

Clayton State to Offer Academic Classes in Fayette County this Fall

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Starting in August 2003, higher education academic courses will be taught in Fayette County by "Your University" for Atlanta's Southern Crescent.

Following approval by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, Clayton State will begin offering academic classes at the Fayette County Higher Education Center to students accepted for admission into the University for the Fall 2003 term.

To familiarize the public - including prospective students - with the new programs, a series of four Information Sessions were held at the Fayette County Center on the evening of Thursday, June 5.

Clayton State, through the Fayette County Center, located in the Peachtree City Tennis Center in Peachtree City, has been offering non-credit, Continuing Education and small business development classes since it opened Oct. 1, 2002. Starting later this summer, four college-credit evening classes will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays. A cohort of 43 students, divided into two groups, will be admitted for the fall.

Students in Group 1 will take Critical Thinking Across the Curriculum from 5 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., and then a Survey of U.S. History to 1877 (6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.). Students in Group 2

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Clayton State Boasts Record Summer Enrollment

For the third consecutive semester, Clayton College & State University has set a new student enrollment record.

Today's record du jour is for the largest student population to enroll for the University's summer semester. Following yesterday's finalizing of the student record, attendance for the

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summer 2003 semester stands at 3,445, by far the largest summer total in the University's history.

Overall, the current academic year has been a record-breaker for Clayton State. Enrollment for the fall semester topped out at 5,214, only the second time the University had ever exceeded 5,000 students (the first was the fall semester 1995's 5,020 students) for any semester. However, the fall 2002 enrollment record only lasted until January 2003, when 5,555 students enrolled at Clayton State for the just-completed spring semester.

The current semester's total attendance is some 900 students higher than the typical Clayton State summer semester over the past decade. For the last 11 years, the average summer attendance has been 2,500, with 2,750 being the norm for the three summers prior to 2003. ■

The President's Message... Clayton State In Good Standing With SACS

by Dr. Thomas K. Harden

There is, unfortunately, some confusion in the region.



Clayton College & State University is a senior unit of the Univer-

sity System of Georgia. As such, Clayton State is not affiliated with the Clayton County Public Schools, which is responsible for K through 12 education in the county.

The University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) to award associate and baccalaureate degrees. The University is a member institution in good standing with the Commission and is currently preparing for its regular decennial review with the Commission, which is scheduled to occur in 2004.

The recent hearing held by SACS, resulting in SACS' decision to place the Clayton County Public Schools on probationary status, has no bearing on Clayton State's accreditation.

Clayton College & State University is "Your University" for the Southern Crescent and is in good standing.

Clayton State Theater to Receive \$12,000 Donation for Student/Community Playwrights

by Lauren Baker, University Relations

Dr. Larry Corse, director of the Clayton State Theater for 31 years, has promised to donate a minimum of \$12,000 to be paid over a 10-year period to encourage aspiring playwrights. Corse presented Clayton State President Dr. Thomas K. Harden with an initial \$1,200 check on Thursday, Apr. 24.

"I wanted to give something back to the theater, and encouraging playwrights to submit works of quality that can be produced by Clayton State Theater seemed a good way of doing so," says Corse.

A playwrighting prize will be instated in which the winning script submitter will receive \$1,000. One playwright will win the \$1,000 prize each year. The competition will be open to any writer; it is not limited to Clayton State students.

"In recent years, Clayton State Theater has premiered 34 works," says Corse. "When playwrights know that a theater will produce a play and if the quality of the competition generates quality scripts, we are likely to see a substantial submission of scripts."

Examples of recent premiere pieces include Atlanta's Andy Ditzler's "Yes and No," and the world premiere of Ray Bradbury and William Whitefield's "The Day it Rained Forever."

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Clayton State School of Technology To Hold Annual Certificate Ceremony June 10

Clayton College & State University's School of Technology will hold its annual Certificate Recognition Ceremony on Tuesday, June 10 at 7 p.m. in the University's world-famous Spivey Hall.

Clayton State President Dr. Thomas K. Harden will preside at the ceremony, and will offer welcoming remarks. A total of 174 individuals are eligible to receive their certificates for work completed during the summer 2002, fall 2002 and spring 2003 semesters. The School's faculty and staff will be introduced by Ginny Bass, department head of Technical Studies.

Sharon Y. Williams (Riverdale), who will be receiving her certificate in Paralegal Studies, has been named the School's Outstanding Certificate Graduate for the 2002/2003 academic year and will offer some reflections on her past year at Clayton State.

The conferring and presentation of the certificates will be handled by Dr. Benita H. Moore, acting dean of the School of Technology, and Clayton State's Outstanding Alumnus for 2003, Jack Moore, department head of Aviation Maintenance, and Clayton State Registrar Rebecca Gmeiner. Thomas George, president of the Clayton State Alumni Association, will then induct the certificate recipients into the Alumni Association.

A reception will follow the Certificate Ceremony.

For further information, call the Clayton State School of Technology at (770) 961-3415. ■

Dental Hygiene Students Win Hinman Dental Society Scholarships

by Lauren Baker, University Relations

Clayton State Dental Hygiene students Vicki Arendt, Joy Sabestinas, and Tameka Schley were all smiles when they received scholarships from the Thomas P. Hinman Dental Society. Dr. Thomas H. Callahan, a Hinman Dental Society Trustee, presented the scholarships at a special luncheon held recently in Atlanta at the 91st Hinman Dental Meeting.

The Hinman Dental Society provides three scholarships each year for senior Clayton State dental hygiene students. Scholarship candidates must have a 3.0 minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) and must show potential for life-long learning. In addition to satisfying GPA requirements, students must submit a short essay addressing their academic and professional accomplishments, and detailing reasons why they should be considered for candidacy.

In her essay Arendt, a resident of Fayetteville and already employed in the dental field, writes, "I am so proud of the rapport that I have developed with the patients as well as my ability to enhance their understanding of the importance of improving and maintaining their oral health. Throughout my career as a dental professional, I have been committed to my own education as a means of importing knowledge to others...I feel this is reflected in my attitude as a student and in the grades I have achieved."

Sabestinas, a resident of Morrow and a fulltime student, writes, "[Through] the B.S.D.H. program at Clayton State...I have gained communication skills, leadership skills, and research skills which will benefit me in my role as a professional clinician, administrator, consumer, advocate, educator, and researcher...These skills will aid in my role as a public health hygienist who treats people as a whole, rather than [treating] their disease."

Scholarship winner Schley, a resident of Lithonia and a full-time student, writes, "[The Hinman Scholarship gives] me the opportunity to spread awareness about the field of

Clayton State Hosts Visiting Professors from India

by Lauren Baker, University Relations

Following on the heels of Clayton State's first Fulbright Scholar, the University celebrated another first by hosting two professors from Hyderabad National University in Mumbai, India. Professors Anita Ramsinghani (Chemistry) and Kishore Peshori (Accounting) recently visited Clayton State for 10 days to observe primary, secondary, and post-secondary education in America.

Ramsinghani and Peshori, two of 12 professors from the Hyderabad National Collegiate Board (a structure similar to the University System of Georgia), were chosen by a committee of their peers to spend two weeks at the University of West Georgia. While at West Georgia, the 12 would earn a certificate that would help advance their teaching careers in India.

In fall 2002, West Georgia's Director of Continuing Education, Dr. Jim Agan, solicited local universities to help host the Indian professors. Clayton State and Southern Polytechnic University agreed to assist Agan by providing transportation, lodging, an agenda, and food for a select number of guests.

While visiting Clayton State, Ramsinghani and Peshori attended classes relating to their fields of study, met with Clayton State professors, and spoke with Clayton State administrators. Then five Clayton State faculty

Clayton State Circle K Advisor Susan Henry Honored

by Leigh Duncan, University Relations

Earlier this month, at the Student Organization Awards ceremony sponsored by the Clayton State Office of Student Life, Assistant Professor of English (and co-sponsor of the newly chartered Clayton State Circle K Club) Dr. Susan C. Henry was honored as this year's recipient of the Circle K International Foundations of Success Award.

Presenting the award was Clayton State Circle K president Felicia Montgomery, who spoke highly of Henry and her contribution to the organization.

"Club officers and members move on after a short tenure with the club. However, it is the advisor who remains to maintain vital continuity from year-to-year," said Montgomery.

"Susan Henry has done a remarkable job his year forming and supervising our campus Circle K club," says Dr. John Kohler, outgoing dean of the School of Arts & Sciences.

"This has been a great first year, and I know that, with the energy of these young leaders and the potential new members, Circle K will continue to grow and to benefit the campus and the community at large," says Henry.

The Circle K Club, a college level, volunteer organization modeled after and supported by Kiwanis International, was chartered at Clayton State last December in a ceremony which included U.S. Representative Mac Collins, District Director for Kiwanis International Dave Kelly and Clayton State President Dr. Thomas K. Harden, the keynote speaker at the event.

Spring projects for the Clayton State club included HEALTHY (Health and Exercise Always Leads To Happier Youth), teaching local elementary schools about exercise and diet, the YMCA Children's Health Fair and several other projects, some in conjunction with Mercer University and Agnes Scott College.

Newly elected president Montgomery, along with ex-president Lauren Suderman, will be attending a 10-day long convention this summer in Indianapolis along with Circle K members from all over the world. They will participate in a large-scale service project, renovating houses and playgrounds in the impoverished areas of the city, followed by the convention.

Personally, Montgomery has volunteered nearly 200 hours of her time to Circle K projects and estimates the club has put in some 600 hours since the beginning of the year.

The next service project for the club is the annual Kiwanis Soapbox Derby in Stockbridge, Ga. Members of Clayton State Circle K will volunteer on June 14, beginning at 7:30 a.m. ■

members acted as hosts, taking the professors to local elementary, middle, and high schools, showing the guests around Atlanta, and opening their homes to the visitors.

Clayton State faculty involved in hosting Ramsinghani and Peshori included: former Acting Dean of the College of Information & Mathematical Sciences Dr. Janet Towslee; former Dean of the School of Arts & Sciences Dr. John Kohler; Director of International Studies and Professor of History Dr. Robert Welborn; Assistant Professor of Management Dr. James Bogert; and Assistant Professor of Information Technology Dr. Fred Ganoe.

"What was most valuable to me was the personal interaction with two Indian educators over a period of two weeks," reflects Welborn. Another valuable result of the professors' visit is the avenue it opens for Clayton State faculty to visit India. The Hyderabad National Collegiate Board requires Indian professors visiting the United States to host American professors in the future.

Across the Campus

Academic Affairs

There is a minimal amount of funds available in the Clayton College & State University Foundation for staff development for 2003-2004. The committee is accepting applications from the staff for use of these funds. Please send, via email, to Leslie Moore, the name of the activity you wish to attend, the approximate amount of monies needed (not to exceed \$300) and the name of the meeting etc. If it is for an amount over \$300 please provide rationale. Please discuss your request with your immediate supervisor to ensure that your development is consistent with your departments needs. The committee will review the applications July 1 and notify recepients if their request has been approved by Aug. 1, 2003.

Arts & Sciences

Please join the School of Arts & Sciences as we honor Drs. Larry Corse, June Legge and Jane Thompson with a retirement reception in the Faculty Dining Room of the Student Center Building on Monday, June 9, from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Auxilliary Services

Beginning Wednesday, May 28, the Campus Store and the LINX Card Center will resume regular Summer operating hours... Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Counseling & Career Services

Counseling & Career Services is holding three "Student Success" Seminars this month: Time Management & Overcoming Procrastination, Tuesday, June 10 from noon to 1 p.m.; Study Skills & Note Taking, Tuesday, June 17 from noon to 1 p.m.; and Test-Taking & Overcoming Test Anxiety, Tuesday, June 24, noon to 1 p.m. Reservations are required. To register for workshops and seminars, or for additional information, e-mail to roxannedilbeck@mail.clayton.edu, or call Counseling & Career Services at (770) 961-3518.

Financial Aid

The Financial Aid Office will have a new Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy beginning Fall Semester. Detailed information on the new SAP Policy can be found at our website under "Maintaining Your Eligibility."

Information & Mathematical Sciences

The College of Information and Mathematical Sciences is pleased to announce that the search for a Head of the Department of Mathematics has been re-opened. If you know of interested individuals, please direct them to the Clayton State faculty openings Web site for the announcement, which includes required and desired qualifications.

The original announcement assured full consideration for those who submitted their materials by Mar. 21, but also indicated that the search would be open until the position is filled. The search committee will resume consideration of the pool of candidates who applied earlier but are interested in having additional qualified applicants. In order to receive full consideration, new applicants should submit their materials as indicated on the announcement within the next week.

Plant Operations

On Sunday, June 8, 2003, the contractor for the new chilled water plant will install a valve in the central plant that requires a total shut-down of the chilled water that provides air conditioning for the following buildings: Administration, Lecture Hall, Business & Health Sciences, Student Center, Arts & Sciences, Library and Technology. The work will begin at 6:30 a.m. and should take no more than eight hours. The Library will be closed on Sunday due to the loss of air conditioning.

Public Safety

Check out this web page to see who won the following prizes http:// adminservices.clayton.edu/ps/winners.htm for Clayton State carpoolers in May. Smog Season began May 1 and will last through Sept. 30. If you did not drive one day a month (it doesn't take much to help), you would be helping our environment. If you would be willing to not drive occasionally and perhaps carpool sometimes, sign up for our University RideShare program (1-87-RIDEFIND) and see if there is another person nearby who has a similar schedule. You are not obligated to carpool but this makes it much easier to find a potential match. Students are matched with students - employees with employees. For more information, call Joan Murphy at (770) 961-3540, stop by Public Safety, or check out this link: http://adminservices.clayton.edu/ps/ ehsnewprogram.htm.

Testing Center

The second annual Georgia College Testing Association meeting was held at Gordon College on Friday, May 30, 2003. This state association was founded last year at Clayton State; it is affiliated with the National College Testing Association. Sharon Stufflebean, director of the Testing Center, served as program chair.

University Relations

Maggie Shiffert, 7 year-old daughter of Director of University Relations John Shiffert, danced the lead in her yearly ballet recital last weekend in Newnan. She also won the First Grade Accelerated Reader Award at Arnco-Sargent Elmentary School. "I owe it all to mom (Faith)," says Maggie.

Life's Transitions...

Proud Grandpappa, Dr. Thomas Harden shows off new granddaughter, Nora Catherine, born to daughter, Stacey Harden Thompson and husband Matt on May 27th.

Word has it that Dr. Harden has ordered a special "Clayton State Class of 2024" T-Shirt from the Campus Store.



Survey Says... Fayette County Ready for Clayton State Academic Classes

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Clayton State is bringing academic classes to Fayette County... at the "invitation" of the citizenry.

Although Clayton State had been offering non-credit, Continuing Education classes at the Fayette County Higher Education Center at the Peachtree City Tennis Center in Peachtree City since October 2002, bringing academic courses for students enrolled at Clayton State to Fayette County was another matter... involving some planning and a lot of surveying, with the goal of both assessing and meeting the needs of the community in regard to academic courses.

These actions were required by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia prior to establishing academic courses, and were also essential in terms of Clayton State understanding what the people of Fayette County wanted from higher education.

So, in November and December 2002, the University conducted a random telephone survey throughout the county, followed by a January 2003 mail-in survey. And the surveys said... Fayette County is ready for academic classes. In effect, an invitation for the University to proceed with its plans upon approval by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia.

The telephone survey found that 68.1% of the respondents were interested in taking college courses for credit. The mail-in survey, by its nature a more advocacy-based polling, found that 262 of 271 respondents (96.7%) were interested in taking college courses for credit.

Among the data also gathered in the surveys were the public's preferences for the time of day for academic courses, and the ages of the prospective students. Among the respondents to both surveys, 180 said they preferred to take evening classes, as opposed to 153 preferring daytime classes and 134 preferring weekend classes. Hence, to start, the Fayette Center schedule will feature classes from 5 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

While those interested in taking academic courses in Peachtree City represented a broad spectrum of ages, the majority (284 out of the 481 total respondents) were in the 31 to 55 age group. In fact, respondents aged 41 to 55 showed more interest in the classes than any other single age group.

Age Group	# of Respondents	Although interest was expressed in 14 different majors - everything from Music to Psychol-
18-22	92	ogy - in the surveys, the most interest was shown for core education courses (22% in the
22-30	66	telephone survey, 34% in the mail-in survey).
31-40	123	
41-55	161	
55+	52	

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will take English Composition I (5 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.), and then Introduction to General Psychology (6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.). Students attending the Fayette Center will be expected to take both courses in their group. All four courses are part of the core curriculum needed by all Clayton State baccalaureate students.

This fall's classes will be focused towards adult or non-traditional students who have little or no college credit but wish to pursue a bachelor's degree. Non-traditional students are defined as those individuals who graduated from high school five or more years ago. Traditional students (those whose graduation from high school is within the last five years) will be allowed to enroll on a space available basis.

"We are focusing on non-traditional, adult students to better serve that part of the population in Fayette County... the people that would have a hard time getting to our main campus in Morrow," says Dr. Sharon E. Hoffman, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs. "Working parents, individuals holding full-time jobs during the day, people working in the Peachtree City or Fayetteville areas and the like. People who want to get started in college, but haven't had the time or opportunity."

The Information Sessions covered such academic basics as information on the admission process, financial aid, registration, testing, etc. Representatives from Clayton State's admissions, financial aid, testing center, and records offices were also on hand for attendees to turn in applications and/or consult individually with University representatives after the general sessions.

What You Need to Know About Clayton State Dial-up Lines and Low Cost Internet Service Providers by Ron Barden, OITS

No, we do not currently have plans to discontinue or limit access to the Clayton State dialup modem pool, but we do have some concerns about the age and security of our dial-up modem pool application.

The hardware and software are very expensive to upgrade, and faculty/staff usage is decreasing as we find alternatives that better fit our needs. For the period from Jan 21 to Apr. 17 of this year the average number of lines in use at a given time was seven. Even though we do not have any current plans to disconnect or limit access via the dial-ups, we expect they will die a natural death within the next two years.

It has been brought to our attention that some of the faculty are making long distance calls into the Clayton State modem pool to read their email when attending out of town meetings. This can be very costly to the caller, and in many cases is not necessary. There are a couple of options available:

- In most cases, if you have access to an internet connected computer with a web browser, you can read your email by accessing <<u>http://mail.clayton.edu/></u>. Though this is not the full-featured Microsoft Outlook that you have from on campus, it is a very viable solution.
- 2) We have done some web-searching to identify some low-cost or no-charge alternatives. Please be advised that the no-charge options will probably inundate you with popup advertising, but you can't beat the price. Listed below are the web addresses of several low cost Internet Service Providers (ISP). They seem to have good coverage around the country for dial-up access, but each should be evaluated to determine the access and support that best suit your individual needs. In some cases, for a small monthly fee, the ISPs will include 24x7 support services.

www.internet-access-dialup-isp.com - \$6.95 www.budgetsurf.net/home.htm - \$9.95 www.peoplepc.com - \$9.95 www.netzero.net - \$9.95/mo (or free up to 10 hours) www.juno.com - \$9.95/mo (or free up to 10 hours) www.joiinternet.com - \$6.95/mo



Fore!! Eunice Glover, director of Human Resources - teed off?

Summer Information Forum for Non-Traditional And Transfer Students

Clayton College & State University's summer Information Forum for non-traditional and transfer prospective students is set for Wednesday, June 11, from 6:15 p.m. until 8 p.m. in room 101 of the Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education. Non-traditional students are defined as those individuals who graduated from high school more than five years ago.

This informal session, one of several scheduled by the Clayton State Office of Admissions throughout the academic year, is being held not only impart information about the admissions process and how to obtain financial aid, but also to provide an opportunity for the University's schools and colleges to meet outstanding prospects and spotlight their academic programs.

The program, which is free and open to all interested parties, will begin at 6:15 p.m. with light refreshments, followed by a 6:30 p.m. panel discussion and Q&A that generally lasts about an hour. The evening will close with an opportunity for prospective students to visit individually with representatives of each Clayton State school or program at tables set up in the Atrium of the Downs Center.

For more information on the June 11 Clayton State Summer Information Forum, call Carol Montgomery, assistant director of Recruitment at (770) 961-3505. ■

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dental hygiene... Thomas P. Hinman's devotion to continuing education has motivated me to continue to strive for excellence in education. I realize that anything worth having is worth working for."

The Hinman Dental Society awarded \$190,000 in scholarships this year to dental, hygiene, and laboratory technician students at 39 colleges and universities. Clayton State senior dental hygiene students have received this scholarship since 1989. Recipients of the Hinman Scholarship are known as "Hinman Scholars." ■

Clayton State Athletics Finishes Fifth in PBC Commissioner's Cup

For the second year in a row, Clayton College & State University has finished among the top teams in the Peach Belt Conference Commissioner's Cup standings.

Clayton State notched its second top-five finish in the Peach Belt, placing fifth in the 12team league in 2002-03. This season's finish comes on the heels of last year's third place in the Commissioner's Cup, the best-ever finish in Clayton State history.

"We had a very good year," said Athletics Director Mason Barfield. "We didn't have the good fortune of winning conference championships like last season, but we still had a fine year, winning almost 70 percent of our athletic contests. Our success without a conference championship is an indication of just how strong the competition is in the Peach Belt Conference."

The Commissioner's Cup point standings measure the overall success of the athletic programs by its member schools. The ratings are determined by taking the maximum number of points available to each school, which is dependent on the number of sports each school has in the PBC, and dividing by the number of points won, which is based on how each school's individual sports placed in the conference.

The University of North Florida won the Cup for the fourth consecutive season with a rating of .862, earning 94 out of 109 points. Kennesaw State University finished second at .790, earning 73.5 out of 93 points, followed by Armstrong Atlantic State University at .774, earning 63.5 out of 82. Columbus State University finished fourth at .670, earning 63 out of 94 points, followed by Clayton State .628, earning 49 out of 78 points.

Clayton State's top team finishes in 2002-03 were a trio of third places in the league. The Laker women's soccer and both the men's and women's cross country teams each finished third in Peach Belt play.

The women's soccer finish was the team's highest-ever in the conference with a 4-2-1 record in the league. Clayton State came a goal shy of winning the Peach Belt Conference Tournament, falling 1-0 to Kennesaw State University in the PBC Tournament Champion-ship.

The Lakers knocked off two-nationally ranked teams, defeating Francis Marion during the regular season and upsetting North Florida in the Peach Belt Conference Tournament semi-finals.

In cross country, the Clayton State men's and women's squads placed third behind Kennesaw State and North Florida, respectively. Both of the Laker teams recorded their fastest-ever team times in the Peach Belt Conference meet.

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In addition to the playwright donation, Corse plans to donate \$100 at the end of each theater season to the actor and actress deemed most outstanding for that performance year. The recipients of this award, also to be sustained over the next 10 years, will be determined by the new director of the Clayton State Theater.

The initial \$1,200 check was, and subsequent checks will be, addressed to the Clayton College & State University Foundation. The mission of the Clayton College & State University Foundation is to assist Clayton College & State University by attracting financial and other resources to achieve the University's mission and goals to educate students, support faculty and staff, and to increase community awareness. ■

<u>Trivia Time</u>

Here on Gilligan's Isle... by John Shiffert

OK, Lou Brackett, Russ Camp, et al. You can stop pondering the deathless question, "what was Gilligan's first name?"

And, no, it wasn't "Little Buddy."

The simple fact is... his first name was never mentioned in the course of any of the episodes of "Gilligan's Island." However, Bob Denver and Executive Producer Sherwood Schwartz (who, it might be added, got all the royalties from the reruns) decided that, if a first name was ever used for Gilligan, it would be "Willie."

(Also, this tidbit from University Relations' Lauren Baker, who came up with this week's question in the first place... most of Emily Dickinson's poems can be sung to the tune of the theme song from "Gilligan's Island.")

Despite this rather obscure reference, defending Trivia Time Co-Champ Terry Penn chimed in with the first correct answer, followed by Admissions' Kevin Dixon and Technology's Dr. Tom Eddins.

And, no, no one knows why the Professor couldn't build a radio transmitter, or why the Howells had so much luggage for a "three-hour tour."

However, we do know the current Trivia Time standings... Brackett (28), Eddins (25), Camp (15), Dixon (9), Penn (6).

For this week's question... you've undoubtedly read that Clayton State has signed its first 7-foot basketball player. But, do you know where Burkina Faso is, and what it was previously called? First correct answer to johnshiffert@mail.clayton.edu gets to go one-on-one with Aristide Sawadogo.

Sports Page Clayton State Basketball Adds Offensive Firepower

by Gid Rowell, University Relations

The Clayton College & State University men's basketball program has established itself as one the nation's top defensive squads in the last two seasons under the leadership of second-year head coach Gordon Gibbons. However, the offense added some firepower to its arsenal recently with the signing of two prolific scorers.

Clayton State head coach Gibbons, the third winningest coach in NCAA Division II history, announced the signing of two perimeter players in 6-foot-5 guard Carlton Holmes of Charlotte, N.C. and 6-2 guard Rashad Williams of St. Petersburg, FL.

"Carlton and Rashad are two talented players that will add experience and depth to our backcourt," said Gibbons, who has led the Lakers to their two highest finishes ever in the Peach Belt Conference. "I feel really good about our mix of players on the perimeter, with these two guys coming in and the two guys we've got coming back."

Both the newcomers will battle for playing time with two senior returning starters from last year in Jason Byrd and Lamar Rodgers. Byrd, one of the team's most athletic players, started 21 games last year for the Lakers, while Rodgers was the team's second-leading scorer and top three-pointer shooter.

Holmes led Spartanburg Methodist College in scoring and was a first-team Carolinas Conference performer last year. His 17.2 points per game, 4.6 rebounds and 2.1 assists established him as a Player of the Year candidate in Region 10. He started all 30 games for SMC's 17-11 squad and led the team in scoring in 22 games. Holmes was an All-Tournament selection at the Sante Fe Community College Tip-Off Tournament after scoring 46 points in two games.

Williams, a 2002 All-Region 17 selection and a JUCO All-American nominee, was second in Georgia Junior College scoring in 2001-02, averaging 19.4 points per game. He led Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College to a 20-win season and scored 801 points in two seasons.

The highlight of Williams' sophomore season came in early February as he exploded for a total of 60 points and 20 assists in back-to-back games. He scored 29 points to go along with 10 assists against Georgia Perimeter College, followed by scoring 31 points and dishing of 10 assists against Atlanta Tech.

The addition of Holmes and Williams will help soften the loss of Clayton State's leading scorer last year, Jamal Johnson. A Peach Belt All-Conference selection, Johnson led the team, averaging 15 points and six rebounds per game.

The signings mark the third and fourth commitments for the men's basketball program this spring as the Lakers have already signed two players in 7-foot-1 center Aristide Sawadogo from Burkina Faso and 5-11 Philadelphia point guard point guard Darien Chavis. ■

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