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Spivey Hall Children's Choir Strengthens International Ties

By Jared Morrison, Spivey Hall

The Spivey Hall Tour Choir, a select, 50-voice ensemble formed from members of the Spivey Hall Children's Choir program, recently completed a two-week tour of Central Europe, where choir members balanced several performances with sightseeing and international diplomacy.

Under the direction of Dr. Martha Shaw, the Spivey Hall Children's Choir has toured extensively during its 10 year history.

Shaw comments that "the singers of the choir are always magnificent travel companions. They did a wonderful job of representing their families, Spivey Hall, and Clayton State University in a way that would have made everyone proud of them. For me, the most exciting moments were watching their faces as they entered (Austria's) Melk Abbey and having the opportunity to perform in the Czech Republic for people who had never heard

an American choir. I am grateful to Spivey Hall and Clayton State University for giving us this magnificent opportunity."

The tour group was comprised of 82 people, which included singers, parents and staff. The trip had a total expense of \$220,000, most of which was raised by choir members. Additional support came from Clayton State University and other sponsors.

During the weeks preceding the Tour Choir's visit, Spivey Hall executive and artistic director Sherryl Nelson was in Europe strengthening Clayton State University's ties to Budapest's Liszt Academy, one of the world's premier music schools. Nelson met with the school's rector as a follow-up to last year's Hungarian trade mission by local and Clayton State University leadership. Due to the diligence of that initial delegation (which included Clayton State president Dr. Thomas K. Harden), the City of Morrow, Clayton County and Clayton State University have become the location of choice for official Hungarian activities in the southeastern United States.

Nelson's international efforts did not stop in

Hungary. Following her visit to Budapest, she was able to join the Tour Choir for performances in many of Europe's great cities including Salzburg, Vienna, and Prague. The choir also performed in Hradec Kralove, hometown of Jitro, a girls' choir Nelson presented during Spivey Hall's 2004-2005 season. During the Czech group's stay in the Atlanta area, members of the Spivey Hall Children's Choir provided housing for the girls' choir, a favor which was repaid in-kind during the American group's visit to Hradec Kralove.



Spivey Hall 50 Voice Tour Choir

The Spivey Hall Children's Choir has two CDs. To order call (770) 960-4200 or email spiveyhall@clayton.edu. CDs are \$15 each.

Said Nelson, "Our choir members are not only supremely talented, but they are also keenly aware of their role as ambassadors.

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-Sherryl Nelson, Spivey Hall executive and artistic director

The group not only met the awesome responsibility of represent-

ing the United States in each city and town, but gave the most moving concerts in recent memory. I look forward to strengthening our relationship with Jitro and the Czech Republic and continuing to develop Spivey Hall, Clayton State University and the Southern Crescent's significant international profile." ■

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Here and Back Again – Staff Sergeant (Mama) Sanders Returns to Iraq

by Leigh Duncan, University Relations

She's been a soldier since 1974, serving her first active tour of duty in Ft. Eustis, Va., and remaining on active duty until 1984. She joined the Army Reserves the first time from 1984-1989 and then had an eleven year break before joining the Reserves a second time in 2000. Now, Staff Sergeant Jamye Sanders has gone to war and is serving her second active tour in 20 years in Iraq.



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Sanders, administrative assistant to the Dean of Health Sciences at Clayton State University, is on a temporary leave of absence from the school and returned for a visit during a two-week leave this May. As she entered her old office, the tall, slender 49-year old mother and grandmother revealed a smile that emanated a calm assurance coupled with an eagerness to share her Iraqi adventure.

Known as Mama Sanders to the “tough-skinned” young women she lives with in Baghdad, this member of the Dragon Medic Unit out of Ft. Bragg, doesn't really seem to fit the tough-skinned model - or does she?

“When I found out about my deployment, I called my son (Rashad) and we initially went out to celebrate the assignment.” Not quite the reaction you would expect from a mom or her son when called to battle. Sanders has a strong faith and believes everything has a purpose.

“I call my children regularly,” says Sanders. “We can telephone whoever we want, whenever we want. The U.S. Government provides that as a free service to us. I call Rashad (24 and a Business and

Marketing graduate of Oral Roberts University) every Saturday morning. I'm his wake-up call,” she says jokingly. “I call my daughter Jamella, (21) every other night.” Jamella is the mother of Sanders' granddaughter, Alexis, 18 months. “My children are very proud of me and what I am doing.”

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- Jamye Sanders

She works in clinical services, which supports the Level II and Level III hospitals in Iraq. The facilities treat wounded soldiers, civilians and insurgents alike. Inside the Green zone, the United States military has taken over everything, including Saddam Hussein's palace, which is now the embassy and a place where soldiers go to eat, relax, swim and even take in a movie.

The embassy is more than a recreation facility for soldiers, however. Civilian contractors from all over the world along with their security forces live on the grounds of the embassy.

“I love eating with and meeting different people from different cultures. I especially love the children and I'll miss them when I return home.” says the new grandmother.

Baghdad reminds Sanders of Florida,
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HUB First in USG to Receive National Certification in Customer Service

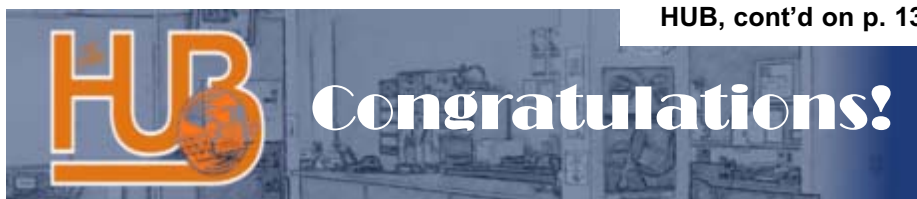
Clayton State University's HUB staff is the first HelpDesk staff in the University of Georgia system to receive the nationally recognized certification as Knowledge Center Leaders, a customer service program for HelpDesk personnel through the University System of Georgia's Office of Information and Instructional Technology (OIIT).

The course, designed for entry-level HelpDesk personnel, teaches why standard operating procedure, based on service level agreement structure is important. Debye Baird, director, along with Joyce Sandusky, program coordinator and full time staff members, Sherry Paul, John Wallom, Mark Danielson and Steve

Wagner were awarded the certification. Two other full-time staffers, Sundiata Kita-Bradshaw and Ben Simpson, are in the process of completing the training.

David Disney, director of Customer Services for OIIT, taught the course at the campus in May and presented the certification awards along with a much-coveted banner to Baird and her staff in

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Clayton State Welcomes New Director For Office of Institutional Research and Planning

By David Bearden, University Relations

Clayton State University welcomes Dr. Narem Reddy as the new director of Clayton State's Office of Institutional Research and Planning. Reddy comes to Clayton State with 23 years of research and analysis expertise.

"I want to get to know more people and learn more about others," replies Reddy of his short term goals for the as director. In addition, he plans to concentrate on "understanding databases and exacting data in a timely manner." In the long run, Reddy wants to focus on providing research quickly and efficiently in order to aid the university's decision making process.

Reddy holds a Bachelor's in Business and a Master's in Business Administration (MBA) from Sri Venkateswara University in Tirupati, India. He also holds a Bachelor's in Law from V.V. Pura Law College in his hometown of Bangalore, India; a second MBA, this time from Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas; and a Ph.D. in Adult Education from Florida State University.

A native of South India, Reddy began employment as an instructor teaching undergraduate business administration classes at Government Degree College in Piler, India (1981-82). He has

been an American resident for 20 years and began his current career path working as a research assistant at Kansas's Fort Hays University where he compiled and analyzed statistical data (1985-87). He has also worked in a similar capacity for the Florida Board of Regents (1990-97).

Reddy's first Georgia-based job was with Albany's Darton College where he was responsible for analyzing a wide range of statistical data (1997-99). Later, at Chattahoochee Valley Community College in Phenix City, Al., Reddy coordinated planning and research, which included working with college staff and faculty members on self-study reviews and organizing college planning (1999-2000). Reddy's most recent employment was with Mississippi University for Women in Columbus, Ms., as director of institutional research (2000-05).

Clayton State's Office of Institutional Research and Planning serves the university by reporting institutional information such as male/female ratios, attendance statistics, and student/faculty data in a consistent, accurate and timely manner. The department also handles course and instructor evaluations, tabulates annual reports for the university and conducts student satisfaction surveys. ■

Students Participate in Farm Worker Health Project

Each year dental hygiene students from Clayton State University participate in a week-long service project in Moultrie, Ga., with the Farm Worker Family Health Project.

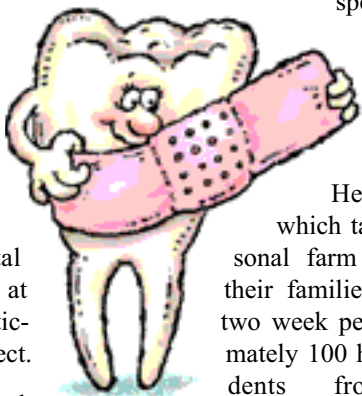
This year seven current dental hygiene students and two graduates of the Bachelor of Science Dental Hygiene program at Clayton State participated in the project.

Participants included students Ashley Garmon, Allison Harbin, Cameka Keeton, Mary Kheir, Melissa Miller, Brenda Moss, Janice Schroeder, Claudia Smith and graduates Lora Boggs and Kelly Minshew. Dixianne Parker, assistant professor of Dental Hygiene at

Clayton State provided faculty support for the project.

For the last 10 years, Dr. Judith Wold, Emory University School of Nursing, has spent two weeks each June directing the Farm Worker Family Health Project, which targets the seasonal farm workers and their families. During the two week period, approximately 100 healthcare students from Emory, Georgia State University, Clayton State, and Darton College set up mobile clinics at migrant camps where the workers live.

Workers come in from the fields at dusk and the students screen them for diabetes, skin



Dr. Odom Named Acting Department Chair of Nursing

By Erin Fender, University Relations

Clayton State University Associate Professor of Nursing Dr. Sue Odom has been appointed the School of Health Sciences's acting department chair of Nursing for the 2005/2006 school year.



"It will be quite a challenge, but I feel that I have the faculty's support," says Odom, who started her new role on July 1, 2005.

Odom is no stranger to Clayton State; she has been a professor at the University for 10 years and says she is involved with several Clayton State committees. "I try to participate in as many of the activities on campus as possible to support the student organizations," explains Odom.

As acting department chair of nursing, Odom hopes to create a calming and nurturing environment for the faculty to feel appreciate and supported. She says, "I will try to be a fair and caring department chair as well as achieve the outcomes of the nursing department."

Odom received her B.S.N and M.S.N. from the University of South Alabama, and received her D.S.N. from the University of Alabama. She was a 2004 nominee for the Alice Smith Staff award which recognizes the most outstanding faculty and staff member ranked by their peers. In her spare time she enjoys gardening, aerobics, and reading. ■

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AACA Endows \$25,000 in Scholarships

The Atlanta Air Cargo Association (AACA) has donated \$25,000 in a scholarship endowment to Clayton State University. The AACA contribution to Clayton State supports their mission to support and promote educational development in areas of air cargo transportation.

The AACA recently completed the endowment of a \$25,000 scholarship, which will be available for the fall 2005 semester. Also, at the AACA July 2005 board meeting, the board of directors approved the building of another \$25,000 scholarship for Clayton State University. The AACA's scholarships are designed to perpetually aid one student per semester throughout their academic career at Clayton State.

The AACA endowed scholarship is available for Clayton State University students specifically seeking a degree in Business Administration with a concentration in logistics, transportation, and supply chain management. In addition to degree and concentration requirements, the student must meet a minimum grade point average requirement.

Dr. George Messer, who presides as an eminent scholar in the School of Business' Logistics and Supply Chain Management program, notes that the AACA "has been named as the outstanding chapter in air cargo in the United States." Messer commends the

association for their contribution to the University and recognizes it as a response "to a need in the area of logistics" in light of the University's proximity to the Hartsfield-Jackson International airport.

According to Messer, the School of Business forecasts a minimum of 30 students per year participating in a concentrated study of at least three logistical and supply chain management courses, making the scholarships a tremendous aide for students not only financially but also, as a special recognition that would help their employment opportunities, says Messer.

Clayton State University extends special thanks to all AACA members and donors who participated with the creation of the scholarships. In addition, the University would also like to recognize former AACA President and Education Committee member, Rachael Worley, who played a large part in making these scholarships a reality.

For additional information concerning AACA, visit their website at www.atlantaaircargo.com. To learn more about becoming a recipient for the AACA endowed scholarship, visit their website at <http://adminservices.clayton.edu/financialaid/scholarships.htm>, or contact the Clayton State University Financial Aid Office at (770) 961-3511. ■

Clayton State Helps North Gwinnett High Counselor Take Notes on Financial Aid

By David Bearden, University Relations

While most high school educators are enjoying their summer break, North Gwinnett High School counselor Lacey Guthrie is spending three weeks with Clayton State University's Financial Aid office learning the financial aid process.

With 550 of North Gwinnett's 2,800 students under her charge, Guthrie, 25, plans to use her Clayton State financial aid experience to better advise her students on financial aid options as they begin to get serious about attending college.

Not only will she use her financial aid know-how to better counsel her students in money matters, but she also intends to help her students get a jump on the college

application experience by encouraging them to start shopping around for colleges and universities earlier in their high school careers.

Guthrie came to Clayton State's Office of Financial Aid through a grant from the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC), a state agency that governs state scholarships, grants, and loans. Guthrie participates in the grant's High School Counselor Internship and Training program.

"It has been a great experience," Guthrie says of the time she's spent with Clayton State's Office of Financial Aid. She notes that she has enjoyed learning and helping

out in the Financial Aid Office. In fact, she is now considering a future working in a college environment.

When she's not learning about the ins and outs of college financial aid, Guthrie counsels students seeking personal and academic advisement as well as college and career track students. She holds a bachelor's degree in psychology with a concentration in applied psychology from Georgia Tech and a master's in psychology from Boston College with a concentration in counseling psychology.

Guthrie spent two years counseling in the Boston Public School System before moving to her home in Decatur, Ga. ■

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Alumna to Teach in Bangkok

By David Bearden, University Relations

Clayton State University alumna and Clayton County middle school teacher Leah Brownell is currently preparing for a big move from her native Penticton, British Columbia to Bangkok, Thailand, where she has just accepted a teaching job with the help of International School Services (ISS).

Brownell, 26, is currently staying the summer with her parents in Penticton, B.C. She also has two sisters living in Victoria, B.C.

Brownell has spent the past seven years in the Atlanta area, where she received a Bachelor's degree in Middle Level Education degree from Clayton State in 2001. For the past three years, Brownell has been teaching sixth grade math, reading, and social studies at M.D. Roberts Middle School in Jonesboro, while living in Stockbridge.

Brownell states that her father "has hitchhiked around the world three times; and, for [her] parents' honeymoon, they hitchhiked around the world for a year." In light of the preceding circumstances, it is no wonder that Brownell has "always wanted to teach overseas." A family friend, who is currently teaching abroad, introduced the Clayton County teacher to a "reputable organization called International School Services." Brownell joined the service and, through a vigorous research and interview process, narrowed her focus to a list of 25 possible teaching positions—the school in Bangkok was among her top choices.

She will be teaching and living about 30 minutes outside of Bangkok. She describes the middle school where she will be working as having "about 500 students. The high school [has] about 700 [students] and [the] elementary [school has] about the same. The campus has three separate buildings with individual computer labs [and] libraries... The campus also has two swimming pools, [a] soccer field, and [an] arts building...it is a fair size campus."

Currently, Brownell hopes to teach math, but she might end up teaching science, or a

mixture of the two. Brownell does not speak Thai, but she is learning the language through an audio program. However, because she will be teaching at an international school, all of her students will speak English.

Though this is Brownell's first trip to Thailand, she visited Malaysia last summer. She explains that Malaysia, just south of Thailand, has a similar culture, "and [she] really enjoyed [herself] in Malaysia."

The former Stockbridge resident also states that she loves Thai food and that she is

really looking forward to it. Brownell's teaching contract in Thailand will expire after two years, and, if she doesn't renew it, she says that she plans "to move to another continent...to experience another culture and seek new adventures."

In addition to being a world traveler, the former Clayton State University tennis star is still an avid tennis player and plays a couple of times a week. This summer, in her home town of Penticton, she has participated in several tournaments and has been coaching on the side. She states that she hopes to find a place to play in Bangkok. ■

Graduate Accepted to Med School

By Roy Cummings, University Relations

Branko Skovrlj, a 2005 Clayton State University graduate, has been accepted to the State University of New York Upstate Medical University College of Medicine.

A biology major, Skovrlj graduated Magna Cum Laude and received the 2005 O. C. Lam III Award for Excellence in the Biological Sciences, which is presented to the most outstanding biology student as designated by the biology faculty. He refers to his acceptance to medical school as the culmination of his hard work and efforts.

Skovrlj was born Feb. 2, 1982 in Croatia, where his father played water polo for the Croatian National Team. Branko Skovrlj is also a stellar athlete. He was a member of the Clayton State Lakers basketball team and played both guard and forward positions.

Dr. Ted Walkup, professor of English at Clayton State, says of Branko, "Here at Clayton State, he was a well-rounded athlete and scholar who excelled in courses throughout the curriculum and still found time to volunteer at a local hospital. He is also multilingual... proficient in Serbo-Croatian, English, Spanish, and Polish.



2005 Alumnus Branko Skovrlj

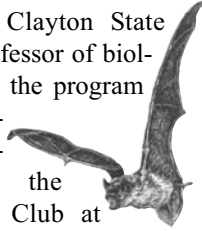
"He's a uniquely qualified young man who will someday be a very fine doctor."

The State University of New York (SUNY) Upstate Medical University College of Medicine is located in Syracuse, N.Y. and is one the nation's oldest medical schools. Founded in 1834 as Geneva Medical College, SUNY College of Medicine is part of a major medical center with a teaching hospital Level-1 trauma center, burn unit, and numerous specialty clinics. In 1849, Geneva Medical College graduated Elizabeth Blackwell, the first woman to earn a regular M.D. ■

Across the Campus...

Biology

Dr. Stephen Burnett, Clayton State University assistant professor of biology, recently presented the program "Bats Among Us," featuring a live bat demonstrating sounds, to the Southern Wings Bird Club at Gwinnett Justice and Administration Building.



Counseling Services

Two candidates for the position of Licensed Professional Counselor visit campus next week on Thursday and Friday, July 28 and 29, respectively. Go to <http://adminsivices.clayton.edu/ohr/JobOppport/jobOpport.htm> for position information. Each candidate will make a brief presentation and be on hand for a Q&A session at the following times. The location will be Student Center 221. Shiraz Karaa will present from 3 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. on July 28 and Amy Chlebek will present on July 29 from 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Plant Ops

The alarm system in the University Center will be tested on Friday, Aug. 12, around 1:30 p.m. (time approximate). This is only a test...

Public Safety

Clayton State University's log in information for the Commuter Rewards Update program has changed. Previously, employees logged their weekly commutes at logyourcommute.com/ccsu. However, due to the recent name change, the site's address will change as well. The new address will be logyourcommute.com/csu. If you have difficulties logging into the old address, try the new one.

Thanks to all individuals that participated in CommuteTrak for the month of May. There were three individuals rewarded for logging their daily commute alternatives...



Cathy Jeffrey, Leanne Scott and John Zubal. The four winners will each receive a \$25

Visa gift card. There will be drawings held monthly to reward individuals that come to work or go home via a commute alternative. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Raquelle Parks at (678) 244-7711 or rparks@cleanaircampaign.com or Jennifer Ruskowski at (678) 244-7721 or jruszkowski@cleanaircampaign.com.

July winners who carpoled in June... the drawing was held on July 6. Thanks to Corey Guyton, Office of Campus Life, for drawing the lucky winners! These carpoolers were eligible because they registered with 1-87-Ridefind, with Public Safety, AND carpoled at least once a week. Check out this web page to see who won: <http://adminsivices.clayton.edu/ps/winners.htm>. To learn how YOU can be eligible or to find a potential carpool match, call Joan Murphy at (770) 961-3540 or stop by Public Safety, Student Center, Room D-209 — Public Safety is open 24 hours a day.

Purchasing

A reminder from our United States Postal representative to please utilize the stamp machine located on the second floor of the University Center (across from the offices of Student Life). The machine was installed for the convenience of both the campus personnel and the student body. However, if it becomes economically unfeasible for the postal office to continue to service and support the machine, they will remove it from campus.



University Bookstore

The University Bookstore is proud to announce the arrival of new Clayton State University, golf shirts and t-shirts. Be the first in your Department to own the new Clayton State University shirt.

Upcoming Book Buy Back dates for the University



Bookstore are... Aug. 1-3 from 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Aug. 4 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

University System of Georgia

Dr. Thomas Meredith, chancellor of the University System of Georgia, has been named higher education commissioner in Mississippi. The College Board hired Meredith on Thursday, July 21 to replace outgoing Commissioner Richard Crofts, who came out of retirement to serve on an interim basis last year when David Potter stepped down from the post.



Dr. Thomas Meredith

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where there are "swimming pools everywhere!" November through February, the temperature is moderate, in the low 70's during the day, but much colder at night. In the summer, it's hot and dry, with temperatures soaring daily into the 100's.

"The sun is strong and there are lots of bugs and flies. Part of our clinical service in Iraq is to educate the soldiers on the different types of bugs and how to treat their bites. Even our clothing is treated for insects."

Sanders lives with four other women in a three-bedroom apartment with a large living room and a floor-sized refrigerator. Other amenities include a weight room, laundry room, and hot and cold running water.

"The dining facility, located in the Embassy, is open for three meals and even offers a midnight meal," continues Sanders. "Food is in abundance. We have microwaves at work and in our room."

"The General is very protective of his command. When we do travel, we have to travel with a 'Battle Buddy.' We are never allowed to go out on our own."

Most of the time Sanders uses her pass to chill out and relax at the apartment.

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Life's Transitions...

Just Married!



Congratulations to Angelyn Hayes in the marriage of her son, Garrick Hayes Cheyne to Crystal Rogers on Saturday, July 9, 2005.

Just Married!



Congratulations to Elliott and Joan McElroy in the marriage of their son, Jarrett Leopard to Tonya Fulmer on Saturday, July 16, 2005.



Dr. Fredric Rich Plachy (74), math professor at Clayton State from 1969 until 1989, passed away on Wednesday, July 14, 2005.

Those desiring may express their condolences online at www.mckoon.com.

Dr. Fredric Rich Plachy (1931-2005)

Janet Hamilton's mother, Patricia Schwarz, passed away on June 28, 2005.

In lieu of flowers, please remember her life and contributions by donating to the Huntsville Hospital Foundation where Schwarz was the hospital's first Patient Representative and served in that capacity for 17 years.

Donations may be made on-line at <http://www.huntsvillehospital.org/foundation>

Life's Transitions now features wedding announcements! If you have important news you'd like to share with the campus, write to johnshiffert@clayton.edu.

Zeller is University RideShare Transportation Champ

Assistant Professor of Music Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller is June's University RideShare Champion.

Zeller originally registered for The Clean Air Campaign Walk Challenge in March 2005. But, unfortunately, he collected his pedometer, "and then the NATS SE Regional auditions came to campus Apr. 1 and the ensuing mess on my desk ate the pedometer," until it resurfaced sometime in June.

Zeller has been walking since the fall when he tried the Cash for Commuters program that started in October 2004. This program allowed him to earn \$3 per day that he walked to Clayton State.

"I probably would walk almost every day if I didn't have to lug this [heavy] laptop back and forth and if I weren't here so often until very late at night," he says.

He also states that he would like to walk more but the south side of campus has very little pedestrian lighting and no sidewalks, which makes it very hazardous to the walker, especially after sunset. He lives approximately one mile from campus.

Zeller would like to walk to Clayton State University every day but sometimes he has to bring costumes or other materials for rehearsals and may not leave until very late. He usually averages about two to three times a week. He would like more lighting and a sidewalk along Lee Street to make walking more pedestrian-friendly.

Another thing about walking, according to Zeller, "is that it is a way of using one's commute time for a little extra low-impact aerobic activity. The academic life can be at once far too sedentary and far too overbooked. By choosing to live very near to my place of work, instead of the 30 minutes a day on the treadmill and 30-60 minutes a day sitting in traffic that many peo-



Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller

ple have to contend with, I can get both activities done in the same 30 minutes -- and save that 'time in the car' for more practice!"

Zeller comes from Portland, Or., where he walked everywhere. "I lived there for 30 years without ever owning a car," he says.

The culture in Georgia, according to Zeller, is very different from Oregon. Here, to his great surprise, some of our students even drive their vehicles to different buildings on campus.

"We could do a lot more in Georgia to encourage pedestrian-friendly development to encourage more walkers and as a way to decrease the number of single occupancy vehicles on campus," he says.

We applaud Zeller's efforts and his concerns for our environment. In June, he walked at least 20 times to and from Clayton State. Because of his efforts, we award him the University RideShare Transportation Champion award.

If you know of a Transportation Champion at Clayton State University, please contact Joan Murphy at (770) 961-3540.

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Clayton State Instructor Returns From Missionary Trip to South Africa

By Erin Fender, University Relations

On July 2, people around the world participated in concerts or tuned in to the eight-hour MTV and VH1 telecast of Live 8 with one goal in mind - to end poverty in Africa. Recently, Clayton State University instructor of nursing, Terrilyn Lemons and her husband set out on a missionary trip with the same goal and brought love and hope to Swaziland, South Africa.

Lemons was among 133 volunteers from Atlanta's Cascade United Methodist Church and Mount Pisgah XXX United Methodist Church serving in the Dream for Africa initiative. Dream for Africa is a faith based humanitarian organization headed by Dr. Bruce Wilkinson, author of "Prayer of Jabez," explains Lemons.

Prior to leaving for South Africa, Lemons, her husband, and a small group of church members were able to meet with the Principal Secretary of Education of Swaziland to discuss how and what could be donated to the children and schools. The group was able to coordinate help with school supplies and uniforms for a school in a remote mountain top area reachable only by four-wheel-drive vehicles.

The volunteers gathered the donations and with a delegation of Swaziland Minister of Education officials, made the two hour trip up rough terrain to reach the mountain top school. "Although the ride up the mountain was very crazy," says Lemons, "the smiles and expression of appreciation made the adventure well worth the effort."



Lemons helps grow gardens and care for children in South Africa

Aside from helping the school children with donations, the volunteers helped create gardens. "Dream for Africa seeks to help villagers transition from aide and become self-supporting by planting renewable gardens with the assistance of volunteers," says Lemons.

Swaziland, South Africa is an area plagued with the AIDS virus claiming forty-eight percent of the population. And because of AIDS, many families are left with no parents, forcing young teenagers to raise and care for younger siblings, explains Lemons. Most of these families have very limited financial resources, and creating renewable gardens and helping the children with school is a start for a better life.

"Being a part of the volunteers and being able to work side-by-side with Swazi citizens, who, for the first time, were able to plant, care for, and grow their own food, was life transforming," says Lemons.

Most of these family's homes consist of mud and sticks with many having thatch roofs and no bathroom facilities, describes Lemons. She goes on to explain, as a water source within the community, there is a well with a faucet that is used for drinking, bathing, cooking, and water for the animals and gardens.

The volunteers also gathered donations such as, gently used clothing and dental hygiene products. Most of the children had very little clothing and few had shoes. This is why the volunteers agreed to buy new uniforms, shoes, and gathered clothing donations.

Lemons says, "never again will I be able to sit back and watch children in need without advocating on their behalf." ■

Professors Participate in Fulbright-Hays Program in Thailand

By Roylee Cummings, University Relations

Four Clayton State University professors are developing their curriculums in Thailand this summer thanks to the university's second Fulbright-Hays Grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

Clayton State faculty members Dr. Sharyn Battersby, music education director; Dr. James Bogert, assistant professor of management; Dr. Mark Hovind, assistant professor of communication; and Dr. David

Ludley, professor of English were chosen to participate in the four-week program.

The four are among fifteen educators studying from Georgia institutions. Clayton State's Dr. Rajgopal Sashti, director of the Nine University and College International Studies Consortium of Georgia, is leading the group.

The Fulbright-Hays Grant provides educators and administrators responsible for cur-

riculum development with the opportunity to improve their understanding and knowledge of the peoples and cultures of other countries. The program offers short-term study and travel seminars abroad for U.S. educators in the social sciences and humanities.

The seminar, which focuses on tradition and transformation in Thailand, will conclude on July 28. ■

Procurement Services Modifies Policies

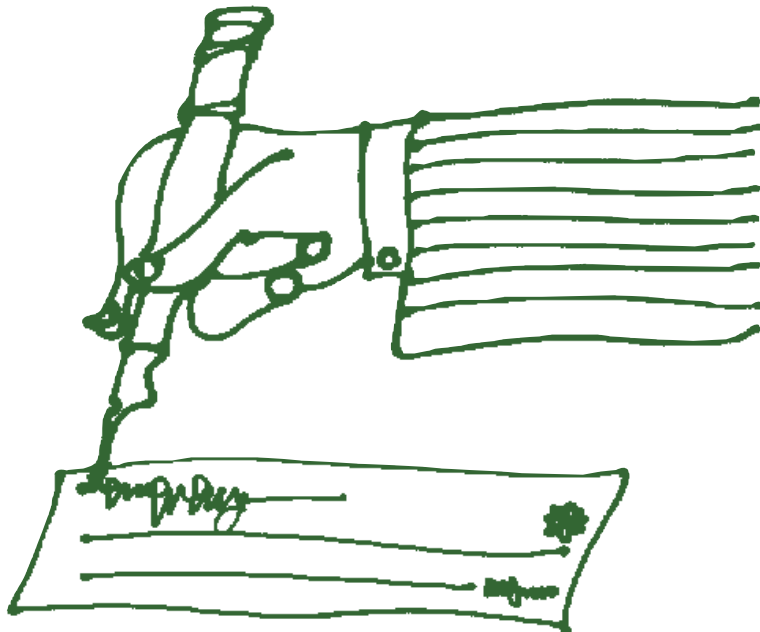
In an effort for Procurement Services to be more efficient and cost effective on our campus, we are modifying our policies:

1. All transactions must be reconciled into WORKS by the 30/31st of each month for the current cycle. (The cycle is the 16th of the current month through the 15th of the following month)
2. All paper copies (hard copies) of the current month's statement must be in the office by the 5th of each month.
3. The statement must be audited for state taxes prior to submission to our office.

Failure to provide the above information in a timely manner will result in your p-card being suspended. If statements are not submitted to in our office by these dates nor reconciled in WORKS, you will receive an e-mail notification that your card has been suspended.

1. All check requests and travel reimbursements that are submitted to our office without accounting information, Federal ID numbers, Social Security numbers etc. will be returned to the department to complete the needed information causing a delay in the check process.
2. Please submit with your check requests original receipts/invoices.
3. All check requests for the current week must be submitted by 12 p.m. each Wednesday. Those that are submitted after that date will be in the next week's check processing.
4. Invoices that are sent to departments for verification of received items, must sign the receipt for approval that it has been received and dated. The invoice is returned to our department accompanied with a check request. If the invoice is paid from a purchase order, please reference that PO number on the check request.
5. Use the check request form for vendor payments. The purchase requisition form is used only when a purchase order must be created.

These policies are effective immediately and we ask for your cooperation in this matter. Thank you for complying with Procurement Services policies and procedures, we will be able to better serve our campus. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact Rosalyn Law or Row Anderson. ■



Attention Grant Writers! New Indirect Rate Agreement Announced for Clayton State

By Lauren Baker, University Relations

On July 1, 2004, Clayton State University received its second indirect rate agreement from the federal government. The new rate – 53.6% of salaries, wages and benefits – will allow the University to recoup a percentage of the indirect costs associated with grant work.

Now that Clayton State has this new rate in place, Vickie Fennell of Clayton State's Grant & Contract Programs Office offers two tips on grant writing protocol:

1. It is very important that faculty and staff grant writers include indirect costs in his or her cost proposals, since this governmental agreement can help recover these costs for the University.

2. Grant writers should be advised that Clayton State has a grant submittal process drafted and approved by the Faculty Council that must be observed by all faculty and staff involved in the grant writing process. To read the rules of submission, online by visting <http://adminservices.clayton.edu/provost/GRANTS/default.htm>.

Last fiscal year, Clayton State had 13 active federal grants on its campus that exceeded \$1.3 million in total grant monies (federal scholarships and Work Study grant funding exempted). The University also received over \$1 million in state funded grants and contracts and over \$500,000 in private grant funding.

The largest and longest running grants on Clayton State's campus include the large Department of Labor Military Relocation grant received by Clayton State's Continuing Education (CE) division and the long-running Small Business Development Center grant also affiliated with CE. All told, these two grants make up \$600,000 of the \$1.3 million in Clayton State's federal grant funding.

The Grant & Contract Programs Office was created in August 2003 to establish and develop an infrastructure to support grants and contract programs. The University was issued its first indirect rate agreement in March 2004.

For more information contact Fennell aemail vickiefennell@clayton.edu.

NARA Southeast Regional Archives Hailed as Model for Nation

By Leigh Duncan, University Relations

The recent formal dedication of the National Archives and Records Administration's (NARA) Southeast Regional facility on Friday, July 15 confirmed what so many have been saying about the state-of-the-art new building.

Following the Presentation of Colors by the U.S. Army Forces of Command Color Guard from Ft. Gillem and the Pledge of Allegiance, along with some inspirational and unforgettable patriotic tunes by four-year-old students from Primrose School at Eagle's Landing, Allen Weinstein, archivist of the United States, gave welcoming remarks to the 250+ guests and staff saying, "There's no place like this in the country."

The reason, he said, was that this building, along with its location, is a prototype for archival institutions to come. Weinstein went on to talk about the importance of having a National Archive and commended the Atlanta Regional Commission on Higher Education for their support of the archives as a way to promote democracy.

Georgia Secretary of State Cathy Cox added to the excitement saying, "We almost have to pinch ourselves, it's finally here!"

Cox reiterated that this is the first co-located archives in the country, referring to the fact that the Georgia Archives are located

on the same parcel of land and joined at the hip, so-to-speak, by the facility's bookstore/gift shop, operated by Clayton State University.

"The Archives have been a model from the very beginning," stated Cox. "A model of cooperation between city, county, state and federal governments – something you don't see everyday. It offers convenience at one stop where resources and space are shared."

Cox added another element to the mix – Clayton State University, whom she called a third partner.

"Clayton State played a crucial role in the success of bringing the Archives to Morrow," says Cox. "The university will ensure a pool of quality and qualified scholars for the future."

In addition, Cox graciously thanked TUFF, The University Financing Foundation, a nonprofit foundation established to finance real estate ventures for the benefit of colleges and universities, for their financial support.

Clayton State President Dr. Thomas Harden went on to talk about the effort to convince NARA to come to Morrow and the vision of Gateway Village.

"People began to catch on to the vision," says Harden. "And the obstacles began to fall away."

He reiterated Cox's message of cooperation, specifically recognizing the Clayton



Georgia Secretary of State Cathy Cox and Clayton State President Dr. Thomas K. Harden.



County Development Authority and Board of Commissioners, TUFF, Gateway Developers, the Cities of Morrow and Lake City, Cathy Cox, Mac Collins, Max Cleland, Rep. David Scott and the NARA Southeast Regional Administrator, Jim McSweeney.

Harden went on to talk about the impact both archives would have on the school and how important they both were to each other, specifically mentioning the Linking American History project funded by the Department of Education where teachers in Cobb, Henry and Fayette counties come together to learn to be historians.

Harden also mentioned Clayton State's other important link to the archives - the undergraduate history major now being offered at the University. Students in this major may some day become archivists themselves. The program will prepare students in either records management, or to go on to graduate school. Senior level internships are available at both State and Regional facilities.

"This is a happy day for all of us in the community," said Harden. "I want to say 'thank you' and congratulations to the people of NARA for their commitment to this project and for a job well done." ■



Office of International Education to Host Foreign Exchange Students Fall 2005

By Roylee Cummings, University Relations

Clayton State University's Office of International Education (OIE) maintains its international presence as it once again hosts two foreign exchange students for the fall 2005 semester.

Philip King and Dominic Lorenzo, both international business management majors from the University of Northumbria, will be taking courses in the School of Business.

Clayton State's School of Business's commitment to its students may have played an important role in the Northumbria students' decision to choose Clayton State. The School of Business dean, Ernest M. Miller, says one of the School's goals is "to provide students with the education they need not only to find a job upon graduation, but also to have a successful long

term career. Our School's formula for success is to offer students a broad base of business knowledge combined with the specific skills needed for their respective majors: accounting; general business; management; and marketing."

This will be both King and Lorenzo's first visit to the United States. However, this is not Clayton State's first time participating in an exchange student program with University of Northumbria. In the spring of 2004, Clayton State hosted its first student from Northumbria. Also, Clayton State has had four students study at Northumbria over the past three academic years.

Clayton State is one of only six Georgia institutions that participate in the European Council of the University System of Georgia's student exchange program with

the University of Northumbria.

The University of Northumbria is located in the United Kingdom and serves students from all over the world. With 28,000 students, the University offers almost 500 courses to meet the needs of its constituents. ■



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disorders, nicotine poisoning from picking tobacco, muscle and skeletal problems, and oral or dental concerns. The majority of migrant workers are young men and older boys. A few family members – wives and children – are also screened.

"Many of the workers and family members we see do not speak English," says Parker. "An interpreter is used to communicate the complicated medical jargon and often ambiguous symptoms presented by the patients. An added bonus this year was the ability of one of our students, Claudia Smith, to speak Spanish. This enabled us to speak with more patients at one time and avoid the long lines sometimes found at other stations."

Clayton State dental hygiene students set up their tents and screened patients for possible caries, abscesses, and other painful conditions. They counseled patients on oral cavity care and provided patient education – how to brush and floss. Documented and undocumented seasonal workers place additional strain on the already overburdened rural healthcare system and the lack of facilities and resources for these patients and not being able to follow up with the migrant workers was especially troubling to the healthcare students and faculty.

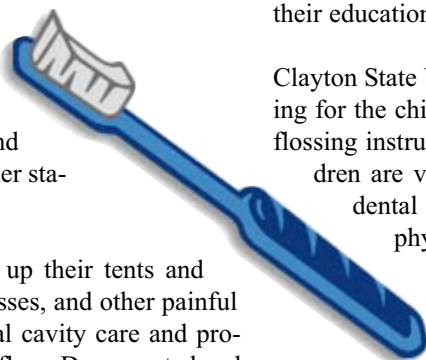
The Farm Worker Family Health Project works hand in hand with the Ellenton Rural Health Clinic in Colquitt County run by local

healthcare worker Cynthia Hernandez. These small state funded clinics are usually the only resource for the migrant worker's health needs, other than the emergency room.

Clayton State Dental Hygiene students also work with the children of these migrant workers. They have special schools for the children in the summer when they are in Moultrie. These special programs help provide continuity to the children who miss out on their education as they move from field to field.

Clayton State University Dental Hygiene students provide screening for the children, toothbrushes, floss, toothpaste, brushing and flossing instructions, and sealants for appropriate teeth. The children are very appreciative of the care they receive from the dental hygiene students, the nursing students, and the physical therapy students at other stations within the school. In fact, one young man tried to remove his sealants so he could come back and see Clayton State dental hygiene workers the next day.

The Farm Worker Family Health Project provides Clayton State dental hygiene students with the opportunity to experience another culture without leaving the state and to learn about how migrant workers endure difficult living conditions. The students come away with the knowledge that not all people have access to healthcare and an appreciation for working with marginalized people, which can be a life changing experience for urban students. ■



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"I've never been a reader," she says. "But I've read 13 books since I was deployed last November."

"Morale is excellent," she continues. "Uncle Sam has made it comfortable for us to be here. Yes, I'd love to sleep in my queen-sized bed, but my twin bunk is just fine. Being over here has really matured me. I've discovered I don't need everything."

Sanders is particularly impressed with the Iraqis keen sense of entrepreneurship and the rate at which the country is being rebuilt. She has witnessed the Army Corp of Engineers along with multiple civilian contractors steadily rebuilding the infrastructure of Baghdad, one of the worst in the world according to Sanders.

"This country experienced 35 years of neglect under Saddam Hussein," said Brig. Gen. Thomas P. Bostick, commander of the Army Corps of Engineers Gulf Region Division headquartered in Baghdad in a telephone interview to the American Forces Information Service (AFIS) May 12, 2005.

Pipes in the ground and in buildings are old and very small. One can't even flush toilet paper through them. But all this is changing. Water and sewage treatment plants, electricity and oil, all of the major essential service areas as well as schools and medical colleges are being rebuilt and improved. Recently, Sanders took part in the grand opening of new medical school designed to educate military and Iraqi students.

According to the article from the AFIS, when the Iraqis assumed sovereignty in June 2004, there were about 200 projects actually turning dirt. "Today there are more than 2,400, and more than 1,000 have been completed," the general said.

Sanders and her fellow soldiers feel blessed by the influx of support and care packages from American corporations and schools.

"Everyone loves the T-shirts, undershirts and socks (especially the guys)," says Sanders. The facial tissues, towels and toilet paper are especially coveted.

But lest we should forget, Sanders reiterates, "Our command is to establish practice and procedure for the next brigade that comes along in November." But an even bigger picture still looms. "Young men and women are working and dying for the sake of America," she solemnly murmurs. "We all know why we're here and we're proud of what we are doing." ■

Family comes to visit Clayton State President Dr. Thomas K. Harden!



Dr. Harden, wife Cathy, daughter Stacy Thompson, and grandchildren Nora (2) and Henry (3 months).



Proud Grandpa!

*Please keep Jayme in your
thoughts and prayers as she
continues her service in Iraq.*

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a brief ceremony on July 21.

Last fall, Disney received certification to teach the course from STI, a division of Integreo, Inc., the company that designed the training course. He is able to certify HelpDesk personnel system-wide at a nearly two-thirds reduction in cost compared to obtaining it directly from STI itself.

Disney thanked Clayton State OITS personnel for setting a standard and praised the staff for their individual commitment and their 90+ test scores on the two-and-a-half hour exam.

“The certification will drive efficiency and consistency here at Clayton State and benefit the university as a whole and staff members individually,” says Disney. “This certification is recognized nationwide and they can carry it with them wherever they go.”

Disney also went on to sing the praises of Baird, who is the only director in the system to complete all of the three courses offered in the program.

John Bryan, vice president of OITS graciously applauded his staff and their dedication to professional development. He thanked the Clayton State Staff Council and its Development Committee for providing funding to make the training possible. Baird added that her staff would continue to seek professional training in the future and would pass the principals of their certification along to the student staff during their “Spirit” training.

“We are deeply indebted to our students,” she said. “Without them we would not be able to have such an exceptional program.”

At the end of the program, student staff members were recognized individually and awarded a starfish pin, symbolizing that customer service means making a difference - one client at a time. ■

Clayton State Business Professor Elected to Chair With the MMA

By David Bearden, University Relations

Clayton State University’s Dr. Russell Casey, professor of marketing and merchandizing, has recently accepted election to a chair on the Marketing Management Association’s (MMA) board.

According to Casey, his election to the association is a great opportunity for the University because his involvement with the MMA board will allow him to assist in preparing and facilitating association conferences. Casey may even get the chance to be an editor for the association’s “Marketing Management Journal.” “More importantly,” Casey says, the university will “get [its] name out there in the community.”

Casey will begin his term on the association’s board in September 2005, just in time for MMA’s next conference scheduled to be held September 24-27 in Kansas City, Missouri.

In addition to Casey’s participation with the association, professors from universities such as the University of Wisconsin, Mississippi State University, Louisiana State University, and the University of Alabama currently serve as board members with the MMA.

Founded in 1977, the MMA is an international association dedicated to developing more effective marketing educators and scholars. Now in 2005, the association has grown to include 400 academic members from across the nation and around the world. MMA exists to provide educators a facilitative, supportive and stimulating environment that enhances scholarship, teaching and the practice of marketing through acquisition and dissemination of ideas and knowledge. ■



Dr. Russell Casey



The Real Moonlight Graham

By John Shiffert, University Relations

On Wednesday, June 29, 2005, baseball fans celebrated the centennial of unquestionably the most famous one-game appearance in baseball history... even more famous than midget Eddie Gaedel's walk for the St. Louis Browns. Between readers of Shoeless Joe and viewers of Field of Dreams, can there be any real baseball fans who haven't heard of Archibald "Moonlight" Graham?

However, if we're talking about the real Moonlight Graham, W.P. Kinsella's remarkable novel provides a more accurate representation of the real person than the Hollywood version. To briefly recap the story of A. Graham, baseball player...

He was a fast, left-handed hitting, right-handed throwing, 5-10, 170 pound outfielder, and a pretty good minor league player with, among other assignments, Nashua (N.H.) in 1903 and the Manchester club of the New England League in 1904. He was good enough to earn a Spring Training invite to the eventual 1905 World Series champion New York Giants, but he declined said invitation from John McGraw because he was still attending medical school at the University of Maryland. He then played for the Charlotte Hornets (he was a North Carolina native) during the 1905 season before being called up to the Giants on May 23, 1905. After his brief appearance with the Giants in Brooklyn on June 29, he would be sold to Scranton of the New York State League on July 15, and then play three more minor league seasons, leading the New York State League in hitting in 1906 with a .336 mark for Scranton, after briefly playing with Memphis earlier in that season. He also played for Scranton in 1907, becoming the first player in the New York State League to tally 100 hits during that campaign. After retiring from baseball following the 1908 season – he was 28 when he played for the Giants, and 31 when he quit baseball – he finally got his license to practice medicine, ending up in Chisholm, Mn., where he specialized in pediatrics until his death in 1965, at the age of 88.

As to that one game with the Giants... first of all, Hollywood, as it is wont to do, changed things around a bit. "Field of Dreams" has him playing in the final game of

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Trivia Time

The Wrong End of a Gun

By John Shiffert, University Relations

A little ditty for all of you who have been stuck in traffic on Tara Boulevard at one time or another... it could have been worse, you could have been the Rambling Man.

My father was a gambler down in Georgia,
He wound up on the wrong end of a gun.
And I was born in the backseat
Of a Greyhound bus.
Rolling down Highway 41.

Allman Brothers fans Kerrie Ward, Allison Breeze and Julie Puckett had the first three correct answers to what happened to the father of the Rambling Man. Ward also wanted to know what the prize was... maybe an all-expense paid trip to Macon?

Instead, we'll take another all-expense paid trip down memory lane. What was the middle name of the character with whom the late Jimmy Doohan will always be remembered? First correct answer to johnshiffert@clayton.edu gets to "beam me up, Scotty."

Moonlighting

In the four years that Trivia Time has been running in "Campus Review," there has never been a response to a question like that received from the June 29 e-mail announcing that Campus Review would be on vacation for a couple of weeks. Just to keep everyone interested during the hiatus, the question was asked in the e-mail as to what happened in the world of sports exactly 100 years previous to June 29, 2005.

Since the event was hardly an earth-shaking, or even important, one, the question was meant as a throwaway, to see if anyone out there was paying attention. Clearly, everyone was paying attention, and they know their baseball, or, at least, they know movies. June 29, 1905 marked the only appearance in a major league game of Archibald "Moonlight" Graham, the minor league baseball player turned doctor who was made famous first by W.P. Kinsella in his book "Shoeless Joe," and then by Burt Lancaster in the movie version, "Field of Dreams." (By the way, if you haven't read the book, do so. "Shoeless Joe" is much better than the movie, partly because the reclusive author in the book is none other than the real-life J.D. Salinger.)

No less than 32 correct responses were received, with Allison Breeze (who's been on trivia fire lately) having the first correct answer, followed by fellow trivia pros (and sports fans) Tom Eddins and Kevin Dixon. Among the 32 correct respondents were no less than 12 current Clayton State students, led by Jorge Carabajal.



Clayton State Fitness Instructor Wins Powerlifting Championships

By Erin Fender, University Relations

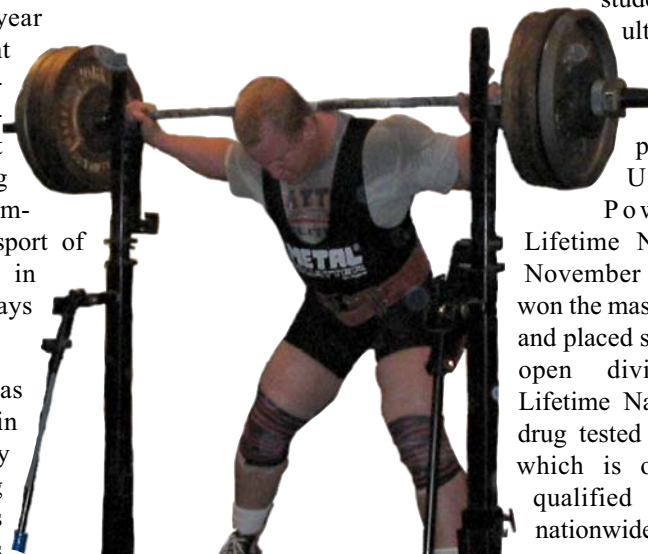
Clayton State University's Neil Gewirtzman, a fitness instructor for Clayton State's SmartBodies health and fitness center, recently won the open and masters division at the USA Powerlifting North Carolina Championships.

"After a 12 year successful stint as a competitive bodybuilder, I left bodybuilding and began competing in the sport of powerlifting in 1993," says Gewirtzman.

Gewirtzman has competed in approximately 20 powerlifting events and has won masters (over the age of 40)

and open titles in state competitions in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, North Carolina and Virginia. At the USA North Carolina Powerlifting Championships, Gewirtzman says, "my best official lifts were squats at 650 pounds, bench press at 440 pounds, and the deadlift at 640 pounds."

Gewirtzman trains in the Clayton State student weight room and has trained several students and SmartBodies members to competitive status over the past five years. The Clayton State student weight room has recently been renovated and is free for all students and faculty.



Gewirtzman also participated at the U S A Powerlifting Lifetime Nationals in November 2004 and won the masters division and placed second in the open division. The Lifetime Nationals is a drug tested competition which is open to all qualified competitors nationwide, he says.

Gewirtzman holds a B.A. in Physical Education from Auburn University and is a nationally certified strength and conditioning specialist. As a part of fitness instruction, Gewirtzman teaches the strong and stable program, offers personal training and strength and conditioning. ■

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for his superior work ethic and caring treatment, Zubal was honored in 2002 with the prestigious Alice Smith Staff Award, awarded to the top Clayton State staff member each year.

Zubal received a bachelor's degree from the University of Pittsburgh and a master's degree from the University of Utah. Prior to working at Clayton State, Zubal worked in the private sector, working with the Atlanta Trojans of the United States Basketball League. He also has experience working at the collegiate level at Utah and Pittsburgh and in the professional ranks with the Seattle Seahawks, the Miami Dolphins and the Washington Bullets (now Wizards).

A native of Pennsylvania, Zubal and his wife Christy reside in Jonesboro. ■

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the 1922 season. Nope, as Kinsella knew, it was June 29, 1905. However, even a consummate researcher and the best-living baseball novelist, didn't have all the facts correct on that game. In the 23 years since Kinsella wrote Shoeless Joe, additional research has taken place on Graham and the June 29, 1905 Giants' 11-1 win over the Brooklyn Superbas... making this game probably the most single-researched "meaningless" game in baseball history, and Graham the most-researched one-game player in baseball history.

It turns out that Moonlight Graham didn't just play the last half of the ninth in right field for the Giants after sitting on the bench for more than a month... he played the eighth and ninth innings in right field in place of George Browne for New York. And, he got more coverage as a major league ballplayer than you or I ever will. "Archie Graham had two joyous innings the right garden while George Browne hustled into his street clothes" it said in the New York Evening Telegram later that day. What's more, he was on deck in the top of the ninth when Giant relief pitcher Claude

Elliott popped out the second baseman Charlie Malay. He missed an at bat because of a lousy-hitting pitcher.

In the field, there is actually no proof, as Kinsella has Graham saying in the book, that he never touched the ball. Subsequent research has shown that nothing came his way in the eighth, however, in the bottom of the ninth, Malay, a switch hitter batting left-handed against the right-handed Elliott, did single. Maybe the ball went out to Graham in right field.

Now, about that nickname. Kinsella originally had no idea where it came from, although it was the nickname, along with the one-game career, that attracted his attention in the Baseball Encyclopedia. A couple of newspaper accounts, including one from Sporting Life, that were published during his minor league days seem to indicate that he got the name because of his speed. He was as quick as a flash... Well, that might be a bit of a stretch. Another suggestion is that since he was going to medical school while he was playing baseball, he was "moonlighting" at playing the National Pastime. ■

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Sports Page

Clayton State's Zubal Receives National Athletic Trainers' Association Award

By Gid Rowell, Sports Information

Clayton State Athletics has one of the all-time winningest basketball coaches and had some of the nation's top student-athletes, ranging from a national scoring leader and a World Cup soccer player to a number of All-Americans and former athletes starring in the professional ranks.

But one of the department's most recognizable faces has never paced the sideline as a coach or suited in a Laker uniform. He is longtime athletic trainer John Zubal. For 15 years, Zubal has been wrapping ankles and taking care of Clayton State student-athletes, and if a student-athlete has ever played at Clayton State and needed treatment, he or she remembers John.

Zubal was recognized last week in Indianapolis, IN, at the 56th annual National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) meeting, receiving one of a selected number of Athletic Trainer Service Awards. He was one of 32 Athletic Trainers

to receive the award, out of almost 35,000 certified athletic trainers across the country.

"Congratulations goes out to John, he's definitely deserving of this recognition. He is a special person, and we are lucky to have him," said athletic director Mason Barfield. "His caring treatment of student-athletes is unmatched. Everyone who comes in contact with John remembers him. He makes everyone feel special."

To receive the award, a nominee must have been a certified member of the NATA for 15 years and recommended by three people, including a physician and an administrator.

"I've been coaching a long time, and he's the best that I've worked with," said Clayton State head coach Gordon Gibbons, one the all-time winningest men's basketball coaches at the NCAA Division II level.

"One the best trainers in the country. He brings an unbelievable work ethic and professionalism to our program and his enthusiasm is contagious."

In 2005-06, Zubal will begin his 10th season as a full-time member of the Clayton State program and his 15th year overall, as he began in 1990-91 on a part-time basis. He is responsible for the treatment of all injuries and serves as the facilitator for Clayton State's drug education program.

Renowned to the Clayton State community

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