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## Constitutional Experts Expound for Constitution Week

by John Shiffert, University Relations

One of the hallmarks of a Clayton State University education is providing expert instruction to the University's 7000+ students.

While all 7,145 Clayton State students couldn't fit into room 272 of the James M. Baker University Center on Thursday, Sept. 20, the 150 or so who did make it in heard from a pair of constitutional experts as the highlight of the University's Constitution Week celebration. Georgia Attorney General Samuel S. Olens and former Georgia Governor Roy Barnes dedicated an hour of their time for a conversation-style discussion, "A Civil Discussion on Living Constitutionalism."

It is significant to note that one of the goals at the Clayton State Strategic Plan is



Former governor Roy Barnes greets Clayton State students after the discussion. (Ciji Fox photo)

to, "create an outstanding educational experience that stimulates intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, and innovation."

Fittingly, Olens' and Barnes' discussion, in addition to being exemplary in its civil-

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### With Butterflies and Hummingbirds

## Clayton State Retirees Association To Celebrate 10th Anniversary

The Clayton State University Retirees Association (CSRA) is 10 years old in 2012, and, although the members may be retired from Clayton State, they're not so retired that they don't know how to celebrate.

The first major event of the 10th Anniversary Celebration will begin on Thursday, Sept. 27, with the preparation of the University's new Butterfly/Hummingbird Garden, located between Swan Lake and the James M. Baker University Center. On Friday, Sept. 28, the University's Landscape Management Department will spend all day planting the new garden, located directly across the lake from Spivey Hall.

The official anniversary celebration will take place on Thursday, Oct. 25 with a

12:30 p.m. luncheon in the Harry S. Downs Center, with CSRA member Dr. Harvey "Hardy" Jackson as the speaker. According to CSRA President Dr. Gene Hatfield, Jackson will be speaking on "Clayton State in the old days," certainly an appropriate topic for someone who started at Clayton Junior College as an associate professor of history in 1973.

The Butterfly/Hummingbird Garden is a joint effort between CSRA and the Landscape Management Department, originated by Dr. Martha Wicker, former head of Clayton State's Center for Instructional Development. Also involved are Hatfield, his wife, Carol Hatfield, former Biology Professor Helen Brown, for-

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# Clayton State has Two Finalists for Chancellor's Customer Service Awards

One year after Clayton State University's Carolina Amero and Norman Grizzell were named winners in the 2011 Chancellor's Customer Service Awards, Clayton State has two more finalists for the prestigious honors, awarded yearly by the University System of Georgia (USG).

Pat Barton, Clayton State director of financial aid, is a finalist in the Customer Service Excellence Award - Individual category, the same category for which Grizzell was awarded a silver medal in 2011. Clayton State's IT help desk, The HUB, is a final-



Barton

ist for the Front Desk Support Excellence Award.

Being named a finalist means that the nominee will be announced as either the first (gold), second (silver) or third (bronze) place winner in their respective categories at the official awards ceremony, to be held this year in the Student Activities Center (SAC) at Clayton State. The awards ceremony will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 3, beginning at 1 p.m. in the ballroom of the SAC. All 35 institutions in the University System submit nominations for the yearly Chancellor's Customer Service Award program

Amero, Clayton State's assistant vice president of Auxiliary & Administrative Services, struck gold last year as the 2012



The HUB, is a finalist for the Front Desk Support Excellence Award.

winner of the Joseph Greene Award as the USG's Customer Service Champion of the Year.

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## The New Department of Interdisciplinary Studies... Diversity Personified

By John Shiffert, University Relations

One of the hallmarks of Clayton State University is diversity. It's a key part of the University's Strategic Plan. Indeed, the University's mission, as stated in the Strategic Plan is "Clayton State University cultivates an environment of engaged, experienced-based learning, enriched by active community service, that prepares students of diverse ages and backgrounds to succeed in their lives and careers."

While when talking about diversity at Clayton State, it's common to talk about the student body, diversity also takes programmatic forms. Possibly the most diverse academic program at the University is the new Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, under the direction of Dr. LaJuan Simpson. While Department Chair Simpson is an associate professor of English, the rest of the faculty and staff in her department are, naturally enough, a diverse group. That's in keeping with a department with individual programs in; the Bachelor of Applied Science

(B.A.S.), Integrative Studies, Liberal Studies, Women's Studies, Aviation Administration, and African American Studies.

Simpson's department includes: Dr. Christie H. Burton, B.A.S. program coordinator and associate professor; Dr. Shannon Cochran, assistant professor of English and Interdisciplinary Studies; Dr. Thomas W. Garsombke, associate professor of Management; Bryan LaBrecque,

limited term professor for the B.A.S.; Dr. J. Celeste Walley-Jean, director, Integrative Studies program; Vangela Humphries, advisor, Liberal & Integrative Studies programs; and Ginny Bass, director, Online B.A.S. and Online Integrative Studies programs.

Getting a handle on such a diverse grouping is no easy task. Thus, it's best

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## Myisha Garnes Appointed Director of Annual Fund at Clayton State University

Clayton State University Vice President of External Relations Kate Troelstra has announced the appointment of Myisha Garnes as the University's first director of the Annual Fund.

Garnes comes to Clayton State from the Georgia State University Foundation Office of Annual Programs, where she was assistant director, Annual Programs.

"We are excited to have Myisha join our team," says Troelstra. "She brings a wealth of experience in annual giving, a passion for the profession, and a commitment to higher education."

"Her creativity and experience in messaging to a variety of constituencies will help Clayton State as we bring all aspects of our annual fund under one umbrella."

Indeed, Garnes has an impressive background in all areas of annual fund including online giving, faculty/staff campaigns, phonathons, and direct mail. A nationally recognized innovator, she has garnered Case International Special Merit Awards for her ability to galvanize public awareness.

"I am very excited about being a part of the Clayton State family and equally inspired by this rewarding opportunity at an institution uniquely positioned as a leader in higher learning," adds Garnes.



Garnes

A graduate of California State University, Dominguez Hills, in Carson, Calif., and a resident of College Park, Garnes had worked for the Georgia State University Foundation since 2006, starting in the Telephone Outreach Program and moving to Annual Programs in 2007 where she modernized giving through her signature use of social media. ■

## Clayton State Honored for 2011/2012 State Charitable Contributions

The annual State Charitable Contributions Program for 2012 held its kick-off celebration recently at the James J. "Sloppy" Floyd Veterans Memorial Building in Atlanta, with Commissioner Sid Johnson of the Department of Administrative Services presiding.

As part of the celebration preparatory to the Oct. 1, 2012 beginning of this year's campaign, the 2011/2012 State Charitable Contributions Award Program Award Winners were recognized, and Clayton State University was among the honorees in the Commissioner's Award Category

for state agencies and colleges/universities with 501 to 1000 employees. In all, only three state agencies in the 501-1000 employee category were honored for their rate of contribution per employee; the Prosecuting Attorney's Council, the Department of Education, and Clayton State.

The 2012 State Charitable Contributions Program at Clayton State was under the direction of Dean of Libraries Dr. Gordon Baker. ■

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mer Drafting and Design Professor Dr. Tom Eddins, and former Psychology Professor Dr. Sandra Golden.

"The goal of this project is to create a lasting legacy which will be enjoyed by Clayton State retirees, faculty, staff, and students for decades to come," says Wicker. "In planning this project, we discovered that there are four Master Gardeners among our members: Helen Brown, Tom Eddins, Sandy Golden, and Carol Hatfield.

"The garden will include both host and nectar plants that attract butterflies at all stages of development. In addition to native perennials and annuals, the garden will include a natural stone spillover fountain, a copper-capped red cedar trellis, landscape boulders, and wooden benches. A commemorative bronze plaque, dedicating the garden to the University on behalf of the Clayton State Retirees Association, will be erected in the garden."

Naturally, to maximize the educational value for Clayton State students (biology majors and others) and visitors, markers identifying each plant will also be placed in the garden, courtesy of Master Gardner/Botanist/Biology Professor Brown. CSRA will also donate funds toward purchasing the garden items and provide assistance in planting and maintaining the garden.

Jackson served as a history professor at Clayton State from 1973 to 1990. He was also coordinator of history and political science from 1975 to 1978, and chairman of the division of social sciences from 1978 to 1986. He is currently Jacksonville State University professor and eminent scholar in history.

Jackson is the author, co-author, or co-editor of eleven books on various aspects of Southern History, including "Georgia: The Empire State of the South," which he co-authored with another retired Clayton State history professor, Dr. Bradley R. Rice, in 1988.

Jackson currently lives in Jacksonville, Ala., with his wife, Suzanne, their son Will and daughter Anna. His daughter, Kelly teaches in Peachtree City, Ga.

See the garden's progress on p. 11. ■

## Arts Page

# Dr. Alexander Wasserman Joins Clayton State Music Preparatory School

by Ciji Fox, University Relations

Dr. Alexander Wasserman recently joined the Music Preparatory School in the Department of Visual and Performing Arts in the College of Arts & Sciences at Clayton State University. The University's Music Prep school has a faculty of professional musicians and offers affordable lessons and classes to the public in piano, violin, voice, brass, and other instruments. Each session lasts for nine weeks and adults, children over the age of six, and all skill levels are welcome.

Dedicated to the education of emerging talent, Wasserman has previously served as professor of Piano at Youngstown State University. Additionally, he has held faculty positions at the International School of Music and Vance Music Studios. He has given master classes at University of St. Thomas (Minn.), Westmont College (Cal.), Cleveland Music School Settlement and Youngstown State. Currently, Wasserman maintains a private piano studio in Atlanta.

Wasserman is enthusiastic about teaching at Clayton State University.

"The first thing that I noticed about the Clayton State University music department

was just how beautiful the facilities are," Wasserman says. "Of course, Spivey Hall is well-known as one of the finest recital halls in the country, but the actual music building is just fantastic! When I arrive to teach, I am always so happy to see the wonderful community of students that congregate in the building. It seems to me like a true 'family' and I firmly believe that any strong department at a university must feel like a family unit."

Wasserman is pleased with the quality of students at the University.

"It's great to know that the University provides excellent non-college level instruction at very reasonable prices," he says. "All of my students are extremely hard-working and personable. In fact, in the short time that I have been teaching them, I feel that we have established a wonderful rapport; I'm always excited for our weekly private lessons to see their improvement."

Wasserman is looking forward to expanding his private studio, as well as beginning classroom teaching.

"There aren't very many programs like Clayton State University's in the Atlanta

metro area, so I feel that there is a great possibility for substantial growth," he notes. "I hope to become more involved in any capacity with the prep school and with the college. I'm quite proud to be part of a program which is sure to continue to grow in the coming years."

Registration for Fall Session II of the Music Preparatory School is now open, with lessons beginning the week of Oct. 15. Prep School students are taught in the Clayton State Music Education Building and have the opportunity to perform on campus in Spivey Hall.

For more information, please contact Carol Payne at extension (678) 466-5600, or email her at [carolpayne@clayton.edu](mailto:carolpayne@clayton.edu), or check out the website at <http://www.clayton.edu/arts-sciences/vpa/music/preparatoryschool>. ■

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## Spivey Hall Young People's Concert Season Opens October 10

Clayton State University's world-famous Spivey Hall is excited to launch its 2012/13 Young People's Concert season next month. As always, the Young People's Concerts will feature a variety of



classical, world music, jazz, and early childhood education concerts.

The season opening-program will be on Wednesday, Oct. 10, at 9:45 a.m., featuring a thrilling world music performance by Via Romen! This vibrant group will present Russian-Romany ("gypsy") music on native instruments including guitar, violin, accordion, and bass. In addition to outstanding music, audiences will also be treated to the flashy footwork of gypsy dance and traditional costumes. Students (and anyone else who wants a world music experience) can go around the world for only \$2 a person. For more

information on this performance, go to <http://www.spiveyhall.org/young-peoples-concerts/via-romen>.

Registration for the Young People's Concerts must be done in advance of the performance. Please call (678) 466-4481 to register. To see the complete season of Young People's Concerts, which runs through March 2013, visit [www.spiveyhall.org/education](http://www.spiveyhall.org/education). ■

## Successful SBDC GrowSmart™ Series Completed in Peachtree City

The Clayton State University and The University of West Georgia Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) successfully completed their first GrowSmart™ series on Sept. 18, at the Clayton State – Fayette instructional site.

The GrowSmart™ program was broken down into six sessions for small business owners/managers: planning for growth; marketing: research, planning & implementation; leadership & management; financial analysis, tools & resources; and operations. In six weeks, small business owners learned how to become seasoned CEOs.

The 15 attendees raved about the GrowSmart™ experience.

“You guys (SBDC) are doing a great job! I appreciate all the things you do,” stated one attendee, Rita Whitlock, owner of EPM, Inc. of Stockbridge.

This same sentiment was expressed among all 14 small business owners and the one representative from the Fayette



County Development Authority who attended the GrowSmart™ series.

“Keep an eye out for our GrowSmart™ graduates; they are now better equipped to handle today’s challenging market and tomorrow’s bright future with help from the SBDC program,” says Heather

Chaney of the Clayton State Small Business Development Center.

SBDC Georgia provides one-on-one counseling and educational programs to new and existing business owners. ■

## Department of Information Technology Adds Computer Science to its Name

The Department of Information Technology in the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences (CIMS) at Clayton State University has undergone a name change.

According to CIMS Dean Dr. Lila Roberts, the Department of Information Technology is now the Department of Computer Science and Information Technology.

“The name better reflects our organization with programs in both information technology, since 1999, and computer science, since 2009,” says Dr.

Byron A. Jeff, chair of the Department of Computer Science and Information Technology. “The public generally lumps all computing disciplines under computer science, so adding that to the name improves visibility of both programs.

“It also reveals both computer science courses and programs to both internal and external audiences.” ■

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to hear about the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies straight from the director. Simpson recently took a break from her busy early-semester schedule to answer a few questions about her department.

Q) What is it that ties these various disciplines together in one department?

A) All of the programs housed in Interdisciplinary Studies allow students to identity and craft their own educational experiences based on their career goals. The various concentrations and academic programs demonstrate that we trust our students’ ability to construct a viable plan. Committing ourselves to their success, we assist them in achieving their goals with an advisement process that allows students to clarify and reevaluate their pro-

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# Across the Campus...

## Athletics

Two years removed from an All-American hoops season at Clayton State University, former Laker Brandon Robinson is making a name for himself in the professional ranks. Earlier last week, Robinson was signed by the Halifax Rainmen of Canada's National Basketball League (NBL) after finishing last year as the league's top scorer and being named the All-Star MVP in the league. A 6-foot-5, 185 lb. guard, he led all scorers in NBL Canada last season, averaging 19.9 points per game.

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The Clayton State women's soccer team came up big Wednesday, winning its third straight match against a quality Peach Belt Conference opponent. The Lakers won 2-0 at Laker Field behind two goals from their leading scorer and All-Peach Belt Conference forward Natalia Valentine. The Clayton State men's soccer surrendered two first half goals and was unable to catch up Wednesday, falling 2-0 to Montevallo. Montevallo scored its first goal 13 minutes in the match on a penalty kick by forward Pierre Omanga, his Peach Belt Conference eighth of the season. The Falcons struck again in the 34th minute, as midfielder Jackson Tolleson slightly nicked a deflected shot off Clayton State keeper Sean Merfeld that found the back of the net. The Lakers held solid for the remainder of the match but were unable to muster any offense against Montevallo, which ranks as the top defensive club in the Peach Belt Conference.

## Criminal Justice

Criminal Justice professor Dr. Sarah Stein was recently featured on WXIA-TV (<http://www.11alive.com/news/article/258082/40/Professor-offers-kidney-for-student-in-need>) regarding her offer to donate a kidney to one of her students, Rosalynn Gresham.

## FYARC

Clayton State University's First Year Advising and Retention Center (FYARC) will be presenting two more of its ongoing series of Civility Talks for Clayton State students on Wednesday, Oct. 17 and Tuesday, Nov. 12. "Why do Students

Plagiarize?" on Oct. 17 is a Civility Talk on understanding and preventing plagiarism. It will be held at 4 p.m. in room UC 265 of the James M. Baker University Center. Dr. Barbara Goodman, chair of the Department of English, will be the presenter. "Civil Conduct: Exploring Safety Awareness on Campus," is a Civility Talk on civil conduct, to be held on Tuesday, Nov. 13, at 4 p.m., in room UC 265 of the James M. Baker University Center. The presenter will be Clayton State Chief of Police Bobby Hamil.

## Recruitment And Admissions

Clayton State University's Office of Recruitment and Admissions will host a Virtual Open House on Tuesday, Oct. 9, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Virtual Open House is an online partnership with CollegeWeekLive. Prospective students and other participants will log on at [www.collegeweeklive.com](http://www.collegeweeklive.com) and interact with Clayton State faculty and staff in a virtual setting. Participants will be able to text chat live with staff members from Clayton State's Office of Recruitment and Admissions, Office of Financial Aid, Division of Student Affairs, Housing and Residence Life, and First Year Advising and Retention Center from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Clayton State faculty members will also make live webcam presentations from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Participants will be able to send questions to the faculty presenters for real-time answers. The professors will discuss their academic programs, which will include; nursing, chemistry, Spanish, psychology, criminal justice and forensics, healthcare management, philosophy, and history.

## SBDC

The next installment of the Clayton State Small Business Development Center's (SBDC) popular "Starting a Business" workshop will be held at the Griffin Chamber of Commerce/Griffin Welcome Center, 143 N. Hill St., Griffin on Wednesday, Oct. 17, from 9 a.m. to noon. If you are considering starting a business, this workshop is a crucial first step. PowerPoint handouts and a book, "How to Start a Business: A Guide for Georgia Entrepreneurs" are provided as part of the \$69 registration fee. To register, go to: <http://www.georgiasbdc.org/subpage.aspx>

?cart=71b6a9a9-3adc-44cc-b98a-82a3ee22ed95&page\_name=view\_cart&addproduct=112225. Current Clayton State students and staff receive a 50 percent discount if they contact SBDC's Heather Chaney at (678) 466-5100 for the discount code.

## SGA

Congratulations to the 2012/2013 Student Government Association Senators... Desiree Barrow, Danethia Beckford, Alexander Simmons, Tykeria Holmes, Destiny Battle, Devona Smikle, Dominique Duffie, DeAnna Holmes, Miriam Salter, Hillary Rimes, Kendra Wilson, Arielle Miller, Matthew Bailey, Jamario Walker, Madeline Payne, Carmen Williams, and Ta'kara Johnson.

## University Health Services

October marks the start of the flu season, and University Health Services at Clayton State University is once again offering flu shots to students, faculty, staff and the public. The shots will be available from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Fridays in the University Health Services suite, located in room 211 of the Clayton State Student Center building. Costs are as follows: students - \$15; faculty/staff - \$20; community - \$20.

## International Spotlight

# Clayton State's International Footprint Extends to the Governor's International Awards

Clayton State University will be well-represented at Atlanta's international business event of the year, the upcoming annual Governor's International Awards.

On Thursday, Oct. 4, the Atlanta Business Chronicle and the World Trade Center Atlanta (WTCA) will co-host the prestigious annual awards, marking the fourth year of their collaboration. The awards gala and dinner, which will run from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Georgia International Convention Center, like international business in Georgia generally, continue to attract growing participation.

"The simple fact that the Atlanta Business Chronicle and the WTCA, once again, have partnered to sponsor this year's Governor's International Awards is a reflection of the increasingly important role of international business in Georgia's

economy," says John E. Parkerson, Jr., WTCA president and director of the Office of International Programs at Clayton State University.

Attending the Governor's International Awards from Clayton State along with Parkerson will be Dr. Alphonso Ogbuehi, dean of the College of Business at Clayton State, Dr. Ali Dadpay, director of the MBA program at Clayton State, Cele Blair, assistant director of the Office of International Programs at Clayton State, and two Clayton State students.

As befitting the occasion, the students are Clayton State's current exchange students, Zsuzsanna Hunyadi from University of Pannonia (Veszprem, Hungary) and Giorgi Vadachkoria from Georgian American University (Tbilisi, Georgia). Hunyadi and Vadachkoria will be in

charge of the Hungary booth at the World Showcase that precedes the International Awards. Another one of Parkerson's "hats" is that of the Honorary Consul for Hungary for the Southeastern United States.

Parkerson also notes that the awards categories for the program reflect Georgia's expanding international presence; International Deal of the Year, International Trade, Individual of the Year, International Education Program, New Company of the Year, and Lifetime Achievement (Senator Johnny Isakson will receive this award.) ■

## International Graduate Students Bring The World to Clayton State University

by Sabrina Frang, Graduate Studies

Thanks to its international students, the School of Graduate Studies at Clayton State is part of the global mix.

International graduate students at Clayton State create a diverse and dynamic campus environment inside and outside the classroom. By sharing their unique perspectives with others, international graduate students contribute to the educational experience of all Clayton State students. They may come from different countries, speak different languages, and have different customs, but international graduate students all share one thing in common; an unflinching desire to succeed in their graduate programs. This is even more impressive when one considers that some of our international students are also athletes and must divide their time between athletics and academic achievements.

The School of Graduate Studies welcomed seven new international graduate students into its degree programs for this fall semester. In all, Clayton State has a total of 15 international graduate students from all over the world, hailing from a myriad of countries including Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Ireland, India, Zimbabwe, Uganda, Finland, Germany and the United Kingdom.

Half of Clayton State's eight graduate programs have accepted international applicants -- the Master of Business Administration (MBA), Master of Health Administration (MHA), Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) and Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS) degree programs.

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## Clayton State Hosts Business School Delegation From Senegal

Clayton State University's Office of International Programs and the College of Business recently hosted a U.S. Department of State - sponsored delegation from Senegal. The Senegalese delegation was visiting Atlanta to explore international business school models.

Clayton State President Dr. Thomas J. Hynes, Jr., Dr. Alphonso Ogbuehi, dean of the AACSB-accredited College of Business at Clayton State, and John E. Parkerson, Jr., Clayton State University director of the Office of International Programs, and a professor in the College of Business, welcomed the delegation from Senegal's largest private business school, High Institute of Management (Institut Supérieur de

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ity, was also, as noted by Clayton State Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Dr. Micheal Crafton, an outstanding educational experience.

The audience, largely students from Clayton State history and political science classes, received some valuable lessons, not just on the Constitution and how and why it might be changed, but on civility. While the record indicates that Olens is a stalwart of the Republican Party, and Barnes a former Democratic governor, the two constitutional experts engaged in an enlightening dialog that included questions from the audience, all without indulging in the rhetoric that both men agreed was often a part of, "both sides of the aisle."

While Olens and Barnes certainly did not agree on every aspect of changing the Constitution – for example, the potential role of the judiciary in same – they did concur on some key points, notably the potentially highly controversial subject of whether or not a new Constitutional Convention needs to be called for the U.S.

"The worst thing that could happen now would be to call a Constitutional Convention," said Barnes.

"I'm not in favor of a Constitutional Convention, either," agreed Olens. "The extremes on both sides would damage our democracy."

Nonetheless, a lot of the afternoon's discussion centered on the theme of change. For example, Olens noted that, as part of the constitutional processes, "mistakes happen. What's important is that mistakes are changed peacefully."

Barnes pointed out that changing times make change a necessity, using the example of the U.S. Air Force. If the Constitution, which naturally just mentions establishing an army and navy (this was 1787, after all), hadn't been changed, there would be no air force, since there was no provision for same in the Constitution, he noted.

In the end, both men agreed with colonial patriot Patrick Henry, quoted by Olens, who noted that the Constitution was a means for the people to restrain the government, and not the other way around. ■

## Clayton State to Hold Presidential Debate Watch Party

The Clayton State University Student Media Organizations, The BentTree, CSTV and CSIR, in conjunction with the Tau Epsilon, Pi Gamma Lambda, and Rho Sigma Lambda Chapters of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., are hosting a Presidential Debate Watch Party on Wednesday, Oct. 3, from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., at the Clayton State Student Activities Center Ballroom.

This event is open to the public and free of charge. Complimentary food and drinks will be served to those in attendance.

The event will start with a pre-debate panel discussion that will feature rep-

resentatives from each sponsoring organizations. The panel will discuss topics such as voter registration laws, the importance of being civically engaged, and domestic policies, which are the same topics that the presidential candidates will debate during the first 2012 Presidential Debate.

For more information regarding this event please contact Corenza Morris at corenza1906@gmail.com or Jennifer DeMond at jenniferdemond@clayton.edu. ■

## Scheduled for Thursday, November 15 Clayton State Women's Forum Announces Annual Auction, Chili Cook-off and Quilt Raffle

The Clayton State Women's Forum will be holding its annual auction, chili cook-off and quilt raffle on Thursday, Nov. 15. The organization's mission is to sustain a Women's Forum Scholarship Fund in support of assisting students with general and emergency resources to aid in their successful completion of academic studies. Proceeds from all events go to the Scholarship Fund.

There are several ways that faculty and staff members can be involved:

- Contribute to the Women's Forum Scholarship Fund through the Faculty/Staff Fund Drive
- Visit the Women's Forum table at the HR Benefits Fair on October 26 for info on upcoming events
- Donate items for the Auction
- Shop the Auction – perfect for the

holiday season and year-round gift-giving

- Prepare a pot of chili for the Chili Cook-Off
- Join us at the Chili Cook-Off and enjoy some delicious chili
- Purchase Quilt Raffle tickets
- Become a member of Women's Forum – the basic membership fee is only \$5

Online auction bidding will commence on Nov. 12. Donated items will be displayed in the University Center on Nov. 15. Faculty, staff, students, retirees, and community members collaborate for this event which has become an annual campus tradition. ■

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professional development as their career goals change.

Q) Why this diverse group of faculty?

A) Because of the interdisciplinary nature of our programs, the faculty's expertise in wide-ranging interests provides the students with a multidimensional viewpoint of the ever changing workplace.

Q) What types of students you will be serving?

A) Our department services a diverse population. We service traditional, fulltime students and non-traditional students, working professionals. Typically, our stu-

dents seek knowledge they cannot acquire in the traditional academic disciplines; therefore, they desire the ability to personalize a curriculum that will allow them to reach their personal, professional and educational goals.

As is the case with the chair of any new department, Simpson has specific hopes and aspirations for the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies.

"First, our hopes for the department are to promote a curriculum that continues to meet the needs of our ever-changing society so that our students can be successful," she says. "We want to meet the needs of the population in our local area, many

of whom are the first in their families to attend college, the Southern Crescent and Atlanta, in particular, where many of Georgia's leading employers are based; and finally, the growing need of distance learners, who are motivated students but otherwise constrained by geography.

"Second, I'd like to promote faculty development because our students are better prepared when our faculty are well informed. Faculty support is an important part of revitalizing and energizing our students and our community. Faculty research, therefore, continues to be the foundation of our innovative curriculum." ■



From left to right: Mbaye Amar, Dr. Thomas J. Hynes, Dr. Awa Yade, Dr. Abdurahmane Kane, John Parkerson

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Management, or "ISM"), providing them with an overview of Clayton State and the College of Business' international business school "model."

"They were particularly interested in discussing best practices in university administration, curriculum quality management, distance learning, international exchange, and university accreditation," Parkerson says. "In return, we learned more about similar practices at ISM and began exploring whether there might be opportunities for future collaborations between our two institutions."

ISM was established in the capital of Senegal, Dakar, in 1992 with 25 students.

It currently has 3,000 students from 30 countries and 100 faculty members. Visiting Clayton State were: Mbaye Amar, director of programs; Dr. Awa Yade, dean of doctoral studies; and Dr. Abdurahmane Kane, director of external relations.

Parkerson says that the meeting at Clayton State was a productive one and that many areas of common interest were identified. Parkerson and Dr. Ali Dadpay, director of Clayton State's MBA program both stated after the meeting that they look forward to continued discussions between ISM and the College of Business, and to possible collaborations between the two. ■

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Clayton State's current international students are Ahmed Al Hussain (MHA) and Maher Balbaid (MBA) of Saudi Arabia, Zeynep Bagci (MBA), Serkan Saglam (MBA) and Taha Kir (MBA) of Turkey, Lorna O'Connell (MHA), Laoise O'Driscoll (MHA) and Donal Roughneen (MHA) of Ireland, Suvitha Khatri (MHA) of India, Marjorie Katumba (MSN) of Uganda, Jabulani Nartey (MBA) of Zimbabwe, Karl Haggon (MBA) of the United Kingdom, Josefina Holsten (MALS) of Germany, Mu'az Nimer (MBA) of Jordan, and Juho Illi (MBA) of Finland.

The School of Graduate Studies can also boast of several international student success stories. Three international students from Turkey, including Sedat Memnun, Nevzat Saritemur, and Ahmed Ugur, plus Celest Mapri of Cameroon, have graduated from the MBA program, while former soccer All-American Nkiru Okosieme of Nigeria graduated from the MHA program.

"Our international students often tell us that they find our graduate programs challenging, rewarding and economical" says Dr. Robert Vaughan Jr., interim dean of the School of Graduate Studies, who further remarks how important international students are to Clayton State.

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Barton has served as Clayton State's director of financial aid for four-and-half years. She is responsible for all aspects of interpretation and implementation of federal and state guidelines for awarding of financial aid for the University, a task requires long hours and numerous resources, especially at Clayton State, where 62 percent of the students receive the Pell Grant, and a total of 79 percent of the students receive some form of need-based federal financial aid.

All Financial Aid offices experience an exceptionally high volume of student contacts via phone, email, and in person. Volume is heaviest during the summer months as students complete the financial aid process for the new academic year. Barton has strategically reorganized the office and has significantly improved customer service to students this past year.

The HUB team that shares in the nomination includes: Shannon Thomas, director, client support services; Joyce Sandusky, assistant director of student software support; John Wallom, assistant director of virtual services, Steve Wagner, assistant director of the service counter; Sherry Paul, assistant director of campus support; Chris Baldwin, client communication manager; and Sundiata Kita-Bradshaw, client support manager.

The HUB is the technical support for the campus, including satellite locations. The HUB is comprised of 35 student workers, six full-time staff, and one director under the division of the Office of Information Technology and Services (OITS). ■



## Laker Women Win Fourth Straight

by Gid Rowell, Athletics

With two unanswered second half goals, the Clayton State women's soccer team won their fourth straight game Saturday, defeating Georgia College 2-1 in Peach Belt Conference play.

Trailing 1-0 at halftime, the Lakers got two quick goals in the first 15 minutes of the second half en route to the road conference win. Laker defender Silvia Espelt knotted the score at one apiece seven minutes into the half, converting a penalty kick.

Clayton State forward Natalia Valentine performed her offensive magic once again to give the Lakers a 2-1 lead taking a pass from midfielder Becky Brown. She then beat the Georgia College goalkeeper for her team-leading eighth goal of the season.

Georgia College's Ashley Veilleux gave the Bobcats the first half lead with a goal off a pass from Abby Dalton 20 minutes into the match.

With the win, Clayton State improves to 7-3 overall and 3-1 in the Peach Belt Conference. The Lakers will put their three-game PBC winning streak on the line Wednesday hosting Armstrong State, ranked ninth in the latest national poll.

Clayton State outshot the Bobcats 18-11 and its defense flexed its muscles, allowing only two shots on goal for the entire match. Keepers Charlotte McCormack and Laoise O'Driscoll split time in the first and second half in the victory. ■

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Eddie Pope in him. But Chris Klute is faster than Eddie Pope. I'm looking forward to his future.

"Chris has tremendous speed. He's got great feet for a big guy, very good vision, and an unbelievable engine – he can run for 90 minutes and doesn't seem to be bothered. His link-up play is very good, but his strongest attribute is the fact that he doesn't get beat very often."

A sophomore from Grand Prairie, Tex., Klute transferred to Clayton State from Division I Furman. He was previously a U-17 and U-20 U.S. National Team player and showed that ability on the field for the Lakers in 2011.

Klute played every minute of the Lakers' 18 games at center defender, becoming

arguably the top defender in the Peach Belt and one of the best in both the region and the country. He was named to the Daktronics 2011 NCAA Division II All-Southeast Region team.

Peterson adds, "He deserves this and there were many people who have been involved with his coming along besides his mom: his friend Warren Creavalle, and family, who is in the MLS as well' his club coach Ray Tomlin; Doug Allison from Furman; his youth national team coaches, Ricardo Montoya of the Silverbacks reserves and Eric Wynalda and his staff from the Silverbacks senior squad for promoting him." ■

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25 years coaching in Florida at both the collegiate and high school levels.

In 10 years at Florida Southern, he compiled a 246-65 record, averaging over 25 wins per season. He is the winningest coach at Florida Southern and reached 300 wins faster than any coach in NCAA Division II history. Gibbons led Florida Southern to one NCAA Division II "Final Four", two "Elite Eight" appearances and one "Sweet Sixteen." He was selected the Sunshine State Conference Coach of the Year in 1996, 1997 and 1999.

At the high school level, he coached at both Jesuit and Tampa Catholic and finished with a combined 264-122 record and earned four trips to the Final Four. In addition, he led Team Florida in AAU competition to two national championships in 1983 and 1984.

"It is an honor to be included into this prestigious group," says Gibbons. "To be

considered a part of Florida's basketball tradition is the ultimate."

At Clayton State, Gibbons has continued his winning ways over the past 11 years. Along with being Florida Southern's winningest coach, he also has more wins than any other Laker coach with 206.

Gibbons has led the Lakers to two NCAA Division II National tournaments, including a "Sweet Sixteen" Appearance. Under his guidance, the Lakers have captured two conference championship titles. He was selected as the John "Whack" Hyder State of Georgia Men's College Coach of the Year by the Atlanta Tip-Off Club in 2007.

Overall, Gibbons has a 452-183 record at the NCAA Division II level and is one of the most successful collegiate coaches in the country. ■

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"The School of Graduate Studies is committed to building a dynamic and diverse international population. Bringing the 'world' to Clayton State University via these talented scholars creates a wonderful learning opportunity for both domestic and international scholars as well as faculty

members," he says. "One of our goals at the School of Graduate Studies is to provide positive educational experiences for our international students in an effort to promote and improve the global economy." ■

**Trivia Time**

**Born in The U.S.A.?**

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Former Michigan Governor George Romney, father of former Massachusetts Governor Mitt "47%" Romney, was born of American parents in a Mormon colony in Mexico, which, according to how most people read Article 2, Section 1 of the United States Constitution, would have made him ineligible for the presidency, despite the fact that he made a fairly serious run at the Republican nomination in 1968.

Since a former vice president, who shall go unmentioned, was actually nominated and elected, the issue never really came up. However, the issue did come up among correct respondents Lou Brackett, Rob Taylor, Jill Ellington, Brett Reichert and Kurt-Alexander Zeller (who made the interesting point that the 2008 Republican nominee John McCain was most certainly born outside the U.S., in the Panama Canal Zone... which is good for three Bonus Points.)

Having delved into the Constitution, here's another presidential question involving the Founding Fathers. Although he didn't always project a warm and fuzzy aura, Alexander Hamilton, the first secretary of the treasury, was an acknowledged financial wizard. He might have made a good president (although when he was killed by Aaron Burr in a duel there was some thought that his time had passed) for the Federalists, except he was born in the British West Indies. Could he have been eligible to be president? Why or why not? And where was that duel fought, and why? (That should give everyone plenty to chew on...) ■

# Sports

## Former Laker Soccer Star Klute Signs Major League Soccer Contract

by **Gid Rowell, Athletics**

After an all-star season in 2011 for the Clayton State men's soccer team, former Laker standout Chris Klute is now making a name for himself at the highest professional levels of American soccer.

Klute, the central defender for the Lakers last year, was recently promoted to the Colorado Rapids in Major League Soccer (MLS) after playing locally for the Atlanta Silverbacks of the North American Soccer League.

"We've had tremendous central defenders over the last decade or so and Chris was one of the best," says head coach Pete Petersen. "I am very happy for him that he has had his breakthrough. He is such an athlete and so fast that with some game experience over the coming months he should turn out as an outstanding defender."

He will be on contract with the Colorado Rapids, who are based in Commerce City, CO, for both the 2012 and 2013 seasons.

"This is the highest level of play a Laker (in the Major Leagues) has ever made, so



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we are proud to watch him on television!" says Petersen.

Along with Petersen's excitement, Klute's play has also garnered the praise of coaches in the professional soccer world, as Eric Wynalda, the interim head coach of the Silverbacks compares him to one of the best

defenders to play for the U.S. Men's National Team and in Major League Soccer.

"I think he's going to continue to impress," Wynalda says. "When you start comparing him to players, there's a lot of

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## Gibbons to be Inducted to Florida's Court of Legends

Clayton State University head coach Gordon Gibbons has amassed over 700 victories throughout his coaching career, and this past weekend he was recognized for his legendary career.



Gibbons

Gibbons was named to the Florida Association of Basketball Coaches (FABC) "Court of Legends" in a ceremony at the Lakeland Center in Lakeland, Fla. Gibbons was one of 10 basketball legends inducted into the Association's Hall of Fame, which

includes both coaches and players. A couple of other notable inductees in this year's class, which will be the Association's fourth class, include former NBA greats Artis Gilmore and Otis Smith.

"Coach Gibbons has, and continues to, touch the lives of many young men," says Clayton State Athletic Director Carl McAloose. "It is great to see that he is being honored with such a prestigious award for all of his outstanding accomplishments."

Before becoming Clayton State's third head coach in 2001, Gibbons spent almost

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