

Graduates Hear About Change from Dr. Daniel Papp

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Graduates at Clayton State University's 35th Annual Spring Commencement heard all about change from speaker Dr. Daniel S. Papp on Saturday, May 14.

Papp, senior vice chancellor for Academics and Fiscal Affairs of the University System of Georgia, and, as Clayton State President Dr. Thomas K. Harden noted, a good friend of Clayton State, said that the world had changed tremendously since the graduates began their higher education, pointing to such events as two presidential elections, the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, the invasion of Iraq and last year's natural disasters in Florida and the Indian Ocean. However, Papp's main point was that the graduates had changed as well.

"You have the ability to change. Your world has changed... so too have you," he said. "You are now educated. What does it mean to be educated? What have you received?"

Papp listed several changes for all of the members of the Class of 2005 — key elements of their education that they had received over the past few years, including having at their disposal more data, information and knowledge, and, more importantly, the ability to put that data, information and knowledge into context via an enhanced ability to think, as well as the ability to better think for themselves.

"(However), beyond information, context, thinking and skills, you need the ability to understand your own set of values and the values of others. You also must understand that values change," he added.

Papp concluded by pointing out that the graduates were just beginning their education, and by giving them both a charge and praise.

"After all, this is a commencement, not a conclusion," he noted. "Use your education to make yourself a better person and to make this a better world.

"We're proud of you, and we're not as proud of you today as we are going to be in five or 10 or 15 years." ■



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Staff Council Holds Annual Meeting

One of the great success stories at Clayton State over the past year has been Staff Council. Originally the brainchild of President Dr. Thomas K. Harden, Staff Council has taken off and flown to new heights on its own since it was formed in the first quarter of 2004 and held its first meeting in May of that same year.

Well, May 2005 has come around, and with it Staff Council's first birthday, and its first Annual Meeting. Held in Spivey Hall on the afternoon of Monday, May 23, and presided over by Chair Rhonda Boozer, with help from vice-chair Row Anderson, Sergeant at Arms Alina Brooks and Secretary Cheryl Garvin, the Annual Meeting included a review of a very successful year, starting with the history of the Council, and proceeding through the purpose and structure of the organization.

With technical assistance from the multi-talented Gid Rowell, Boozer and the committee chairs walked the attendees through the Council's three standing committees; Professional Development, Smith Award and Elections, as well as the ad hoc committees; Laker Angel, Special Events and Health and Safety.

Chair Anderson reported on the Professional Development Committee's efforts, most notably the May 26 Staff Appreciation Day featuring Barbara Glanz, and surveying the staff to ascertain future training needs.

Former Smith Staff Award Winner Tammy Wilson reported on the nominations and voting for the Smith Staff Award Committee. Elections Committee chair Valerie Laney-Marshall commented on the on-going elections for this year.

Clayton State Announces Acceptance of The Booker T. Izell Endowed Scholarship

"I believe it's important to support your community, whether it's through education, the arts, social services or civic programs. When you're successful in teaching children, teens and even adults, they share these good experiences with others, and that's very gratifying." - Booker T. Izell, 1998

Booker T. Izell, retired vice president for community affairs and workforce diversity for the "Atlanta Journal/Constitution," and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Clayton State University Foundation, lives his words. On May 11, Izell, his wife Birdie Izell, many of his friends and former colleagues at the AJC, and numerous members of the faculty, staff and administration of Clayton State, gathered in Spivey Hall to celebrate the University's acceptance of The Booker T. Izell Endowed Scholarship for the University's School of Business.

AJC parent company Cox Enterprises and its employees and friends created the Booker T. Izell Endowed Scholarship to honor Izell as an exceptional mentor, both on the job and in the community. Through his own professional and personal achievements, Izell, a resident of East Point, Ga., has demonstrated that persistence and tenacity empower a person to achieve his or her dreams. Furthermore, Izell is committed to the advancement of knowledge and has helped others progress in their fields for more than 35 years.

To ensure the scholarship's perpetuity, the Izells have added to the scholarship award, raising it to an endowment status of \$50,000. The May 11 reception in Spivey Hall marked the University's formal acceptance of the fully-endowed scholarship. Recipients of the



Booker T. Izell with Clayton State University President Thomas K. Harden

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Exceptional Students Recognized At 2005 Academic Honors Convocation

By Lauren Baker, University Relations



CIMS student Ashley E. Askew, Chancellor's Academic Recognition Award recipient, spoke on "Honors and the College Experience."

Clayton State University administrators, faculty and guests gathered recently in Spivey Hall to honor the University's outstanding students at the 2005 Academic Honors Convocation.

Among those honored were students named Who's Who in American Colleges & Universities; peer tutors; nominees for the Chancellor's Academic Recognition Award; recipients of the Byrom Family Academic Excellence Award sponsored by the Clayton State University Foundation, Inc.; academic achievement award winners; and dean's list students.

Though Clayton State is proud of each student honored at the convocation, 34 students stand out as especially exceptional. These students received special academic awards and recognition presented by the deans of each of the University's schools and colleges.

From the School of Arts & Sciences Dean Ray Wallace presented Branko Skovrlj (Morrow) with the O.C. Lam III Award for Excellence in the Biological Sciences; Nikki T. Sawyer (McDonough) with the Chemical Rubber Company Freshman Chemistry Achievement Award; Lindsey Huether (Fayetteville) and Nigel Traylor (Stone Mountain) with the Robert O. Allen Music Prize; Christina Patterson (Stockbridge) with the Cheryl Boyd-Waddell Memorial Scholarship in Music; Chelsea Cook (Lithonia) with the Georgia Music Teachers Association Outstanding Performer Award and Alma Lilly Farfan-Northway Award; Virginia Slaton (McDonough) with the Psychology & Human Services Award; Jeneya Duke (McDonough) with the Outstanding Teacher Education Student Award; and Sandra McCranie (Conyers) with the Doris Fisher Memorial Teacher Education Award.

From the School of Business Dean Ernest M. Miller presented Jeffrey E. Brock (Fairburn) with the Wall Street Journal Award and the Outstanding Graduate of the year Award.

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Enthusiasm is Catching at Staff Appreciation Day

Anyone who works at Clayton State University will tell you there are a lot of enthusiastic people on the faculty and staff. Thursday, the non-teaching part of the Clayton State family heard from someone they could easily relate to... a professional enthusiast, motivational speaker Barbara Glanz.

Addressing the Clayton State staff as the keynote speaker for the University's Staff Council's first Staff Appreciation Day, Glanz showed that living her motto, Spreading Contagious Enthusiasm™, was as simple as sending C.A.R.E. packages in the workplace. In this case, C.A.R.E. stands for Creative Communication, Atmosphere and Appreciation for All, Respect and Reason for Being, and Empathy and Enthusiasm.

Glanz' basic message to the Clayton State staff was a simple one – she was on stage at the University's world-famous Spivey Hall to help her audience “get [their] creative juices going” and to encourage them to give their very best in the workplace. Urging the importance of connecting with people on the human level, Glanz asserted that, if you can do so, “your lives will never be the same again.”

Immediately following Glanz' address, Clayton State President Dr. Thomas K. Harden and his cabinet presided, cooked and served at a noon cookout for the University's staff in a pavilion next to the University's Athletics and Fitness Center. Already well-known for his skill with a pancake griddle at the University's Annual Homecoming Breakfast, Harden proved equally adept in this new role, causing the faculty's leading chef, Dean Ernest “Bud” Miller of the School of Business, to invite him to try his hand at the next School of Business cookout. ■

“Get your creative juices going!”

-Barbara Glanz



Clayton State Public Safety Officer Graduates from Emory University School of Law

By Lauren Baker, University Relations

Although commencement ceremonies are not uncommon on the Clayton State campus, the University is particularly excited to celebrate the graduation of one of its own. Congratulations to Public Safety's Sergeant Pamela M. Bettis, who received her Juris Doctor degree from the Emory University School of Law this month.

And as if earning a J.D. from a prestigious law school isn't enough, the Emory University School of Law presented Bettis with the Burt and Beatty Schear Award, an award given each year to two law graduates who have left a positive impact on the university.

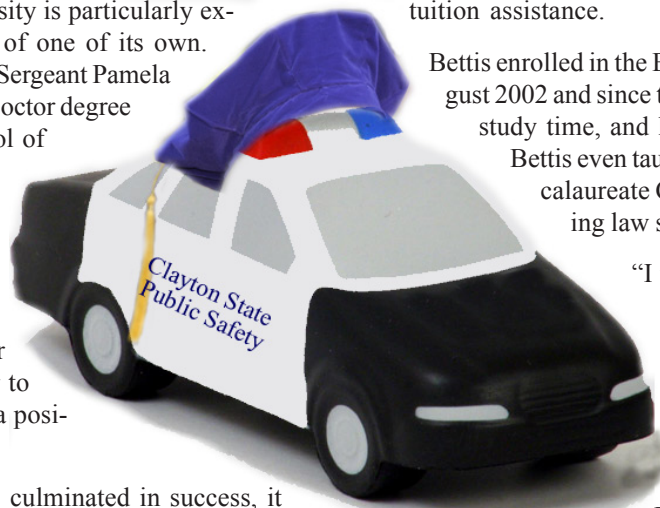
Although Bettis' road to her J.D. culminated in success, it wasn't always easy. Originally rejected by Emory and two other law schools, Bettis continued to pursue her dreams until Emory approached her to participate in a highly selective fellowship. One of four individuals chosen out of 4,000 applicants, Bettis completed the mini-courses required by the Emory fellowship, earned auto-

matic admission into the school, and received \$10,000 a year in tuition assistance.

Bettis enrolled in the Emory University School of Law in August 2002 and since that time has juggled work, course load, study time, and home responsibilities to earn her J.D. Bettis even taught criminology in Clayton State's baccalaureate Criminal Justice program while attending law school.

“I think I was initially too strict with my class, because I required the same in-class and out of class preparation required of me in law school,” says Bettis. “I should probably apologize to my first class.”

Now that she's finished law school, Bettis will turn her attention to passing the Bar exam in July. From there she plans to use her J.D. to practice law and teach.



Across the Campus

Arts & Sciences

More than 400 students and teachers from five high schools and middle schools in Clayton, Henry, DeKalb and Fulton counties learned the hottest topics in forensic science when Clayton State University, in conjunction with Boise State University, presented its fifth annual Forensic Science Day for Teachers and High School Students.

Funding for Forensic Science Day for Teachers and High School Students is provided in part by an Improving Teacher Quality State Grant – Title II, Part A of the No Child Left Behind Act, along with corporate sponsorship from Biorad, a Fortune 500 company. Biorad sponsors Dr. Greg Hampikian, former professor of biology at Clayton State University, and his outreach efforts in Idaho, Georgia and Connecticut with scholarships for teachers to attend courses and biotechnology kits to use in the classrooms.

Athletics

The Clayton State University men's track & field had a trio of runners sprint to top finishes at the recent Georgia Invitational, posting NCAA Division II National Championships provisional times and setting two school records. Congratulations to junior Brian Etelman, sophomore Eric Simmons and senior Carlos Guyton.

In women's track & field, the Lakers saw success at the Seminole Twilight in Tallahassee, Fl. with freshman Allison Kreutzer placing fourth in the 3,000m with a time of 10:45.47 and senior Aletha Binion placing third in the discus with a season-best of 112-foot-6-inches.

Clayton State University golfer Steven Sanders was named to the 2005 ESPN the Magazine Academic All-America Men's At-Large team for the College Division in District III. A junior from Snellville, Ga., Sanders is a two-year letterwinner and currently has a 4.0 GPA. He also had Clayton State's second lowest scoring average in 2004-05, and placed 27th in the team's season-ending event, the Peach Belt Conference Championships. He was named Clayton State's Most Outstanding Marketing Student and receiving the H. Mason Barfield Award given

to the male student-athlete with the highest grade point average.

Disability Services

Clayton State University hosted the 11th Annual Very Special Arts Festival on Wednesday, May 25, 2005 in front of the University's Athletics and Fitness Center. The Festival's theme this year was "What a Wonderful World!" and the arts and crafts booths focused on cultures from around the world. This Very Special Arts Festival hosted children from the Southern Crescent counties of metro Atlanta and welcomed some 800 participants from all grade levels.

Health Sciences

Improve your health and the health of loved ones by becoming a certified personal trainer. Clayton State will host a three-day personal trainer workshop Aug. 26 through Aug. 28 and a one-day personal trainer workshop on Aug. 28 in University Center room 272.

Coordinated by Clayton State's Dr. Melanie Poudevigne, the three-day workshop will prepare attendees to receive the newest personal trainer certification from the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) (www.acsm.org). The one-day workshop is designed for currently and previously certified personal trainers and will provide the knowledge necessary to successfully attain the new ACSM Certified Personal Trainer credential.

To register for the three-day or one-day workshop, contact ACSM by calling (317) 637-9200 or visit www.FRAUSA.com or www.ACSM.com.

OITS

The "Spamwurst" emails that invaded campus inboxes were generated by machines infected with the Sober virus. The Clayton State mail server filtered out the virus, but was not able to prevent the emails from getting through. Following the initial influx, all Spamwurst e-mails were marked as spam in order to make it easier for users to filter them using Outlook rules and the spam folder. The flood of emails has subsided (thankfully!), but if you need assistance setting up a rule that will move other spam emails into a special folder, please contact the HUB at (770) 960-4357.

Public Safety

Our University RideShare Transportation Champion is Sundiata Bradshaw who works in The HUB. Sundiata registered for the Clean Air Campaign's Walk Challenge that began in April 2005. He lives in apartments near the campus and usually walks or carools to work. He walked to Clayton State, even in rainy weather, and logged 226,682 steps in April.

Thanks to all employees who participated in CommuteTrak for the month of April. There were six individuals rewarded for logging their daily commute alternatives. The winners are Alina Brooks, Michelle Craig, Florence Cunningham, Valerie Laney-Marshall, Bernadette Pascual, and Chastity Young. For more information, see the Department of Public Safety's web page <http://admins-services.clayton.edu/ps/default.htm>.

SHRM

The Southern Crescent SHRM chapter invites the campus and community to attend the June 28 SHRM meeting featuring guest speaker David H. Grigereit, JD, of Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C. Griegereit will speak on the "Best Practices in Hiring and Recruiting." The meeting begins at 7:30 a.m. in the Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education and concludes at 9 a.m. Refreshments will be provided. Visit <http://www.southerncrestshrm.org/rsvp/rsvpjune2005.htm> to RSVP.

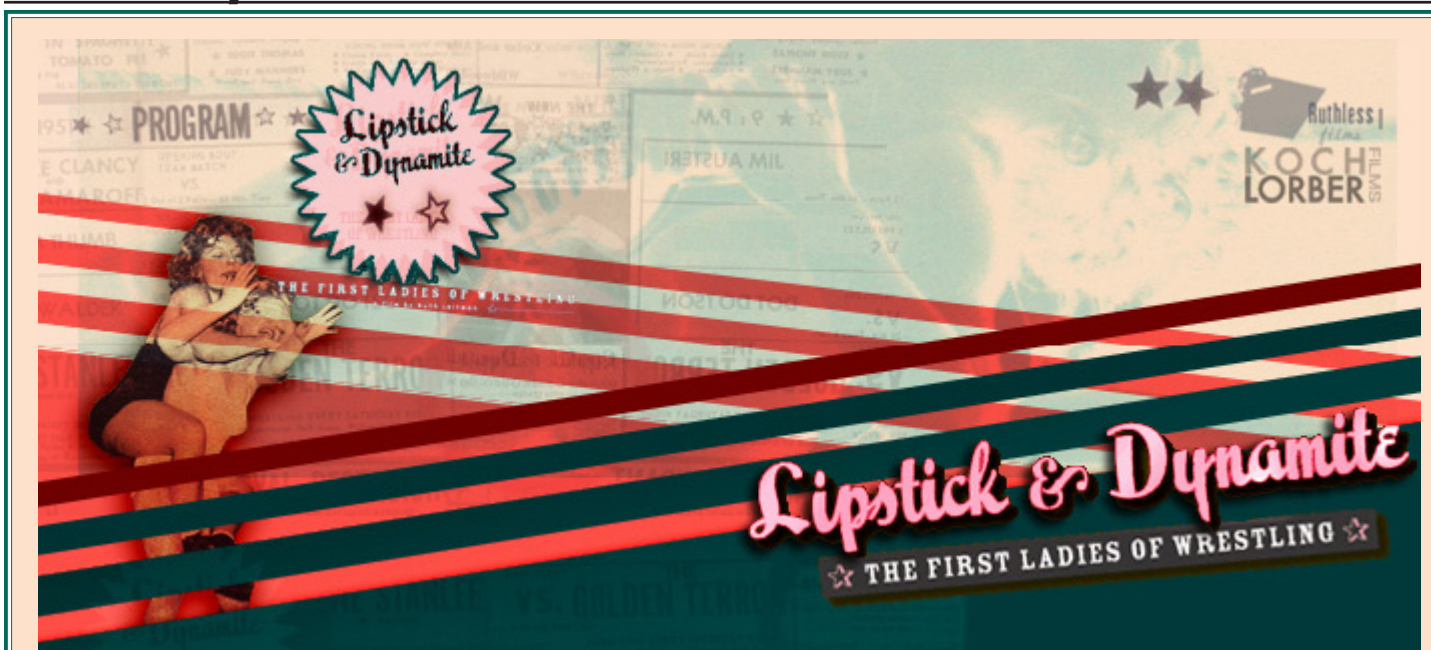
SHRM thanks Kristie Brooks Smith, J.D. who spoke to the chapter during the May meeting.

SmartBodies

Clayton State University's SmartBodies Fitness & Wellness Center staged a series of mock emergencies on May 24 to better prepare the SmartBodies staff for the safety of students, faculty, and clients.

Lt. Elton Poss, Bryan Baker and Joe Tritt of the Morrow Fire Department, along with Officers Warren Leon and Angela Evans from the Clayton State Office of Public Safety participated in the mock drill. Phyllis Morris, James Washington, IV, and Debbie Okosieme were the volunteer victims for the event.

Development/Alumni



Clayton State Alumnus James Jernigan Produces “Lipstick and Dynamite: The First Ladies of Wrestling”

by Leigh Duncan, University Relations

It isn't everyday that one gets to meet a female wrestler – or two, but on Friday, May 13, “Lipstick and Dynamite,” directed by Ruth Leitman, held its Atlanta premier at the Landmark Theatre in Midtown Atlanta to an enthusiastic full house. Two of the co-stars, Penny Banner and Ella Waldek, were present for both the opening and a Q&A after the show.



Ella Waldek holds her opponent in a headlock

Producer James Jernigan, an alumnus of Clayton State University and past student government and Alumni Association president, laughed out loud as Banner and Waldek joked around with him at his home after the opening. Obviously, the trio had gotten to know each other quite well in the four years it took to film and produce the documentary, which traces female wrestling back to 1939.

The women, both in their seventies, sport the same spunk and energy as in their documented youth, not too worse for wear for

women who endured the hardship, exploitation and poverty often associated with the sport of wrestling in the 1940's and 50's.

The film shows these and other female survivors as tough, proud, motivated and determined women, battling each other both on stage and off to be at the top of their game, even when zealous promoters would make them throw a match just to make an extra buck.

Yes... wrestling then, as now, had its theatrics and choreography. But ask either of these women to compare the two and, as Banner puts it, “today it's all Hollywood.” These first ladies of wrestling endured very real injuries that have taken their toll over the years; but they hardly show it, even some 50 years later.

“You don't have to like wrestling to enjoy this film,” says Jernigan. “It's about women empowerment and how these women took charge of their lives. It's a movie that will make you laugh and shake your head in amazement.”

Jernigan is president of 1-800-TV CREWS, the first and only national field video production company in America, with fully staffed local offices in the top 20 markets in the United States, sending literally thousands of crews into the field, covering everything from entertainment, news and sports to public relations and advertising. ■



Clayton State's Sigma PI Fraternity, Local Bands and Businesses Make Music for a Cure

By Lauren Baker, University Relations

Clayton State senior political science major Kyle Pinion of Stockbridge gave a quick glance toward a threatening sky before carrying several extension cords toward the outdoor stage. A thunderstorm warning had been issued, but Pinion – along with several friends and fellow Sigma PI brothers – was determined that Clayton Palooza, the fraternity's April charity concert to benefit

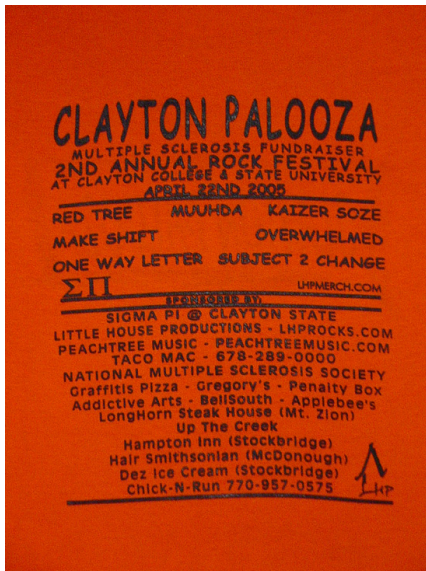
Multiple Sclerosis, would rock on regardless of the weather.

Cell phone in tow, Pinion attended to last minute details - making sure the speakers were in place, affirming the food vendor and the six local rock bands were en route, and positioning a tent over the borrowed mixing board in case of rain. It was one hour until show time, and though his eyes may have questioned the dark sky above, his heart never doubted the cause behind the concert.

“Our goal is to raise awareness about a debilitating disease,” shared Pinion looking around at an entire production house worth of donated sound and light equipment. “What we’re doing is important because a lot of community members really haven’t been educated to know what Multiple Sclerosis is. There’s a need here.”

Clayton State's Sigma PI wasn't the only group who saw the need. Local businesses including: Peachtree Music; Taco Mac; the National Multiple Sclerosis Society; Graffiti's Pizza; Gregory's; Penalty Box; Addictive Arts; Bellsouth; Applebee's; Longhorn Steak House (Mt. Zion); Up the Creek; Hampton Inn (Stockbridge); the Hair Smithsonian (McDonough); Dez Ice Cream (Stockbridge); and Chick-N-Run donated gift certificates or other items for the Clayton Palooza raffle.

In addition to the donated gifts, six rock bands gave of their time and talent to make music for a cure including: Red Tree (Ellenwood/Jonesboro/Stockbridge); Make Shift (Lovejoy); One Way Letter



**Sigma PI
sold Clayton
Palooza t-
shirts at the
event and all
proceeds
from the
sales were
donated to
the National
Multiple
Sclerosis
Society.**

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Clayton State Holds First Annual SOAR Awards

By Erin Fender, University Relations

Clayton State University recently held the first annual Student Organization Awards & Recognition (SOAR) Program, hosted by the Office of Student Life & Orientation.

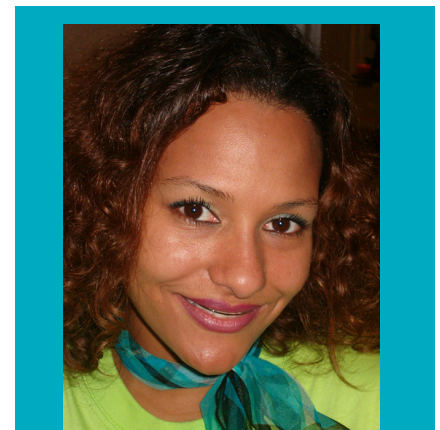
“Students really do work hard, and we understand that it takes time and dedication to be a part of an organization on campus,” says Angela Avery, assistant director of Student Life.

The SOAR program was designed by the Office of Student Life to recognize campus activities, events, organizations, and individuals for exemplary work throughout the year. All of the events and organizations are a very important part of the college experience.

“We wanted to let them know they are appreciated,” adds Avery.

The awards were based on nominations and then a committee of staff and students voted on the nominations that were submitted. Each winner received an engraved plaque and the winner of the Vision Award and Organization of the Year Award were honored with a plaque in the trophy case.

The Outstanding Service to the Community Award went to the Tsunami Relief Drive. The drive was sponsored by Volunteer Services, the International Awareness Association, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Honors Association, and the Al-Nour Islamic Student Organization. This award is based on service and giving time to positively advance a campus or community issue.



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- Assistant Director of Student Life Angela Avery

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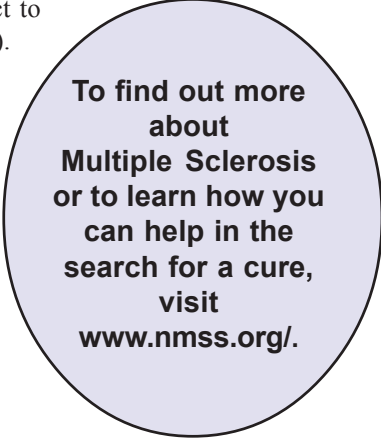
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(Stockbridge); Kaizer Soze (Orlando, FL); Subject to Change (Lawrenceville); and Muuhda (Fayetteville). Bo Bentley of Little House Productions (Stockbridge) provided light and sound equipment free of charge.

When rain and strong winds threatened to cancel the concert, Pinion subscribed to the old adage "the show must go on." He and his fraternity brothers quickly moved the concert inside Clayton State's University Center. When the concert ended, Sigma PI, with the help of generous local businesses and bands, had raised more than \$2,000 for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

That money will be used to help find a cure for Multiple Sclerosis. A disease that Pinion knows all too well. When asked why Sigma PI chose to raise awareness and money for MS, he replied, "My mother has MS. Once you get over the shock of something like that you start to realize the need for a cause like this... This type of event works wonders in increasing knowledge."

Clayton State's Sigma PI was colonized in March 2005 and has approximately 25 members. For more information on the fraternity, visit <http://studentorg.clayton.edu/sigmapi/>. ■



To find out more
about
Multiple Sclerosis
or to learn how you
can help in the
search for a cure,
visit
www.nmss.org/.

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Management; Stephanie S. Samples (Locust Grove) with the Outstanding Graduate of the Year Award in Accounting; Alvin Minor (Ellenwood) with the Outstanding Graduate of the Year Award in General Business; Sylvia Shy (Covington) with the Outstanding Graduate of the Year Award in Management; Steven Sanders (Snellville) with the Outstanding Graduate of the Year Award in Marketing; Bridgett M. Bailey (McDonough) with the Outstanding Student Leader of the Year Award; Vanessa W. Koonce (Conyers) with the Student Entrepreneur of the Year Award; Whitney Ordway (Peachtree City) with the Accounting Leadership and Service Award; Elizabeth R. Vincent (Stockbridge) with the Society of Advancement and Management Leadership Award; and Michael J. Harvey (Morrow) with the Georgia Society of CPA's Academic Excellence Award.

From the School of Health Sciences Dean Judith A. Plawecki named Beverly Hill (Fayetteville) Outstanding BSN Student; Meredith Mealer (Stockbridge) Outstanding RN-BSN Student; Susan Todd (Dublin) Outstanding BS Dental Hygiene Student; Sheera Hall (Kennesaw) Outstanding BASDH Student; Shedwyn Echoles (Forest Park) Outstanding Student, Department of Health Care Management; Lisa Page (Stockbridge) Academic Achievement winner, Department of Health Care Management; and Deborah Leake (Atlanta) Morton Samson Memorial Award recipient.

From the School of Technology Associate Dean Benita Moore named Charles W. Cromwell (Avondale Estates) Outstanding Certificate Graduate; Peggy B. Golden (East Point) Outstanding Associate of Applied Science Graduate; Lisa J. May (Stockbridge) Outstanding BAS Administrative Management Graduate; Micah Harrison (Stockbridge) Outstanding BAS Technology Management Graduate; and Nancy Vogt (Hapeville) Georgia Occupational Award of Leadership recipient.

From the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences Dean Charles presented Claudia McCreedy (Fairburn) with the Society for International Management-Information Technology Outstanding Scholar Award; Aaron Ross (Stockbridge) with the Billy R. Nail Mathematics Award; Kevin N. Tyler, Jr. (Rex) with the Experiential Learning Student of the Year Award for Information Technology – AASIT; and Sue Harris (Fairburn) with the Experiential Learning Student of the Year Award for Information Technology – BIT.

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scholarship will be chosen from the qualified applicant pool by the established Scholarship Committee at Clayton State and a representative of the Izell family. Applicants must be enrolled as a full-time student at Clayton State and must be admitted to the School of Business. Preference will be given to continuing students who have a 2.8 grade point average, but consideration will be given to students with a 2.5 grade point average. Applicants must also demonstrate a financial need as defined by the Financial Aid Department at Clayton State.

"Booker Izell has a passion for this University," noted Foundation Chairman Robert Lee in his remarks during the ceremony. "He is a valued trustee and a genuine friend."

"That Booker chose Clayton State for this scholarship is a true honor for us," added Clayton State President Dr. Thomas K. Harden.

"Booker, you've had a long term impact on this School, this University and on metropolitan Atlanta," noted Ernest M. "Bud" Miller, dean of the School of Business.

Cox Newspapers, Inc., Vice President Michael Parker also spoke on Izell's broad-ranging impact. Speaking as a member of "The M.O.B." (that stands for Mentees Of Booker), Parker said he represented a wide range of people Booker has mentored over the years, and that it was easy to get people to participate in contributing to the scholarship when, "we tell them you're doing something for Booker."

Parker also noted that Izell has always stood for the education of young people and their development.

And his scholarship will continue to do so, in perpetuity.

Contributions to the Booker T. Izell Endowed Scholarship are directed to and managed in an account with the Clayton State University Foundation, (770) 961-3580. ■

Do you want to give to the Booker T. Izell Endowed Scholarship? Contact the Clayton State University Foundation at (770) 961-3580.

Teen/Youth University Offer Innovative Alternative to Summer Camp Blues

Clayton State University's Division of Continuing Education is once again offering its award winning Teen and Youth University programs as an exciting alternative to traditional summer day-camp.

These innovative programs offer students ages seven to 15 a unique learning experience designed to enhance their academic, cultural and physical skills and knowledge, allowing them to build their study schedule from a variety of courses ranging from academics to art, sports and beyond.

"Community response to Teen and Youth University has been great," says Hattie Strickland, program coordinator for Clayton State's Continuing Education. "Most parents like the program because of its collegiate feel. Kids can pick out four courses of study and each class is held in a different room. They can study math, computers, wildlife, painting, soccer, aerospace, journalism; we have more than 20 classes designed for fun and enrichment.

Parents know that children will be safe here and that the activities are engaging, fun-filled, and rewarding."

All Teen and Youth University classes will be held on campus at Clayton State and are staffed by qualified teachers and counselors, many of whom attended the programs as children themselves. Selected for their ability to facilitate learning and their enthusiasm in working with students, all Teen and Youth University teachers and counselors and have backgrounds in education, technology, recreation, writing, the arts and athletics.

Teen and Youth University sessions will be staffed from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. to assist working parents. Teen University sessions, for children ages 13, 14 and 15, run from June 6 to June 17 and from June 20 to July 2. Youth University sessions, for children ages seven to 12, run from July 5 to July 15 and July 19 to July 29.

To view Teen and Youth University courses and register visit www.conted.clayton.edu. Call (770) 961-3551 to learn more!



Students Receive Hinman Scholarships

By Erin Fender, University Relations

Clayton State University students Brandi Mitchell (Atlanta), Esther Bushay (Stone Mountain), and Erica Hughes (Loganville) have been awarded the Hinman scholarship from the Thomas P. Hinman Dental Society.



"I feel privileged that my hard work has been recognized by esteemed professionals in the field of dentistry, and have a sense of pride and responsibility to continue to uphold and surpass the standards of my chosen profession," says Bushay.

The scholarships were awarded to the students for use through the 2004-2005 academic year. The students, now referred to as "Hinman Scholars," attended the 93rd Hinman Dental Meeting in Atlanta on Mar. 19, 2005 to receive the scholarship and honorary plaque.

The scholarships are awarded to senior students. "I believe they understand the

financial demands that are placed on graduating students," explains Bushay. "Because we have very expensive regional board examinations

on top of the typical school and graduation expenses, and this helped immensely in defraying the costs."

The recipients were nominated by a faculty committee chaired by head of the Clayton State Department of Dental Hygiene, Dr. Susan Duley. In addition to being nominated, the students must be junior members of the American Dental Association and also must be academically placed within the top 10 percent of their class.

This year, Hinman provided \$250,000 to dental, hygiene, and laboratory technician students at 34 southeastern colleges and universities, as well as dental education groups and clinics. ■

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The Outstanding Campus Event award was given to the Student Life Activities Committee for the First Annual Haunted House which was held Oct. 28, 2004. This award is based on sponsoring an event or program that significantly impacted a large segment of the University community and exemplifies planning and organizational skills.

The Laker Vision Award honored Gerald Heavens for his outstanding leadership skills. Heavens is President of the Student Government Association. This award is based on a leader who helps their organization envision the future and implement their vision.

The Advisor of the Year Award went to Dr. Michael Deis who is faculty advisor to the Society for the Advancement of Management. This award is given to an advisor who has gone above and beyond the basic expectations.

The Organization of the Year Award was given to the Society for the Advancement of Management. This award recognizes an organization which, through its activities, program, and projects, has had the most significant positive influence on the Clayton State campus. The award is also based on the quality, number of events held, and participation in other campus events. ■

Meet Me at the UC – But Where?

By Leigh Duncan, University Relations

It's such a big place, four stories high with three main entrances. If you're meeting a friend inside for the first time, how will you tell them where to go? Well, here's your guide to the Clayton State University Center (UC), a complete "how to" for new students, seasoned students, faculty, staff and visitors.

It's really not that big of a deal - really. It just takes a little patience and some practical pointers. Fortunately, Campus Life has stayed one step ahead and made it easy. Prior to the new UC opening last fall, Dr. Kevin Rome, vice president of Campus Life, along with several of his staff, came up with some names to help everyone identify the strategic areas of the building.

Main Street runs from the top of the circular stairs to the back entrance near the Quad (the Quad is the paved area outside the building between the UC, the Library, the Student Center and the Business and Health Sciences building.) Keep in mind, Main Street is not on the main floor; it's really the second floor.

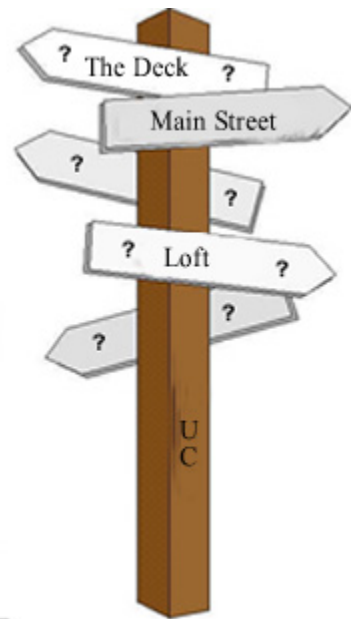
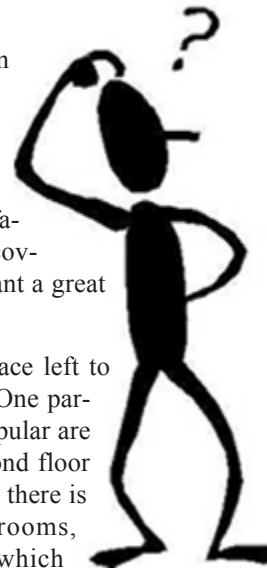
In addition to Main Street, The Deck and The Loft are located on this floor. The Deck is the seating area in front of Student Life that overlooks the first floor and the Information Desk. There you'll find Clayton State students "plugged in" any time of the day

or evening to one of more than 2,000 of data drops, or "going wireless," in one of the very comfy sofa chairs. The Loft is that cozy little hide-a-way behind the elevators that some familiar faces have already discovered. Better hurry up if you want a great view and some privacy.

Of course there's plenty of space left to meet and gather with friends. One particular spot that seems very popular are the meeting rooms on the second floor in front of the Library. Though there is no official name for these rooms, they've been called 'pods,' which seems to fit.

Looking down from The Deck are two large picture windows. The area in front of these windows is called the Showcase Place. These areas are prime locations for setting up tables at Health Fairs, Career Fairs or any special event taking place in the building.

Adjacent to the Showcase Place is the Commons area, distinguishable by the numerous table and chairs and the two long "bars" and barstools that separate the area. The Commons is divided into three deliberate sections: Commons 1, Commons 2, and Commons 3. When facing the lake, Commons 1 is to the far right, Commons 2 is the



center area, and Commons 3 is to the left and is near the HUB and the Lakeside Café. Plaza 1 is the large courtyard area in front of the main entrance. The patio outside the Commons area is Plaza 2.

Next time you need to meet your study buddy, project partners, or just to let someone know where you'll be hooked up, wired up, or cozied up with a good book, use this useful guide to give them a point of reference. Everyone has pretty well settled in to the new building, so it's not so massive or overwhelming anymore. Still, it's nice to be able to holler at your friends and say, "Hey, meet me on The Deck in front of SLAC at 2 p.m." ■

Information Forum For Non-Traditional and Transfer Students

Clayton State University will host an information forum for non-traditional (high school graduates from prior to 2000) and transfer students Thursday, June 9 from 6:15 p.m. until 8 p.m. The forum will take place in the Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education.

The forum is for students who are considering embarking on a first-time college program or who have some college credits and want to transfer them to Clayton State. The forum will educate visitors about Clayton State's bachelor and associate degrees and certificate programs.

"After a brief opening session, visitors will be encouraged to participate in two, half hour concurrent sessions where they can

get details about their intended majors as well as speak one-on-one with representatives from Financial Aid and Admissions," says Assistant Director of Admissions Carol Montgomery.

The forum will begin in room CE101 of the Downs Center at 6:15 p.m. for registration and refreshments. At 6:30 p.m. Diane Burns, assistant vice president for Enrollment Services, will go over the admissions process.

Beginning at 7 p.m. visitors will then have the opportunity to meet with the deans from Arts and Sciences, Information and Mathematical Sciences, Business, Health Sciences, Technology, as well as with Sharon Long, director of the University's Testing Center.

Throughout the evening Clayton State staff will be available to discuss financial aid, transferring, and admissions.

Montgomery explains, "The program is designed for students to learn about our many academic programs which prepare our graduates to excel in the demanding careers of the 21st century."

If you would like more information about Clayton State's information forum, contact carolmontgomery@mail.clayton.edu or call (770) 961-3500. More information is available on the web at <http://adminservices.clayton.edu/admissions/infoforum.htm> ■

Life's Transitions...

Mrs. Martha Lindley, a retiree of Plant Operations/Custodial Services, passed away on Tuesday, May 10. Lindley began her career at Clayton State on Oct. 3, 1978 and served the University until she retired due to disability on Apr. 1, 2004. Her wake was held Friday, May 13 at Thornhill Funeral Home in East Point, Ga. and her funeral was held Saturday, May 14 at Traveler's Rest Baptist Church on Rex Road.

Please remember Dolores Cox, communications coordinator in Clayton State's Office of University Image and Communications, in your thoughts and prayers. Her uncle passed away Thursday, May 12. His funeral was in his home state of North Carolina.

Please remember mathematics professor Dr. Cathie Aust in your thoughts and prayers. Her father, Mr. Orris W. Cowan, died on Saturday, May 21. Visitation was held May 24 and his funeral was held the following day. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Ellenwood United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 55, Ellenwood, Ga. 30294.

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Maybe the most remarkable story of Staff Council's first year is the Laker Angel Club, created to assist with the domestic and financial needs of staff members because, "in your time of need, we are here to help." During the period between August 2004 and May 2005, the Laker Angel Club sent 33 cards, distributed three sets of groceries and meals, three Care packages, attended two funerals and gave financial support to one staff member.

Finally, Harden reported to the staff on the optimistic outlook for the coming year, including discussing some of the University's on-going issues: no budget cuts are expected for the coming year; searches are underway for 43 new positions, including 29 new faculty; and the upcoming new phone system (a voice over internet protocol system) and mailing address changes. ■

Clean Air Campaign Walk Challenge Winner Announced

Toni Hicks with ADP Windward walked and logged in 712,937 steps in April and won the trip to Aruba. Although Clayton State employees won neither the iPods nor the trip to Aruba, the University RideShare Program will award the top five Clayton State walkers with gift certificates. Congratulations to the top five walkers!

Name	Steps	Gift from University RideShare
Leslie Moore	417,905	\$20 Wal-Mart gift card
Deborah Greer	373,360	\$15 Wal-Mart gift card
Pat Keane	328,458	\$10 Wal-Mart gift card
Gloria Chapman	273,619	\$5 Target gift card
Ricardo Pascual	253,775	\$5 Target gift card

Everyone who participated in the Walk Challenge received a pedometer and were encouraged to get more exercise. Participants had fun as well! Keep on walking and keep on logging your commute at www.logyourcommute.com/ccsu/! This is now a daily or weekly login.

If you participated and want to know how many steps you logged in, contact Raquelle Parks. To see photos of the winners visit: http://adminservices.clayton.edu/ps/cac/winners_commute_trak.htm.

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"I really enjoyed teaching the students... I think the Clayton State Criminal Justice program is wonderful!" says Bettis, who sees great community interest in the major. "We need the program because there are so many local police officers - I had two in my class - that want to further their education. Additionally, many students want to obtain law enforcement careers and many careers require college degrees."

Her advice for others that may want to follow in her footsteps: "Make sure your GPA is high, try to complete an internship with a legal office of some kind like the District Attorney or some small firm, and attend LSAT prep courses to ensure a high score on the LSAT."

A Clayton State employee for eight years, Bettis has served in sergeant and lieutenant positions on the University's Public Safety staff in addition to her work in Clayton State's criminal justice program. She holds an A.S. in Criminal Justice from Georgia Military College, a B.S. and M.S. in Criminal Justice from Georgia State University, and now a J.D. from the Emory University School of Law.

Her police education includes more than 1,500 hours of specialized training in special weapons and tactics, homicide, arson, child molestation investigations, supervision levels 1-3 and management levels 1-2, Verbal Judo, Emergency Vehicle Operations, Shotgun skills, Hostage Negotiation Skills, DUI and Field Sobriety, Domestic Violence and Elder Abuse, Oleoresin Capsicum Weapons, Internal Affairs Investigations, Advanced Interviews and Interrogations, and Forensic Photography.

Bettis' hobbies include motorcycles, classic cars, architecture, and reading. But she may be entertaining a new hobby: "I'd really like to get some rest," laughs Bettis, "a vacation sounds like a really good hobby to take up about now." ■

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race with the event's eighth-fastest time and Simmons will compete in the 400m with the 11th fastest time.



Etelman, a junior from Marietta, Ga. qualified for the meet with a school record time of 21.08 earlier this season at the Georgia Invitational in Athens, Ga. Earlier this year he provisionally qualified in the 200m at the 2005 Indoor NCAA Division II National Championships in Boston, Ma. and competed in the 60m at the indoor nationals.

A sophomore from Carrollton, Ga., Simmons is competing in the 400m at nationals for the second straight year. He qualified for this year's meet with a school record time of 47.12 at the Georgia Invitational. Last year Simmons placed 16th in the 400m as a freshman.

Both Etelman and Simmons along with teammate senior Carlos Guyton were members of the last year's All-America 4x400m relay team that placed sixth in the country at the 2004 national meet in California. Guyton and freshman Allison Kreutzer hit NCAA national meet provisional standards this season, but neither was high enough on the list to make the national meet.

Guyton provisionally qualified in the 200m and was 30th on the list, only to have 24 runners selected. Kreutzer qualified in the 3000m and was 22nd on the list, only to have 16 runners picked.

Clayton State's appearance in the 2005 national meet marks the fourth time in the last five years that the eight-year program has been represented at the Division II National Championships. Last year's sixth place finish by the 4x400m relay team is the highest finish for Clayton State at the outdoor national meet, while Guyton placed fourth and was named an All-American in the 400m earlier this year at the 2005 indoor national meet. ■

Men's Basketball Signs Two for 2005-06 Season

Clayton State University men's basketball coach Gordon Gibbons has announced the signing of two players for 2005-06, and both players were instrumental in leading their respective teams to record-setting seasons last year.

The Lakers recently signed Brandon Kelley, a junior college standout from Sante Fe Community College in Gainesville, Fl., and high school senior Marshez Truitt, out of Heard County High School in Franklin, Ga.

Kelley, a 5-foot-10 from Leesburg, Fl., sparked Sante Fe to a 26-4 season last year, including the school's best start in school history, as the Saints raced out a 22-1 record last year and was ranked sixth in the nation.

A selection to the Region VIII All-Star game, Kelley averaged over four assists per game and more than three steals per contest to go along with shooting 44 percent from behind the three-point arc, all of which ranked among the leaders in the Florida junior colleges.

"B.K. is a 'run the show' point guard with two years of college experience," said Gibbons, one of the all-time winningest coaches at the NCAA Division II level. "Throughout his entire career, he has been involved with championship teams. His leadership is important and something we need in our program, since we are losing six seniors."

A 6-6 swingman, Truitt recently put the finishing touches on a sensational prep career at the high school located 50 miles southwest of Morrow.

Truitt, a four-year starter, ended his career with over 1,500 points and 1,000 rebounds, leading Heard County to a 75-29 record over his four years. The squad was ranked among the top 10 teams in the state each of his four years.

"Marshez is not only an outstanding talent, but he will also bring character and a strong academic background to our program," said Gibbons. "He is an excellent addition to our recruiting class."

Trivia Time

The Roosevelts

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Before there were the Kennedys, but after there were the Adams and the Harrisons, there were the Roosevelts. Maybe the original First Family of American politics... at least in the first half of the 20th Century.

Rough Rider Teddy, who counseled that the U.S. should talk softly, but carry a big stick, and patrician FDR, who soothed a country harried by depression and then a world war with his fireside chats.

Combining the two was our last trivia question, with Dotty Bumbalough coming up with the first correct answer, followed by Kevin Dixon and Kurt-Alexander Zeller. Other correct answers came from former two-time trivia champion Lou Brackett, Dr. Jennifer Griffith, Mike Mead and Rob Taylor.

Going from "who said it?" to "who is it?"... who are Reginald Dwight and David Jones? Extra points are available if you know any of their additional pseudonyms. Send your answers to johnshiffert@clayton.edu.

Truitt averaged 22 points, eight rebounds and almost three blocks per game as a senior en route to being named the team's Most Valuable Player. The squad's captain, his top game last year came against Bremen as he poured in 38 points. He also had 36 points, 18 rebounds and seven blocks versus fifth-ranked Bowdon and 30 points against top-ranked Tri-County last year.

As a junior, Truitt averaged 18 points, 13 rebounds and almost four blocks per game for the Braves. In addition to his "on the court" accomplishments, Truitt also excelled in the classroom, as he ranked fifth academically in his class. He hopes to pursue a career in medicine.

Clayton State finished the 2004-05 season with an 18-13 overall record and the second best mark in the Peach Belt at 11-5 on the season. The Lakers have averaged 19 wins over the last four seasons, which includes winning a Peach Belt Conference Championship. ■

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Former USC Aiken Assistant Joins Clayton State Women's Basketball Staff

By Gid Rowell, Sports Information

Clayton State University head women's basketball coach Dennis Cox has announced the hiring of Shannon Reid as an assistant coach on the Laker staff.

Reid will begin her first season at Clayton State after coaching last year at Peach Belt Conference school the University of South Carolina Aiken in Aiken, SC. She helped lead the Lady Pacers to a 19-13 record last year and their second trip to the NCAA Division II national tournament.

She joins former player and student assistant Catreia Shaw on the Laker sideline for the 2005-06 season. In addition to her coaching duties, she will also assist in recruiting, scouting and basketball operations. The position became available after last year's

assistant Kate Kauffman decided to pursue a career closer to her degree and student-assistant Alison Cox will begin her master's degree next fall.

"We are delighted to add someone with Shannon's experience and credentials to our staff," said head coach Dennis Cox. "I think she will be a tremendous mentor for our players. Shannon has experienced success everywhere she's been, and I look for that to continue here."

Said Reid, "I'm very excited about my opportunity at Clayton State. Coach Cox is a super coach and quickly turned around the Clayton State program, leading the team to the Peach Belt Conference regular season and tournament championships last year. I

am anxious to work and learn in his system and be a part of the Laker program."

Prior to coaching at USC Aiken, Reid was an assistant coach in 2003 at St. Andrews College, a NCAA Division II school in the Carolinas Virginia Athletic Conference (CVAC). She also was head coach and director of the Mosney's Women's Club/Junior Club in Dublin, Ireland, serving in that capacity while playing professionally.

Clayton State finished the 2004-05 season with a school best 25-7 record, winning the Peach Belt Conference regular season and the Conference Tournament Championships. The program also played in its first NCAA Division II Tournament, advancing to the second round of the national event.

Etelman & Simmons go to NCAA D-II Track & Field Championships For Second Straight Season

For the second straight season, Clayton State sprinters Brian Etelman and Eric Simmons are headed to the NCAA Division II Outdoor National Track & Field Championships.

Both Etelman and Simmons were selected for the national meet in Abilene, TX on May 25-28, after qualifying in the 200m and 400m events, respectively. Etelman will enter the 200m

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