

STAFF MATTERS

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COUNCIL NOTES

by Laura Herndon



Dr. Harden addressed the Staff Council about the three new building projects to soon take place on our campus. These projects include the new student housing, the new Student Activities building and the School of Business building.

The purpose of creating on-campus student housing is to better ensure student success, which is measured by a higher graduation rate. The new dorm will be phase 1 of this project. Phase 2 could be a second on-campus building, or possibly the acquisition by the university of either Rainwood or Clayton Place apartments. The new dorm will be a 451 bed facility for freshmen students. We may implement an on-campus living requirement for new student's first year. We will also need to expand our on-campus dining service with meal plan options to accommodate these students. Groundbreaking for the building is set for July 2007 and the building is to be open for occupancy on August 1st, 2008.

The new Student Activities building will be a combined Student Union and recreation center. The Student Union part will include student government offices, student organization offices, a ballroom, cybercafé, game room and student lounge. The Recreation area will include two multipurpose courts for basketball, volleyball and badminton, a cardiovascular fitness center and studios for strength training and group exercise. This project is also expected to break ground in July 2007 and be open sometime in 2008.

The new School of Business building will be a 16,000 square feet facility that attaches to the Technology building. It will provide much needed office and meeting space for our Business faculty. Groundbreaking may occur as soon as April this year and the project is expected to be finished within a year's time.

Staff Council Meets

April 26

UC 260

2:00-3:00 pm

Speaker
Russell Porter
Topic
Institutional
Review Board

Staff Spotlight

By Lydia Vanderford



This month we are spotlighting our Smith Award candidates.

As the 2007 Service Awards are close approaching, we thought we would share a bit about each of the finalists. We asked each person what it is about Clayton State University that makes it "your" university.

Karen Blackburn, who moved to Clayton County from Florida, immediately fell in love with the beauty, warmth, and welcome she saw and experienced. The superior leadership and the extended "family" that is so genuine has endeared CSU to her heart. However, she said it is mostly the many opportunities to touch so many lives with a word of encouragement, guidance, and listening ear that truly has made CSU her own.

The best way to describe Clayton State University is "inspirational" for **Alina Brooks**. Alina says that the beauty of the lake and the wildlife that call it home is such an awesome reminder to start the day with gratitude and thanksgiving. Many of the non-traditional students are an inspiration as well as they are a reminder to her that full-time work, life, and school can be done. And the support of the faculty and staff for those of the "family" are facing adversity of some sort makes her proud to call Clayton State University "my" university.

Board Members

Chair:	Cheryl Garvin
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Smith Award:	Lydia Vanderford
PDC:	Jillian Jones
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PR	Laura Herndon

Clayton State University has become "my" university for **Pam Healan** through her personal investment of time, love and effort. She has always tried to approach her work, as well as the rest of life, with the motto instilled in her by a high school English teacher -- "Never give less than 100% to any task". This was also modeled in front of her by her forerunner, Florence Cunningham, who Pam says made the transition of having to step into her shoes so much easier by teaching by example.

For **Barett Hoover**, Clayton State University is "my" university because he lives here. His work with Spivey Hall allows him the privilege and responsibility of interactions with individuals ranging from elementary school students to Clayton State University students and faculty, to world-renowned artists. His job truly allows him the opportunity to inspire at all levels ... confidence in those about to perform, awe in those listening, and learning and collaboration with students and colleagues.

Clayton State University is truly "my" university to **Joan McElroy**, because it has been a central cog in the wheel of her life since she came here as a student at age 17. "My children grew up riding their bikes in the parking lots, attended Youth College, participated in campus events, and finally practiced driving on the campus roads. I also met my wonderful husband at Clayton State. There is no telling how many miles we have run together across our campus. Clayton State University has been intertwined significantly throughout my life – so it is indeed "my" university!"

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

Professional Development Committee

by Laura Herndon

Funds are available to full-time regular staff employees and part-time staff employees with benefits that have been employed for (6) six months. These funds are to assist in paying for registration fees, workshops, conferences training courses, seminars, and testing certification. Each employee is allotted up to \$400.00 per individual in a fiscal year until funds have been depleted. That means you may use funds as many times as you need until the limit is reached. Please take advantage of this opportunity to further your development.

For more information please go to:

<http://adminsivices.clayton.edu/staffcouncil/profdev.htm>

	Department	Years
Anderson	Rowena	19
Arrivas	Lydia	12
Bunn	Wanda	1
Campbell	Linda	11
Dantzler	Barbara	19
Duke	Rex	3
Gibbons	Melville	6
Haught	Sandra	18
Lovett	Jivaro	3
McDaniel	Cecil	6
Price	Marcia	3
Stanford	Linda	24



Meet Your Delegate!

Keya Reed represents Enrollment Services and is the chair of the Special Events Committee. Her terms expires in 2008. Keya says "I enjoy working on Staff Council because it allows me to make a positive contribution to this institution and its staff members. In addition, I think it is a great opportunity to meet and connect with a diverse group of people".

Don't forget to mark June 14th on your calendar for Staff Appreciation Day!



Have a Concern?

Be sure to tell us your concern. You can email Staff Council at

StaffCouncil@clayton.edu.

Visit the Staff Council Website

<http://adminsivices.clayton.edu/staffcouncil/>