Clayton State University previewed its future, and reviewed its past on the stage at Spivey Hall on Oct. 25.

In a world-class venue where generations of Clayton State students have had their dreams made real, it was only fitting that President Dr. Thomas J. Hynes, along with current Clayton State students, Clayton State alumni and Clayton State faculty announced the University’s identity, as epitomized by the statement… Dreams. Made Real.

The message of the morning’s program was a simple one… Clayton State is a place where dreams are made real, and it is how Clayton State identifies itself, now and in the foreseeable future.

As Hynes stated in addressing a crowd of guests, community representatives, media, Clayton State students, faculty and staff, “this is our authentic message; Clayton State is a place where dreams are made real.”

As is the case with the workings of Governor Deal’s Complete Georgia program in University System of Georgia institutions throughout the state, dreams made real is nothing new or different for Clayton State. It is something the University has done for many years, a fact shared most memorably by Dr. Donna McCarty, chair of the Clayton State Psychology Department, and a faculty member since 1978.

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Clayton State to Name Basketball Court in Honor of Long-Time Athletic Director Mason Barfield

by Gid Rowell, Athletics

Clayton State’s basketball arena at the Athletics & Fitness Center has gotten a major facelift over the last three months, and along with the renovation, the Laker home court of more than 600 games will get a new name.

Beginning in the 2012-13 basketball season, the Clayton State court will be known as the “Mason Barfield Court,” in honor of the Lakers’ former Athletic Director. Barfield, who retired last fall, founded the program 23 years ago.

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Clayton State University Vice President for External Relations Kate Troelstra has announced that Director of Development Reda Rowell will be leaving Clayton State at the end of November to become the Executive Director of the Georgia Southwestern Foundation at Georgia Southwestern State University in Americus, Ga.

“This is a tremendous opportunity for Reda, but we will miss her,” says Troelstra. “For the past 16 years Reda has been committed to Clayton State University; first in Continuing Education, then in External Relations. During her time with development she has created endowments, hosted fundraising and recognition events, and secured resources for every college and division on campus. Clayton State is better off because of her efforts.”

Rowell is an April 2012 graduate of the University System of Georgia’s (USG) eight-month-long Executive Leadership Institute (ELI), a comprehensive 120-hour development program conducted by leading experts in leadership that allows scholars to enhance their leadership skills to prepare for potential high-level advancement within the USG. During the ELI program, Rowell’s job shadow leader was Dr. Tim Mescon, president of Columbus State University. Rowell spent a total of 40 hours with Mescon in a multitude of activities.

The ELI targets the most talented individuals currently in faculty and staff leadership positions such as chair, dean, executive director (or equivalent) and above. It is designed exclusively for high potential individuals who desire to progress into senior leadership roles. Development activities closely align with a competency model, which includes skills identified as critical to the success of leaders transitioning into more complex managerial roles.

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The HUB is Hot...

Clayton State Help Desk Wins Video Contest to go with Chancellor’s Customer Service Award

Members of the Clayton State University’s IT student help desk, The HUB, have proven equally skilled in the video arena as they are in customer service.

At the University System of Georgia’s (USG) recent 41st Annual Computing Conference at the Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton, Ga., the HUB won first place in the 2012 Video Contest with their “IT Blues: ITmian Rhapsody” entry.

HUB staff who created the winning video included Sherry Paul, Steve Wagner, Chris Baldwin, Shannon Thomas, Ashley Williams, Casey Scarborough, and Nuzhut Momin.

The video first place follows closely on the heels of another dream made real, the HUB winning a gold medal in October at the 2012 USG Chancellor’s Customer Service Awards, held at Clayton State’s Student Activities Center. The HUB won that gold medal award for Front Desk Support Excellence.

The HUB team that shared in the Customer Service gold award included:

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Jarrett Terry Joins College of Information And Mathematical Sciences as Assistant Dean

Dean Dr. Lila Roberts has announced that Jarrett Terry had been appointed Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Advisement and Student Services in the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences (CIMS) at Clayton State University.

As CIMS assistant dean, he will be actively engaged in academic advisement, developing new student success and outreach initiatives, and recruiting students into CIMS programs. Terry says his passion is in guiding students toward success.

Terry comes to Clayton State from Georgia Perimeter College, where he served on Faculty Senate, was a member of several Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) grant advisory boards, and served as principal investigator of a University System of Georgia Board of Regents sponsored grant.

Terry received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science Degrees in Mechanical Engineering from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and has completed post graduate work toward a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering at Northwestern University. He has worked in higher education since 2006, primarily as an engineering faculty member, but also as coordinator for several outreach programs, a leader of student success initiatives, a transfer program coordinator, and an academic mentor to underrepresented minority programs. He is also the owner of a small business.

His work in the community includes serving as volunteer advisor for the Lego robotics First Lego League. He has also coached and served as a science fair judge.

Gordon Baker Installed as President of Southeastern Library Association

Dr. Gordon Baker, dean of Libraries Clayton State University, was recently installed as the president of the Southeastern Library Association (SELA). He will take office on Jan. 1, 2013.

“As president of the Southeastern Library Association I will be representing the more than 14,000 librarians; school, public, academic, and special; in the southeastern region of the United States,” Baker explains. “While not all 14,000 plus are members, what actions SELA takes can impact them.”

Baker has been a member of SELA for more than 30 years, and has been associated with Clayton State since 1979. He has also worked as a teacher, media specialist, and a system level administrator in Clayton and Henry counties.

“The late Charles Beard, former director of the Ingram Library at the University of West Georgia was the reason I joined SELA in the beginning.” Baker says. “He was an advocate, not only for libraries, but for librarians. He always said the only way to know what was going on in our profession was to be involved.”

In addition to being president-elect and president of SELA, Baker has previously served as secretary, treasurer, chair of the Conference Site & Exhibits Committee, chair of the School & Children’s Librarians Section and Trustees & Friends of Libraries Section.

To add to his many accomplishments, Baker has served as president of each of the three Georgia library organizations – The Georgia Library Association, The Georgia Library Media Association, and The Georgia Association for Instructional Technology. No other individual has accomplished this.

Baker is also a founding member, and the only one still working, of the joint conference; the Georgia Council of Media Organizations, founded in 1986. He has served on their Steering Committee for more than 20 years. He was also recently appointed for his fourth four-year term as

Austin Dickson Named President, Executive Director of Literacy Action

Clayton State University Instructor in Critical Thinking Austin Dickson has been named president and executive director of Literacy Action, Georgia’s largest nonprofit provider of adult basic education.

Dickson, who has been teaching at Clayton State since 2008, has previously served as director of philanthropy for Action Ministries, a statewide, faith-based, homeless services and basic needs organization. He also has worked for the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta.

A native of Texas, Dickson has degrees from Texas Christian University, the School of Divinity at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, and a master’s in public policy from Georgia Tech. His community activities include serving at the East Lake Family YMCA.
Dr. James Adcock, a faculty member in the Criminal Justice program at Clayton State University, recently returned from his second visit to the Dutch Police Academy in Apeldoorn, Netherlands.

During the second week in September, Adcock was a guest lecturer at the Dutch Police Academy. While his presentations focused on the investigation of cold cases, he provided advice and tips on how to properly evaluate a cold case, the design of victimology reports and how to develop suspects in unresolved homicides. He also gave a presentation to academy staff and police leaders from the surrounding area regarding the evaluation process of these types of cold cases.

In July 2011, in response to Adcock and Clayton State Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice Dr. Sarah Stein’s recent book, “Cold Cases: An Evaluation Model with Follow-up Strategies for Investigators,” both Adcock and Stein were invited by Jaap Knotter of the Dutch Police Academy to visit The Netherlands to discuss cold cases (i.e., older criminal cases that have never been solved.) In particular they were asked to spend a week with Knotter and his colleagues in an effort to integrate the Adcock/Stein cold case model into the curriculum for the advanced detective class at the Dutch Police Academy in Apeldoorn.

As a result of this first trip, the Dutch Police Academy officially adopted the model into their training program for detectives, and, in January 2012, a dozen students from a class at Apeldoorn came to the United States and spent a week in the Atlanta area.

While in Atlanta, they were introduced to Com Stat units of both Atlanta PD and Forest Park PD; were given a tour of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigations Crime Laboratory at Fort Gillem, and spent three days at Clayton State receiving lectures on cold case investigations and learning about staged crime scenes.

Knotter then invited Adcock back to return to the Dutch Police Academy last month to speak directly to the police detective students about cold case investigations at the Police Academy located in Apeldoorn, Netherlands.

Adcock, who is currently in the process of getting Clayton State’s Center for Justice Studies up and running, says that the experience in Apeldoorn was exhilarating in that he found the students to be extremely intelligent, from numerous different backgrounds, and open-minded with a keen desire to learn more.

“It was by far one of the best experiences I have ever had with an audience,” he adds.

The 2013 Georgia International Leadership Conference (GILC) is now open for registration for the Jan. 18 to Jan. 20, 2013 conference at Rock Eagle near Eatonton, Ga., about 45 minutes southeast of Atlanta.

Clayton State’s Division of Student Affairs and International Student Services Office (ISSO) will again sponsor the program fee for up to six participants, which includes registration, transportation, lodging, five meals, snacks and all activities during the conference for the two day, two night event.

The intensive weekend is designed to break down stereotypes, raise global awareness and build social networks beyond borders in a laid back, rustic setting through a variety of activities, which include: Wilderness service project at the Oliver Worley Environmental Education Center - Conference presentations by students - A key-note speaker - Fashion and Talent show - Dances (two) and bonfire - Video & Social Networking Project

ISSO Associate Director Brett Reichert says, “it’s an amazing, action-packed weekend. I’ve never seen students so involved and satisfied!”

In 2012, five students represented Clayton State among 202 participants from 23 colleges and universities across Georgia. Seth Nartey, president of Clayton State’s International Student Association (ISA) and a current graduate student, is a GILC alumni.

“It was awesome and incredible, definitely something more students should apply for next year!” he says.

The annual event is open to all Clayton State Students, both domestic and international, who are interested in global awareness and connections.

To apply, contact Reichert at brettreichert@clayont.edu or (678) 466-5499. The deadline to apply is Friday, Nov. 30, 2012.
Across the Campus...

Alumni
Piedmont Henry Hospital in Stockbridge has announced that Jay Connelly is its new emergency department director. Connelly first began his career in the health care field 20 years ago after graduating from Clayton State with a bachelor’s degree in nursing.

Athletics
The Clayton State women’s cross country won the 2012 Peach Belt Conference Championship earlier this month, and along with their success on the playing field, several members of the team are also starring in the classroom. The Laker women’s squad had four runners named to the 2012 Peach Belt All-Academic squad, two to the first team and two to the honorable mention squad. Senior Paige Galvin and junior Samantha Walling were both named to the first-team All-Academic squad, and sophomores Jessica Smith and Maia Kuhnen were also recognized as honorable mention members of the All-Academic team.

Library
The Clayton State Library invites you to participate in our fall faculty and staff survey. We are seeking feedback regarding the library’s resources and services and how we can improve them. Please take 10-15 minutes to offer your input, which we will consider in planning and budgeting decisions and as we write our narratives for SACS. Previous survey results have led to an additional book return location and a popular reading collection. The survey will be open until Nov. 16 and is accessible at: http://clayton.libguides.com/survey. If you have any questions regarding the survey, please contact Erin Nagel, Assessment & Marketing Librarian, at ErinNagel@clayton.edu or 678-466-4330.

SBDC
The Clayton State University Small Business Development Center (SDBC) will be holding a workshop for online marketing, “Links, Likes, & Friends: Get Started with Online Marketing” at the Henry County Chamber of Commerce, 1709 Highway 20 West, McDonough, Ga., on Friday, Nov. 9, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost of the workshop is $69 for the general public, $59 for Henry Chamber members. Lunch will be provided as part of the registration. Call (678) 466-5100 to register, or go to www.georgiasbdc.org.

International Programs
Director of International Programs John Parkerson attended a very high-level dinner celebration Thursday, Oct. 18 in Washington, D.C., at the U.S. Institute for Peace. The dinner celebrated the 56th anniversary of Hungary’s 1956 revolution and was hosted by the Embassy of Hungary. Speakers included, in addition to Hungarian Ambassador Szapáry, Foreign Minister of Hungary Martonyi, former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, former New York Governor Pataki, and Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart (Republican-Florida). Parkerson, as honorary consul for Hungary for the southeastern Unites States was one of the invited guests.

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team leader Thomas, director, client support services; Joyce Sandusky, assistant director of student software support; John Wallom, assistant director of virtual services, Wagner, assistant director of the service counter; Paul, assistant director of campus support; Baldwin, client communication manager; and Sundiata Kita-Brashaw, client support manager.

“In 2008, the HUB also won the Chancellor’s Silver Award for Customer Service,” notes Clayton State Vice President for Information Technology and Services Dr. John Bryan. “In the next decade, the HUB will continue to evolve world-class support for new forms of mobile ubiquitous Information Technologies.”

The HUB is the technical support for the campus, including satellite locations. The HUB is comprised of 35 student workers, six full-time staff, and one director under the division of the Office of Information Technology and Services (OITS). The HUB works as Level One and Level Two support for other departments within OITS. Its charge is to provide technological support to approximately 7,150 students and 1,000 faculty and staff.

The USG Computing Conference provides the opportunity for technology professionals and technology users throughout the System to exchange information with their peers and gain an accurate picture of the current and future state of technology.

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and several startup nonprofits; the Atlanta Music Project, Community Farmers Markets, Georgia Benefits Counsel, and L’Arche Atlanta.

Under Dickson’s direction, Literacy Action will continue to focus on providing programming for adults seeking literacy and work skills, and raising awareness on low-literacy in the Atlanta region and throughout Georgia.
**CSTV to Host Second Annual Loch Fest Film Festival**

Clayton State Television (CSTV) will be hosting its Second Annual Loch Fest Film Festival on Saturday, Nov. 10, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., in the Clayton State University Student Activities Center.

Loch Fest is an Atlanta student film festival, created by Clayton State, where student and professional work is showcased and dreams can be made real. Loch Fest gives student films more exposure in the Atlanta community and allows professionals to showcase their work and speak about their views of film as an art and a business. Sponsored by Clayton State’s Department of Campus Life and CSTV, the website for Loch Fest is http://cstvnow.com/lochfest.

This year’s Loch Fest, which is free and open to the public, will include, in addition to the submitted films, family fun, food, games, music and giveaways.

Contact Jennifer DeMond, student media advisor in Student Affairs, for more information. By phone: (678) 466-5427 or by email: jenniferdemond@clayton.edu.

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**“Destiny” and “Macbeth” Open Together**

Thursday, Nov. 8 will be a big day for Clayton State University Assistant Professor of Theatre Patricia Henritze.

In addition to being the opening night for her Clayton State Theatre directorial debut with Macbeth, Henritze will also have one of her own plays debuting in the EstroGenius Festival that starts the same night, some 1,000 miles away in New York City.

Henritze’s ten-minute play Destiny premiers at the Short Plays Series of the EstroGenius Festival. By coincidence, the festival opens Nov. 8, the same night the Clayton State Theatre opens its production of Macbeth, as directed by Professor Henritze.

The EstroGenius Festival (www.estrogenius.org) is Manhattan Theatre Source’s annual celebration of female voices, and one of New York City’s largest women’s arts festivals. Described by the EstroGenius website as anchoring the EstroGenius Festival, the Short Plays Series presents the New York premieres of a series of thought-provoking short plays. Destiny, written by Henritze, directed by Emma Duncan, and featuring Charlotte Foster and Jenny Paul, features a...
Clayton State University Jazz Combo Presents “Swinging for Tony,” November 18

The Clayton State University Department of Visual and Performing Arts presents the Clayton State University Jazz Combo in “Swinging for Tony” in Spivey Hall on Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m. This event – held in memory of former Jazz Combo member Tony Terrell – is free and open to the public.

The tribute concert will feature jazz classics from the libraries of Art Blakey, Freddie Hubbard, and Sonny Rollins, recent works by current artists/composers Kenny Garrett and Maurice Brown, and new arrangements by Clayton State University Jazz Combo director Stacey Houghton (Rex).

"I find it important to keep standard and well-loved melodies alive by giving them exciting, fresh treatments for today’s audiences,” says Houghton. “These original tunes have stood the test of time, and they deserve to be preserved within the jazz tradition.”

Performing in “Swinging for Tony” are the following talented musicians: Houghton, tenor saxophone; Josh Singleton (Conyers), trumpet; Brandon Patman (Decatur), tenor saxophone; Rodney Allen, Jr. (Atlanta), alto saxophone & piano; Kelly Jarrard (Stockbridge), guitar & vocal; Ryan Stegall (Jonesboro), bass; and Elliott Phillips (Hapeville), drums. Guest pianists include Marvin Pollock (Forest Park) and John Bennett (Decatur).

In addition to several new arrangements, the evening will also feature an original piece Houghton composed in memory of his friend and long-time fellow musician. Terrell passed away on Sept. 20. He played bass and trombone as a regular member of the Clayton State University Jazz Combo and the Clayton Community Big Band from 2003-2009.

To learn more about the upcoming “Swinging for Tony” performance, contact Houghton at HOUGHTONES@aol.com or call (678) 466-4750. Directions to Spivey Hall, located on the main campus of Clayton State University, are available at www.clayton.edu.

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Rowell led the effort to secure Clayton State Foundation’s first million dollar gift, a naming gift for the University’s “signature” building, the James M. Baker University Center. She has also directed Clayton State’s remarkably successful yearly Faculty/Staff Fund Drive, which has regularly drawn a participation rate in excess of 90 percent, averaging 95 percent over the past 10 years, and topping out twice at 100 percent participation.

She also served as the Clayton State Foundation’s liaison, providing leadership for the creation and operation of CSU Foundation Real Estate I LLC and CSU Foundation Real Estate II LLC, the LLC’s responsible for the building of Laker Hall, the University’s first on-campus housing, and the Student Activities Center. Thus, along with her efforts on behalf of the Baker Center, Rowell has played a seminal role in Clayton State’s three largest and most distinctive buildings.

Rowell holds of two degrees from Clayton State, a Bachelor of Business Administration with Management Concentration in 1998, and a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies with a History Concentration in 2009.

She started at Clayton State in August 1996 as budget manager for the Division of Continuing Education, remaining in that position until July 1998, when she became director of Operations and Resource Development for Continuing Education. From February 2001 to February 2006, she served as both director of Development and director of Alumni Relations, relinquishing the latter role when the University hired its first full-time director of Alumni Relations. Rowell was also the founding president of Sigma Beta Delta, the School of Business Honor Society, in 1999.

A resident of Jonesboro, Rowell has been heavily involved in the community since starting a 15-year career at Loggins & Associates, a CPA firm, in August 1981. Among the highlights of her community work have been serving on the board of the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce from 1991 to 1997, including serving as vice chair of the Small Business Committee, during which time (in 1995) she was named the Chamber’s “Pacesetter of the Year.”

A two-time finalist for Clayton County Businesswoman of the Year, Rowell also sat on the Board of Directors of Arts Clayton from 1995 to 2006, serving two terms as president. A member and past president (2006/2007) of the Lake Spivey Rotary Club, she was made an international Paul Harris Fellow for service to the club.
Content Management System Conversion and Implementation Update

The process of implementing a Content Management System (CMS) for the University website began on June 17, 2011. The first sites, including the University home page, were published on Dec. 12, 2011. Administrative division and departmental sites contained in the “admservices” domain were launched on Mar. 5, 2012. Academic unit sites were published on May 16 and Aug. 1, 2012. The conversion to DotNetNuke (DNN) is now 95 percent complete.

Training and refresher sessions for editors will be ongoing. As the institutional transition to the CMS nears conclusion, attention will shift to the visual improvements and marketing features which are critical to promotion and positioning of the University. Implementation of brand message elements on all websites will be phased in over the next several months. One of the benefits to the CMS conversion is that visitors will be unable to access old or outdated information from the old sites using the search function. All of the previous sites have been archived for reference purposes.

The roles in this project were a collaborative endeavor among several divisions and units:

OITS: DNN product installation, configuration, integration; technical and operational support; web servers

Image & Communications: consultation with all campus departments; building home page, department, division, and college sites; training of editors; design, appearance, and consistency; marketing and branding elements; support for units without editors; maintenance of entire University website; ADA compliance

CID: faculty “homepage” websites – transition of faculty site to DNN; training on faculty homepage structure and composition

The following colleagues participated in the CMS conversion project: Tom Marshall, Chris Hansen, and Richard Young in OITS Administrative Systems; Roger Poore, Dan Newcombe, and Todd Birchfield in OITS Telecommunications & Networking; Leanne Bradberry, Shannon Crupi, and Dolores Cox in the Office of University Image and Communications; and Jill Lane, Lou Brackett, Steven Smith, James Fries, and Christopher White in the Center for Instructional Development.

The support and cooperation of the University community is greatly appreciated as efforts continue to enhance the University’s online presence.

The Clayton Community Big Band Presents “Hooked on Basie,” November 26

The Clayton State University Department of Visual and Performing Arts presents the Clayton Community Big Band (CCBB) in “Hooked On Basie” in Spivey Hall on Monday, Nov. 26 at 7:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

“Hooked on Basie” will include popular charts from all decades of Basie’s career, including writers Neal Hefti, Quincy Jones, Sammy Nestico, and Bill Holman.

"This is actually the fourth program of 100 percent Count Basie music that the CCBB has held in our twelve years of existence,” says founding and current director Stacey Houghton (Rex). “I am surely hooked on Basie, the band can't get enough Basie, and our audiences always enjoy and request Basie; this concert cannot lose! It has been five years since the last all-Basie show, so we are due for another.”

Performing in “Hooked on Basie” are the following talented musicians: Stacey Houghton, director and tenor saxophone; Art Thompson (Fayetteville), assistant director and drums; Marquis Hare (Forest Park), Blake Anderson (McDonough), Rodney Allen, Jr. (Atlanta), Brandon Patman (Decatur), Michael Terry (Meansville) on saxophone; Michael Wheeler (Forest Park), Anthony G. Bailey (Decatur), Josh Singleton (Conyers), Mark Lewis (McDonough), Taylor Threlkeld (Morrow), Bryson Manzy (Morrow) on trumpet; Doug Murray (Jonesboro), Wayne Hughes (Thomaston), Keith Gardner (Locust Grove), Mark Gladfelter (Ellenwood); piano: Marvin Pollock (Forest Park) on trombone; Chris Grajko (McDonough), Jacob Hall (Fayetteville) on guitar; Jennifer Dunn (Morrow), Emily Dunn (Lovejoy) on bass; and Art Thompson (Fayetteville) on drums.

To learn more about the upcoming “Hooked on Basie” performance, contact Houghton at HOUGHTONES@aol.com or call (678) 466-4750. Directions to Spivey Hall, located on the main campus of Clayton State University, are available at www.clayton.edu.
This action-driven tragedy is enthusiastically endorsed by the entire Clayton State student cast. Thespians from Atlanta, Conyers, Morrow, Stockbridge, and Fayetteville will, “entertain and make it easy to follow as we make Shakespeare’s work effortless to understand,” says Chicago native and performer Jessica Horne.

Actress Amanda Wilson reveals that, “the play gives way to human nature; jealousy, pride, spitefulness and courage; all characteristics that make up a human each person deals with their own inner demons differently.”

Darius Booker, from Hinesville, Ga., shares that he is a lot like his character, Macbeth. Booker says, “I am valiant and I want to honor what’s right. Sometimes I have a desire for status and when I get it I want to ensure that I keep it.”

Come join the Clayton State Theater in an exciting evening of witch’s spells, hand-to-hand combat and amazing acting in the dynamic new production of Shakespeare’s “Macbeth,” directed by Patricia Henritze, Clayton State assistant professor of Theater.

In addition to the performances of “Macbeth,” the Clayton State Theatre has also issued a “Macbeth Challenge” to Clayton State students, holding a contest to see who can think outside the box when it comes to “Macbeth.” The Theatre is looking for the best sonnet, monologue and/or video based off of the themes of “Macbeth” including, but not limited to “power, lust, betrayal, and of course, murder.”

In addition to Mason’s leadership, Barfield’s biggest challenge came in the winter of 1995 when the Clayton State administration announced the intention to move the athletic program to NCAA Division II status and join the Peach Belt Conference. To make that happen, Barfield oversaw the unprecedented move of starting up five new sports – women’s soccer, men’s golf, women’s tennis and men’s and women’s cross country – with competition in those five sports beginning in the fall of 1995, just six months after the announcement of the additions.

After the first few years of transition into the Peach Belt Conference, Laker Athletics began to take shape at the Division II level under Barfield’s leadership. Since 2000, Clayton State has won 15 Peach Belt Conference regular season championships and finished conference runner-up on 12 occasions. In addition, Laker teams have also won eight Peach Belt Tournament championships, one Peach Belt Tournament winning streak for 15 years (women’s cross country), five Peach Belt Academic Championships, and four Peach Belt Presidential Recognition Awards.

A native of Hahira, Ga., Barfield was hired as the athletic director and men’s head basketball coach at Clayton State in the fall of 1989 after serving one year as an instructor and men’s assistant basketball coach at Kennesaw State University, three years of teaching and serving as boy’s head basketball coach at Lassiter High School in Marietta, Ga., and three years of teaching and coaching at Lowndes High School in Valdosta, Ga. Over the first five seasons as an NAIA program, he built the Laker men’s basketball program into a highly-competitive team in the Georgia Athletic Conference, winning consecutive regular season conference championships in 1994 and 1995; and winning more games than all but one four year intercollegiate program in the state over his last three seasons.

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the Henry County Board of Education’s representative to the Henry County Public Library’s Board of Trustees.

Baker is enthusiastic about being the president of SELA.

“I look forward to working with the folks who make SELA tick,” he says. “SELA is an organization of hard-working individuals from many states.”
Mark your calendars for the

Women’s Forum

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Juan Rosado, and senior computer science major Christine Gardner. Two alumni also spoke, Colleen Walters (B.S., Nursing, 2012) and Charles Frazier, Jr. (B.A., Middle Grades Education, 2002). Another faculty member, Dr. Gary May of the College of Business, also added his thoughts.

All had similar messages, that Clayton State had made their dreams real.

What types of dreams does Clayton State make real? Dreams for first generation college students like Rosado… dreams for college athletes like Frazier… dreams for older or non-traditional students, who may have almost given up on getting a college degree like Walters, Gardner and Frazier… dreams of those who felt that call to teach like May… and dreams of former dual enrolled students like Vann.

“For now, I am Clayton State, a school where dreams are made real,” said Frazier, a former Clayton State basketball star who is now assistant principal and basketball coach at Henderson Middle School in Jackson, Ga. “How do I know this? Because they made my dreams real.”

In all cases, what Clayton State and its people do is strive to make dreams real. And the key word is “real,” it’s what Clayton State does best.

As remarkable a series of stories as the in-person testimonials presented, they were almost upstaged by an 11-minute video, shot by another Clayton State graduate, Christian Bowen (B.A., Communications and Media Studies, 2007) and the brainchild of Clayton State Communications Coordinator Dolores Cox. Featuring a diverse group of Clayton State students and faculty expressing their dreams, and concluding with a tribute to the 2011 NCAA Division II national championship women’s basketball team, the “Dreams. Made Real.” video will subsequently be posted on the Clayton State You Tube channel for the world to see that Clayton State is a place where dreams are made real. Because the Oct. 25 presentation on the Spivey Hall stage was just the preview of a remarkable, authentic future that will define Clayton State going forward.

Clayton State is Dreams. Made Real.
Wellness Council Information

For 2012-13
In our fourth year, the Wellness Council will be focusing on encouraging all employees to become involved with the following:

1. The Passport to Wellness Program. This program is sponsored by the Department of Human Resources. This program will encourage employees to participate in various programs on campus and receive a stamp on the passport for doing so.

2. The Weight of the Nation. This outstanding program will occur in January and takes a hard look at the nation’s obesity epidemic and how we can collectively solve this problem. This premier is sponsored by the Department of Recreation & Wellness and Kaiser Permanente. In conjunction with this event, the Department of Recreation & Wellness will be launching an employee-based incentive program in January entitled, “Lose to Win” to encourage healthy, long-term weight loss/management.

3. Increase Your Health Awareness. You are strongly encouraged to take the confidential Health Risk Appraisal (HRA) by going to this link: http://www.bcbsga.com/health-insurance/health-and-wellness/hw-overview. This tool will provide you with excellent feedback about your health and associated risks.

4. Do Simple Moves Daily! Yes, it is time to start moving about the office. Too much sitting negatively impacts our health and health-care costs. Nationally, the total direct and indirect cost of physical inactivity is $147 billion! (WELCOA Seminar, 10/25/12, Sean Foy, MA). Doing something is better than doing nothing. Perform simple moves each hour during the day: Reach, step, push, pull, squat, lift, twist, lunge, and balance. Email Cindy Lauer at cindylauer@clayton.edu and we will be happy to come over and teach you (and your department) the moves!

5. Recycle. The Wellness Council continues to advocate for the campus recycling program and encourage everyone to become engaged in the effort to recycle their office paper, bottles, and cans in the bins located around campus. Not only is this good for the environment, it is good for Clayton State too because it saves us money on waste disposal during these tough economic times.

How Contact Us: The Council strives to address the various dimensions of wellness for the campus community. If we can serve as a resource for you, please do not hesitate to contact any one of the council members for assistance.

   Carolina Amero      Alberta Robinson
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   Todd Birchfield   John Shiffer
   John Campbell     Christine Smith
   James Fries       Vickie Smith
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   Cindy Knight      Valerie Lancaster
   Cindy Lauer   Donna McCarty
   Tammy Moore      

Campus Wellness Opportunities & Programs
The Wellness Council encourages you to take advantage of the many opportunities available on campus to reach your wellness goals. It all begins with YOU!

Employee Assistance Program (EAP) - Clayton State University provides an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) to all benefits eligible employees and their immediate family members. The EAP is a behavioral health program which offers confidential assessment and counseling services for personal concerns or behavioral problems that can affect an employee’s and/or an immediate family member’s job performance. The program assists employees in identifying and resolving personal concerns such as health, marital, work, family, financial, alcohol, drug, legal, emotional, stress, or other personal concerns. An unlimited Work/Life component assists time-pressed employees and family members in their search for the right child care, elder care, pet care or college assistance and provides financial and legal counseling. For more information, visit: http://www.clayton.edu/human-resources/home

Healthy Eating – Sodexo has introduced a more holistic approach to wellness, nutrition and sustainable, called The Better Tomorrow Plan. For more information, please visit: http://www.csudining.com/ or http://www.tomorrow-starts2day.com/

Intramural Sports Program – C’t, you know you want to play! Find that inner kid in you and join in a game of kickball or dodge ball. How about challenging another department in a game of your choice? You are guaranteed to have some laughs and a get some exercise at that same time. Call the Department of Recreation & Wellness and we will coordinate the event for you! For more information, visit: http://www.clayton.edu/recwell/intramural-sports/staff

Laker Challenge Course – The Laker Challenge Course provides opportunities for students, faculty, staff, and groups to engage in activities that encourage personal growth in an environment that promotes physical, social, and emotional well-being. We will look for opportunities that utilize the challenge by choice philosophy to foster a safe environment promoting positive group interaction, challenge, discussion, learning, and fun.

Shorter indoor activities are also available for groups. For more information please contact the Assistant Director of Recreation & Wellness (Outdoor Adventure) at (678) 466-4972. http://www.clayton.edu/recwell/outdooradventure/corecourse

Massage Therapy Services – Massage is a great tool for stress reduction, injury prevention and / or rehabilitation, and performance enhancement. Both chair and full body massage is available. To schedule an on-campus appointment, please call (678) 984-2943. This program is coordinated by the Department of Recreation & Wellness. For more information, please visit: http://www.clayton.edu/recwell/wellnessprograms/massage

Nutrition & Weight Management – With our busy schedules, it is easy to adopt poor nutrition habits. However, meeting with an expert in nutrition will put you back on the right track and provide you with the knowledge you need to improve your dietary habits and ultimately your overall health. Professional dietetic consultations may be scheduled with Ms. Tori Roberts via email @ Tori.Roberts@gmail.com or by calling 404-735-7420 for an evening appointment at your convenience. This program is coordinated by the Department of Recreation & Wellness. For more information, please visit: For more information, please visit: http://www.clayton.edu/recwell/wellnessprograms/nutrition

Outdoor Adventure Program – Getting outdoors is very therapeutic and a great way to unwind from the job. Employees are invited to join us for a great adventure. We offer just about everything you could want through the outdoor adventure program. Rafting, skiing, surfing, hiking, rock climbing, snorkeling and more! For more information, visit: http://www.clayton.edu/recwell/outdooradventure

Outdoor Campus Recreation
Walking Trails – We have two walking trails on campus: The Campus Loop is 1.5 miles in length and the Laker Loop is 1 mile long.

Disc Golf - As well, behind the SAC you will find a 9-hole disc golf course for your enjoyment. There is no charge for these outdoor amenities and guests may check out a disc at the front desk of the SAC. To see the trails and disc golf course, please visit: http://adminservices.clayton.edu/recwell/wellness/ifno.htm

The SAC Fitness Center – Employees are eligible and encouraged to purchase a membership at the student funded SAC. Prices are competitive at under $23 per month for those who select the annual membership plan. Your membership also includes group exercise classes http://www.clayton.edu/recwell/fitnesscenter/groupexercise. Employees who would like to try the Fitness Center to see if the facility suits their needs are encouraged to do so by contacting Cindy Lauer, Director of Recreation & Wellness for a free one-week trial membership. Arrangements must be made in advance through Cindy at Cindylauer@clayton.edu. For more information about the Fitness Center, please visit: http://www.clayton.edu/recwell/fitnesscenter/membership

University Health Services – Employees are eligible to take advantage of the services provided by University Health. For a modest fee, a team of Nurse Practitioners, Registered Nurses, and Certified Medical Assistants are available to assist you with identification and management of your health care needs; and to provide educational and health prevention opportunities. For more information, visit: http://www.clayton.edu/uhs

Walking Group (The “Walkie Talkies”) – If you are interested in participating in an on-campus walking group, please contact Vickie Smith at Vickiesmith@clayton.edu with days and times that you are available so that she can coordinate a schedule.
Clayton State Business Students
Winners at Mediation Tournaments

Several Clayton State University students from a variety of majors have been competing, and winning, in Mediation tournaments during the month of October.

A regional tournament was held at Brenau University on Oct. 5 and Oct. 6. Bertha Amosu (Peachtree City), an accounting major, earned the First Place Mediator Award. Management majors Walter Gray (Macon) and Sabrina Green (Dawson) won an award as a top advocacy team.

On International Conflict Resolution Day, Oct. 12, Georgia State University held a mediation tournament and symposium. At that event, Rachel Hohenstein-Higgins (Jackson), a legal studies major, was given the Second Place Peacemaker Award. Other Mediation Team members include Carrie René Thomas (Morrow), a psychology major, and Latangila Hodges (Rex), a supply chain management major.

Team coaches are Dr. Judith Ogden, associate professor of Business Law, and Alicia S. Myrick, coordinator of Community Standards. Just prior to each tournament, teams are sent an edited version of facts for several cases, although all cases will not be used at the tournament. During a round, one team member is matched with a student from another school, and they will serve as co-mediators. The other team members play a party to the dispute and that party’s advocate before a different pair of mediators. Students are scored on their performances as mediators and as an advocacy team.

The students are now preparing for the national competition which will be held on Nov. 1 to Nov. 3, at Brenau University. Students interested in mediation training or peer mediation opportunities typically contact Ogden at judithogden@clayton.edu. In addition, on campus tournaments are being organized for spring.

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disheveled young bride and her reluctant maid of honor pondering the questions of life: Why wear panty hose? Is there more beer? Is our life a series of random events? Or is it Destiny?

Founded by Fiona Jones in 2000, the EstroGenius Festival debuted with a program of 10 short plays and music. Since then, it has grown into a multi-week event including short plays, solo shows, music, visual art, dance, stand-up comedy, teen performances and support for African girls’ education, and showcasing award-winning playwrights Sheila Callaghan, Quiara Alegria Hudes, T.D. Mitchell and Melissa Maxwell.

Students rehearse for the fall 2012 production, “Macbeth.” Show opens Nov. 8 and runs Nov. 9, 10, 15 and 16.
October 29, 2012

IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING EMPLOYMENT OF TRS RETIREES

TRS is governed by Georgia law which specifically states, “Each employer shall certify to the board of trustees the date on which the employee’s employment is or will be severed and that no agreement exists to allow the employee to return to service, including service as or for an independent contractor.” [O.C.G.A. § 47-3-101(a)].

Each employer is required to certify that no pre-existing agreement exists on the TRS Retirement Certification Report (TRS-8 form). TRS audits retiree accounts for compliance with Georgia law. A violation of this law will require us to revoke a retiree’s retirement date. The employee may apply for retirement at a future date; however, future retirement dates will be subject to the benefits allowable on that date and not the employee’s original retirement date. Additionally, if an employee’s retirement date is revoked, you or the employee may be liable to TRS for all monthly benefit payments paid.

For example, an employee retires effective December 1, 2012, to receive the 3% tax offset. If an audit of this account reveals that you and the employee entered into a pre-existing agreement, verbal or written, allowing the employee to return to work effective January 1, 2013, the employee’s December 1st retirement date will become null and void. The employee may reapply for retirement at a future date; however, the 3% tax offset is no longer in effect for all retirements on or after January 1, 2013.

Another example to consider is one of your employees retires effective December 1, 2012. You and your employee have verbally agreed that the employee will suspend their TRS benefit effective January 1, 2013 and return to work full-time from January - May, 2013. At the end of the employee’s full-time employment, the employee will reinstate their TRS retirement benefit and maintain their December 1, 2012 retirement date. If an audit of this account reveals that you and the employee entered into this pre-existing agreement, the employee’s December 1, 2012 retirement date will be revoked.

Please be advised that “Any person who knowingly makes any false statements or falsifies or permits to be falsified any records of the retirement system...shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.....shall be punished by a fine not exceeding $500.00, imprisonment not exceeding 12 months, or both. [O.C.G.A. § 47-3-141(a)]. To ensure compliance with Georgia law, please make sure that you and your staff are aware of all employment issues prior to signing/certifying the TRS-8 form.

TRS is here to assist you, so please feel free to contact us anytime with any questions you may have.
Women’s Basketball Holds Off Emory in Exhibition Play, 59-57
by Gid Rowell, Athletics

The Clayton State women’s basketball program raced out to a big lead Saturday and then had to hold on in its first exhibition game of the season, defeating Emory 59-57 at the Athletics & Fitness Center.

Clayton State guard Keona Dixon hit two free throws with three-tenths of a second remaining to lift the Lakers to the two-point victory. Dixon was fouled coming down the floor just outside the three-point arc, as the Lakers hurried down the court in an attempt to get off a final shot.

The Lakers had led from the opening tip until Emory guard Hannah Lilly drilled a three-pointer in the closing seconds to tie the score at 57. The shot capped a 16-2 run by the Eagles.

Clayton State will return to action on Friday, hosting Southern Poly in another exhibition game at 7:30 p.m. at the Athletics & Fitness Center.

For the Lakers, junior center Shacamra Jackson led the attack with 15 points, 13 rebounds and six steals. Senior Guard Drameka “Me Me” Griggs finished with 13 points, six assists and seven steals. Senior forward Kayla Mobley finished with eight points and seven boards.

Griggs Named to Women’s Preseason All-Peach Belt Team

With the start of the 2012-13 women’s basketball season just around the corner, Clayton State senior guard Drameka Griggs has received some preseason accolades based on her fine play over the last two years.

Griggs was one of five players to be named to the Peach Belt Conference Preseason All-Conference Team selected by the league’s head coaches. Along with Griggs, North Georgia’s Jaymee Carnes, USC Aiken’s Kayla Harris, Armstrong’s Mauri Wells and Georgia College’s Shanteona Keys were also named to the preseason squad.

“MeMe (Drameka) is very deserving of this honor, and we are thrilled for her,” says head coach Dennis Cox. “She has been a huge part of our success over the last two seasons, and we are expecting big things from her again this year, as she embarks upon her senior season. Congratulations to her, as well as to the other four players named.”

Griggs was Clayton State’s second leading scorer last year, averaging 11 points per game. During the last two seasons, she has been an integral part of a Clayton State team that has a 64-5 record, winning a Peach Belt Conference championship in the 2011-12 season and a National Championship in 2010-11.

The Lakers tipped off their exhibition season on Saturday defeating Emory 59-57, and will return to the hardwood on Friday, hosting Southern Poly in 7:30 p.m. exhibition game.

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Belt tournament titles and finished as tournament runner-up four times, establishing Clayton State as an elite power in the Peach Belt.

At the national level, Clayton State teams have advanced to the NCAA Division II National Tournament 48 times since 2000, including three “Final Four,” six “Elite Eight” and fourteen “Sweet 16” appearances. The culmination of that success was in 2011 when the Laker women’s basketball team captured Clayton State’s first NCAA Division II national championship, defeating Michigan Tech, 69-50, in the title game in St. Joseph’s, Mo.

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Clayton State Drops 1-0 Heartbreaker in PBC Quarterfinals

by Gid Rowell, Athletics

The Clayton State men’s soccer team lost a heartbreaker on Tuesday, Oct. 30, falling 1-0 in the final minutes to Montevallo in the quarterfinals of the Peach Belt Conference Championships in Montevallo, Ala.

Montevallo scored the game-winning goal with seven minutes remaining in the match as Pierre Omanga found the back of the net after a pass from Patrick Dean.

The loss was a tough one for the Lakers as the squad outshot the Falcons 23-17 and had 11 shots on goal compared to only six for Montevallo. The Lakers also led the Falcons 10-4 in corner kicks. Senior keeper Matt Sutton finished with five saves.

The loss ends Clayton State’s season with a 7-8-1 record on the year.

Women’s Soccer Season Ends in PBC Tournament Quarterfinals

The Clayton State women’s soccer season came to an end on Tuesday, Oct. 30, falling 4-2 to North Georgia in the quarterfinals of the Peach Belt Conference Championships in Dahlonega, Ga.

With North Georgia leading 1-0 after the first half of play, both teams went on a scoring frenzy early in the second half with five goals scored in a 10-minute stretch. The Saints took a 2-0 with 42 minutes remaining as Kelly Penston scored her second goal of the match, banking a shot off the side post for a goal.

Clayton State quickly answered though, cutting the deficit to 2-1 as senior forward Natalia Valentine scored two minutes later off an assist from junior midfielder Lea Nothoff, her team-leading sixth assist of the season. Nothoff played a ball into the box and Valentine beat the defense for her team-leading 11th goal of the year.

The Saints came right back two minutes later to re-establish its two-goal lead, as Abby Trevino scored off a pass from Penston.

The Lakers answered again less than a minute later as Valentine scored her second goal of the match, taking a pass from midfielder Alicia Robinson and then beating the North Georgia defense. The goal for Valentine was her 12th of the season and the 32nd for her career, which is third all-time on the Clayton State goals scored list.

Leading 3-2, North Georgia added some insurance with 31 minutes remaining as Caroline Wallace scored off a rebound of a previous shot to close out the scoring and secure the victory.

The loss ends Clayton State’s season with a 10-7-2 record on the year. The 10-win season was the program’s first double-digit winning season since 2006.

Trivia Time

No Moderator!

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Since there’s nothing much trickier than presidential politics (how do you think Richard Nixon got his nickname?), it seems only right that the penultimate presidential trivia question of the year was... a trick question.

Who moderated the Lincoln/Douglas debates? Well, it sure wasn’t Horace Greeley, because there was no moderator. They each just spoke to a preset amount of time.

Historian/three-time former Tom Eddins Virtual Trivia Trophy winner Lou Brackett had the first correct answer, followed by Rob Taylor, David Ludley (which goes to show that Clayton State retirees follow Campus Review and Trivia Time), Kurt-Alexander Zeller (who pointed out there must have been a timekeeper), Jill Ellington and Brett Reichert.

Having almost beaten this particular dead horse into extinction, we’ll go for one more presidential trivia question. Other than George Washington, what president was elected president despite the fact that he’d never previously voted for president? Send your answers, not to Henry Clay (who really should have been elected president at some point), but to johnshiffert@clayton.edu.

Clayton State opens the regular season on the road in Jackson, Tenn., in the Union University Lady Bulldog Classic, facing two of the toughest teams that NCAA Division II and the NAIA has to offer. The Lakers will play perennial Division II women’s basketball powerhouse Delta State on Friday, Nov. 16, followed by facing the host Union, who has captured multiple NAIA national championships over the last few years the next day.

Clayton State’s home schedule will begin on Saturday, Dec. 1, hosting the Loch Shop Classic. The Classic will feature Clayton State, league opponent North Georgia, regional opponent Lenoir-Rhyne and Chowan. Clayton State will play Chowan and Lenoir-Rhyne in the two-day event.
Laker Women’s Cross Country Qualifies For NCAA National Championship Meet

by Gid Rowell, Athletics

The Clayton State women’s cross country team is headed to the NCAA National Championships for the first time in the program’s history.

The Lakers finished second Saturday in the NCAA Division II Southeast Regional, advancing to NCAA Division II National Championships in Joplin, Mo. Clayton State finished with 99 points for second place behind Peach Belt Conference rival Columbus’ 87 points.

“I come away with mixed feelings on this one, despite the history that this team established today. They became the first women’s team to earn a trip to the NCAA championship meet by placing four in the Top 25,” says head coach Mike. “But we came up short in winning a region title. I’m extremely proud of these hard running ladies and they have realized our team goal of going to nationals.”

As one of the top three teams in the field of 27, Clayton State advances to the NCAA Division II National Championships on Nov. 17 that will host by Missouri Southern State University. Peach Belt Conference foe UNC Pembroke rounded out the top three to qualify for the national meet.

Clayton State senior Paige Galvin led the way Saturday, placing fourth overall in the meet with a time of 22:58 in the 6K meet. She was 18 seconds behind the region winning time of Kaley Glover of Montevallo.

“Paige delivered her finest race to date with our highest individual region finish since Allison Kreutzer won the 2008 region title,” says Mead. “She cracked the 23 minute 6K mark for the first time and picked up her second straight All Region award. She now has run three Top 25 all-time team bests for 6K.”

Behind Galvin, sophomore Racquel Valadez placed 11th with a time of 23:21 to also garner All-Region honors, followed by sophomore Jessica Smith finishing 16th with a time of 23:32. Junior Samantha Walling placed 21st with a time of 23:40. Both Smith and Walling were also named to the All-Region team by placing in the Top 25.

Junior Gisele Javois rounded out the scoring for Clayton State finishing 55th with a time of 24:34.

“Gisele saved our bacon today,” says Mead. “She has turned in two consecutive big-time efforts the past two meets to help us win a conference title and a trip to nationals. She is a totally different runner than from a year ago.”

Freshman Taylor Galvin placed 66th with a time of 24:50, followed by sophomore Maia Kuhnen, who has been limited since the conference meet due to an injury, finished 79th with a time of 25:17.

Men’s Golf Wins West Georgia Tournament

The Clayton State men’s golf team saved its best for last, en route to a tournament championship last Tuesday.

After shooting rounds of 304 and 303 on Monday, the Lakers fired a final round of 299 on Tuesday to capture first place in the Matt Dyas Memorial Collegiate at Oak Mountain Championship Golf Club in Carrollton, Ga.

Playing in difficult windy and cold conditions, the team responded with a round of 299, which tied for the best team round of the tournament to claim the title. The Lakers prevailed over host and in-state rival West Georgia by six strokes.

The Braves, who led the Lakers by two strokes entering the final round on Tuesday finished the tourney with a round of 307 and placed second overall. Peach Belt Conference opponent North Georgia placed third, but 22 shots back of the Lakers.

Clayton State sophomore Will Shenstone led the Lakers, placing second in the event, shooting a final round 73 to finish four shots behind low medalist Corey Evans. Shenstone had rounds of 73-77-73, while Evans shot rounds of 75-73-71 on the par-72, 7,026-yard course.

Behind Shenstone, sophomore Ryan Haskell tied for third with rounds of 72-76-81. Junior Fredrik Lindblom tied for 15th with rounds of 79-79-76, followed by junior Tyson Beaupre tied for 35th with rounds of 82-87-75.