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## Lakers Season Ends One Win Shy Of Glory

### CSC Wins Regular Season Title, Loses In Tournament

by Candi Wyatt  
Staff Writer

The Lakers began the Georgia Athletic Conference (GAC) tournament by playing Shorter College on March 3. Many fans filled the gym anticipating a blowout since Shorter came into the game ranked as the number eight team in the conference. That statistic meant nothing to the visitors and they went into half-time leading CSC 41-34. The Lakers trailed throughout the second-half but finally pulled away with six minutes remaining. Carlos Head led the Lakers to a 86-81 victory by scoring 26 points.

The second game was played on March 5, against Brewton-Parker College after they beat North Georgia to make it to the next round.

Once again, the Lakers came out sluggish and trailed throughout the game. At the three minute mark, CSC looked as if they would not come out with the win but Brewton-Parker relaxed and the Lakers took over. The score was tied when Brian Harmon was fouled with

two seconds remaining in the game. He hit both free-throws and the Lakers won 81-79. Keith Herring scored 25 points and led all players with 11 rebounds. Derrick Grey had 27 points for Brewton-Parker.

The final game of the playoffs was on March 7, against Georgia Southwestern. The stands were filled and chairs had to be added in order to seat the crowd that were awaiting the biggest showdown of the year.

The first basket of the game was made by GSW's Dwayne Harper. CSC's Carlos Head returned the favor 30 seconds later in an attempt to show the visitors that CSC was undefeated at home and it was going to stay that way.

The Lakers trailed the entire game and were not able to regain the lead. Head scored 29 points in a devastating 95-82 loss. Keith Herring contributed 25 points and led all players with 17 rebounds. GSW's Harper led his team by scoring 35 points and 7 rebounds. He was also named the Georgia Athletic Conference "Player of the Year".

The Laker program would like to thank all of you for your support and commitment to athletics.

### LakerFest Activities Were Popular

by Al Yates  
SGA Treasurer

The annual LakerFest study breaks were once again a popular part of the event. The study breaks were sponsored and staffed by the Student Government Association (SGA). The study breaks were held in the dining hall and at the Aviation Maintenance Building and, according to Rob Taylor, Director of Student Activities, they were a great success.

On February 23, the SGA held its annual scavenger hunt as part of the LakerFest activities. Several of Clayton State's clubs/organizations showed up and were eager to participate. The contestants were sent off to find all the items requested and within thirty minutes most of the contestants had com-



(L-R) LakerFest King Mark Miller and Queen Candi Wyatt

### An Open Letter From President Skinner

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March 7, 1994--9:35 p.m.

Men's and Women's Basketball Teams  
c/o Mason Barfield, Director  
College Athletics  
Clayton State College

Dear Colleagues:

To an athlete, anything less than victory is disappointment. So, in the aftermath of tough losses, we might easily lose sight of the fact that a tradition of winning has to begin somewhere, including the next game after a defeat. With your success this year, you have established a tradition of winning, and you did so in just a few short years.

To the women, I say you are a spunky group of competitors. You are a young team, and we look forward to next season with a real sense of anticipation of what you can be and what you can accomplish with experience.

To the men, we owe much. As impressive as your won-loss record is, it does not do full justice to the excitement and pride you generated in all of us who watched you play. When, in the years ahead, Clayton State teams pile up victories and generate enthusiasm across campus and in the community, you can and should take credit for beginning it all.

Both teams represented Clayton State College in exemplary fashion. Coach Jarrett and Coach Barfield, your assistants, and all the fine people who give up so much to make intercollegiate athletics here a joy--thank you.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Skinner  
President

P.S. Next season begins tonight: let's be ready.

pleted the list of items. The winner of the hunt was the group of students representing the Clayton State Technical Education Association (CSCTEA).

The next competition, the Club Olympics, was held on February 24. It was also dominated by CSCTEA's ability to win. The events in the Olympics included the following "pass the fruit," "dress up relay," "hula hoop competition," "pie eating contest," and a limbo contest for the king and queen of each club or organization. Again everyone who participated was eager and willing

to do whatever it took to get the most leis. Whoever had the most leis at the end of the olympics was the winner.

On February 25, SGA and General Entertainment held their weekly Festival Friday. This week's event corresponded with the theme of LakerFest, "Lost in the Tropics." Present was Kele's Pacific Paradise Review, a daring team of hula dancers. During their performance they asked the audience for volunteers to participate in the various dance. The presence of these (See LakerFest on Page 4)

VIEWPOINT

Letter To The Editors

Tolerance And Understanding Requested

It appears that there is a movement underway, led by the SGA, to ban smoking on campus, at "least" in all buildings. Since almost ninety-eight percent of indoor space is already smoke-free, such a ban is not necessary.

Any complete ban on smoking will be perceived by both current and potential students, faculty and staff as a message that they are unwelcome at Clayton State College. That is a message we do

not need to send. Perhaps some fine tuning of current regulations can satisfy the vast majority of the campus community. A little tolerance and understanding on both sides of this emotional issue is required.

GOLAKERS!!!

Sincerely,  
W.F. Fisher  
Professor of Chemistry

Campus View by Amy Hayes



The already heated tension between Bob and Mort exploded when Mort dared to sit in the non-smoking section and light up a cigarette.

JOB PLACEMENT AND COOPERATIVE EDUCATION  
RECRUITMENT SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

3/10 Wardrobe choices for D-223  
The Professional 12 noon  
Environment

Presented by:  
Brenda Hoard

Thank You, Ladies....

by G. Alan Murphy, Jr.  
Staff Writer

After the final game of the Lady Laker season was over, I paced outside the locker rooms waiting for the women to emerge. GSW players came and went. That night they were the victors, and I was sick to my stomach about it.

At last the Lady Lakers came out, slowly, but I was not ready for them. Some were in tears, all were resolute. I could not bring myself to interview the first few who left the locker room. These young women had the love of the game in their eyes and their spirit for the school was running down their cheeks.

I reluctantly asked one player if she had anything to say. "No," she said, "no I don't." I tried to smile, as if I could change her demeanor with my teeth, but I found that I could not. I knew that there was nothing that I could do.

"You played a hard game" I said and she looked at me. My heart caught in my throat. I might have said dozens of things about the game, perhaps even hundreds. It did not matter though and I hurried out, anxious to get away. I passed many Lady Lakers on the way to my car but I could not look at them. This night they possessed more honor and spirit than I could possibly relate to. Again, I could have spoken of many

events during this final game.

I could have told about Candi Wyatt's and Dorian Ransby's resurgence after being down by fourteen. I could have said something about the three-point barrage Natalie Taubert unleashed. I could have mentioned the comeback in the closing minutes which barely fell short. I might have spoke about Taubert tearing the ball away from the GSW center so forcefully that I thought the 6'3" monster was going to land in the seat next to mine.

But I didn't. I packed up my notepad and swallowed my questions. A team which has given so much does not need to be questioned.

Remember the Lady Lakers. Please get to know them. Please support them by simply telling them that you do. Please come to the games and cheer for them. Each of them would do the same for you.

Thank you ladies. I did not shed tears that night and I did not smile, but the season was well played and I cheered for you.

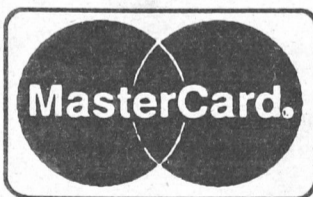
Parents Study Break

3/12 11:45-2:45

3/13 1:45-4:45

Drop off the kids in D-223 while you use the library, computer center, or study lounge.

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## CAMPUS NEWS

### Lyceum Guest Offers *Strategies For Success*

by Jenipher R. Klessig  
Co-Editor

Clayton State College closed its winter quarter Tuesday Tradition Lyceum series by welcoming Donald A. Perry, Director of Public Relations at Atlanta-based Chick-fil-A. Mr. Perry also serves as President of the Georgia Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America, a professional organization which has over 400 members. He is also a member of the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games Communication Advisory Committee.

In his lecture, "Climbing The Corporate Ladder: A Minority Perspective," Mr. Perry outlined several strategies that one might use to help them get ahead in the corporate world. His suggestions were not only good strategies for minorities, but also for anyone hoping to be successful during, and after, their college years.

One specific thing that Mr. Perry suggested, was the importance of building a "network of trust." According to Mr. Perry, a fundamentally important part of being a confident, secure person is having a strong foundation. He encouraged the audience to take steps to surround themselves with trustworthy people. People, as defined by Mr. Perry, who you can count on to be dependable, honest, and of course, trustworthy.

Another strategy for success Mr. Perry suggested was composed of five elements. According to Perry, if one

understands the benefits of these elements, they will have an advantage when interviewing with perspective employers.

#### Strategies For Success

1. Have strong written communication skills
2. Have strong oral communication skills
3. Research and understand the company you are interviewing with. Read newspapers and magazines to get a feel for the market you are trying to break into.
4. Look for the exact job you want right out of school. Do not be discouraged by a negative job market outlook. Shoot for the top, you may land the exact job that you want.
5. Be willing to go where the jobs are, be flexible. You will benefit from making a move, and you will make contacts that may help you in the future.

Please consult the Lyceum program guide, available now, and the Lyceum spring update which will be available in late March, to be certain that you will miss none of Lyceum's future presentations. Thank you for a great quarter, we look forward to seeing even more of you this spring.

**The deadline for the next issue is Monday, March 14, at 1:00 p.m. Submit materials in D-217.**



Special Photo /CSC Public Information

**CSC AVIATION MAINTENANCE STUDENT WINS DESIGN CONTEST**-Clayton State College aviation technology student Randy Missroon, a Jonesboro native, was recently named the winner of a design contest sponsored by the College's Department of Aviation Maintenance. Missroon's design was selected by a committee of three CSC faculty and three CSC students from among nine entries. The contest was held to establish a distinctive emblem that visually represents and promotes the CSC Department of Aviation Maintenance. Missroon's mother, Sandra, is an Assistant Professor of Nursing at CSC.

### Office of Job Placement and Cooperative Education Offers Opportunities During Spring

**Question:** What is RESUME EXPERT?

**Answer:** The software package you purchase beginning Spring '94 that will enable you to...

- a) create four different styles of professional resumes;
- b) edit and revise your resume for the remainder of your life;
- c) register with the Office of Job Placement and Cooperative Education and benefit from the JPCE employer referral services.

**Question:** What is BUSINESS IN REVIEW?

**Answer:** An event that gives students the opportunity to exchange \*information with over one hundred employers in one day - April 21, 1994.

\*Learn about employers; learn about job openings; network; let employers learn about you.

**Question:** Which students have advantages in their job search efforts now and in the future?

**Answer:** Clayton State students who purchase RESUME EXPERT and participate in BUSINESS IN REVIEW during Spring Quarter 1994.

### Ouzts Mixes Health and Humor

by Brad Fairchild  
Staff Writer

On Thursday, February 24, and also the previous evening, Lyceum presented "Wellness in the Workplace," the latest installment in the health and wellness series. It was conducted by Dr. Kathleen Ouzts, Coordinator of the School of Nursing at the University of Southern Mississippi-Gulf Park. A fairly large audience of about 30 to 40 people came to hear Dr. Ouzts speak on health issues in corporate America.

Dr. Ouzts, a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves and a part-time consultant for corporations such as Johnson and Johnson, was formerly a member of the Clayton State College faculty and was the original developer of the Clayton State course entitled "Health in the Corporate Setting."

The program covered a plethora of issues dealing with health care in the business world. It ran just over an hour, barely enough time to just touch on each topic. Dr. Ouzts' use of overhead projections and her preparation of information packets for everyone allowed for a more relaxed atmosphere, since taking notes was not imperative.

Although the talk was clearly geared toward those in the nursing field, anyone in attendance would have likely learned a few helpful and interesting facts about corporate health care. Some of the issues Dr. Ouzts discussed included health care responsibility; demographics of health care users; types of corporate health programs; motivating health behavior changes; maintaining the changes; benefits and risks of certain programs; and personal roles in corporate health care.

The range of issues covered, though,

was so broad for the time allotted, that the program was somewhat unfocused and never gave adequate treatment to any particular one. Basically, no more than a few sentences were allowed for each topic before the next topic was started. This seemed to lead to a degree of audience apathy.

Dr. Ouzts, however, was prepared to counteract any undesirable audience attitude with frequent use of games and humor. In this, she was successful. Besides games that included bubble-blowing, cracker-eating, and grab-bagging, Dr. Ouzts employed comedy to enhance her presentation.

In her Lily Tomlin-like manner, she offered such gems as, "It's a love/hate relationship. But I'm married, so I'm used to it," and "Thank God Donna Karan decided to put ten percent lycra in her pantyhose. I don't want a control top; I want something that controls my drooping butt!"

Another statement that had the audience laughing was in reference to the idea that in China, after a pregnant woman delivers her baby she is expected to get back up and go plow a field. To this Dr. Ouzts said, "When I had my baby, I didn't feel like plowing a field. I wanted my husband to. And I won't tell you how I wanted him to do it!"

**The CSC Bookstore will be taking orders for class rings on March 14-15 from 12:00-6:00 p.m.**

## CAMPUS NEWS & SPORTS

### This Duet Was Not "Square"

by G. Alan Murphy, Jr.  
Staff Writer

Spivey Hall was fortunate to have two extremely talented and charming guests on Sunday February 27. Joanne Rogers and Jeannine Morrison performed their piano duets to a modestly packed house.

This duet has performed over 200 concerts and classes. Jeannine Morrison has been on the faculty here at CSC for more than twenty years and retired last year. Mrs. Morrison still performs solo concert on piano from time to time and is the mother of organist Alan Morrison. Mrs Morrison met Joanne Rogers while a student at Rollins College and the two have been performing on the piano together ever since.

Joanne Rogers is well known in the Pittsburgh area and is married to the creator and star of Public Television's "Mr. Rogers." She is also in high demand as a solo performer and piano clinician.

Despite being a little "Square" as Mrs. Morrison put it, the performance was sparkling and incredibly intricate. These two performers are richly gifted and I feel that any further concerts featuring either (or both) of these two masters should be attended.

The only problem I had with the concert was that the audience was a bit too frisky and poorly mannered. All my annoyance with the spectators were vanquished, however, when this very special couple began to play--beautifully.

### Business Students Visit Ford Assembly Plant

Tommy M. Phillips  
Student Freelance Submission

On February 18, a group of students from Mr. Chris Haberland's Total Quality Management (TQM) class toured the Ford Motor Company's Atlanta Assembly Plant in Hapeville. Also in attendance were Dr. J. Donald Phillips and several members of his Production/operations Management class.

The plant, which encompasses 52 acres, produces the Taurus and Sable automobiles at the rate of 65 per hour. To accomplish this, the plant relies on over 2,700 employees, 15 miles of conveyor, and an amazing array of robotics equipment. Operational efficiency is achieved through the use of assembly line techniques developed by Henry Ford.

The focus of the tour, however, was not the assembly line itself. Ford's dedication to the manufacture of quality automobiles was what drew the group from CSC to the plant. From the control charts plastered everywhere to the employees' attention to detail, it became very obvious to the students that quality is a way of life at Ford. At one work station, there was even a card that mentioned a customer's concern about leaking windows.

All in all, the tour was a rewarding experience for those in attendance. The students were able to see real-world applications of what had once been abstract in their textbooks, and were also able to see American manufacturing at its best.

### Lakers Win First Georgia Athletic Conference Title

by Candi Wyatt  
Staff Writer

The Clayton State Lakers clinched their first regular season Georgia Athletic Conference (GAC) title by finishing 14-2 in the conference. The Lakers have earned homecourt advantage throughout the conference play-offs. This is a definite plus since they have been undefeated at home.

On February 19, the Lakers traveled to Marietta to play Southern Tech. The game was filled with exciting slam-dunks from tip-off until the buzzer finally sounded. Keith Herring led his team to a 83-68 victory by scoring 22 points and pulling down 8 rebounds. Carlos Head scored 18 points and David

Curry had 11.

CSC went on the road again to visit LaGrange College on February 23. The teams exchanged leads throughout but the Lakers regained it for good to win it 86-75. Head led all scorers with 24 points and Herring scored 18. Brian Harmon and Michael Doyle scored 13 points each while David Curry chipped in 12.

On February 26, the Lakers played the last game of the regular season with a 100-74 LakerFest victory over visiting Piedmont College. Herring led all scorers with 29 points and 18 rebounds. He was also named GAC "Player of the Week" for the second time this season.

### Winter Book Buyback At The CSC Bookstore

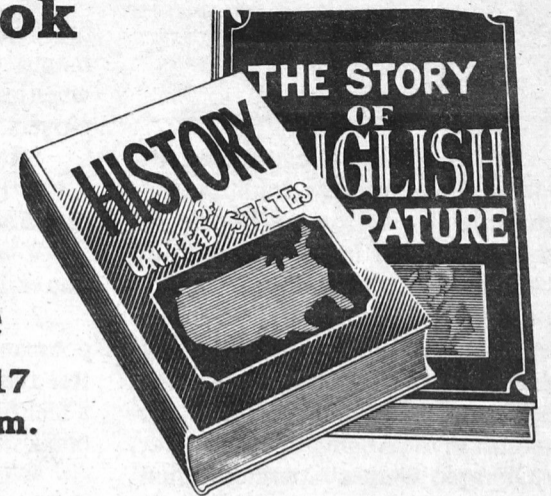
Thursday, March 17  
8:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, March 18  
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Monday, March 21  
8:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 22  
8:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Lunch Hours 1:00 - 1:45 Each Day



### Coach Jarrett Earns 200th Victory; Lady Lakers Season Ends In First Round Of Tournament

by Josh Pearson  
Co-Editor

"I quit counting those wins a long time ago," said a modest Coach Lynn Jarrett on achieving her 200th career win in the final game of the regular season. "I haven't won one yet," she added, giving the credit to the players that have played for her over her outstanding 14 year coaching career that began at Tennessee Wesleyan.

The 200th victory came against Georgia Athletic Conference(GAC) rival Piedmont College on February 26. The victory gave the Lady Lakers a 14-14 record and a 5-7 record in the GAC, ensuring them of home court advantage in the first round of the play-offs.

In the game, the Lady Lakers took a slim six point lead into the half as the score stood at 39-33. The Lady Lakers took over in the second half, though, as Candi Wyatt's 21 points and Natalie Taubert's career best 20 points led the

team to a 80-65 victory.

Unfortunately, though, the following game was the last for the Lady Lakers. In the first round of the GAC tournament, Georgia Southwestern visited Clayton State and came away with a 63-56 victory. Dorian Ransby and Candi Wyatt led their team with 20 and 14 points respectively. The loss eliminated the Lady Lakers from the tournament and ended their season with a 14-15 overall record.

The Lady Lakers GAC record was 5-8. At home, the Lady Lakers were an outstanding 10-4. On the road, however, they were a dismal 4-11.

Candi Wyatt was named GAC "Player of the Week" for the final week of the season. She averaged 20.5 points per game and 5 rebounds per game making her the good choice for "Player of the Week". Also, Tarla Tanner finished with a single season Lady Laker record 150 assist in a single season.

### Lakerfest (continued from page 1)

tropical gals really brought home the theme of this year's LakerFest.

February 26 was the final day of LakerFest and featured the alumni reception and the coronation of the king and queen. All of the king and queen candidates were dressed nicely and were ready for the final outcome. At halftime of the Lakers' game, the master of cer-

emonies of the coronation, CSC student Dwain Eidson, announced the winner of the LakerFest king and queen voting. They were Mark Miller representing the Music Club and Candi Wyatt representing *The Bent Tree*. Congratulations to all of this year's winners. The SGA hopes to see you participate in the LakerFest V activities next year.