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Clayton State University Forms Partnership with University of Caen

Clayton State University and Universite de Caen Basse Normandie (“University of Caen”) recently formally tied what Clayton State Director of International Programs John Parkerson refers to as “the partnership knot.”

The Clayton State Office of International Programs hosted a two-person delegation from Clayton State’s French partner institution, University of Caen, from Mar. 29 to Apr. 1. The guests were Christian Deleuze (accompanied by his wife, Mireille), professor of management and international programs director of the University of Caen; and Eve Hilaret, MBA program assistant, Centre Franco Americain, of the University of Caen.

Clayton State President Dr. Thomas J. “Tim” Hynes and the French partners signed an umbrella Memorandum of

Understanding (“MOU”) and an annex that defines the terms for exchanges of Clayton State and Caen students. Faculty exchanges and research collaborations also are anticipated under the MOU.

While at Clayton State, the two French guests from Caen met with Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Micheal Crafton, Dean of the School of Business Dr. Alphonso Ogbuehi, Parkerson, and numerous faculty members from the School of Business. The U. of Caen is capital of the French department (the French equivalent of an American state) of Basse Normandy – a key business and university center that also has great historical significance; among other things, the home of William the Conqueror, proximity to Bayeux and its famous tapestry, and the Normandy 1944 “D-Day” invasion beaches.



Clayton State University President Dr. Thomas J. “Tim” Hynes (left) with the University of Caen’s Eve Hilaret (center) and Christian Deleuze (right).

Two French students from Caen already have submitted applications for admission to Clayton State’s MBA programs. Crafton plans a visit to Caen during this coming summer. ■

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Special IMAX Screening at Event to Show Eagerly Anticipated Tornado Alley Movie

Clayton State to Hold Annual Dinner at Fernbank Museum, April 28

Later this month, friends of the Clayton State Alumni Association will come face-to-face with the world’s largest dinosaur ... and no that’s not an encounter with Loch, rising from Swan Lake. It will be at the 2011 Alumni Dinner.

The Alumni Association welcomes guests for its 19th Annual Dinner at the Fernbank Museum of Natural History. The event, open to alumni, faculty/staff, students and friends of the University, will be held on Thursday, Apr. 28, in the Museum’s Great Hall and IMAX Theatre. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m.

In conjunction with the dinner, the Alumni Association will recognize its 2011 Distinguished Alumni Award win-

ners, hold a benefit auction and have a special private viewing of the new IMAX movie Tornado Alley, one of the most eagerly anticipated IMAX releases of the decade.

Filmed across America’s plains states, where three-quarters of the world’s tornadoes occur, Tornado Alley follows veteran storm chasers on two unprecedented missions. Carrying a 92-pound IMAX camera, filmmaker Sean Casey and his crew race after storms in TIV-2, a seven-ton armored “tornado intercept vehicle” engineered and built by Casey to withstand the impact of the gale force winds at a tornado’s core.

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Clayton State University Announces Alice Smith Faculty Award Nominees

by Erin Fender, University Relations



Dr. Gregory McNamara



Dr. Mario Norman



Dr. Muhammad Rahman



Dr. Susan Walsh



Dr. Gregory Kordecki

Clayton State has announced the finalists for the 2011 Alice Smith Faculty Award.

This year's nominees are: from the College of Arts & Sciences, Dr. Gregory McNamara and Dr. Mario Norman; from the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences, Dr. Muhammad Rahman; from the College of Health, Dr. Susan Walsh; and from the School of Business, Dr. Gregory Kordecki.

Since 2005, McNamara has been an associate professor of English, receiving tenure in 2008. Originally from Cambridge, Md., he now resides in McDonough with his wife of 15 years.

"The most challenging and rewarding aspect of my job is to present genuinely interesting and scholarly classes which respect, reward, and foster my students' intelligence, curiosity, and enthusiasm for learning. I have to be a step ahead all the time," says McNamara.

He received his masters and doctoral degrees from West Virginia University. He was awarded a 2011 CASE Research Award through the College of Arts and Sciences. He also received a fellowship award through the University System of Georgia European Council which will

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What to Know...

Clayton State's Alice J. Smith Awards, for both faculty and staff, will be presented at Clayton State's Faculty/Staff Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, May 3 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Spivey Hall. An annual event since 1995, the Smith Awards are presented to the faculty member and staff member ranked most outstanding as determined by committees of their peers. The two, \$1000 awards were established by local philanthropist Joseph Smith in honor of his wife, Alice. The winners of both categories will be announced at the May 3 ceremony.

Clayton State Students Take An Alternative Spring Break in Jamaica

by Tarrica Madison, University Relations

Seven Clayton State University students recently participated in an Alternative Spring Break trip to Jamaica. The Department of Student Affairs Director of Special Projects and Grants Deborah Greer-Dupree and the students not only served the people of Jamaica, but they also ended up with a feature on the local television station on several occasions during their week-long stay.

The students taking part in the program were; Jasmine Blalock of Atlanta, Nneka Illonah of Lithonia, Ga.,

Confidence Mpia of St. Louis, Via Nigeria and Kamille Rigsby of Stockbridge, Ga., Brittany Tokurah of Fayetteville, Ga., and Ashley Williams of McDonough, Ga. The students had the opportunity to teach in the classroom and assist in building an additional classroom for a local school, immerse themselves completely in the cuisine and customs of the native people, and lastly gain newsworthy exposure on the Jamaican news outlet, Television Jamaica.

The Alternative Spring Break-Jamaica was located in Dean's Valley, an area near

Peters Field, Jamaica, in the Westmoreland Township, where sugar cane is the region's major economic source. The students were able to tour the local sugar cane factory and view the process of sugar's journey from the field to the table.

The students also participated in the construction of a home for a destitute Westmoreland man as a continued contribution to the township's renewal. The Township of Westmoreland has

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Clayton State University Announces Alice Smith Staff Award Nominees

by Erin Fender, University Relations



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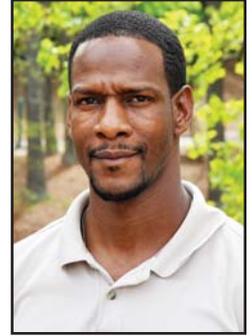
Dolores Cox



Priscilla Foster



Norman Grizzell



Donald West

Clayton State has announced the five finalists for the University's 2011 Alice Smith Staff Award. They are: from the Department of Teacher Education, Joy Bryant; from the Department of Image and Communications, Dolores Cox; from the Department of Financial Aid, Priscilla Foster; from Auxiliary Services, Norman Grizzell; and from Facilities Management, Donald West.

Joy Bryant of Atlanta, has worked at Clayton State for five years as an administrative assistant. She is a graduate of Atlanta Area Technical College.

"I am in awe; I didn't know I was even noticed. I am very honored to be

nominated for the Smith Award," says Bryant.

She is mother of two daughters and a dog. She feels the most rewarding aspect of her job is knowing she made a difference to someone who has been having a bad day.

Cox is originally from Brevard, N.C., and currently resides in Locust Grove with her husband of 28 years, Tim, and two furry children, Pixie and Prancer.

She began working at Clayton State in 2000 as an assistant director of admissions. Since 2002 she has held the position of communications coordinator. She

was also one of the first students in the Clayton State MALS program, receiving her degree in May 2009. She says the most rewarding aspect of her job is having the opportunity to meet outstanding students, celebrate their success stories, and see them achieve the goal of graduating.

"The Alice Smith Award symbolizes recognition attained by exhibiting high standards of behavior and regard for others. It takes dedication and commitment from all of us working together to make the University the best place it can be. Being nominated means so much to me because people care enough to express

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Michael Barnes Wins Annual Ogden/New York Times First Amendment Essay Contest

One of the highlights of the Third Annual Student Research Conference on Civic Engagement, held last month at The National Archives at Atlanta, was the Ogden/New York Times First Amendment Essay Contest.

Presented to a currently-enrolled Clayton State student for literary achievement in the area of First Amendment rights and free speech, the Ogden award is an annual part of the Civic Engagement Research Conference, and is sponsored by the New York Times. The award is named in memory of James H. Ogden, Jr., late husband of Clayton State Associate

Professor of Business Law Dr. Judith Stilz Ogden, and a lifelong supporter of First Amendment rights.

The winner of the 2011 Ogden/New York Times First Amendment essay contest was Michael Barnes, who presented his essay called, "Burning the Stars and Stripes: A Despicable Act, But One that Must be Protected." The award includes a cash prize.

Barnes is a resident of McDonough, Ga. Prior to attending Clayton State, he spent 12 years as a police officer in College Park, Ga., before deciding to go back to school.

More than 80 students from throughout the University System of Georgia attended Third Annual Student Research Conference on Civic Engagement. In all, there were nine different student presentations made by 17 students, and 11 students made poster presentations. Topics of these presentations included alternative breaks, a survey of civic engagement at Clayton State, civic engagement in the digital age, the impact of the HOPE scholarship cuts, and various mentoring and tutoring projects. ■

Laura and Anna Hinshaw Awarded Scholarships from Morrow Women's Civic Club, Clayton State Study Abroad

by Tarrica Madison, University Relations

Clayton State nursing student Laura Hinshaw recently received the "2010 Morrow Women's Civic Club Scholarship" after being asked to do an article that showcased the benefits of Clayton State's Nursing program for the Clayton State Continuing Education class schedule.

Hinshaw chose to highlight the dynamic relationship with her daughter Anna, also a Clayton State nursing student, a relationship that has motivated her to continue her education after graduating from Clayton Junior College with an associate's degree in nursing back in 1983. That very relationship has led the mother and daughter team to want to carry their love for the health of others abroad.

At the urging of the Women's Civic Club president Connie Johnson, Hinshaw was put in contact with Ginny Harrell, who handles the scholarship for the organization. Hinshaw was asked to write a two-page entry of why she is continuing her education. Upon the organization's con-

sideration of the entry, Hinshaw was awarded the Andrea Lane Scholarship of \$1000.

The Andrea Lane Scholarship is awarded to women who are trying to return to school to continue their scholastic goals. Hinshaw was able to allocate the scholarship to paying her tuition and allowing for her study abroad trip to Guatemala.

Clayton State's "Medicine in the Jungle" study abroad program to Guatemala allows for students to travel throughout the country providing health care and nursing aide to local Mayan Indians. Laura Hinshaw was able to suggest that Anna Hinshaw apply for the study abroad scholarship offered by Clayton State for those students who otherwise would be unable to study abroad. Anna Hinshaw received a \$500 study abroad scholarship, which secured her spot next to her mother on the ground-breaking trip.

Both mother and daughter used the Guatemala trip to provide nursing knowl-

edge that they wouldn't ordinarily experience in local hospitals. The knowledge gained from the trip will undoubtedly further their understanding of nursing in its purest form without the technological advances of the western medical environment. More importantly, this was a great experience to engage in before they both graduate from Clayton State's College of Health in the fall of 2011. ■



(L to R): Laura and Anna Hinshaw

Nursing Student Rachel Konsky Honored by Kaiser Permanente

Clayton State nursing student Rachel Konsky is honored in Kaiser Permanente's 2009 – 2010 Kaiser Permanente Community Benefit Report. Konsky is highlighted for being the recipient of the corporation's nursing scholarship and for becoming one of 3,000 members in the "Bridge Program" offered by Kaiser Permanente to lessen the gap of uninsured individuals in Georgia.

Konsky enrolled in Clayton State University to broaden her education in caring for others. For years, she has taken care of and spent time with seniors in her community. She decided to enroll in nursing school to draw on her nurturing nature. As a full-time student at Clayton State, Konsky was unable to afford health insurance. Fortunately, she learned that as a nursing student at Clayton, and with her

recent nursing scholarship award from Kaiser Permanente, she might be eligible for the Kaiser Permanente Bridge Program.

Through the Bridge Program Kaiser Permanente offers eligible individuals enrolled in job training, who don't have access to public or private health insurance, low-cost health care coverage for up to two years. The program was created in 2002 to help address the exploding number of uninsured individuals.

Kaiser Permanente is a corporate partner of Clayton State University and continues to strengthen this relationship with the Clayton State community and the School of Nursing's Program Coordinator for the Masters in Nursing, Christy Hicks, who manages the Bridge Program at Clayton State.

For more information on Clayton's School of Nursing and the Bridge Program offered at Clayton visit the School of Nursing's website at <http://nursing.clayton.edu/>.

For more information on the Kaiser Permanente Bridge Program or to view the article on Konsky, visit the Kaiser Permanente website at http://info.kp.org/communitybenefit/html/about_us/global/annualreport_09/index.html. ■

Iesha Little Honored at Atlanta Association of Black Journalists Luncheon

Clayton State University student Iesha Little, who was awarded the Atlanta Association of Black Journalists Xernona Clayton Scholarship last year, was honored at the 29th Atlanta Association of Black Journalists' Award Luncheon on Sunday Apr. 3.

U.S. Congressman John Lewis (D-GA) and media executive Clayton were the featured speakers. Lewis, a lifelong advocate of civil liberties, delivered the keynote address. Lewis played a major role in passing the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and contributed his efforts in securing equality and desegregation in America.

Clayton is a civil rights leader and broadcasting executive. In 1968, she

became the first southern African American female to host a daily prime time talk show. The show was broadcast on WAGA-TV in Atlanta and would eventually be renamed the Xernona Clayton Show. In recognition of her contribution to broadcasting, her community and the nation, the Atlanta Association of Black Journalists named its scholarship in her honor and annually presents the Xernona Clayton Scholarship to a student pursuing a career in communications who aspires to become a future leader in the journalism industry.

Little, a Political Science major with a minor in Communications & Media Studies, submitted several examples and wrote an essay about "What does the newsroom of the future look like?" She received the top award, which was a

\$2,000 scholarship towards her education.



Iesha Little

"Winning this award means that I truly have the ability to do whatever it is I wish to do in life,"

Little says. "All I have to do is go for it, because that's exactly what I did to receive this scholarship. I put everything I was thinking, every idea that I had into action."

After graduation in 2012, Little plans on attending law school.

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The Bent Tree's a Winner

by Tarrica Madison, University Relations

Clayton State University's student newspaper, The Bent Tree, recently won three awards at the Georgia Collegiate Press Association's 2010 Better Newspaper Contest.

"To receive the award, we simply mailed in stories, photos, and entire editions of the paper in their appropriate categories," says Kevin Liles, managing editor. "The winners were announced during the Press Institute at The Classic Center in Athens. I was editor-in-chief during the time that all of the pieces that won were published in the paper. I have since stepped down to managing editor."

Liles, who will graduate from Clayton State this spring, is enthusiastic about receiving the awards.

"It was so awesome to be rewarded for all of our hard work," he says. "I was so proud of our writers and photographers who contributed to the paper. And though we always have room for improvement,

the BENT TREE

Clayton State University's Student Newspaper



it's great to know that we can compete with other student newspapers around the state."

Contributors to the awards included;

Kevin Liles, *editor-in-chief*
(hometown: Bostwick, Ga.)

Avery Davis, *design editor*
(hometown: Cincinnati, Oh.)

Casey Scarborough, *photo editor*
(hometown: Jackson, Ga.)

Brian Roberts, *photographer*
(hometown: Atlanta, Ga.)

The Bent Tree won the following awards in the four-year division:

Best Editorial or Feature Photograph
3rd Place (Kevin Liles)

General Photography Excellence
3rd Place

Layout and Design Excellence
2nd Place

The full story is available online at <http://benttreenews.org/>. You can also view the latest printed edition online as well. ■

Wi2STEM Travel Grants Take Clayton State Students Across the U.S. for Research Presentations

What do Beignets, Organic Chemistry, the French Quarter, Statistical Inference, Disney, and Talin Proteins all have in common?

The answer is Wi2STEM students' research presentations. Clayton State University Wi2STEM students presented the results of their research at the Joint Mathematics Meetings (JMM) of the Mathematical Association of America and American Mathematical Society in New Orleans, and the American Chemical Society (ACS) in Anaheim, Cal. The students were able to present their research due to the Wi2STEM travel grant which is supported by the Metro South Region Georgia Power Office.

Wi2STEM is a Clayton State University organization created to increase knowledge of, and greater interest in, the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) disciplines. It is also a means of building a network of resources for women in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math disciplines and a means of communication for women hav-

ing an interest in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math majors.

Wi2STEM students Christine Gardner (Peachtree City), Latanya Gobin (Atlanta), Naveen Hassin (Riverdale) and Michelle York (Peachtree City) were able to travel to a nationally-recognized conference this spring because of Georgia Power's support of women in the STEM disciplines. Hassin and Gobin attended the ACS national meeting in Anaheim to present posters of their educational scientific research. York attended the JMM meeting in New Orleans to do a 15 minute presentation of her research on statistical results of a study on STEM students at Clayton State. Gardner attended the JMM to network and assist with York's presentation.

The research was completed over the past year. The research abstracts were accepted to their respective conferences, however, they would not have been able to exhibit their research without the support of the Georgia Power Travel Grant. Hassin's research was in biochemical studies and



(L to R) Latanya Gobin and Naveen Hassin

her research advisor is Dr. Richard Singiser. Her research topic is "Talin Proteins and SUMOylation."

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CIMS Students Attend 90th Meeting Of the MAA Southeastern Section

On Thursday, Mar. 31, Drs. Christian Barrientos, Elliot Krop, and Christopher Raridan of the Clayton State University Mathematics

Department escorted six Clayton State students to the 90th meeting of the Mathematics Association of America Southeastern Section held at The

University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

The students attending the conference were Daryl Boatwright (Atlanta), Minh Dang (Cai Be, Viet Nam), Christine Lengel (Ellenwood), Fedelis Mutiso (Nairobi, Kenya), Myron Standridge (Forest Park), and Candace Swords (Stockbridge). All six students enjoyed the conference and came away with an increased appreciation of mathematics.

Four of the students participated in the poster session. Dang presented some of his results on "The Regular Grid Domination Number," from his



(L to R): Krop, Dang, Boatwright, Standridge, Barrientos, Lengel, Swords, Raridan, and Mutiso.

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Across the Campus...

Athletics

Clayton State head men's and women's cross country coach Mike Mead began building his men's program for the 2011 season with the signing of Alex Foss out of Lakeland, Fla. Foss is the first male signee for the Lakers for the 2011 season. Last month, Mead inked Jessica Smith from Palmdale, Calif., as the first female signee for the upcoming season. In addition, Foss will also be a middle-distance to distance competitor on the Laker track and field team. Foss, who attends George Jenkins High School in Lakeland, was one of the top distance runners in the state of Florida this season. He was the city, county, district and region champion during the 2010 cross country season, while placing 11th at the Florida High School Class 3A meet. Foss plans on majoring in Psychology at Clayton State.

Clayton State head men's and women's cross country coach Mike Mead added to the Laker women 2011 season with the signing of German runner Maia Kuhnen. Kuhnen is the second female signee for the Lakers for the upcoming season. Last month, Mead inked Jessica Smith from Palmdale, Calif., as the first female signee. In addition, Kuhnen will also be a middle-distance to distance competitor on the Laker track and field team. Kuhnen, from Trier, Germany, is another versatile runner with a wide range of distances. In track and field last season, she ran the 400-meter dash in 1:01.71 minutes, the 800-meter run in 2:17.70, 4:45.51 in the 1,500-meter run and 41:52 in the 10,000-meter run. Kuhnen has run a personal-best 41:54 in the 10,000-meter run and 19:28.75 in 5K cross country. Kuhnen plans on majoring in Health and Fitness Management at Clayton State.

Campus Life

The Office of Campus Life will be holding two events on Apr. 19 and Apr. 20 in conjunction with Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. On Tuesday, Apr. 19, it's "Fresh Off the Boat: Dumb Things Well-Intended People Say or Think About the Asian Culture." It's an interactive dialogue discussion designed explore and dispel myths and stereotypes about the Asian culture that will be held in



Clayton State to Celebrate State Employee Recognition Week with Ice Cream Social

All state agencies in Georgia will be recognizing their employees for the service they provide to Georgia citizens during the week of May 2 to May 6. It's State Employee Recognition Week... which is part of a national event that is personally endorsed by Governor Nathan Deal. The governor will be issuing an official proclamation regarding State Employee Recognition Week.

As part of State Employee Recognition Week, Clayton State will be following

up the Tuesday, May 3 Annual Service Awards ceremony by also recognizing its employees with an Ice Cream Social in the James M. Baker University Center on Thursday, May 5, running from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. This official employee recognition event will include an ice cream bar, popcorn and the "spin to win" wheel from the University Bookstore, plus prize giveaways... a veritable carnival for the Clayton State faculty and staff. ■

room UC 265 of the James M. Baker University Center, starting at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided for the first 25 participants. On Wednesday, Apr. 20, it's "Asian Fusion," an opportunity to explore Asian American and Pacific Islander culture through food, dance, music and entertainment, held on the Clayton State Student Activities Center green, starting at 6 p.m. In case on rain, "Asian Fusion" will move indoors to the SAC ballroom.

External Relations

External Relations' Dana Brown is a notary public again, primarily at work for the Clayton State Foundation, but if you or your department needs a notary public, she will be glad to assist you.

Mathematics

Please join us to honor Dr. Annita Hunt on the occasion of her retirement after 20 years of dedicated service... Tuesday, May 3, in the Harry S. Downs Center Atrium, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Recreation & Wellness

From Feb. 7 through Apr. 1, the Spring 2011 "NCAA Regional Basketball Challenge" Contest was held for the students, faculty and staff at Clayton State University. This cardiovascular challenge encouraged participants to reach their fitness goals "on the road" to each of the 4

NCAA regional tournament locations. We are pleased to announce that Maria Cox is the winner of this year's challenge. Although the contest is over, please be on the lookout for future contest offered through the Department of Recreation & Wellness. For more, visit <http://adminservices.clayton.edu/recwell/fitnesscenter/> or contact Bassett at Scottbassett@clayton.edu or (678) 466-4975.

Women's Basketball

The official Clayton State University YouTube channel (ClaytonSTNews) has a new video... "Clayton State University's NCAA DII Champs." ClaytonSTNews will continue to show the 35-1 NCAA Division II National Champion Lakers over the next few weeks. This first video features NCAA Division II Coach of the Year Dennis Cox, and includes a surprise ending for the coach. The video was shot by videographer and Clayton State alumnus (class of 2007) Christian Bowen (vidsquad@aol.com). The exact URL of the new video, which will also be appearing soon on the Clayton State website (www.clayton.edu) is <http://www.youtube.com/embed/xNk6veMyBkE>. Subsequent Clayton State YouTube videos by Bowen will give viewers a chance to meet different groups of players from the championship team, including redshirts Genesis Kelly and Keona Dixon.

Arts Page

Clayton State University Jazz Combo Presents “Our Next Concert,” Apr. 27 in Spivey Hall

by Lauren Graves, University Relations

The Clayton State Department of Visual & Performing Arts presents the Clayton State University Jazz Combo in “Our Next Concert” on Wednesday, Apr. 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Spivey Hall. Admission is free.

The performance will feature classic compositions made famous by saxophonists, including tunes by Charlie Parker, Phil Woods, and Benny Golson, and Clayton State’s own Jazz Combo Director and saxophonist Stacey Houghton. Clayton State student vocalist/guitarist Kelly Jarrard (Stockbridge) will also perform one of her own vocal compositions.

This semester’s concert features its largest student horn section yet, with two trumpets and three saxophones. The Jazz Combo will also have a full rhythm section, shares Houghton.

Musicians performing in “Our Next Concert” include: Stacey Houghton (Rex), director and saxophone; trumpet: Wilgens Pierre (Mableton) and Josh Singleton (Conyers); alto saxophone: Avys Burroughs (Jonesboro); tenor saxophone: Rodney Allen (Augusta); tenor and baritone saxophones: Carl Dixon (Morrow); piano: Afolabi Giwa (Fayetteville) and Paul Anderson (Lithonia); guitar and vocals: Kelly Jarrard (Stockbridge); acoustic bass: Jennifer Dunn (Morrow), drums and vibraphone: Courtney Tatum (Jonesboro), and drums: Elliott Phillips.

“Join us for a musical evening of variety, spontaneity, and excitement,” exclaims Houghton. ■

Look for posters around campus... →

The Clayton State University
Department of Visual & Performing Arts
presents the

Clayton State University Jazz Combo

Stacey Houghton
Director

Wilgens Pierre
trumpet & electric bass
Josh Singleton
trumpet
Avys Burroughs
alto saxophone
Rodney Allen
tenor saxophone
Carl Dixon
tenor & baritone saxophones
Paul Anderson
piano
Afolabi Giwa
guitar
Kelly Jarrard
guitar & vocals
Jennifer Dunn
acoustic bass
Courtney Tatum
drums & vibraphone
Elliott Phillips
drums

Our Next Concert

Wednesday, April 27, 2011
Spivey Hall | 7:30 p.m. | Admission is free

Individuals requiring disability related accommodations for participation in any event or to obtain print materials in an alternative format, please contact the Disability Resource Center at (770) 466-5445.

Cygnets is Throwing a Launch Party, April 21

Cygnets is throwing a party! A Launch Party for the 2011 edition of Clayton State University's literary magazine that highlights the literary and artistic work of the student body and is issued annually in the spring.

The launch party, which is open to the public, takes place on Thursday, Apr. 21, at 6:30 p.m., in the Lecture Hall, room B10. There will be a reading from poetry author Robert Pfeiffer (part of the spring Visiting Writer's Reading Series), a Poetrypalooza, and refreshments will be served.

First published in spring 2004, Cygnets exists to encourage creative writing and art by providing a forum for writers and artists to display their works. Poetrypalooza exists to provide students the forum to express their creative writing talents with an audience. ■

Spivey Hall Children's Choir Auditions Set for April 30

Clayton State's world-famous Spivey Hall will be holding auditions for its equally-famous Children's Choir program on Saturday, Apr. 30, 2011.

The Spivey Hall Children's Choir Program has provided exemplary choral music education to its singers since 1994. Comprised of both male and female students ages 10 through 18, this treble choir program is for soprano and alto singers. Consisting of three choirs, the program draws students from 18 metro Atlanta counties, offering them professional-level instruction in vocal pedagogy, music theory, sight singing, ear training, and presentation as well as exposure to a variety of choral styles. Involvement also enhances young people's lives, helping them to develop self-reliance, personal integrity, responsibility, compassion, and confidence in their abilities.

Auditions will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Music Education Building on the Clayton State campus. Singers must be between the ages of 10 and 13 on Sept. 1, 2011 to audition.

For further information on the auditions contact Carol Abarr, general manager, Spivey Hall Children's Choir, at (770) 946-9072 or email sing@spiveyhallchildrenschoir.org. ■

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“Echoes from the South” From the Clayton State Theatre

The Clayton State Theatre is presenting two student-written productions this spring. "Echoes from the South" opened with a preview on Wednesday, Apr. 13, followed by opening night on Thursday, Apr. 14, and subsequent performances on Apr. 15, Apr. 16, Apr. 22 and Apr. 23

The two productions are "The Witch's Fee" by Levi Jelks, III, and "Great Grandmama's Silver" by Adrienne Garcia. All shows start at 8 p.m. The house opens at 7:45 p.m. Admission is \$5, Clayton State students are free with their Laker Card ID. Both productions

are directed by Clayton State Assistant Professor of Theatre and Communication Shontelle Thrash.

In "The Witch's Fee" young "Dead-End" Charlie Mallory is a poor Louisiana boy who is out of luck and out of options. His misfortunes lead him into the boathouse of Miss Ophelia, the infamous bayou woman who is able to give Charlie everything that he wants; fame, wealth, power... but only if he is willing to give her a deadly payment.

Desperate, Charlie agrees and soon realizes that both the boathouse and Miss

Ophelia are more dangerous than they appear and hold secrets that will eventually tie both of their fates together. Now that Charlie has everything that he wants, can he skip out on payment and keep the witch at the door when she comes knocking?

In "Great Grandmama's Silver" Emma returns home, after a lengthy absence, to attend her mother's funeral. While there, she is forced to confront her past in the form of three alter egos. ■

Clayton Community Big Band Presents “Bop-estration” in Spivey Hall, May 2

by Lauren Graves, University Relations

The Clayton State University Department of Visual & Performing Arts presents the Clayton Community Big Band in “Bop-estration” on Monday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m. in Spivey Hall. Admission is free.

With “Bop-estration,” the Clayton Community Big Band (CCBB) continues its 10-year celebration by featuring classic jazz arrangements and bebop tunes by musicians such as Miles Davis, Freddie Hubbard, Chick Corea and Duke Jordan, and performing masterful arrangements by Les Hooper, Phil Kelly and Mark Taylor. The concert will also premiere brand new arrangements by assistant director Art Thompson

“[‘Bop-estration’] will feature the band and its many soloists in an evening of jazz music for all tastes, from swing to Latin to fusion,” shares Stacey Houghton, CCBB director. “Please join us for our latest musical offering for all ages.”

Musicians performing in “Bop-estration” include: Stacey Houghton (Rex), director,



saxophone and flute, Art Thompson (Fayetteville), drums and percussion; saxophones: Carl Dixon (Morrow), Avys Burroughs (Jonesboro), Rodney Allen (Augusta), Michael Terry (Meansville), and John Babb (McDonough); trumpets: Michael Wheeler (Forest Park), Anthony

G. Bailey (Decatur), Josh Singleton (Conyers), Mark Lewis (McDonough), and Taylor Threlkeld (Morrow); trombones: Doug Murray (Jonesboro), Keith Gardner (McDonough), Derrick Jackson

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Foundation for the Defense of Democracies Chooses Clayton State Professor for Fellowship

by Tarrica Madison, University Relations

Clayton State Associate Professor of History Dr. Marko Maunula has been accepted as a 2011-12 Academic Fellow with the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies (FDD). As a fellow, he will participate in a unique educational program that focuses on the threat of terrorism to democracies around the world, to be held in Israel from June 11 to June 22, 2011.

The program consists of an intensive series of lectures by academics, diplomats, and military officials from India, Israel, Jordan, Turkey and the United States. Maunula will also be exposed to field trips to military police and immigration facilities throughout Israel.

The goal is to educate participants who are in a role to influence others directly about terrorism and how democratic states combat the threat. The combative techniques implementing in determining terroristic threat is produced through independent analyses of global terrorist threats that explore the historical, cultural, philosophical and ideological factors that drive terrorism and threaten the individual freedoms guaranteed within democratic societies.

This initiative goes hand-in-hand with the coursework that Maunula offers to Clayton State students. The course content of his Critical Trends and Issues in the Contemporary World (HIST 2750) examines the global significance of critical political, social, cultural, economic, and international trends since the fall of Communism. This course allows for a global perspective on the politics and understanding of regimes that have shaped the political climates of the past and present including those of terroristic cause.

Maunula's interpretations of these issues coincides with the FDD's intended spotlight on the impact such combative social groups pose on the very freedom of societies around the world. Additionally, Maunula will engage in understanding of terroristic threats currently embedding into the culture of demographics usually unrelated to known terroristic racial groups.

In his African American History (HIST 4001) course at Clayton State, Maunula creates an attitude among students that learning of critical historical observations of one specific minority can provide insight to understanding the growth of a particular racial group or the disappointments and setbacks that allow for its pres-

ent social, political, and economical realities.

The asset that this fellowship will provide to Maunula will be undeniably a direct correlation to his influence in his course offerings at Clayton State. The initiatives that he will be allowed to give educational responses to will definitely be felt amongst the Clayton State community, not only with his continued teaching at Clayton State prior to the experience, but also the pride that Clayton State has for one of its own making moves on the global stage in the worlds' understanding of terrorism against democracy.

Maunula has been a professor at Clayton State University since 2005. He holds a doctorate in the Fields of Interest: American South, Business and Economic History, Globalization Studies which solidifies him as the understandable recipient of the FDD's Fellowship in Terrorism this summer. ■



Dr. Marko Maunula

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Capstone Project (a joint effort with Krop). Similarly, Mutiso has been working with Raridan on his Capstone Project, and presented some of his results on a poster entitled "On Super Edge-Graceful Trees of Diameter Four."

Swords and Boatwright also have been working with Raridan as part of the CIMS Undergraduate Research Program, which explores special topics in fractals. Swords presented her results concerning "Fractal Basin Boundaries and Newton's Method" and Boatwright presented results on "Understanding Fractal Behavior Using a Discrete Model."

The abstracts for all four posters can be found at <http://www.bama.ua.edu/~jgleason/MAA11/Posters.pdf>, and the posters will be on display on the fourth floor of Clayton State's James M. Baker University Center through the end of next week.

"The students did an excellent job with their posters and I am very proud of their efforts to learn more about mathematics," says Raridan.

"I was so impressed with our students' ability to communicate with confidence and poise," says Dr. Lila Roberts, dean of CIMS. "This speaks well of the students' ability as well as the quality of faculty mentoring they have had."

The Math Club, the Department of Mathematics, and the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences were well-represented by the students and we all look forward to attending more conferences in the future, adds Raridan. The students' travel was funded through the Math Club budget, and from student activity fees. He also offers special thanks to the Student Fees Advisory Board, especially Dr. Elaine Manglitz and Carmelita Davis, for all of their help and support. ■

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The goal that drives Casey into relentless supercell storms is to navigate the TIV-2 directly into the heart of a tornado and capture its beauty and destructive power on film—at point blank range. For a preview of the movie, go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v-zxS3CHhVE>.

Tickets, which include the movie and dinner, are \$50, and dues-paying Alumni members may purchase tickets for \$40. The Alumni Association also has sponsorship opportunities available, which includes tickets to the event. To purchase online, visit www.clayton.edu/alumnigift.

All Clayton State alumni, faculty/staff, students and friends of the University are invited to the dinner. For more information and sponsorship opportunities, please contact the Clayton State Office of Alumni Relations at (678) 466-4477 or by email at gidrowell@clayton.edu. ■

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Gobin's research was in chemistry education and her research advisor is Dr. Susan Hornbuckle. The research topic that she presented was "Studies in Spatial Ability and Sophomore Organic Chemistry I Students."

York's research was a statistical analysis of data to determine the effectiveness of "Supporting Women in STEM Fields: The Wi2STEM Club's Impact on Student Members at Clayton State University."

Her research advisor is Dr. Catherine Matos.

All four students are active members of Wi2STEM and humbly appreciate the opportunity that has been handed to them by Georgia Power and they plan on taking full advantage of it.

"This is a chance for them to learn more about their fields they plan to enter as well as provide them with an experience that

would normally be out of reach," notes Wi2STEM advisor and Clayton State Professor Mary Hudachek-Buswell. "Gardner, Gobin, Hassin and York want Georgia Power to know they will be good stewards in their disciplines as a result of their travels." ■

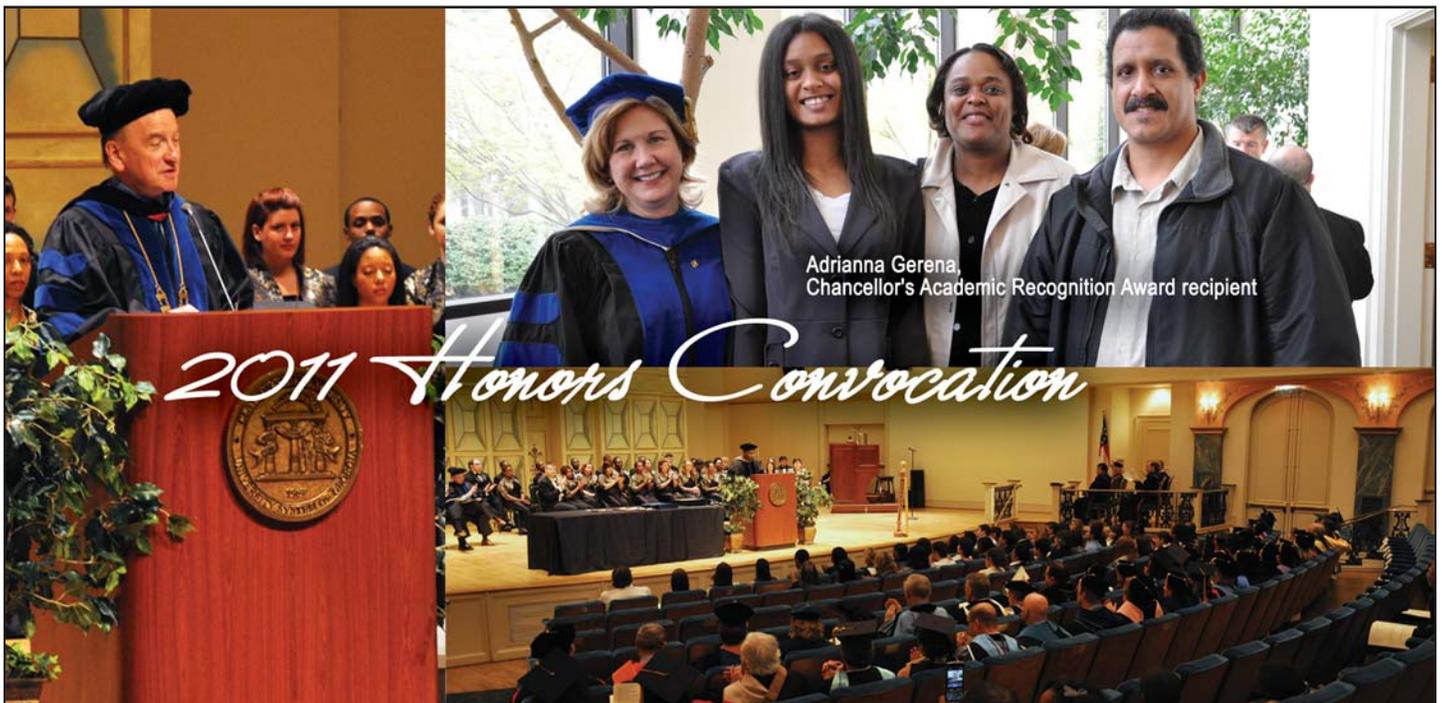
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Little is president and executive producer for Clayton State Television, and a member of AmeriCorps (a national service organization). She is also a 2010 Laker Orientation Leader, as well as a journalist for Delta Sigma Theta. ■

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(Morrow) and Mark Gladfelter (Ellenwood); piano: Marvin Pollock (Forest Park) and Wilgens Pierre (Hampton); guitar: Caleb Halstead (McDonough) and Mason Kelly (Stockbridge); bass: Jennifer Dunn

(Morrow) and Wilgens Pierre (Hampton); drums: Court Tatum (Lovejoy); and vocalists: Melissa Callender (Stockbridge) and Ryan Gates (Hampton). ■





The Women's Forum Scholarship Luncheon was held on April 14 with guest speaker Sally Griffis. Scholarship recipients Tasha Young, Mariya Iskhakova, and NiKimberly Wedlowe were recognized during the luncheon.

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allow him to develop his skills toward directing the London study abroad program sponsored by that organization.

"I know I am being considered alongside some of the most respected and accomplished members of the faculty and staff, and that can't anything but good—good for all of us. And I also hope one of the things it means that I have been nominated is that my colleagues see me as doing a good job and representing Clayton State in a good light," says McNamara.

Norman, an associate professor of Psychology, has been with Clayton State since 2005. He received his masters and doctorate degrees from Tennessee State University. He recently was awarded the 2011 "Heart of Gold" award at the first annual student choice awards.

"One of my most rewarding aspects of teaching is when students begin to think critically for themselves and begin to learn for the sake of learning, not learning for an exam. This is when I find that life-long learning begins. An additional rewarding aspect of teaching is participating in graduation. I understand that many students persevered through many obstacles to reach their goal of becoming a Clayton State graduate," says Norman.

Norman, his wife and two children reside in Atlanta.

"My career as an educator has always been interesting, sometimes frustrating,

but so very intrinsically rewarding. I believe my contributions to the institution and local community through teaching and service have been very positive, with much more to come," says Norman.

Originally from Dhaka, Bangladesh, and living in Chicago for 15 years before moving to Atlanta in 2002, Rahman has been with Clayton State since 2007. He is an associate professor of Information Technology and appreciates that Clayton State is a laptop university.

"I am honored to be nominated for the Alice Smith Award. This made me feel that the significant amount of effort and planning that I put into my courses was worth the commitment," says Rahman.

He is married with one child and enjoys philately and traveling. He received his doctorate degree from Illinois Institute of Technology.

Walsh of Peachtree City, has been with Clayton State since 2005, and recently was named Director of Simulation for the School of Nursing. She recently completed her doctorate degree in which she examined the use of high fidelity simulation to teach nursing students.

"For my dissertation research I won a large grant from the Association of Critical Care Nurses and Philips Medical Systems. As part of the grant I am presenting my research in a special session at the National Teaching Institute in

Chicago, and my work will be considered for an award. For this reason, unfortunately, I will miss the Smith Award ceremony at Clayton State," says Walsh.

She is married with two adult children and is currently watching their granddog, Luke.

"I am truly honored to be recognized by my fellow faculty in the School of Nursing, all who are equally able and excellent educators in their own right. I work among the best, so their nomination means so much," says Walsh.

Associate Professor of Accounting, Kordecki is originally from Milwaukee and Manitowoc, Wisc., and is currently residing in Chamblee. He originally began his career at Clayton State as a business instructor in 1976.

His most recent honor was the 2010-2011 Outstanding Accounting Educator of the Year award from the Georgia Society of CPAs.

He is married and with two adopted children from China. He enjoys hiking and kayaking.

"This nomination is a vote of confidence of quality work by faculty peers and means a great deal to me to possibly joining the ranks of truly great professionals," says Kordecki. ■



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appreciation and cite individuals. To be held in high regard by my peers is the ultimate honor," says Cox.

Cox enjoys gardening, arranging flowers, home decorating, and vacationing at the beach.

Foster, a 1994 Clayton State graduate, has been with Clayton State since January 2010. She grew up on Lake Erie, but currently resides in Hampton.

"My life has been greatly enriched by Clayton State University, including a few years on the Alumni Board. Being nominated for the Alice Smith Award is an unexpected, awesome honor. It is very humbling and very much appreciated," says Foster.

She enjoys working at Clayton State because of the overwhelming concern for students and their success that is evident across campus. Her job is currently a challenge due to keeping up with changes in financial aid.

She is married with two children and five grandchildren. They have an adopted chocolate lab.

Grizzell who grew up in Clayton County, currently resides in Jonesboro. He has worked at Clayton State for 12 years starting as a clerk in the card center. He is now the Director of Auxiliary Services.

"I'm very honored and appreciative just to have been nominated. It speaks to the

supportive atmosphere at Clayton State and within Auxiliary Services," says Grizzell.

He appreciates providing services to students in the ever-changing environment here at Clayton State. He has one cat and loves playing trivia with friends. He is also interested in photography, design, and music.

Originally from Vienna, Ga., West now lives in Stockbridge with his wife and four children -- his oldest is now a freshman at Clayton State. He has worked here for the last four years holding several positions. He is currently project manager in Facilities Management.

West will complete his MSA with a concentration in General Administration in Aug. 2011 from Central Michigan University. He is a retired Army veteran who served 20 years of honorable service.

"Clayton State University is a great place to work; it reminds me of my days in the Army. There is enormous camaraderie amongst university staff, especially within Facilities Management: always working together for a common cause, accomplishing the university's missions," says West. "It means a lot to me to be nominated for the Smith Award by my colleagues. It is very humbling, my goals are to make our stakeholders/customers (students, faculty, staff, or visitors) happy, to make employees better today than they were yesterday, and make any environment that

I am a part of a better place to live and work. So, I don't perform for recognition, but for the mere fact of seeing smiles on faces for accomplishing tasks that one of our stakeholders needed to be fulfilled." ■

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since been a place of growth and draws students from various universities throughout the U.S. to rebuild its infrastructure and volunteer amongst its community programs, which are derived to further the positive progression of the area.

To view Clayton students and other students from around the country in the news story, go to <http://televisionjamaica.com/vd-6544-MIDDAYNEWS-MARCH0820.aspx>. To see the Clayton State students who participated in the volunteer opportunity and the activities they were involved in fast forward to the 11:30 mark.

For more information of Clayton State's Alternative Spring Break Programs visit the Department of Campus Life website at <http://adminservices.clayton.edu/campus-life/asb.htm>. ■

CIMS Second “Clue Me In” a Success

The second “Clue Me in to Clayton State” competition was played on the Clayton State University campus on Saturday, Mar. 26.

CIMS’ (College of Information and Mathematical Sciences) two student organizations, Wi2STEM and the Math Club, hosted the event with the support of the Clayton State Student Affairs and Recruitment and Admissions offices. Teams from Clayton State and eight metro Atlanta high schools (with their teachers) competed against each other to solve ciphers, puzzles, codes, sing, and/or dance, for clues that would direct them to various locations across campus.

Anyone on campus between 9 a.m. and noon would have observed several teams racing around and performing some interesting tasks. The event was structured like the reality show “The Amazing Race.” Teams of three or four students were given an initial clue to solve. When that

clue was solved, it led to another location. At the next location, teams found and solved another clue leading to another location and so on. The first team to finish their course won.

CIMS professor Mary Hudachek-Buswell was the director of the event. The clues were created and written by the Clue Committee with Maria Morales-Beale as chair, and clue consultant Jon Clark. Christine Gardner was chair of the after party and Michelle York was the competition registrar. Mission Control had Dr. Jim Braun, Dr. Yvette Gardner, Dr. Catherine Matos and Jelinda Spotorno, and was in the thick of monitoring teams’ progress all over campus. Dr. Chris Raridan, Mr. Matthew Smith and Dr. Byron Jeff were Clue Guardians, along with several students, observing teams in pursuit of their next clue. More than 30 Wi2STEM and Math Club students volunteered to create the game, and work during the competition this year. All participants were issued

“Clue Me in to Clayton State” bags and manuals with the rules and information to help teams solve clues.

First place prize was the Pan digital Novel for each team member valued at \$150 each, second place prize was a Logitech HD Webcam and Mouse or Speaker, and third place prize was a Clayton State Flash Drive and Light.

The last clue sent all teams to the “After Clue Me in to Clayton State Party,” where there winners were announced. The teams enjoyed lunch, sponsored by Rocky’s Pizza.

The event was supported by Clayton State student activity fees, the Recruitment and Admissions Office, and the University Bookstore. ■

High School Teams

First Place

Ken Tuntiansin
Kapu Rao
Mitchell VanDalen
Ilia Larkin
Druid Hills HS

Second Place

Lachlan Busby
Ali Kight
Kelly Compton
Alex Akins
Woodward Academy

Third Place

Michael Wonderley
Michael McCord
Kelly Compton
Daniel Waiksnis
McIntosh HS

Clayton State Teams

First Place

Andrew Coggins
Joel Capshaw
Chris Harvard
David Pottinger

Second Place

Michael Ngo
Pedro Torres
Dane Hylton
Tony Yaacoub

Third Place

Brittany Patton
Lakyjsha Smith
Patricia Herron
Norma Bautista



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Clayton State University hosted the Allan Vigil Ford Lincoln promotion “Spot the Allan Vigil Ford Fiesta” on Thursday, Mar. 31, on the University Quad.



Clayton State Business Professor Visiting Hungary as Part of Faculty Exchange Program

Dr. Ali Dadpay, assistant professor in the Clayton State University School of Business, is presently in Hungary as this year's two-week exchange professor with Clayton State's partner institution, the University of Pannonia in Veszprem.



Dr. Ali Dadpay

Clayton State's relationships with the nation of Hungary extend beyond the faculty exchange program. Clayton State hosted Zsofia Terek during the fall 2010 semester, the University's first-ever semester exchange student from the University of Pannonia. Parkerson, the honorary consul of Hungary for the southeastern United States, will also be visiting the University of Pannonia during the last week of June 2011 to discuss how to broaden the Pannonia-Clayton State collaboration further.

"While in Hungary, I also am invited to meet with officials from the Ministry of Education and universities in Pecs, Debrecen and Budapest," he adds. ■

Clayton State Director of International Programs John Parkerson notes that this is the second year of this faculty exchange program. In 2010, Parkerson himself taught a course in International Management as Clayton State's first exchange professor at the University of Pannonia. In addition, Clayton State hosted the first two visiting exchange business professors from Pannonia, Dr. Zoltan Kovacs and Dr. Peter Mihalyi, during spring and fall of 2010.

Life's Transitions...

Retired Clayton State Public Safety officer Tim Summers (aka "Officer Tim") is now a grandfather. Cullen Shooter Summers was born on Oct. 18, 2010 to Sgt. Scott Summers and Stacey Summers in Anchorage, Ala.

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hurdles in 57.70. And the 4x400-meter relay team of Veras, Shelby Russell, Charles Anderson and Ricky Fort continued to be impressive, winning in 3:23.31.

For the Laker women, Monique Belmudes posted the lone victory as she won the 800-meter run in 2:21.80.

Clayton State's next meet is the Southeast Region championships at Lenoir-Rhyne on Apr. 23. ■

Trivia Time

And Lisa Williams

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Lisa Williams had what we would call in Philadelphia an "attytood." That is, when she stepped on the basketball floor, she knew she was good, and so did everyone watching.

And she was, good, that is. One of the players who led the Lakers to their first appearance in a national tournament (the 1995 NAIA Championships), Williams would go on to set the Clayton State career scoring record (1415), as well as the career rebounding record (796), as well as the single season three-point field goal percentage record (.443 – she could do it all). She broke the old career scoring record by 100 points, and no one has come within 150 points of that mark in almost 15 years.

However, 'Nisha Woodard, one of the stars of the 2011 national championship team, has scored 998 points to date, with a year still to go after scoring 411 points this year. Do the math. So, before Williams' mark falls, we salute another of Clayton State's fine basketball alumni. Scott Bassett, who knows how to look up the records, had the only correct answer to the scoring champion question.

Speaking of long-lasting records, and in light of the ridiculous 2:03:02 run in the Boston Marathon on Monday, who's men's marathon record of 2:08:34 lasted almost as long as Williams' scoring record? It's a name that ought to be familiar... ■

Sports

Robinson Selected Division II Bulletin Honorable Mention All-American

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

After a banner season in which he was at the top of the Peach Belt Conference in scoring, Clayton State's Brandon Robinson received the ultimate honor – Division II All-American.

In its April postseason addition, Division II Bulletin released its 2010-11 Division II All-American team for men's basketball, and Robinson was selected as an honorable mention Division II All-American. Robinson becomes only the second player in the history of Clayton State men's basketball to garner All-American honors, joining former Laker great Robert Conley,

who was a Daktronics Division II third team All-American selection in 1999.

Robinson is also the first Clayton State All-American under current Laker head coach Gordon Gibbons.

A 6-foot-6, 180-pound senior from Lake Wales, Fla., Robinson led the Peach Belt Conference in scoring, averaging 20 points a game as the Lakers finished up 19-10 overall and 10-7 in the Peach Belt. He scored in double-figures in every game this season for the Lakers. Three times, he has scored 30 or more points,

including his career-high 31 points twice against St. Augustine's and against Georgia Southwestern in the Peach Belt Conference Tournament.

Robinson also had 12 more games of scoring 20 or more points and recorded three double-doubles. In addition to leading the conference in scoring, he was ninth in the conference in steals and 10th in free throw percentage (81 percent). Robinson came up only 10 points shy of reaching 1,000 for his Laker career. ■

Lakers Fall to 14-7 Overall; Await NCAA Division II At-large Berth Clayton State Drops 5-0 Decision to Top-ranked Armstrong Atlantic in PBC Semifinals

The Clayton State Laker women's tennis team faced a tremendous challenge in the Peach Belt Conference Tournament semifinals on Saturday against defending NCAA Division II National Champion Armstrong Atlantic. In turn, the top-ranked Lady Pirates had too much firepower as they downed No. 12 Clayton State 5-0 at the Newman Tennis Center.

Clayton State drops to 14-7 overall with the defeat. But the Lakers are almost

assured of an at-large berth in the upcoming NCAA Division II National Tournament. Armstrong Atlantic improves to 23-2.

Viktoriya Semyrodenko and Ivana Krommelova dropped an 8-2 decision against Armstrong Atlantic's Alida Muller-Wehlau and Barbora Krtickova in a match-up of two Top 10-ranked doubles teams in the nation at No. 1. At No. 2, the Lakers' Katie White and Marie Cercelletti

fell 8-4 against Kathleen Henry and Tina Ronel from Armstrong Atlantic, while Martina Dedaj and Jessica Budd dropped an 8-1 decision against the Lady Pirates' Jessica Gardefjord and Aleksndra Filipovski.

In singles, White fell 6-1, 6-0 against Krtickova at No. 2, and Charlotte Fabricius dropped a 6-2, 6-0 decision against Joanna Szymczyk from Armstrong Atlantic at No. 6. ■

Track and Field Enjoys Productive Meet at Cumberland's Invite

The Clayton State Laker men's and women's track and field teams enjoyed arguably their best combined meet in a few seasons at the Cumberland's Invite at The Cumberland's.

The two teams combined for four individual victories and 13 top five finishes in the meet. In the team scores, the Clayton State men finished 10th in the 16-team field

with 53 points, while the Laker women also placed 10th in the 15-team field with 40 points.

The Laker men posted three victories. Chuks Chinukwue won the 110-meter hurdles in 15.54 seconds, while Edlin Veras was victorious in the 400-meter

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