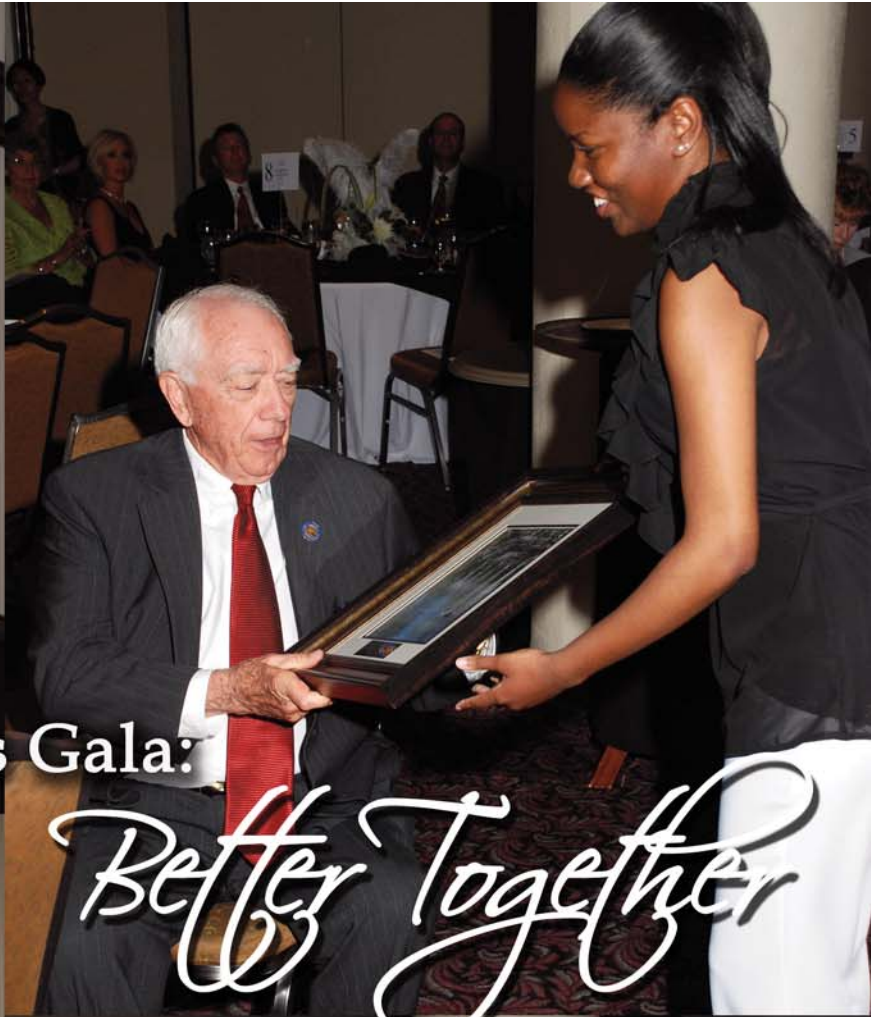
guished array of business leaders to campus to share their experience with students, faculty and staff.

The Gala was also an occasion for recalling the Foundation's efforts in the area of scholarship for the University. In the Chairman's Remarks, Helms noted that, "the Clayton State University Foundation makes the Honors Program possible, and has awarded \$541,000 in scholarships to students in the Honors Program from 2002 through 2009. During that time frame, approximately a quarter million dollars more was provided to students in scholarships and awards."

Phillips is the recipient of one of the scholarships awarded through the Foundation, specifically the J.E. Edmonds teacher education scholarship. She expressed her appreciation to those who contribute to the scholarship and to the Foundation. In attending Clayton State, she is fulfilling a life-long dream of teaching in middle grades education and to positively influence young minds.

The video presentation highlighted the ways in which students and faculty engage in community and civic activities. Among the features of the video were:

- The Foundation makes scholarship funding possible for students in the Honors Program. On the video, Honors student Matthew Shelnett shared some of the activities of the Honor Student Association, which has a service leadership component, and talked about their blood drives and fund-raising for Noah's Ark Foster Home and Animal Shelter.
- Dora Weir from the School of Nursing spoke of nursing students' involvement with the Clayton County Health Department in scoliosis testing and Head Start physicals.
- Christopher Kodani from the Biology Department shared the rivers and stream research that his biology students conduct which is beneficial to the Henry County Stormwater



2010 President's Gala:

Better Together



Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!

Interested in learning about internship opportunities at CNN?

Turner Broadcasting System, Inc. is proud to offer college juniors, seniors and graduate students an opportunity to learn from the best in entertainment, news and sports. We offer a number of internship opportunities in Atlanta and at our other offices. Find out what it takes to be a highly sought-after Media professional!

Event coordinated by the Office of Career Services and Student Media

Thursday, Apr. 29th
11:30am –12:30pm
UC Room 416
RSVP is Required

Win \$500

Participate in the 2010 NACE Student Survey, sponsored by the National Association of Colleges and Employers and you are eligible to win \$500 cash.

Just share your views on the job-search process. It's easy: Complete the survey online at:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2010NACEstudentsurvey> anytime between now and April 30, 2010, and you are eligible to win. Good luck!

On-Campus Recruiting

(Employers will setup on Main Street in the University Center. You may come as you are)

Wednesday, Apr. 28th
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Colonial Life

Thursday, Apr. 29th
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
John Koryan Communications, LLC

Employer Information Session

Thursday, Apr. 29th
11:30am –12:30pm
UC Room 416
CNN

This Week's Featured Jobs

There are many jobs available in the Metro-Atlanta area. Once you have logged on to the SWAN PORTAL click on the Career Icon, then choose the Jobs and Internships tab to view Laker CareerZone and NACELink Networking positions.

Fincher, Denmark & Williams LLC
Paralegal
Jonesboro, GA
Full Time, Part Time

MediaMacros
PHP Web Developer Contractor
Newnan, GA
Full Time

Pons Roofing
Appointment Setter
Atlanta Metro GA
Full Time, Part Time

Bethel United Methodist Church
Director of Music Ministries
Stockbridge, GA
Part Time

Elwood Staffing
Human Resources Intern
Douglasville, GA
Internship/Co-op

Pearl's Book'em Publisher
Marketing Intern
Atlanta, GA
Internship/Co-op

Consumer Credit Counseling Service
Counselors
Atlanta, GA
Full Time

Jacobson Companies
Forklift Operator
Forest Park, GA
Temporary/Seasonal

Pons Roofing
Make GREAT Money
Clayton and Hampton County, GA
Temporary/Seasonal, Full Time, Part Time, Internship/Co-op

Staffing Resources
Query Analyst

Gwinnett, GA
Temporary/Seasonal

Target Corporation
Executive Team Leader
Nationwide, US
Full Time

Piedmont Fayette Hospital
RN
Fayetteville, GA
Full Time

Target Corporation
Store Executive Intern
Nationwide, US
Internship/Co-op

Additional Employment Opportunities Not on Laker Career Zone:

United States Bankruptcy Court,
Northern District of Georgia
Financial Support Specialist:
<http://www.ganb.uscourts.gov/geninfo/jobs/jobs.html>

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researchers have a better feel for how the campus community perceives who we are, and how we might better communicate with a broader public. A copy of that earlier notice can be found at:

<https://academicinfo.clayton.edu/news/2010/04/important-information-on-clayton-state-marketing-survey/>

Please help us get the best possible snap shot of current perceptions on those issues, again to help Clayton State be able to communicate with, as well as identify, our publics in the coming weeks, months, and years.

The current status of the strategic planning process, including materials distributed during the kickoff, and time lines for activities, can be found at the provost's website:

<http://adminservices.clayton.edu/provost/StrategicPlanning/default.htm>

As with the other processes, your participation is encouraged and needed. The consultants have already started the process

of communicating among themselves, and thus helping us on campus coordinate these connected, but not always integrated activities. That we are able to do that, and thus create a well defined map for our future which we can follow and execute, is a tribute to the faculty, staff, and students on this campus. Thanks for your work to date, as well as thanks in advance for your continued participation as we help make even brighter the already bright future for Clayton State.

While participation on campus has been broad based, leadership for these three areas of activities have come from Vice Presidents Crafton, Cummings, and Stephens. I publicly thank them for their leadership to date, and their continued commitment to helping us as a University develop plans that we can in fact execute.

The semester is coming to a close, but I am grateful at all of the signs that we are finishing strong. ■

Downs, cont'd. from p. 1

underway, Chancellor George Simpson and the chair of the Boards of Regents asked Downs if he would consider assuming the presidency of the new college. On Mar. 1, 1969, he set up a temporary office in Forest Park and officially began a quarter century as president of the institution.

Downs would later oversee Clayton State's transition to a four-year college in 1986, finally retiring in January 1994, whereupon he became acting chancellor of the University System of Georgia. He served in that role for six months, until the appointment of Dr. Stephen Portch. He is

currently president emeritus of Clayton State and chancellor emeritus of the University System.

The Clayton State Spring 2010 Commencement, the first for Dr. Thomas J. "Tim" Hynes, Jr., as the University's fourth president, will be held on Saturday, May 8, with ceremonies beginning at 9 a.m. and noon. Approximately 500 Clayton State graduates are expected to take part in the two ceremonies, both of which will be held before capacity (about 1500) crowds in the University's Athletics & Fitness Center. ■

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Department and to the State of Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

- Student Tristan Santiago described his project in the Writing for Non-Profits Class which resulted in a grant request for the House of Dawn, a home for teenage mothers.

"Through the Foundation's outreach efforts, the University is involved in

regional Chambers of Commerce, and other civic and service organizations," said Helms. "The Foundation is fortunate to receive financial support from individuals, alumni, corporations, and grants from private foundations – all part of the Better Together." ■

Trivia Time

C'mon Down!

by John Shiffert, University Relations

No one could quite invite Clayton State graduates to get their diplomas like Dr. Wallace "Wally" Shakun.

In his role as dean of the School of Technology, Shakun would inevitably call out, "will the graduates from the School of Technology, c'mon down!"

A half dozen Clayton Staters who attended those graduation ceremonies, most of whom were part of the School of Technology, remembered Dr. Gizmo calling on his television background to enliven graduation. They were; Rob Taylor (who played game show host himself at Clayton State more than a few times over the years), Pam Healan, B.D. Stillion, Ginny Bass, Tom Eddins, and Joan Bass.

But, the real question is... where were those graduation ceremonies typically held? Send your answers (and be specific) to johnshiffert@clayton.edu. ■

Got News?

Send you campus news or story ideas to JohnShiffert@clayton.edu



Sports

12th-ranked Clayton State Falls in PBC Championship Against #1 Armstrong Atlantic

Playing in its first ever Peach Belt Conference Tournament championship, the Clayton State Laker women's tennis team came up short in its quest for a title, dropping a 5-0 decision on Sunday, Apr. 18 against top-ranked and two-time defending NCAA Division II National Champion Armstrong Atlantic at the Clayton County Tennis Center.

Clayton State is now 16-7 overall and ranked 12th in the nation in Division II.

The Lakers dropped all three doubles matches and two in singles. Ivana Krommelova and Viktoriya Semyrodenko fell 8-3 at No. 1 against Armstrong Atlantic's Martina Beckman and Alida Muller-Wehlau, while Katie White and Marie Cercelletti dropped an 8-2 decision at No. 2 against the Lady Pirates' Gabriella Kovacs and Sona Novakova at No. 2. At No. 3, Evelin Csizi and Jessica Budd fell 8-3 against Kathleen Henry and Tina Ronel from Armstrong Atlantic.

In singles, Semyrodenko dropped a 6-3, 6-0 decision against Muller-Wehlau at No. 2, while Csizi fell 6-1, 6-3 against Henry at No. 5. ■

Clayton State Records 16 Top 10 Finishes at Coach O Invitational

The Clayton State Laker men's and women's track and field teams battled some tough elements on Saturday, but came away with an impressive 16 combined Top 10 finishes at the Coach O Invitational at Troy.

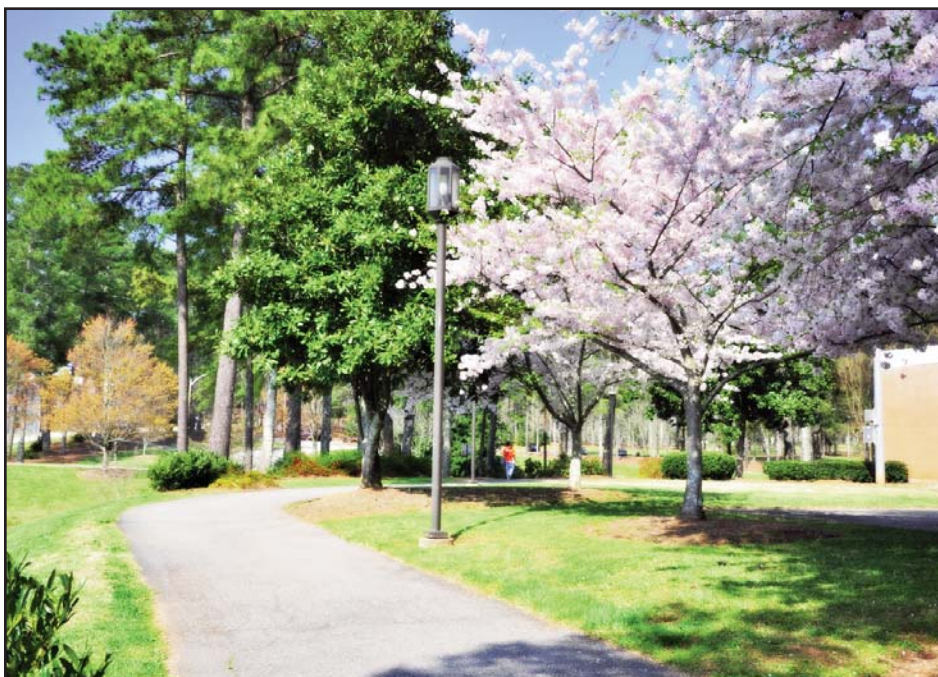
The Laker women recorded 10 Top 10 finishes, highlighted by another strong performance by Keisha Etienne in the 400-

meter dash. Competing for the first time in three weeks, the senior finished third overall with a time of 58.90 seconds.

For the Laker men, junior Fidelis Mutiso finished fourth overall in the 3,000-meter run in 9:14, while Jarrid Casimir placed seventh in 9:33 and Cesar Valdovino finished ninth in 10:13. Chuks Chinukwue recorded two Top 10 finishes – fifth in the

400-meter hurdles in 58.90, and ninth in the 110-meter hurdles in 15.20. Both were personal-best times in the events for the freshman.

Clayton State's next meet is next Saturday (May 1) in the Division II South Region Meet at Alabama-Huntsville. ■



Clayton State University's path around the Athletics & Fitness Center, early spring 2010.

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