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David Ludley is Ready for the Open Door

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Clayton State University is reluctantly saying good-bye to one of its iconic faculty members, writer and artist, Professor of English and Art History Dr. David Ludley, who is retiring after 36 years.

“I love teaching and I’ve had 36 years of it here at Clayton State,” says the Jonesboro resident. “Although I love teaching, I now look forward to having time to finally focus on what talents I have in painting and in writing. I have a few novels and several poems under development. It’s time to pursue some other things I love: writing, painting, hiking, traveling, maybe even flying in a yellow biplane! It’s an open door. And I can’t wait to see what’s on the other side.

“After he heard I was retiring, (then-Clayton State Theatre Director) Phillip DePoy came to my office and we had a wonderful discussion of what a dream it

would be for creative people to finally have the time they need to pursue their creative talents.”

Since he retires as Clayton State’s second-in-seniority faculty member (behind Professor of Chemistry Dr. Jim Braun), it is certainly true that generations of Clayton State students have benefitted from Ludley’s talents in the classroom. It’s been a relationship cherished by all parties, and formally recognized by Clayton State President Dr. Thomas J. Hynes and Clayton State Provost Dr. Micheal Crafton, who announced at Ludley’s recent retirement party that he was officially raised to the rank of Professor Emeritus of Art History and English.

“I am grateful every time some old student yells at me in some parking lot, ‘Hey, you’re Professor Ludley, right?! You were



Dr. Ludley and family

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my teacher!’ And I love to hear them follow-up with comments about how much art now means to them,” he says.

Ludley’s success in the classroom was also recognized by the University, since he was a finalist for either the Alice Smith Faculty Award, or the Teacher of the Year

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The General is now a Doctor, too

Steve Stephens Awarded Honorary Doctorate by Bluefield State College

Brigadier General (Ret.) Robert L. “Steve” Stephens, vice president of External Relations for Clayton State University, went home to West Virginia on Saturday, May 12, to give the commencement address at Bluefield State College, and to receive a singular honor. “The General,” as he’s known around the Clayton State campus, is now a doctor as well.

As part of his keynote speech for the Bluefield State graduation ceremonies Stephens, a native of Welch, W. Va., was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Humanities, becoming the first Clayton State administrator in recent memory to receive an honorary degree from another institution of higher learning. The award comes as Stephens prepares to retire from

Clayton State after 10 years of service. His final day will be June 30, 2012.

Located in Bluefield, W. Va., and largely serving students from southeastern West Virginia and south-western Virginia,

Bluefield State was founded to serve the racially segregated public schools in the local coal camps in 1895. The institution eventually evolved into a black teacher’s college, and was renamed Bluefield State Teachers College in 1931. The name Bluefield State College was adopted in



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SAM Places First in National Business Competition for Second Consecutive Year

The Clayton State University Chapter of the Society for Advancement of Management (SAM) recently took its second straight first place award at the SAM national business competition in Las Vegas, Nev.

Led by SAM advisor Dr. Reza Kheirandish, assistant professor of Economics in the College of Business at Clayton State, the SAM team of students Roxanne Gonzalez, Jordan Bryant, Corey Wagner, Janice Jackman, and Chris Cable won the national competition with what Kheirandish termed, “a stylish campaign for an electric car manufacturer.”

In addition, Wagner, Gonzalez and Cable also received regional outstanding student awards and Wagner and Gonzalez



(L to R) Roxanne Gonzalez, Jordan Bryant, Corey Wagner, Janice Jackman, Chris Cable, and Dr. Reza Kheirandish.

received the national outstanding student award.

“The most important thing for me as the advisor of the Clayton State chapter of

SAM was that the team did an outstanding job, as a group, to represent Clayton State,” says Kheirandish. “I have received many complements from the other chapter advisors because of these dedicated students. I should also mention this travel [to the competition] was impossible without generous support from the Office of Provost and the Dean of College of Business. I think our investment in our star students paid off very well.”

When designing of a state-of-the-art automobile, a manufacturer gathers experts from many disciplines, including engineering, industrial design, and marketing. When putting together a team for a prestigious national business competition,

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Ginny Bass Named Distance Learning Administration Wagner Award Winner for 2012



Bass

Ginny Bass, director of Degree Completion at Clayton State University, has been named the recipient of the Distance Learning Administration’s (DLA) Outstanding Instructional Support Award for 2012. This award is one of three

DLA Wagner Awards to be presented to outstanding individuals, to recognize them and/or the groups that they represent, for their excellence in Distance Learning Administration Innovation, Outstanding Instructional Support, or Leadership.

The Outstanding Instructional Support Award recognizes outstanding achievements by an individual in developing and implementing projects to improve support and services for distance students and/or faculty. Bass, a resident of Fayetteville, Ga., and the assistant director of the Clayton State – Fayette instructional site in Peachtree City, Ga., will receive her award on June 3, at the DLA Conference at Jekyll Island.

As part of the award ceremony, Bass, who has worked at Clayton State for 12 years, will also make a short presentation during the DLA 2012 Sunday evening opening dinner/awards ceremony. Bass says she plans to talk about the importance of working with other departments when taking on a project as broad as adding 100 percent distance learning offerings to the University. A potter by avocation, Bass plans to illustrate her talk with an analogy - the vision of the end result (a ceramic mug) while having an awareness of the series of movements needed to accomplish the task (a mug pleasing to the eye, yet still functional).

“When Ginny was hired to direct our degree completion program she immediately responded to the demand from adult students for degrees that could be completely online,” says Dr. Kevin Demmitt, Clayton State associate vice president for Extended Programs. “While Clayton State had many online courses, there were missing pieces that made it difficult for students to complete their degrees. Working closely with academic units and offices across campus, Ginny helped create a

pathway for students complete select degree programs online.”

“Ginny Bass is one of the most tenacious and devoted directors of distance and adult education programs that I know,” says Clayton State Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Dr. Micheal Crafton, who nominated Bass for this honor. “She has a clear vision of how many of our students need and deserve to be served and she will not be deterred by mere mortals as she labors to bring that vision to fruition.”

DLA symposiums are specifically designed for those involved or interested in the administration, management, planning, and evaluation of distance learning programs. The organization, which was founded at the University of West Georgia, has members from all over the United States and Canada. The DLA Wagner Awards generally recognize excellence in distance learning administration. ■

Athletic Department Walks for Zac Bradley

The Clayton State University Athletic Department turned out once again on Saturday, May 19 to support a fellow Laker, Zac Bradley.

In November 2011, a full week of events, including a blood drive, a gospel concert and a Clayton State basketball double-header, were held as part of Zac Bradley Benefit Week. Each event was held raise awareness for the transfusion needs of critically injured people and to raise money for Help Hope Live in honor of Bradley, a native of Riverdale, Ga., and a former prep standout at North Clayton High School., who is now confined to a wheelchair after a fluke traffic accident.

On May 19, the "Walk for ZAC," a community walk and rally beginning at North Clayton High School and continuing down Highway 314 to Flat Shoals Park, was held by Help Hope Live to salute "hometown" athletes from the counties of Clayton, South Fulton and Fayette. All donations were sent directly to Help Hope Live, a Radnor, Pa.-based nonprofit organization (www.helpohpelive.org) that has been assisting with the catastrophically injured community for more than 10 years.

Turning out on Saturday to support Bradley was enough talent to put together pretty good basketball team, along with coaches, a trainer and even administrative support.



(L to R) Clayton State Assistant Men's Basketball Coach Brent Buchanan, Clayton State Men's Basketball Coach Gordon Gibbons, First Team NCAA Division II All-American Tanisha Woodard, fellow 2011/2012 Clayton State Captain (along with Woodard) Brittany Hall, Clayton State Women's Assistant Basketball Coach Kaleena Coleman, Clayton State Assistant Athletic Trainer Laura Horsley, Lakers starting center Shacamra Jackson, Laker freshman basketball player Jessica Covington, senior men's basketball player Torrin Greene, Athletic Department Administrative Assistant Pat Keane, and Keane's husband, John.

Bradley played for Clayton State in the 2010/2011 season as a freshman, helping pace the Lakers to a 19-10 mark. He was leaving the Clayton State campus on May 25, 2011, when, during a terrible storm, a tree fell on his car.

Bradley was transported to Grady Memorial Hospital, where he underwent multiple surgeries on his brain, neck and

spinal cord. He spent the summer of 2011 in rehabilitation at the Shepherd Center in Atlanta, before coming home in the fall.

For more information about Bradley and the medical fundraising efforts, go to <http://www.helpohpelive.org/find-a-patient/profile/index.cfm/patient/4020DEAA-D857-4104-4651614FF6509D6A>. ■

The Loch Shop Adds Clayton State Alum As Customer Service & Marketing Supervisor

There's a new face at The Loch Shop at Clayton State University, and, no, it's not Loch, although, like Loch this person has been around Clayton State before.

Loch Shop Manager Todd Smith has announced the hiring of Clayton State alumna Jeanette Taylor as The Loch Shop's customer service & marketing supervisor.

A native of San Jose, Ca., and a current resident of Atlanta, Taylor is a 2008

graduate from the College of Business at Clayton State, with a B.B.A. in marketing. Prior to joining The Loch Shop staff on May 1, she worked in client relations for Get Married Media.

"It's great to come full circle at Clayton State – first as a student and now as an employee," says Taylor. "It's wonderful to see all of the enhancements The Loch Shop has made since I was a student – the design of the store is beautiful, you are offered a large variety of merchandise

outside of textbooks and as always, the people are genuinely interested in you and your success as a student.

"As an employee with The Loch Shop, I look forward to help making The Loch Shop not only the place to get your textbooks but into the place to 'be.'" ■

Psychology & Human Services Graduate Bradley McKibben Accepted into Doctoral Program

Bradley McKibben, a 2009 graduate of Clayton State University, was recently accepted into the doctoral program of Counseling and Counselor Education at the University of North Carolina Greensboro.

A native of Griffin, Ga., McKibben holds a B.S. in Psychology & Human Services from Clayton State, and

recently earned an M.S. in Community Counseling from North Georgia College & State University, where he was also awarded the Outstanding Graduate Student in the Community Counseling Program Award for 2012.

UNC Greensboro has also offered McKibben a three-year assistantship and he has been elected president-elect of the

Upsilon Nu Chi chapter of Chi Sigma Iota, an honor society of professional counseling. McKibben will begin work on his doctorate degree in August 2012. He hopes to earn his Ph.D., and become a professor of mental health counseling. ■

Tony Yaacoub Featured on Atlanta Interfaith Broadcasters' "One World"

Recent Clayton State University graduate Tony Yaacoub will be featured on Atlanta Interfaith Broadcasters' (AIB) "One World" program, starting May 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Yaacoub, a native of Beirut, Lebanon, and a member of the Clayton State Honors Program, graduated from Clayton State earlier this month with a B.S. in Mathematics.

The AIB "One World" program that debuts tonight, Tuesday, May 22, at 7:30 p. m., and will feature a report on Yaacoub and his local relationships. The program will re-air Friday, May 25, at 9 a.m.,

Saturday, May 26 at 5 p.m., and Sunday, May 27 at 3 p.m. The program will re-air next week on the same schedule; Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 9 a.m., Saturday at 5 p.m., and Sunday at 3 p.m. AIB "One World" will then migrate to www.aibnet.tv on Sunday and air daily for two weeks at 4:30 a.m., and 7 p.m. The program is also slated to appear on AIB's Video on Demand site.

AIB-TV appears on Channel 5 on Comcast; Channel 6 on AT&T U-verse and Channel 22 on Charter Cable.

Yaacoub is the president (and founder) of Clayton State's International Student Association, a DEEP Peer educator, a member on the Student Fees Committee, and a member of the Financial Club. He was also the University's Homecoming King for 2012. He originally came to Clayton State through the Georgia Rotary Student Program, and liked the University so much that he stayed on afterwards to complete his degree. A Dean's List student and an attendee and presenter at several scholarly mathematical conferences throughout the southeast, Yaacoub has won the William A. Watt Award and the Mathematics Outstanding Senior Award from the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences at Clayton State.

Atlanta Interfaith Broadcasters Inc., is the nation's largest regional interfaith television network. ■



2012 Homecoming King Tony Yaacoub alongside 2012 Homecoming Queen Krystal Allen.

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Kheirandish selected five top students with different study concentrations so their unique perspectives would make the whole unit stronger. The five College of Business students major in everything from supply chain management to accounting to marketing, and their blend of talents served them well as they came up with a campaign to promote the real-life Tesla Motors, a cutting-edge electric car company based in California. Their mock campaign included a PowerPoint presentation, a video, a new emblem for the brand, and an advertising campaign promoting Tesla's unique selling point: high-technology design that is also environmentally-friendly and safety-focused.

"Tesla makes high-end vehicles, but they are moving into a more economical market," says Wagner, a senior marketing major from Conyers and the team captain. "Where the company once only produced sleek sports cars, they've now come out with a sedan to attract families. We were tasked with coming up with ideas to better their business and help them gain more of a share of the market. The winning concept hinged on a message to, 'Protect your family now. Protect your family in the future.'"

The team's cohesiveness and industrious preparation for the competition gave it the winning edge, adds Wagner, who also participated on last year's winning team.

"Our dynamics were great. We really worked great together. Everyone had var-

Digging Up the Past: Comics and Creative Writing

Summer Youth Camps at Clayton State Mix Education and Fun



Starting on Monday, June 11, local youth, ages seven to 16, will be mixing education and fun at Clayton State University, as part of the Continuing Education Division's annual line-up of summer youth camps.

As is always the case, there will be a wide variety of interesting, unusual, creative and just plain fun weekly offerings, running from June 11 through July 20. Plus, all of the classes will challenge the young learners with multiple subjects.

The summer youth camps are split into two age groups, from seven to 11 and from 12 to 16, with five weekly sessions, starting on Mondays June 11, June 18, June 25, July 9 and July 16.

Interested parties can visit the Continuing Education website at www.conted.clayton.edu for detailed information about each course, location and fees. Look for "Summer 2012!" then click on Exciting Themes or Fun & Educational. Click on the individual course heading for the description of that course and registration information for that course.

The seven to 11 courses include: Engineers and Ecosystems; Wild West Adventure... A Cross-Curricular Camp; Sleuths and Scientists Jr.; Exploring South America & Espanol; Comic Strips and Calculations; Digging Up the Past! A Cross-Curricular Camp; Spaceships & Sign Language; Cakes, Cookies, and

Characters; Underwater Adventure! A Cross-Curricular Camp; and Dinosaurs and Drawing.

The cross-curricular classes give students a wide range of learning experiences. For example, Digging Up the Past includes units on the ancient civilizations of Egypt, Greece and Rome, delving into archeology, geography, geology, cultural studies, as well as reading, writing and math.

The 12 to 16 courses are all "combo" camps, covering two different subjects: Motors and Math; Photography and Photosynthesis; Acting and the Amazon; Sleuths and Scientists; Animation and Allegories; Myths and Marzipan; Mummies and Music Production; Comics and Creative Writing; Avatars and Action: Teen Video Game Academy; and French, Flowers, and Frescoes. For example, teens in the Comics and Creative Writing combo camp will spend a portion of each day creating their very own comic books and the remainder of each day fine-tuning their skills as writers. ■

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Award in 2007, 2005, 2002, 1999 and, "a time or two before that."

During his 36 years at Clayton State, Ludley was a very active part of the University's Study Abroad program, and a dedicated researcher. Indeed, as he leaves Clayton State, he remarks that his teaching and research abroad were very important to him. Some of the highlights, listed below in chronological order, included planning and leading an art tour of Greece and Italy before Clayton State actually had a formal study abroad program.

"I planned, arranged, and led the first study abroad tour that offered potential Arts & Science College credit for Clayton State students; in this regard, I led an art tour to Italy and Greece during the summer of 1997," he recalls.

Shortly thereafter, in 1998, Ludley received a Chancellor's Award to travel on a University System of Georgia (USG) Study Abroad Campus Development Trip to Greece, to help set up the future Study Abroad Program in Greece.

The next year, in the summer of 1999, he was chosen by the USG to represent the USG as the Art Historian teaching at the Roehampton Campus in London.

A year later, in 2000, Ludley was honored by his first Fulbright Scholar Award, travelling to Egypt and Israel for five weeks of research.

In the summer of 2001, he served another tour as a USG Art Historian, this time teaching at the Paris Study Abroad program.

In 2005, there was another Fulbright Scholar Award, as Ludley was sent to Thailand, Cambodia and Laos for five weeks of research.

In the summer of 2007, he also taught in the Study Abroad Program at the University of London.

Closer to home, Ludley says he has also been honored by the seven commissions he was awarded from the High Museum of Art to speak in their auditoriums.

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Alumni Relations

Clayton State alumni and friends, mark your calendar ... the Alumni Association will be hosting a fun, social networking event for you. The Alumni Association will be sponsoring a "Monday Mixer" on Monday, June 18 at Skyboxx Restaurant and Bar in Morrow. The Mixers are casual, free from admission (you just pay for what you order), and without agenda. In other words, come enjoy yourself, bring a friend, relax and network with other alumni and friends of Clayton State. Skyboxx Restaurant and Bar is located at 2180 Mt. Zion Pkwy., in Morrow (located next to Country Inn & Suites). To RSVP, please contact Alumni Director Gid Rowell by email at gidrowell@clayton.edu or by phone (678) 466-4477.

The Clayton State University Alumni Association will look to hit a grand slam once again at its 20th Annual Alumni Dinner. Next fall, the Alumni Association will hold its annual event at the 755 Club located at Turner Field. The Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, Sept. 22. All Clayton State alumni, faculty/staff, students and friends of the University are invited to the event. The dinner portion of the event will begin at 7 p.m., preceded by a reception; starting at 6:15 p.m. Attendees will also have the opportunity to take a special tour of Turner Field, which includes a behind-the-scenes look in the Atlanta Braves clubhouse. In conjunction with the dinner, the Alumni Association will also recognize its 2012 Distinguished Alumni Award winners and hold a benefit auction.

Thomas University Athletic Director Mike Lee has announced the hiring of Stephen Cox as head men's basketball coach. Cox will lead the Night Hawks as they return to TU as an intercollegiate sport for the first time since the 2000-01 school year. TU men's basketball program will open play in the fall of 2013. Most recently, Cox was an assistant coach at Georgia Southwestern University. The native of Peachtree City holds a Bachelor's of Business Administration & Marketing from Clayton State.

Center for Supply Chain Management

The Center for Supply Chain Management at Clayton State University is having its "coming out" party on Wednesday, May 30 with a seminar on "Strategic Information to Help Run Your Business." The seminar will run from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the ballroom of the Clayton State Student Activities Center. A total of 80 invitees are expected to attend.

External Relations

A retirement reception will be held for Vice President of External Relations Brigadier General (Ret.) Robert L. "Steve" Stephens on Friday, June 22, at 10 a.m. in room 101 of the Harry S. Downs Center. Please RSVP by June 15 to TiffanyWhidby@clayton.edu.

International Programs

May is World Trade Month in the United States, and the metro Atlanta recognition of that event was held in the World Trade Center Atlanta on May 23 with the Atlanta Export Symposium: "Breaking Down Barriers to Exporting." Clayton State Director of International Programs and Trade Center Atlanta President John Parkerson gave the opening remarks at the symposium.

International Student Association

Since two of the International Student Association (ISA) officers are graduating, ISA is ready to hold the elections for the new officers. The nominations and the elections will be through an online survey

to make things easier. To nominate yourself for president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, or web developer, please fill out your name in the survey by May 31 at the following link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SHTQF7Y>. ISA is open to all Clayton State students, regardless of nationality or immigration status.

SBDC

A free Small Business Financing Workshop will be sponsored by the Clayton State University Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, June 19, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Harry S. Downs Center. Among the subjects to be discussed are; commercial loans, personal loans, SBA loans, lines of credit, A/R financing, credit cards, and alternative financing. To register, go to; http://www.georgiasbdc.org/subpage.aspx?cart=27ee705c-f9b3-4a7e-b03a-289392cf0993&page_name=view_cart&addproduct=112169.

Spivey Hall

Spivey Hall has extended the registration deadline for its 2012 Summer Music Camp. The camp will run from Monday, June 11 through Friday, June 15, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., each day. While the regular registration has been extended to Friday, June 1, parents can still register their students after that date, but for an increased fee. All information on registration and the Summer Music Camp can be found at: <http://www.spiveyhall.org/edu>

Does your Department/Division Need a Student Assistant?

The Planning and Budget Council has again allocated \$150,000 for the Undergraduate Student Assistant Funding Initiative. This initiative is one of many University retention efforts.

Forms and Guidelines were sent electronically to each department on May 25. Departments or divisions interested in receiving some of these funds must

submit a Request Form to Scott McElroy by June 15. Additional Forms and Guidelines may be obtained from ScottMcElroy@clayton.edu.

Departments that received funding through this initiative previously must submit a 2012/2013 Request Form and *will not* automatically have their funding renewed. ■

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ational-programs/summermusiccamp/. Checks may be made payable to Clayton State University and mailed to Spivey Hall with the registration form, payment form, waiver, and music teacher's recommendation. For more information, email EducationManager@SpiveyHall.org, or call (678) 466-4481.

University Relations

The official Clayton State University YouTube channel (ClaytonSTNews) has a series of new videos available for viewing. Included in the new YouTube postings are... Several Laker Zone Videos which feature the Clayton State

University Athletics Department. The LakerZone videos were filmed and produced by Clayton State University students Brian Roberts (Dunwoody) and Quincy, Ill., native Jenny Dreasler (Morrow) both Communication and Media Studies majors. There is also a new Clayton State Theatre videos which were filmed by Clayton State alumnus (class of 2007) Christian Bowen. To view the new featured videos please visit: <http://www.youtube.com/user/ClaytonSTNews?feature=mhee>. The new additions also appear on the Clayton State University Relations Facebook page, and the Clayton State University twitter page.

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Ludley's contributions to education at Clayton State have been many in both of his fields of expertise, and have included being a part of the graduate faculty and developing the first graduate art courses. He has also served as the art area coordinator for the Department of Visual and Performing Arts for the past few years.

On the literary side, Ludley was the first senior editor of the student literary journal, Cygnet.

"(Art professor) Alan Xie and I spent late nights at the printer getting those first issues of the Cygnet published!" he remembers.

A published poet among his other accomplishments, Ludley also originated the University's popular Poetrypalooza poetry contests and organized the first Poetry Slams at Clayton State.

Outside of the academic arena, Ludley was elected by the Clayton State faculty to serve on the Clayton State University Foundation Board of Trustees in 2009.

Ludley holds a B.A. (English Major, Art Minor) and M.A. (English) from Illinois State University. He received his Ph.D. in Art History and English from the Graduate Institute of the Liberal Arts at Emory University in 1981.

A member of a teaching family – his father and mother were both teachers, as was his

sister and brother – Ludley was an administrator at Triton College in Chicago prior to coming Clayton State in September 1976.

Among the courses he has taught at Clayton State have been; American Art Visions, Art of the Modern World, Art of the Pre-Modern World, British Literature II, Drama Appreciation, English Composition I, English Composition II, English Skills, Great Works in Art History (specialized masters), Museum Studies (Study Abroad in London), Nineteenth and Twentieth-Century French Art (Study Abroad in Paris), Survey of Art: Realism to Present Day, Survey of Art History (Study Abroad in London and Paris), Survey of Art History I, Survey of Art History II, Survey of Art: Early Christian to Romanticism, and Survey of Art: Prehistoric to Medieval.

More recently, he has created and taught courses in Contemporary Art and Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Art.

His fields of interest are, in research: Pre-Raphaelite, Turner, art parodies, and Southeast Asian mural painting. In teaching: Contemporary American Art, Renaissance, Pre-Raphaelite, Southeast Asian, Symbolism, Creative Writing, and British Literature... thus, it seems only appropriate that the term "Renaissance Man" be applied to this long-time Clayton State professor, as he prepares to open another door. ■

Tips that will Reduce Your Chances of Auto Theft



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Here are some "don'ts" to avoid that will reduce your chances of becoming a victim of auto theft.

Never, never, never leave a vehicle with the motor running, whether it's at a convenience store, gas station, ATM or any other location.

Many vehicles are stolen every year due to this carelessness. A vehicle left running is also a safety hazard and could result in a huge liability law suit against you if the vehicle lurches out of gear or otherwise causes damage or physical injury. In addition, over the past few months there has been an increase in vehicle thefts where pets and even young children and babies were taken in stolen vehicles.

When pumping gas or paying for it, keep your wallet and purse with you; don't leave it in the vehicle or on the floor of the vehicle – criminals often target gas stations for this reason.

If you go to the gym, never place your keys in a gym bag – keep them with you; criminals will rifle through your belongings while you are working out and take a stolen set of keys and press the remote alarm to find the vehicle. Gyms are a favorite target spot for thieves and, in some cases, the thief works with a fitness club employee to commit crimes ■

Former VFW Commander-in-Chief Gives Memorial Day Speech at Clayton State

John F. Gwizdak, former (2000/2001) commander-in-chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) spoke to the Clayton State University campus on Friday, May 25 to commemorate Memorial Day.

Gwizdak, a resident of Raleigh, Ga., spoke under the sponsorship of the University's Veterans Resource Center (VRC), and a grant from the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia.

Gwizdak talk centered on the historical significance of Memorial Day and addressed student veterans' GI benefits and the importance of education and completing college. ■



(Above) John F. Gwizdak discusses the mental anguish soldiers face on the front lines. "The precious Lord gave me the opportunity to be returned [after Vietnam]," he said, as he paid tribute to those who gave all in the service of our country, and as he spoke of the inception of the Memorial Day holiday.

Content Management System Update

by Dolores Cox, Image and Communications

Another milestone has been accomplished in the conversion of the University website to a Content Management System (CMS). The first academic unit, the College of Health, was published on May 16. In addition, sites for Clayton State-Fayette and the Henry County instructional site went live along with eCore, Distance Learning, and University Health Services.

Administrative division sites were successfully launched on Mar. 5, and attention was then focused on academic sites. The College of Information and Mathematical Sciences conversion has been completed and is being reviewed. Work has also commenced on the College of Business and School of Graduate Studies sites. During June and early July, the College of Arts and Sciences and the Honors Program pages will be converted. The anticipated timeline is to have all academic units ready to launch by the end of the summer term.

There are two parts to the process of converting academic unit sites. First, the

existing information on the website is moved into the CMS. There is an opportunity to review the new pages and to give input for refinement. University Image and Communications staffs will train departmental web editors on how to use DotNetNuke (DNN) prior to the launch of the site.

The second part involves faculty web pages.

Now is the time for faculty members to contact the Center for Instructional Development (CID) and get assistance with moving content from the FrontPage site to the new DNN faculty web space. Each faculty member already has his/her own space in DNN. Faculty should get their new pages set up by July 1, 2012. When sites are launched for the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences, College of Business, and College of Arts and Sciences, existing faculty web pages will no longer be connected. Two presentations were made in Faculty Senate regarding this process and the timelines for academic units.

The initial faculty contact page, which is part of the department's website, will be converted and included as part of the academic unit's site. However, the "faculty home page" must be moved by the faculty member. Each faculty member is responsible for contacting CID and getting his/her information moved over to a new DNN site. CID staff is holding training sessions on setting up faculty home pages and is available to assist faculty. Once academic unit sites are launched at the end of the summer term, the url for existing faculty home pages will not work.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the conversion of academic unit sites, please do not hesitate to contact Dolores Cox or Leanne Bradberry in the Office of University Image and Communications. ■

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1943, reflecting a growth in the number and diversity of the institution's academic programs.

Bluefield State College was integrated after 1954. By the 1960s, the College had a comprehensive four year program of teacher education, arts and sciences, and engineering technology. Gradually, a variety of two-year technical programs evolved in response to local needs. Bluefield State College has since emerged as a diverse, four-year state supported college with a primary academic emphasis in professional and technical programs.

Stephens started at Clayton State in the fall of 2002 as director of Academic Advisement for the Clayton State School of Business, and as a visiting assistant professor. He was appointed executive assistant to the president in April 2005, with duties including serving as the University's Affirmative Action Officer and handling special projects and assignments for the Office of the President.

Stephens he began serving as interim vice president of External Relations in

September 2006 and became vice president on Nov. 1, 2008. He has been responsible for Clayton State's Development, Alumni Relations, Image and Communications, and University Relations functions. Kate Troelstra, currently senior director of Development at Clemson University, will assume the vice president's role on June 11, 2012.

Born in Welch, W.Va., Stephens majored in English and Social Studies at West Virginia State College (WVSC), a historically black college in Charleston. While attending WVSC (now West Virginia State University), he served in the Reserve Officers Training Corps, playing a role in leading the largest Corps of Cadets in the history of WVSC.

His ROTC service led to more than 30 years of service in the United States Army. He received the U.S. Army Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Army Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star with "V" device and two oak leaf clusters, the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Special Forces Tab, the Master Parachutist Badge

and other various honors before retiring as a Brigadier General in 1993. While in the military, he graduated from the United States Army Command and General Staff College and the National War College.

In his civilian educational career, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Education from WVSC in 1962, and a Master of Science degree in Education from Alfred University. His other postgraduate studies include attendance at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University and the Terry Stanford Institute of Public Policy at Duke University. He is also a graduate of the Center for Creative Leadership in Colorado Springs.

His civilian accomplishments include; Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, Who's Who in America, The African American Hall of Fame, the Council of State Governments' Toll Fellowship Program and twice being named a Distinguished West Virginian.

Those who have served with him at Clayton State consider him a Distinguished "Laker" as well. ■

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ied skills, and we put together a wonderful presentation," he says.

Wagner used his video editing skills to create a 50-second presentation promoting Tesla's technology and style, projecting "what we wanted Tesla to represent. We wanted to put out an image of Tesla being high-performance, but green. We wanted to enhance that by showing that they are bringing out new models for every lifestyle." Team member and fellow senior Cable's family owns a machine shop, so the team were able to use that equipment to create an actual car emblem.

Diversity of skills and viewpoints gained from their different concentrations of study at Clayton State made the team a strong unit, says Cable, a supply chain management major from Griffin, Ga.

"We all looked at the project from different perspectives," he says. "And we have great professors at Clayton State. I originally had no idea what supply chain man-

agement was. I was into marketing at first. But the professors show how each unit contributes to the other."

Fellow senior Gonzalez, who put together a S.W.O.T. (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) analysis for Tesla as part of the project, found the experience challenging, but very rewarding.

"Fortunately, we all got along so well. It was perfect! Even though everyone has their own personality, we all had pretty much the same work ethic in regards to getting work done right and timely," says Gonzalez, a McDonough resident who was born in Cuba.

While the students were excited by the glamorous topic of the project, they realized that the lessons they all learned could be applied to their future roles in business no matter what industry they choose.

"It's all about communication and collaboration in business," says Cable, a self-

professed car fanatic. "That whole project really emphasized it, the need to collaborate. It showed that it is a key element to success."

"Working in these types of projects is very beneficial and important for business students about to graduate, or even students that have years to go," says Gonzalez, who, like Wagner and Cable, graduated from Clayton State earlier this month. "It gives you some insight in the processes real companies go through when determining strategies, improvements, and how each department needs to work together to reach a common goal." ■

2012 Chancellor's Customer Service Awards Nominations Due by June 29

We are ready to receive nominations for the 2012 Chancellor's Customer Service Awards. The website is available and nominations can be submitted at http://customerfocus.usg.edu/recognition/chancellor_award/ The deadline for submissions is June 29, 2012. The nominations website provides all of the information you will need: award category descriptions, eligibility, and even tips on how to write a successful nomination.

The following are the award categories:

- Customer Service Excellence Award – Individual
- Customer Service Excellence Award – Team
- Outstanding Customer Service

Leadership Award

- Front Desk Support Excellence Award
- Outstanding Customer Service Process Improvement Initiative Award
- Customer Service President and Institution of the Year
- The Joseph Green Award Champion of the Year

If you have any questions, please contact Carolina Amero, assistant vice president, Auxiliary & Administrative Services, Clayton State customer service champion, and winner of the 2012 Joseph Green Award. ■

Eldrin Bell at Clayton State



Eldrin Bell, chair of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners, visited Clayton State at the invitation of Assistant Professor of Political Science Dr. Sean Mattie on Apr. 23. Bell discussed county government with Mattie's American Government class.

Trivia Time

Grover Cleveland's Secret

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Everyone knows that Grover Cleveland was the only president to serve non-consecutive terms.

But, not everyone knows that, during his second term, and during a period of financial crisis at least as bad as the Reagan or W recessions, he underwent a secret oral surgical procedure on a private yacht off of Long Island. Although Facebook and Twitter weren't around then, it was feared that the news that the president had to undergo a potentially serious surgery for what was thought to be a carcinoma would throw the economy into an even steeper decline. So the surgery was hushed up.

Among those who did hear about it were; Lou Brackett, Kathy Garrison, Kurt-Alexander Zeller, Scott McElroy, Rob Taylor, B.D. Stillion and Jill Ellington.

Just like everyone knows the Cleveland was the only non-consecutive president, everyone knows (or at least they should know) that one of the great pitchers in baseball history was named after Cleveland. The question at hand then is, who played that pitcher in a really bad film biopic? Send your answers, not to Baker Bowl, but to johnshiffert@clayton.edu. ■

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7.5 feet at the Coach "O" Invitational at Troy on April 28. Smith also won the high jump at the Division II Southeast Regional, while Covington placed third.

Another member of the Laker women's basketball team, Mobley was selected All-

Region for a second straight season in the shot put. The senior from Plantation, Fla., won the shot put event at both the Emory Invitational and the Division II Southeast Regional. She also set the Clayton State team record in the shot put at the Southeast Regional with a distance of 42-7 feet.

Kuhnen, a freshman from Trier, Germany, was selected All-Region for the 800-meter run. ■

Sports

Clayton State Places 10 on USTFCCA Outdoor All-Southeast Region Team

By Lee Wright, Sports Information

The USTFCCA (United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches' Association) 2012 Outdoor All-Region teams include 10 Clayton State Lakers on the All-Southeast Region team.

Selected from the Clayton State men's team were Russell Lawless, Ayrton Azcue, Ricky Fort, Shelby Russell, Edlin Veras and Devon Lawson. Azcue, Fort, Russell and Veras were each selected All-Region for a second straight season, while this is the first All-Region honor for both Lawless and Lawson.

For the women, Shannon Smith, Kayla "KMob" Mobley, Maia Kuhnen and Jessica Covington were selected. This marks the first All-Region selection for Smith, Kuhnen and Covington, while Mobley is a repeat All-Region selection.

In addition, Kuhnen was also an Indoor All-Region selection in both the 800-meter run and the distance medley relay.

Lawless, a sophomore from Richmond Hills, Ga., became the first Laker athlete to earn All-Region honors in three events. He was selected in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, the 1,500-meter run and the 800-meter run. It was the steeplechase where Lawless truly excelled, setting the school record with a time 9:41.94 at the Division II Southeast Regional.

Azcue, a junior from Zizur Mayor, Spain, was also a multiple All-Region selection in both the 800-meter run and the 4x400-meter relay. He set the Clayton State team record in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:52.89 at the Bob Polluck Invitational at Clemson. He won the event at the Coach

"O" Invitational at Troy, and finished second in the Gem of Hills Invitational at Jacksonville State. Azcue is joined by Fort, Russell and Veras on the 4x400-meter team that earned All-Region honors.

Lawson, a freshman from Columbus, Ga., gives the Lakers a bright future in the 400-meter hurdles as an All-Region selection.

Smith, a junior from Cocoa, Fla., was selected for the high jump, as was Covington, a freshman from Tifton, Ga. The duo, which also plays for the nationally-ranked Clayton State women's basketball team, joined the Laker track and field program just over a month ago.

Smith was a provisional NCAA Division II qualifier with a season-best jump of 5-

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Marie Cercelletti Selected for Tennis Peach Belt Conference All-Academic Team

Marie Cercelletti has been selected for the Peach Belt Conference All-Academic Team in women's tennis

Cercelletti was one of 12 players selected to the team. In addition, Laker teammates Charlotte Fabricius and Martina Dedaj were both selected honorable mention All-Academic for the PBC.



Marie Cercelletti

To be eligible for the All-Academic team, a student-athlete must 1) participate in at least half of his/her team's events and be either a starter or significant contributor; 2) achieved a 3.30 cumulative grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) and 3) completed at least one full academic year at his or her

current institution. The Peach Belt Conference Sports Information Directors oversee and select the teams.

Cercelletti, a senior from Domvallier, France, was a second team All-Peach Belt Conference selection in singles, marking the first time she has earned an All-Conference honor for her Laker career.

She was the bright spot in a tough season for Clayton State. Cercelletti finished 13-6 overall in singles, playing mostly in the No. 1 and No. 2 positions after the Lakers suffered season-ending injuries to junior Ivana Krommelova and freshman Hannah Keeling. In Peach Belt Conference play, Cercelletti finished 9-3 in singles.

For her career, Cercelletti is 62-19 overall in singles with a current winning percentage of .765, placing her sixth all-time at Clayton State in terms of singles winning percentage.

In the classroom, Cercelletti finished with a cumulative 3.41 grade-point average in marketing. She has been a three-time Peach Belt Conference Presidential Scholar recipient, and been selected to the Dean's List at Clayton State. Cercelletti recently graduated with her bachelor's degree in Business Administration. ■

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