

Homecoming Festivities - A Phenomenal Success

by Leigh Duncan, University Relations

This week, the atmosphere on the Clayton State campus seems almost anti-climactic after the conclusion of last week's Homecoming festivities. Although the event is over, everyone is still talking about what a great Homecoming it was, and the fantastic turnout by the faculty, staff, students and alumni.

"I believe it's the best Homecoming Clayton State has ever had, says Dr. Thomas K. Harden, president of Clayton State. "The participation all week has been phenomenal."

Donning blue and orange, students, staff and faculty showed their Laker spirit from the Pep Rally on Tuesday to the Club Olympics on Friday. That night, the faculty, staff and alumni talent show, Fall Frolics, played to a standing room only crowd in the Clayton State Theater.

The School of Arts & Sciences Dean, Dr. Ray Wallace, along with Dr. Jim Braun, Dr. Steve Burnett and Dr. Chris Kodani, became the acclaimed "Boys of Science & One Authentic Mick," and brought down the house with their first-place act, "Creakdance," which included a standup routine from Wallace (the Authentic Mick), roasting several of the colleges VIP's and the hysterical "Why God Can't Get Tenure at Clayton State."

"Everything was great," says Dr. Sharon E. Hoffman, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs of the University and one of the roastees. "It was the best Homecoming I've ever seen."

On Saturday morning, the Clayton State Alumni Association, along with President Harden, hosted the annual Alumni Association Pancake Breakfast, where more than 300 people were served pancakes and syrup, sausages, strawberry and blueberry compote, and coffee and juice. Auxiliary Services sponsored the event along with the School of Business, which also had a magician present to entertain the crowd.



Loch says, "Welcome to Clayton State Homecoming 2003!"

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Dr. Greg Hampikian and Calvin Johnson were present to sign their newly published book, "Exit to Freedom," depicting Johnson's 16-year struggle for exoneration on a false rape conviction. And runners in The McElroy Mile, the first annual one-mile Homecoming race, also crossed the finish line at the Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education, just in time for the breakfast.

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Administrative Council Re-Activated

Saying, "communication is extremely important," Clayton State President Dr. Thomas K. Harden addressed many of the University's top administrators in the first meeting of the new Administrative Council on Wednesday, Oct. 29 in room 203 of the Downs Center.

Although Administrative Council had not met previously for a couple of years, Harden promised that this new group will meet monthly to present members with information that they really need to know, calling the Council, "an information forum."

"It's harder to communicate now than ever before," he said in his opening remarks. "It's harder to communicate within an organization than it used to be."

Harden also promised that many presentations on a wide variety of topics would come before the Council over the next two or three years. The agenda for the first meeting included presentations on the SACS QEP (by Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Sharon Hoffman), the proposed Visitors' Center (by Vice President for External Relations Dr. Bryan Edwards) and the proposed Office of International Education, also by Hoffman. ■

Dr. Greg Hampikian Is Building a Better Loblolly Pine Tree...

He's already worked on malaria at the CDC, written an acclaimed book on the first DNA evidence acquittal in Georgia, taught Forensic Science to local high school teachers, studied kangaroos in Australia and even helped solve the DNA Murder Mystery... now, with the help of the School of Biology and Institute of Paper Science and Technology (IPST) at Georgia Tech, Clayton State Associate Professor of Biology Dr. Greg Hampikian is helping to "build" a better Loblolly pine tree.

In a collaborative project funded by a \$1.3 million National Science Foundation grant, Tech Associate Professor Dr. John Cairney is working with Hampikian and students at Clayton State a chance to improve one of Georgia's most important natural resources through the Loblolly Pine Genome Project.

The lynchpin of the state's paper industry, the Loblolly Pine seedlings are sensitive to droughts and often victim to insects. Together with Clayton State Assistant Professors of Biology Dr. Michelle Furlong and Dr. Jacqueline Jordan, Hampikian and Cairney are leading a class of Clayton State students in an effort to develop hardier seedlings that are more drought and insect resistant.

Hampikian and Jordan are team teaching Genetic Biotechnology Labs at Clayton State, along with Cairney and several members of his lab, using DNA supplied by Cairney. Prior to those labs, Furlong will have covered general DNA sequence searches and primer design in a separate biocomputing class.

"It's a very exciting collaboration, because, rather than giving the students canned labs, they will actually be discovering new information about one of Georgia's most important crops," says Hampikian. ■

Clayton State Student Interns at Disney World

by Lauren Baker, University Relations

Clayton State student Michael White lived every kid's dream when he spent seven months interning at Disney World in Orlando, FL. White interned as part of the Walt Disney World College Program, an internship program that gives students the opportunity to experience life and learning at one of the largest Fortune 500 companies in the world.

While at Disney, White worked in the Coral Reef Restaurant - the signature restaurant of Epcot Center and part of the Living Seas. His job allowed him to interact with people from around the world, an opportunity many local internships can't offer.

"Interning at Disney allowed me to meet people from other countries. It's not everyday you get to sit at Wendy's with people from Japan, Norway, and Morocco," shares White. "I got to learn about the differences between American culture and other cultures. I even learned that you have to pay for ketchup at McDonalds in Germany," he laughs.

Aside from experiencing other cultures, White calls his Disney internship a great learning opportunity in terms of self-reliance, self-discipline, and time management. He also enjoyed the business aspect of the company and liked learning how Disney functions on a large scale.

Says Clayton State's Director of Experiential Learning & Online Instruction Angelyn Hayes-Cheyne, "Interning with Disney exposes students to one of the best corporate organizations anywhere - it's well known, has strong customer service, and has strong business practices." Although Hayes-Cheyne has encouraged students to participate in the Walt Disney World College Program for 10 years, White is the first Clayton State student to complete the internship.

"Internships are a valuable tool for students to gain experience and knowledge," says White, who learned about the internship opportunity through Hayes-Cheyne's office.

But have no fear, interning at Disney isn't all work and no play. The 21-year old White felt like a kid again riding all the attractions after work.

"One thing I loved about it was the little kids," he says. "They were amazed and asked 'you work here? I want to work here when I grow up,' and it made me think, hey, this is a really cool job!"

White, a resident of Riverdale, is an Information Technology major at Clayton State. He thanks his parents Darian and Charles White for their support throughout his education and internship, and his Disney roommates Andrew McCollum, Jason Sharpiro, and Nick Tran for making his internship all the more fun. White enjoys computers, reading, learning, music, movies, and, you guessed it, going to Disney World. ■

SACs Synopsis

Many members of the Clayton State community assisted in providing information for the Compliance Certification portion of SACS reaccreditation. These contributions led to positive results as the Off-Site Committee reviewed Compliance Certification. As a follow up to the Off-Site Review, the University will submit to the On-Site Review Committee a Focused Report as well as the QEP. While the On-Site Committee will consider the Focused Report, they will concentrate on the QEP - learning about it, evaluating it, and providing guidance for its ongoing implementation.

The University's SACS Leadership Team appreciates the work of the many campus members who contributed to the successful completion of the Compliance Certification. ■

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Clayton State Theater Announces Expert Judges for \$1,000 Playwriting Competition

By Lauren Baker, University Relations

As the Nov. 15 deadline for submissions in Clayton State Theater's \$1,000 Playwriting Competition draws near, five expert judges await the scripts - and one lucky playwright will win the cash prize and a free premier production of his or her play. To date, more than 70 plays have been received (from as far away as Pakistan and Saudi Arabia) with a submission rate of three to five plays per day.

Once the scripts pass a preliminary panel, experts Carol Mitchell-Leon, Jim Grimsley, William Whitefield, Grant Lambert, and Lisa Adler will read and make the final judgments on the plays. This highly-qualified group of judges was assembled by Dr. Larry Corse, retired 31-year Director of Clayton State Theater, and donor of the prize for the Playwriting Competition.

Carol Mitchell-Leon, currently Clark Atlanta University's Director of Theatre and Interim Chair of the Department of Speech Communications and Theater Arts, is an educator, actor, director, and writer. She has been active in Atlanta theatre, performing with the Academy, Jomandi Productions, Theatre in the Square, and the Alliance.

Her film and television credits include "Queen," "Getting Out," "White Lies," "Fried Green Tomatoes," "Heat of the Night," and "I'll Fly Away," to name a few. She starred in the world premiere of "Mother Wit" for the MooreOliphant Company, and has directed several productions in Atlanta.

Jim Grimsley, a playwright in residence at About Face Theatre in Chicago and 7Stages Theatre in Atlanta, is a playwright and a novelist. His novels, "Winter Birds," "Dream Boy," "Comfort & Joy," "Kirith Kirin," and "Boulevard," have won numerous awards, and a special citation from the Ernest Hemingway Foundation. Grimsley also writes short fiction and has been anthologized in "The Year's Best Science Fiction" and "Best Stories from the South," to name a few.

His collection of plays, "Mr. Universe and Other Plays," was a Lambda finalist for drama. Grimsley received the Wallace/Reader's Digest Writers Award in 1997.

William Whitefield, associate director of Western Michigan's Cherry County Playhouse and the Artistic Director of The Geniuses Guild, is a respected composer, lyricist, conductor, and performer in New York City. Whitefield is no stranger to Clayton State thanks to his collaborative work with science fiction author Ray Bradbury to create the 2002 musical "The Day it Rained Forever." Whitefield also conducted the world premier of "Frederick Hohenzollern" in Spivey Hall, located on the Clayton State campus.

He has played roles in many Off-Broadway productions, and has acted in regional theatres such as the Goodspeed Opera House, Tennessee Repertory Theatre, American Stage Company, and Northshore Music Theatre.

Grant Lambert, an actor from San Francisco, began acting in the Atlanta area in his late 20's and performed with several community theatre groups. He has acted in "Born Yesterday," "Zoo Story," "As Is," "Promises, Promises," "Sound of Music" and "Shenandoah." Lambert also appeared in the Maryland Public Television airing of "McAllister's Dream."

Lisa Adler, co-artistic director and managing director for Atlanta's Horizon Theatre, has directed numerous productions for Horizon since founding the theatre 13 years ago with

Department of Music Honors Recital November 5

The Clayton State Department of Music will hold its fall semester Honors Recital on Wednesday, Nov. 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the University's world-famous Spivey Hall.

Music majors competed for a place on the Honors Recital program by auditioning before the Clayton College & State University music faculty. The students selected for the fall program, which is open to the public at no charge, include; Lacy Griffin, Lindsey Huether, Brian Mayer, Elena Cholakova, Linda McCampbell, Chelsea Cook, Nathan Smith, Brandon Odom and Heather Davis.

Griffin (East Point) and Huether (Fayetteville) will be performing a duo piano composition. Griffin was awarded scholarships to attend Summer Piano Camps while she was being home schooled in high school. Her aspiration is to have a large, successful private teaching studio. Heuther graduated from Landmark Christian School and is in the Clayton State Honors program and is a treasurer of Mu Phi Epsilon. One of this year's Steinway Scholarship recipients, she wants to get a Masters degree program in Music Engineering upon graduation from Clayton State.

Baritone Mayer attended Dawson County High School. He has studied voice and dance for several years, and is currently a junior majoring in Voice at Clayton State, where he studies with Dr. Maya Hoover.

Pianist Cholakova is a graduate of the music high school, Dobrin Patkov in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, and currently resides in Hampton. Starting piano lessons at the age of five, by 16 she had won the third prize at the National Chamber Music Competition in Bulgaria.

Among her many other awards and honors are the Special Prize at the Bulgarian National French Music Competition, and the Best Performer Prize at the Music High School, which is the highest honor awarded to the students at the renowned institution. As a

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New Director Announces Clayton State Theatre's 2003-2004 Season

by Lauren Baker, University Relations

Interested in theater? Clayton State Theatre welcomes you to attend the 2003-2004 theater season - the Theatre's 32nd season - under the direction of new Clayton State Theatre Director Ed Hohlbein. Hohlbein will continue the Theatre's commitment to premiering new works, including plans to produce and direct the winning play in the international Clayton State Theatre \$1,000 Playwriting Competition.

"For the past 31 years, Dr. Larry Corse did a wonderful job directing the Theatre and had a strong focus on producing new works. That is one tradition that I hope to continue," says Hohlbein. The 2003-2004 season boasts three premier works, but Hohlbein would love to see those numbers increase.

"I would like to expand Clayton State Theatre's commitment to producing new works, and make it year round," says Hohlbein, "Clayton State can be a haven for new playwrights to premier and workshop their plays."

Hohlbein's commitment to the Southern Crescent community is also strong. "Theater should be relevant to the community it serves. We plan on strengthening our ties with Arts Clayton and other community organizations," he says.

The full 2003-2004 season includes "Moments," running Nov. 5-8, "Things Not Seen," running Dec. 4-6 and 11-13, the Magical Extravaganza running Jan. 23-24, "Lotte's Dream" running Feb. 5-7, the Ten-Minute Play Festival running Mar. 25-27, the \$1,000 Playwriting Competition winning script running Apr. 20-24, and "The Tempest" running Apr. 29-May 1 and May 5-8.

"Moments," a collection of five, 25 minute selections from Tennessee Williams's "27 Wagons Full of Cotton," gives audiences a brief look into the characters' lives.

"Things Not Seen," the second play authored by Clayton State biologist and forensic science expert Dr. Greg Hampikian, tells the story of a church minister whose experiences force him to confront his faith. This is the premier production of this work.

The Magical Extravaganza, held in the Clayton State Theatre, is an annual magic show made possible by Clayton State Professor of Chemistry Dr. Jim Braun and a host of other professional and amateur magicians. This will mark the 22nd year of the Magical Extravaganza.

"Lotte's Dream" a musical spin-off of former Clayton State student Brad Fairchild's "Three Weeks," follows the life of a cabaret performer in New York City. Music for "Lotte's Dream" was written by Andy Ditzler; the script and libretto was written by former Clayton State student actor Duncan E. Teague. This is the premier production of this work.

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"Moments" Opens 2003-04 Clayton State Theatre Season

by Ed Hohlbein, Clayton State Theatre

Please join Clayton State Theatre as it opens the 2003-2004 season with *Moments - Five Tennessee Williams One-Act Plays*.

Moments opens Wednesday, Nov. 5 and runs through Saturday, Nov. 8. Tickets are \$8 for general admission, \$4 for students and senior citizens, and free with a Clayton State LINX card. Tickets are available by calling (770) 961-3460, on-line at www.claytonstatetheater.org and at the door. The show begins at 8 p.m. in Clayton State Theatre, located in room 132 of the Arts and Sciences building.

In addition to his 25 full-length plays, Tennessee Williams produced dozens of short plays and wrote several screenplays and short novels. The five one-act plays that make up *Moments* were first published in 1946 and are written in Williams' early, more realistic style. Not only were these early short plays the necessary seedbed for many of Williams' longer plays; they were also crucial experiments in both theme and style.

Williams envisioned these short plays for small theatre productions, which he hoped would be "an irritant in the shell of their community." Included in this production are *Auto-Da-Fe*, *The Lady of Larkspur Lotion*, *This Property is Condemned*, *27 Wagons Full of Cotton* and *Talk to Me Like the Rain and Let Me Listen*.

Many of the characters in these short plays are clear precursors to some of Williams' well-known characters including Blanche and Stanley from *Streetcar Named Desire*; Amanda, Laura and Tom from *The Glass Menagerie*; and Maggie and Brick from *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* just to name a few. ■

Cash for Commuters Extended Through End of 2003

Cash for Commuters, The Clean Air Campaign's popular incentive program, has been extended through Dec. 31, 2003. If you've been waiting for a reason to give commute alternatives a try, now is the time to act! Join the nearly 5,000 metro Atlanta commuters who have participated in Cash for Commuters and you can earn \$3 each time you use a commute alternative, up to a total of \$180 over a three-month period.

To qualify for Cash for Commuters, you must not have used an alternative commute option more than five times in the last 90 days. Commuters must live or work in the 13-county metro Atlanta nonattainment area. Once registered, commuters earn three dollars (\$3.00) cash for each day they use a qualified commute alternative to travel to and from work within a 90-consecutive day period, a minimum of 13 days over three months. Commuters track their behavior in a Clean Air Campaign Travel Log and have a supervisor sign the completed claim form to receive their checks.

To find a potential carpool partner at Clayton State, call Joan Murphy in Public Safety at ext. 3540.

Getting started in Cash for Commuters is easy. Commuters can download a registration form and Rules of Eligibility at www.cleanaircampaign.com or request a registration packet by mail by calling 1-877-CLEANAIR. Once The Clean Air Campaign receives the completed registration form, the organization will mail a travel log and claim form - with instructions - to the registrant's work address. Commuters who need help determining which alternative is right for them can call 1-877-CLEANAIR to receive personal assistance from one of The Clean Air Campaign's transportation specialists.

Cash for Commuters is making a real difference in reducing traffic congestion and improving air quality in metro Atlanta. According to a recent survey of Cash for Commuters participants, 45% of respondents cited the program as a reason to start carpooling, teleworking, using transit, walking or cycling to work. More importantly, more than 71% of participants continue to use their commute alternative three to six months after completing the program, when no incentive is available to them.

Funding for this round of Cash for Commuters is made possible with the help of BP. ■

Student Book Review Published In Pro Journal

by Velkys Layne, University Relations

Clayton College & State University student Maria Medrano's review on "Set-Up-To-Fail Syndrome," a book by Jean-Francois Manzonei and Jean-Louis Barsoux, was published last month in the Journal of Behavioral and Applied Management.

Medrano, a Marketing and Merchandising major in the School of Technology and a Lawrenceville, Ga., native, took Assistant Professor of Marketing & Merchandising Dr. Russell Casey's internship class in the summer of 2003. As an assignment, Medrano turned in a book report on "Set-Up-To-Fail Syndrome" and, at the suggestion of Casey, submitted it to the academic journal, after some help from Casey to make it more academically sound. The book review was accepted and was included in the online journal on Sept. 15, 2003. To read Medrano's book review visit http://www.jbam.org/book_review_.htm.

The journal is published three times a year by the Institute of Behavioral and Applied Management (IBAM), a professional association of college and university professors, students who are studying the field of management, practitioners in business, not-for-profit organizations, and government who have a strong interest in the issues and concerns related to management. ■

Open House and Browse Fair Set for High School Students

The Clayton State Office of Recruitment's Fall Laker Day Open House is set for Saturday, Nov. 8 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the University's Athletics & Fitness Center.

Laker Day welcomes high school seniors and their parents to Clayton State and features separate panel discussions for students and parents, a campus tour, and a browse fair spotlighting the University's programs and organizations.

Laker Day will begin at 10 a.m. with a general session, followed by breakout sessions for students and parents. Following a campus tour, the day's events will conclude in the Athletics & Fitness Center with a Browse Fair, allowing prospective students and their families to individually learn more about student services, academic programs, and extracurricular activities at Clayton State. The time frame for the Browse Fair is approximately 11:45 a.m. until 1 p.m.

"The Browse Fair is always a big hit with parents and students because they have an opportunity to speak one-on-one with representatives of programs and organizations which are of particular individual interest," notes Carol Montgomery, assistant director of Recruitment. "The most important function of the Browse Fair is to give our guests an opportunity to talk one-on-one with Clayton State faculty and staff to learn about their programs." For more information, contact Montgomery at (770) 961-3505. ■

Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!

ATTENTION ACCOUNTING MAJORS

Student Night 2003

Monday, Nov. 3

3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Georgia Power Auditorium

241 Ralph McGill Boulevard

Atlanta, GA 30308

Sponsored by the Atlanta Chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors

Interact with Auditing & Accounting professionals

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Career Opportunities 2003

Wednesday, Nov. 5

noon - 3:00 p.m.

Cobb Galleria Centre

http://www.aug.edu/career_center/co/co.htm

Sponsored by the Georgia Careers Consortium

Clayton State is an active member of the Consortium which consists of 24 small colleges of Georgia.

Oh, What a Night! Fall Folics 2003

by Leigh Duncan, University Relations

If you missed this year's Fall Frolics at Clayton State Theatre, you missed a really big shew!!!

The faculty, staff and alumni of Clayton State presented a stunning performance for the standing room only crowd on Friday, Oct. 24, which included some 200+ guests.

The showstopper and first place winners for this year's talent show were "The Boys of Science & One Authentic Mick," a combination stand-up routine by Dr. Ray Wallace, dean of Arts & Sciences and a "Riverdance" imitation, appropriately called "Creakdance" (by virtue that "they're old," according to Wallace).

Wallace presented a rousing standup routine, and then introduced his cohorts, "The Boys of Science," Dr. Jim Braun, professor of Chemistry, Dr. Stephen Burnett, assistant professor of Biology and Dr. Christopher Kodani, also an assistant professor of Biology.

The "Boys," along with their five piece orchestra of coconut shells and cutting boards, brought the house to tears with their "Riverdance" takeoff, high-stepping it in kilts, undershirts and tennis shoes. The laughter was so thunderous you couldn't hear the music playing.

Second place went to the Women's Forum's evocative dance interpretation of Shania Twain's "I Feel Like a Woman," choreographed by Dr. Cathie Aust, dean of the College of Information & Mathematical Sciences. Needless to say, the ladies' performance was unparalleled.

Third place was given to the Alumni Association's variety act called "The A.I.," or The Alumni Idol, a spin off of the ever popular American Idol, in which cast members President Michael McCullough, along with alumni Kim Ponder, Diane Givens and Director of Alumni Relations Reda Rowell, convinced the audience why they weren't pursuing careers in the entertainment industry.

The real talent was displayed by Dr. Greg Hampikian, who sang his original "Fingerprints" while playing guitar, with his son Daniel on the congas. Dr. Jo Kinnard, assistant professor of Information Technology, did an outstanding standup routine on "Parenting and Other Woes," and Dr. Mark Hovind, assistant professor of Communications, thrilled the audience with a bit-o-jazz on the grand piano. And lest we forget, Dr. Benita Moore, associate dean of Technology, performed a highstepping baton routine to "In the Mood."

Tapes of the entire Fall Frolics, including some interesting outtakes and parade events are on sale for only \$5. and can be ordered online at <http://about.clayton.edu/fallfrolicsvideo.htm>. Tapes should be available in about two weeks. ■

Tech's Pearl Alexander to Speak to SHRM

For its Nov. 18 meeting, Southern Crescent Chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) will present Pearl Alexander, director, Office of Diversity Management, at Georgia Tech.

The meeting will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. in room 203 of the Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education on the Clayton State campus.

"She has accomplished what we are all struggling to do: she has created a proactive strategy for reaching all levels of the organization with her diversity message," says Southern Crescent SHRM's Eunice Glover. "Although she is said to be a catalyst for change, she has successfully combined the rich traditions of Georgia Tech's history and her diversity philosophy to lead new initiatives beyond compliance."

"We will need to transcend the issues of race, gender and the traditional affirmative action approaches if we are to recruit and retain the best faculty and staff," says Alexander.

Alexander has a business administration degree from Georgia State University and a law degree from John Marshall Law School.

At the November SHRM meeting, Alexander will share ideas, practical experience on Affirmative Action and diversity, antidotal information and an action plan for future organizational success.

For more information about Alexander and the November SHRM meeting, please see: <http://www.southerncrecentshrm.org/>. ■

Alumni/Development

Sue Dowling Fights Cybercrime with the GBI

by Lauren Baker, University Relations

Clayton State alumna Sue Dowling, a graduate of the University's College of Information and Mathematical Sciences, is using her Bachelor of Information Technology in General Information Technology with emphasis in E-Commerce to make the Internet a safer place. Dowling is now Internet Safety Coordinator for the GBI.

Dowling, who began her position as Internet Safety Coordinator earlier this month, is responsible for the GBI's Internet Safety Program, and will maintain an Internet Safety website and a listserv. She will also travel throughout Georgia training volunteers to teach Internet safety - especially Internet safety regarding children.

"Cybercrime is a national concern," says Dowling. "It is important to train parents and communities to help our children be safe... When our children and parents understand what to do, there is less chance that our children will be harmed by a predator." Dowling suggests that parents place computers in much-used rooms in their homes, and teach their children how to use safe practices while on-line.

A resident of Conyers, Dowling graduated from Clayton State in spring 2001, and credits her degree as one of the key factors in landing her job with the GBI. "Several Clayton State courses had content that is specifically used in this job including Security and Infrastructure, Networking, Webmaster, and Legal Implications of E-Commerce," she says.

But learning the complicated computer lingo took work, and Dowling recalls the commitment she made to her schooling. "When I began my class work at Clayton State, I knew only the elementals of computers. My early professors were patient and simplified the subject matter so I could understand the material. As I neared the end of my degree, the professors set requirements that caused me to sharpen my skills and perform excellent work," she says.

Dowling has set high occupational goals for herself, including establishing an Internet Safety Program that will serve as a model for every state to follow. After the establishment of such a program, Dowling hopes to become a Master Forensic Computer Specialist, a five to six year process of training and experience that will enable Dowling to obtain and preserve criminal computers and equipment, and testify in court as an expert witness. Finally, Dowling would like to retire and teach safety/forensic computer classes at the university level.

Dowling and her husband Craig, whom she credits as a great support in both her education and new job, have seven children. In her free time she enjoys ballroom dancing, gardening, and "scherenschnitte," a papercutting technique that originated in ancient China and was a popular folk art in 1800s Germany and Pennsylvania. ■

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her husband Jeff. Over the past few years she has directed "A... My Name is Alice," "The Good Times are Killing Me," "Prelude to a Kiss," "Escape from Happiness," "The Wild Guys," and "The Heidi Chronicles." She occasionally guest directs at other local theatres, and was named Lexus Leader in the Arts in 1999.

The preliminary judges for the Clayton State Theater Playwriting Competition are: Dr. Larry Corse; Dr. Ray Wallace, Dean of Clayton State's School of Arts & Sciences, Susan Wallace, wife of Dean Wallace; and Ed Hohlbein, current Director of Clayton State Theater.

To learn more about the Clayton State Theater Playwriting Competition and how you can submit your unpublished script, contact Hohlbein at EdwardHohlbein@mail.clayton.edu, call (770) 961-3460, or visit the Clayton State Theater website at www.claytonstatetheater.org.

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result of this last award, she performed the Shostakovich Second Piano Concerto with the Plovdiv Symphony. Even though another part of the prize was a full scholarship to the highly competitive and prestigious National Music Academy - Pancho Vladigerov in Bulgaria's capitol of Sofia, Cholakova chose to come to the U.S. to further her studies.

She has been a student of Dr. Michiko Otaki in the Music Department of Clayton State since January 2003, and is a recipient of the Spivey Scholarship. This past April she was awarded the Outstanding Performer award at the Georgia Music Teachers Association's spring audition.

Soprano McCampbell was born in Alaska and has lived in many places, including Japan and England. She currently lives in Conyers with her husband, four children, and her white German shepherd, Hoth.

Mezzo-soprano Cook is a junior in the Bachelor of Music in Voice Performance major at Clayton State, where she studies singing with Director of Vocal Activities Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller, and plans to pursue a performance career in opera after graduate studies. She already has made several appearances before Atlanta area audiences, notably as mezzo-soprano soloist in *Messiah* with the Southern Crescent Symphony Orchestra and in performances with the Goldovsky Foundation-supported Harrower Opera Institute in Atlanta. Cook is a resident of Lithonia and graduated from the DeKalb School of the Arts.

Pianist Smith graduated from Landmark Christian School and lives in Fayetteville.

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Across the Campus

Admissions

Area high school students and their parents once again came to the Clayton State campus on Thursday, Oct. 30 when the University hosted the Atlanta South PROBE Fair.

Athletics

The Clayton College & State University men's golf team shot its two best rounds of the fall season to finish 15th in the North Shore Pfeiffer Intercollegiate at North Shore Beach and Golf Course in Sneeds Ferry, NC. The Lakers shot a round of 302 on Monday, followed by shooting a 298 on Tuesday on the par-72, 6,866-yard course. Peach Belt Conference's Armstrong Atlantic State University won the event with rounds of 279 and 295 by one stroke over Guilford College. Senior Jess Shirley had the top finish for the Lakers, shooting a two-over par 146 after shooting rounds of 73 on consecutive days. Shirley tied for 28th in the event. The tournament concluded the fall season for the Clayton State team.

Aviation Maintenance

AVMT's Bud Stapleton has written a poem, "Songs of Ancient Holy Men," that was published in the October issue of "Leatherneck" Magazine... the magazine of the Marine Corps Association.

Biology

Dr. Stephen C. Burnett, assistant professor of Biology, and Clayton State's own bat expert, gave a "Bat Chat" at the Fernbank Museum of Natural History on Clifton Road in Atlanta on Saturday, Oct. 25. Burnett's talk was part of one of Fernbank's Family Activity Days, entitled "Fernbank Celebrates Bugs, Bats, and Bones."

Conflict Resolution

The Clayton State Conflict Resolution Office will be located in room 226 of the Music Building. Phone number (404) 402-4106. Starting Nov. 3, the Office will be in operation on Mondays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A lock box will be located outside the door to room 226 for contact with the Ombuds outside the hours of normal operation.

Enrollment Services

On Friday, Nov. 7, the entire Enrollment Services staff will attend staff-development training. The Registrar's office and Financial Aid offices will close at noon; however basic services will be available to students through the Admissions Office, which will remain open until 2 p.m. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause our customers.

Financial Aid

FAFSA on the Web at www.fafsa.ed.gov is the best way to apply for financial aid. The web version guides applicants through the application process and assists in providing the right responses. Consequently, there are fewer errors with this method and therefore, fewer delays in processing student aid. Applying online is also faster than submitting the FAFSA by mail. However, applicants may complete a paper FAFSA which is available from the Financial Aid Office.

Humanities

In Spring Semester, THEA 1100 (Theater Appreciation) will NOT be offered on MW nights from 7:30-8:45 but instead WILL be offered as an online class. The CRN for the new online version of THEA 1100 is 22001. As in the past, students enrolled in the online class will be required to attend a variety of theater performances in the Atlanta area (including CCSU Theater productions), as well as to purchase their own tickets (usually at discounted prices) and to provide their own transportation. A textbook will also be required. Dates and times for the orientation session will be posted on the Web schedule as soon as possible. Additional questions about the class may be directed to Ed Hohlbein, at edwardhohlbein@mail.clayton.edu.

Poet, essayist, and novelist Judith Ortiz Cofer read in the Clayton State Theater on Oct. 27. Cofer is the author of *Woman in Front of the Sun*: On Becoming a Writer, a collection of essays, of a novel, *The Line of the Sun*, of *Silent Dancing*, a collection of essays and poetry, of two books of poetry, *Terms of Survival* and *Reaching for the Mainland*, and of *The Latin Deli: Prose and Poetry*. Her latest novel, *The Meaning of Consuelo*, will be published by Farrar, Straus, and Giroux in November. Cofer's appearance on campus was sponsored by the Clayton State Department of Humanities.

Information & Mathematical Sciences

Assistant Professor of Information Technology Byron A. Jeff has had a paper accepted to the Works in Progress track of the Real Time Systems Symposium to be held in Cancun, Mexico, the first week of December. Jeff's submission, "Using Receiver Input to Vary the Quality of Generative Multimedia," is in conjunction with the completion of his Ph.D. from the College of Computing at Georgia Tech.

Media & Printing Services

Good news... we have had several requests for this so, for the next several months we are going to offer pastel color paper at the same cost as white paper. Normally you would pay \$0.03 for pastel colors but because we are a little overstocked we're going to offer it for the same price as white, \$0.02, until supplies are depleted. Please mark on your "Printing/Copy Request Form" what paper color to use... yellow, blue, green or pink.

Music

The Oct. 23 and Oct. 26 programs of "Studio Georgia Public Radio" on FM 88.1 included a recent work by Clayton State composition major Jesse Hardin as performed by the Lyra String Quartet.

Pianist Lisa Leong, a former Clayton State adjunct faculty member, will present a recital of contemporary classical music tonight in Spivey Hall as part of the Clayton State Department of Music's Guest Artist Series. Leong's program, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will explore the diverse sonorities of the piano, includes "Phrygian Gates" by John Adams, "Klavierstucke IX" by Karlheinz Stockhausen, selections from "Vingt Regards" by Olivier Messiaen, and a Jonathan Harvey's piece for piano and electronics, "Tombeau de Messiaen."

School of Business

Contemporary and critical issues in business were the theme of the Oct. 23 Business Conference at Clayton State's Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education. Sponsored by the Clayton State School of Business Alumni, the conference

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featured two outstanding speakers, including the opening speaker, Michael P. Baird, chief judge of the Magistrate Court of Clayton County and a Clayton State School of Business alumnus, who spoke on Business Ethics. Baird was followed by Denise C. Canfield, senior vice president of AmSouth Bank, who spoke on The Importance of Communication in Business.

Social Sciences

Jim Wooten, Atlanta Journal-Constitution associate Editorial Page editor will speak on "The Future of Georgia's Hope Scholarship Program" on Tuesday, Nov. 4 from noon to 1:20 p.m. in room 132 of the Arts & Sciences Building at Clayton College & State University. Wooten is speaking as part of the University's Department of Social Sciences' 2003-2004 "Contemporary Social Issues" Lyceum Program. For more information on Wooten's Nov. 4 talk, contact Dr. Joe Trachtenberg, professor of Political Science, at 770-960-4370 or joetrachtenberg@mail.clayton.edu.

Spivey Hall

An elite ensemble of area high school string players will perform in concert at Clayton State's Spivey Hall at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 8. Adult tickets are \$5 and student tickets are \$2.50. Tickets will be available for purchase at the door and the public is cordially invited. The Spivey Hall Chamber Orchestra Workshop brings together metro Atlanta's finest high school string orchestra students under the leadership of nationally recognized conductors. Saturday's program will feature works by Heinrich Biber and Felix Mendelssohn. A guest soloist, Dr. Milton Masciadri of the University of Georgia, will perform a solo work composed by Nicolo Paganini for double-bass and string orchestra. The concert will also feature the premiere of a new composition, commissioned by Spivey Hall, entitled Cognitive Consonance, by Dr. Chris Arrell, director of Composition & Theory on the Clayton State Music faculty.

Amid the homecoming activities this past weekend, Spivey Hall was visited by 125 future college students. These high schoolers, representing 44 public, private and home schools from 12 Georgia counties, participated in the 2003 Spivey Hall Choral Workshop. This prestigious event, now in its ninth year, brings together the finest

area singers under the leadership of one of our nation's most talented and sought-after choral clinicians. This year saw the highly anticipated return of Anton Armstrong, conductor of the legendary St. Olaf Choir. Dr. Armstrong proved once again to be an exacting task-master, however the students rose to the challenge. Their performance on Saturday to a full house was an exciting and emotional climax to a weekend of hard work.

On Sunday, Nov. 2 at 3 p.m., the Lucerne Festival Strings from Switzerland will perform at Spivey Hall with German pianist Andreas Klein. Following the performance a reception will be hosted by the Consulates of Switzerland and Germany in the Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education. Tickets for the performance are still available by calling Spivey Hall at 770 960-4200. Clayton State faculty and staff reserving tickets who wish to attend the post-concert reception should identify themselves as Clayton State employees and they will be included on the reception guest list.

On Sunday, Nov. 16, the Welsh harpist Catrin Finch, Official Harpist to the Prince of Wales, will present a 3 p.m. recital followed by High Tea hosted by Her Britannic Majesty's Consul General and Mrs. Michael Bates and the St. David Welsh Society. Clayton State faculty and staff reserving tickets who identify themselves as Clayton State employees will become invited guests to the High Tea. Call the Spivey Hall Box Office for details on programs at 770-960-4200 or stop by during business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday

The Winston-Salem Journal recently ran an article praising Spivey Hall acoustics. You can read it at <http://www.journalnow.com/>

Student Life

The Clayton State Baptist Student Union is now selling Chick-fil-a Cow Superheroes Calendars. Each calendar costs \$5 and comes with coupons for \$30 worth of free Chick-fil-A food. All proceeds made from the sell of the calendars will go to Summer Missions. Contact Rhonda Boozer (ext. 3495) for more information.

If you missed Clayton State's first

"POETRYPALOOZA" event, or you want to see it again, the videotape is now available for viewing in the Library! It is on-reserve at the circulation desk. This event was held on Thursday, Oct. 2 and featured Taria Rochelle, Atlanta poet and Ayodele Heath, performance poet. For more information, please contact davidludley@mail.clayton.edu or greghampikian@mail.clayton.edu.

Clayton State's Fire n' Ice Performing Arts Group/Laker Dance Club is in need of two dedicated, responsible individuals with technical background (little or no experience required) in production work. The candidates would be required to participate in all performances assisting in props, lighting, and various functions. Mass communications majors are welcome and encouraged to apply! Contact Terence Bates-President or Destinee Townsend at 770-259-2004.

Theatre Season Opens, from, p.4

The Ten Minute Play Festival, a collection of various 10-minute plays by different authors, gives audiences the opportunity to experience several complete stories limited to 10 minutes per play.

The \$1,000 Playwriting Competition winning script, to be determined by a panel of national judges, will be directed by Hohlbein and will cast both professional and student actors. This is the premier production of this work. To date over 70 plays have been received from across the United States and other countries. The winning play will be announced in January 2004.

Finally, "The Tempest," William Shakespeare's tale of a shipwreck and fantastic island inhabitants, combines the talents of the Clayton State Theatre and the Clayton State Drama Club, head by Clayton State Associate Professor of Psychology Dr. Bethany Stillion. "The Tempest" will be performed outside.

"So come and join Clayton State Theatre in celebrating three decades of . . . the entertaining . . . the provocative . . . the challenging . . . the new," invites Hohlbein.

For more information on the Clayton State Theatre and the upcoming season, please visit www.claytonstatetheater.org or call (770)961-3460. ■

Continuing Education Offers Healthcare Training/Certificate Programs For Winter Quarter

by Velkys Layne, University Relations

The Division of Continuing Education at Clayton College & State University will be offering Healthcare training courses and certificate programs this coming January.

The Health Information Assistant program consists of courses in : Medical Terminology, Basic Human Anatomy, ICD-9-CM Coding Level I, ICD-9-CM Coding Level II, Basic CPT-4 Coding, and Medical Billing & Reimbursement. Some courses are prerequisites to others and must be taken in sequence in order to receive a Health Information Assistant Certificate.

The Health Information Assistant Certificate will prepare an individual to work in settings like hospitals, ambulatory care facilities, HMO's, medical group practices, consulting companies, and billing and insurance agencies.

Students must have a high school diploma or general education degree (GED). There is a onetime application fee of \$65 and a separate registration fee for each course in the program. Students may enter the program at any time during the year.

There will be an orientation session for the Health Information program offered in January. The program will be described and progression of classes and prerequisites and relevance to the job market will be illustrated. Orientation is free, but students should register to attend. For additional information call (770) 961-3550 or visit www.conted.clayton.edu.

Also being offered this coming January is a five-week Certified Nurse Aide program. Upon completion of the program, the student is eligible to sit for the Georgia Certified Nurse Aide Exam.

Division of Continuing Education also offers course and certificate programs in Human Resource Management, Industrial Training, Small Business Development and Personal Development. For information on any of these programs please contact the Clayton State Division of Continuing Education at (770) 961-3550 or visit www.conted.clayton.edu. ■

American Humanics Association on the Move

The Clayton State American Humanics Student Association (AHSA) is holding its annual Barnes and Noble Gift Wrapping Extravaganza from Dec. 1, to Dec. 24. Barnes and Noble in Buckhead has given the entire month of December to utilize there store for this fundraiser. The goal this year is \$3,000 or more.

AHSA has also set up volunteer days with Hosea Williams Feed the Homeless to work in their warehouse doing inventory prior to Thanksgiving and working on Thanksgiving Day in the soup kitchen.

Last, but not least, AHSA has also scheduled a grant writing class to be held on our campus on Nov. 11, at 12:45 p.m. through Hands On Atlanta. Their representative, Cecilie Lillevted, Associate Director of Corporate Relations, will be here at our regularly scheduled meeting to conduct the class. The formal title is "The Grant Writing Process:Start to Finish." It is a part of their Citizen Academy training that they provide.

For further information, contract AHSA President Destinee M. Townsend at csu11903@mail.claytonstate.net. ■

Circle K Club Sells Clayton State Throws for Rainbow House

Clayton College & State University's Circle K Club will offer Clayton State acrylic and fleece throws for sale to benefit the Rainbow House, a local home for abused children in Clayton County. The acrylic throws will bear a large Clayton State logo and sell for \$50 while the fleece will bear the logo in one corner and sell for \$30.

Circle K is a community service organization focused on helping children. All proceeds from the sale of the Clayton State throws will be donated to Rainbow House. For more information on Rainbow House contact (770) 473- 3849 or www.rainbowhouseinc.org.

For more information about Clayton State's Circle K Club contact Dr. Susan Henry in the Humanities Department of the School of Arts & Sciences at (770) 961-3466 or susanhenry@mail.clayton.edu. ■

Honors Recital, from p. 7

He is a marshal arts instructor who wants to be a college professor.

Baritone Odom is a new student at Clayton State this semester. He is a graduate of Theodore High School in Alabama and has sung in the Musica Sacra professional choir in Mobile, Al. He currently resides in McDonough.

Pianist Davis is originally from Douglasville, Ga., though she resides in Vinings and works as a legal assistant for McCalla, Raymer law firm. Davis has studied voice for three years and is currently involved in the music ministry at her church. She intends to pursue a career in performing and has plans in the near future to audition for the Atlanta Opera chorus. ■



Plan Now for a Great Clayton State Vacation to Ireland!

Dr. Ray Wallace, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, and a native-born Irishman, plans on taking a group of interested Clayton State employees and their friends on a reasonably priced eight-day adventure to Ireland in early May, 2004 (right after spring graduation), with just enough time to get back for the start of the summer semester!

The eight-day escorted motor coach trip will allow you to see much of Ireland (from the countryside to the cities, from the mountains to the seas), while staying at fine hotels and at Irish homestays. Many meals are included in the price, and you are sure to fall in love with the culture and history of this fine country. Prices start from approximately \$2000 per person, double-occupancy.

Tour highlights will include visits to Bunratty Castle, Killarney, the Waterford Crystal works; a chance to kiss the Blarney Stone, an Abbey Tavern Dinner & Ballads evening, a performance of the National Irish Folk Theatre, a tour of the Ring of Kerry, Dublin Shopping and Nightlife, and visits to both the Book of Kells and the Old Jameson Whiskey Distillery.

Seating is limited however, so plan to attend our organizational meeting (where dates and costs will be discussed in more detail) on Wednesday, November 5 at 7 p.m. in room 325 of the Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education.

If you're interested, contact Dr. Wallace at: (770) 961-3420 or at raywallace@mail.clayton.edu.

Erin go bragh! ■

Life's Transitions...

Ginny and Kiel Bass became grandparents on Friday, Oct. 24, 2003. Son and daughter-in-law, Jeremy and Megan Bass, gave Ginny and Kiel their first grandchild, Jackson Ezekiel Bass. Jackson weighed 8 lbs and 6 oz and was 21 inches long and was born in San Diego.



Alexis Simone, first granddaughter of Jamye Sanders, was born on Oct. 20, 2003 at 5:20 p.m., weighing 6.13 ounces and was 19 inches long. Mother and daughter are fine. Mama J is delighted!

Grandchildren change the landscape of home

S.G. Birch

Homecoming, from p. 1

"We were thrilled to have so many groups and alumni present at the breakfast," says Reda Rowell, director of Alumni Relations. "Now we know where the expression, 'going like hotcakes' comes from. This is the largest number of participants we've ever had."

Afterwards, participants and spectators took their places for the fourth annual Homecoming parade, which included students, community and alumni floats, dignitaries, clowns and a special first time treat, the Clayton County Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.) motorcycle chapter. Tammy Wilson and Dr. Michael Deis, this year's winners of the University's Alice B. Smith Awards, were the Grand Marshals of the parade.

At 1 p.m., the Homecoming soccer games began with the Lady Lakers, who took on UNC Pembroke. At halftime, Jeff Jacobs, director of Student Life, presented awards for the organizations that participated in the weeklong Homecoming activities.

Parade awards and competition results were as follows: Destinee Townsend, American Humanics senior and Terrence Bates, Ambassadors senior, were named Homecoming Queen and King. The student organization parade awards included first place banner award winners, the Student Government Association, second place, the Honors Association and third place, the Science Association.

First place student organization winners for decorated float or car were, first place the Teacher Education Club, second place, Delta Epsilon Chi fraternity, and third place winner, the Science Association.

Club Olympics champions were the Student Government Association, with Delta Epsilon Chi and the Ambassadors coming in second and third, respectively. The non-student parade entry awards went to Beecher Hills Elementary School's "Highsteppers," as Best Musical Unit, the Best Use of Theme went to the Alumni Association, and the Laker Performing Dance Team, "Fire & Ice" won both the Most Artistic Unit and the Best of the Parade awards.

One of the most difficult awards to achieve is the coveted All-Campus Spirit Challenge

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A Random Act Of Sweetness

by Joyce Sandusky, OITS

Last week, I (and I should probably be embarrassed to admit this) scoured the whole campus in search of a Reese's Peanut Butter Cup. The bookstore was out (inventory time) and every candy machine on campus was out, except the one in Arts & Sciences and it was broken. I ran into Lou Brackett in the School of Technology in my quest. She offered me a substitute candy bar, but I declined. I was really just in the mood for a Reese's.

Yesterday, I when I got to my office, I found on my desk an interoffice envelope from Lou Brackett. I opened it and it was an entire bag of Reese's peanut butter cups. Lou made my day — not just because I really love Reese's, but it made me feel good that Lou would do something so sweet for me. I have only briefly spoken with Lou. We have never even had lunch together. We don't know each other socially. We work on opposite sides of the campus. Why would Lou do this for me?

Lou, if you are reading this, you have reminded me of how good it feels to have something sweet done for me and inspired me to look for ways that I may pass that pleasure on to someone else. All acts of kindness do not have to affect the needy to be effective; sometimes they can just be done out of a desire to make someone else happy. Lou reminded me of how thankful I am to work with such wonderful people. ■

Homecoming, from p. 12

Cup, awarded to the School of Business again this year. This award is based on pure numbers of participants and the various schools and department's participation is tallied during the entire week creating a definite "challenge" for everyone. The School of Business has had the competitive advantage for three straight years, but after this year, they may have set in motion the groundwork for some healthy competition in next years challenge.

Jacob Elison Wins The McElroy Mile

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Jacob Elison came to Clayton State from Lovejoy High School two years ago to major in pre-med Biology as a member of the University's Honors Program.

However, that's not all he does. Elison, 19, also finds the time to serve as the sophomore class representative of the Honors Program, and be a member of the Office of Recruitment's Ambassadors, the Psychology club, and the International Awareness Association... when he's not working as a student assistant in the Library at the circulation desk.

Of course, if you ask the former member of Coach Richard Westbrook's Lovejoy track and cross country teams what he really likes, he might tell you, "running." So, "for the heck of it," he jumped in the Clayton State Track Club's First Annual McElroy Mile on Saturday, and won the race in a course record time of 5:59.

Even though he won the race, Elison is slightly apologetic about his performance. You see, he's still recovering from running the Chicago Marathon Oct. 12, and he wasn't trying to race anywhere near his best mile time of 5:18. That's right, the former Lovejoy runner is now a marathoner. The Chicago race was his fifth marathon, and he's run the 26.2 miles as fast as 3:32:38. Although he was on pace to break that mark at Chicago, he got sick after drinking some Gatorade at 16.5 miles and finished in 4:03:18.

Elison attributes his running success to Westbrook, who now coaches track and cross country at the new Luella High School in Henry County. In fact, Elison, in addition to everything else he does, is an assistant to Westbrook at Luella.

"So far, Coach Westbrook is the only person to ever coach me and will probably be the only person to ever coach me," he says.

Last year Elison personally founded and funded the Richard Westbrook Running Scholarship, a \$500 scholarship that Elison gives to a Senior in high school who best represents Westbrook's love and determination for the sport of running.

"I made it so that the person who receives it is not the fastest runner, but is the most determined runner," says Elison.

Elison was born in Munsterhandwarf, Germany, although his family moved to United States shortly thereafter. Although he has lived throughout the United States, he has lived in Georgia for the past eight years. Currently a sophomore at Clayton State, Elison ran his first marathon in the 11th grade, once again under Westbrook's tutelage, and has continued to excel in just about everything he tries.

"I'm glad he's in our Honors Program," says Dr. Eugene Hatfield, director of the Honors Program.

The McElroy Mile was the Clayton State Track Club's inaugural event, and will be held annually in conjunction with Clayton State's Homecoming celebration. The one-mile road race is named for Dr. Elliott McElroy, the University's vice president emeritus of Academic Affairs, who has been running at Clayton State almost since the University opened in 1969.

First place among the women in The McElroy Mile went to Lynn Wheeler in 8:51. Brandon Toro (nephew of Clayton State Assistant Cross Country Coach Hugh Toro) won the award for the youngest finisher and Clayton State CAA staff member Estelle Ford-Williamson was the oldest finisher. ■

Men's Soccer Goes to 9-5-1

Yet another key goal by junior forward Shaun "Baddy" Baddock (his seventh of the season) lifted the Laker men's soccer team to a 2-1 Peach Belt Conference victory over South Carolina Aiken, highlighting the past two week's action in men's soccer.

In other games, the Lakers also shut out Savannah College of Art & Design 3-0 and lost a tight, 2-1 decision to 10th-ranked UNC Pembroke. Going into tomorrow's game at Francis Marion University, the Lakers are 9-5-1 overall.

In the USC Aiken game, Baddock banged a late shot past Pacer keeper Peter Calabrese from short range in the lower left of the net after the keeper deflected a shot by sophomore Alex Dowling. The Lakers then held on for the final 18 minutes for the victory. ■

Women's Soccer Wins Four of Six

The Clayton State women's soccer team picked up its first four wins of the season over the past two weeks, including a record-breaking 10-2 win over Spelman College. The Lakers, now 4-12-1 on the season, also shut out Spelman 3-0, and added wins over South Carolina Aiken (2-1) and Shorter College (1-0) as well. The USC Aiken win also marked the team's first Peach Belt Conference win of 2003.

Freshman Kiera Morris scored four goals in the eight-goal win over Spelman, tying the single game record for goals in a match and breaking the single game points record with nine. Senior Zulynette "Zuly" Olivo also had three goals in the match. As a team, the Lakers broke several records in the match, including goals (10) and points (28).

In other Peach Belt action, the Lakers lost 2-0 decisions to second-ranked Kennesaw State and UNC Pembroke. ■

Heather Krehbiel Sets 5K Record

Clayton State Runners Sweep Blazer Invitational

They're the Valdosta State University Blazers, but it was the Clayton State cross country teams who did the blazing at Valdosta as both teams swept the Blazer Invitational at Freedom Park. Sophomore Heather "The Feather" Krehbiel led the women in a record-setting day while senior Tony Juarez led a mild upset of the University of West Florida in the men's division.

Krehbiel won here for the second straight year in record-setting style by improving Clayton State's 5K women's team record formerly held by Joni Guffey. Krehbiel blazed her way to an 18:25.13 time on the flat, fast course which bettered her own course record of 19:11 set last season. The lady Lakers took four of the top five places to score a low 23 points to best runner-up West Florida's 44 points among a field of five teams.

The somewhat banged up Lakers managed to turn in an all-time team effort as their Top 5 averaged 19:08 per woman. Krehbiel got support from sophomore Melissa Shaw who finished second in 19:06.34. Junior Kim Daniel placed a close third in 19:07.56 while senior Penny Tinker was fifth in 19:13.41 and junior Stephanie Gilbert was 12th in 19:52.02.

Juarez won his second meet of the cross country season as he led the Lakers to a one-point win over West Florida. Clayton State, currently ranked No. 9 in the NCAA Division II's South Region, totaled 32 points to edge West Florida who is ranked No. 8 in the region. Third place went to the hosts who scored 65 points in the five-team field.

Juarez finished in 25:29.24, the second-fastest all-time Lakers' 8K time. Teammates Oscar Campos, Adil Berkhedle and Njoroge Ngaruiya went 6-7-8 while Stephen Hughes finished 13th. ■

Trivia Time

Tippecanoe and Tyler, Too

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Pretty corny, but that was the first popular campaign slogan in American presidential politics, dating back to the 1844 campaign between Martin Van Buren and William Henry Harrison.

Although Ron Barden and Dr. Tom Eddins had the first two correct answers, it was Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller who picked up this week's Bonus Trivia Points and conclusively proved that Music majors know their history as well. Zeller pointed out that, if this was the first positive slogan, then it's also true that Americans have typically preferred "nasty, negative campaigning and prurient politics." (Of course, Harrison also had a little ditty that declared that "Van is a used up man!") Zeller also notes that the three presidential campaigns prior to 1844 contained all kinds of nasty slogans, mostly casting aspersions on the wives of John Quincy Adams and Andrew Jackson.

Indeed, Jackson fought several duels defending his wife's honor, a tradition that had thankfully gone by the books of history by 1992... otherwise Bill Clinton would have spent his entire presidency doing nothing but dueling it out with various members of the media and the Republican Party.

Now, a question for you literary types... how did Samuel Clemens come by his pen name? First correct answer to johnshiffert@mail.clayton.edu gets to choose the weapons in their next duel.

Sports Page

Men's Cross Country Places 2nd in Peach Belt Championships; Women Finish Third

by Gid Rowell, Sports Information

The Clayton College & State University men's cross country team dashed to its highest finish ever in the Peach Belt Conference Championships with a runner-up finish, while the women's squad darted to its second straight third place in the meet held at the Panthersville course on the grounds of Georgia Regional Hospital.

Senior Tony "Trifecta" Juarez led the Lakers to the team's highest PBC finish in the program's nine-year history, placing sixth individually in the race with a time of 25:43. The Lakers finished with 56 points behind winner Kennesaw State University with 20 points and in front of the University of North Florida with 65 points.

Juarez's sixth place finish was the school's second highest men's individual finish in the Peach Belt Conference meet, was the school's fourth fastest 8K time and garnered him All-Peach Belt honors for the third straight season.

Along with Juarez receiving all-conference honors, sophomore Njoroge Ngaruiya and junior Adil Berkhedle were also named to the All-PBC team after finishing eighth and 10th in the meet, respectively. Ngaruiya had a personal best time of 26:09 and his time was the seventh fastest in school history, while Berkhedle ran a time 26:27, ranking 17th in the Clayton State record book and garnering him All-PBC honors for the third straight season.

On the women's side, Clayton State finished third with 73 points behind North Florida with 24 points and Kennesaw State with 45 points. Junior Kim Daniel led the Lakers with a personal best time of 18:51, the seventh fastest 5K time in Clayton State history.

Behind Daniel, who received All-PBC honors for the third straight season, sophomore Heather "The Feather" Krehbiel placed 10th with a time of 19:09, followed by sophomore Melissa Shaw finishing 11th with a time of 19:17. Both Krehbiel and Shaw were named to the All-PBC team, the honor for Krehbiel was her second straight.

The second place finish for the men's squad comes on the heels of a third place finish in 2002 PBC meet, while women's squad has placed third in the conference meet for the last two seasons.

Up next, the Lakers will compete in the NCAA South Regional at the same Panthersville course on Nov. 8. The men will run a 10K distance at 9 a.m., followed by a 6K distance for the women, starting at 10 a.m. The top two teams and top individuals from regional meet will advance to the NCAA Championships on Nov. 22 in Raleigh, N.C. ■

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