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School of Nursing Joins Forces with the First Lady to Support Veterans and Military Families

by Erin Fender, University Relations

Clayton State University's School of Nursing (SoN) will join the ranks of hundreds of others in educating nursing students on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) & Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) in the coming years.

First Lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden, a lifelong educator and wife of Vice President Joseph Biden, have announced a commitment from nurses across the country eager to serve veterans and military families. In a broad, coordinated effort, more than 150 state and national nursing organizations including Clayton State's SoN, and more than 500 nursing schools have committed to further educate our nation's three million nurses so they are prepared to meet the unique

health needs of service members, veterans, and their families.

Led by the American Nurses Association, American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, American Association of Colleges of Nursing, and the National League for Nursing, in coordination with the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Defense, nursing organizations and schools have committed to educating current and future nurses on how to recognize and care for veterans impacted by post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, depression, and other combat-related issues, in ways appropriate to each nurse's practice setting.

"Whether we're in a hospital, a doctor's office or a community health center, nurs-

es are often the first people we see when we walk through the door. Because of their expertise, they are trusted to be the frontline of America's health care system," says Obama. "That's why Jill and I knew we could turn to America's nurses and nursing students to help our veterans and military families get the world-class care that they've earned. It's clear from today's announcement that the nursing community is well on its way to serving our men and women in uniform and their families."

"Nurses are at the center of providing life-saving care in communities across the country -- and their reach is particularly

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Clayton State Inducts 50 First-Year Students into Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Clayton State University celebrated the success of the best of its first-year students in the ballroom of the Student Activity Center on Tuesday, Apr. 10, with the installation of a chapter of the national Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society.

Dr. Glenda Earwood, executive director of Alpha Lambda Delta, installed the Clayton State chapter and oversaw the induction of the 50 students -- the charter members of the Clayton State chapter -- by chapter advisors Marcia Bouyea-Hamlet and DeLandra Hunter.

The ceremony also saw the installation of the chapter officers: Terrence Dixon

(Ellenwood), president; Alexandra Destin (Rex), vice president; Mary Tran (Riverdale), secretary; Priyani Patel (Jonesboro), treasurer; Tammy Spikes (Hampton), historian; Jonathan Anderson (McDonough), webmaster; and Todd Burke (Morrow), editor.

Under the direction of master of ceremonies Dr. Mark Daddona, associate vice president for Enrollment Management & Academic Success, the hour-long event also featured the installation of honorary members, headed by Clayton State President Dr. Thomas J. Hynes, who, in his remarks to the student

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Ambassador Andrew Young to Speak

Clayton State Commencement Set for May 5

Clayton State University's annual Spring Commencement ceremonies will be held on Saturday, May 5. There will be two ceremonies, the first starting at 9 a.m., and the second starting at noon. Both ceremonies will be held in the Clayton State Athletics & Fitness Center, located at 2000 Clayton State Blvd., on the main campus in Morrow.

The commencement speaker for both events will be former Atlanta mayor, Ambassador Andrew Young.

The 9 a.m. ceremony will feature approximately 240 graduates from the College of Business, the College of Health, and the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences. The noon ceremony will include approximately 280 graduates from the College of Arts & Sciences.

A former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Young, who was also the keynote

speaker at Clayton State's fourth annual Martin Luther King Day Commemoration Event in January 2004, is one of the nation's most distinguished public servants... a pastor, civil and human rights leader, a former member of Congress and a former mayor of Atlanta, in addition to his service in the U.N. Young began his career of public service in the 1960s as a close associate of King. He served as the Southern Christian Leadership Conference's (SCLC) executive director and executive vice president during King's tenure as SCLS president and also organized many of King's famous marches.

His career in politics began in 1972, when he was elected as Georgia's first African-American in the U.S. Congress in 101 years. After two terms in the House of Representatives, he was appointed ambassador to the United Nations in January 1977, serving in that role, as well as a

member of President Jimmy Carter's Cabinet and the National Security Council, until September 1979.

In 1982, Young became mayor of Atlanta, beginning an eight-year tenure in that office and leading the city's unprecedented economic boom that continued long after he left office in January 1990.

During his 40+ years of public service, Young has received innumerable awards, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom - the United States' highest civilian award - and the French Legion of Honor. ■



Andrew Young

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Clayton State's New "Mystery" Customer Service Initiative

by Erin Fender, University Relations

Clayton State University continues to strive toward excellent customer service and this fiscal year has launched a new mystery shopper initiative.

Clayton State's Customer Service Team worked together to implement this beginning in the fall 2011 semester. The areas of focus are: Dining Services, The Loch Shop, Recreation and Wellness, and The HUB.

"The purpose of each program will be to use individual customer experiences to provide in-depth, qualitative feedback that can be used to supplement existing customer measurement tools," says Carolina Amero, Clayton State's assistant vice president of Auxiliary & Administrative Services, who was also named winner of the 2011 Joseph Greene Award as the University System of Georgia's Customer Service Champion of the Year.

Clayton State's computer support center, The Hub, initially began the "mystery client" program in March 2011. With much success and interest in this program the Customer Service Team worked together to build the current "mystery shopper" initiative.

"This program has been used to help us award our staff for great customer service, identify service improvement needs and expand the desire service for faculty, staff and students" says Director of Client Support Services Shannon Thomas, who directs The Hub.

"We strive to provide a great experience for our exercisers, including a variety of equipment, fun and engaging programming, and quality customer service. So the feedback we obtain is critical to that endeavor," expresses Cindy Lauer, director of recreation and wellness.

Each area is offering incentives to participating faculty, staff, and students with the mystery shopper program.

"For the Dining Hall, we offer our mystery diner a meal and a meal for a friend to evaluate their service, their options and quality of the experience. Then the mystery diner completes an online survey that gives us quality and detailed feedback," says Amero. For the Loch Shop, mystery shoppers are given a \$10 gift card to spend in the store.

All areas have had successful experiences with this program and have made process improvements based on feedback from mystery shoppers. Amero plans to implement the mystery shopper program with other departments in the future.

Both Amero and Thomas are looking for new mystery shoppers. Qualified participants must be a current student, faculty or staff member. Those interested in participating in the mystery shop-

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Alumni Relations and Dental Hygiene Hold Alumni Social

The Clayton State University Office of Alumni Relations and the Department of Dental Hygiene recently partnered to host a social for alumni and students at the 100th Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting.

More than 40 alumni, students, faculty and staff attended the social, which coincided with the annual dental conference at the World Congress Center in downtown Atlanta. The Clayton State event was sponsored by the Atlanta Dental Group and was held at Thrive Restaurant.

“A big thanks to our alums, students and faculty who attended the first Clayton State University Dental Hygiene reception,” says Dr. W. Gail Barnes, chair of the Clayton State Dental Hygiene Department. “I had so much fun getting caught up with alums and our all our friends that I was beginning to lose my voice. For our first attempt, it was great to see so many people in attendance.”

“We had a wonderful turnout for the social,” adds Gid Rowell, director of

Alumni Relations. “This is the first time that we’ve had an event in conjunction with the Hinman Conference, and based on turnout and response from participants, it’s definitely a tradition we will continue. It was great to see our alumni reconnect and reminisce with the faculty members in attendance.”

In its 100th year, the Hinman Dental Meeting has a long-standing reputation of excellence, offering quality continuing education to attendees. The event is held in Atlanta each year. ■



Dr. W. Gail Barnes Chair Dental Hygiene Department, Dr. Ximena Zomosa, Associate Professor Dental Hygiene Department and Dental Hygiene Alumni



Hung Truong (2010) and Joanna Harris Instructor Dental Hygiene Department

A Clayton State Success Story: Dental Hygiene Major Hanifa Charaniya

by Ciji Fox, University Relations

Hanifa Charaniya is a Clayton State University senior majoring in Dental Hygiene who will graduate this spring. She is the youngest of four daughters, one of whom, Raziya Charaniya, transferred to Clayton State University from another college to pursue her Bachelors of Science one semester before Hanifa started at Clayton State.



Hanifa Charaniya

tion,” says Hanifa. “I followed her thinking that I would transfer out sooner or later to some other university but I fell in love with Clayton State and stayed; and here I am graduating in just about four weeks!”

Raziya Charaniya is currently pursuing a Masters of Arts in Teaching with concentration in Mathematics

at Clayton State. She will graduate from that program in the summer of 2012.

“I have been at Clayton State University since fall of 2006. I have seen Clayton State grow and achieve so many great things since I started here. They have

graduate programs and the campus has expanded,” says Hanifa, who attended Druid Hills High School in Decatur for ninth and 10th grade, and graduated from Salem High School in Conyers.

However, she also admits that the Dental Hygiene program has been challenging.

“The Dental Hygiene program is very vigorous and is quite challenging,” she says. “It is difficult to get into the program because there are only two schools in Georgia that offer a bachelor’s in Dental Hygiene, and Clayton State is one of them. More than 150 students apply and only 28 get selected once a year. Getting that acceptance letter was a great feeling and it seemed as if I had accomplished the most difficult thing, only to find out later

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Clayton State University Announces Alice Smith Faculty Award Nominees

by Erin Fender, University Relations



Dr. Zeller



Dr. Gannon



Dr. Rahman



Dr. Zornosa



Dr. Kheirandish

Clayton State University has announced the finalists for the 2012 Alice Smith Faculty Award.

This year's nominees are: from the College of Arts & Sciences, Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller and Dr. Erica Gannon; from the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences, Dr. Muhammad Rahman; from the College of Health, Dr. Ximena Zornosa; and from the College of Business, Dr. Reza Kheirandish.

A resident of Morrow, Zeller is one of the employees of Clayton State that regularly walks to work. He is a native of Portland Ore. His current titles are director of Opera and Vocal Studies, coordinator of the Division of Music, and associate professor of Music. He received his doctoral of music, voice performance from University of Cincinnati. Zeller spends a great deal of time working with students, but carves out time for working with his church music department and keeping an active performance and writing schedule. "The thing that is most meaningful to me about the Smith Award nomination is that it comes from one's colleagues; it's a sign that other accomplished professionals in the same field (visual and performing arts, in my case) recognize and want to acknowledge excellence in one's work. Then to be chosen as a college finalist means that other expert pedagogues from fields other than one's own also have reviewed one's teaching and, despite the disciplinary differences, still can recognize and affirm that one's pedagogy is effective and worthy of honor. hat cer-

tainly will put a smile on any teacher's face," he says.

Gannon, her husband of 14 years, and six-year-old son live in Newnan, Ga. Currently she is an associate professor of Psychology and has been a member of the psychology department at Clayton State for 10 years. She obtained her Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology in 2002 from Auburn University.

Family and travel are in important part role in Gannon's life. She and her family travel often and are huge fans of all things Disney, admitting that in just a few shorts years, since the birth of their son, they have been to Disney World three times and did two Disney cruises.

"Being nominated for the Smith Award means a great deal to me, as I see teaching as my number one priority. Therefore, being recognized for that is very gratifying, and I appreciate the fact that Clayton State has a mechanism for doing so—it emphasizes the importance that is placed on teaching at our university," says Gannon.

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.

"I am humbled and honored to be nominated for the Alice Smith Award from the CIMS. This nomination reminds me that my primary responsibility is to provide

About the Awards

Clayton State's Alice J. Smith Awards, for both faculty and staff, will be presented at Clayton State's Faculty/Staff Awards Ceremony on Apr. 24 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 Apr. 24 ceremony.

quality education to my students to the best of my abilities," he says.

He is married with one child and enjoys philately and traveling. He received his doctorate degree from Illinois Institute of Technology. Recently he was selected by the Institute of Higher Education of the University of Georgia to be one of the Governor's Teaching Fellows (GTF) for the academic year 2011-2012.

Zornosa, a resident of Peachtree City, Ga., is married with a three year old golden

Clayton State University Announces Alice Smith Staff Award Nominees

by Erin Fender, University Relations



Dr. Julia Spinolo



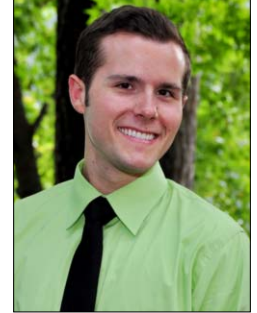
Patricia Barton



Darius Davis



Eric Bailey



Seth Davis

Clayton State University has announced the five finalists for the University's 2012 Alice Smith Staff Award. They are: from University Health Services, Dr. Julia Spinolo; from the Office of Financial Aid, Patricia Barton; from the Office of Auxiliary Services -The Loch Shop, Darius Davis; from Department of Facilities Management, Eric Bailey; and from Continuing Education, Seth Davis.

Spinolo, from McDonough, Ga., was born in Atlanta, but grew up in Clayton County. She is a Morrow High School graduate. Working with in the University System of Georgia (USG) for nine years, Spinolo has worked at Clayton State for five years now with much of that time serving as Director of University Health Services.

She is happily married and step-mom to three boys. Also, Spinolo claims a "zoo" of furry children with the youngest kitten being born right here on campus. She considers herself a clean freak and organizational wiz. She received her doctoral of nursing degree from the Medical College of Georgia.

"I am so overjoyed to be one of the five finalists of the Staff Smith Award. When I reflect on what the Smith Award represents, I truly believe that it encompasses my personal purpose to continue to learn every day and to teach others in order to better their lives. It is an absolute honor to be recognized by my peers," she says..

Originally from Perry, Ga., Barton and her husband of 32 years currently reside in McDonough. She has worked within the

USG for 19 years and served as director of Financial Aid at Clayton State since 2008. In 2011, she served as President for RACSFA (the USG advisory group for financial aid). She has also been recently nominated to serve as Treasurer of the Georgia Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (GASFAA) with elections to be held in May.

She has one daughter who is married with a year old son. Barton enjoys reading and admits to being a TV junkie. She has a strong commitment to her church choir.

"Being nominated for the Alice J. Smith Award is truly an honor. Every day we go into our offices and bury ourselves in the details of our jobs, often oblivious to what is going on around us. I am deeply touched that others have taken the time away from their busy schedules to think of me, let alone take the time to say something kind. I very much appreciate the recognition from others, and at the same time it makes me more determined to do the same for someone else when given the opportunity," expresses Barton.

Darius Davis hails from Atlanta. He is currently the Assistant Manager – Customer Service & General Merchandise in the university bookstore, The Loch Shop. This fall will mark his 12th year in the bookstore at Clayton State. He is a 2007 graduate of the Supply Chain Logistics program at Clayton State. He is currently pursuing a MBA from Clayton State.

He enjoys traveling, sports, and spending time with his daughter, Ariel.

"Being nominated for the Alice Smith award makes me feel appreciated. Although, I never look for recognition, there is a lot of work and industry research in determining what to stock that will help our students succeed. I am very happy that I have been nominated for this award. This proves that hard work does not go unnoticed. The Loch Shop is my life! I eat, sleep, and breathe this store," says Davis.

Born in Atlanta, Bailey currently resides in McDonough with his wife of eight years, Beth. He is a skilled craftsman in the department of Facilities Management. Bailey has been with Clayton State for seven years. He is also a local graduate of Mt. Zion High School in Jonesboro.

He has a strong desire to be out in nature and enjoys hunting, 3-D archery, and fishing. Bailey and his wife have no children but they do have two dogs (Angel Mae & Maddie Jo) and four nieces and one nephew that they thoroughly enjoy spoiling and sending home to their mom and dad.

"It means that people really do see what I do and that someone or many people thought enough of my customer service to nominate me for this wonderful award. To me just being nominated and making it to the finals is a huge success in my opinion. I am very proud that I am just at the final stage of this great award. I do want to say that without my team behind me supporting me like they do I would not be at where I am today," says Bailey.

Arts Page

Clayton State Theatre's Spring 2012 Production Opens on the Great Locomotive Chase's 150th Anniversary

by John Shiffert, University Relations

History may not have repeated itself on the Norfolk Southern tracks on Apr. 12, but it is worth noting that the opening of the Clayton State Theatre's spring 2012 production coincided with the 150th anniversary of The Great Locomotive Chase.

History buffs, fans of the local theater, and those who follow the career of Clayton State Theatre Director Phillip DePoy will recall DePoy's notable 2010 play, "Stealing Dixie," performed at Marietta's late, lamented Theatre in the Square, and based on the Civil War's fabled Great Locomotive Chase from Marietta to Ringgold, Ga. It just so happens that Apr. 12, 2012, is the 150th anniversary of the Great Locomotive Chase, as well as the opening night of the Clayton State Assistant Professor of Theatre Shontelle Thrash-produced "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change."

While the University's theatre majors will be exploring love and relationships and the cumbersome situations that befall individuals as they move toward marriage, historians are remembering an event unique in American history... the ill-fated Union soldiers, led by civilian James Andrews (all of whom, were eventually executed), who planned and executed the theft of the Confederate train The General in an effort to end the Civil War without violence. As history records, The General's Confederate engineer pursued them (at times on foot) throughout Apr. 12, 1862 until their capture north of Ringgold.

Although that type of drama did not play out at opening night for the spring production of the Clayton State Theatre, the

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The CCBB Presents "2-Hour Energy," April 30

The Clayton State University Department of Visual & Performing Arts presents the Clayton Community Big Band (CCBB) in "2-Hour Energy," a concert filled with fast-paced, contemporary big band music, at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Apr. 30, in Spivey Hall. Admission is free and open to the public.

Directed by Stacey Houghton (Rex) and Assistant Director Art Thompson (Fayetteville), "2-Hour Energy" features challenging and fast-paced instrumental compositions from composers Gordon Goodwin, Bob Mintzer, Les Hooper, Tom Kubis, Thad Jones and Sammy Nestic. Drawing from talented composers'

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The Clayton State University Jazz Combo Presents "We Write, We Play," April 25

by Lauren Graves, University Relations

The Clayton State University Department of Visual & Performing Arts presents the Clayton State University Jazz Combo in "We Write, We Play," a concert featuring student compositions and arrangements, at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Apr. 25, in Spivey Hall. Admission is free and open to the public.

Directed by Stacey Houghton (Rex), "We Write, We Play" will introduce several new compositions and arrangements by Clayton State University students including Josh Singleton, Kelly Jarrard, Avys Burroughs, Afolabi Giwa, and Prakash Acharya in addition to a mix of jazz standards.

"We have featured an occasional student composition in past programs, but tonight's show marks the first that features many original numbers," shares Houghton. "Over half of our performance

is composed and/or arranged by our students and director. All of the student originals are Spivey Hall debuts, and they come in a variety of styles. Come share in an evening of jazz music that you truly have never heard before!"

With the "We Write" talent introduced, making good on the "We Play" part of the performance's title are the following talented Clayton State University Jazz Combo musicians: Josh Singleton (Conyers) & Wilgens Pierre (Hampton) on trumpet; Rodney Allen, Jr. (Augusta) on alto saxophone and piano; Houghton, Avys Burroughs (Jonesboro) and Brandon Patman (Decatur) on tenor saxophone; Afolabi Giwa (Fayetteville) on piano; Kelly Jarrard (McDonough) on guitar and vocals; Prakash Acharya (Jonesboro) on electric bass; and Elliott Phillips (Hapeville) on drums. ■

School of Nursing Hosts Annual Cultural Diversity Conference

Clayton State University's School of Nursing (SoN), via its Nursing Workforce Diversity Grant, hosted its Annual Cultural Diversity Conference for Clayton State nursing faculty, staff and students, on Thursday, Apr. 12.

The keynote speech was by Dr. David Satcher, 16th surgeon general of the United States, addressing and identifying the healthcare needs of the greater Atlanta area and the State of Georgia, recognizing the impact of diversity on healthcare outcomes, and discussing applying strategies for improving the healthcare of diverse populations.

Dr. Karla Larson also spoke on recognizing the origin of bias, prejudice and stereotypes, understanding the role a diverse nursing presence plays in addressing health disparities in America, and applying the principles of delivering culturally sensitive care to the changing demographics of the American patient population.

Satcher is director of The Satcher Health Leadership Institute which was established in 2006 at the Morehouse School of



Medicine. Satcher has held top leadership positions at the Charles R. Drew University for Medicine and Science, Meharry Medical College, and the Morehouse School of Medicine. Satcher graduated from Morehouse College in 1963 and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He holds M.D. and Ph.D. degrees from Case Western Reserve University. He is a member of Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society and a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians, the

American College of Preventive Medicine and the American College of Physicians. He is a member of the Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences, the 100 Black Men of Atlanta and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

The Cultural Diversity Conference is held to increase the cultural competence of faculty, staff and students in the SoN at Clayton State. ■

Clayton State Hosts Southern Regional Algebra Conference

Clayton State University is rapidly developing a reputation as the place to be for high-level mathematics.

Coming close on the heels of the Mar. 9 and Mar. 10 Spring 2012 Mathematical Association of America (MAA) Southeastern Section Meeting, Clayton State hosted (in conjunction with Georgia College & State University) the Southern Regional Algebra Conference (SRAC) from Mar. 30 through Apr. 1.

According to Dr. Anthony J. Giovannitti, professor and interim chair of the Department of Mathematics at Clayton State, SRAC has its origins at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette when, in 1970, algebraists such as Professor Laszlo Fuchs from Tulane University and Professor Gilbert Baumslag from Rice University,

together with other algebraists from the region, primarily in Louisiana and Texas, first met in Lafayette at what would then become known as the Annual USL Mathematics Conference. By 2012, however, SRAC has become an international conference on algebra.

The 43rd Annual SRAC conference included 31 presenters from 11 states and three countries, including Nigeria and Columbia. The focus of the conference was the major branch of mathematics called "Algebra" or sometimes "Abstract Algebra." According to Giovannitti, broad sub-areas of algebra include; rings, groups, fields, modules, representations, homology, Lie (pronounced "lee") groups, Lie algebras, and K-theory.

"The conference has a rich tradition of embracing new mathematics from across all

areas in algebra in an atmosphere of collegial discourse and collaboration," he says. "The name of the conference has at times varied somewhat, referred to as the 'Weekend Algebra Meeting' among other variations, but it has found recent consistency in the SRAC name.

"Although the conference location has remained primarily in the southeastern U.S., the event has attracted algebraists from across the country and indeed the world. Over the years, the SRAC has included participating algebraists from Africa, Asia, Europe, and South America." ■



Women's Forum
Clayton State University

*In partnership with the Clayton News Daily
please join Women's Forum
in welcoming special guest speaker*

Ronda Rich

*Thursday, April 26 | 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm
Harry S. Down Center, Room 101*

Ronda Rich is the best-selling author of *What Southern Women Know (That Every Woman Should)*, a book that is now in its 29th printing, after being bought by a major New York publishing company during a four-day auction. That book launched a new career for the former award-winning sports writer, who has now become a popular Southern sage, dispensing musings and observations in her weekly, syndicated newspaper column, *Dixie Divas*, and speaking at over 100 events each year as a humorous and inspirational speaker. Her sixth book is forthcoming: *There's A Better Day A-Comin'* is due to be released September 4, 2012.



In 2002, HarperCollins released a memoir of her years in NASCAR racing as a journalist and publicist. *My Life In The Pits* became a

favorite among readers and critics including renowned broadcaster Paul Harvey who called it a "great read" and the *New York Times* who called it "one of the greatest sports books ever written".

Continuing her successful streak as a writer of Southern stories, her most recent books, *What Southern Women Know About Flirting* and *The Town That Came A-Courtin'*, Ronda's critically-acclaimed first novel, were both released by Penguin-Putnam on the same day. This marks the first time in publishing history that a publishing company released two books on the same day by an author. The novel has been optioned for a movie.

In 2009, Zondervan, a division of HarperCollins, published *What Southern Women Know About Faith*, a heart-tugging and captivating look at the faith of the region's women. In typical style, she embeds many of the stories in humor and engages the reader with simple but provocative stories. The book quickly found its way onto national best-seller lists, selling out four printings in less than eight weeks.

She has appeared on dozens of television shows including *The View*, *The Other Half*, *Best Damn Sports Show*, *CNN* and appeared in many magazines including *Cosmopolitan*, *Southern Living*, *Redbook* and *Woman's Own*.

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Luncheon: \$15.00*

Luncheon menu:
*Caesar Salad
Meat Lasagna and
Vegetable Lasagna
Green Beans
Garlic Bread
Apple Crisp and Chocolate
Mousse*

Please note that due to Sodexo Dining Services policies, we must have RSVP's. Guarantees are required 72 hours in advance for the number of people to be served at the luncheon, and once that number is confirmed, we are required to pay for that number, including no-shows; please be sensitive to this fact. Due to the advance guarantee policy, we may not be able to accommodate those without reservations given the number of meals confirmed and seats available.

Thank you for your continued support of the Women's Forum.

Southern women and kudzu have a lot in common. Both are practically indestructible, thrive in Southern soil and both refuse to be controlled by man.
- Ronda Rich

Across the Campus...

Athletics

The GABCA recently announced its 2012 All-State teams, consisting of players at the NCAA Division II, Division III, NAIA and junior college levels throughout the state. Selected first team All-State for Clayton State was senior guard Anthony Salter, while Teondre Williams was a second team selection. In addition to Salter and Williams, junior guard Tony Dukes was a GABCA All-Academic selection.

The Clayton State Lakers were well-represented as a part of the GABCA (Georgia Basketball Coaches Association) Senior Showcase at Oglethorpe University. Clayton State men's senior basketball players Torrin Greene and Teondre Williams participated in the event, while Laker head coach Gordon Gibbons was one of the coaches. Greene and Williams both played on the team coached by Gibbons. Opposing Gibbons on the other all-star team was Waycross College head coach Cory Baldwin, a former Clayton State player and long-time assistant under Gibbons.

The Clayton State Laker women's track and field team enjoyed yet another productive meet on Saturday, Apr. 7, recording six Top Five finishes to place sixth overall at the Gem of the Hills Invitational at Jacksonville State. Junior Paige Galvin recorded the highest individual finish for Clayton State, placing second overall in the 5,000-meter run in a time of 18:55.43. She recorded one of three Top 10 finishes in the event for the Lakers. Freshman Jessica Smith placed fourth with a time of 20:34.11, while freshman Holly McNorton placed sixth in 21:40.13. Clayton State's next meet is the Division II Southeast Regional on April 20-21 at Lenoir-Rhyne.

The Clayton State Laker men's track and field team enjoyed a strong meet on Saturday, Apr. 7, recording eight top five finishes and placing sixth overall at the Gem of the Hills Invitational at Jacksonville State. Of the eight Top Five finishes for Clayton State, three were second place. Junior Ayrton Azcue placed

second in the 800-meter run in 1:54.23, while sophomore Russell Lawless continued his impressive run in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, finishing second in 10:01.09. And the Laker 4x400-meter relay team of Azcue, Edlin Veras, Shelby Russell and Ricky Fort finished second with a time of 3:18.70, 0.03 seconds behind winner Morehouse. Clayton State's next meet is the Division II Southeast Regional on Apr. 20 and Apr. 21 at Lenoir-Rhyne.

College of Business

College of Business Dean Dr. Alphonso Ogbuehi has been invited by Kevin Greiner, president and CEO of Gas South, to serve as the 2012 Chairman of the United Way Campaign in Clayton County. Greiner is the 2012 Campaign Chairman of the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta as well as the 2012 Chairman of the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce.

Financial Aid

It's just a month away... the Third Annual FAFSA Day at Clayton State University... the biggest, most informative event of the year for the Clayton State Office of Financial Aid. For 2012, FAFSA Day will be held on Saturday, May 12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in room UC327 of the James M. Baker University Center on the Clayton State main campus in Morrow. Clayton State financial aid administrators will be available for FAFSA Day to help families complete and electronically submit their FAFSA forms for the 2012/2013 academic year. Representatives from the Clayton State Office of Recruitment and Admissions will also be available for campus tours and to assist students who wish to apply for admission to Clayton State University. Like FAFSA, this event is free and open to the public.

What better person to help organize a charity yard sale to benefit Shining Light Ministries than someone who knows all the ins and outs of financial aid? That would be Clayton State University Director of Financial Aid Pat Barton, one of the organizers of the Bethany Baptist Church's Fourth Annual Charity Yard Sale, to be held at Bethany Baptist, 4 Bethany Rd., McDonough, Ga., on

Friday, Apr. 20 and Saturday, Apr. 21, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Barton also adds that donations are needed for the yard sale. To arrange for drop-offs for donations, contact her at patusg@aim.com.

SBDC

Clayton State University's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) will be holding a "Starting a Business" workshop at the Griffin Welcome Center/Griffin Chamber of Commerce, 143 N. Hill St., in Griffin, on Tuesday, Apr. 24, from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$69 per person with 50 percent off each additional person. All Clayton State students and employees also get 50 percent off. To register, go to; http://www.georgiasbdc.org/subpage.aspx?page_name=view_cart&addproduct=111025&cart=42bf1309-fcb0-4360-a239-8373c2ec544a.

Spivey Hall

Public Broadcasting Atlanta (PBA), which operates WABE 90.1 FM, will be featuring the Jupiter String Quartet on Wednesday, Apr. 25, with a recorded performance and interview. The Jupiters will air on John Lemley's "City Café" program on WABE from noon to 1 p.m. The performance was originally given at the PBA studio for members of PBA's Cornerstone Society. The musicians' edited interview, also with Lemley, will air during the same program. This broadcast occurs during PBA's pledge week. The performance in question was a highlight of the Jupiter String Quartet's February/March 2012 residency week at Clayton State University's Spivey Hall, under the auspices of "Project Jupiter," a three-year community-outreach initiative of Spivey Hall and the Jupiter String Quartet. Project Jupiter is made possible with special funding support from the National Endowment for the Arts, South Arts, and The Hampton Inn of Morrow, Ga.

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important because our veterans don't always seek care through the VA system," says Biden. "This commitment is essential to ensuring our returning service men and women receive the care they deserve."

"The Clayton State faculty and students are honored to be working with the White House on this very important issue. Several of our faculty and students are veterans themselves and so this is especially important to them," expresses Dr. Lisa Eichelberger, dean of the College of Health.

"We are very pleased to be closely connected with the veterans since Clayton State's SoN is now having a clinical experience at the VA hospital for our medical-surgical nursing students. I have been so impressed with the services that the VA hospital offers to our veterans and am so pleased that our students are able to take care of these military individuals," adds Director of Undergraduate Programs and Professor of Nursing Dr. Sue Odom.

The invisible wounds of war, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), have impacted approximately one in six of our troops returning from Afghanistan and Iraq – more than 300,000 veterans. And since 2000, more than 44,000 of those troops have suffered at least a moderate-grade traumatic brain injury.

Veterans seeking care within the Veterans Affairs (VA) health system are often treated by health care professionals who have received extensive training in mental health issues. But the majority of veterans in the country seek care outside of the VA system -- they usually visit their local hospital staffed by nurses and doctors in their communities. That's why today's announcement will be so significant for our troops and their families. America's nurses are trusted partners in providing lifesaving and life-sustaining care in nearly every community and every setting where health care is delivered. They can make a dramatic and positive impact on the long-term health of hundreds of thousands of veterans. And they are eager to understand the needs of those who have served, to recognize the warning signs of posttraumatic stress disorder, depression,

or suicide, and to know where to send them for help.

Nursing leaders have also committed to disseminating effective models for care and to sharing the most up-to-date information on these conditions across academic and practice settings. By working to expand the body of clinical knowledge in this arena and by partnering with other health care providers and institutions, nursing leaders across the country will continue to advance high quality treatment for these conditions in every community.

Key Commitments Include:

American Nurses Association (ANA): Commits to reaching 3.1 million registered nurses in America by 2015 to raise awareness of PTSD, TBI and depression among veterans, military service members, and their families. The ANA is coordinating a major campaign involving over 150 nursing organizations that will reach millions of nurses on health issues relevant to veterans and their families. Partnering organizations include the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, American Organization of Nurse Executives, American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, American Psychiatric Nurses Association, American Association of Neuroscience Nurses, Association of Rehabilitation Nurses, the National League of Nurses, federal nurses of the military and public health services, and the Department of Veterans Affairs. Together with these partnering organizations, ANA will:

- Educate America's future nurses to care for our nation's veterans, service members, and their families facing post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, depression, and other clinical issues;
- Enrich nursing education to ensure that current and future nurses are educated and trained in the unique clinical challenges and best practices associated with caring for military service members, veterans, and their families;
- Disseminate the most up-to-date information as it relates to traumatic brain injury (TBI) and psychological health conditions, such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD);
- Grow the body of knowledge leading to improvements in health care and

wellness for our military service members, veterans, and their families; and

- Lead and advance the supportive community of nurses, institutions, and health care providers dedicated to improving the health of military service members, veterans, and their families.

American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP):

AANP represents the interests of the more than 148,000 Nurse Practitioners across the country. It has reached out to its members through the creation of a unique Joining Forces section of their website, contacted all Nurse Practitioners and nursing organizations that are AANP group members to ask for their pledge in support of Joining Forces, asked state representatives to contact organizations in their state to render support, committed to publishing a special edition on veterans health in their journal, provided workshops to promote the wellness of veterans and caregivers at its conference, created continuing education programs focusing on issues facing veterans and military families, highlighted veterans' health during Nurse Practitioners week, and supported research on veterans' health through their foundation. AANP has formed an ad hoc committee, composed of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense leaders, to focus on promoting this initiative.

American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN):

is making veteran health a priority issue through 2014 and beyond. AACN is committed to working with the nation's schools of nursing to promote curriculum integration, faculty development, and student clinical experiences focused on enhancing the care of veterans, service members, and their families. Building on its long history of raising curriculum standards and enhancing quality in nursing care, AACN will identify and showcase best practices in nursing education and disseminate information on curricular models to all schools of nursing through Webinars, conference programming, and our online Collaboration Community. In honor of National Nurses Week, scheduled for May 6-12, 2012, AACN is offering a free Webinar series to commence work to support Joining



Loch catches students studying and hands out Study Bucks, redeemable as cash for retail in the Loch Shop, the University bookstore.

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Forces available at <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/webinars>. Reflecting the theme of "Educating Future Nurses to Care for Veterans," three individual Webinars are planned, including a showcase of the innovative work underway at several VA Nursing Academy sites related to veteran care and faculty development; a panel discussion on creative curriculum approaches to caring for veterans; and a special session on meeting the palliative care needs of veterans, which outlines AACN's work with the City of Hope on the groundbreaking ELNEC-For Veterans initiative.

The American Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA): is committed to providing support to veterans and their families by providing educational resources to its more than 7,800 members as well as to all nurses across the country. APNA has created a website, www.apna.org/military that serves as a portal to a wide variety of information on posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and traumatic brain injury (TBI). The APNA Annual Conference and its Annual Clinical Psychopharmacology Institute, which together are attended by more than 1,500 nurses annually, will include sections dedicated to mental health issues that are military related. These courses will be converted to podcasts and made available via the APNA eLearning Center

which can be viewed or downloaded from the APNA website.

Nursing Organizations

More than 150 state and national nursing organizations have committed to:

- Educating America's nurses to care for our nation's veterans, service members, and their families facing post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, depression, and other clinical issues;
- Enriching nursing education to ensure that current and future nurses are educated and trained in the unique clinical challenges and best practices associated with caring for military service members, veterans, and their families;
- Disseminating the most up-to-date information as it relates to traumatic brain injury (TBI) and psychological health conditions, such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD);
- Growing the body of knowledge leading to improvements in health care and wellness for our military service members, veterans, and their families; and
- Leading and advancing the supportive community of nurses, institutions, and health care providers dedicated to improving the health of military service members, veterans, and their families.

Nursing School Commitment

More than 500 nursing schools in all 50

states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico have committed by 2014 to:

- Educating America's future nurses to care for our nation's veterans, service members, and their families facing post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, depression, and other clinical issues;
- Enriching nursing education to ensure that current and future nurses are trained in the unique clinical challenges and best practices associated with caring for military service members, veterans, and their families;
- Integrating content that addresses the unique health and wellness challenges of our nation's service members, veterans, and their families into nursing curricula;
- Sharing teaching resources and applying best practices in the care of service members, veterans, and their families;
- Growing the body of knowledge leading to improvements in health care and wellness for our service members, veterans, and their families; and
- Joining with others to further strengthen the supportive community of nurses, institutions, and healthcare providers dedicated to improving the health of service members, veterans, and their families. ■



Alpha Lambda Delta Honors Society





The First-Year Advising & Retention Center hosted a registration party in Laker Hall to help freshmen get registered for their next semester of classes.

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inductees, recalled his own days as a first-year student at the University of Massachusetts.

Founded in the spring of 1924 at the University of Illinois by Dean Maria Leonard, Alpha Lambda Delta is a national honor society that recognizes and encourages academic excellence among first year students. Today, Alpha Lambda Delta has more than 270 chapters throughout the United States and more than 850,000 students have been initiated into membership since the first chapter was started. Membership in Alpha Lambda Delta is open to full-time freshman students who earn a scholastic average of 3.5 or better at a four-year college or university.

"Alpha Lambda Delta is a national society for freshmen which honors high academic achievement in the first year of college," said Earwood in her presentation to the inductees. "The purpose of the organization as stated in the constitution is to encourage superior academic achievement among students in their first year in institutions of higher education, to promote intelligent living and a continued high standard of learning, and to assist students in recognizing and developing meaningful goals for their roles in society."

Along those lines, the Clayton State student inductees took the following pledge from Earwood...

I accept membership . . .
 Into National Alpha Lambda Delta . . .
 Understanding that in doing so . . .
 I assume the responsibility. . .
 Of continuing to maintain . . .
 Its standards of service . . .
 Of diligence...
 And of integrity.
 I pledge to promote high scholarship. . .
 And to use my education . . .
 For the benefit of my community . . .
 My nation . . .
 And the world in which we live.

"Members of Alpha Lambda Delta, we are here to inform the new initiates concerning our organization and to ask them to take with us the pledge to make the best possible use of our education," explained Hunter prior to the pledge. "The initials of our name stand for the Greek words allelois, lampadia, diadusousin, which stands for the motto 'we shall pass our torches on, one to another.'

"The insignia of Alpha Lambda Delta represents a lighted candle. The golden base of our candle signifies honesty and integrity, which are the foundation on which we build; the shaft of our candle signifies strength and courage; and the light of our candle signifies truth and wisdom -- which can dispel ignorance and superstition, and give us the insight to live well in our time."

"Your education is the means by which you learn to recognize the wonders of science, to appreciate the beauty of great literature and art, to use well our own language, to learn the lessons of past history, to speak and read the languages of other peoples, to study the social and political forces of our world, and to discuss the thought and the philosophy of other ages," added Bouyea-Hamlet. "Through these means you can evaluate the forces and standards of your generation and learn to live significantly."

Each student inductee was recognized individually on-stage by signing the chapter roll, and being presented with the Alpha Lambda Delta insignia and a certificate of their accomplishment as a charter member of the Clayton State chapter.

Clayton State's first inductees in Alpha Lambda Delta are:

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| Omar Abdalla | Stockbridge, GA |
| Jonathan Bake Anderson | McDonough, GA |
| Joyce Andoh | McDonough, GA |
| Kaylene OliviaArthur | Jonesboro, GA |
| Shakeyla Blackwell | Savannah, GA |
| Todd M. Burke Jr. | Morrow, GA |
| Jacob Caldwell | McDonough, GA |
| Toren James Carr | Peachtree City, GA |
| Alexandra Sylvie Destin | Rex, GA |
| Terrence Ramone Dixon | Ellenwood, GA |
| Jameka Patrice Dixon | Claxton, GA |
| Lacey Dunn | Fayetteville, GA |
| Alicia Michelle Flowers | East Point, GA |
| Itzamar Garcia | Griffin, GA |
| Amelia Logan Harkleroad | Newnan, GA |
| Damoli Harris | Southfield, MI |
| Rachel Hohenstein-Higgins | Jackson, GA |
| Yasmeen Khan | Stockbridge, GA |
| Frankie Kirk | Ellenwood, GA |
| Tracye Elaine Lamar | Ellenwood, GA |
| Jessica Lovett | Peachtree City, GA |
| Nitou Makidi | Decatur, GA |
| Parvin Malcolm | Forest Park, GA |
| Ebony Desiree Miller | Macon, GA |
| Arielle Miller | Decatur, GA |
| Ashley Nicole Moore | Conyers, GA |
| Jessica Morris | Peachtree City, GA |
| Olivia Irene Murphy | Peachtree City, GA |
| Gregory John O'Brien | Fayetteville, GA |
| Priyani J. Patel | Jonesboro, GA |
| Emanuel Armstrong Peters | College Park, GA |
| Jose Alberto Polanco | Fairburn, GA |
| Sundee Proctor | Stockbridge, GA |
| Alex John Quisenberry, Jr. | McDonough, GA |
| Kayla Rebekah Rice | McDonough, GA |
| Sade Roberts | Riverdale, GA |
| Allison Lindsay Rutherford | Jonesboro, GA |
| Kensy Maggie Seidel | Fayetteville, GA |
| Maggie Shiffert | Newnan, GA |
| Tamara Marie Spikes | Hampton, GA |
| Kendra Sharnelle Stewart | Morrow, GA |
| Mary Tran | Riverdale, GA |
| Julia Yurievna Zorko | Fayetteville, GA ■ |

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retriever. Now an associate professor in the Department of Dental Hygiene, she began her career at Clayton State in 2005. During the spring of 1999, she was a part-time clinical instructor.

She received her doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania and specialized certification in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology at Emory University. She was an active duty Air Force Dental Officer for three years but also worked as a civilian dentist for the Army and the Navy.

She enjoys traveling and is currently taking a photography course with the New York Institute of Photography.

“While I am obviously honored to have been nominated by my peers for this award as it reaffirms my direction and

career path, I am even more pleased that the nomination draws attention to the Dental Hygiene program. While it is a small part of Clayton State University’s curriculum, it is a shining example of the University’s commitment to community service,” expresses Zornosa.

Kheirandish, born in Lahijan, Iran, a small city in northern Iran near Caspian Sea, currently resides in Jonesboro, Ga. He started at Clayton State as a visiting assistant professor of Economics in August 2006, and then in 2007 started his tenure track position as assistant professor of Economics. In August 2012 he will be promoted to associate professor of Economics. He obtained his doctorate in Economics from Virginia Tech in 2008.

He is married with a nine-year-old daughter, and they enjoy spending time in muse-

ums and other city attractions together. He also enjoys playing soccer and watching movies and sports.

In 2011, he was named Outstanding Advisor Award for the Society for the Advancement of Management (SAM). In 2011, he was program chair of the Southeastern Chapter of INFORMS (SEINFORMS) Conference in Myrtle Beach, S.C. He currently serves as the treasurer of the SEINFORMS.

“To me, being nominated is the ultimate honor a faculty can receive in the university level. Our faculty are great and to be selected and nominated among the best, make you feel really special,” says Kheirandish. ■

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Seth Davis is program coordinator for Continuing Education and has worked at Clayton State for the last four years. He has held a wide capacity of roles after originally working with the Youth University program. Davis currently lives in Atlanta.

He appreciates music, theater and spends a great deal of time performing, teaching, and directing musical and theater productions in the Atlanta area. He is a 2007 Music Composition graduate of Clayton State. In 2011 he received a CPP (Certified Program Planner) certification from LERN (Learning Resource Network) – the international leader in the field of continuing education.

“I am truly humbled to be nominated for the Alice Smith Award and feel that we have so many wonderful folks working here on campus that there are so many others who deserve a nomination more than I do. I greatly appreciate the nomination though, and I hope that in some small way, I am able to reflect the pride and love I have for this campus community which is truly a community of people who care about each other,” he says. ■



Students Return from Alternative Spring Break in South Dakota

Several Clayton State University students recently participated in the Alternative Spring Break Volunteer Program. Christina Greenwood (Douglasville), Nneka Illonah (Lithonia), Venus Royster (Atlanta), Emmanuel Shepherd (College Park), Whitney Smith (Macon), and Michael Stensland (Locust Grove) traveled to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. The group worked with RE-MEMBER, a non-profit organization that seeks to improve the quality of reservation life of the Oglala Lakota Nation through relationships, shared resources and volunteer services.

The students participated in various work projects across the reservation, including building bunk beds for children, installing “skirting” around mobile homes, out-

house construction and helping to build basic shelters. They were also immersed into the Oglala Lakota Nation and South Dakota culture with nightly discussions facilitated by the RE-MEMBER organization and trips to Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse Memorial and Black Hills Forest.

Jennifer Welch, Clayton State AmeriCorps coordinator, and Dr. David

Messer, Department of Teacher Education, served as the staff and faculty advisors for this program. As Messer has coordinated six trips to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation; he brought a wealth of experience and knowledge to the program. ■



Students Celebrate Spring Break by Serving in Savannah

by Ciji Fox, University Relations

Several Clayton State University students recently participated in the Alternative Spring Break Volunteer Program.

Sherry Cornwall (Jonesboro), Tierra Irvin (Morrow), Jazmin Kersey (Morrow), Veronica Brooks (Hampton), Abigail Pope (Stockbridge), Christopher Toussaint (Morrow), TaJonique Wray (McDonough), Meagan Wyatt (Fayetteville), Timothy Jones (Ellenwood) and Deja Nichols (Decatur) traveled to Savannah, Ga., and volunteered with America’s Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia. America’s Second Harvest Food Bank serves as a warehouse and distribution center of food and grocery products for food pantries, homeless shelters, soup kitchens, domestic abuse

facilities, senior centers and daycare centers for low-income children through Savannah and the Coastal Georgia area.

Nichols, a health care management major, is a member of Clayton State’s AmeriCorps program who has a passion for helping others.

“My experience was awesome,” she says. “I was able to assist with preparing meals for low income families, kids that are at risk, churches, and after school programs.”

Nichols adds that she will encourage students to consider alternative spring break because it enhances their leadership skills.

“It’s a great opportunity to work with different people, as well as reach out to communities,” she says. “You feel highly lifted and motivated when you complete the assigned task.”

Projects for Alternative Spring Break included sorting, stocking and shelving of donated products and some light clerical work in the organization’s administrative

office. Participants also had the opportunity to experience the rich culture and history of Georgia’s oldest city.

LaShanda Hardin, leadership and service learning coordinator for the Clayton State Department of Campus Life served as the staff advisor for this Alternative Spring Break Program.

“These service trips allow students to develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of the issues affecting people across the world daily,” Hardin says. “Our goal is to have students come away from the experience with a deeper understanding of community service, social activism; cultural understanding and the desire create change both close to home and across the world.” ■



Natalie Russell Wins APICS Atlanta Student Paper Competition

Natalie Russell, a Clayton State University senior majoring in Accounting with a minor in Supply Chain Management in the College of Business, has won first place in the APICS (Advancing Productivity, Innovation, and Competitive Success) Atlanta Chapter's student paper writing competition.

Russell, the broker and CEO of Millennium 2000 Realty, Inc., located in Hampton, Ga., will graduate from Clayton State with a BBA degree in Accounting on May 5, 2012. The title of her winning paper is, "The Effects of the Panama Canal Expansion on U.S. Ports and Waterways." In addition to the \$500 prize for winning the competition, Russell will also have the opportunity to make a 15-minute presentation at the APICS Atlanta monthly dinner meeting on Apr. 17, at Villa Christina, 4000 Summit Blvd., Atlanta.

Russell's paper has also drawn attention on the Clayton State campus. John Parkerson, director of the Office of International Programs and a professor in the College of Business, is interested in Russell's topic and has requested a copy for her winning paper, noting that the subject is one that is covered in his International Business & Global Logistics class.

APICS is the association for operations management. Atlanta APICS has been serving the Atlanta area since 1964 and is one of the largest chapters within APICS. The chapter serves more than 500 members in the Greater Atlanta and North Georgia area as a non-profit educational organization addressing operations management and supply chain management issues. APICS also provides professional development opportunities for its members. ■

Clayton State Has Top Private Investigation Cont. Ed. Program

The PInow.com website has named a Clayton State's Continuing Education (CE) program as one of the best in the country.

PInow.com is a directory of local, pre-screened and professional private investigators that aims to be the most trusted and efficient source for finding local qualified investigators. The website has chosen the CE at Clayton State as having one of the Top 25 Private Investigation Training programs across the U.S., specifically, the eighth-best nationally.

According to Beth Davis of PInow.com, the organization, "reviewed every school across the country and rated them based on the type of curriculum, college accreditation, application requirements and license qualifications."

An article detailing PInow.com's findings was published Thursday, Mar. 29, and will be distributed to more than 6,000 individual private investigators as well as news outlets across the country. The article is available at; <http://www.pinow.com/articles/1115/top-25-private-investigator-training-education-2012>. ■

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musical may or may not have a happier ending than the Great Locomotive Chase, depending on for whom you're rooting. Either way, show dates for "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" will continue on Thursday, Apr. 19 and Friday Apr. 20, at 7:30 p.m. There will be a talk back session on Thursday Apr. 19, following that production.

All productions of "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" will be held in the Clayton State Theater, room 132 of the University's Arts & Sciences Building. Admission is free to all Clayton State students and only \$5 for non-students.

DePoy acknowledges success for Thrash's production, and he also admits there is a certain irony to the history of "Stealing Dixie." It's in the fact that, while "Stealing Dixie" did really well at the Theatre in the Square, the theatre also closed a year later, "proving that we don't let people steal our trains, but we do let our art die," he suggests. ■

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challenging pieces creates a high energy level that demands an equally high skill level from CCBB musicians.

"Our current collection of charts is among the most intense and difficult pieces our ensemble has ever attempted, and they have brought the Clayton Community Big Band to a higher level of precision," shares Houghton. "Even though a few laid-back numbers are planned, the majority of music will serve to get adrenalin pumping faster than those 5-Hour Energy drinks!"

The key ingredients to the Apr. 30 musical concoction are the following talented musicians: Houghton, Carl Dixon (Morrow), Rodney Allen, Jr. (Augusta), Avys Burroughs (Jonesboro), Brandon Patman (Decatur), John Babb (McDonough) on saxophone; Anthony G. Bailey (Decatur), Michael Wheeler (Forest Park), Josh Singleton (Conyers), Taylor Threlkeld (Morrow), and Mark A. Lewis (McDonough) on trumpet; Doug

Murray (Jonesboro), Keith Gardner (McDonough), Wayne Hughes (Thomaston), and Mark Gladfelter (Ellenwood) on trombone; Marvin Pollock (Forest Park) and Xavier Jones (Ellenwood) on piano; Christopher Grajko (McDonough) on guitar; Jennifer L. Dunn (Morrow) on acoustic bass; Prakash Acharya (Jonesboro) on electric bass; and Thompson and Elliott Phillips (Hapeville) on drums. ■

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per program for The Loch Shop or Dining Hall are asked to contact Amero at CarolinaAmero@clayton.edu. Those interested in participating with The Hub as a mystery client, are asked to contact ShannonThomas@clayton.edu.

For more information on the mystery shopper initiative at Clayton State, please contact CarolinaAmero@clayton.edu. ■

Psychology Master's Student Mindy James Drawing Widespread Professional Recognition

One of the first cohort students in Clayton State University's M.S. in Psychology program is receiving significant professional recognition for her work as a second year student in the University's Master of Science in Applied Developmental Psychology.

Mindy James, a resident of Peachtree City, has had her thesis survey, "Access and Utilization of Support Services by Families Affected with an Autism Spectrum Disorder," linked on the Autism Speaks Research Participation page; http://www.kintera.org/site/c.cdJGKONnFmG/b.3976705/k.5180/Participate_in_Research/apps/nl/newsletter2.asp.

In addition, James will also be presenting at two professional conferences; at the

Georgia Psychological Society this coming weekend, and at Clayton State's Third Annual Academic Conference on Friday, Apr. 6. James will be graduating in the first class of the M.S. in Psychology program, in August 2012.

"We are very proud of her accomplishments," says Dr. Donna McCarty, chair of the Department of Psychology at Clayton State. "We have 29 applicants for the program this spring, and we are very excited about the growth in the program and the development of our current students into professionals that will benefit the community in many ways."

"I am inordinately proud of this student's work," adds Dr. Deborah Deckner-Davis, associate professor and coordinator of the

Master of Science in Psychology program.

The purpose of James' study is to learn more about families affected by an autism spectrum disorder; specifically, the diagnostic experience, access and utilization of different services, and the families' perceptions about the adequacy of these resources. ■



Mindy James

Campus Posting Policy

As the semester ends and many departments and student organizations prepare for their end of the year programs, we want to remind you of the Campus Posting and Solicitation Policy.

Highlights of the policy include:

Posters, signs or flyers sponsored by student organizations, Athletics, academic and administrative units must be posted on campus bulletin boards designated for general use. Posting on doors, windows, walls, benches, light poles, vehicles, etc. is prohibited. Exception: Room changes may be posted adjacent to or on the classroom door. Bulletin boards designated for department information should not be used for non-departmental postings.

- Posters, signs or flyers promoting events/meetings require an accessibility statement notifying individuals with disabilities how to request accommodations or obtain alternative formats. Postings without the accessibility statement will be removed. The required accessibility statement is: Individuals requiring disability related accommodations for participations in University sponsored event contact dis-

abilityresourcecenter@clayton.edu or (678) 466-5445.

- Student Organizations are required to have all posters, signs and flyers approved and stamped by the Department of Campus Life before posting. Groups are only permitted to post 35 posters, flyers and signs per event/meeting. This does not include the distribution of handbills (postcard size four x six versions of larger posters, signs or flyers). The Department of Campus Life requires a minimum of two business days to process, approve and stamp all submitted posters, signs and flyers.

While departments are not required to have flyers approved by the Department of Campus Life, all department campus postings should adhere to the policy described herein.

- There may be no more than one (1) of the same poster, sign or flyer on any one bulletin board.
- The name of the sponsoring unit must be clearly stated on all posters, signs, flyers or banners as well as the date, location and time of the event/meeting.

- Sponsoring units are responsible for removing all posters, signs or flyers within two business days following an event/meeting. Posters, signs or flyers for weekend events/meetings must be removed by the next business day (no later than Tuesday of the following week).

- The University has a no solicitation policy. Flyers advertising external businesses and business services, apartments and rental homes, and other items or services for sale or not permitted on campus.

You may view the full policy on the SAC website: www.clayton.edu/sac. Should you have questions related to campus postings and announcements, please contact CampusLife@clayton.edu or (678) 466-5433. ■

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that it is more difficult to stay in the program than to get in.

“The classes are not easy. For the most part, there are on average three exams per week throughout the first year. I also like to stay involved in the community through voluntary service and I also hold a part-time job. Making time for all three, day in and day out, gets very challenging, especially when there is commitment involved. Staying focused, and prioritizing is the key to getting through the program while also being able to have a life outside of school.”

Hanifa says that her family has been her biggest supporters.

“My sisters and my mother supported me and encouraged me to continue to work hard,” she says. “Of course, I couldn't let

my family down, so that inner motivation also helped me stay on track.”

Heavily involved, Hanifa previously served as a treasurer and then president for SANGAM, a Clayton State multicultural organization. She also worked as a resident assistant at Laker Hall for a year. Currently, she is a member of SADHA (Student American Dental Hygiene Association), and volunteers as a marketing advisor for the Aga Khan Youth and Sports Board for the Southeast USA.

With very little free time Hanifa treats herself to a game of volleyball every now and then.

“I love playing volleyball, drawing and I enjoy doing outdoor activities,” she says. “Of course, with being in school full-time,

doing community service and working, this is a challenge.

With graduation so near, Hanifa will begin preparing to take national and state board exams so that she can get licensed to work as a dental hygienist.

To future students of the Dental Hygiene program Hanifa says, “Set goals, stay focused, and work hard. Make sure to not only maintain a good overall GPA, but also a good math and science GPA. You can do it!” ■

Dental Hygiene Students Visit Lake City Elementary School

As a requirement for their Community Dental Health course this semester, and to celebrate February as National Children's Dental Health month, the Clayton State University Dental Hygiene program senior students recently visited Lake City Elementary School in Lake City, Ga. This is the same school where Dr. W. Gail Barnes, chair of the Dental Hygiene Department, participated in the Clayton Chamber Principal Partner program last fall.

Lake City Elementary Principal Erica Johnson welcomed the Dental Hygiene students and expressed her gratitude on behalf of the students and teachers. The dental hygiene students visited the first and fourth grade classrooms and spoke to approximately 200 children. They spent approximately 20 minutes instructing the elementary students on brushing and flossing (for the fourth graders), and choosing good foods and snacks to eat for healthy teeth and smiles.

Each student was provided with a “goody bag” which contained a tooth



brush, small bottle of alcohol-free Listerine, toothpaste and floss. All of the teachers, and Johnson, were given a “dental goody bag” similar to that of the students, but theirs also included a tongue cleaner. Barnes also provided Principal Johnson with a box of individually wrapped sugarless gum for distribution to the students, at her discretion.

Barnes notes that when she visited the classrooms during the Dental Hygiene students' presentations, she was struck by the excitement of the elementary students, teachers and dental hygiene students. The dialogue between the elementary and dental hygiene students was phenomenal, she says. The elementary students listened

intently and asked pertinent questions.

As a service to the local community, the Clayton State Dental Hygiene faculty and Barnes have discussed sponsoring a “Lake City Elementary Back to School Dental Health Kickoff” this coming summer. The objective is to open the Clayton State public Dental Hygiene Clinic on a Saturday in August, before the start of the Clayton County school year, to provide preventive services for the Lake City Elementary School children for a reduced fee or, depending on financial sponsors, for free. ■

Clayton State Biology Students Hear a Tale of Whales... and the Smithsonian

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Indiana Jones once obtained a gray whale specimen for the Smithsonian.

Long before he was a champion of slavery and state's rights, Jefferson Davis championed the cause of funds for a national museum.

The foremost American scientist of the 19th Century had to go against his boss' wishes to establish a natural history museum in Washington, D.C.

The aforementioned boss, Joseph Henry, invented the telegraph before Samuel Morse, and ended up in a lawsuit over same.

It is most likely that there are still large whales in the Earth's oceans that are unknown to science.

Among other techniques, whale carcasses are cleaned up by beetles.

All these facts, and much more, were presented to the students of Clayton State Associate Professor of Biology

Dr. Christopher Kodani today in an enlightening and entertaining seminar, presented by John Ososky, director of the osteology lab of the marine mammal program of the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History. Ososky's presentation to a full classroom in the Laboratory Annex Building was titled, "Battle of the Smithsonian: Spencer Baird vs. Jefferson Davis; A Look Back at the Evolution of Collections, Specimen Preparation and the Marine Mammal Program at the Smithsonian."

Ososky presented a century-and-half worth of information in a little over an hour, leading his audience through both a history of the Smithsonian's natural history collections, and an overview of the Smithsonian's marine mammal program, notably the study of whales and dolphins.

In a wide-ranging presentation, Ososky's "Whale Seminar" including just about every subject from Moby Dick, to Greenpeace, Jacques Cousteau, Teddy Roosevelt and Alexander Graham Bell, to say nothing of the real Indiana Jones, the

president of the Confederacy, and distinguished scientists (and the first two Smithsonian secretaries) Spencer Baird and Joseph Henry.

To briefly re-cap some of Ososky's more intriguing points...

The American Museum of Natural History's fabled Roy Chapman Andrews, who is widely considered to be the model for the fictional Indiana Jones, once collected what was then a very rare specimen of the gray whale for the Smithsonian.

While he was still a U.S. Senator, Davis lobbied for funding for what would become the Smithsonian.

Baird, the first assistant secretary of the Smithsonian, and the top American natural scientist of the 19th Century, wanted the institution to invest in collections, and to actually be a museum. His boss, Smithsonian Secretary Henry,

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Clayton State Finishes Eighth at Peach Belt Conference Men's Championships

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

The Clayton State Laker men's golf team made a strong push on Tuesday in the final round of the Peach Belt Conference Men's Golf Tournament.

The Lakers maintained eighth place in the final team standings of the 11-team field. However, Clayton State fired an impressive 5-over-par 293 to finish with a 905 overall. This marks the lowest round for the Lakers in the Peach Belt Conference Championships since 2009. Clayton State finished 20 strokes ahead of North Georgia and 27 strokes ahead of Montevallo, while finishing 12 strokes off the pace of Flagler.

UNC Pembroke won the PBC championship in a playoff over USC Aiken. Both teams finished with an 8-over 872.

Individually for Clayton State, sophomore Tyson Beaupre advanced nine spots on

the individual leaderboard and finished tied for 16th overall with a 7-over 223 (78-73-72). Beaupre recorded three birdies and shot even-par for the final round. He finished 10 strokes off the pace of individual low medalist Joel Dahlenburg from Flagler.

In addition to Beaupre, freshmen Will Shenstone and Ryan Haskell and senior Clark Nelson each finished tied for 35th with a 230. Shenstone shot even-par for the final round, getting off to a tremendous start with three consecutive birdies to start the round. He then recorded an eagle on the par 5 No 12 hole, but was hurt by six bogeys on the back nine.

Nelson was 2-over for the final round, while Haskell was 3-over. Rounding out the Clayton State scoring was junior Chris McManus finishing tied for 39th with a 231 (75-77-79). ■

Illinois Standout Galvin Signs with Clayton State Women's Cross Country

Clayton State women's head cross country coach Mike Mead has started building his squad for the 2012 season, and he went to some familiar territory to begin putting together his recruiting class.

Mead announced this week the signing of Taylor Galvin from Posen, Ill., for the 2012 season. If her last name sounds familiar to Laker fans, it should. She is the younger sister of rising senior All-Peach Belt Conference and Division II All-Southeast Region performer Paige Galvin. This marks the first time in the history of women's cross country at Clayton State that the Lakers will have sisters as teammates.

Galvin's addition is another piece to what should be a strong Clayton State women's team for the 2012 season. The Lakers return every runner from a team that placed second at the Peach Belt

Conference Championships and seventh at the NCAA Division II Southeast Regionals.

"Taylor will give us much-needed depth and fill one of our holes in the Top Five," said Mead. "She is competitive as her sister, both on the field and in the classroom, and that should bode well for us."

Galvin lettered four seasons in both cross country and track and field at Bremen High School in Midlothian, Ill. Over the last two seasons, she has run in the Illinois State Cross Country Championships. Galvin placed sixth overall during her senior season to qualify for state, and has a personal-best time of 19:12 in the three-mile at the state meet this season.

In track and field, Galvin's best times are 2:36 in the 800-meter run and 5:34 in the 1,600-meter run. ■

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who has represented Canada at the U17 & U19 age level"

The three area prep newcomers are Danielle Fletcher from Union Grove High School in McDonough, Ga., Courtney Hodges from Heritage High School in Conyers, Ga., and Jency Ramirez from Berkmar High School in Lilburn, Ga.

Fletcher has lettered the last three seasons at defender for Union Grove; having helped paced the Lady Wolverines to the Class AAAA state quarterfinals last season after twice advancing to the second round of the Class AAAA state tournament. Fletcher is a two-time All-Henry County selection and a 2010 All-Region 2AAAAA selection.

Fletcher plays club soccer for Macon United and is expected to play both central and outside back on defense at Clayton State.

Hodges has played predominantly central defender during her career at Heritage, but also has spent time up front at forward. She has helped pace Heritage to three straight Class AAAA state tournament appearances and plays club soccer for the Norcross Fury.

Ramirez is teammates with Hodges for the Norcross Fury, and also plays outside midfielder at Berkmar. In addition, she also represented her native El Salvador in the 2011 U-20 CONCACAF Tournament.

"Danielle has tremendous speed and can play as a central defender and as at outside back, while Courtney has the potential to be a very good defender in the Peach Belt," O'Sullivan said. "Jency can operate up top or as a wide midfielder. She can deliver quality crosses and is excellent on set plays." ■

Clayton State Men Wrap Up Spring Workouts by Winning Atlanta Metro Cup

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

The Clayton State Laker men's soccer team finished up spring workouts on a high note as the Lakers won the first ever Atlanta Metro Cup over the weekend at Georgia State.

The event featured all the area four-year men's soccer programs in Atlanta (Clayton State, Georgia State, Southern Polytechnic State, Emory and Oglethorpe) and it was played at Georgia State's soccer complex in Panthersville. The Lakers finished 2-0-2 in the full-day event and earned eight points to finish first.

Next year's Atlanta Metro Cup will be played at Clayton State's Laker Field.

"All the coaches thought it would be a great idea for the schools to go head-to-head in four mini-games,"

said Clayton State head coach Pete Petersen. "As the host Georgia State was awesome. Next year, we hope to get a sponsor who would want to get involved with the city's 150 or so men's college soccer players."

It was the conclusion to what was a productive spring for the Lakers. Clayton State also recorded a 3-1 victory over area JUCO power Georgia Perimeter on March 18, and dropped a tough 3-2 decision against the Atlanta Silverbacks on March 21. The Lakers then played a doubleheader at Division I Clemson on March 27, in which Clayton State tied Clemson 2-2 and recorded a scoreless tie against Wofford.

Clayton State opens the 2012 season against Pfeiffer in the Laker Shootout on Aug. 31. ■

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who did indeed also end up in a lawsuit over the telegraph, was against that route for the Smithsonian.

A whale stranding on a North Carolina beach (whale strandings are still the best way to obtain specimens of these largest of marine mammals) in 2003 produced an animal that still hasn't been classified.

"We're still not sure what it is," admitted Osofsky. "There may still be large whales out there that are unknown to science."

In commenting on the North Carolina whale after the seminar, Kodani speculates that Osofsky may very well end up naming the specimen as a new species of whale.

Finally, since stranded whales tend to present a challenge in terms of clean-

ing up the carcasses for mounting of the specimens, Osofsky and his colleagues use beetles in a sealed environment to pick the carcasses clean.

In addition to the historical aspects of Osofsky's presentation, he devoted much of his time to talking about conservation of marine mammals, starting with Baird and his contemporaries, through the whole history of the Smithsonian, including Osofsky's boss, collection manager, marine mammals Charles Potter, and also noted contributors to conservation like Roosevelt, Cousteau and the Greenpeace movement. ■

Trivia Time

Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Americans love conspiracy theories, and, in all probability, no one single event in American history has spawned more of them than the assassination of President John F. Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963 in Dallas... everything from the Single Bullet Theory to Cuban operatives to little green men from Mars.

One "theory" that's actually fact is that three presidents were in Dallas that day; Kennedy, his vice president, Lyndon Johnson, and the man Kennedy defeated in the 1960 election, future president Richard Nixon. Just to add to the mix, Jill Ellington, who had the first correct response, notes the following about still another future president.

"There is some conspiracy-theory speculation that George Bush, Sr., [aka George Herbert Walker Bush] was there, but that has not been confirmed and he doesn't remember where he was." Figures...

Following Ellington with the correct answer were Vickie Fennell Smith and B.D. Stillion.

Backtracking to the previous question regarding the first presidential campaign to involve the heavy use of PR, a ruling from Trivia Time's Official Historians, Drs. Gene Hatfield and Brad Rice, has led to a reassessment of the results. While all those who answered the election of 1840 still get credit for their answers, Hatfield and Rice both ruled on the side of defending Trivia Time Champion Kurt-Alexander Zeller that the election of 1800 was also a flack's dream. Here's what Hatfield had to say...

"I think Kurt Alexander has a point. Both Federalists and Jeffersonian Republicans had house newspapers which pushed the party line. In those days, media outlets were by no means objective. They were viciously partisan. The Federalists had passed the Alien and Sedition Acts which resulted in the imprisonment of several Jeffersonians. The Jeffersonians responded with the Virginia-Kentucky resolutions which advocated nullification. This was a brutal election, likely much more so than the one we will have to endure this year. It was in this election that the rumors about Jefferson and Sally Hemings were published. Of course, in retrospect, they were probably true."

Given this new ruling, Rob Taylor (six points), Scott McElroy (four) and Zeller (three, plus a Bonus Point for persistence) are also given credit for correct answers.

Getting back to 1963, who first promulgated the Single Bullet Theory? (C'mon, this is an easy one...) ■

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O'Sullivan Announces 2012 Clayton State Women's Soccer Recruiting Class

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

Fresh off leading the Clayton State Laker women's soccer team to its first winning season in three years, head coach Gareth O'Sullivan is now starting the process of building the Lakers into a championship-level program.

O'Sullivan has announced the first six additions to the 2012 Clayton State recruiting class. The six include two JUCO All-Americans, one Canadian Junior National Team player and three area prep standouts. In addition to this six, O'Sullivan plans to sign another four or five for the 2012 season. Clayton State is coming off a 9-7-2 mark in O'Sullivan's first season, including 4-4-2 in Peach Belt Conference play.

"I'm excited with this first group we have signed," said O'Sullivan. "It's a great blend of players who all bring a lot to the table."

The headliners for this recruiting class are a pair of JUCO All-Americans from Hutchinson (Kan.) C.C. – midfielders Alicia Robinson and Pearl Slattery. Both Robinson and Slattery helped pace Hutchinson to a 17-3 mark and No. 3 ranking nationally at the NJCAA level this past season.

Robinson, from Teleford, England, was a second team NJCAA All-American this past season, becoming the first two-time All-American at Hutchinson. In addition, she was also two two-time Jayhawk Conference Offensive Player of the Year.

Robinson scored 12 goals and led the nation with a Hutchinson school-record 27 assists, tying her for third on the team with 51 points. This season, she had four multi-goal games and seven multi-assist games. For her career at Hutchinson, Robinson scored 24 goals with a school-record 42 assists for 90 points.

Slattery, from Dublin, Ireland, was an NJCAA honorable mention All-American selection, in addition to being a two-time NJCAA All-Region and All-Jayhawk Conference selection. She became the sixth player at Hutchinson to tally 20 goals in a season, and also recorded 15 assists for 55 points.

For her career, Slattery scored 29 goals with 27 assists for 85 points. She also set the Hutchinson single-game record for assists with five.

"Alicia has tremendous composure on the ball and should create many opportunities in the opponents final third. She reminds me of (legendary Manchester United star) Paul Scholes," O'Sullivan said. "Pearl will give us options in the middle of the field. She has goals in her and is also very strong in the air."

Nour Ghoneim is a forward from Toronto, Ontario, and attends Williams Secondary School in Ontario. She has represented Canada at both the U-17 and U-19 levels and will give the Lakers more scoring punch up front. She was a part of the U-17 Canadian National Team that won the 2010 CONCACAF Championship. Ghoneim scored twice during that tournament against Jamaica.

Ghoneim played at the club level for the Richmond Hill Soccer Club in Ontario.

"We have high expectations from Nour," O'Sullivan said. "She is a versatile forward

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Clayton State Women Drop 5-4 Stunner at UNC Pembroke

The Clayton State Laker women's tennis team closed out its Peach Belt Conference slate on Sunday by dropping a 5-4 stunner at UNC Pembroke.

The defeat drops Clayton State, ranked 11th in the nation in Division II, to 7-12 overall and 6-6 in the Peach Belt. UNC Pembroke improves to 12-12 overall and 3-9 in the Peach Belt with its first victory over Clayton State since 2006.

The Lakers won once in doubles and three times in singles. Marie Cercelletti and Charlotte Fabricius posted an 8-3 victory over UNC Pembroke's Leigh-Anne McAfee and Shelby Bickel at No. 2 doubles. Cercelletti (No. 1), Fabricius (No. 2)

and Jessica Budd (No. 4) each recorded victories in singles as the score was tied 4-4 heading into the match at No. 5 singles to decide the outcome.

Clayton State's Alyze' Pagal won the first set 6-3 and had multiple match points in the second set against UNC Pembroke's Madeline DiNunzio. However, DiNunzio won the second set in a tiebreak 7-6 and then prevailed 6-4 in the third set.

Clayton State will compete this week in the 2012 Peach Belt Conference Tournament, which starts on Thursday at Lander. ■

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