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## SACS Approves Clayton State Graduate Programming

On July 12, 2007, the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) approved Clayton State University to offer the Master of Business Administration (MBA), Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), and Master of Health Administration (MHA) degrees, effective for the fall 2007 semester.

This action by the accrediting board completes Clayton State's substantive change review which began with the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS) program. Clayton State is now fully approved for each of its four master's degree programs. The next SACS review for each of these programs will occur in 2012.

Clayton State received a flawless review by the SACS visiting team and the Commission review of the MBA, MSN, and MHA programs.

"The University community congratulates Dr. Tom Barnett, Dr. Michael Deis, Dr. Russ Porter, and Dr. Sue Odom for their leadership and all faculty, staff and students for the excellent work that helped make this happen," says Dr. Thomas Eaves, associate provost and dean of the School of Graduate Studies.

"The recent approval by SACS of the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies, as well as the other graduate degrees at Clayton State, is a testament to the hard work of the University's faculty and their commitment to the development of first-rate graduate programs," claims Barnett, whose MALS program has been a success at Clayton State since the University's first-ever graduate students were admitted in August 2006.

"We are very pleased with the SACS approval and feel confident that we will

be offering an excellent nursing program," says Odom, who directed the MSN program until earlier this month, when she was named associate dean of the Clayton State School of Nursing. "With the shortage of nursing faculty, our program will train nurse educators allowing us to enroll larger numbers of nursing students."

"Full approval from SACS opens the door for our upcoming accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education which will occur in the Fall 2008," adds Dr. Lisa Eichelberger, dean of Nursing. "Without full SACS approval, we could not be considered for national accreditation of our new masters program."

"Within the competitive market of MHA education, Clayton State University pro-

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## School of Nursing Awarded NWD Grant

by Leigh G. Wills, University Relations

Clayton State University's School of Nursing has been selected to receive a \$1.6 million Nursing Workforce Diversity (NWD) program grant from the Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration.

"The Nursing Workforce Diversity Program award will assist in the implementation of President Bush's multi-year Nursing Workforce Development initiative by helping increase nursing education opportunities for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds (including racial and ethnic minorities underrepresented among registered nurses)," states the congratulatory letter to Dr. Susan Sanner, assistant professor of Nursing and primary investigator for the the grant.

The proposed project will involve 462 minority and disadvantaged students,

including 45 high school students, 75 pre-nursing majors and 342 nursing majors enrolled in the baccalaureate nursing program at Clayton State. The project objectives address the three major purposes of the Nursing Workforce Diversity program: retention, pre-entry preparation, and student scholarships and stipends. Primary focus of the grant will be to increase the cultural competency of nursing and university faculty and students.

"We have received two Nursing workforce diversity grants in the past, though not in consecutive years," says Dr. Lisa Eichelberger, dean of the School of Nursing. "Each of the diversity grants is for a three year period. This is great news... and they are giving us more money that we asked for."

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# Kevin Demmitt Appointed Clayton State Assistant Vice President of Academic Outreach

by Gina Finocchiaro, University Relations

Clayton State University Associate Professor of Sociology and Director of the University's Honors Program, Dr. Kevin Demmitt, has a new title – he's been appointed assistant vice president of Academic Outreach.

In his new role Demmitt will oversee Clayton State's academic programs at off-campus locations, the Accel Joint-Enrollment Program and the University's other efforts to help meet the educational needs of non-traditional students.

"Clayton State University has a tradition of quality teaching and innovative degree programs," he says. "I would like to see us make these resources accessible to those who may not be able to travel to Clayton State's main campus to complete their bachelor's degree or enroll in a graduate program."

Clayton State currently offers courses in Fayetteville, Peachtree City, Henry

County, and is a part of Delta Air Lines' "Delta U" program. The Academic Outreach program is hoping to expand their offerings in these locations in addition to reaching out to other communities.

One of the first projects that Demmitt is working on is a plan to build a full-service education center in Fayette County. The center is expected to be used to help students with 60 or more credit hours complete their degrees.

"Clayton State has offered college courses in Fayette County for more than 10 years," says Demmitt. "In working with community leaders, we believe there is now a need to develop a center that can offer complete undergraduate and graduate degrees with the whole range of student support services offered on site."

A native of Fayette County, Demmitt came to Clayton State in 1994 as a sociology professor. In addition to his previous



Dr. Kevin Demmitt

role as director of the Honors Program, he has also served as coordinator for Clayton State's Criminal Justice Program. ■

## School of Nursing Continues Evolution with Two New Appointments

by Leigh G. Wills, University Relations

Clayton State University School of Nursing has announced two new appointments to their administrative staff. Dr. Sue Odom, associate professor and more recently director of the newly established Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) graduate program, has been named Associate Dean of Nursing, effective July 1.

Dr. Susan Sanner, associate professor, will take Odom's place as interim director of the graduate program and will remain in this capacity while the school forms a search committee to fill the position permanently.

Odom has been a faculty member at Clayton State since 1996 and served

two years as acting head for the Department of Nursing when it was part of the former School of Health Sciences. As associate dean, Odom won't have much time for idleness. She will oversee all faculty and curriculum while managing the day-to-day operation of the School, which includes evaluating faculty, scheduling coursework, handling faculty and student conflicts and working with the grant writing team.

"I like to have an open door policy," says Odom. "My heart is for our students and I don't want to lose touch with them. I want them to know they can talk to me any time."

In addition to her administrative duties, Odom will be co-teaching the Healthcare



Dr. Sue Odom



Dr. Susan Sanner

Policy course with Dr. Lisa Eichelberger, dean of the School of Nursing, one of the courses offered in the new MSN program.

Sanner has been with Clayton State University for 15 years and was recently selected as the faculty winner of the coveted Alice B. Smith award. This award is presented annually to the most outstanding member of the faculty and the most outstanding member of the staff, as ranked by a committee of their peers.

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## Lt. Rex Duke Takes Over Public Safety, USG “Borrows” Bruce Holmes

by Gina Finocchiaro, University Relations

Lieutenant Rex Duke of Clayton State University’s Department of Public Safety will be stepping up as the temporary director for the department while Director Bruce Holmes is working for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the next six months.

“His [Holmes] expertise in the college campus is vast and this makes him a very valuable asset,” says Duke.

The Board of Regents has asked Holmes to help them integrate a universal emergency response system within Georgia’s universities. The emergency response system is modeled after the one Clayton State currently has in place.

While in charge, Duke will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Department of Public Safety. He plans to continue with the goals and plans set forth by Holmes.

“We have just one year before we become basically a small city with students, and

staff living and working here 24 hours a day,” says Duke. “We cannot afford to have things sitting on the back burner until Bruce’s return.”

Duke came to Clayton State’s Department of Public Safety in 2004. He was called away to serve in Iraq in December 2004 and returned again to Clayton State in June 2006. Prior to coming to Clayton State, Duke spent 20 years in the police field, three years in the Marines and recently retired from the National Guard with more than 18 years service.

Clayton State’s Department of Public Safety is state-certified by the Georgia Law Enforcement Certification Program (GLEC). They have jurisdiction to ensure the safety of Clayton State’s students, faculty and visitors within 500 yards of their headquarters, which is located in the Student Center. ■

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vides a unique niche, ‘A Generalist Approach with an Individualized Specialization,’” notes Porter. “Only a few MHA programs require a thesis as we do, where our students complete a specialized healthcare research study that gives them a competitive advantage over other MHA program graduates without the thesis.

“Also, our global perspective that includes international students who are already enrolled in the program enables us to enlighten and prepare our students for a global market of health administration. This is truly an exciting time to be at Clayton State University where the MHA builds on our outstanding faculty members and our certified B.S. program in health care management – the only program of its type in Georgia.”

“The School of Business is proud to offer a Master of Business Administration degree, one of the world’s best known and most widely recognized postgraduate degrees,” says Deis. “In a recent survey conducted by the MBA Alliance, approximately 80 percent of executives responding indicated that obtaining a graduate degree in business is an important step for individuals desiring to advance to senior positions. Clayton State’s MBA program is thus designed for working professionals who desire to move their careers to the next level and beyond.

“Our program will be offered on weekends and is a fast-track program that students will be able to complete in 20 months. In addition to offering courses in logistics and supply chain management,

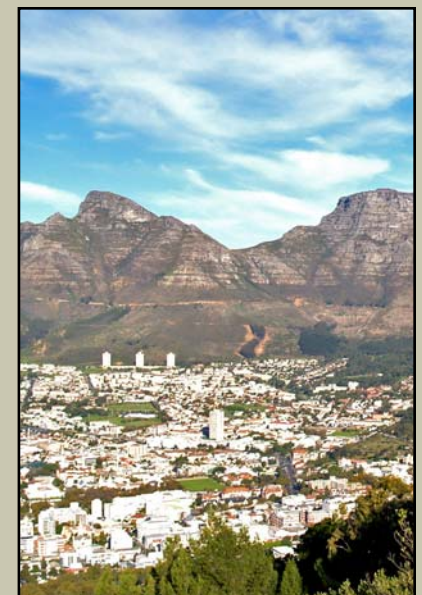
## Criminal Justice Students Travel To South Africa

Clayton State University Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice Dr. Hamin Shabazz and eight criminal justice students are traveling in South Africa from July 16 to Aug. 14 for a Selected Topics in Law Enforcement class.

The students who are participating in the study abroad trip are Heather Coggins (Griffin), Stacey Dodson (East Point), Jennifer Hemphill (Stone Mountain), Tequanda Long (Atlanta), Jerriel Mann (Lithonia), Kimberly Moniak (Jackson), Janice Robertson (Ellenwood) and Thomas Smrcina (Newnan).

While in South Africa, the students will be visiting Johannesburg, Pretoria, Soweto and Capetown.

Clayton State participates in the study abroad program as part of the European Council of the University System of Georgia. All Clayton State students are encouraged to participate in study abroad programs to a number of places including India, New York City, London, Paris, Chile, Ghana, Italy and the Caribbean. ■



Cape Spirit, South Africa

## Across the Campus...

### DOAS

As directed by the Governor's Commission for a New Georgia, the Department of Administrative Services (DOAS) has been tasked with reducing risk and improving vehicle safety among state employees. They have released a video which explains our auto liability insurance program, and are requesting that all agencies provide this training to their employees. Anyone who travels or drives a University vehicle in the course of their employment should watch this video and subsequently register that they've done so. Go to [www.doas.georgia.gov](http://www.doas.georgia.gov); click on Risk Management Services; click on Auto Liability Safety Video and when you are done; complete the form, and please list "My Agency" as Clayton State. All employees are encouraged to watch this video. For those who attended the Vehicle Safety & Risk classes offered last year, the DOAS video will serve as a refresher in the liability training that you received.

### Human Resources

GeorgiaFIRST Project Release 3.26 for PeopleSoft HRMS is scheduled for deliv-

ery Monday, July 23, 2007 at 7 a.m. Please note that downtime for this release will begin on Thursday, July 19 at 6 p.m. and the system will be unavailable until 7 a.m. on Monday, July 23. The system will be unavailable to all HRMS users, including employees using Self Service.

### NARA

The National Archives and Records Administration's (NARA) Southeastern Region will hold a Family History Fair from Wednesday, July 25 to Friday, July 27 at the NARA Southeastern Archives facility located at Jonesboro Road and Clayton State Boulevard. The Family History Fair features: 1) sessions on electronic scrapbooking and family-related regional holdings (TVA, U.S. Courts, Farmers Home Administration, and Bureau of Prisons) 2) tours of This Great Nation Will Endure: Photographs of the Great Depression, 3) the inaugural Public Programs rollout of the regional WWII Draft Registration Cards, and 4) an oral history project to capture personal and family memories of the Great Depression. On the afternoons of July 25 and 26, the Georgia Chapter of the Association of

Professional Genealogists will provide guided research assistance to all attendees.

### OITS

Banner and systems that pull information from Banner (i.e., the DUCK) will be down for major system upgrades from 8 p.m. on Friday, July 20. Access will be restored by 8 a.m., Tuesday, July 24.

### University Bookstore

The University Bookstore is having a Summer Clearance Sale. Browse through select clothing and gift items that have been drastically reduced to make room for our new fall apparel and imprinted gift collection. The clearance prices are already marked and there is no purchase limit. This sale will end when these items are all gone, so stop in during normal business hours and take advantage of some great savings.

### University System

Governor Sonny Perdue has announced the appointment of Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia Chancellor Erroll B. Davis, Jr., to the Southern Regional Education Board.

## School of Nursing Move Update



The School of Nursing has moved to the Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education building. They'll be occupying space on all three floors, including the bottom floor where a state-of-the-art Simulation Lab is being fit-up to open this fall. Workers will stay busy around the clock to get the new Lab ready in time. Be looking for more pictures of Clayton State's School of Nursing SimLab progress in Campus Shared Photos on the Z: drive.

### Life's Transitions...

*Keya Reed, Information Systems and Processing Coordinator in the Office of Admissions, and her fiancé, Eric Jones will marry in an outdoor ceremony on Saturday, August 4, 2007. Congratulations, Keya!*



## Arts Page

### Clayton State Alumna Yolanda Grier to Appear in August Wilson's "Two Trains Running"

by Gina Finocchiaro, University Relations

Clayton State alumna Yolanda Grier will be appearing in August Wilson's "Two Trains Running" at The Renaissance Project, South DeKalb County's community theater, from July 21 through Aug. 5.

"Two Trains Running," directed by Cynthia Williams, is a play about the 1960's as filtered through the eyes of the patrons of Memphis Lee's Pittsburg Restaurant. It touches on historical topics like the changing attitudes of race rela-

tions, African American migration and the Black Power Movement.

Grier plays the role of Risa, the diner's waitress and cook. Risa's character represents African American women during the Civil Rights Movement.

A 2006 Clayton State graduate and native of Atlanta, Grier earned a baccalaureate degree in Communications and Media Studies (CMS). In April, she returned to

Clayton State to debut her acting career in Clayton State Theater's production of Eve Ensler's "The vagina Monologues."

An avid writer and poet, Grier used many of the classes within the CMS program to display her natural talent for words. The CMS program is designed to allow students to learn and demonstrate written, visual and multimedia talents.

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### Faculty and Staff Get Free Tickets This Friday and Saturday Night at Spivey Hall



Don't miss your chance to see a Grammy-winning Bluegrass band and one of the world's greatest classical pianists perform two dynamite concerts this weekend at Spivey Hall. Clayton State faculty and staff can request up to two (2) free tickets to each.

The Nashville Bluegrass Band will play Friday, July 20, at 8:15 p.m. Take great singing that blends classic Appalachian vocal harmonies plus blues and African-American gospel traditions, add to it high-energy performances on mandolin, guitar, banjo, fiddle and string bass, and you've got the unmatched all-American sound of the Nashville Bluegrass Band. With two

Grammy awards, two Entertainer of the Year honors from the International Bluegrass Music Association as well as four wins as Vocal Group of the Year, plus appearances everywhere from the Grand Ole Opry to Carnegie Hall, the Nashville Bluegrass Band elicits praise from critics and fans alike.

On Saturday, July 21, at 8:15 p.m., it's pianist Christopher Taylor. Equally renowned for his deeply probing interpretations and enthralling performances of a far-ranging repertoire, his Spivey Hall recital combines Derek Bermel's Turning with Etudes by Pulitzer Prize-winning American composer William Bolcom, and

sweepingly Romantic Transcendental Etudes by legendary keyboard virtuoso and composer, Franz Liszt.

For free tickets, e-mail your name, number of requested tickets (please specify the concert or concerts) to the Spivey Hall box office at [spiveyhall@clayton.edu](mailto:spiveyhall@clayton.edu). All tickets will be held under your name at the Spivey Hall Box Office Will-Call window and will be available one hour prior to the concert. A valid Clayton State ID is required for pickup. Limit two tickets per ID. Based on availability. ■

## Spivey Hall Names New Business and Grants Manager

Spivey Hall Executive and Artistic Director Samuel C. Dixon has announced the appointment of Laurie E. Hayner as the Hall's business and grants manager, effective July 9.

Hayner graduated from Piedmont College in Demorest, Ga., as class valedictorian with a double major in music and mathematics. She earned her Master of Arts degree in Arts Administration from Florida State University and worked in the Division of Cultural Affairs for the Florida Department of State, serving on numerous grant review panels. At FSU's College of Music, she was a graduate

assistant in the Office of Public Relations and Summer Music Camps, as well as assistant to the College's Development Director. Her appointment at Spivey Hall is the culmination of a national search yielding more than 40 applicants.

As Business & Grants Manager of Spivey Hall, which is located on the campus of Clayton State University in Morrow, Ga., Hayner administers guest artist contracts, manages the department's annual budget and accounts payable, and produces financial and operational reports. She also researches, creates and manages grants supporting Spivey Hall's performances by

distinguished international musicians, as well as its award-winning educational programs.

"I am delighted to welcome Laurie to the staff of Spivey Hall and Clayton State," says Dixon. "Her quantitative, business and grant management skills, her knowledge of music, and her enthusiasm for Spivey Hall's mission all enhance our ability to serve a broad and diverse public as the Southeast's leading recital hall." ■

## New Student Convocation August 27

Clayton State University's Second Annual New Student Convocation & Reception will be held on Monday, Aug. 27, 2007 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:20 p.m. in Spivey Hall.

Members of the faculty are invited to participate in this inspiring, motivating ceremony that officially welcomes new students to Clayton State University. Appropriate dress attire for the event is

business professional -- regalia are not requested for this year's program. Upon completion of the ceremony, students and faculty will have the opportunity to interact during a reception.

Please look for additional information regarding this event in the near future. If you have additional questions, please contact Celena Milner at (678) 466-5429 or via e-mail [CelenaMilner@clayton.edu](mailto:CelenaMilner@clayton.edu). ■

## Got News?

Send your campus news to  
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Clayton State University has a minority student population of 65 percent and has been rated by U.S. News and World Report the most culturally diverse campus in the Southeast region of the United States for five out of the last seven years. Consistent with the mission statement of Clayton State University, the School of Nursing is committed to providing comprehensive nursing education and public service to residents of the community, region and the Southern Crescent of Metro Atlanta.

The curriculum facilitates the transitional development of students to professional nursing roles in which they are capable of

practicing effectively in a multifaceted and multicultural health care environment. Recognizing and valuing the social, economic, ethnic and cultural diversity of individuals is central to efforts of promoting health and human development and maintaining standards of professional nursing practice. ■

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the curriculum of Clayton State's MBA program is designed to prepare graduates to succeed in a business environment that is global and ever changing." ■

## Grier, cont'd. from p. 5

"Two Trains Running" is supported in part by appropriations from the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners and DeKalb County Office of Arts, Culture & Entertainment and is produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc. ■

## Public Safety Advises Students, Faculty, And Staff to Plan Ahead for Construction

As you may well have noticed, with the ground breaking for the new School of Business building, there has been an onslaught of construction vehicles and workers on campus near the Technology building. As such, the Department of Public Safety is warning students, faculty and staff to plan ahead for the construction to avoid any complications in the parking lots.

“We will have three projects going at the same time,” said Lieutenant Rex Duke, temporary Director of Public Safety. “Everyone needs to be aware of this and plan for possible delays sometimes.”

The Department of Public Safety currently does not see any complications other than access to certain parking areas at certain times. They expect to lose several parking spaces in the Technology parking lot immediately. Future projects are expected to take up parking spaces near the tennis courts and in the upper PE lot. In addition,

the north entrance in the latter lot will be used for construction purposes only.

In the meantime, officers will be directing traffic as needed. The Department of Public Safety is currently considering opening up temporary parking spaces and a temporary shuttle service.

Safety on campus is not expected to be a problem with the extra construction. As always, officers will be on watch and available 24/7. In addition, the Department of Public Safety has ordered several new emergency call boxes to replace call boxes in the parking lots.

“The only thing that is different is that we are updating our technology,” said Wanda Zellars, parking and communication manager for Public Safety. “All of our current call boxes are fully operational.”

For more information about construction or the Department of Public Safety, contact Duke and his staff at (678) 466-4050.

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Sanner, who also serves as a member of the grant team will serve on the University's Graduate Council and be responsible for recruitment, admissions, and overseeing all course work for the School of Nursing's graduate program. She will chair the Graduate Committee for the school and teach on the graduate level.

The School of Nursing has been rapidly evolving since the reorganization of the School of Health Sciences into the School of Nursing and the School of Professional Studies. Nursing recently moved into new offices in the Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education and is currently undergoing renovation on the first floor to provide a state-of-the-art Simulation Lab for undergraduate nursing students.

The school has added seven new faculty members to its already seasoned veterans and is partnering with the Medical College of Georgia to provide classroom space and facilitate a virtual learning environment for MCG's Doctor in Nursing Practice. One classroom in the new location will be fitted with television

and computer hardware and software to bring MCG's instructors to Clayton State via technology.

“I am excited about what is happening here in the School of Nursing,” says Odom. “We have a strong core of faculty who have been faithful to Clayton State and I am very proud of that. And though we will still take our students to hospitals for training, the new simulation lab will allow us more flexibility in teaching clinical practice. We will no longer have to compete for limited hospital space.”

Odom reiterated her enthusiasm for the healthcare grants the School has been able to acquire and for her desire to “enhance” the undergraduate program at Clayton State.

“Our grant opportunities are what I consider the ‘fun part’ of my job,” she says. “Providing remediation and opportunities for disadvantaged and minority students to excel is very fulfilling. I want to get my hands on the pulse of our program and provide better student outcomes for all our students.” ■

### Trivia Time

#### The Demise of Smiler Grogan

by John Shiffert, University Relations

In his final movie appearance, Jimmy Durante kicks the bucket.

Now, that's not that unusual a scenario... except that Durante, playing fleeing robber “Smiler” Grogan, really does kick the bucket at the start of “It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World.” And thus starts the wildest and funniest chase movie ever filmed.

Almost every comedian who was anybody appeared in this 1963 classic (except for Groucho Marx, who wanted too much money) that saw Durante expire almost before the opening credits ran. After a wild car chase in the northern California mountains, Durante's car sails over a cliff (“He just shot right out there...”) The drivers of several of the cars he passed (including Mickey Rooney, Buddy Hackett, Sid Ceasar, Milton Berle, Jonathan Winters) go down to see if they can help. Durante/Grogan tells them of the \$350,000 he's buried under “a big W” in Santa Rosita State Park, and then reflexively kicks over an old bucket that's conveniently lying nearby.

Well, you get the idea. Every sight gag, every slapstick gag, every chase scene you've ever imagined gets thrown into the movie before it ends some two-and-a-half hours later. And, even though the chasers (which end up including Spencer Tracy in his last film) don't get the 350Gs, there is a “happy” ending. Why? First correct answer to johnshiffert@clayton.edu gets a ride with Phil Silvers and Don Knotts. (They're in the movie, too.)

Oh, in case you were wondering, Leon Wheeler and Rob Taylor, clearly two gentlemen who appreciate the finer things in life, had the correct answer to the Smiler's demise. Although Dina Swearngin and Kurt-Alexander Zeller didn't mention kicking the bucket, they both get a point for their movie trivia knowledge.

## Sports

# Standout South Carolina Goalkeeper Headlines Newest Additions for Clayton State Men's Soccer

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

Clayton State men's head soccer coach Pete Petersen took care of the present and looked ahead to the future of the Laker program with the signing of four newcomers to the 2007 Clayton State recruiting class.

Joining the Laker program for this season is junior goalkeeper Mike Gustavson, senior defender Wenshel St. Hilaire, freshman goalkeeper J.C. Williams and freshman midfielder Marijan Babic. This quartet brings Petersen's recruiting class for this upcoming season to 14.

Headlining this quartet is Gustavson, who comes to Clayton State following two stellar seasons for head coach Mark Berson's nationally-ranked program at the University of South Carolina. The 6-foot-4, 190-pounder from Aiken, S.C., was a two-time All-Conference USA selection in both 2005 and 2006, not to mention the 2005 Conference USA Freshman of the Year.

This past season, Gustavson posted 70 saves with six shutouts and a 1.09 goals-against average in pacing the Gamecocks to an 11-5-1 mark. As a freshman, he had 88 saves and a 1.19 goals-against average with four shutouts. Gustavson is a member of the USA Under-20 national team pool and was a teammate at South Aiken High School with another Laker recruit – forward Jamal Geathers.

The two played for the Aiken Fire club team that won four straight South Carolina state championships. He will redshirt this season and aims to take over as the Clayton State goalkeeper for the 2008 season.

"He (Gustavson) is the highest-caliber American player we've ever had here," said Petersen. "He's ready to get back in the saddle after this season and eager to get better. Mike can be an MLS-caliber player with some seasoning."

The Lakers open preseason practice on Aug. 6. Clayton State opens the 2007 season on Aug. 24, playing host to Tampa at 7:30 p.m. ■

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