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MBA Program Adds Concentrations In International Business, Accounting

The AACSB-accredited School of Business at Clayton State University has announced the addition of two new concentrations to its MBA program.

According to Dr. Judith Ogden, director of the MBA program, the concentration in International Business will allow students to take courses in Global Marketing or Cross-Cultural Negotiating, and to participate in a Study Abroad class. The School of Business will be holding six open houses, three in Morrow and three in Peachtree City, in June and July, to provide information on the MBA program.

The concentration in Accounting is designed for students with undergraduate degrees in accounting who are interested in completing the 150-hours required to

be a CPA while also acquiring an MBA. Accounting electives will include topics such as Forensic Accounting, Advanced Managerial Cost Accounting, Taxation of Business Entities, Advanced Financial Accounting, and Governmental and Non-Profit Accounting.

Clayton State's MBA Program is designed with the working professional in mind. The program can be completed in 20 months. Classes, other than the accounting electives and the study abroad course, all meet on Saturdays.

MBA students may also still elect the very successful Supply Chain Management concentration which focuses on the management of materials, information, and finances as they move from supplier to consumer.

For more information, please contact the School of Business at <http://business.clayton.edu/mba> or call (678) 466-4500, or visit one of the Open Houses...

On the main campus in Morrow:

Tuesday, June 14, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 18, noon to 1 p.m.
Tuesday, July 12, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

At the Clayton State — Fayette Instructional Site, 1200 Commerce Dr., Peachtree City, Ga.:

Wednesday, June 22, noon to 1 p.m.
Tuesday, June 28, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Thursday, July 7, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. ■

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Clayton State Announces Second Group of Presidential Scholars

Clayton State University has named its second annual group of Presidential Scholars.

Now in its second year, the Presidential Scholars program consists of six, four-year presidential scholarships that continue annually. With the program having started in the fall of 2010, by the start of the 2013 academic year Clayton State will have 24 honors students on presidential scholarships. The Presidential Scholars supplement the long-standing University Honors Program.

The six recipients of the 2011 Clayton State Presidential Scholarships are as follows:

Jonathan Blake Anderson
Stockbridge High School
Stockbridge, Ga.

Todd Burke
Shaw High School
Midland, Ga.

Jacob Caldwell
Woodland High School
McDonough, Ga.

Thao Duong
Mount Zion High School
Riverdale, Ga.

Chaston Matheny
Griffin High School
Griffin, Ga.

Jon Skinner
North Oconee High School
Statham, Ga.

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Trying a New Field?

Clayton State Physics Professor Wins Journalism Award in New Jersey

by Ciji Fox, University Relations

Dr. Bram Boroson, Clayton State University assistant professor of physics, recently won a journalism award in the annual Excellence in Journalism contest of the New Jersey Society of Professional Journalists.

Winning a journalism award was a surprise for Boroson, because, well, he's a scientist.

"I am a scientist by profession and not a journalist. However, my parents are both journalists. My mother edits a weekly newspaper, The Jewish Standard, and publishers send her copies of books to review," Boroson says. "While visiting my parents on vacation, I noticed a book

that I thought I had the expertise to review, "The Language God Speaks" by Herman Wouk. The 'language' in this case is calculus. I offered to write a review of the book, and my mother agreed. She and her staff provided minor edits on my draft.

"The book review was entered into the annual Excellence in Journalism contest by the New Jersey Society of Professional Journalists."

The journalists in New Jersey liked Boroson's review, writing, "a thoughtful and insightful review that gives the reader a number of ideas to ponder." And so a Clayton State physics professor won first place in the category of reviews by a

weekly or daily newspaper in New Jersey. Boroson feels honored to have won this award.

"It's gratifying for two reasons. One is that my parents also won awards in the same contest, so that it feels like a family experience," he says. "The other is that journalism is not my professional field, so I feel I have broadened my experience, and could use this as a springboard to write on scientific topics for the general public."

For more details on Boroson's award, go to: www.njspj.org/index.html. ■

Clayton State's Youngest Students to Benefit from HB186 and GSFC Regulations

Some 250 students at Clayton State University have another reason to look forward to the 2011/2012 academic year.

They are part of Clayton State's Dual Enrollment Program (DEP), students at local high schools who are taking Clayton State courses for both college and high school academic credit. With 255 such students enrolled in the spring 2011 semester, and a like number expected for the fall 2011 semester, Clayton State has the largest DEP among comprehensive universities in the University System of Georgia. Thus, the continued support for dual-enrollment funding and the recent

signing of HB186 by Governor Nathan Deal benefit both the University and its DEP students.

According to Clayton State Associate Vice President of Extended Programs Dr. Kevin Demmitt, in recent years, school systems have received a proportional decrease in FTE funding for each course taken by a dual-enrollment student. This policy created a hardship for high schools that generally had to maintain the same amount of personnel to teach all of the required courses. HB186 restores FTE funding to schools with DEP students.

Clayton State's DEP students come from several counties in the Southern Crescent,

including as far away as Coweta County. This past semester, the majority were from Henry (93) and Fayette (75) counties. Following another change in the GSFC and DOE regulations during the summer of 2010, Clayton State also pioneered admitting younger (freshmen and sophomores) high school students into DEP. Northgate High School freshman Maggie Shiffert was the youngest DEP student at Clayton State for the 2010/2011 academic year, starting classes in August 2010, a month prior to her 15th birthday.

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Alumna Jennifer DeMond Writes a Book... And Joins the Staff at Her Alma Mater

by Ciji Fox, University Relations

Jennifer DeMond, a graduate of Clayton State University with a Bachelor's in Communication and Media Studies, is now the student media advisor for the University.

"I feel honored to be the student media advisor here at Clayton State," says DeMond, a former editor of the student newspaper, *The Bent Tree*. "As Jason, my husband, said when I told him of the interview for this position, 'you don't just like Clayton State, you love Clayton State.' I look forward to being a part of seeing Clayton State student media soar to new heights.

"I'm so proud of *The Bent Tree* for winning the Georgia College Press Association awards this year, and I look forward to finding outlets for CSiR and CSTV to win similar awards. I look forward to being able to mentor Clayton State students and help them achieve their best, just like my professors and advisors here pushed me to achieve mine."

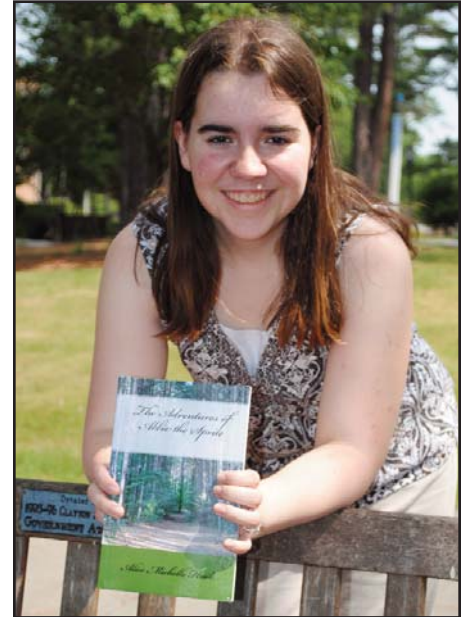
DeMond also recently published a book "The Adventures of Abbie the Sprite"

under her pen name Alice Michelle Hook. DeMond decided to write the book for her best friend as a Christmas gift.

"I want to get something for my best friend for Christmas, but being a college freshman without a job, my choices were severely limited," she recalls. "I decided to write her a short story with both of us in it and include some of our friends in it. So I sat down and wrote it for her and gave it to her on Christmas. She liked it so much that she asked me for another installment of the story. So I obliged her. That first short story became the first chapter and the following installments became the ensuing chapters. The characters have been adjusted since then and the story revised many times, but the original plot is still intact.

"I'm working in my spare time on the sequel to the book, but a release date hasn't been set yet."

DeMond resides in Hampton, Ga., with her husband Jason and son Joseph. Her



Jennifer DeMond

experiences with Clayton State University have been memorable.

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John Parkerson to Give Commencement Address in Republic of Georgia

The director of Clayton State University's Office of International Programs, John E. Parkerson, Jr., will be travelling to Georgia this summer... Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia that is, to deliver a commencement address.

Parkerson will leave for Tbilisi on July 7 to deliver the commencement address at the Georgian American University (GAU) on July 10. The title of his address is: "Georgia to Georgia: How Education Advances U.S.-Republic of Georgia Ties."

"My remarks will focus on education and its importance in promoting closer U.S.-Georgia business/economic, political/national defense, and social ties; the significance of the GAU-Clayton State partnership with regard to the foregoing;

developments in the European Union as they affect Georgia and the U.S. with regard to education," says Parkerson.

His commencement address will also include comments on the greater regional eastward integration of the European Union (EU), noting that Hungary currently holds the presidency of the Council of the EU through June 2011, and that Poland will hold the presidency for the next six months; making 2011 the year of Central Europe. Parkerson will also promote a strategy to associate more closely the Republic of Georgia and its neighbors into a broader European front.

While in Georgia, Parkerson will visit Mariam Chubinidze, GAU's first outbound exchange student, who spent the

fall 2010 semester studying business at Clayton State. He will also visit legal and academic colleagues in Tbilisi whom he knows at Ilia State University and the Eristavi Law Group which is affiliated with the Atlanta law firm of Hall, Booth, Smith & Slover, P.C.



John Parkerson

In December 2009, Clayton State and GAU signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that promised a cooperative relationship between the two

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Arts Page

Spivey Hall Hosts Annual Sacred Harp Singing School, July 15 and 16

Clayton State University's world-famous Spivey Hall will host its Sacred Harp Singing School on Friday, July 15 and Saturday, July 16.

Singers and history buffs alike will thoroughly enjoy this annual event. Sacred Harp Singing, sometimes also called "fasho-la" or shape-note singing, involves singing parts without instrumental accompaniment. The repertoire includes psalms, fugues, odes, and anthems by the first American composers (1770-1810) as well as folk songs and revival hymns (1810-1860). This is a non-denominational community music event that emphasizes participation, not expertise.

The school will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Both Friday and Saturday's events are free and open to the public, but advanced registration for Friday's "singing school" is required. Teachers who wish to earn one PLU by participat-

ing in both days' activities should download the PLU and mail or fax the PLU form, which is available at <http://www.spiveyhall.org/educational-programs/program-registration/>. Teachers should secure their principal's approval and submit the form and the \$35 fee to Spivey Hall no later than the first day of the class.

At Friday's singing school clinician Nathan Rees will instruct beginners and experienced practitioners in the history, tradition, and performance practices of this authentic piece of Americana. Participants will also view the documentary "Awake, My Soul: The Story of the Sacred Harp." As noted, participation in the singing school is free, but advanced registration is required. A registration form can also be downloaded at <http://www.spiveyhall.org/educational-programs/program-registration/>. Registration can also be taken over the phone by calling (678) 466-4491.

On Saturday, July 16, Sacred Harp singers young and old will travel from throughout the southeast for the annual singing and potluck luncheon at Spivey Hall. Participants should bring a covered dish to share and prepare to enjoy a soul-stirring musical experience and wonderful fellowship. Participants are also asked to bring their own Sacred Harp books and if, they have any extras, please bring those to share. All are welcome to this event, from beginning singers to life-long experts.

For more information about Sacred Harp singing, visit www.AtlantaSacredHarp.org or visit www.fasola.org. For complete information on the Sacred Harp Singing School, including a video of the singing from the 2009 school, go to <http://www.spiveyhall.org/educational-programs/sacred-harp-singing-and-luncheon>. ■

Spivey Hall to Present Dr. Jill Trinka On the Essentials of Kodály-Inspired Music Teaching

Music teachers and students can get jazzed for the new school year by experiencing inspired teaching of Kodály-based music curriculum essentials for grades K through five at Clayton State University this summer.

Clayton State's world-famous Spivey Hall and Dr. Jill Trinka will present "Essentials of Kodály-Inspired Music Teaching" on Monday, July 18 and Tuesday, July 19 in the Clayton State Music Education Building, adjacent to Spivey Hall. Each day's session will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., enabling participants to experience a wide range of music repertoire, engaging instructional activities, and excellent sequencing designed to stimulate planning for the 2011/2012 school year.

This program is open to both teachers and students at a registration cost of \$125 for OAKE members, and \$150 for non-members. Students pay just \$50.



Dr. Jill Trinka

Trinka is a program author with the Silver Burdett Making Music Series. She holds Kodály certification from the Liszt Academy of Music in Budapest, Hungary as a Ford Foundation Ringer Fellow. She has taught music for grades PreK through five and Kodály teacher education programs throughout the United States, including the University of St. Thomas, the University of North Texas, Portland State University,

the Hartt School at the University of Hartford, and at DePaul University in Chicago. She is past president of the Organization of American Kodály Educators and received their Outstanding Educator award in 2003.

Interested individuals can download complete registration materials at www.spiveyhall.org/education-programs or contact the Spivey Hall Education Manager at (678) 466-4481 or EducationManager@spiveyhall.org for more information. ■

Clayton State has its First Official Disney Representative

by Ciji Fox, University Relations

Desaree Overton recently became Clayton State University's first official Disney Representative. Overton is a Management major in the Clayton State School of Business.

"It is an honor for me to be able to represent the world's leading entertaining company here at Clayton State University," Overton says. "I am proud to be the first rep at the University, which allows me the opportunity to spread the good word about this phenomenal program to my fellow colleagues."

Sanford Dennis, School of Business career coordinator, created the Disney program at Clayton State University specifically for business students.

"The Disney College Program is unique because it offers students a chance to earn great work experience as well as earn academic credit," Dennis says. "Disney has a full academic faculty/staff in Orlando that functions just like a regular college. They have FT Instructors and adjuncts. They

offer a full array of courses that are modeled after a traditional business curriculum. Students sit in a classroom and participate in lectures just like a regular class. Clayton State business students have to apply for the program and be accepted by the School of Business for the program."

Last fall a regional Disney recruiter made a special visit to the School of Business to speak with faculty about the program, Dennis says.

"I believe this was the first time someone from Disney had been on campus to speak about the program," he says.

Overton became interested in the Disney program after seeing a flyer.

"I was working as a student assistant in the School of Business when I noticed a Disney Internship flyer near the front desk," Overton says. "I love Disney and I knew right away that it was something I might enjoy. After attending a presentation where I heard from students who had

previously attended the program, I was sold! My experience as an intern at Disney was amazing! I was able to meet and interact with people from all over the world. I worked in Disney's Epcot Park in Orlando. I worked in the American adventure in a restaurant called Liberty Inn. Our costumes were quite interesting. I grew close with the other students who traveled from all over to work as interns and made lasting friendships."

Some of the courses that Disney offers:

- Organizational Leadership
- Human Resource
- Organizational Management
- Hospitality Management

Disney also provides quality low cost housing for students.

"Any Clayton State University student can apply to the Disney College Program; however only business majors can apply

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Clayton State Debaters Volunteer for Fitness Camp

The Clayton State University student debate team served as volunteers on Saturday, May 14, as they took part in the Fitness Camp sponsored by The Kevin Henry Foundation.

The Fitness Camp promoted the use of everyday exercise and academics among the Atlanta-area youth, ages eight to 11. The campers participated in a quiz bowl geared towards CRCT Reading, Math, and Science criteria.

The debate team volunteered from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., assisting with setup and administering the forum for the quiz bowl as well as creating the questions. The event was held at Sky Haven Elementary School, 1372 Skyhaven Rd., SE, Atlanta. According to Debate Team President Kai Mosley, a graduate of Tri-Cities High

School in East Point, the team participated to promote the organization to the Atlanta Metro area, to network with possible sponsors, and to contribute to Clayton State's legacy of volunteering and community service.

Other Debate Team members taking part in the Fitness Camp were Secretary/Treasurer Shabreka Holly, Public Relations Director Syreeta Palmer, and Ben Lynde.

Creating 50 questions from Georgia CRCT criteria, the debate team quizzed the students in a vast majority of biology, reading comprehension, mental math, fundamental math problems and more. Afterwards, the top five scoring students selected from a pool of prizes, including donated Clayton State merchandise, while

everyone received prizes for participation. The debate team would like to thank the following contributors towards the event: the Debate Team advisors: Dr. Rafik Mohamed and Jacqueline Person, The Kevin Henry Foundation, Carolina Amero, assistant vice president-Auxiliary & Administrative Services, Amy Poole from Admissions, Sky Haven Elementary School and the Department of Campus Life. ■



Across the Campus...

Athletics

After enjoying arguably its best athletic season ever, Clayton State University concluded the banner season with its highest finish ever in the Peach Belt Conference Commissioner Cup standings. The final standings were announced at the conference's annual meetings on Tuesday night, and Clayton State finished second overall in the 2010-11 Peach Belt Conference Commissioner Cup standings, finishing second to only Columbus State in the final tally. This marks the first time ever that Clayton State has finished second in the Commissioner's Cup points as an athletic program. With 89 possible points, Clayton State accumulated 63 points for a rating of .708. That was only 44 percentage points off the pace of Columbus State, which finished with a .752 rating. Finishing behind Clayton State was Armstrong Atlantic (.688), Georgia College (.659), UNC Pembroke (.595), Flagler (.556), Augusta State (.535), Lander (.518), Francis Marion (.495), USC Aiken (.442), Montevallo (.413), North Georgia (.399) and Georgia Southwestern (.323).

Clayton State University Director of Athletics Mason Barfield invites the public to join the Clayton State Athletic Department for this year's "NCAA National Champions" Golf Tournament, on Friday, June 10 at 11:30 a.m., at the Lake Spivey Golf Club. Registration forms can be picked in the Clayton State Athletics & Fitness Center, or by calling Pat Keane at (678) 466-4678.

Development

Reda Rowell, Clayton State University's director of Development, was one of the finalists for the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce's Clayton County 2011 Business Woman of the Year Award. The Business Woman of the Year Award heralds the past and present achievements of an outstanding business woman in Clayton County.

International Programs

Clayton State Director of International Programs John Parkerson spoke as Honorary Consul of Hungary on Monday,

May 9 - Europe Day -- as part of the Europe Day panel, "EU Leadership on an Uncertain World." The day was the culmination of a series of annual events highlighting the European Union and Europe Day. Following the morning program at Tech, he attended a luncheon as guest of Georgia Tech's EU Center of Excellence for the Secretary General of NATO, Anders Fogh Rasmussen. Prior to that, on Saturday, May 7, he served as keynote speaker for the "Teaching Europe: A Workshop for Educators" at the Atlanta International School. His topic was "Understanding the EU: the Importance of the EU Presidency and Its Agenda for Europe."

Library

Journal? Magazines? Peer reviews? Totally clueless when it comes to articles? Drop in to room L-200 in the library on Thursday, June 9 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., or Friday, June 10, from 11 a.m. to noon to learn the basics of articles. Find out what makes a good article, where to locate them in a hurry, and where to find citation guides. Feel free to bring your questions. Contact Jennifer Duke at (678) 446-4332 or at jenniferduke@clayton.edu for more information.

Orientation

The Office of Orientation & New Student Programs' StartSmart was formerly a one-day conference offered to new students prior to the beginning of fall semester. It has been modified to encompass the first eight weeks of the semester for first-year students as they transition from high school to college. This year's programmatic focus is to extend the first-year students' orientation and transition experiences. Orientation & New Student Programs would like to extend a call for SmartStart Workshop Proposals to the campus. Please go to... <http://adminservices.clayton.edu/orientation/StartSmart.htm> for more information. Or call (678) 466-5443. The deadline for proposals is Friday, June 24.

President

Clayton State University President Dr. Thomas J. "Tim" Hynes, Jr., graces the pages of the current issue of the Atlanta Business Chronicle (ABC) as part of that

weekly publication's annual "Who's Who in Education" issue. Hynes is in good company among the 100 leaders thus profiled. As the Business Chronicle notes in its introduction to the special insert, "Each year we offer a glance at some of the top leaders in the broad education field – those who lead our top universities and colleges, our private schools and our technical colleges, along with those who represent us through top government posts." In short the special section provides a "guide to the leaders shaping our education system."

SBDC

The Clayton State University Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is hosting a special free class, "Alternative Financing in Today's Marketplace," which will be presented by Terry Crispin of Borrego Springs Bank, on Wednesday, June 15 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Fayette County Chamber of Commerce, 200 Courthouse Square in Fayetteville. There is no cost; the two-hour class is free to anyone who wishes to attend. For more information, call the SBDC at (678) 466-5100; to register, go to the SBDC website: www.georgiasbdc.org and click on Classroom Training/Morrow.

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fall and spring semesters), each student will receive; an annual university grant, a housing and meal plan grant, and a bookstore award, for a total annual value of approximately \$12,000. These scholarship awards are in addition to any HOPE Scholarship funds for which the students would be eligible. ■

Continuing Education Schedules First Certificate Program Graduation

The Clayton State University Center for Continuing Education will be holding its first-ever Continuing Education Certificate Program Graduation on Thursday, June 30, at 7 p.m., in the auditorium of Clayton

State – East, 5823 Trammell Rd., Morrow.

A total of 120 students are successfully completing certificate programs (there are 13 programs in all) from Apr. 1 to June 30,

2011. A light reception, also at Clayton State – East, for the graduates, their friends and family will follow.

For more information, or to RSVP for the ceremony, call (678) 466-5050. ■

CE Summer Youth Camps at Clayton State

The Center for Continuing Education at Clayton State University will have a variety of classes for children ages seven through 15 throughout the coming summer.

For the younger group, ages seven to 11, there are a half dozen Summer Youth Camps, starting on June 13. Each camp runs one week from Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Jungle Explorer - June 13-17

Blast-Off to Space - June 20-24

Comic Books - Create Your Own - June 27 - July 1

Mad Science! Hands-on - July 11-15

Wagons to the Wild West - July 18-22

School Year Success - July 25-29

For young men and women, ages 12 to 15, there is another series of weekly classes, running from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., except where otherwise noted.

It's Alive - Teen Animation - June 13-17

Fantasy Inspired Cakes - June 20-24

Comic Strip - Create Your Own - June 27 - July 1

Create Your Own Video Game - July 11-15

Creative Writing Camp - July 18-22

(this course is from 9 a.m. to noon)

School Year Success - July 25-29

For more information, or to register for classes, go to www.conted.clayton.edu/ and then click on Summer Youth Camps. ■



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In other news announced by the Georgia Student Finance Commission, the ACCEL program that funds most dual enrollment students will continue to offer the same levels of support as past years. The ACCEL Program is a non-need based grant offered during the fall, winter, and spring terms of the school year for students at eligible high schools that wish to take college level coursework for credit towards both high school and college graduation requirements.

Rather than drawing on lottery funds, ACCEL is now funded in the general budget. This means that the program can continue to offer the same level of support as in past years:

- ACCEL will continue to pay 100 percent of tuition.

- ACCEL will continue to pay some fees. (At Clayton State, most fees are waived for dual enrollment students, so typically the cost for tuition and fees will be about \$90. Some courses, such as science labs, may have additional fees.)

- ACCEL will continue the book allowance -- \$75 for one course and \$150 for two or more courses

And, because ACCEL no longer relies on the same source of funding as the HOPE Scholarship, dual-enrollment credit hours no longer count against the maximum 127 hours allowed by HOPE as long as a student is HOPE eligible when they graduate from high school.

Demmitt says that this means that from this year forward, ACCEL will have the added advantage of giving students more

HOPE hours to work with after graduating high school. The one codicil is that they must graduate high school with a 3.0 HOPE GPA, which should not be a problem for most DEP students.

“With all of the changes to the HOPE scholarship students are looking to stretch their educational dollars as far as they can,” he adds. “Earning college credits while still in high school will save students money and also ease the transition to college environment. That is why these changes are so significant. Georgia is becoming a leader in challenging high school students to work at a higher level and prepare themselves for success in college.” ■

Campus Life to Host Second Annual Student Media Boot Camp

by Jennifer DeMond, Campus Life

The Clayton State Student Media Boot Camp was developed by the University's Office of Campus Life in 2010 to enrich and educate the students currently involved with the student media organizations: The Bent Tree, Clayton State Internet Radio (CSiR), and Clayton State Television (CSTV).

This year, the program will be held at Clayton State - East from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., with the opening presentation being held in room 120A. This event is open to any Clayton State student currently involved with any of the student media organizations and is designed to educate students about working in the news media industry.

Presentations for the entire group include "Crisis in Communication" by Dr. Mark May and "Back Pack or Briefcase" by the Office of Career Services.

There will also be breakout sessions that are tailored to each media organization specifically. These sessions will include newswriting, hosting for radio and television, program development for radio and television, and photography. The day will wrap-up with the 2011 Student Media Challenge, which will encourage the students to be creative with the skills they have just learned.

Registration for this event is open to any student currently involved with any of the

student media organizations and is required by June 30. There is no fee for the Student Media Boot Camp. When registering, please include your name, your organization, and which workshop you would be interested in (photography, videography/editing, broadcast programming development, hosting for radio and television, and newswriting). Note: workshop topics are subject to speaker availability and are subject to change.

For more information, or to register, contact the Department of Campus Life at (678) 466-5427. ■

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"Clayton State is very dear to my heart. My now-husband and I used to have picnics by the lake in between classes when we were dating," she says. "We also had our engagement pictures made here. The University is also very dear to my family. My cousin, Jamie Appling, graduated this May with a BA in Nursing. Two of Jason's cousins, Sherrie DeMond and Dawn Deaton, both have Master's degrees from Clayton State.

"All of my professors pushed me to achieve my personal best. Though things got tough as an undergrad, I managed to graduate with a 3.9 and gain several life-long friends. Even as an alumnus, I stayed up-to-date with happenings on campus and watched anxiously as the Lady Lakers won the championship."

DeMond admits that she faced some challenges with her book.

"The biggest challenge in writing my book was publishing it," she says. "Big companies like Random House and Scholastic don't take unsolicited manuscripts... meaning, you send something to them they didn't ask for and it goes in the trash. So I knew that my only options

were to go with a small company or self-publish. I couldn't find any small companies that didn't look downright shady, so I began to look at self-publishing. The only problem there was that most companies wanted LARGE amounts of money upfront and they would ship you your entire order in one lump shipment. Then taxes and everything were up to you. So I shelved the whole thing for awhile.

"Then, as a senior in college, I finally pulled the idea of publishing out again. I stumbled upon CreateSpace, Amazon's self-publishing arm. They offered print-on-demand, meaning someone orders it, they pay the price you set. Amazon prints only however many books they order, and it ships to them. There are no warehouse fees, no up-front lump-sum fees, simply: order, print, ship. It was an ingenious system and it has worked well for me."

Despite a few challenges, writing her book has been rewarding.

"The most rewarding thing was to get the package in the mail and be able to open the book with my family," DeMond says. "My mom helped me edit, my now husband had allowed me to bounce ideas off

of him and helped me write my 'about the author' and 'about the book,' my best friend had helped me with concept development and ironing out story points, and my dad had set up the photo shoot for the front and back cover. Holding that first copy in my hands was a huge moment for all of us."

To purchase DeMond's book please visit: http://www.amazon.com/Adventures-Abbie-Sprite-Alice-Michelle/dp/1453675760/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1302812722&sr=8-1 ■

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through the program that we have created because the program follows a business curriculum," Dennis explains.

Overton was rewarded in her experience.

"I believe the most rewarding part of the experience was the networking," Overton says. "I met many wonderful executives and leaders that I stay in contact with even now. I am also excited to have Walt Disney World's name on my resume!" ■



The Library hosted the campus for the reveal of their lobby renovation on Apr. 26. The Library lobby now boasts a new color scheme, new decor, new carpeting, new furniture and energy efficient windows.

Mobley Sets Laker Women's Shot Put Record at UNF Osprey Invitational

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

For the second straight week, Kayla Mobley shattered the shot put mark for Clayton State Laker women's track and field. And this time, she accomplished it on her old stomping grounds.

Mobley finished fourth in the women's shot put at the UNF Osprey Invitational at North Florida. Her throw of 42-6.25 feet bettered the old mark she set at the Bob Pollock Invitational at Clemson by more than two feet. Mobley transferred to Clayton State from North Florida, where she was a two-time All-Atlantic Sun selection for the Ospreys.

Mobley was one of a few Lakers who turned in solid performances in the final meet of the 2011 outdoor season. Senior Chelsea Ellis finished her strong Clayton State career with an eighth in the women's 5,000-meter run in 18:50.57, while Mobley also finished fifth in the discus with a throw of 131-8 feet.

On the men's side, the Clayton State 4x400-meter relay team of Edlin Veras, Charles Anderson, Shelby Russell and Ricky Fort finished third with a time of 3:21.40. In addition, senior Chuks Chinukwue finished his Laker career by

placing 10th in the 110-meter hurdles in 15.21 seconds. Chinukwue ran career-best times in both the prelims and finals of the 110-meter hurdles. ■

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universities. The MOU provides the framework for Clayton State and GAU to engage in international exchanges of faculty to teach at each other's institutions, attendance of students between the institutions, collaboration in special programs such as research activities or conferences, and exchanges of academic materials.

GAU opened to the public in 2005, and is a small, modern private institution of approximately 800 students that offers

much of its curriculum in the English language. Its expanding Business and Law programs provide progressive educational opportunities for Georgian students, with the Business programs in particular representing potential areas for collaboration between GAU and Clayton State. GAU graduated its first class of students in 2009 with undergraduate degrees in Business and in Law, and graduate degrees in Law. ■

Gibbons Lands PAC-10 Transfer Teondre Williams

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

One of the key areas of recruiting for the 2011-12 season for Clayton State Laker men's basketball head coach Gordon Gibbons was to fill the spots left by graduating All-Peach Belt Conference and Division II All-Region guards Brandon Robinson and Timmy Downs.

Mission accomplished.

Gibbons announced last week the signing of shooting guard Teondre Williams, who is transferring to Clayton State from Division I Oregon out of the PAC-10 Conference. Williams, who will be a senior, is the third signee in this season's Laker recruiting class, and all three are Division I transfers. He joins senior point guard Anthony Salter from Hawaii and junior shooting guard Tony Dukes from USC Upstate.

Williams comes into a Clayton State program that is coming off a 19-10 overall record in the 2010-11 season, including a tie for third in the Peach Belt Conference at 10-7.

"Teondre is coming home for his senior season," said Gibbons, 190-109 in 10 seasons at Clayton State. "He will bring experience and go-to scoring ability to our squad."

An Atlanta native and product of Meadowcreek High School in Norcross, Williams brings the total package to the shooting guard position for Clayton State. He has tremendous size at 6-foot-4 and 218 pounds, along with outstanding ath-

leticism and leaping ability and deadly accuracy from the perimeter.

He played the past three seasons at Oregon – the first two under head coach Ernie Kent and this past season under Dana Altman. Williams averaged five points and two rebounds a game this season, while shooting 40 percent from 3-point range and 41 percent from the field. He started six games and scored in double-figures in five games in leading the Ducks to the College Basketball Invitational (CBI) championship.

He was tied for the team lead in 3-point percentage each of his last two seasons at Oregon.

During his prep career at Meadowcreek under head coach Billy Davis, Williams was a Scout.com three-star player. He was rated as the 28th-best shooting guard in the nation by ESPN.com, the 35th-best by Scout.com and the 38th best by Rivals.com. As a senior, Williams averaged 19.5 points, 7.5 rebounds and 2.9 assists, and 18 points and seven rebounds a game as a junior. ■

Trivia Time

The Temps

by John Shiffert, University Relations

There are clearly a LOT of Temptations (or "The Temps" as they were familiarly known) fans out there.

All we had to do was to ask what papa was, and the answers came rolling in; from staff, faculty, alumni, retirees... you name it. Because, as everyone knows (including at least a couple of people who are way too young to have heard the song the first time through)...

"Papa was a rolling stone.

Wherever he laid his hat was his home.

(And when he died) All he left us was ALONE."

Jill Ellington was first and fastest to respond, followed closely by Scott Bassett and alumnus/former Bent Tree Editor Kevin Dixon. They were then followed by seven more Temps fans; David Ludley (acknowledging his rock 'n' roll roots), Kathy Garrison, Bobby Hamil, Rob Taylor, B.D. Stillion, Judy Gifford and Vickie Smith.

The original question just asked about papa, however four of our respondents picked up a Bonus Point by adding the rest of the chorus; Ludley, Hamil, Stillion and Smith.

Same era, same genre, different group... Sherman said "war is hell," but, according to War, what is the world? Send your answers, not to Dr. Ludley (who probably knows this one as well), but to johnshiffert@clayton.edu.

A special Trivia Time Bonus Question: who was Paul Revere attempting to warn on his famous midnight ride? Send your answers, not to Alaska (it wouldn't do any good), but to johnshiffert@clayton.edu.■

Sports

They Speak Fluent Tennis... Clayton State's Final Four Women's Tennis Team

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Clayton State University's women's tennis team returned to campus on Saturday, May 14 after competing in the NCAA Division II Final Four in Altamonte Springs, Fla. While it could certainly be said that the seven team members were returning "home," in reality Morrow, Ga., is a long way from home for these seven scholar-athletes, all of whom are from Europe.

At a university with a growing reputation in international programs involving both students and faculty, it only seems appropriate that the seven tennis-playing Lakers hail from England, France, Croatia, Sweden, Slovakia and Ukraine. And while this diverse team's six native tongues may run the gamut from English to Swedish to French, they conclusively proved during the past season that they all speak fluent tennis. Ranked 12th nationally for much of the season, Clayton State's seven international tennis players became the third

Laker team this academic year to advance to at least the NCAA Division II Elite Eight in their respective sport, finishing with an 18-8 record and reaching the Final Four by successively defeating Wingate, Columbus State (avenging a defeat earlier in the regular season), Queens (NY) and California (Pa.) in the NCAA tournament before losing to third-ranked Lynn in the Final Four.

Clayton State's 2011 tennis team included: Jessica Budd, Bristol, England; Marie Cercelletti, Domvallier, France; Martina Dedaj, Pula, Croatia; Charlotte Fabricius, Stockholm, Sweden; Ivana Krommelova, Nove Zamky, Slovakia; Viktoriya Semyrodenko, Donetsk, Ukraine; and Katie White, Wolverhampton, England.

Although Coach LeTrone Mason and Athletic Director Mason Barfield are immediately identified with women's tennis at Clayton State, it would be remiss

not to mention another Clayton State staff member who has a role with all of the University's international students. That's Brett M. Reichert, associate director of the International Student Services Office (ISSO). Indeed, he has a unique perspective on the challenges the team faced off the court.

"ISSO is proud of these student-athletes since they are successful in three roles: student, athlete and international representative," he says. "This third role implies all kinds of extra responsibilities and pressures, like being far from home and family; and coping with linguistic and cultural differences. These girls really know the meaning of keeping their eyes on the ball!" ■

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Dennis Cox to be Honored at Atlanta Sports Hall of Fame Ceremony

Clayton State University women's basketball coach Dennis Cox, who led his team to the NCAA Division II National Championship in March 2011, will be recognized for that achievement at the upcoming Awards and Induction Ceremony for the Atlanta Sports Hall of Fame.

The ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 25, at the Roswell Cultural Arts Center, 950 Forrest St., Roswell, Ga. The inductees for the class of 2011; Mark Price, Tim Singleton, and Jessie Tuggle; will be honored after which several high school, college, and professionals will also receive the Atlanta Sports Hall of Fame "Stars of the Year Award." The award for Cox is recognition of the Lakers finishing off a 35-1 season on Mar. 25, 2011, with a 69-50 win over Michigan

Tech in the national championship game in St. Joseph's, Mo.

A reception, raffle, and silent auction will be held with the awards and induction to follow. All of new the inductees, as well as several past Hall of Famers will attend the event. The induction celebration is open to the public. Tickets are available from \$20 to \$100.

For more information on tickets contact Larry Winter at (770) 343-9012 or email atlantasportshalloffame@yahoo.com. ■



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