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New Student Convocation Sets a New Record

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Clayton State University's Sixth Annual New Student Convocation on Friday, Aug. 12, set a new record.

According to Celena Milner, Clayton State director of Orientation and New Student Programs, Friday's program drew a record 300 new students, plus 150 faculty and staff, filling Spivey Hall and opening a discussion as to whether next year's event might have to go into a larger venue.

The ceremony, designed to inspire, motivate and formally welcome new students into the university community, featured Clayton State President Thomas J. "Tim" Hynes, Jr., offering encouragement to the incoming students. Hynes' remarks centered around three constants for incoming students.



A record 300 new students and 150 faculty and staff attended the Aug. 12 New Student Convocation.

"Today is the first step towards graduation. The actions and attitudes you take have consequences. We will help you help yourself," he said at the outset of his address.

Elaborating on his first point, Hynes noted that a baccalaureate degree is the most important rung on the educational

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"(A) Treasure of a Georgia University" **James Still Likes Clayton State**

In its July 2010 Second Annual Best Colleges & Universities in Georgia issue, James magazine stated that Clayton State University is "proof that ethnic diversity and scholastic achievement can make for a happy marriage in the modern South."

The 2011 version of Best Colleges & Universities in Georgia is out, and James still likes Clayton State, calling the University a "treasure of a Georgia university" and giving Clayton State a "Cum Laude" rating and noting that Clayton State is underrated because, "The school may now be best known for its ethnic diversity. One day it'll be known for its comprehensive academic opportunities and its rural setting in the heart of metro Atlanta."

Clayton State's unique combination of a scenic campus located within minutes of downtown Atlanta also occasioned com-

ment from James, which proclaims Clayton State a model urban university.

"Clayton State University is a model urban university. Only minutes from Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson Airport, (Clayton State) is situated on 163 picturesque acres [NOTE: actually, the campus now encompasses 192 picturesque acres]. Its student body is as diverse as its program offerings. And don't forget the school's pride and joy: The world-famous Spivey Hall concert hall. Call it an architectural ambassador for this treasure of a Georgia university." ■

Clayton State – Fayette Moves to New Location

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Clayton State University's Fayette County instructional site, Clayton State – Fayette, has moved to a new location in Peachtree City.

The new address for Clayton State – Fayette will be, Ste.100, 100 World Dr., Peachtree City, Ga., 30269. This facility is located three miles north of the previous site on Commerce Drive. The new facility has more parking and the opportunity for expansion in the future. Additional benefits of the move include, easy access on to Peachtree Parkway, and a location less than 12 miles to all Fayette County high schools.

Clayton State – Fayette will continue to offer; degree completion programs, dual enrollment, Psychology and Business degrees for part-time students, and the MBA.

"We have grown even faster than expected at our current location," says Clayton State Associate Vice President of Extended Programs Dr. Kevin Demmitt. "Before opening our current location we averaged about 80 students per semester in all of our classes combined. Now we have more than 800. We are excited about this move to a new facility that will give us more room to grow in the future."

"Fayette County has the most dual enrollment students at Clayton State, so it was important for us to stay within easy driving distance of all the area high schools. Students will still be able to take morning classes and get to their high schools by second period."

The World Drive location is the fourth for Clayton State's presence in Fayette County. The original Fayette Center opened across the street from the Fayette



Clayton State University - Fayette

County Courthouse in Fayetteville in 1995. The second location was in the Peachtree City Tennis Center. The Commerce Drive location opened for classes in January 2008.

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Clayton Station Apartment Complex Acquired by Clayton State

On Wednesday, June 29, 2011, the CSU Foundation Real Estate II LLC closed on the purchase of the Clayton Station Apartment complex, located on North Lake Street in Morrow and Lake City. The acquisition adds 854 beds to Clayton State University's student housing and almost 17 acres to the existing 175-acre campus.

Clayton Station officially opened on Aug. 15, 2011, housing upper class students, while Laker Hall will continue to serve as the University's freshman residence. This acquisition brings the University's total student housing to 1305 beds.

CSU Foundation Real Estate II LLC, chaired by Randy Hayes, purchased Clayton Station, which first opened in August 1999 as Clayton Place, for \$20.5 million from Education Realty Trust of Memphis. The financing for the purchase will come through tax exempt bonds in a public/private venture with the Development Authority of Clayton County. The acquisition of 854 beds at a cost of \$20.5 million equates to \$24,000 per bed, or about one-half the cost of new construction.

Clayton Station is operated as student housing through a lease agreement with the University.

"The Clayton State University Foundation formed the LLC to provide the University with a way to meet the demand for student housing generated by the growth of the University," says Hayes.

Starr Helms, chairman of the Foundation and a member of the LLC managers, says she is proud to have the opportunity to help the University in this progressive way, and extends her thanks to Chairman Hayes and all of the managers and directors for their leadership.

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Clayton State Completes Renovation and Renames BHS Building

With the start of fall semester classes, students at Clayton State University are attending classes in a newly-renovated and renamed building.

One of the campus' original facilities, previously named the Business and Health Sciences (BHS) Building, has just undergone an extensive interior

facelift, and has been given a new name in conjunction with its new tenants. As of the start of classes this semester, BHS is now the Natural and Behavioral Sciences Building, and will be home to both the University's natural science programs (e.g., biology, chemistry) and the psychology program. The Clayton State School of Business now has its own facility,

attached to Clayton Hall, and the College of Health is now headquartered in the Harry S. Downs Center.

A formal ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Natural and Behavioral Sciences Building will be held later in the fall semester. ■

It's The Loch Shop

by John Shiffert, University Relations



(L to R) Todd Smith, Carolina Amero, President Tim Hynes, and Corlis Cummings

The Clayton State University Bookstore is now The Loch Shop.

In an official ribbon-cutting ceremony on the morning of Tuesday, Aug. 9, Assistant VP Carolina Amero, Manager Todd Smith, President Dr. Tim Hynes and the entire bookstore crew announced the new name at the old/new location on the first floor of the Student Center.

The winning entry, "The Loch Shop," was submitted by former SGA President Darius Thomas, who was rewarded with a Loch Shop gift card for his creativity.

Although the Student Center has previously been a familiar home (on both sides of the main first floor corridor), the new Loch Shop is a far bigger and better store, indeed, it's now a destination of choice for Clayton State students, faculty and staff, with a lounge area, far more retail space, and far more stock; everything from

frozen microwave lunches, to copies of "The Hunger Games" trilogy, to books authored by Clayton State faculty and staff (you can pick up a paperback copy of "The King James Conspiracy"), to a vast array of Clayton State gear, to backpacks, to textbooks, school supplies, and much-needed candy for those late-in-the-day low blood sugar woes.

The ribbon-cutting drew a huge turnout, despite the fact that classes weren't in session yet, thanks to Smith offering specials

like; a free T-shirt for all attendees, 40 percent off all Clayton State merchandise, and a special deal on Russell Brand Clayton State merchandise -- buy one at the regular price, get one for a penny. The ribbon cutting was also followed by Grand Opening Week, which started Aug. 15.

In addition to the ribbon-cutting and grand opening, the new and updated e-store, www.ishoplochshop.com is now

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Where's Where at Clayton State

Confused about buildings on campus having similar names? You're not alone.

Not sure where the School of Business and the College of Health are located? Here's the official word...

First, the Building Formerly Known as Business and Health Sciences (BHS) is in the final stages of renovation, and is now open for "business." However, the School of Business is no longer located therein. For that matter, neither is the College of Health. The School of Business has its own building, attached to Clayton Hall, and the College of Health is now headquartered in the Harry S. Downs Center. As a result BHS is now known as the Natural and Behavioral Sciences Building (see story on page 3).

Then there's the issue of various and sundry buildings with names like "Center" and "Fitness." The Student Center is located towards the far end of Swan Lake (on the east side of the lake) and contains such vital functions as the new "in" spot on campus, The Loch Shop, plus Public Safety, Financial Aid,



Orientation, the Bursar, Career Services and Counseling and Psychological Services. The James M. Baker University Center is that great big four-story building in the middle of campus, where you can find President Hynes' office, Academic Affairs, CIMS, the HUB, and, most importantly, the Lakeside Dining Hall.

If you're looking for "fitness," be advised that there are two buildings on the west side of campus dedicated to that function. The Athletics & Fitness Center is the

intercollegiate athletics facility, home of the 2011 NCAA Division II Women's Basketball National Champions. The Student Activities Center is the University's intramural athletic facility, housing the Fitness Center, various student organizations and the ballrooms.

For further clarification, go to the "Maps" page on the Clayton State web site, <http://www.clayton.edu/maps.htm>. ■

Daddona Appointed Associate Vice President For Enrollment Management & Academic Success

Clayton State University Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Micheal Crafton has announced that Dr. Mark Daddona has agreed to drop the "interim" designation from his title and become the University's permanent Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management & Academic Success.



Daddona

Daddona was originally appointed to serve as the interim associate vice president for Enrollment Management in June 2010, assuming supervisory duties of enrollment management unit, such as Admissions, Registrar, the Center for Academic Success, the Testing Center, and Financial Aid. He works with many other groups as well, most notably the Office of Orientation and New Student

Programs. Daddona was originally tasked in this position with helping the University create a set of enrollment goals, constructing methods for achieving those goals, and reporting on the success in reaching those goals.

"Since Dr. Daddona so graciously agreed to step in on an interim basis, he has accomplished much and gained the overwhelming support of the University, both those inside and outside the Enrollment Management Division, a division that Dr. Daddona created as one of his first accomplishments," says Crafton. "Come this fall, there should be a very real change at Clayton State for improving student services, advising primarily, that is a direct result of one of Dr. Daddona's many activities. This new

entity will be called the First-Year Advising & Retention Center."

Also among Daddona's accomplishments was Clayton State's spring 2011 enrollment, a record 6,785.

Clayton State originally welcomed Daddona as the director of the University's Center for Academic Success in January 2006. Daddona came to Clayton State from Georgia Perimeter College, where he was director of Advising and Counseling Services. He had also previously served as the associate director of the Division of Academic Enhancement and an assistant professor at the University of Georgia.

Daddona has more than 20 years of experience in education, having worked with

Harold Named Dean of School of Graduate Studies

by Ciji Fox, University Relations

Dr. Gwendolyn Harold, Clayton State University professor of English, was recently named dean of the University's School of Graduate Studies. This will be her eighth year at Clayton State.



Harold

undergraduate and graduate American literature courses, including several courses in the Masters in Liberal Studies, our first graduate program.

“One of my most exciting projects was directing the first graduate thesis in the MALS program.”

“I came to Clayton State University to develop a new English program and to serve as the first chair of the Language & Literature Department; now the English Department,” Harold says. “I have had the privilege to develop and teach undergraduate women’s studies courses as well as

Harold has been teaching since 1990 and received a Ph.D. in American Literature,

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“The acquisition of the Clayton Place complex was an integral part of our facilities master planning process adopted this past year. With the addition of these additional student housing units, we will be able to accelerate the work already begun at Laker Hall to integrate student living with student learning experiences,” notes Clayton State President Dr. Thomas J. “Tim” Hynes. “None of this would have been possible with the leadership of our Foundation Board, the Limited Liability Corporation that supported this work, and our own campus leaders, especially Vice Presidents Corlis Cummings and Brian Haynes.

“Finally, we are grateful to the University System of Georgia Board of Regents, whose support made this framework for growth possible.”

The entire facility is a 15 building, three-story apartment-style housing complex of 221 units. The apartments are comprised of 206, four-bedroom/four-bathroom units, and 15 two-bedroom/two-bathroom units. The units are furnished, and utilities are currently provided in the cost.

Place Collegiate Properties, an Atlanta-based designer and developer of college and university student housing, built Phase I of Clayton Place, located in Morrow at the intersection of Clayton State Boulevard and North Lake Street, starting in 1998. The official opening was held on Friday, Aug. 20, 1999, presided over by then-Clayton State Interim President Michael F. Vollmer. The initial facility had 480 beds in 10 buildings with 120 completely furnished, four bedroom/four bath apartments. Phase II was constructed in Lake City in 2004 and consists of five buildings in 86 four-bedroom/four-bathroom units and 15 two-bedroom/two-bathroom units, for a total of 374 beds. ■

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live. It can also be reached via other domains/URLs: www.lochshop.com and www.thelochshop.com.

The Loch Shop has also announced the new Custom Fan Shop; <http://claytonstate-customfanshop.com>. There’s also a link to the Fan Shop on the new homepage. ■

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Across the Campus...

Alumni

The Clayton State Alumni Association will sponsor its annual Clayton State Night at the Atlanta Braves' Turner Field on Monday, Sept. 26. The event is open to Clayton State alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends of the University. First pitch will be at 7:10 p.m., as Atlanta faces off against National League East rival Philadelphia Phillies as the NL season draws to a close (most likely with the Phillies in first place.) Tickets for the game will be located in the Terrace Reserved section and be available for only \$5, which is almost \$20 off the regular price for tickets in the section, which normally sell for \$24. Tickets are limited, so please RSVP as soon as possible. For more information about purchasing tickets, please contact Gid Rowell, director of Alumni Relations, at (678) 466-4477 or by email at gidrowell@clayton.edu. Tickets can be purchased online by visiting www.clayton.edu/alumnigift.

Looking for his first big break in professional golf, former Clayton State standout Wade Binfield got it in July as he won the Auburn University Club Classic as part of the Peach State Pro Tour at the Auburn University Club. Binfield, a former Laker All-American, won the 36-hole event with a 9-under par 135 to prevail by two strokes. Binfield, who fired rounds of 69 and 66, won by two strokes over both Jimmy Brandt and Parker Beck for his first ever PSPGT victory and a first-place check of \$7,000. His 15-foot birdie putt on the 14th hole put him in sole possession of the lead for the remainder of the final round.

Athletics

The Clayton State Lakers are picked third in the Peach Belt Conference 2011 pre-season poll for both men's and women's cross country. For the men, Coach Mike Mead returns three of his top five runners from last season, most notably All-Peach Belt performers Albert Mong'ony and Charles Anderson. Freshman sensation Alex Foss is the top recruit for the Lakers this season. Mead also returns three of his top five female runners from last season, most notably senior All-Peach Belt performer Kourtney Aylor. Freshmen Maia Kuhnen, Jessica Smith and Holly McNorton head-

line the Laker newcomers this season. Clayton State's first meet for the 2011 season is the Strut's Season Opener at Jacksonville State on Sept. 2.

Clayton State men's head basketball coach Gordon Gibbons continued building his stellar 2011-12 recruiting class last week with the signing of point guard Bradley Tumer, who comes to Clayton State via the transfer route from fellow Division II program Carson-Newman out of the South Atlantic Conference. He joins a stellar class that includes three Division I transfers (Teondre Williams – Oregon, Tony Dukes – USC Upstate and Anthony Salter – Hawaii), plus JUCO standouts Reco Lewis (Waycross), Tim Budd (Spartanburg Methodist) and Tyrone Black (Iowa Western). A 5-foot-11, 165-pounder from Mount Dora, Fla., Tumer will have one season of eligibility remaining and should combine with Salter to give the Lakers one of the top point guard duos in the Peach Belt Conference.

Clayton State men's head basketball Gordon Gibbons announced on Thursday that Andy Harre has stepped down after five years as an assistant on the Laker staff. The native of Melbourne, Fla., is leaving Clayton State to accept the top assistant position at Division I Grambling State in the Southwestern Athletic Conference.

Continuing Education

The Clayton State University Division of Continuing Education has scheduled a series of information sessions on a wide variety of programs between mid-August and mid-September. Most of these sessions are on the main campus in the Harry S. Downs Center, however, others are being held at Huie Hall on Tara Boulevard in Jonesboro, at Clayton State — East, and at the Fayette Senior Services Life Enrichment Center. The complete listing of information sessions as available at the CE website, or call (678) 466-5050.

Extended Programs

Clayton State University will be offering a new eTuition rate beginning with the fall 2011 semester in August. The eTuition rate is \$220 per credit hour and applies to all 100 percent online undergraduate

courses. Students who take all of their courses online will pay only the eTuition, the University's technology fee (\$57 per semester) and the University's institutional fee (\$250 per semester.) Students enrolled only in eTuition courses are not billed for other mandatory fees or out-of-state tuition (if they reside outside Georgia). Students who are enrolled in one or more courses on campus pay the standard mandatory fees, since they have access to campus services.

Fitness Center

Cindy Lauer, Director of Recreation & Wellness reminds colleagues to share the news with new staff / faculty members who were hired in the month of August (only). These new employees are allowed to use the Fitness Center for the month of August at no charge. Please contact the Director of Recreation & Wellness at (678) 466-4974 for authorization and instructions. Certain terms and conditions may apply.

Integrative Studies

Clayton State University Associate Professor of Psychology Dr. Jeanette Celeste Walley-Jean was recently named director of Integrative Studies in the University's College of Arts & Sciences. She has been on the University faculty for five years. "I feel honored that Dean Momayezi has confidence in my leadership abilities and acknowledges my commitment to the growth and success of the College of Arts and Sciences," Wally-Jean says. "I am looking forward to continuing to refine the Integrative Studies major as well as expanding the concentrations and opportunities for degree completion available to Integrative Studies students."

ISSO

The Interantional Students Service Office website now includes a new tab briefly presenting educational outreach possibilities to staff, faculty and student groups on campus. The page includes a link to a qualtrics form to standardize requests for those who may be interested in scheduling something: <http://admins-services.clayton.edu/isso/faculty-staff.htm>.

President's Office

The Atlanta Regional Council for Higher Education (ARCHE) Board of Trustees has elected Georgia State University President

Across the Campus...

Mark P. Becker as chair for 2011/12. The presidents of ARCHE's 20 member colleges and universities, including Clayton State University President Dr. Thomas J. "Tim" Hynes, make up its board. In addition, Hynes is also a member of the ARCHE Government Relations Committee.

Recreation & Wellness

The Office of Recruitment and Admissions is happy to provide campus tours to all departments and programs hosting summer camps, events, or visits. Our trained student Laker Insiders are great with kids and adults alike, and admission counselors are available for discussions on a variety of topics, including college readiness and program comparison. For questions or to schedule a tour, please contact (678) 466-4142 or PennyBrooks@clayton.edu. Please schedule your tour at least a week in advance to ensure all arrangements can be made to your satisfaction.

School of Business

Dean of the School of Business Dr. Alphonso Ogbuehi was interviewed on air by Natalie Allen of CNN International as part of the Entrepreneur Advisors Symposium on Friday, July 15. Allen was co-hosting the July 15 symposium on "Entrepreneur Education" with Cliff Oxford, who was the speaker at the School of Business' Dean's Distinguished Lecture Series at Clayton State in January 2011.

Student Affairs

The Office of Student Affairs reports that the Fourth Annual Women and Girls in Georgia Conference will be held on Saturday, Oct. 8, in the Miller Learning Center at the University of Georgia. This year's theme is the Economic Crisis - Responding to Tough Times. The keynote lecture, "Thou Shalt Not Steal - Worker Justice in 2011," will be presented by Kim Bobo, executive director and founder of Interfaith Worker Justice. Registration is free for students, \$10 for staff, and only \$25 for academics/professionals. For more information on the conference and how to register, please go to: <http://uga.edu/iws/WAGG/index.html>.

Effective Sept. 1, 2011, the Department of

Orientation and New Student Programs, currently a unit within the Division of Student Affairs, will report to the Division of Enrollment Management in Academic Affairs. In addition, University Health Services, a unit currently within the College of Health, will report to the Division of Student Affairs. It is anticipated that these changes will not only further streamline our Enrollment Management area but will also aid efforts to enhance retention and student engagement. Furthermore, we believe that Health Services and Counseling and Psychological Services, and Student

Affairs in general, will enjoy a closer working relationship in order to better serve our students.

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Rob Taylor Celebrates His 40th Anniversary

Aug. 16, 2011 marked the 40th anniversary of Emeritus Director of Campus Life Rob Taylor's my first day working at Clayton Junior College. Naturally, Taylor and I wife Connie threw a party. However, if you know the Taylors, you know it wasn't an ordinary party.

"I began as Director of Financial Aid and Job Placement, a position I held for two years that paid the bills, but never provided the thrills of student activities," he says. "In honor of this auspicious occasion, Connie and I threw a luncheon party for the folks I served with on that very first day.

"Carol Doris started at CJC two weeks before me. Heather, Mary Lou and Clint were all work study students. After early registration ended that afternoon; what a day to start your career... 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Clint and I went to lunch with Bo Bolander at Melear's Bar-B-Que. I never went back to Melear's, but we did go back to the office!"

Taylor reports that missing from their celebration were Dean Bolander, who passed away in 2009, his secretary Bonnie Stoner, who Taylor could not

locate, SGA president Stacey Watts, work study student Chris Anderson Fisher, and work study student Sonja Johnson Rawdon, who graduated in the first dental hygiene class in 1973.

"I had a blast," says Taylor. "I pulled out my copies of Alpha 1971, and the Centurion Yearbook, the 1973 and 1974 editions, and laughed at how we looked then. We did not follow that with crying about how we look now.

"A good time was had by all." ■



(L to R) Mary Lou (Burks) Perry - Class of 1973, Butch Perry, Carol Casavant Doris - Director of Counseling 1971-1974), Becky Armstrong, Clint Armstrong - Class of 1973, Heather (Croft) Russell - Class of 1973, Connie Taylor (former Clayton student 1974-77), Rob Taylor, Director Emeritus of Student Life - 1971-1996

USG Chancellor Hank Huckaby Proposes Three Areas of Focus To Board of Regents

Thank you Mr. Chairman. I am sincerely appreciative to the Board for your faith in appointing me the chancellor of this great University System of Georgia. Never did I dream some 46 years ago as a student at Georgia State University that one day I would hold this position.

I am very proud of my educational heritage in this System. It has served me well throughout my career and private life. That same System in its modern metamorphosis continues to serve all of our students well by preparing them for life in a way little else can match.

Today marks my first board meeting, as well as my 40th day as chancellor. During these 40 days I have sought to learn even more about the System, its people, its great work, its opportunities, as well as its challenges. This time includes five campus visits, conducting my first presidents' meeting, discussions with legislators, community and state leaders, faculty and students. These discussions have been both instructive and uplifting.

Although not perfect, you and I are blessed to be asked to lead a strong and vibrant public higher education system into the balance of the 21st century. Our responsibility and great privilege is to work together to take a strong System and make it even better. That is a challenge that I and my colleagues throughout the System eagerly embrace.

As we pursue this challenge, our foundational theme – creating a more educated Georgia – remains unchanged. To create a more highly educated Georgia, I propose three broad areas of focus.

1. PERFORMANCE

First, we must continually evaluate not only what we do, but also how well we do it. Our performance going forward will not be judged solely by growth as measured by enrollment and new buildings. Instead, the Board's recently adopted focus on RPG – retention, progression, and graduation – remains relevant and timely. In fact, those themes – in varying

terms – are being sounded throughout the U.S.

Today's fiscal realities mean that no longer can the current funding model be sustained. No longer will higher education be immune from answering questions of effectiveness and efficiency. As a public agency we are accountable; we are expected to deliver service in the most efficient and effective way.

A critical responsibility I have as the new chancellor is to leverage and prudently invest our resources so as to be good stewards as we seek to pursue our basic missions of teaching, research and public service. With your support and leadership, we will do that. Our parents, our students, and the taxpayers of Georgia should expect nothing less.

For example, going forward we will ask more questions about new and existing programs and how they mesh together from a system standpoint. We also will scrutinize capital projects more closely, asking what long-term strategic academic need the facility meets and looking more closely at design features to assure we are optimizing our scarce capital resources.

So we will need to work more closely with our campuses as they develop proposals for new programs and facilities and ask them to consider every alternative before sending a request forward. There may be other options or higher priorities that fit better with the System's and state's goals. Your support of our efforts will be critical as we work with our campuses to meet the educational needs of Georgia while making sure we use our limited resources in the most effective way possible.

2. PARTNERSHIPS

Secondly, we do not pursue this great goal alone. Meeting the educational needs of Georgia's students will require us to strengthen and nurture our collaboration with other state agencies, particularly the Department of Education and the Technical College System of Georgia. We are not competitors, but partners.

As Gov. Deal noted in his press conference last Thursday, we will be working with the Technical College System to ensure better articulation – the ability of students to move easily between the two systems. Similarly, the Governor asked me to serve on the Governor's State Education Finance Study Commission as it undertakes a comprehensive review of the method of funding K-12 schools in Georgia. I am actively engaged in the work of that Commission. The future success of our system is inextricably linked to the success of K-12 education.

To be successful in creating a more highly educated Georgia, we must all work together to identify and champion what is best for our citizens, not what may be desired as narrow and parochial interests of a particular agency or institution.

3. THE VALUE OF COLLEGE

Lastly, the value of postsecondary education must be continually and appropriately advocated. This state has a long and strong history of investing in a world-class system of higher education, as the Georgia Chamber of Commerce recently noted in an opinion piece. This investment enables the University System of Georgia to create Georgia's future, student by student, achievement by achievement. After all, a world-class public higher education system retains and attracts the best and brightest students, faculty, and researchers.

Economists, authors, and economic development professionals, even in today's difficult economic environment, continue to cite higher education as a necessary and critical key to a sustainable and vibrant economy. It is in the classroom, in the laboratory and applied fieldwork that new knowledge is created leading to new opportunities and new jobs.

Frankly, we have work to do here. As a member of the Governor's Competitiveness Initiative, I and my colleagues in the System Office are committed to working with the Georgia Department of Economic Development,

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the Department of Community Affairs and the business leadership of this state in forging a dynamic coalition to support Governor Deal in his efforts to lead Georgia to economic recovery by creating and attracting more jobs for our citizens.

But as essential as our role is for the future economic well being of our students, there is another equally important role we play. We not only teach and train students for work, but we help prepare them for life, regardless of their career path. We teach students how to think critically. We educate students on how to analyze and interpret complex issues. We prepare students to work with others often very different in nationality, thought, and culture. We expose students to their responsibilities as citizens and community life.

There is an old adage, your parents give you life, but education prepares you to live. A college curriculum should not be solely focused on training a person for a first job, as important as that is. Of equal value is the role of college in shaping someone to live a productive life, no matter what the career path he or she chooses. The people of Georgia must have faith in our ability to deliver a world-class graduate, equipped with the knowledge, and

just as critically, the values, needed to be successful in a very competitive and global world. This trust demands that we do it right.

We are doing a lot right. That fact, and the unquestioned academic strength of our system, embodied in our outstanding faculty and staff, and in the leadership of our presidents and the direction of this Board, gives me positive reasons to be optimistic about the future. We are indeed doing much right, but we are not perfect. As a John Wesley Methodist, I believe in perfection.

Our efforts are essential to creating a more highly educated Georgia. We must spend wisely and carefully to help make the case for receiving the additional funds we will need to meet the enrollment demands we face in the coming years. Our success will be a major determinant in Georgia's success in becoming a global economic leader. This is why we are here. This is why what we do matters so much to every one of us who love this state.

I look forward to working with each of you in the months and years ahead as together we march toward perfection in this great and noble task. ■

**Chairman Ben Tarbutton's Remarks
To the USG Board of Regents Meeting**

Thank you Chancellor for those excellent remarks. They set us up well as we look ahead.

Let me also take a moment to thank the Board for electing me as your chair. I understand the responsibility you have given to me and that you trust that I will live up to the excellent records of my predecessors. I will do my very best to live up to both the expectations and the history of this Board.

I owe a great deal to many people, but let me single out just one today: our former colleague and regent, Felton Jenkins. Felton taught us all a great deal about what it is to be a regent and how to effectively serve on this board. I like to think that he prepared me, through the example

of his daily work, for my upcoming term as chair.

Lastly, I want to thank my family for coming today. Just some quick introductions: My mother, Nancy Tarbutton is here. Unfortunately, my father had a preexisting conflict and could not join us. My two sisters and their husbands: Anne and John Mori and Rosa and Neal Sumer. Growing up as the younger brother, those two used to wear me out! My wife, Betsy, and our three children Ben, Annabeth, and Henry. Marriage is a partnership that is built upon love, faith, and collaboration; so Betsy, just know that you share in this honor that has been bestowed on me by colleagues.

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Directions to the new Clayton State – Fayette are as follows: From I-85 South take Exit 61 on to State Route 74 South, go seven-and-a-half miles and turn left on to Peachtree Parkway, go 300 yards and turn left at the light on to World Drive. The new Clayton State – Fayette is on the left. ■

**Foundation
Schedules Annual
Town & Gown
Golf Tournament
For September 19**

There's only a month to go before local golfers get a chance to tee it up for the Clayton State University's Foundation's Annual Town & Gown Golf Tournament.

This year's fund raiser for the Excellence Fund of the Clayton State University Foundation will be held on Monday, Sept. 19 at Eagle's Landing Golf & Country Club in Stockbridge, Ga. The Excellence Fund is primarily used to provide scholarships for students in the Clayton State Honors Program. The fund-raising goal for this year's tournament is \$30,000.

Registration for the tournament, which begins with a shotgun start at 10 a.m., is underway for both golfers and sponsors. Teams can register for \$500, or individuals can register for \$150 and be placed with a team the day of the event. Sponsorships are available on six different levels, including; Event Sponsor (\$5000), Co-Tournament Sponsor (\$2500), Laker Sponsor (\$1000), Player Gift Sponsor (\$1000), Food Sponsor (\$200), and Hole Sponsor (\$150 per hole). In addition, the Foundation is also accepting donations of prizes, raffle items, and food.

For more information, call (678) 466-4470. ■

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As I was thinking about my remarks today, I was struck by the word "new." As chair and vice chair, both Dink NeSmith and I are new. Chancellor Huckaby is new ... he has new people in key senior positions: Steve Wrigley, David Morgan and John Brown. And, of course, Gov. Deal is in his first year in office. So we certainly are turning a new page.

But, perhaps that isn't the most accurate description. This is not passive – we are not just turning a new page, we are writing a new chapter in the 80-year history of this Board and this University System ... a chapter that will build upon all of the good work that leads us to where we are today.

I believe Chancellor Huckaby is correct: we have a great opportunity to focus on ensuring that we are doing things the right way to create a more highly educated Georgia.

This state continues to suffer from the recent recession. However, we will not be deterred. Whether through our teaching, our research or our public service, it is part of the mission of the University System to be a key driver in the return to prosperity.

My goal as chair is to support the chancellor and the governor in their efforts related to higher education and in providing Georgia with the human capital it needs. To that end, I want us to continue our strong tradition of having the work of this Board be committee-driven. I thank all of you for your willingness to serve on our standing and special committees. Your countless volunteer hours do not go unnoticed.

Specifically, let me thank our new standing committee chairs:

- Regent Stelling, on Academic Affairs;
- Regent Ellis, on Organization and Law;
- Regent Pruitt, on Personnel and Benefits;

- Regent Wilheit, on Finance and Business Operations;
- Regent Bernard, on Internal Audit, Risk and Compliance; and
- Regent Walker, on Real Estate and Facilities.

In support of the Chancellor's focus for the University System, we will, as a Board, continue our efforts to strengthen retention, progression and graduation rates throughout the System. This will include our good partnership in the "Complete College America" and "Complete College Georgia" initiatives, with their goals of ensuring more college graduates.

Last week, I attended the Governor's press conference announcing this important, statewide effort. I support the Governor's focus on increasing the number of Georgians who enroll in and complete some level of postsecondary education.

We are proud that two of our institutions: the College of Coastal Georgia and Georgia Gwinnett College, will share \$1 million in Complete College America grants with two technical colleges. These grants directly tie into past work by this Board in terms of taking a hard and honest look at how we approach learning support in the System. The grants will help us discover methods that work best for students.

The Governor's announcement of a plan to create a needs-based scholarship program also has our full support. Such a program could do much to ensure broad access to college and dovetails in nicely with the Maintaining Affordability Committee Chaired by Regent Griffin.

The Governor's intent to create the Higher Education Finance Commission is critical to the System's future. Chancellor Huckaby, in his comments, noted that the

times demand changes and our thinking must shift from a focus on the numbers we enroll to the numbers that graduate. This new commission offers us an exciting opportunity to create a funding mechanism that will support this change in how we operate.

Our more immediate attention on the formula has to do with the upcoming Fiscal Year 2013 budget. We will support efforts to return to full formula funding. As the Chancellor noted, we are in a new era of resources. Our efforts must be focused on actions that demonstrate our good stewardship and our accountability. As we make the case for continued investment in the University System, we must also clearly demonstrate that we are using the investment wisely and to our primary goal of creating a more highly educated Georgia.

I am pleased to report our return to our historic pattern of scheduling two board meetings each year at an institution. This is important in our work to connect as a full working body with our campuses, our faculty and staff, our community partners and supporters, and especially our students.

Of course, there is much, much more that will engage this Board over the course of the year – some known and planned, and some unknown. I count upon each of you to respond to both the knowns and the unknowns as you have done so well in the past.

Again, thank you for this great opportunity to work with you and all of our colleagues, supporters and partners on behalf of the University System of Georgia – and to ensure the success of our 320,000 students. ■

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students in numerous capacities; learning assistance, teaching, counseling, career planning and advising. He is also a licensed professional counselor and has given dozens of professional presentations, published in professional journals,

written grants and has been recognized with awards for university service

Dadonna holds a doctorate in Counseling and Student Personnel Services from the University of Georgia as well as degrees

from both the University of South Florida and Southern Connecticut State College. ■

Hopkins Named President of Clayton State Alumni Association

by Gid Rowell, Alumni Relations

The Clayton State University Alumni Association Board of Directors has announced its new slate of officers for 2011-2013. For the upcoming term, the new officers will be: Ben Hopkins, president; Lanelle LaRue, vice-president; Sandra Hill, secretary; and Dina Swearngin, treasurer.



Hopkins

Hopkins is currently employed at Clayton State and serves as the operations coordinator for the Student Activities Center (SAC). He supervises the day-to-day operations of the SAC, supervising the game room, custodial, and student building manager operations, as well as acting as the liaison to the University's Office of Facilities Management and to external contractors.

While a student at Clayton State he participated in several student organizations,

including serving as a student orientation leader, an ambassador, a reporter for the Bent Tree newspaper staff, a delegate with the Student Government Association, a member of Sigma Pi Fraternity and a member of the Clayton State Theatre program. He also spent a term as an intern in the Office of University Relations.

Hopkins graduated in 2006 with a B.A. degree in Communication and Media Studies and is pursuing a M.Ed. in Higher Education Administration at Georgia Southern University.

Originally from Tenaha, Tex., he currently lives in Morrow, and enjoys do-it-yourself projects, technology and professional wrestling.

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Harold, cont'd. from p. 5

and American Southern Literature, from Florida State University. She is excited to be the dean of the School of Graduate Studies.

"This is an exciting time to be at Clayton State University, especially in the School of Graduate Studies, where we have the opportunity to make many positive changes for our students and our community," Harold says. "We have eight graduate programs and plan to create more in the future."

Harold has witnessed the University go through many positive changes, including the graduate program, which has grown tremendously since it began in 2006.

"Our graduate enrollment has increased by more than 2000 percent, and continues to grow," she says.

Harold explains that the economic downturn has been the greatest challenge in higher education as well as community at large.

"Change always invites opportunities for innovation," she says. "Employers of the 21st Century are demanding well-educated, savvy professionals. There is more demand for graduate education, and Clayton State University is poised to fill these demands in many areas, including education, health care, psychology, business and liberal arts."

Harold also says she is fortunate to work with so many professional educators, who have been and continue to be invaluable to her transition in to administrative duties.

"Each graduate program director is vitally important for our continued success; therefore, I will work closely with each program director to build an effective strategic plan, in accord with the university's evolving initiatives that will include a marketing and recruiting plan," she says. ■

Clayton State Integrative Studies Major Authors Children's Book

by Ciji Fox, University Relations

Clayton State senior Brenda Starr Moon, aside from her busy school schedule, is also an author. Moon recently completed her first children's book, "Bird of Faith," a testament to how a bird named Spirit restored her faith during a difficult time.

"Despite my childhood in foster care, I want every child to think big and know that they too can overcome any obstacle," Moon says.

Moon, an Integrative Studies major with a minor in Business, says her book came about by divine intervention while she was on campus studying for a final exam.

"As I was studying, I heard a loud sound, but I couldn't identify where it came from. I looked to my left and saw

a bird lying down on its back from crashing into the window," she recalls. "All of a sudden, it was in my spirit to say that the bird was praying to God for his salvation. As I was studying for my test, I encouraged the bird to get up.

"The bird was helping me to see that I too have the ability to bounce back. The bird was named Spirit because it was the spirit of God who placed the bird and I together. Just trust him and we can overcome all obstacles."

"Bird of Faith" is written for reading level ages nine to 12. The 20 page paperback is published by Author House (December, 2010) and costs \$12. The book can be purchased at: www.Amazon.com, www.Authorhouse.com, and www.Barnesandnoble.com. ■



The StartSmart Success Series kick-off event, "A Party for Good", is a combination of a service initiative and a party to benefit local non-profits and programs whose mission is to help community members in need. Students participated in several service projects while networking with other new students in a fun, party-style environment.



2011 New Student Convocation

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ladder, and that a student's chances for economic success double with the completion of a university degree. In terms of the students' actions and attitudes, Hynes had some very simple, yet very important, advice – students need to manage and plan their time by making a schedule and sticking to it, and to avoid falling behind.

In emphasizing this point, Hynes quoted, somewhat tongue-in-cheek, a noted philosopher, Woody Allen, "Eighty percent of life is showing up."

Clayton State Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Brian Haynes, in his charge to the entering class, had a similar thought from another well-known American, General Colin Powell, "Success takes sweat, determination and hard work."

As for the willingness of Clayton State faculty and staff to help any and all students, Hynes pointed out that, "engaging faculty members about their disciplines is flattering. Seek them out. They are excited about helping you."

Another highlight of the Convocation came following the close of the program, when the University's newest students left Spivey Hall through a twin line of applauding faculty and staff.

The Convocation was followed by a reception and luncheon in the James M. Baker University Center for the new students, faculty and staff. ■

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The vice president for the upcoming term will be no stranger to the association board. A charter member of the board of directors in 1991, LaRue served as president in from 1997 to 1999. She has also served as vice president and treasurer over the years.

LaRue, who graduated from Clayton State in 1985 with a degree in Business Administration, lives in Lake City, Ga., and is retired from the Atlanta Airport Marriott in College Park, Ga.

Hill, who graduated in 2005 with a degree in Communication and Media Studies, will take over the secretary position for the next term. She works for IBM as a security analyst and her job entails researching and writing security vulnerabilities.

Originally from Atlanta, Hill and her daughter live in the Sandy Springs area. She loves sports and is an avid Chicago

Bears football fan. She also enjoys U.S. History and African-American literature.

Another longtime member of the Board, Swearngin will take over the treasurer role. She served as the Board's president from 2005 to 2007 and also as the Board's vice president and secretary in the past.

She currently works as a nursing professor at Clayton State in the University's College of Health. Before employment at Clayton State, she worked in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at both DeKalb Medical Center in Decatur, Ga., and at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta.

Swearngin holds three degrees from Clayton State, graduating in 1997 with a B.S. in Nursing after receiving her Associates in Nursing in 1993. She completed her Masters in Nursing in 2009. She and her husband, Geoff, have two children and reside in Tyrone, Ga.

The Clayton State Alumni Association was founded in 1991 and has a dynamic alumni base of more than 17,000 graduates, most of who reside in the metropolitan Atlanta area. The Alumni Association is a non-profit organization, supporting the mission and traditions of Clayton State University. ■



Dental Hygiene Welcomes Students With Fourth Annual White Coat Ceremony

by Erin Fender, University Relations

The Clayton State University Department of Dental Hygiene held its Fourth Annual “White Coat” Ceremony on Monday, Aug. 15, in room 101 of the Harry S. Downs Center.

The annual White Coat Ceremony welcomes junior students in to the dental hygiene program as well as reminds the students of their responsibilities associated with patient care in the program and also promotes the principles of professionalism they will need to embrace in their future practice of dental hygiene.

Michael Sterns, Johnson & Johnson’s dental school account manager for the southeastern United States, was the keynote speaker. His topic of discussion centered on the professional dental hygienist. Sterns has received numerous company awards including being a two-time Achiever’s Club winner and winning

three company Encore awards. He graduated summa cum laude from Auburn University and holds a Master of Science degree from Troy State University.

Following Sterns, Mariya Iskhakova of Alpharetta, president of the Student

American Dental Hygienist’s Association at Clayton State, led the students in their oath. A luncheon, provided by Johnson & Johnson, followed the students’ oath. ■



Dr. Gregory McNamara Named Director of Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Program

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Clayton State University Associate Professor of English Dr. Gregory McNamara has been named the director of the University's first masters program, the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS).

McNamara becomes the third individual to head up the MALS program in its five years, following founding director Dr. Thomas Barnett and Associate Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies Dr. Wendy Burns-Ardolino, who has accepted a position as department chair of Liberal Studies at Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, Mich. McNamara officially assumed leadership of the MALS program on July 1, 2011, upon the request of Dr. Nasser Momayezi, dean of the Clayton State College of Arts and Sciences.

On Nov. 16, 2005, the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies was approved by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia as Clayton State's first graduate-level program, opening the door to a whole new world of meeting the educational needs of students and citizens in metro Atlanta. At the time of its official roll out in August 2006, the MALS was the only degree of its kind in the state, having been



McNamara

designed to give students with highly focused undergraduate degrees the opportunity to explore a more multidisciplinary approach.

"Shortly after I started teaching at Clayton State in 2005, the Department of English was asked to develop a significant number of courses for the MALS program, which we did," recalls McNamara. "As everyone knows, Wendy did so much to make the program great, and my colleagues in English as well as our peers in History, Philosophy, Political Science, CMS, and, back then, Music, too, built MALS. And our first students built MALS and helped us to make the program possible: we have had some very strong projects and superb graduates come out of the program, and we have given back to the community and impressed SACS."

McNamara, while honored to be chosen to head up the MALS, admits he had some big shoes to fill, and that it was an assignment that initially gave him some pause.

"I have always felt close to the MALS program and enjoyed my part in its maintenance and development, so naturally I was honored when Dean Momayezi asked

me to come on and follow up when Dr. Burns-Ardolino accepted her next opportunity up in Michigan," he says. "But how would anyone feel following up after Wendy, who has been not only great at leading but also very generous to colleagues and universally respected? And I am so happy teaching in English under Dr. Barbara Goodman that even a great thing like the opportunity to direct MALS required some serious processing."

Fortunately for Clayton State and its MALS students, McNamara said "yes."

"But no great college remains or becomes great without people stepping up, and stepping up is both exhilarating and also a point of personal reflection," he states. "The Master of Arts in Liberal Studies program is something I care about from a faculty perspective, from a student perspective, and from a leadership perspective.

"The Master of Arts in Liberal Studies program at Clayton State University is a thriving, vibrant feature of our school. I'm proud to head MALS up, teach in the program, and work with our faculty and students to not only develop and maintain the program but also to work toward the highest possible standards and see the best outcomes for everyone involved." ■

The Return of LANDesk Man? Clayton State OITS to Defend Title at University System Annual Computing Conference

Clayton State University's student helpdesk, "The HUB," will be back this year to defend its title at the University System Annual Computing Conference at Rock Eagle.

The HUB, part of Clayton State's Office of Information Technology and Services, won last year's Rock Eagle Video Contest with its "LANDesk Man" short, described by the University System ITS Office as a funny and inspirational tale about a hero

who saves students from the potential pitfalls and perils of student computing that raised the standard for entertainment and noble service. "LANDesk Man" defeated second and third place winners from the University of Georgia and Georgia Highlands, with the audience casting the deciding ballots.

The 40th Annual University System Computing Conference is scheduled for Oct. 26 to Oct. 28, 2011, also at Rock

Eagle. "LANDesk Man" is now posted on the Clayton State University Relations YouTube channel at ClaytonSTNews: <http://www.youtube.com/user/ClaytonSTNews?feature=mhee>. "LANDesk Man is also on the conference website: http://www.usg.edu/rock_eagle/video_contest, and on the HUB's YouTube channel as well; www.YouTube.com/csuthehub. ■

Women's Forum Establishes Endowed Scholarship

by Ciji Fox, University Relations

The Clayton State University's Women's Forum has reached a milestone of establishing an Endowed Women's Forum Scholarship which requires a minimum \$25,000. The primary goal for the Women's Forum organization is to build and sustain a Scholarship Fund in support of assisting students with general and emergency resources to continue and complete their academic studies.

"I am so proud of our group for raising the money to endow the scholarship," Lou Brackett, Women's Forum president, says of the organization's accomplishment. "Over the years, Women's Forum has been known for advocacy, mentoring, and inspirational speakers who provided leadership role models."

"The Women's Forum scholarship provided me with an opportunity to better myself," student Jennifer Simba (Hampton) says. "The scholarship money got me one step closer to achieving my goals. Thank you Women's Forum!"

Reda Rowell, Clayton State University's director of development, is responsible for fundraising and endowment building.

"It has been a wonderful experience seeing how dedicated the Women's Forum leadership and membership have been to achieving the \$25,000 necessary to establish a permanent endowment," she says. "After their initial shock at the minimum

endowment amount, they never wavered in their belief that it was possible and tackled the goal in smaller, achievable amounts. Understanding the value of and need for scholarships, while they were building their endowment, they continued to provide annual awards to students with a portion of the proceeds from their fundraising efforts, and to date have awarded in excess of \$36,000 directly to students in scholarships and awards."

The organization has raised approximately \$75,000 since its inception in 2002. Through the Women's Forum Scholarship and Women's Forum Emergency Scholarship, these funds make a difference in the lives of many students as they strive to fulfill their quest for higher education. Almost 90 percent of Women's Forum 47 scholarship recipients have graduated or are still enrolled.

"Despite having a 4.0 GPA I have never received a scholarship from Clayton State University until The Women's Forum scholarship," student Christina Gardner (Peachtree City) says. "The money I received from them paid for the majority of my summer classes which were essential for me to stay on track for graduation. I will always be grateful to them for their support and will readily support them."

Until the endowment begins generating modest annual returns, the organization must renew efforts to provide funds so

that scholarship awards can be provided during the 2011-2012 academic year. A long-standing event associated with Women's Forum is the Annual Auction -- now in its 10th year. Bidding for treasures and discovering that perfect item has become an annual tradition. Women's Forum will also host the eighth annual Chili Cook-Off and sixth annual Quilt Raffle on Nov. 17, 2011.

There are several ways Clayton State faculty, staff and students get involved with continuing the Endowed Women's Forum Scholarship legacy:

- Contribute to the Women's Forum Scholarship Fund through the Faculty/Staff Fund Drive
- Donate items for the Auction
- Shop the auction
- Prepare a pot of chili for the Chili Cook-Off
- Join the Women's Forum for the Chili Cook-Off
- Purchase Quilt Raffle tickets
- Become a member of Women's Forum – basic membership fee is only \$5

Any additional amount above the five dollar basic membership fee will be applied to scholarships. For more information about Women's Forum, please visit the website: www.clayton.edu/womensforum. ■



2010 scholarship recipients



2011 scholarship recipients

Parkerson Returns from Delivering Commencement Address in Tbilisi, Georgia

The director of Clayton State University's Office of International Programs, John E. Parkerson, Jr., recently returned Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia, after delivering the commencement address at the Georgian American University (GAU).

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

The title of Parkerson's address was: "Georgia to Georgia: How Education Advances U.S.-Republic of Georgia Ties."

"I focused on the importance of education 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; how today's university graduates must know something about the peoples, traditions, cultures, ways of doing business, beyond their own country's borders; developments in the European Union and the U.S. as they affect Georgia," Parkerson notes. "(I

added) a few concluding comments about the greater regional eastward integration of the EU, noting that Hungary held the presidency of the Council of the EU through June 2011, and that Poland now holds the presidency for the next six months, making 2011 the year of Central Europe."



Parkerson

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.

Parkerson also reports that, between Law and Business schools, there were about 250 graduates at Commencement. GAU President Michael Cowgill was the official host and the U.S. Ambassador to Georgia, John R. Bass, provided some opening comments and introductions. Ken Cutshaw, vice president and general counsel of Church's

Chicken, who is a founding shareholder and vice president of External Relations at GAU, introduced Parkerson.

The Honorary Consul of Hungary for the southeastern United States, Parkerson also fulfilled a diplomatic role after his trip, reporting to the Honorary Consul of Georgia, John E. Hall, on the results of his trip, which also included a reunion with Mariam Chubinidze, GAU's first out-bound exchange student, who spent the fall 2010 semester studying business at Clayton State, and visiting other legal and academic colleagues in Tbilisi. ■

Students Form International Student Association on Campus

Clayton State University's growing international footprint recently took another step forward with the creation of a new student organization, the International Student Association (ISA).

Under the direction of President Tony Yaacoub (Lebanon), a former Rotary Scholar, ISA currently has 13 members from Lebanon, Spain, South Africa, Ukraine, Slovakia, France, India, England, Wales, Hong Kong and the

U.S.A., and that's before the group's first meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 24 at 11:30 a.m. in room B-11 of the Lecture Hall. Media representatives are welcome to cover this informational meeting.

"He's one our best, most involved and visible international students," says Brett M. Reichert, associate director of the Clayton State International Student Services Office (ISSO), who helped form ISA, of President Yaacoub.

The mission of the ISA is to promote diversity and inter-cultural awareness and understanding through social and intellectual activities, to address the issues of international students and facilitate their transition to Clayton State University, and to provide services to the college as well as the local community. ■

Clayton State Student Brings School Supplies to Mexican Orphanage

P.J. Herron, a Clayton State graduating senior in Biology, and a member of the University's WiSTEM student organization, recently participated in a "total immersion" study abroad Spanish and humanities courses with Assistant Professor of Spanish Dr. Khedija Gadhoum. Herron traveled to Guadalajara, Mexico and the surrounding region for five weeks.

This past spring, prior to the start of the study abroad program, it came to Herron's attention that the group would be visiting an orphanage of about 30 children in Guadalajara, Mexico. Herron decided she wanted to bring school supplies to the children, and formulated a plan that she brought before Gadhoum and WiSTEM advisor Mary Hudachek-Buswell. Once her plan was approved, Herron drafted publicity notices and flyers (with help from Hudachek-Buswell), put collection boxes for supplies in place on the Clayton State campus, organized the supplies (pencils, erasers, pens, highlighters, index cards, crayons, etc.) and took them down to Guadalajara, via the entire study abroad group packing the supplies in their suitcases.

The other students in the study abroad program also contributed to the supplies, as did other student members of WiSTEM and College of Information and Mathematical Sciences faculty.

"When the students arrived at the orphanage the 30 children came out, very happy to see us, but not knowing we had brought any gifts. I don't think this been done before," says Herron. "The children were blown away when they saw that each of them received bags of school supplies. We were gratified to see our hard work so enjoyed by the children."

Herron plans to go into forensics upon her graduation following the current summer semester. She is also the recipient of the 2010 WiSTEM research travel grant.

WiSTEM is a Clayton State University organization created to increase knowledge of, and greater interest in, the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) disciplines. It is also a means of building a network of resources for women in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math disciplines and a means of communication for women having an interest in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math majors. WiSTEM serves students of the Clayton State University community, and the communities surrounding the University. ■



(L to R): Shari Perry, Justin Case Pollard, Khedija Gadhoum, P.J. Herron, Reneé Ruchelle-Ann Baptiste, Kyle Flowers, Colleen Walters, Seraiah Jones.

Clayton State Adds Peterson as General Manager for Dining Services

Clayton State University has a new general manager of dining services, Amanda Peterson.

Peterson has been on the job for Sodexo, the University's official food service provider, since late May, overseeing the University's other dining services and preparing for the start of the fall semester and the re-opening of the Lakeside Dining Hall.

A long-time Sodexo employee with an excellent catering background, Peterson

comes to Clayton State from Valdosta State, where she was operations manager, overseeing college food service operations generating annual sales in excess of \$11.5 million, after moving up from retail manager at Valdosta. In all, she spent five years at Valdosta.

Prior to her service in south Georgia, she served as a Sodexo retail manager and supervisor at the University of West Florida (1998-2005) and spent two years as a Sodexo retail manager at Sacred Heart Hospital.

Peterson also has a strong background in retail brands, resident dining, catering, employee and client relations.

In her spare time, she is a Habitat for Humanity volunteer. ■



Peterson

Supply Chain Management Program Awarded \$7500 Grant from Georgia Center of Innovation for Logistics

The Clayton State University Supply Chain Management program, part of the University's AACSB-accredited School of Business, has been awarded a \$7500 grant by the Georgia Center of Innovation for Logistics, based in Savannah, Ga.

This grant is the first of its kind to be awarded this year, and Clayton State is one of just five universities statewide to receive this recognition.

"The grant is based upon the combined commitment and creativity towards educating the workforce of our industry," says John Siplon, executive director of the

Georgia Center of Innovation for Logistics. "This grant will hopefully help academia do even more in providing students a unique and valuable industry experience as they learn how the ecosystem we call logistics unctious."

The money for the grant was donated through the Center of Innovation by Spencer Askew, CEO of reightsolutions, a company that powers a freight pricing portal that supports transactions in transportation costs with freight carriers.

According to John Mascaritolo, director of Supply Chain Management for the

School of Business, Clayton State was chosen for the grant based on the success of the supply chain program at Clayton State.

"I will use this money to help pay for student field trips to the Port of Savannah, purchase PC software to support some of the supply chain courses, and purchase textbooks and reference books for the students to expand their research and study for the supply chain program and profession," he says. ■

The Dream Team Captures the 60 Miles-60 Days Challenge

The Dream Team (aka Sleep Walkers) have been declared the winners of the Department of Recreation and Wellness' 2011 60 Miles-60 Days Challenge.

Led by the champion walker of the Clayton State campus, Dr. John Campbell, The Dream Team compiled an average of 258.56 miles person during June and July. While all of the Dream Team members – Campbell, Dr. R.B. Rosenburg, Jill Sears, Pam Healan, Jennifer Eason, Melanie Nolan, and Dean Dr. Nasser Momayezi – contributed, the distinguished physicist and natural scientist piled up a whopping 1050 miles for the two months in question. In case you're wondering, that's more than 17 miles per day. Second place individually went to another scientist, chemist Dr. Jim Braun, with 290 miles for the 60 days.

In keeping with the accomplishments of all the walkers, a new award has been created for the winning team of this annual program... The Golden Shoe, which will be presented to The Dream Team at a later date.

The top 10 individual walkers, with their monthly averages were;

1	John Campbell	525.00
2	Jim Braun	145.00
3	Fran Norflus	137.00
4	Randy Rosenburg	133.50
5	Susan Hornbuckle	117.80



6	Barbara Musolf	113.49
7	Jennifer Eason	96.95
8	Sue Odom	85.85
9	Michelle Furlong	78.25
10	Diane Day	75.65

The second place team also came from Natural Sciences, averaging 147.67 miles per person. Campus Life was third (66 miles/person).

The statistics for the competition, as provided by Assistant Director of Recreation & Wellness Scott Bassett, are as follows;

8 Teams participated (3-teams in 2010)
93 people signed-up to participate (31 in 2010)



45 people improved their total mileage during the second half
3795.68 = Total miles walked in June
3853.88 = Total miles walked in July
7649.56 = Total miles walked throughout the program
82.25 = Average number of miles walked between all participants. ■

The Family That Runs Together... the Four Kordeckis Make Their Mark in the Peachtree Road Race

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Dr. Gregory S. Kordecki, associate professor and coordinator of accounting, business law and taxation for the School of Business, is one of Clayton State University's most distinguished faculty members; the winner of The Outstanding Accounting Educator Award of the Georgia Society of CPAs for 2010.



Kordecki

However, on July 4 of each year, the only accounting Kordecki does is checking the times of his family in the Peachtree Road Race. That's because the huge 10K through the heart of Atlanta is a family affair for Kordecki, his wife Christine, and children Hilary and Frank. Although the Kordecki parents have run the Peachtree for 30 consecutive years ("My time of 30 years ago was considerably faster," admits Professor Kordecki.) it's a somewhat newer experience for the Kordecki children. Daughter Hilary, 14, was running her fifth Peachtree in 2011, while son Frank, 10, was running his first.

In addition to running the race every year, both Greg and Christine Kordecki have spent 20 consecutive years as volunteers in for runner control of sub-seeded runners, something Hilary has also done for

the past five years, and Frank expects to do, starting next year.

"I am just glad that we get to do this and the whole family can participate," says the proud father, even though it is also true that both children finished ahead of both parents, with Hilary leading the way for the family with a 1:03:29 that placed her 94th in the women 14 and under age group.

Actually, Hilary and Frank Kordecki may share another distinction among the 50,000 Peachtree runners; there were probably very few entered in this year's race that came to the starting line from a greater distance. Now since the Kordeckis live in Chamblee in DeKalb County, that might seem to be an unlikely possibility.

However, the two Kordecki children originally started their journey in the People's Republic of China. The Kordecki parents, both of whom will admit to being on the plus side of 60, twice travelled to China to adopt their two children. As a result, Hilary Ma ZiHong Kordecki collected her parents in Hefei, Anhui Province in February 1998, at age 18 months. Frank Li KangFei Kordecki did the same in Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province, in November 2002, at age 24 months.

Not surprisingly, Hilary runs track and cross country and swims at Marist School, and has been active in Tucker recreation and club soccer. Prior to this year, she had

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Several Clayton State 2011 Peachtree Road Race participants pose in their hard-earned t-shirts.

Runge Tabbed as New Men's Golf Coach

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

Clayton State took its next step in competitive men's golf on Wednesday as athletic director Mason Barfield announced the hiring of Steve Runge as the new men's head golf coach at Clayton State. Runge comes to the Laker program following a five-year stint as a certified instructor at the prestigious IMG David Ledbetter Academy in Bradenton, Fla.



Runge

Runge replaces Barry Harwell, who left Clayton State over the summer to take a similar position at West Georgia. Harwell helped pace the Lakers to the 2009 Peach Belt Conference championship and a 10th-place finish at the 2008 NCAA Division II National Championships.

"We are very excited about having Steve Runge join our very successful staff of coaches," said Barfield. "I am confident that Steve will continue to build upon the

great foundations that Barry Harwell established for our golf program during his tenure. His golf connections within the United States golf community, as well as around the world, should certainly expand the pool of championship caliber players that can help us continue to take our teams to NCAA national tournaments."

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The 6-foot-1, 180-pound Klute was a 2007 NSCAA/Adidas Youth All-American and a member of both the U-17 and U-20 U.S. National Teams. He started one game for the U-17 National Team and helped the U.S. team advance to the round of 16 at the 2007 FIFA U-17 World Cup in South Korea.

Klute last played for Furman in the 2008 season, and will have three seasons of eligibility remaining at Clayton State. He played on the North Atlanta Soccer Association (NASA) club team under head coach Todd Gispert that lost in the USYSA U-19 national championship game in 2009, and earned the Golden Boot Award as the tournament's top player.

Petersen sees him continuing the strong tradition of central defenders at Clayton State, following in the footsteps of All-American and All-Region standouts Josh Grenier, Alex Dowling, Karl Haggon and Lukic before him.

"He will be the new anchor to our defense, along with team captain and returning senior central defender Sam Bevan," said Petersen. "Chris is very intelligent with his positioning and physically very fast."

The other significant Division I transfer for the Lakers this season will be midfielder Janny Rivera, who comes to Clayton State from South Carolina. He played in 20 games for the Gamecocks last season. Prior to signing with South Carolina, Rivera was a 2009 NJCAA All-American at Louisburg College, helping pace Louisburg to the 2009 NJCAA "Final Four."

Midfielder Brian Forero, a native of Fayetteville, Ga., comes to Clayton State after playing one season at Georgia State in 2007. He played in 18 games with 14 starts for the Panthers that season, scoring two goals. Forero prepped at Whitewater High School, where he was a teammate of Pugh, and played club soccer for the Fayette Lightning. Forero was also a Georgia ODP standout as well as regional ODP midfielder.

Transferring to Clayton State from Kentucky is forward Taylor White. A 6-

foot-3, 205-pounder from Marietta, White played two seasons for the Wildcats in 2008 and 2009. He played in 13 games with seven starts as a freshman, tallying two goals and two assists, and 13 games with six starts during his sophomore season.

White prepped at Georgia Class 5A power Walton High School in Marietta under prominent head coach Bucky Boozer. He helped pace the Raiders to the 2006 Class 5A state championship. White also played club soccer for the Concorde Fire under head coach Greg Blasingame, leading that club to three straight state club championships.

Laker fans will be reminded of former standout forward Victor Duncan when they see imposing forward Kenny Mena on the field this fall. Continuing the long pipeline of JUCO All-Americans to come to Clayton State from Tyler Junior College, Mena was a 2009 NJCAA All-American at Tyler, leading head coach Steve Clements' Apaches to the NJCAA National Championship. The 6-1, 192-pounder scored 11 goals with two assists that season, and seven goals and one assist during his freshman season.

Tyler defeated Georgia Perimeter in that national championship game, and Petersen will bolster the scoring with the addition of Georgia Perimeter transfers who also played in that game - Alejandro Duque in midfield and Aziz Izmour at forward. Duque, a native of Norcross, Ga., ranked sixth in NJCAA Region XVII in scoring with 10 goals and seven assists, while Izmour, from Alpharetta, Ga., battled injuries throughout the season but still managed four goals and five assists to finished tied for 16th in the region in scoring.

Four freshmen will also be joining the Laker fold this season, including two locally.

Goalkeeper Jon Skinner was a standout at North Oconee High School and the Georgia Soccer Association (GSA) Phoenix Red club team, coached by Nuno Piteira that was ranked second in the nation. Defender Matt Roskind was the

defensive anchor on a North Cobb High School squad that advanced two straight seasons to the Class 5A state playoffs and played for the NASA Elite 11 club under head coach Ray Tomlin.

Joining the Lakers from overseas are freshman midfielder Elliot Prost from Dijon, France, and 6-5, 200-pound defender Marcel Enghardt from Bremen, Germany.

In addition, three former Lakers will be returning to the program for the upcoming season. Sophomore midfielder Bobby Dodd is back after playing the 2009 season for the Lakers, as is defender Wes Manyak from 2007. And goalkeeper Matt Sutton returns to finish out his Clayton State career.

Clayton State opens the season on Sept. 2, playing host to Anderson in the Laker Shootout at Laker Field. ■

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A native of Mission Viejo, Calif., Runge enjoyed a 15-year professional playing career, mostly on the Nationwide Tour. He played on the Nationwide Tour for nine years, where he won the 2000 Richmond Open. In addition, Runge also won the Utah Open in 1997 and the 2001 Panama Open, plus recorded a second-place finish at the 2001 Louisiana Open and a fifth-place finish at the 2000 Dayton Open.

Runge also qualified for the Asian Tour in 1993, as well as played in various tournaments in Canada, Mexico, Australia, and New Zealand. He also had a brief stint on the PGA Tour in 1993, qualifying for both the Buick Open at the Hardees Classic. He also had numerous wins and top finishes on various mini-tours during his playing career.

"I am very thankful for this opportunity and look forward to getting started with the team," said Runge. "Becoming a college golf coach is something I have always desired and I am very happy to be the coach at Clayton State University." ■

Life's Transitions...

Dr. Sandra Missroon

Dr. Sandra Missroon, 69, the only retired faculty member from the School of Nursing, passed away on Aug. 19, 2011, at her home in Jonesboro as the result of a freak accident. Dr. Missroon was found at the bottom of the deck steps leading to the pool. She had fallen down the deck steps leading to the pool and apparently died instantly of a broken neck.

"Sandy had her life where she wanted it," says her husband, Jim Missroon. "She was doing well after her recent struggle with breast cancer, and she was enjoying her family and scrapbooking."

Among her surviving family members are her husband, Jim, a son and a daughter, several grandchildren, and her mother.

In addition to her many years on the Clayton State nursing faculty, Dr. Missroon was one of the original founders of the Clayton State Retirees Association (CSRA). Dr. Helen Brown summarizes her contributions to that group...

"Dr. Sandra Missroon was part of the original group who organized the Clayton

State Retirees Association. She worked with me, Peggy Capell, Winnie Thacker, Diane Burns and Bryan Edwards to write the original bylaws and make plans for the CSRA during the summer of 2002. She was part of the executive council of the CSRA during the first three years of its existence. She also held the very important position as the first chairman of the Benefits Committee. Sandy worked with Dr. Harden to have these benefits made available to retirees. These benefits include most of those of active employees, such as library privileges and discounted tickets to Spivey, and are still the benefits which Clayton State Retirees enjoy."

A memorial reception to gather her family and friends will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 23, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at Floral Hills Funeral Home, 3150 Lawrenceville Hwy, Tucker, Ga., and the funeral will take place on Wednesday, Aug. 24, beginning at 11 a.m., in the funeral home chapel. Please visit www.floralhillsfuneral.com for a more complete listing of her outstanding accomplishments and credits in life. ■

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sively that we lose in Bre Fort," Cox said. "Howard gives us a player that has the flexibility to play either forward position. But I think her best position is the four, as she can rebound and post, along with possessing solid perimeter skills."

Cox is very high on the two prep recruits coming in for the upcoming season, especially Covington, who will compete immediately for playing time at power forward.

The 5-10 Covington enjoyed a stellar career at Tift County. As a senior, she was the Region 1-5A Player of the Year, averaging 18 points and seven rebounds a game in pacing Tift County to a 22-7 overall mark with the Region 1-5A championship and a berth in the Georgia Class 5A State Tournament "Sweet 16."

In addition, Covington was selected to play in the annual Georgia North-South High School All-Star Game.

At 5-8, Clanton will give the Lakers a legitimate shooting threat from the perimeter. During her senior season at Grady, she averaged 17 points, eight assists and four rebounds a game in garnering All-Region honors.

She played her first three high school seasons at Redan High School in Decatur, Ga.

"We are also very excited about our incoming freshmen. Covington is a tremendously athletic power forward with a body and skill set that is perfect for our system. I expect her to compete right away for a spot in our post rotation," Cox said. "Clanton came to us late, but she is a big guard who has the potential to be a versatile scorer and rebounder on our perimeter. If she develops she could remind Laker fans of Marie St. Fort, so we were very happy to add her to our roster." ■

Trivia Time

Celluloid Heroes...

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Never really die... at least according to Ray Davies of the Kinks. One of the memorable songs of the Seventies, written by one of the great songwriters; Davies concluded "Celluloid Heroes" with these lines (courtesy of Rob Taylor, who gets three Bonus Points.)

"I wish my life was a non-stop Hollywood movie show,

A fantasy world of celluloid villains and heroes,

Because celluloid heroes never feel any pain

And celluloid heroes never really die."

The first person to correctly identify Davies' masterwork was Jill Ellington, followed by Brett Reichert, that rock 'n' roll animal David Ludley, Norman Grizzell, B.D. Stillion (who also gets two Bonus Points for her answer to the previous question, having pointed out that John Belushi also starred in the Pearl Harbor-themed movie "1941"), Taylor, and Scott Bassett.

To head off in a completely different direction... what currently popular fiction trilogy (now available at The Loch Shop) is based on the back story contained in the myth of Theseus and the Minotaur?

Send your answers, not to Zeus or Hera, but to johnshiffert@clayton.edu. ■

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also run all six qualifying years (ages eight through 13) of the Peachtree Junior, a record to which her brother aspires. Frank enjoys his rec soccer and activities through Henderson Mill Elementary (DeKalb County Schools). ■

Sports...

Cox Announces 2011-12 Clayton State Women's Basketball Recruiting Class

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

Fresh off winning the 2011 NCAA Division II National Championship, Clayton State women's head basketball coach Dennis Cox has announced the Lakers' recruiting class for the 2011-12 season.

Signing with the Lakers for the upcoming season is Florida junior college forwards Shannon Smith (Indian River State) and Brandice Howard (Santa Fe College), and Georgia prep standouts Jessica Covington (Tift County High School) and Shadawn Clanton (Grady High School). This quartet joins a Laker team that returns four starters and eight letterwinners from last season's 35-1 Division II National Championship squad.

"In preparing for our recruiting strategy for the 2011-12 season, it was clear that we were taking a big hit from graduation at our small and power forward positions, losing standouts Teshymia Tillman and Breanna Fort," said Cox, who is 184-45 entering his eighth season at Clayton State. "So, that was our focus going in,

and I couldn't be happier with the results."

Replacing Fort at power forward was a key priority, and Cox believes he has filled that with additions of Smith and Howard from the junior college ranks.

Smith, at 6-foot-2, will give the Lakers more size and athleticism in the post to help complement Clayton State's dynamic center combination – sophomore Shacamra Jackson and junior Kayla Mobley. The Cocoa Beach, Fla, native averaged six points and seven rebounds during her sophomore season at Indian River State before going down with a season-ending injury in the ninth game of the season.

She was ranked as the 16th best power forward at the junior college level by Dan Olson's Basketball Girl's Report. In addition, she was a teammate of current Laker guard Keona Dixon at Indian River State.

Smith played her freshman season at the College of Central Florida, averaging

eight points and six rebounds a game. During her prep career at Cocoa Beach High School, she was a two-time All-Region selection and a McDonald's All-American nominee.

Howard wound up missing all of last season with an injury, thus she will have three years of eligibility remaining for the Lakers. As a freshman at Santa Fe, she averaged five points and four rebounds a game in earning second team All-Florida Mid-South Conference honors. She brings a strong rebounding mentality to Clayton State.

The 5-11 Howard prepped at Lee High School in Jacksonville, Fla., where she was a four-time All-Region selection and two-time All-State selection. In addition, she was also the Class 5A State Player of the Year during her junior season.

"Smith is an extremely athletic and powerful post player that can play either post position. She is a very active player that we hope can bring us the energy defen-

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Two-time U.S. National Team Player Headlines 2011 Men's Soccer Recruiting Class

Coming off the best season in program history, Clayton State men's head soccer coach Pete Petersen has reloaded his squad for the 2011 season with an impressive incoming recruiting class.

The 14-player class that includes four Division I transfers, plus one U.S. National Team player and two junior college All-Americans. This group joins 12 talented returning players from last season's 19-4 Laker squad that won the Peach Belt Conference championship, advanced to the NCAA Division II "Elite Eight" and was ranked fifth in the nation in the final NSCAA Division II Top 25.

The returning players include Division II All-American forward and Peach Belt

Conference Player of the Year Ryan Pugh, Division II All-Southeast Region goalkeeper Brian Garcia and forward Matty Phillips and Peach Belt Conference Freshman of the Year Arturo Cruz.

"This is a big class, and on paper it brings in a lot of talent," said Petersen, who is 88-36-15 entering his eighth season at the Clayton State helm. "Take this class and add it to the returning players, and that is a lot of meat and potatoes. I have to come up now with the right spices to make a complete meal!"

The big key for Petersen was on defense and replacing graduating Division II All-American Igor Lukic at central defender. Petersen believes he has done that with

the addition of Chris Klute, a native of Grand Prairie, Tex., and a transfer from Furman.

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