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President Hynes Signs Preliminary Agreement of Understanding with Gediz University of Izmir, Turkey

Clayton State University President Dr. Thomas J. "Tim" Hynes reported through his blog (<http://www.clayton.edu/2011/Turkey.htm>) last week that he has signed a preliminary agreement of understanding with the vice chancellor of Gediz University in Izmir, Turkey.

"Gediz is a new university... and has a new and engaging faculty with a growing program in the social sciences, in addition to science and technology," he blogged. "Vice Chancellor Akdis and I signed a preliminary agreement of understanding that will allow us to explore later opportunities for exchanges of Clayton State and Gediz faculty and students alike, as well as an interest in exploring the possibility for selected shared on line opportunities."

Izmir is located south and east of Istanbul. A city of about three million, it is the sec-

ond largest port in Turkey. Hynes is currently furthering the University's existing ties with the nation of Turkey in person as part of an exchange group sponsored by the University's educational partner, The Istanbul Center of Atlanta.

Later in his trip, Hynes visited the Ministry of Education, and met with the deputy undersecretary, Dr. Salih Celik, whose message was one of the need to invest in K-12 and higher education in Turkey in coming years. Celik reported that, in the last eight years, the number of universities in Turkey has grown from 52 to 164 and that, as a result, the need for faculty has led the government to support 1000 graduates to travel overseas (70 percent to the U.S.) to receive masters and doctoral degrees to serve as future faculty.

Hynes notes Turkey's focus on the need to increase student participation and success rates in both K-12 and higher education, and compares with the ongoing needs for success in education elsewhere, including the U.S.



Hynes

"Much of this push in Turkey relates to a need to increase educational participation and success to match European Union standards," he notes in his blog. "It is interesting to see the ways in which other nations look to the U.S. for leadership in education, even as we in the United States continue to should search to improve upon our past successes to

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Crafton Returns from Tour of European Universities

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Clayton State University Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Micheal Crafton recently returned from a tour of universities in England, Italy and France.

Starting in London in the first week of June, Crafton visited the University of London, the University of Caen, and travelled throughout Italy in conjunction with Clayton State's study abroad program to that nation. All three nations have long been a part of Clayton State's successful student study abroad programs and, in fact, Crafton's tour could be characterized as a chance for Clayton State's chief academic officer to visit in-person locations where the University has established successful study abroad programs.

Crafton started in England at the University of London, where he toured

the Ramsay and Astor residence halls, mingled with students, and visited the director of housing for the Clayton State London Study Abroad program, Cherril Fontaine, who reported that she was pleased overall with Clayton State students and faculty.



Crafton

One of those faculty members is Dr. Gregory McNamara of the Clayton State department of English. McNamara will serve as site director for the University System of Georgia's European Council at London's University College for the sum-

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Kordecki, Bullen, Howell and Poudevigne Named Wood Faculty Development Scholarship Winners

The recipients of the 2011 Martha M. Wood Faculty Development Scholarships at Clayton State University are; Dr. Greg Kordecki, School of Business, Dr. Maria Bullen, School of Business, Dr. Christina Howell, College of Arts and Sciences, and Dr. Melanie Poudevigne, College of Arts and Sciences.

The purpose of the Martha Wood Faculty Development Endowment Fund is to support professional development for Clayton State University faculty seeking to improve their teaching expertise, while broadening their knowledge of teaching theory.

Two \$1,000 scholarships and one \$500 scholarship are awarded annually to any full or part-time faculty with at least one year of teaching at Clayton State who meet the qualifying criteria. With four recipients this year, Kordecki and Bullen will evenly split a \$1000 scholarship. Recipients are required to submit a written report upon completion of their professional development activities.

The committee and the Wood family agreed that each of their proposals has the



Kordecki



Bullen



Howell



Poudevigne

potential to significantly impact teaching and learning at Clayton State University.

“We are honored to become recipients of the Martha Wood Grant,” says Bullen. “This grant has special meaning because Martha and Jim Wood are special long-term supporters and members of the Clayton State University community. We appreciate the opportunity provided by the grant to develop as faculty members and in turn to help our students develop their learning potential.”

“We enthusiastically explore methods to advance assurance of learning, and the grant will help our teaching efforts, along

with assistance from the Clayton State Center for Instructional Development, for students to achieve our learning outcomes,” adds Kordecki.

Bullen explains that the grant funding will allow both professors to develop a series of course embedded problem-based learning assessments, within the stream of Camtasia presentations, so that students can hear the professors’ voices as well as see the PowerPoint presentations.

“We are in the process of developing at least six modules using the theme of man-

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Jim Flowers Appointed Strategic Planning Officer

Clayton State University President Dr. Thomas J. “Tim” Hynes has announced the appointment of Jim Flowers as the University’s first Strategic Planning Officer. Flowers’ appointment will begin on Tuesday, July 5, 2011.

Currently the director of Government and Community Affairs at Georgia State University, Flowers has a strong background in both higher education and government. Previously Georgia State’s interim vice president of External Affairs responsible for University Relations and Communications, Alumni Affairs, and Government Affairs, Flowers was appointed director of Government and

Community Affairs under the reorganization led by incoming President Mark Becker. Flowers’ responsibilities focus on communicating the needs and capabilities of the faculty, staff and students of Georgia State University to members of the Board of Regents, the City of Atlanta, the Georgia General Assembly, members of Congress, and the local business community.

Prior to joining Georgia State in 2007, he was an employee of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia (USG) for seven years, assisting the CIO on matters of technology policy and the Senior Vice Chancellor for External Affairs on legislative matters. As special assistant for the CIO, he led collaborative

efforts among the 35 institutions in areas of strategic planning for IT services, system policy on matters of e-learning, intellectual property, and security. While serving the University System, Flowers was also appointed by the Chancellor as USG Customer Service Champion and coordinated all activities for University System participation in the Governor’s Customer Service Initiative.

“I am excited to join the Clayton State team as they shape the future, not only of this dynamic campus, but of higher education in general,” he says.

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Priority Jet General Manager Takes Off at Clayton State – Fayette

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Steven Dunn is a former deputy sheriff, firefighter, and emergency medical technician who is currently enrolled for his second semester in the Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) program at the Clayton State – Fayette instructional site at 1200 Commerce Dr., in Peachtree City.

That's not an entirely unusual pathway for a Clayton State BAS student; since the program was created in the late 1990s, the Clayton State BAS has enabled hundreds of students, most of them non-traditional students, to upgrade their resumes or change professional fields. What is unusual is that Dunn has already made one of the more dramatic career shifts by a BAS student. In 2005 he began a career in aviation by obtaining a pilot license through an out-of-state curriculum. Then, in March 2009, he began working for Priority Jet, a Part 135 air carrier, and Priority Jet Maintenance, a Part 145 Repair Station, at Atlanta Regional Airport in Peachtree City as the janitor/shop helper.

He didn't stay on the shop floor for long. Although the BAS degree is designed for individuals with associate degrees who wish to enter the administrative or managerial

sides of their careers, Dunn has already made that move. In March of 2010, he was promoted to director of Sales and Marketing (with gross sales tripling within the first three weeks of his taking over the position). Then, in May 2011, he was promoted to general manager. He currently manages nearly \$20 million in assets with, as he indicates, a substantial growth potential.

Thus, it could well be said that Dunn's enrollment in the BAS Technology Management with a concentration in Aviation Administration is just another stage of his new career taking off.

"I met Clayton State at the Fayette Chamber EXPO last year and learned about the (BAS) Aviation discipline," says the Peachtree City resident. "After explaining my break from school, I was encouraged to enroll. I enrolled in December and, after a rather speedy process, I began classes as a transfer student in the spring of 2011."

Dunn also notes that the faculty and staff at Clayton State – Fayette have been "more than accommodating." Of course, it doesn't hurt that his advisor and

Instructor, Bryan LaBrecque, not only designed the BAS aviation program, but is also the airport director for Atlanta Regional Airport.

Given that background, it's not a great surprise that Dunn's work and his education have a high degree of correlation.

"My spring semester online communications class enabled me to articulate the forthcoming changes in our company. This semester, my aviation-related classes are helping me to more effectively manage and grow our company," he says. "My advisor, Bryan LaBrecque, is assisting me with my scheduling of classes to coincide with my growth as manager."

"I plan to grow this company and create more jobs in this area. I love aviation and enjoy the challenging aspects of corporate aviation management." ■

Financial Aid Loan Counselor Turns Videographer

Never let it be said that Andra Peterson isn't versatile.

Although her "day job" is serving as loan counselor in the Clayton State University Office of Financial Aid, Peterson has other talents outside of advising students on loan options to help pay for their education. In a multimedia world, one of the functions of the Clayton State Financial Aid office is to provide information to incoming students at the University's regular new student orientation sessions. And, since a picture is worth a thousand words, that presentation is done via a Financial Aid video, written and directed by the loan counselor.

"I honestly can say I have never been into videography before this," says Peterson. "I was approached by my director, Pat

Barton and my supervisor, Assistant Director Michelle Craig, to come up with something different to show to the students in orientation.

"They tend to get overwhelmed by the constant PowerPoints, so we wanted something different to break up that monotony. I wrote the skit and they (Barton and Craig) just happened to love it, and we just took it from there."

Maybe more importantly, the students loved it as well. The evaluation forms from the orientation inevitably reflect that the participants have really enjoyed the Financial Aid video. Typical comments include... "The Financial Aid video was awesome!" "The Financial Aid presentation (was) the most enjoyable aspect of the program for me."

So what was Peterson's skit?

"The video features two actual Clayton State students (Codi and David)," she explains. "Codi is playing a student from another university. She comes to Clayton State to visit David and complain about the poor service she is receiving at her current institution. David, playing a Clayton State student, pretty much brags about our Financial Aid office and points out the services we offer that Codi does not receive at her university. By the end of the video, Codi is excited to make the switch to Clayton State."

Peterson and her husband Carl live in Atlanta with their three sons, Carl Jr., is six, Colin is three, and Carter is three months. In addition to serving as a loan

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Across the Campus...

Auxiliary Services

Clayton State, along with its partner Waste Management, is always looking to expand and promote new sustainability programs. In July, Clayton State will install in the James M. Baker University Center a new "Greenopolis" kiosk. Greenopolis is designed to promote "social recycling" that captures on-the-go recycling through an interactive experience. Recyclers can deposit their plastic bottles or aluminum cans into the kiosk and earn points that can be collected and redeemed for rewards. The more you recycle the more you earn! For more, visit <http://greenopolis.com/about>. The Clayton State contact person for this program is Cindy Knight.

Continuing Education

Clayton State's Division of Continuing Education will be offering two special, free summer day camps in July, funded through the Atlanta Regional Commission's Georgia Entertainment Media Work Ready Region. Each of the week-long camps are free to students ages

14-18 and are designed to support the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) initiative as well as to spark interest in career pathways. Since the courses are "Summer Video Game Design" (July 18 – July 22) and "Summer Teen Animation," (July 25- July 29) they should also spark interest in the entertainment industry, especially in video game design and video production. Both courses will be held at the Harry S. Downs Center on the Clayton State campus in Morrow. To register, go to www.conted.clayton.edu.

Public Safety

The campus parking rules and regulations have recently been updated on line. Other than some wordsmithing, the most significant update is changing the authority for a parking decal applicant to obtain both a faculty/staff and a student parking decal if one qualifies for both and pays the appropriate fees, to authorization for one decal only. If you qualify for both, the applicant can choose which decal to be issued, but

can't be issued both faculty/staff and student decals. Another addition was the inclusion of a description of Accessible Parking for Persons with Disabilities under the "Regulations" section.

School of Graduate Studies

The Clayton State University School of Graduate Studies will be holding its next monthly Graduate Open House on Tuesday, July 12. The open house will run from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in room 101 of the University's Harry S. Downs Center.

University Bookstore

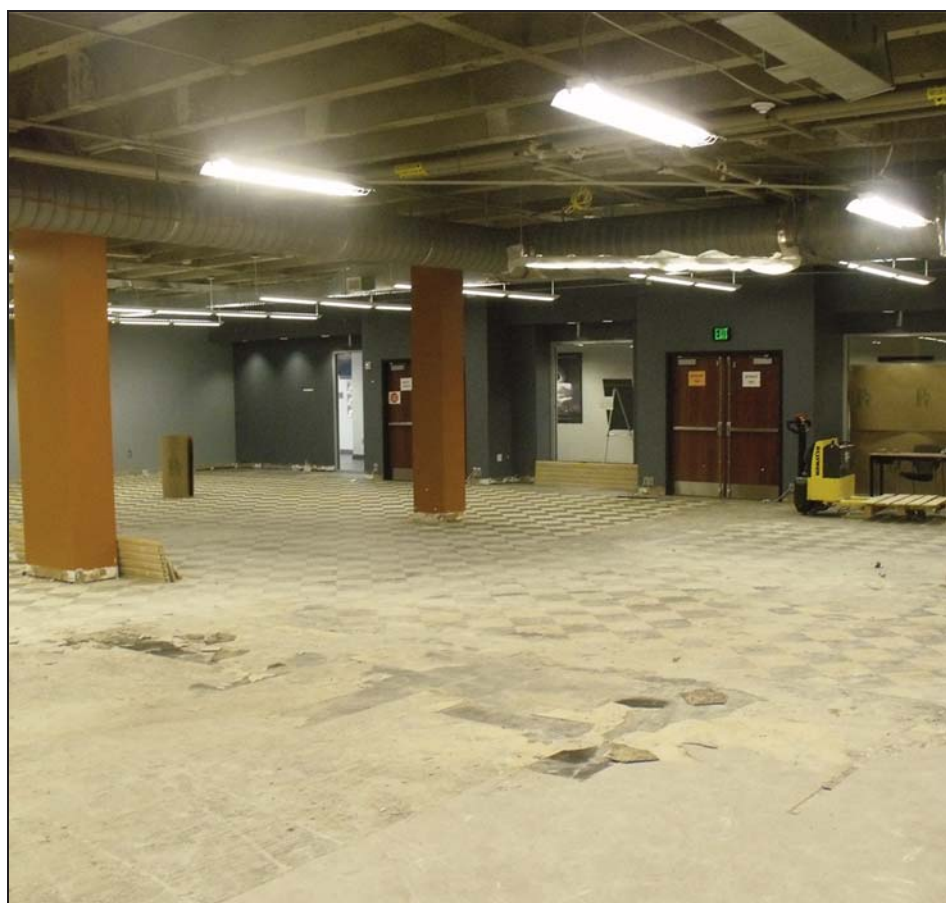
It's time to sell your books! The University Bookstore Book Buyback is Monday, July 25 to Thursday, July 28, from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Laker ID is required. Please bring all DVDs, CDs, and supplemental materials purchased with your textbooks. The University Bookstore is temporarily located in the Lakeside Dining Hall in the James M. Baker University Center while we expand and remodel to serve you better.

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counselor and videographer, Andra Peterson is also a student at Clayton State, with nine classes left to finish her degree in Liberal Arts.

Peterson started at Clayton State in July 2008 as a student loan officer, certifying all student loan applications. In July 2010, she was promoted to financial aid loan counselor, a position she describes as being a hybrid position between loan officer and counselor.

"I can process the loan applications and as well as perform verifications. I tend to help out wherever I'm needed in the office," she says. "I also created and maintained our Facebook and Twitter pages, which I recently handed over to the new Loan Officer, Stephanie Samuels. We are planning on launching a Financial Aid TV in the future that I'm helping to put together. We want to make more informational videos about the different types of financial aid here at the office as well as film a few more skits. The students will be able to view these videos while waiting in the office and on the YouTube page I plan to create." ■



The University Bookstore renovation makes progress in the Student Center.

Clayton State Ranks High in Undergraduate Minority Degrees Awarded in the Healthcare Fields

The June 9, 2011 issue of *Diverse: Issues In Higher Education* includes the publication's Top 100 Undergraduate Degrees Conferred rankings for the current year.

For several years now, *Diverse: Issues In Higher Education* has produced the Top 100 Degree Producers rankings of the institutions that confer the most degrees to minority students. For 2011, Clayton State University's programs in the healthcare field ranked in the Top 10 for Georgia in the number of degrees conferred. Under "Health and Medical Administrative Services," Clayton State ranked third among African Americans and eighth among all minorities. In the "Health Professions and Related Programs" category, Clayton State was eighth in the number of degrees conferred upon African Americans. The source for the rankings is the *Diverse: Issues In Higher Education* analysis of U.S. Department of

Education reports submitted by institutions involved.

None of these rankings should come as a surprise, since Clayton State's status as a diverse campus is long-established, dating back to 2001 when U.S. News & World Report initially ranked Clayton State first in having the most diverse student body in its category in the southeastern United States, a ranking that has been repeated five more times in the intervening years. In addition, *James*, Georgia's only monthly news magazine, pronounced that Clayton State University is "proof that ethnic diversity and scholastic achievement can make for a happy marriage in the modern South" in its July 2010 Best Colleges & Universities in Georgia issue.

Specifically in the healthcare field, the Clayton State School of Nursing (SoN) has received four Nursing Workforce

Diversity (NWD) program grants from the Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration, the most recent being a \$1,089,000 grant in September 2010.

"The fact that we have been fortunate to receive four workforce diversity grants over the past 10 years has drastically improved our retention, recruitment of students from under-represented groups, and increased the knowledge about cultural issues for all our faculty and students," says Dean of the College of Health, Dr. Lisa Eichelberger.

The ultimate goal for this grant is to increase the diversity of the nursing workforce through 1) pre-entry preparation, 2) retention of current students enrolled in the SoN and 3) cultural competence of students and faculty. A special emphasis is placed on the recruitment of Hispanic students with this grant. ■

Live... from Shontelle Thrash... It's the Artists Showcase of Atlanta

by John Shiffert, University Relations

It's time once again for the Artists Showcase of Atlanta.

A creation of Clayton State University Assistant Professor of Theatre/Communication Shontelle Thrash, the Showcase is in its third year, except that it's bigger and better. And, as always, several of Thrash's Clayton State theatre majors (and recent graduates) are involved.

This year's Showcase, which is also produced by Thrash, will be held on Saturday, July 9 and Sunday, July 10 at 7 Stages Theatre, 1105 Euclid Ave., Atlanta. The Saturday production starts at 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.) and the Sunday production at 5 p.m. (doors open at 4:30 p.m.) A reception will follow both performances. Tickets are

\$25, with a portion of the proceeds going to a good cause.

"I wanted to donate a portion of the proceeds to an organization that (is involved with a cause that is) near and dear to my heart; breast cancer," she explains. "After much research, I decided on Sisters... By Choice, Inc. SBC is a non-profit that provides a lot of services including free mammograms to the homeless."

Also new for 2011 will be the presentations – both theatre and film productions.

"Needless to say, I'm very excited about this showcase for a number of reasons," she says.



Thrash

Seven of those reasons are either her students, or her former students. In fact, three of the four authors whose works are being showcased have Clayton State Theatre connections. Bryan Meadows (who also wrote three scenes in the 2010 Showcase), Levi Jelks, III and Barbara Brown (a May 2011 Clayton State graduate) will all have works they have written in the Showcase. Acting in the Showcase will be Tierra Canup (another May 2011 graduate), Tamara Marshall, Erica Jones and Efrem Whitaker (both also Clayton State graduates).

To get more information, go to www.artistsshowcaseatl.com. ■

Nursing Students Immersed in the Lakota Tribe of the Pine Ridge Reservation

by Erin Fender, University Relations

Director of the Undergraduate Nursing Program in the Clayton State University College of Health Dr. Sue Odom, along with Associate Professor Dr. Jennell Charles and five students from the Clayton State School of Nursing have just returned from the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota from a cultural immersion opportunity into the life and history of the Lakota Tribe of the Sioux nation.

Students participated in seminars led by members of the Lakota Tribe, made home visits with public health nurses, did rotations in acute care and outpatient facilities, and participated in local field trips which included trips to the Badlands National Park, the Black Hills, Mt. Rushmore, Wounded Knee, and Crazy Horse Memorial.

“Pine Ridge has eight times the U.S. rate of diabetes, five times the U.S. rate of cervical cancer, twice the rate of heart disease, and eight times the rate of tuberculosis. With an alcoholism rate estimated at 80 percent, one in four infants are born with fetal alcohol syndrome. The life

expectancy of a male ‘living on the rez’ is 45 years,” says Charles. “This is the lowest life expectancy in the U.S. and lowest in the western hemisphere. Efforts are being made by members of the Lakota tribe to recapture their cultural history and legacy and reduce dependency of the tribe on federal grants and programs. They are interested in sharing concerns, challenges and ideas in order to improve the well being of their families and children.”

The Clayton State School of Nursing (SoN) plans to continue building relationships with residents of the community, health care providers, and health care service sites. Their hope is to make this an annual program for Clayton State. The course does not have to be just for nursing students, the focus is not on clinical competencies, but an attempt to gain understanding of a different cultural paradigm; the SoN hopes to make it an interdisciplinary course.

“One thing that is burned into my memory was the day I spent with the school nurse. You could tell that some of the little bitty students had gotten themselves to

school without any help from mom or dad - one little girl came to borrow the nurse's comb to brush her ‘bedhead’ hair. It just touched my heart so much - my mom always helped me comb my hair and get dressed in the morning before she went to work when I was that age,” says student nurse Susie Wiggins (Jonesboro), who will graduate December 2011.

Senior nursing student Tomi Nichols of Covington, Ga., said she has always wanted to experience another culture and never imagined it would be in the United States. The trip gave her insight into other cultural practices and feels it can only benefit her future clinical practice.

“I've never been immersed in a different culture like that. It made me realize that there are many ways to look at situations and that culture is never wrong. Sometimes as a nurse, you might have to adjust your idea of a ‘win’ when trying to educate a patient about improving their health,” expresses Wiggins.



Georgia Power Contributes Another Travel Grant to Clayton State Wi2STEM

For the third year in a row, Georgia Power is helping Clayton State University Wi2STEM students travel to make their research presentations.

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

Power recently gave Wi2STEM a \$2500 travel grant.

During this past year, Clayton State 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 previous Wi2STEM travel grant from the Metro South Region Georgia Power Office.

All of the Wi2STEM members receiving travel grant money humbly appreciate the

opportunity that has been handed to them by Georgia Power, says Wi2STEM advisor and Clayton State Professor Mary Hudachek-Buswell.

“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,” she adds. “They want Georgia Power to know they will be good stewards in their disciplines as a result of their travels.”

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mer of 2012. For the summer of 2011, McNamara is program director fellow to the London program.

McNamara has been teaching in the department of English at Clayton State with great inspiration to the students that have taken him for either a Shakespeare or British Literature course. Those students and many of his colleagues are well aware of his strengths in the British culture and English language.

The program for summer 2012 is a five-week course of study that is based at University College London and attracts students and faculty from across Georgia

“It was useful for to have a clear experience of where your facilities are located in London, what they looked like, the size, shape, and condition; this enables me to speak with some conviction and enthusiasm when talking to students, parents, and faculty members about the program and what they can expect to experience themselves,” wrote Crafton in a letter to Fontaine following his return to Clayton State.

In what could probably best be described as a whirlwind tour of Italy, Crafton spent

10 days travelling to Pisa, Florence, Siena and Rome.

“Our study abroad trip conducted by (Associate Vice President for Extended Programs) Kevin Demmitt is at present a thing of beauty; it runs like a top-dollar Maserati,” he says.

Crafton spent his time both covering some of Demmitt’s ground, and then also looking into other possibilities for future Italian programming.

After a brief visit with some retired University System of Georgia faculty in Brittany, Crafton met with a local entrepreneurial group from London who are developing long term stay facilities in and around the coast of Brittany, discussing the possibility of a study abroad program in Brittany similar to what Clayton State has been doing in the Bahamas.

“The environment; marine biology as well as history and archaeology, and of course Celtic and French culture; provides a wealth of research and teaching opportunities,” he notes.

From Brittany, it was on to Caen, where he met the two directors of the business

study abroad program, an opportunity created largely by former Clayton State School of Business Dean Dr. Jacob Chacko and Director of the Clayton State Office of International Programs John Parkerson.

While at IAE Université de Caen Basse Normandie, Crafton also met some students, and toured the facilities and the town.

“Here is an important fact about study abroad; no matter how much one thinks one knows about a place, until one arrives the truth remains at some distance,” he remarked in a letter to MBA program assistant Eve Hilairet. ■

Adam Tate to Speak on “Slavery and Freedom In Black and White” at NARA Exhibit Opening

The National Archives at Atlanta is proud to present an exhibit of historic newspapers that chronicle the African American experience during the 19th Century. The formal opening of the exhibit, “Slavery and Freedom in Black and White: The African American Experience in 19th Century Newspapers” is scheduled for Friday, July 8, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Guest speakers at the opening ceremony, which is free and open to the pub-

lic, include Clayton State Associate Professor of History and southern history expert and author Dr. Adam Tate, and Janis Ware, the publisher of The Atlanta Voice, an African American newspaper in Atlanta.



Tate

“Appointed Generation,” the Clayton State University Gospel Choir, will also

sing at the opening under the direction of Colby Wilson.

The newspapers in the exhibit are all originals from the collection of Christine Mitchell. The earliest newspaper, a 1792 Connecticut Courant, features an article about William Wilberforce attempting to end the African slave trade, and the latest newspaper is an 1865 Harper’s Weekly covering Abraham Lincoln’s second inauguration. ■

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agerial accounting, one of the key branches of the accounting discipline essential all students in the School of Business and to other students in various programs across the University,” she adds.

The grant also provides partial funding for the 2011 Southeast American Accounting Association Conference, according to Bullen the premier regional accounting conference for both pedagogy and discipline-based teaching and learning. In addition the grant funding will allow both professors to continue to engage in literature search in the area of student learning, including through problem-based learning assessments.



Wood

Although Assistant Professor of Voice Howell, like the rest of the Clayton State music faculty, has extensive musical training, she pointed out in her application for the Wood Scholarship that her training has little focus in non-classical singing such as rock, pop, country, jazz, gospel and folk music.

“In order to meet the changing needs of the university music curriculum, and for our program to remain competitive in the university music community, I need to supplement my own skills in performing this type of vocal technique as well as (to) solidify my pedagogical abilities in teach-

ing this skill to our students,” she wrote. Howell plans to seek this training through the Contemporary Commercial Music Vocal Pedagogy Institute.

“As an educator, I feel honored to have received this grant to support my international professional development, and to have been encouraged to seek innovative teaching methods in special populations when dealing with pregnancy and exercise so our students can benefit from the latest exercise skills and abilities in the field of exercise sciences,” says Poudevigne, the director of the Health & Fitness Management (HFMG) program at Clayton State.

Poudevigne plans to continue her on-going research on pregnancy and exercise, since there is still limited knowledge on the subject and she feels that her work can help students in future physical training of this special population.

“This research will facilitate sharing knowledge of exercise in special populations, which is one of the main topic dealt with in the HFMG 3130, 3140, and 4999 courses,” she pointed out in her application. “This specific area is a weakness for the HFMG program as depicted by the members of the HFMG advisory board that met this past January.”

The family of Dr. Martha Maxwell Wood, Clayton State professor emerita of Mathematics, with assistance provided by BellSouth and Georgia Pacific, endowed a \$50,000 scholarship at Clayton State University to support professional development for the university’s faculty in 2005.

The purpose of the Martha Wood Faculty Development Endowment Fund is to support professional development for Clayton State University faculty seeking to improve their teaching expertise, while broadening their knowledge of learning theory. Awards are used for developmental activities focused on new or innovative teaching methods or programs, as well as for expanding the applicant’s professional network and access to teaching resources.

“As an educator, it is my goal to support professional development, to encourage innovative teaching methods, and to provide means to support faculty seeking to improve their teaching expertise,” says Wood.

Wood is the wife of Jim Wood, founding member of the Clayton State University Foundation Board of Trustees and the most recent (May 2011) recipient of an honorary doctorate from the University. ■

VITA Awarded Grant by Atlanta Prosperity Campaign

Clayton State University's long-running and most successful community outreach program has been awarded a grant from the Atlanta Prosperity Campaign (APC).

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, hosted by the University's School of Business, recently completed its 21st consecutive year of providing free tax support for certain eligible taxpayers. VITA is a national program that has been in existence for 37 years, providing unpaid volunteers with extensive IRS training and testing that helps ensure that taxpayers will have their tax returns filled out accurately and timely and receive qualifying tax credits.

During this past tax season, Clayton State VITA volunteers completed 179 federal

returns and 144 state returns over six Saturdays. A total of 13 Clayton State accounting students prepared returns, and 10 other School of Business students served as greeters. In all, they assisted taxpayers in recovering \$274,844 in refunds. Due to their efforts, the Clayton State program has just received a grant from APC in the amount of \$1,969.

The Atlanta Prosperity Campaign is an initiative of the Atlanta Community Food Bank which was created to assist working families and individuals with financial matters by alerting them to money-saving programs and existing benefits. One of its projects is to work with the IRS on the VITA program, and, as a result, APC currently oversees all the VITA locations in the metro Atlanta area. This year APC

oversaw 45 sites, and more than 600 volunteers. This is the second year for the APC grant, and the awards are based on the number of returns prepared. The grant, which Clayton State Associate Professor of Business Law, Interim Assistant Dean, and Director of the MBA program Dr. Judith Stilz Ogden, applied for, is intended to reimburse sites for their expenditures, such as supplies.

As one of this year's VITA clients said in an email, notes Ogden, "I was very impressed with your students last Saturday. It is hard to want to go anywhere else when your students do such a good job. P.S., we will see you again next year." ■

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"Clayton State's legacy of transforming higher education in response to dynamic community and global expectations is impressive.

"President Hynes presented me with an exciting opportunity to collaborate with a vibrant and dedicated community which has a history of successful innovation. It is an honor to be invited to work with such talented individuals."

Flowers' primary responsibility at Clayton State will be to work with individual faculty and staff to identify, promote, and monitor innovations essential to the advancement of the strategic goals of the University.

"I know the university will demonstrate how higher education can engage students, the community, businesses and the world to solve 21st century problems," he says. "I believe Clayton State will continue to exceed everyone's expectations as the adoption of the new strategic plan enhances Clayton State's legacy as a global leader transforming the institution of higher education.

"I look forward to listening, learning, sharing, and celebrating with the community as Clayton State University continues its efforts to create an ideal environment for learning."

Flowers has also worked for the Executive Branch of state government. As deputy executive director and general manager for IT modernization for the Georgia Technology Authority, his duties included directing research for developing technologies, management of the states' programs designed to increase the number of on-line services for businesses and citizens, coordination of relations with industry and universities as well as working with appropriate entities engaged in growing Georgia's economic development in the high tech market.

He joined the staff of Governor Roy Barnes (D-Georgia) as the Governor's technology advisor in January 1999. His primary responsibilities included economic development policy focusing on transitioning Georgia's economy and workforce to compete in a knowledge economy. He also oversaw the state's \$315 million Y2K program, managed legislation creating the Georgia Technology Authority, and assisted in planning the Governor's trade mission to Israel and Europe to attract high tech companies to Georgia.

Prior to government service, Flowers worked for four high tech start-ups and two Fortune 1000 firms in positions ranging from systems analyst to executive management.

Flowers holds undergraduate degrees from Emory University in both political science and physics. He also did graduate work at Emory in political science focusing on non-linear modeling of social systems. He is a student of the Joint PhD program in Public Policy (Georgia State and Georgia Tech). He expects to complete his dissertation, a study of how institutional differences affect the implementation of campus information security policy, in 2011.

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maintain our learning advantages over other parts of the world.

"Our meeting at a new private high school (also) indicated the growing awareness here of the value of investments in education."

Hynes arrived in Istanbul on Friday, June 24 and visited various locations in Turkey until Sunday, July 3 as part of The Istanbul Center's annual summer trip. Hynes was invited by The Istanbul Center earlier this spring to participate in the trip. Not only have The Istanbul Center and Clayton State forged an educational partnership over the past two-and-a-half years, but the University continues to pursue further educational relationships with the western Asian nation. ■

Peach Belt Conference Recognizes Clayton State Athletes for Presidential Honor Roll

A total of 38 Clayton State athletes were selected to the Peach Belt Conference 2010-11 Presidential Honor Roll, which recognizes every student-athlete in a member institution who had a GPA of 3.0 or greater for the academic year.

Of the sports at Clayton State, women's tennis and men's cross country had the top representation with seven recipients, followed closely by women's soccer with six. The honor roll is divided into four groups - Presidential Scholars, Bronze Scholars, Silver Scholars and Gold Scholars. All student athletes with a GPA of 3.00-3.24 are Presidential Scholars, while Bronze Scholars are 3.25-2.49, Silver Scholars are 3.50-3.74 and Gold Scholars are 3.75-4.00.

Here are the following athletes from Clayton State selected to the 2010-11 Peach Belt Conference Presidential Honor Roll:

Gold Scholars: Kourtney Aylor (Women's Cross Country), Danelle Douglas (Women's Track and Field), Ivana Krommelova (Women's Tennis), Russell Lawless (Men's Cross Country), Robert Spezzacatena (Men's Cross Country), Samantha Walling (Women's Cross Country).

Silver Scholars: Zach Bradley (Men's Basketball), Stefania Cola (Women's

Soccer), Martina Dedaj (Women's Tennis), Charlotte Fabricius (Women's Tennis), Paige Galvin (Women's Cross Country), Brian Garcia (Men's Soccer).

Bronze Scholars: Luisa Alvarez (Women's Soccer), Jarrid Casimir (Men's Cross Country), Marie Cercelletti (Women's Tennis), Caitlin Clark (Women's Soccer), Jennifer Dreasler (Women's Soccer), Leighton Fredericks (Men's Soccer), Albert Mong'ony (Men's Cross Country), Fidelis Mutiso (Men's Cross Country), Clark Nelson (Men's Golf), Viktoriya Semyrodenko (Women's Tennis), James Waldon (Men's Basketball), John Wytanis (Men's Golf).

Presidential Scholars: Charles Anderson (Men's Cross Country), Ayrton Azcue (Men's Cross Country), Tyson Beaupe (Men's Golf), Monique Belmudes (Women's Cross Country), Roger Boniface (Men's Soccer), Jessica Budd (Women's Tennis), Chelsea Ellis (Women's Cross Country), Kayla Mobley (Women's Basketball), Maggie Mueller (Women's Soccer), Jonathan Ray (Men's Soccer), Jhaquil Richardson (Women's Track and Field), Michael Thorogood (Men's Basketball), Natalia Valentine (Women's Soccer), Katie White (Women's Tennis). ■

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Budd averaged seven points and six rebounds a game and shot 60 percent from the field as a freshman. He was a prep standout at Fort Dorchester High School in Ladson, S.C., where he was selected to play in the 2009 Carolinas Basketball All-Star Classic.

"Tim battled through preseason injuries to lead Spartanburg Methodist to a strong season," Gibbons said. "He can score inside and will add strength and depth to our post area."

Black, who is from Benton Harbor, Mich., is known for his aggressive rebounding

ability, and that will serve the Lakers well at the power forward position. He and senior Germeil Daniels, who was a developmental red-shirt last season, will battle for the starting power forward spot. That allows returning starter Torrin Greene to return to his more natural small forward position.

Black lettered two seasons at Iowa Western under head coach Jim Morris, and was a teammate of Salter for one season with the Reivers. He is ranked 141st out of the top 150 junior college players in the nation, according to JUCO Junction. ■

Trivia Time

WHO Bombed Pearl Harbor!?

by John Shiffert, University Relations

If there was some way to call up an interrobang (the subject of a Trivia Time question some years ago) for this headline, this would be the place.

If one were to believe John Belushi, playing the notorious John Blutarisky (aka, Bluto) in "Animal House," the Germans bombed Pearl Harbor. Here's the actual script, courtesy of University Relations' Erin Fender (who isn't eligible for the FCR) and Scott McElroy (among others).

Bluto: What? Over? Did you say "over"? Nothing is over until we decide it is! Was it over when the Germans bombed Pearl Harbor? Hell no!

Otter: Germans?

Boon: Forget it, he's rolling.

Now what's really interesting about this question is that no less than 15 individuals (several of whom admitted to practically having the "Animal House" script memorized) affiliated with this institution of higher education had the correct answer, from the script of a movie about possibly the most wayward institution of higher education ever committed to celluloid. There's a message there somewhere, though just what it is is hard to say. Anyway, in order, the correct answers came from; Norman Grizzell, Todd Birchfield, Kathy Garrison, Scott Bassett, Dirk Morrell, Jill Ellington, Lavern Kelly, Lou Brackett, Vickie F. Smith, Jennifer DeMond, B.D. Stillion, Tim Hynes (yes, THAT Tim Hynes), Brett Reichert, the aforementioned Mr. McElroy, and the virtual donor of the Tom Eddins Virtual Trivia Trophy, Tom Eddins Himself. Bonus Points go those who clearly are way too familiar with this piece of Americana; Birchfield, Ellington, Reichert, McElroy and Eddins.

At the halfway point of 2011, the Trivia Time race, although 21 individuals have sent in correct answers, looks like a two-way contest between a couple of Scotts... Bassett leads with 26 points, while McElroy is a close second with 24. Third place belongs to Kurt-Alexander Zeller with 15, followed by Grizzell with 12. The only other player in double figures is Ellington, with 10.

Although movies are no longer shot on celluloid, there once was a marvelous metaphorical song about those who starred on that medium. What was it called, and who wrote it? Answers not to Bluto but to JohnShiffert@clayton.edu. ■

Sports

Clayton State's Semyrodenko, Krommelova Selected ITA Division II All-American for Women's Tennis

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

The Clayton State Lakers have placed two players on this season's ITA (Intercollegiate Tennis Association) 2011 Small College Division Women's All-American teams.

Selected ITA Division II All-American from Clayton State was Viktoriya Semyrodenko and Ivana Krommelova. Semyrodenko was selected Division II All-American for both singles and doubles, while Krommelova was selected for doubles with Semyrodenko. To earn All-American honors, a player has to finish ranked in the Top 20 in the nation in singles, and a doubles team has to be ranked in the Top 10. Semyrodenko finished the season ranked 12th in the nation in singles, while she and Krommelova were ranked seventh in doubles.

This is the second Division II All-American honor for Semyrodenko, who was previously All-American in doubles in 2009. This is the first Division II All-American for Krommelova. Overall, Clayton State now has 12 All-Americans in the history of its women's tennis program.

Both Semyrodenko and Krommelova were instrumental in pacing Clayton State to arguably its best season ever in 2011. Under first-year head coach Le'Trone Mason, the Lakers finished 18-8 and advanced to the NCAA Division II "Final Four" for the first time in program history. Clayton State finished the season ranked seventh in the ITA Division II Top 50.

A senior from Donetsk, Ukraine, Semyrodenko finished her heralded

Clayton State career with a 16-6 mark in singles and 17-6 in doubles this season. She was selected All-Peach Belt Conference in both singles and doubles, playing No. 1 position in both areas. In addition, Semyrodenko was also selected Peach Belt Conference All-Academic for women's tennis.

A sophomore from Nove Zamky, Slovakia, Krommelova was also an All-Peach Belt Conference selection in doubles. She finished 17-6 in doubles and 14-5 in singles on the season. Like Semyrodenko, Krommelova was also a Peach Belt Conference All-Academic selection. ■

JUCO Posts Budd, Black Sign With Clayton State Men's Basketball

In re-loading his perimeter attack for the 2011-12 season, Clayton State head men's basketball coach Gordon Gibbons signed three talented Division I transfers. In building the inside post game, Gibbons is going the junior college route.

Gibbons announced on Wednesday the signing of center Tim Budd and forward Tyrone Black for the upcoming season. The 6-foot-9, 265-pound Budd comes to Clayton State from Spartanburg Methodist in Spartanburg, S.C. The 6-7, 240-pound Black joins the Lakers out of Iowa Western Community College in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

The JUCO duo joins the three Division I transfers – Anthony Salter from Hawaii, Tony Dukes from USC Upstate and Teondre Williams from Oregon – so far in the 2011-12 Clayton State men's basketball recruiting class. The addition of Budd and Black will give the Lakers more size and depth in the post area, which was a

thin area last season as Clayton State finished 19-10 overall and 10-7 in the Peach Belt Conference.

"Tim and Tyrone both bring a lot to the table as they replace two key starters from our post group over the last two seasons," said Gibbons, who is 190-109 entering his 11th season at Clayton State. "Their experience will allow us not to miss a beat."

Budd, who is from Ladson, S.C., will give the Lakers a legitimate scoring threat in the post area that they have missed in the last few seasons. Combining him with returning center Andrew Bachanov (6-9, 245) will give Clayton State a strong, physical combination at center for the upcoming season.

Budd was a two-year starter at Spartanburg Methodist for head coach Jeff Brookman. This past season, he averaged 12 points and seven rebounds a game while shooting 59 percent from the

field to earn NJCAA All-Region honors. Budd helped pace Spartanburg Methodist to a 19-11 mark.

His top games from this season including a 21-point performance against Walters State, 20 points against Denmark Tech.

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