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Today's Game

Clemson has lost just one Homecoming game since 1971.

by Tim Bourret

Clemson Homecoming Success

Clemson and Virginia meet on Homecoming today in Death Valley. The Tigers have been nothing short of sensational in Homecoming games over the years, especially since 1970. The Tigers have lost just one Homecoming game since 1970, in 1989 to Georgia Tech, 30-14.

Clemson has a 53-17-3 overall record on Homecoming dating to 1922 when Centre College defeated Clemson, 21-0. The Tigers are 23-1-2 on Homecoming since 1970. The ties came in 1976 to Duke (18-18) and to Virginia (20-20) in 1991.

Clemson has actually been outstanding in Homecoming games home and away in recent years. Over the last three years Clemson ruined an opponent’s Homecoming Game three times, at Duke in 1996, and at Maryland and at Georgia Tech in 1995.

Last year Clemson defeated Georgia Tech 28-25 on Clemson’s Homecoming. Tech was ranked 22nd in the nation coming into the October 19 game. Virginia has not been Clemson’s Homecoming opponent since 1991, and the game ended in a 20-20 tie. Prior to that, Virginia was Clemson’s Homecoming opponent in 1989, a 34-20 Clemson victory.

This will be the ninth time that Virginia has been the opponent for a Clemson Homecoming. The Tigers are 7-0-1 in the previous Homecoming games with the Cavaliers. Clemson is 3-0 when Clemson is Virginia’s Homecoming opponent in Charlottesville. So, Clemson is 10-0-1 in Homecoming games involving the two schools.

Series tied in the 1990s

Clemson holds a commanding 32-3-1 lead in the series with Virginia, but the series stands at 3-3-1 in the decade of the 1990s. The Cavaliers gained their first victory in the series in 1990, by a 20-7 score in Charlottesville. Clemson had won 29 straight games in the series dating back to 1955. Ironically, Clemson’s first win in the series in 1955 was also by a 20-7 score.

The game 42 years ago was the first meeting in the history of the series even though both teams were charter members of Southern Conference (1921) and the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association before that.

Clemson has beaten a top 20 Virginia team three of the last five seasons. In 1992 Clemson won at #10 Virginia, 29-28, and in 1993 the Tigers defeated the #18 Cavs, 23-14. Clemson won last year at 15th ranked Virginia, 24-16 in perhaps the biggest win of the Tigers 1996 season.

The Clemson victory in 1992 was a landmark triumph for Clemson, as the Tigers overcame a 28-0 deficit to win, 29-28. A 32-yard field goal with 52 seconds left by Nelson Welch gave Clemson the victory. Louis Solomon, then a freshman, came off the bench to quarterback the Tigers to 29 points over the last 32 minutes of the game. It is the greatest comeback in Clemson history in terms of overcoming a deficit at any juncture of a game. In fact it is the second best comeback in ACC history, the best involving a game between two ACC teams.

Last year it was the rushing of Kelton Dunican and Raymond Priester that keyed the Clemson victory. Dunican had a career high 123 yards in just 13 attempts, while Priester had 122 in 20 carries. Five different Clemson players — Anthony Simmons, Raymond White, Monty Wilson, Antwan Edwards and Andy Ford, had at least 10 tackles to lead the Clemson defense. The group’s play was a prime reason Tiki Barber had just 82 yards in 25 carries, breaking his string of consecutive 100-yard games at nine.

Greene and Horne Set More Records

While a solid ground game has been a common denominator in Clemson victories over Virginia the last 20 years, the Tigers enter this game on a record pace in terms of passing yardage. Clemson has already thrown for 1211 yards this season, 242.2 yards per game and far ahead of the Clemson record for the course of a season, 175.5 yards per game in 1969.

The leaders of this passing fancy are senior quarterback Nealon Greene and wide receiver Tony Horne. Both set single game Clemson records and single season records last week. Greene is on the precipice of setting two more career marks.

Greene completed 18-28 passes for 241 yards and four touchdowns against UTEP last week, tying the Clemson single game record for touchdown passes. You have to go back 50 years to find the last time a Clemson quarterback threw four touchdown passes in a single game. Bobby Gage did it against Auburn in 1947 in a 34-18 Clemson victory at Death Valley.

If Greene tied the Clemson single game record for touchdown receptions with scoring receptions of 15, three and 32 yards. You have to go back to another Auburn game (1953) the find the last time a Tiger caught three touchdown passes in a single game. Dreher Gaskin accomplished that in a 45-19 loss to Auburn at Death Valley in that 1953 season, the first year of the ACC.

Greene had 241 yards passing against UTEP, the fourth time in five games that he has exceeded the 200-yard mark. That is already a Clemson record for 200-yard passing games in a season by an individual.

Horne had his fourth 100-yard receiving game of the season against UTEP. That also set a Clemson single season mark. Horne, Charlie Waters (1969) and Perry Tuttle (1981) were the only previous players to have three 100-yard games in a season. Horne also had 225 yards in all-purpose running against UTEP and became just the third player in Clemson history to have two 200-yard all-purpose running games in the same season.

Jackie Calvert did it in 1950 and Terrence Flagler had a pair of 200-yard all-purpose games in 1986.

Horne remains in the top 20 in the nation in four different categories. He is sixth in the nation in receptions per game (7.8), fourth in kickoff return average (29.6), ninth in all-purpose yardage (181.2) and 16th in reception...
yards per game (100.8). He is now 36th in punt returns (10.3) after his 106-yard performance last week against UTEP.

The native of Rockingham, NC had 119 yards receiving on eight catches and seven punt returns for 106 yards against UTEP. That is the first time in Clemson history a player has had at least 100 yards receiving and 100 yards in punt returns in the same game. Against Florida State this year he became the first player in Clemson history to record at least 100 receiving yards and 100 kickoff return yards in the same game.

Greene could break three Career Records
Nealon Greene could set three Clemson career records in today's game. He could set two with just one completion. The senior from Yonkers, NY needs just two passing yards to break Rodney Williams career passing yardage record. Williams had 4647 for his four year career and Greene has 4646 entering today's game.

Greene also needs just one touchdown pass to break Mike Eppley's career touchdown pass mark. Eppley had 28 between 1980-84 and Greene's nine TD passes this year give him 28 for his career. Finally, Greene now has seven 200-yard passing games for his career and needs just one to break Tommy Kendrick's career record of seven.

Earlier this year Greene became Clemson's career leader in completions and now has 367. Down the road for Greene is the career total offense record. He has 1277 for the season, 255.4 yards per game and needs just 592 to break Steve Fuller's record. At this rate, he could break that mark at Wake Forest on November 1.

Simmons Now Fourth in Career Tackles
After a slow start due to a hip-pointer injury, All-American Anthony Simmons has rounded into form and has been Clemson's top tackler in each of the last three weeks with double figure tackle totals. He had 14 tackles in just 49 snaps against UTEP and now has 41 tackles the last three games combined. He has been Clemson's leading tackler in four of the five games this year, 23 games in his 29-game Clemson career. He has 23 double figure tackle games in his 29 contests as a Tiger.

The consensus preseason All-American now has at least one tackle for loss in 10 straight games and leads the team in tackles for loss this year with nine. For his career he has 35 tackles for loss in 29 games, the only linebucker in Clemson history to average over a tackle for loss per game.

Simmons already ranks in 10th place in Clemson history in career tackles for loss and needs just two to go ahead of Jim Stucky and Wayne Simmons on the all-time Clemson history. Both of those Tiger greats played four seasons. Simmons is now fourth in Clemson history in career tackles with 384 and needs just six to pass Ed McDaniel into third spot. Again, McDaniel played in four seasons. After today's game, all that will be in front of Simmons are Jeff Davis (469) and Bubba Brown (515).

Virginia Update
Virginia enters today's game with a 2-2 record, a pair of wins over non-ranked teams and a pair of losses to top 10 teams. The Cavaliers are a team that plays outstanding defense and has ridden the arm of quarterback Aaron Brooks and the running backs Thomas Jones and Antwoine Womack.

Jones and Womack are trying to pick up the slack created by the graduation of Tiki Barber, Virginia's top all-around back in history. Jones has 267 yards in four games and a touchdown, while Womack has 200 yards rushing and a 5.7 average.

Brooks has completed 60 percent of his passes for 161 yards per game. The native of Newport News, VA, who was recruited by Clemson, was an off and on starter a year ago, but he played just a few plays against the Tigers. He threw just one pass. He did have some outstanding games at the end of the season and has been the starter all of 1997. Brooks has two reliable receivers in Terrence Wilkins and Germane Crowell. Wilkins has 17 catches for 181 yards, while Crowell has 14 for 211 and two scores.

Virginia ranks 13th in the nation in rushing defense. Walt Rainer, a returning starter from 1996, leads the club in tackles with 50. He is picking up the slack left by the graduation for first-round draft choices James Farrior and Jamie Sharper.

Anthony Poindexter is the leader of the secondary and is a prime reason the Cavs are ranked in the top 25 in the nation in total defense. Poindexter has 34 tackles this season and is regarded as one of the top defensive backs in the nation. He joined Clemson's Anthony Simmons on the Playboy All-America team for 1997. He was a second-team All-American by the Sporting News a year ago. As a freshman in 1995, he had 11 solo tackles against Clemson, his career high in that category. Last year he had three interceptions and a blocked punt against NC State.

Welsh Trying to Tie Howard's Record
Virginia Head Coach George Welsh can tie former Clemson head coach Frank Howard for the all-time ACC record for league wins with a victory over the Tigers in Death Valley today. Welsh got his 65th ACC win when he defeated Wake Forest last week in Charlottesville, 21-13. Howard had 66 ACC wins as Clemson's head coach. Howard was Clemson's head coach between 1940-69, but only 17 of those years, 1953-69, were as an ACC coach. The league was not formed until that 1953 season.

Welsh has been a model of consistency since he went to Virginia in 1982. He took over a program that had just one winning season between 1969-81 and now has a string of 10 straight winning seasons. He has coached Virginia to nine bowl games, more than any other ACC coach in history. Virginia is the only ACC school to win at least seven games for 10 consecutive seasons while a member of the ACC.

It would be ironic for Welsh to tie the record against Clemson because Howard never lost to Virginia (11-0).
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Raymond White

Clemson graduate was shut out in his first game as a Tiger, but now is leader of the defensive line.

by Brett Berg

Some people are optimists and some are pessimists. Raymond White, starting middle guard on this year’s Clemson defense, is a little of both. White looks at the negatives, but always sees the positives in everything he does.

This country boy from Clinton, MS, bears an eternal smile that adorns his face. White, who graduated from Clemson this past August with a degree in business management, can be seen around campus bearing his pearly whites to everybody. From fellow students, to professors, to teammates, to coaches, Raymond could be the endorsef for any toothpaste company.

White’s optimistic outlook on life has been passed down from his parents, Joe and Mary White. Growing up in Mississippi, White had many opportunities to experience the country and enjoy nature. There wasn’t always the stress associated with deadlines and traffic jams.

The most stress White remembers growing up was during hunting and fishing trips. One such fishing trip with his father and cousin is memorable. “One night we went camping all night long at the reservoir back home,” says White. “We caught absolutely nothing. We stayed there all night and didn’t catch a thing. That was the worst. The only thing that we did catch was a couple of stumps.”

This is one thing that White misses since he’s been at Clemson - fishing with his dad. “My dad and I are pretty tight,” says White. “We’d go fishing all the time. As soon as he’d get off work, we’d go fishing or hunting. I miss hanging out with my dad.”

Coming out of Clinton High School, where he was named the Defensive Player-of-the-Year and the Sportsman-of-the-Year, White narrowed his field down to Clemson and Mississippi. So, how did this player who is so close to his family leave Mississippi for Clemson, SC?

It is simple answer, ‘The Hill.’ The first time White ran down the hill was on a recruiting visit. The hill experience made White a Clemson fan. “They had the sound effects going on and I knew this was the place,” says White.

This leads to White’s most memorable experience since being at Clemson - the day his parents dropped him off and headed back home without their son. This was a time when White would cross over into manhood, and gain independence. White says he was scared. “It was the Fall of my first year (1993) and once they dropped me off, I knew there was no turning back.”

White had to get used to college life and the corresponding responsibilities. In addition to the daily rigors of football, there was doing wash, getting dinner and cleaning up after himself. Growing up in Mississippi, his mom was a housewife who cooked, cleaned, and took care of Raymond. There were phone calls back home to ask mom why some of his white shirts were now pink.

“Over the years, you really don’t notice the changes, but right about now, I can see them,” says White. “When I first came here, I always wanted to go home and I’d go home at every chance I’d get. I love my parents and miss them, but now it’s time to live my own life.”

After red-shirting his freshman year, White was ready to make an impact. He was ready to play, ready to hit someone coming out of the backfield. He has had an outstanding career at Clemson, many memorable games. It is interesting to note that his most memorable was his first game, in 1994 against Furman. “I didn’t make a single tackle,” says White. “That was the worst game I ever played. I stayed on the ground most of the time and I was cut on every play. It was awful.”

White has come a long way since that Furman game, however. He said he has grown both mentally and physically. When he arrived at Clemson, White weighed 240 pounds, now he weighs close to 272. He used to watch in awe at guys like Brentson Buckner, Warren Forney, and Lamarick Simpson. Now White can hold his own, particularly in the strength area. Last year he was a first-team Strength All-American.

Mentally, White has become more confident in his abilities. “As the years go by, you get more confidence in what you’re doing,” says White. “You start to play with confidence and when you play with confidence, you play a lot better.”

White did not see much recognition last year, partly due to the fact that he played in the shadow of Trevor Pryce, a first-round draft pick of the Denver Broncos. White had 20 more tackles than Pryce in 1996 and led the defensive line with 94. His total was the most by a Clemson defensive lineman since Rob Bodine had 108 in an All-America season in 1991.

So far this season White is keeping pace with last season’s accomplishments. He was fourth on the team in tackles through the UTEP game with 27. He had seven stops against N.C. State in 60 plays and eight stops in only 47 plays against Georgia Tech.

White credits Coach Les Herrin with helping him develop as a player. “Coach Herrin can make you pull out ability that you didn’t know you had,” says White. “He makes you work very hard. He won’t let you settle for anything less than the best you can do.”

While White lists his most memorable moments as a fishing trip that failed to bag a fish, a football game that failed to produce a tackle, and the day his parents dropped him off at Clemson, leaving him on his own, he is an optimistic person. His humility is omnipresent, you can see it in his smile.

What he has done is learn from disappointing moments in his life and turn them into learning situations and thus a positive. Can you remember the last game he failed to make a tackle? Chances are he hasn’t been shut out at a fishig hole very often in recent years either.

Chances are he won’t be caught short in anything he attempts years after his football career is over.

Raymond White had 94 tackles in 1996, highest total by a lineman in five years.
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Tony Plantin

Second generation Clemson football player is a leader on Clemson defense.

by Andy Linn

In the words of country music legend Hank Williams, Jr., Clemson’s Tony Plantin is just, “carrying on an old family tradition.”

Tony Mathews, Plantin’s father, was a fullback for the Tigers in 1973-74. He rushed for 769 yards in his career, including 567 for Clemson’s 7-4 team of 1974. He had a career high 104 yards rushing in a win over Wake Forest and had 10 carries for 94 yards in a victory over South Carolina in his final game in 1974. After college, Mathews was all set for a tryout with the New York Jets and a possible professional career. Unfortunately, that dream ended when he was the victim of an accident while working in a Pendleton factory.

Today, Mathews is getting a second chance, by following the play of his son, a starter on the Clemson defensive line. “I’m sort of reliving his dream,” Plantin says.

Plantin has given Mathews plenty to be excited about over the last four years. Now in his fourth year as a consistent contributor to the Clemson defense, Plantin holds the Clemson single game record for quarterback pressures in a game with seven against Duke in 1995. This year he ranks among the Clemson leaders in tackles for loss and leads the team in quarterback pressures.

His outstanding performance in stopping the run is a prime reason Clemson ranked ninth in the country in rushing defense four weeks into the season. He had four tackles when Clemson held Florida State to 31 yards rushing earlier this year, the fewest rushing yards by the Seminoles in the decade of the 1990s.

It has been a long journey for Plantin, but the hard work is paying off in his senior year, continuing to bring a smile to his father’s face. Plantin has developed from a young freshman who had doubts about himself, and has become a mature man who understands the importance of friendship and teammates. Off the field, he approaches life in a day-to-day manner, and he doesn’t dwell on the past. “I appreciate the past for what it has taught me, but you can’t change it.”

Just how much has Plantin grown is best described by his defensive line coach, Les Herrin. “He has become a very mature man and player,” said Herrin, who has been an assistant coach at Clemson since 1981. “Tony has changed his attitude and work habits, and his hard work over the past four years has really paid off.”

Plantin’s asset to the team off the field is his experience and willingness to help the younger players. He is the type of person who puts others before himself, and he is always trying to aid in the learning process for all the players. “Tony has grown into an intelligent leader of this football team, through his work ethic and his desire to become the best he can be,” says Herrin.

Plantin isn’t the silent leader type, however. “He is very vocal and expressive when it comes to pushing his teammates and himself to do better,” states Herrin. “He is a very good communicator on this team and you need that from your seniors.” He can always be found providing constructive criticism to teammates, especially those on his defensive unit.

The 1997 season marks the first season that Plantin has served as a starter and with it carries more responsibilities. But, he has come through with big plays, none bigger than the fumble he caused in the NC State game this year. His sack jarred the ball loose from NC State quarterback Jamie Barnette, resulting in a momentum turning 74-yard fumble return for a touchdown by Tiger teammate Rahim Abdullah. He had a career high three tackles for loss in 17 games and had five total tackles in the 19-17 victory in Raleigh.

These personal accomplishments are gratifying, but Plantin is a player who establishes his on the field personal goals around the concept of team oriented goals. “I know that my personal goals will be more difficult to achieve if our team goals are not satisfied first.”

Besides his constant team oriented attitude, being a football player has improved his all-around quality of life. Football has enabled Plantin to meet many people whom he respects and, it has also provided him with the opportunity to establish friendships that he expects to last forever.

However, Plantin knows that, as a senior, it is his duty to keep the morale up and not let the younger players become flustered or intimidated. “We seniors need to step up at all times, not only as individuals, but as a unit,” says Plantin.

These last four years, Plantin has placed himself in a position to become successful at whatever he wants to do. He has developed an appreciation for the game that many never do. “Clemson has shaped many successful people, and that is the prime reason I came here. I could have gone to a lot of other schools, but I knew this was the place to come if I wanted to be prepared for life after football.

We aren’t sure if Tony Plantin will take advantage of that NFL opportunity the was denied his father, but we are sure that Tony Plantin will continue to make his father proud, no matter what his future line of work.
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Since becoming Clemson University's 13th president on May 22, 1995, Constantine W. "Deno" Curris has begun to build a vision for the future based on identifying and enhancing those qualities that make the university distinctive.

In working to create a strong foundation to support Clemson's goal of becoming a national university, Curris has redirected resources to critical areas, set the recruitment of top students and faculty as well as an increase in research funding as high priorities, and established a select commission of alumni and friends to offer advice and counsel.

Curris' first challenge upon coming to Clemson was filling key administrative vacancies and building a sense of teamwork and cooperation among deans and executive officers—a task which is largely completed. In addition, he has established a goal of recruiting more young professors to counter a graying of the Clemson faculty.

Another immediate priority was increasing Clemson's involvement with state leaders and working with other institutions to reverse declining state funding trends. The efforts helped secure an increase in general state funding for higher education as well as a capital bond bill designed primarily for the state's colleges and universities.

Curris has also focused more attention on the university's information technology infrastructure, which had often been neglected during years of budget cuts during the early 90's. Using $2 million of savings from restructuring, Curris funded a plan to extend the information technology campus-wide, providing network access to all faculty and bringing 2,000 dormitory rooms online. It was merely the first step in a long-range plan to attain and maintain technological currency in the classroom.

Another of Curris' early accomplishments has been upgrading many basic student and administrative services, such as admissions recruiting, plant maintenance and class registration systems.

Curris also believes in seeking input from experts outside the university. The Commission on the Future of Clemson University was created by the Board of Trustees on Curris' recommendation to build on earlier planning and self-study efforts. In May, more than 300 alumni and friends—leaders in industry and the professions—came to campus for the Commission's first meeting, to hear reports on the university's goals and offer perspective and insight to help the university plan for the 21st century.

Building strong foundations is a tested strategy that Curris used while president of both Murray State University—where he oversaw extensive campus renovations and improvements—and at the University of Northern Iowa—where he led a move to raise admissions standards and strengthen academic programs.

A native of Lexington, Kentucky, Curris received a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Kentucky, a master's in political science and public administration from the University of Illinois, and a doctorate in higher education from the University of Kentucky.

Curris is also a national leader in higher education. He is a past Chairman of the Board of Directors of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities and was a featured participant in a 1997 national videoteleconference on "The New Public University: How Do We Compete in a Changing Environment?" Curris is also one of 25 presidents currently serving on the national Kellogg Commission on the Future of Land-Grant Universities.

When his schedule permits, Curris enjoys gardening, fishing, and reading. He is married to Jo Hern Curris, a tax attorney and author, and they have a son Robert Alexander, and a daughter, Elena Diane.
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Head Coach Tommy West

Tiger mentor has coached in seven Bowl Games for Clemson

Improvement has been the watchword of the Clemson football program since Tommy West became the head coach in December of 1993. Within each of his first three seasons his teams have shown significant improvement and gained strength as the season progressed.

His Clemson resume as a head coach includes three bowl appearances, a top 25 ranking in every season, eight road wins and five wins over AP Top 25 teams. His teams have risen in the ACC standings each year, to a number-two finish in 1996. If his 1997 team can appear in a bowl it would be the first time since 1989-91 era that Clemson has appeared in a bowl game three straight years.

Each of his first three seasons has seen the Tigers make a late season run. In 1994, with the youngest offensive in Clemson history, one that started seven freshmen at times, the Tigers won three of their last four games, including a victory at 12th ranked North Carolina.

The run of success at the end of the 1995 season had the Tigers in the top 25 of every poll. Clemson won its last five regular season games, including four wins by at least 17 points. West's Tigers were picked fifth in the ACC preseason poll that year, but, thanks to the third best offense in Clemson history and a defense that ranked 10th in the nation against scoring, Clemson finished third in the ACC standings with a 6-2 record, its best league finish since the Tigers won the ACC title in 1986.

The 1995 campaign was one in which Clemson excelled in every area. The Tigers ranked fourth in the nation in rushing, yet also led the ACC in yards per pass attempt. Defensively, Clemson ranked in the top 20 in the nation in rushing defense, passing efficiency defense and turnover margin. In terms of special teams, Clemson was the only school in the nation to have an individual ranked in the top 25 in puntin, placekicking, punt returns and kickoff returns.

The 1996 season saw Clemson win five of its last six regular season games, including a victory at 15th ranked Virginia, just the third road win over a ranked team in the decade of the 1990s for the Tigers. For the second straight year Clemson won the ACC rushing title and reached a top 25 ranking. Again, Clemson was ranked 75 percent of its ACC games, this time finishing tied for second in the league standings with North Carolina. The Tigers were extended a bid to the Peach Bowl to face LSU.

Clemson's improvement on the field is matched with its improvement in the classroom during the West era. Last year 20 Clemson football players made the ACC academic honor roll, the highest on record. In fact, each of the three highest totals in that area in Clemson history have taken place under West and the team's cumulative GPA entering 1997 was a 20-year high.

West took over the head coaching position on November 29, 1993. Less than a month later he already had a bowl victory on his ledger, a 14-13 triumph over Kentucky in the Peach Bowl, Clemson's sixth bowl win in an eight-year period. With his debut in the Peach Bowl, West became the sixth coach in NCAA history to make his debut with a program in a bowl game. However, he was just the second coach in history to make his debut in a bowl game without previously coaching his new team as an assistant coach earlier in the season.

West was a mainstay of a Clemson coaching staff that led the Tigers to a 69-20-4 record and six Associated Press Top 20 finishes between 1982-89. During West's first tour of duty with the Tigers as an outside linebackers coach, Clemson played in five bowl games (winning four) and claimed four ACC Championships, including three in a row from 1986-88.

Clemson had a 44-10-1 record against ACC competition during his era on the Tiger staff, an 81 percent winning mark. Additionally, five of those Clemson teams ranked in the top 15 in the nation in rushing defense and scoring defense, and three ranked in the top 12 in the nation in total defense.

Clemson's 1989 defense ranked fifth in the nation in total defense, rushing defense and scoring defense and West's outside linebackers had a lot to do with that success. His top four outside linebackers that year all played in the NFL in 1994. The list of former West players in the NFL includes Levon Kirkland and Wayne Simmons, both of whom have played in the Super Bowl within the last two years.

West began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Tennessee (his alma mater) in 1977. He coached one year of high school football at White County High in Sparta, TN in 1978, then became an assistant at Mississippi in 1979. For the 1980 and 1981 seasons he served as an assistant coach at Appalachian State.

After his career at Clemson (1982-89), West became the running backs coach at Tennessee. During that 1990 season Tennessee won the Southeastern Conference and captured the Sugar Bowl with a win over Virginia. The Volunteers scored a school record 442 points that year and averaged over 410 yards a game in total offense, 205.7 rushing and 205.4 passing. He served as Co-Defensive Coordinator at South Carolina in 1991 and 1992.

In 1993 West took over a UT-Chattanooga team that had won just two games in 1992. He doubled that total in 1993 and guided the Mocs to one of the landmark wins in school history, a 33-31 win over #1 ranked Marshall. He concluded the regular season with a 45-42 victory over Furman. Ironically, his first regular season game as Clemson coach was a victory over Furman.

West made just his second start in his four-year career at Tennessee (1972-75). The Vols played in three bowl games and were ranked in a final Top 20 in three seasons. He was the co-captain of Tennessee's 1975 football team and played in the Blue-Gray All-Star game that same year.

He began his college career as a running back, but saw most of his playing time as a tight end. He caught 37 passes for 575 yards in his career with the Vols, including 16 passes for 233 yards as a senior. He earned a bachelor's degree from Tennessee in 1976 and was drafted by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers that same year. West played two years (1974-75) of baseball at Tennessee and had a career batting average of .305. He hit .367 in 1975 and was named All-SEC Eastern Division.

Born Thomas Cleveland West on July 31, 1954, he is married to the former Lindsay Watkins of Forest City, NC. The couple has one son, Turner.

The West Family meets at the Memorial Stadium Landmark, Howard's Rock.
Assistant Coaches

Les Herrin
Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Line

When Les Herrin discusses Clemson's greatest players of recent memory, people listen with keen ear. Now in his 13th year with the program, Herrin has tutored some of Clemson's greatest players. It all started in 1981 when he coached the linebackers on Clemson's National Championship team. One of his prized pupils was Jeff Davis, first-team All-American and ACC Player-of-the-Year.

In 1982 Johnny Rembert was a starting linebacker under Herrin and he became an All-American, then a Pro Bowl player (1989) with the New England Patriots. Three-time pro bowl defensive tackle Chester McGlockton, regarded as one of the top defensive players in the NFL today, was coached by Herrin between 1989-91.

Brentson Buckner, a 1996 Super Bowl participant with the Pittsburgh Steelers, who is now with the Cincinnati Bengals, also played for Herrin during that era. Last year, Troy Pryce led the Tigers in tackles for losses and sacks and was a first-round pick of the Denver Broncos.

In his previous 12 years with Clemson he has coached in seven bowl games, been a part of six top 20 seasons and four ACC titles. Clemson has had at least one all-conference player coached by Herrin in 11 of the 12 years he has been with the program.

Steve Ensminger
Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks

Steve Ensminger is in his 10th season as coordinator at the Division I level, his first at Clemson. Offenses he has been in charge of have performed at high levels of success. Teams that have gained over 450 yards per game almost three years running and ranked among the nation’s best in scoring have been prominent on the list of accomplishments during Ensminger’s coaching career.

Overall, Ensminger brings 16 years of coaching experience to Clemson. This does not include his years as an assistant at LSU. He played in three bowl games for the LSU Tigers and when he graduated in 1979 he was second in LSU history in passing yardage, just behind Bert Jones and ahead of the legendary YA Tittle.

The native of Baton Rouge, LA was a four-year letterman at LSU and he still holds LSU passing records for touchdowns in a game (four) and longest touchdown pass play (82 yards). He was the named the LSU team MVP in 1979.

Ensminger spent the previous three seasons at Texas A&M. Last year the Aggies averaged 404 yards per game, featuring a balanced attack that gained 230 yards rushing and 174 passing on a per game basis. Texas A&M averaged 29 points per game against a schedule that included five Top 20 opponents.

Between 1991-93 Ensminger tutored Eric Zeier and the Georgia Bulldogs. Ensminger’s coaching was a prime reason Zeier set 61 school passing records. The Bulldogs ranks ninth in the nation in total offense in 1992 with 450 4 yards per game and finished 10th in the country in scoring with 32 points per contest.

Reggie Herrin
Defensive Coordinator/Inside Linebackers

Reggie Herrin is in his first year as defensive coordinator, but his fourth season with the program. He has projected a mental and physical toughness to his linebackers and that toughness should enhance the entire Tiger defense in 1997.

Among the players who have benefitted by his coaching is Anthony Simmons, already one of the most decorated players in Clemson history. He set a single season record for tackles last year with 178 and is listed as the Rising Star of College Football according to Street & Smith Magazine for 1997.

Herrin is another example of an outstanding former player who has gone on to become an outstanding coach. A teammate of Rick Sockstall at Florida State, Herrin left his own mark with the Seminoles program as a player. Herrin was captain of the 1980 Orange Bowl team and earned AP All-America honors in 1980. The Seminoles played in the Orange Bowl and ranked in the top 10 in the nation his junior and senior seasons, and he was recently inducted into the Florida State Hall of Fame. He was a three-year starter at Florida State and the Seminoles played in three bowls during his four-year career. Florida State also had three double-figure victory seasons during his career.

Like many of Clemson’s assistant coaches in 1997, Herrin has a diverse experience history. He has been a part of successful programs at Oklahoma State, Auburn, TCU and now Clemson. He was defensive coordinator at TCU prior to coming to Clemson.

Herrin has not made vacation plans over the Christmas holidays for quite some time. He has been a part of college football as a player and coach since 1977. In those 20 seasons he has been to 15 bowl games, 12 as a coach and three as a player. He has already coached in three bowl games with Clemson.

The Les Herrin File
At Clemson: In his fourth season as assistant head coach, 8th as the Tiger defensive line coach, and 13th season overall.
Previous Coaching Experience: High School - Assistant at FS Central High in Rutherfordton, NC (1972-74); assistant at Lexington Senior High in Lexington, NC (1975-76); athletic director and head coach at Central Davidson High School in Lexington, NC (1975-79); College - Defensive coordinator at Appalachian State (1980-81); linebackers coach at Clemson (1981-84); linebackers coach at East Carolina (1985-87); outside linebackers coach at North Carolina (1988); defensive line coach at Clemson (1989-94); assistant head coach/tackles and tight ends coach (1995); assistant head coach/volunteer line (1996-present).
Education: Waycross High School in Waycross, GA (1965); B.A. degree in Education from Western Carolina (1969); Master’s degree in Health and Physical Education from Western Carolina (1972).
College Playing Experience: Lettered four years in football at Western Carolina.
Personal: Born February 18, 1948...he and his wife Shirley have one son, Deke, a student at Clemson.

The Steve Ensminger File
At Clemson: In his first year as offensive coordinator and quarterback coach.
Previous Coaching Experience: College - wide receivers at Nicholls State (1981-83); quarterbacks and wide receivers at McNeese State (1984-87); Offensive coordinator/quarterbacks at Louisiana Tech (1988-90); passing game coordinator/quarterbacks at Georgia (1991-93); Offensive coordinator/quarterbacks at Texas A&M (1994-96); Offensive Coordinator/quarterbacks at Clemson (1997-present).
Education: Waycross High School in Waycross, GA (1965); B.A. degree in Physical Education from Louisiana State in 1979.
College Playing Experience: Lettered four years at LSU.
Personal Data: Born on September 15, 1958. Married to former Amy Lane Gonzales. The couple has two daughters, Krystal and Brittany Rose, and a son, Steve.

The Reggie Herrin File
At Clemson: In his fourth season as inside linebackers coach, his first as defensive coordinator.
Previous Coaching Experience: College - Linebacker coach at Oklahoma State (1981-85); linebacker coach at Auburn (1986-91); defensive coordinator and linebacker coach at Texas Christian (1992-96); Assistant linebackers coach at Clemson (Dec. 1993-present).
College Playing Experience: Three-year starter at linebacker for Florida State.
Personal Data: Born on July 3, 1959...married the former Lisa Ward, and they have two children, Caroline and Adam.
Richard Bisaccia
Running Backs/Special Teams/Recruiting Coordinator

Records in every area have been set since Richard Bisaccia became running backs coach at the Clemson Tigers in 1994. Raymond Priester is the only active player in college football who holds his schools rushing record on a game, season and career basis. The Tigers have led the ACC in rushing each of the last two seasons and they have done it with strong rushing and a lack of fumbling. Clemson has lost just eight fumbles by running backs the last three seasons, including an all-time NCAA record low two fumbles in 1994.

Bisaccia, a Yonkers, NY native, learned how to hold onto the football as a four-year starter and team captain at Yankton College. Bisaccia was a free agent with the Philadelphia Stars of the USFL after his college career.

While the 1983 Spring season saw the end of his playing career, the 1983 Fall was the beginning of his coaching career. He was named the offensive coordinator at Wayne State in Nebraska his first year out of college and he has been in college coaching ever since.

Unlike many Division I full-time assistant coaches, Bisaccia has not made a lot of moves. He spent five seasons at Wayne State, then six seasons at South Carolina and is now in his fourth full season at Clemson.

Bisaccia probably wears more hats than any other Clemson coach. In addition to his time with the running backs, he is also the special teams coach and the recruiting coordinator. Clemson has had a consensus top 20 recruiting class of each of the last two seasons. Clemson’s freshmen defensive backs for 1997 were ranked best in the nation by SuperPrep.

David Bibeé
Outside Linebackers

David Bibeé takes over the coaching reigns of one of the legendary positions of Clemson football, the outside linebackers. This position has seen many all-star Tigers in recent years, players who have gone on to stellar careers in the NFL. Bibeé’s resume shows that he is up to the challenge and many of his current players could go on to join Clemson players of yesteryear in the NFL.

Bibeé is in his 18th season as a college football coach. His experience in college athletics actually dates to 1973 when he started his college career as a player at Tennessee. He graduated from that school in 1977 and was a teammate of current Tiger Head Coach Tommy West for two seasons.

Bibeé started his college coaching career in Volunteer Land in 1977 as a graduate assistant, then became the junior varsity coach at Mississippi in 1978. From there he had stints at North Alabama, Middle Tennessee State, Austin Peay, Appalachian State, South Carolina and Tennessee Tech.

Bibeé has been involved in all aspects of coaching, from recruiting to administration to on the field coaching. He has spent most of his career as a defensive coach, including 10 years as an assistant head coach. He spent six years coaching for Appalachian State, ironically, Clemson’s opponent in his first game as a Tiger coach. The Mountaineers won two Southern Conference titles and twice led the nation in turnover margin during his career as a recruiting coordinator and secondary coach.

Charlie Harbison
Defensive Backs

Charlie Harbison has been at Clemson for only two seasons, but three of his proteges already are on National Football League rosters. Brian Dawkins, who ranked among the top pass intercepters in the nation for Clemson in 1995, was an NFL All-Rookie selection with the Philadelphia Eagles in 1996. Leonmont Evans was a member of the Washington Redskins in 1996 after an All-ACC season in 1995, while Dexter McLeon was a second-round pick of the St. Louis Rams in 1996 and will see considerable action with that team in 1997.

Those three players were key reasons Clemson had 22 interceptions in 1995, one of the top figures in Clemson history and one of the top 15 totals in the nation.

Harbison has more experience at the professional level than any other current Tiger mentor. Harbison was a starter at strong safety with the New Orleans and Boston Breakers of the USFL in 1983-84 and also signed a free agent contract with the Buffalo Bills in 1982, 1985 and 1986.

Harbison also coached on the pro level with the Raleigh-Durham Skyhawks of the World League of American Football, with the Charlotte Barons of the MLFS and with the Charlotte Rage of the AFL. He has coached wide receivers, linebackers, and defensive backs in his career, but has far more experience as a defensive coach.

In addition to his Division I experience, Harbison has had significant success at the NAIA level. His Gardner-Webb team of 1992 had a 12-2 record and played in the NAIA Championship game.

The Richard Bisaccia File
At Clemson: In his fourth season as the Tigers’ running backs coach and special teams coach.

Previous Coaching Experience: College—Offensive coordinator at Wayne State (NE) (1983-87); graduate assistant for wide receivers at South Carolina (1980); volunteer assistant for defensive ends at South Carolina (1989-90); tight end coach at South Carolina (1991); running backs and special teams coach at South Carolina (1992-93); running backs and special teams coach at Clemson (Dec. 1993-present).

Education: New Fairfield High School in New Fairfield, CT; Earned a degree in health and physical education from Yankton College (1983).


Personal Data: Born June 3, 1960. He and his wife Jeanne have four children: daughters, Michelle, Elizabeth, and Madeline and son Richard Oakley.

The David Bibeé File
At Clemson: In his first season as outside linebackers coach.

Previous Coaching Experience: College—Graduate assistant at Tennessee (1977); Co-Head coach of junior varsity squad at Mississippi (1978); Secondary coach and recruiting coordinator at North Alabama (1979); Secondary coach and recruiting coordinator at Middle Tennessee State (1980); Secondary coach and recruiting coordinator at Austin Peay (1981-82); Assistant head coach/secondary coach, and recruiting coordinator at Appalachian State (1983-85); Assistant head coach and secondary coach at South Carolina (1986-89); Secondary coach and recruiting coordinator at Mississippi State (1990); Outside Linebackers coach at Clemson (1997).


The Charlie Harbison File
At Clemson: In his third year as secondary coach at Clemson.


Education: Received bachelors degree in business administration from Gardner-Webb.


Personal Data: Born October 27, 1959. He has two sons, Charlie and Sledman.
John Latina
Offensive Centers and Guards

Many preseason magazines have ranked Clemson's offensive line among the best in the nation and this ranking is testimony to the out-standing job John Latina has done since he first came to Clemson in 1994. Some might have ranked Clemson's line fifth from the bottom when he came to Clemson.

Since then, Clemson has led the ACC in rushing in 1995 and 1996. That includes the 1995 team that finished fourth in the country in rushing. The line produced four first or second team All-ACC players a year ago and now features All-stars Jim Bundren and Glenn Routree, two converted defensive players who were tutored in the basics of the game by Latina three years ago.

Latina has been an offensive coach for a Division I program every year since 1979. He is in his third season coaching the centers and guards, a drastic change from coaching the entire offensive line when he first came to Clemson. The Virginia Tech graduate, who once played against Cincinnati as an offensive guard (1978), has worked at Virginia Tech, Pittsburgh, Temple and Kansas State. He has already coached in a bowl game with four different schools, Virginia Tech, Pittsburgh, Kansas State and Clemson.

During his career he has worked with Dan Murno, who led the Panthers to a 9-3 ledger and the Cotton Bowl in 1982. Paul Palmer, one of the top rushers in NCAA history with Temple, was also a member of Latina's offense in the 1980s.

Mac McWhorter
Offensive Tackles/Tight Ends

Mac McWhorter is an assistant coach who has been able to take his experiences learned as a player and relate them to his pupils. McWhorter was an All-SEC guard at Georgia in the 1970s and now is producing All-ACC offensive linemen as a coach. Senior Jim Bundren and senior Lamont Hall, both made All-ACC teams last year and are preseason All-Americans heading into this year.

McWhorter came to Clemson from Georgia, where he spent five years (1991-96) as an offensive line coach. The Georgia native had a successful stint in Athens, where he worked with All-American Eric Zeier from 1991-94, and a "touch-nose" running game in '95. He helped Georgia set numerous team records in many different categories in those five years. The Dogs led the SEC in rushing and passing during his career with the Bulldogs.

Coach McWhorter played football at Georgia in the early '70s as an offensive lineman; so he is no stranger to the surroundings of successful Division I football. He has played and coached in many big bowl games, including the Gator, Peach, Hall of Fame, Citrus, and Sun Bowls.

McWhorter was an AP All-Southeastern Conference selection as a guard in 1973. He was also an honorable mention All-American and was named captain of the Bulldogs. Georgia played in two bowl games during his career.

McWhorter has been a college coach each of the last 17 years and 12 of those years he worked with either Georgia or Georgia Tech. He also coached two years at ACC rival Duke (1990-91). Altogether, McWhorter has coached in seven bowl games.

Rick Stockstill
Wide Receivers

Rick Stockstill has been around successful programs and record setting offenses his entire coaching career. In his first year as quarterback coach at Clemson (1989), the Tigers set a school record for completion percentage (60%). The Tigers led the Atlantic Coast Conference in total offense for the 1991 season, and Clemson gained the second most yards in school history in the process.

In 1995 Clemson had its third most productive offense in history scoring over 300 points and gaining over 4500 yards of total offense. The 1995 season saw one of the top improvements in Clemson history over the course of the season on the offensive side of the ball.

Stockstill also tutored productive offenses at Central Florida and Bethune-Cookman in his early years as a football coach. As a player, he was the starting quarterback for Florida State. He guided the Seminoles to a pair of Orange Bowl appearances, a pair of top 10 rankings, and was the team captain in 1981.

It is no surprise that Stockstill has moved up the coaching ladder so swiftly because he is the product of an athletic family. His father has considerable experience as the head coach at Fernandina Beach High School in Florida. His brother, Jeff, was a starting wide receiver for the Tigers in 1982, a reserve on the National Championship team of 1981.

Stockstill is in his ninth year with the Clemson program and the Tigers have been to bowl games in six of the previous eight seasons. He joins Les Henn and Whitey Jordan as the only assistant coaches in Clemson history to serve under three different head coaches.
Graduate Assistant Coaches

Johnson Hunter and Vance Vice are both in their second season at Clemson.

Johnson Hunter III
Graduate Assistant Coach

Responsibilities: Graduate Assistant coach who will work with defense.

Coaching Experience: Student Assistant at Catawba College (1988-90); special teams coordinator and linebackers coach at Bandys High School (1991); defensive and special teams coordinator at Bandys High School (1992-93); receivers coach at North Carolina A&T State University (1994); outside linebackers coach at North Carolina A&T State University (1995).

Playing Experience: College - Played for Catawba College for two and one half years before suffering a knee injury. High School - played for Coach Bruce Bolick at East Lincoln High School... earned all-conference honors in both football and track.

Education: Received a bachelor's degree from Catawba College in Business Administration/Physical Education in 1990. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in physical education administration and student affairs.

Personal Data: Born August 30, 1967 in Lincolnton, NC. Johnson is single.

Vance Vice
Graduate Assistant Coach

Responsibilities: Graduate Assistant coach who will work with offense and tight ends.

Coaching Experience: Graduate Assistant at University of Georgia (1990-92); Varsity football assistant and Varsity boys track assistant at Hart County High School (1992-96); Varsity wrestling head coach (1995-96).

Playing Experience: College - played for Oklahoma State... lettered three years... academic All-Big Eight tight end three years... participated in Gator Bowl, Sun Bowl, and Holiday Bowl. High School - played for Bristow High School in Bristow, Oklahoma where he lettered four years in football, basketball, and track... earned All-State in football and was awarded the Hall of Fame Scholar Athlete Award.

Education: Received a bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State in Secondary Education in 1990. He received his master's from the University of Georgia in Education Administration in 1993. He is currently pursuing an educational specialist degree in education administration.

Personal Data: Born August 26, 1966 in Bristow, Oklahoma. Vance is married to the former Kerry Cole of Toccoa, Georgia.

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Trevor Adair
Men's Soccer
Lock Haven State '82
26-13-3 at Clemson, 2 years
60-37-8 overall, 6 years

- Guided Clemson to a top five finish and the second round of the NCAA Tournament in his first year with the program.
- First season also included a pair of wins over top 10 teams on the road (North Carolina and Santa Clara) and three top 25 wins overall.
- Has taken a team to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament and a final top 20 ranking two of last three years.
- Coached Brown to the NCAA Tournament Final Eight in 1994. The Bruins also won the Ivy League and recorded a victory over #1 ranked Boston University that season. In 1993 his Brown team defeated second-ranked Virginia.
- Had four top 25 wins in 1996.

Rick Barnes
Men's Basketball
Lenoir Rhyne '77
56-34 at Clemson, 3 years
184-120 overall, 10 years

- Has taken Clemson to postseason play in each of his three years at Clemson, two NCAA's and one NIT. He guided Clemson to its first Sweet 16 finish since 1990 when the Tigers defeated Miami (OH) and Tulsa in 1997.
- Clemson finished eighth in the final USA Today poll in 1997, its highest ranking ever and the 1996-97 Tigers were ranked in every poll, a first in Clemson history.
- Tigers were ranked second in the nation on January 20, 1997, Clemson's highest ranking ever.
- Clemson set a record for wins away from home in 1996-97 with 11, including an overtime victory over third-ranked and defending National Champion Kentucky.
- Defeated all eight ACC teams in 1995-96, just the fifth time in history Clemson has done that.

Wayne Coffman, Women's Track and Cross Country
Clemson '81
15 years at Clemson
18 Top 25 Seasons

- Played on an ACC Champion and has coached four ACC championship teams.
- Five-time ACC Coach-of-the-Year, including 1996 in indoor track. Also a three-time district Coach-of-the-Year.
- Has coached 16 indoor track All-Americans and 27 outdoor All-Americans to go with nine cross country All-Americans. Overall, has coached 86 ACC Champions.
- Cross Country has 11 top 20 finishes in his 15 years as head coach. Overall, has had 18 top 25 finishes in the three programs combined.
- In 1985-86 the program finished in the top 25 in all three sports, a first in Clemson women's track history.
- Cross country team finished third nationally in 1990, highest ranking for a women's sports team in Clemson history.

Jim Davis
Women's Basketball
Tennessee Wesleyan, 70
208-102 at Clemson, 10 years
352-142 overall, 17 years

- Clemson's winningest women's basketball coach in history with 208 victories.
- ACC Coach-of-the-Year in 1997, the third time he has won that award.
- First basketball coach to guide Clemson to an ACC Championship, his Tigers won ACC Tournament at Rock Hill in 1996. Included in the string of wins was a third straight triumph over a top 10 Virginia team.
- Has taken Clemson to the NCAA Tournament in nine of his 10 years and to postseason play in all 10 years.
- Clemson has won at least 20 games in eight of his 10 years as head coach and he has averaged 21 wins per season. Eight of those 10 years Clemson has been ranked in the final top 25, including a #14 ranking in 1996.

Nancy Harris
Women's Tennis
Alabama, '84
First year at Clemson
198-37 overall, 9 years

- Coached 36 women's All-Americans and 17 men's All-Americans at Auburn University at Montgomery.
- Guided Auburn-Montgomery women to the NAIA National Championship match each of the last seven years and had eight consecutive top 10 teams.
- Had a 135-24 record as women's coach (.850) and 63-13 mark as men's coach (.829).
- Named National Coach of the Year at the NAIA level four times, including three times as coach of the men's program.
- Played professionally in Wimbledon, the US Open and the Australian Open.
- In 1995 and 1996 her men's teams at Auburn-Montgomery won the NAIA National Championship, the first female coach in history to lead a men's program to a national championship.

Jolene Hoover
Women's Volleyball
Illinois State '86
95-41 at Clemson, 4 years
188-72 overall, 7 years

- Has coached Clemson to the NCAA tournament in two of her four seasons with the Tigers, the only NCAA Tournament appearances in Clemson history.
- Clemson has won 70 percent of its matches in three of her four seasons and finished second in the ACC in three of her four seasons.
- Named ACC Coach-of-the-Year in 1994, first Clemson volleyball coach so honored.
- Won 17 straight regular season tournaments at one stretch in her Clemson career.
- Has had an All-ACC player every year she has coached at Clemson.
- Player-of-the-Year in the Gateway Conference as a collegiate player at Illinois State.
Chuck Kriese, Men's Tennis
Tennessee Tech, 72
471-261 at Clemson, 22 years
*Tickest for the ACC regular season, conference championships, and 10
	conference tournaments under Kriese. Nine times Clemson has
	won the ACC Tournament under Kriese, including 1997.

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	won the ACC Tournament under Kriese, including 1997.

*Has coached Clemson to 16 NCAA Tournament appearances in his 22
	years as head coach. That includes six Final Eight finishes and 11 Final
	16 finishes.

*Clemson has 13 top 20 national finishes since 1979 under Kriese, includ-
ing one #9 finish in 1999.

*His Tigers have won 10 ACC regular season championships and 10

conference championships under Kriese. Nine times Clemson has
	won the ACC Tournament under Kriese, including 1997.

*A total of 18 Tigers have won 30 All-America certificates and

seven Tigers have won individual national awards in Kriese's career.

Among his most prominent players have been Jay Berger, Nick

Rudeen, and Mark Dickson, who have all had celebrated profes-

sional careers.

Jack Leggett, Baseball
Maine '76
203-72 at Clemson, 4 years
580-359 overall, 18 years
*Took Clemson to at least 50 wins, a top 10 ranking in the NCAA

Tournament each of his first three years as Clemson Head Coach.

*Has had Tigers in the College World Series in 1995 and 1996.

*Has averaged 50 wins a year for his career at Clemson and had the Tigers

in the NCAA tournament and the Final

Top 25 every season.

*His Tigers have 53 wins over Top 25 teams in his first four years,

including three wins over the number-one team.

*Guided Clemson to its first ever Final Four finish at the College

World Series and the number-four final ranking tied for the highest

finish ever.

*ACC Coach-of-the-Year in 1994 and 1995, just the third coach in
any sport in ACC history to be named ACC Coach-of-the-Year in
each of his first two years with a program.

*Wint ACC Tournament Championship in 1994 and ACC regular


*Three of his players, Kris Benson, Matt LeCroy and Billy Koch,

were members of the 1996 US Olympic Team.

Tracey Leone
Women's Soccer
North Carolina '91
44-18-2 at Clemson, 3 years
*Has guided Clemson to the NCAA

Tournament in each of her first three

years at Clemson, each of the first three

years of the program.

*Clemson is only program in

women's soccer to advance to the

NCAA Tournament in each of its first

three years.

*Program has finished in the top 20 in each season, #13 in 1994 and #15

in 1995, #18 in 1996.

*Took Clemson to the finals of the 1996 ACC Tournament.

*Team had a school record four wins over top 25 teams in 1996.

*Leone was member of United States World Cup Championship

team in 1991.

Bruce Marchionda
Men's & Women's Swimming
Westminster College '79
Men 20-10 at Clemson, 3 years
Women 20-10 at Clemson, 3 years
*Coach of the Year in Women's Swimming in 1997. The Lady Tigers were

ranked 23rd in the final regular season poll.

*Clemson has a combined record of 15-5 in the men's and women's program in 1995-96, its best combined mark in eight years.

Record included wins in men's and women's competition over South Carolina for the first time since 1989-90.

*Lady Tigers were ranked as high as 24th in the nation during the

1995-96 season, first top 25 ranking for a Clemson swimming team

since 1988-89.

Larry Penley, Golf
Clemson '81
14 years at Clemson
11 Top 20 Seasons
*Guided Clemson to a #3 NCAA Tournament finish in 1997, tied for the

highest ranking in Clemson history.

*Coach NCAA Champion Charles

Warren, Clemson's first NCAA golf

champion.

*Has coached Clemson to 14 straight

appearances in the NCAA National

Tournament, a record for any Clemson

coach in any sport.

*One of just two active coaches in the country who has taken a

team to the NCAA golf national tournament 14 straight years.

*Clemson has finished in the top 20 in the nation 11 of his 14

seasons, including six top four finishes (1989, 1993 and 1997).

*Clemson has won three NCAA Regional Championships, four

ACC titles and 33 tournaments overall in his 14 years at Clemson.

*Had coach in NCAA history to win three consecutive regional

championships.

*Has coached 26 All-America selections in his 14 years at

Clemson, including first-team All-Americans Richard Coughlin and


*ACC Coach of the Year in 1996 and 1997, he also won the award

in 1987.

Bob Pollock
Men's Track & Cross Country
The Citadel '71
Nine years at Clemson
12 Top 20 Teams
*Has won 12 ACC Championships in

his Clemson career, more than any

other coach in Clemson history.

*A 12-time ACC Coach of the Year

selection, also the most in Clemson

history.

*Tigers won ACC Indoor and Outdoor

Track championships in 1997 and

ranked in the top 25 nationally in both.

*One of just three coaches in ACC history to win ACC Coach of

the Year honors in each of his first two years with a program.

*Coached the Tigers to a #17 final ranking in outdoor track in

1997, his 12th top 20 team in cross country, indoor or outdoor track.

*Clemson's outdoor track team has now finished in the top 20

seven straight years and the indoor team has been in the top 20 four of

the last six years.

*Guided Clemson to ACC Championship in cross country, indoor

track and outdoor track in his first year at Clemson, 1998-89

*Clemson has had 97 All-America certificates in indoor, outdoor

track and cross country in his career.

*Has coached seven national champions in his career at

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Donald Broomfield 94 • DT
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Matt Butler 77 • OT
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Will Clark 83 • FB
Jason Collins 49 • TE
Rudy Currie 20 • OLB
Adrian Dingle 52 • OLB
Will Dinkins 20 • TB
Brandon Streeter scored his first career touchdown on his first career drive as a starter in the Florida State game this year. He scored on a 32-yard run.
Tiger Rookies

Clemson's 1997 Signees Class was ranked in the Top 20 by most services.

Alex Ardley 28 • CB
Javis Austin 5 • TB
Matt Bailey 80 • WR
Jovon Bush 95 • DT

Robert Carswell 9 • DB
Darrel Crutchfield 30 • DB
Woody Dantzler 11 • QB
Jason Flanders 21 • QB

Charles Hafley 40 • FS
Terry Jolly 92 • MG
Marcus Martin 17 • WR
Will Merritt 50 • OG
Raj Mitchell 51 • ILB

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Mother-of-the-Year

This year's recipient has had countless family members serve Clemson with distinction.

by Meredith Merritt

Everyone who knows a Clemson mother knows that she is someone special at home and in her community, and has many ties to the University. Today's Mother-of-the-Year recipient is certainly no exception. Mrs. Carolyn Orahood Hendrix exemplifies all the characteristics that Tiger Brotherhood holds in high esteem and is thus honored today by that organization.

Although neither Mrs. Hendrix nor her husband attended Clemson, they have raised three generations of Clemson graduates. To count, she has had one brother, two sons, three granddaughters and a daughter-in-law all graduate from Clemson, along with a grandson who is currently a student.

Mrs. Hendrix was born in Sandersville, GA. After graduating from Sandersville High School, she attended Georgia College at Milledgeville, GA., where she earned a bachelor of science degree in education.

In 1937 she married L.J. (Bill) Hendrix, who was born in Lexington, SC and graduated from Newberry College. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hendrix worked in the education field: he was an administrator and she as an elementary school teacher. After 28 and 1/2 years she finished her teaching career in Chesterfield, SC.

Mr. Hendrix, who has been a Clemson fan all his life, saw to it that his wife be part of the Clemson tradition. He also was instrumental in her brother, Emory Orahood, attending Clemson. Mr. Orahood graduated in 1943 with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering. He was a recipient of Clemson's Distinguished Service award and was the chairman of the first President's Advisory Council.

The Clemson tradition continued when both of her son's attended college here. Bill Hendrix, who is a partner in the investment corporation, Clayton, Dublier, Rice in New York, graduated from Clemson in 1963. While at Clemson he served as Student Body President and is a member of Tiger Brotherhood. He has also served on the University Foundation Board, National Alumni Council, and was an IPTAY Representative.

Bill Hendrix is a life trustee member and is a past recipient of the Distinguished Service Award, the same award bestowed on his uncle. Three of his four children have received their degrees from Clemson, and his son is currently a student. Daughters Jill Hendrix Buckenmeyer, class of '92; Joy Hendrix, class of '93; and Holly Hendrix, class of '95 all obtained their diplomas from Clemson. Son Jim Hendrix currently serves as Clemson's student body president. He and his father are the only father-son duo to serve as Clemson Student Body President.

Guy Hendrix, class of '77, is the branch manager of Motion Industries in Tampa, Florida. He is a past president of the the Spartanburg County Clemson Club and is an IPTAY representative. He also received the Super Tiger Award. His wife, Lisa, is a 1979 graduate of Clemson. Both of their children, Emory, 14, and Mary Kathleen, 10, have been Tiger Club members since the program was founded.

After seeing her first Clemson football game in 1937, Mrs. Hendrix knew that there was something special about Clemson. Since retiring, she and her husband have travelled to every home football game and all football bowl games, as well as ACC basketball tournaments. Mrs. Hendrix's warm hospitality, great cooking and friendly conversations are always a vital part of the tailgating experience at all home football games.

When she is not attending sporting events, Mrs. Hendrix resides on Lake Murray in Lexington, SC. She is active in the Methodist church and is in charge of the Sunday school bulletin board. She also serves as a judge for national daylily shows and gardens, enjoys flowers, reading and playing bridge.

Before moving to Lexington, Mrs. Hendrix was a resident of Chesterfield, SC. In 1986, she was named the Chesterfield Citizen of the Year. She also served as the President of the Chesterfield Garden Club, the Chesterfield County Daylily Society and the Chesterfield United Methodist Women.

Her love for daylilies is quite extensive, in fact she has over 400 different varieties of them in her garden. A friend, Bill Munson, of Wimberlyway Gardens in Gainesville, FL., named a floral hybrid after her. The "Carolyn Hendrix" daylily was named and registered in her honor.

But, perhaps one of her most favorite awards is being named Tiger Brotherhood Mother of the Year. When asked how she felt after receiving news of the award she stated, "surprised, thrilled, excited that's how I feel about winning this award."

Mrs. Hendrix is certainly the personification of a Clemson mother. Her warm smile and friendly manner have been an inspiration to not only her Clemson-oriented family but to countless others. A friend of the family wrote, "If you knew you wanted to go to Clemson before you were born, and you could pick your mother, you would pick Mrs. Hendrix."
Strength Training
Clemson has had 17 strength All-Americans since 1981.

Strength All-Americans

1981  Jeff Davis, LB
      Jeff Bryant, DT
      Lee Nanney, OT
1983  William Perry, MG
1984  Kenny Flowers, TB
1985  Jim Riggs, TE
1986  Ty Granger, OT
1987  Danny Pearman, TE
1988  Donnell Woolford, DB
1989  Vince Taylor, LB
1990  Levon Kirkland, OLB
1991  Mike Brown, C
1992  Brentson Buckner, DT
1993  Stacy Seegars, OG
1994  Nelson Welch, PK
1995  Brian Dawkins, SS
1996  Raymond White, MG

Lifter-of-the-Year

1985  Kenny Flowers, TB
      John Phillips, OG
1986  Ty Granger, OT
1987  Mark Drag, MG
1988  Jeff Bak, C
1989  Levon Kirkland, OLB
1990  Arthur Bussie, DT
      Curtis Whitley, C
1991  Ashley Sheppard, OLB
1992  Warren Forney, DT
1993  Ed Glenn, TE
      Stephon Wynn, TE
1994  Ed Glenn, TE
1995  Patrick Sapp, OLB
1996  Raymond White, MG

Raymond White
1996 Clemson Strength All-American

Clemson Strength Staff (L-R): Wes Osswald, Larry Greenlee, John Sisk, Ruben Mendoza, Joey Batson, Brandon Hourigan and Preston Greene.
Nancy Harris
Clemson's new women's tennis coach has a championship history.

by Emily Rabon

On August 1, 1997, Clemson welcomed a new member to its athletic family, when Nancy Harris was named Clemson's women's tennis coach. It had been 15 years since Clemson had named a new head coach in women's tennis because Andy Johnston, now assistant athletic director with the Clemson football program, had established one of the top programs in the nation.

Harris takes over a program that has a long and impressive history. In 1983, Clemson won all nine Atlantic Coast Conference flights, a feat that has never been accomplished before or since. Such great names as multiple Wimbledon Doubles Champion Gigi Fernandez and four-time ACC MVP Susan Hill have played at Clemson and enhanced the program's heritage. Clemson can also boast six NCAA team appearances, 16 Top 25 final poll appearances, 17 All-America honors and 64 All-ACC selections.

With this impressive list, Clemson needed to find a coach who could carry on the tradition. A look at Nancy Harris's impressive resume tells us that she is just the person for the job. Clemson has found a coach who was accomplished as a player at the college and professional levels, and has a near unmatched coaching resume.

Harris participated in three Grand Slam events as a professional in the 1980s, including Wimbledon, the U.S. Open and the Australian Open. She has been a head coach at Auburn University at Montgomery for the past nine seasons, including coaching both the men's and women's team for the past five years. She led the women's team to the national championship once and the men's team to the same honor twice.

Harris received what most would consider a late start at tennis. She picked up the game at age 16. She played two years at Alabama, then she left school to turn pro and learned under the guidance of Pancho Segura. “Segura felt that for me to make the transition from college to professional, I needed to leave school immediately. He advised me to go professional and come back at a later date and finish my academics.”

She continued playing professionally for four and a half years before an injury forced the end of her career. When this happened, Harris knew she only had one option: to return to school and receive her degree from Alabama.

“I am from a very academic oriented family, so it was a difficult decision for me to leave college and go pro. I knew I would not go back to college until my late 20s, and at that time I did not know how difficult that would be.”

The next challenge Harris chose to undertake was coaching on the collegiate level. Her first job was at Auburn University at Montgomery. “It was a lot of fun, but at the same time it was very challenging.” Harris took the challenge head on and had great success. She led both teams to national championships. The Auburn-Montgomery women's NAIA National Championship title in 1992 marked the first time a women's tennis team from the state of Alabama won a national championship. She also led the women's team to four national runner-up finishes (1991, 1993, 1994 and 1997).

Harris also coached the AUM men's tennis team to two NAIA National Championships (1995 and 1996). This made Harris the first female to coach a men's team to a national championship anywhere in the nation, and she is currently the only female coach in the country who has led both a men's and women's team to national championships.

Now Harris faces a new challenge at a new level. She has many goals for the young Tiger team, which consists of primarily sophomores. “There were a lot of injuries last year and that forced some of the younger players to step up and play higher than they should have been playing. This hurt them mentally and did not build their confidence.”

“One of my goals is to build up their mental toughness. They also need to develop a better shot selection. My job is to educate them and show them how to better use the court. We also need to learn how to play longer and grind out the point if we need to.”

Harris was attracted to Clemson for many reasons. She was especially impressed with the level of support Clemson offers the student-athletes. Clemson established Vickery Hall in 1991 to assist student athletes academically. Due to their rigorous schedule of traveling and practice, time can be very limited.

“There is tremendous support for a student-athlete, giving them every opportunity to succeed. I really felt that the student-athlete is going to be taken care of here. A great example is Vickery Hall. I have never seen anything like it. It offers the student-athlete the support they need because of their busy schedules.”

Harris is a coach who gives of her time freely and is completely devoted to her athletes. This is another reason she was drawn to Clemson. At Auburn-Montgomery, she was responsible for the coaching, academic counseling and administrative aspects of both tennis teams.

“I wanted to offer my players more,” says Harris. “This year I will be able to give more of my time on the tennis court and more time to be a coach. A team will play at a higher level if I can spend more time with them. Since I have been at Clemson, I have had more time to be on the court coaching the athletes.”

Harris has had a life filled with activity and success. “I feel that whatever road you take in life, what is important is that you give your best effort and that you do as good of a job as you can. That is what I always tried to do, whether as a student or as an athlete.”

To say the least, she has succeeded throughout her life with this basic tenet. Clemson's women's tennis program is headed for more NCAA appearances and All-America honors under Nancy Harris.
THE COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

More than 300 alumni and friends from all over the nation gathered at the Madren Center on May 2, 1997, for the convening of the Commission on the Future of Clemson University. The Commission was created by the Board of Trustees as a way to elicit recommendations and suggestions from alumni and friends on how to chart a successful course for the University into the 21st century and position Clemson as one of America’s leading universities. All of the members of the Commission are volunteers who pay their own expenses incurred in connection with their work on the Commission. The chairpersons are as follows:

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Memorial Stadium
Death Valley is the 10th largest on-campus stadium in the U.S.

In 1991, two very special anniversaries in the Clemson football tradition were observed. Not only did the 1991 season mark the 10th anniversary of Clemson's National Championship season, but it also marked the 50th birthday of the place where the Tigers won six games that season: Memorial Stadium.

In the first 55 years of Memorial Stadium, Clemson has a record of 192-71-7, including a 34-9-1 ledger over the last seven seasons. Clemson had a 16-game unbeaten streak at home between 1990-92 and has a career winning ratio of 72.4 percent.

The stadium has definitely been good to the Tigers who call it home, but the stadium was constructed against the advice of at least one Clemson coach. Just before head coach Jess Neely left for Rice University after the 1939 season, he gave Clemson a message. "Don't ever let them talk you into building a big stadium," he said. "Put about 10,000 seats behind the Y.M.C.A. That's all you'll ever need."

Instead of following Coach Neely's advice, however, Clemson officials decided to build the new stadium in a valley on the western part of campus. The place would take some clearing - there were many trees, but luckily there were no hedges.

The crews went to work: clearing, cutting, pouring, and forming. Finally, on September 19, 1942, Clemson Memorial Stadium opened with the Tiger football team thrashing Presbyterian College, 32-13. Those 20,000 seats installed for Opening Day would soon grow; and grow and grow. This year Clemson celebrates its 56th year in this outstanding facility.

When the original part of the stadium was built in the early 40's, much of the work was done by scholarship athletes, including many football players. The first staking out of the stadium was done by two members of the football team, A.N. Cameron and Hugh Webb. Webb returned to Clemson years later to be an architecture professor, and Cameron went on to become a civil engineer in Louisiana.

The building of the stadium did not proceed without a few problems. One day during the clearing of the land, one young football player proudly announced that he was not allergic to poison oak. He then commenced to attack the poison oak with a swing blade, throwing the plants to and fro. The next day, however, the boy was swollen twice his size and had to be put in the hospital.

There are many other stories about the stadium including one stating that Frank Howard put a chew of tobacco in each corner of the stadium as the concrete poured.

Howard says that the seeding of the grass caused a few problems. "About 40 people and I laid sod on the field," he says. "After three weeks, on July 15, we had only gotten halfway through.

"I told them that it had taken us three weeks to get that far, and I would give them three more week's pay for however long it took. I also told them we would have 50 gallons of ice cream when we got through. After that it took them three days to do the rest of the field. Then we sat down in the middle of the field and ate up that whole 50 gallons."

Howard says that on the day of the first game in the stadium, "the gates were hung at 1:00 pm and we played at 2:00 pm." But that would be all of the construction for a while. Then in 1958, 18,000 sideline seats were added and, in 1960, a total of 5,658 West end zone seats were added in response to increasing attendance. With the large end zone, "Green Grass" section, this expansion increased capacity to about 53,000.

Later, upper decks were added to each side of the stadium as crowds swelled - the first one in 1978 and the second in 1983. This increased capacity to over 80,000 which makes it one of the 10 largest on-campus stadiums in the country.

The effect spiraling inflation has had in this century can be dramatically seen in the differences in stadium construction. The original part of the stadium was built at a cost of $125,000 or at $6.25 a seat. The newest upper deck was finished in 1983 at a cost of $13.5 million, or $866 a seat.

Through the years, Memorial Stadium has become known as "Death Valley." It was tagged this by the late Presbyterian coach, Lonnie McMillan. After bringing his P.C. teams to Clemson for years and getting whipped, McMillan said the place was like Death Valley. A few years later the name stuck.

On November 16, 1974 the playing surface was named Frank Howard Field for the legendary coach because of his long service and dedication to the University.

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Clemson's Student-Athlete Enrichment Programs have provided one of the best academic support and advising programs in the nation.

The proof is in the statistics. A record number of Clemson student-athletes made the academic honor roll in 1997. Eight of Clemson's 13 Sports programs had a higher GPA than the student body average in the 1997 Spring semester. Twenty Clemson football players were on the ACC academic honor roll for the 1996-97 academic year, an all-time record. The Tiger football team had an all-time record GPA for the entire year in 1996-97. The Academic Counselor performs a variety of duties to track academic progress. Their duties include providing assistance in registration and priority scheduling, contacting faculty, personally checking classes, recording information, counseling sessions with student-athletes, providing diagnostic testing, and directing career aspirations.

One of the most prestigious programs that has received recognition essential to the growth of Vickery Hall is the tutorial program. The Student-Athlete Enrichment Program has been granted a Level 1 certification from the College of Reading and Learning Association, International Tutor Certification Program. Of the 160 programs certified by CRLA, the Clemson Student-Athlete Enrichment Program is one of three student-athlete programs in the country to achieve this distinction.

Also, having tutor certification enables student-athletes to be provided the highest quality of academic assistance possible. Approximately 80 tutors are hired to provide academic support in the many subject areas offered.

The Department of Student-Athlete Enrichment Programs has recognized the need for students to have access to high-quality computing equipment and has made a commitment to provide the student-athletes at Clemson with the largest computer lab in the country. Located on the first floor of Vickery Hall is the Department of Student-Athlete Enrichment Programs' Microcomputer Laboratory. The lab is open seven days a week, for 16 hours on Monday through Thursday, and limited time on Saturday and Sunday. During exam periods the lab hours are extended.

The lab staff has a full-time computer manager, and also graduate students, many of whom are pursuing advanced degrees in computer science. Lab staff members are available for tutoring of any Computer Science course, as well as the many management, engineering and business courses that deal with personal computers.

The Student-Athlete Enrichment Program is committed to providing state-of-the-art computing facilities. New computers have recently been purchased bringing the lab to a state of the art facility. Over 40 computers are available for student-athletes.

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The purpose of this program is to assist the student-athlete in making a successful transition into his/her university and athletic life. These programs will provide the student-athlete the opportunity to examine and explore issues and topics pertaining to his/her values, personal health and wellness, behavior, and goals. The specific topics will encompass both general transition issues and specific athletic issues as well.

Career Assistance Program

The Career Assistance Program provides student-athletes an opportunity to fulfill career aspirations by participating in various career seminars offered by the staff at Vickery Hall. The philosophy of this program is to provide student-athletes with job searching skills and strategies, internships, practicum experience as well as resume and employment. These programs are designed to address specific career opportunities through a program that uses each year to gain information on the student-athletes.

By using the resources available to the University, Alumni Center and the Athletic Department, Clemson is working to establish a network of businesses, companies, and executives who will help assist with The Summer Employment Assistance Program. The program's main goal is to provide the student-athlete with job experience and a work history, which student athletes can apply to their academic discipline.

The Career Assistance Program is coordinated from the academic colleges, the Placement Center, and through the Athletic Department contacts. This program is designed to better prepare the student-athlete for full-time employment and focuses on resume writing and interview techniques.

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Community Service

Clemson football players make time for community projects.

Community Service & Outreach

Clemson football players are involved in community service work throughout the academic year. Here is a rundown of some of the projects the team was involved in last year:

- **December, 1996**—Members of the team donated from their bowl money, funds to sponsor children so they could receive clothing or toys from the Helping Hands of Clemson.
- **January, 1997**—Members of the football team gathered at a local playground to assemble equipment for the Littlejohn Community Center.
- **February, 1997**—Donated a sum of money to the Helping Hands of Clemson as part of career dress day.
- **March, 1997**—"Engines that can day"—Members of the team traveled to the Clemson Child Development Center to read children some of their favorite books.
- **April, 1997**—"High Five Day" - 40 children from the Headstart program at Littlejohn Community Center came to Vickery Hall. The members of the team played host to the children at Clemson's Academic Learning Center.

The Student-Athlete Enrichment Program has begun a faculty/staff mentoring service in which deans, professors, administrators, and staff professionals serve as mentors for student-athletes. Student-athletes are also encouraged to serve as mentors to kids in the surrounding communities. Through the Clemson Student-Athlete Speakers' Bureau and such projects as Helping Hands, they make a positive impact off the playing field.

Tight End Wesley Ellis works with some elementary school students on the basics of reading.

Raymond White, David Richardson, and Corey Hulsey lend support to the construction of a "Habitat for Humanity" project at Clemson last fall.
Raymond Priester was a popular guest at this fifth grade class at Vereenes Elementary School in Anderson last April.

Anthony Simmons was one of the Tigers who took part in "High Five Day," when the Tigers played host to 40 children at Vickery Hall.

LIFE Line

LIFE Line is an organization that serves as a leadership group for the Clemson football program. The LIFE in the organization's name stands for Leaders in Football and Education. The group is composed of 13 Clemson football players and they provide a peer leadership group for the entire team.

LIFE line's members are committed to creating a positive team image, well developed goals and objectives, sound values and smart decision making. The group's goals are striving to enhance academic and athletic excellence, develop personal leadership skills and promote leadership qualities in other team members, promote career development on the team and encourage teammates to volunteer in community projects.

The members of the LIFE Line group for 1997-98 are Anthony Simmons, Raymond Priester, Corey Hulsey, Jason Collins, Glenn Rountree, Raymond White, Michael Allen, Carl Baker, Holland Postell, Brandon Streeter, Nealon Greene, Mark Landry and Kevin Laird.

The 13 players who lead the group are involved in monthly retreats, hear from speakers and presentations, and sponsor freshmen in an effort to aid their transition to college academics and athletics. "Being a good leader involves no mysterious methods nor profound philosophical approaches," said Bill D'Andrea, the Director of Clemson's Student-Athlete Enrichment Programs. "It is all quite simple and reasonable because people want to do the right thing. Improper behavior generally springs from poor decisions. If a player does something wrong, a good leader simply tells him or shows him how to do it right."

Last July, members of the LIFE Line presented a paper at the Leadership Convention for National Dropout Prevention Center at Clemson. The presentation consisted of information about the LIFE Line group and how the project was initiated.

"Our programs are designed to give each student-athlete every opportunity to reach his or her academic potential," said D'Andrea. "Tying in all three focus areas, academics, personal growth and career enhancement, help prepare them for the time they spend at Clemson as well as for successful careers."
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Anthony Simmons

Clemson linebacker has chance to be most decorated Tiger in history.

by James Brunson

A Clemson student appeared on the forbidden pages of last month’s Playboy magazine. The strange thing is that the student was neither reprimanded by the Clemson administration, nor forced to turn in their sorority pin. The reason that this student’s pictorial was not met by any objection? The student was not a female, but instead linebacker Anthony Simmons.

The junior became the first Clemson Playboy All-American since Terry Kinard in 1982. It is one of the most prestigious All-America teams because there is just one team, 22 players selected. The honor included a weekend trip to Arizona with the other honorees for a photo shoot. “The first two days were fun,” said Simmons. “I just met the other guys and it was like a big party. The actual photo shoot was on Sunday.” The disappointing part of the trip for the Spartanburg native—“There were no Playmates there!”

The fact that Simmons made the pages of Playboy should come as no surprise to Tiger fans. In his first two years at Clemson, he performed amazingly on the field. He was second in the league in tackles per game as a freshman and led that category as a sophomore. At the start of this year, he was sixth on Clemson’s all-time tackle list with 328, putting him on pace to break the Clemson record of 515 held by Bobba Brown. Before the Virginia game, Simmons has suited up for 29 games as a Tiger, and walked away as the leading tackler in 23 of them.

Recognition that Simmons has received because of his on-field achievements can be described as a bundle of fists. After his freshman season, he became the first defensive player to win the UPI National Freshman-of-the-Year ... not from Clemson, in the history of college football. Simmons also has been an AP All-America selection in each of his first two years. This achievement marks the first time that a Clemson player has made one of the first three teams of the AP All-America squad in their freshman and sophomore seasons.

When asked if he expected all of this success to come so early in his college career, Simmons responded, “Not really. The only thing that I expected was to be given the chance to play. I didn’t expect to come in and start. I didn’t even expect to come in and make the travel squad. I just wanted to contribute and do the best I could. They told me that the opportunity was there and I just took advantage of it.”

He has done such a good job of taking advantage of it that opposing coaches are ready for his days in Tigertown to be finished. In preparing for the Textile Bowl, N.C. State coach Mike O’Cain praised the junior. “He’s very physical with tremendous speed. You can’t run away from him because he can catch you. He’s also very strong and can take you on when you go straight at him. He is a great, great linebacker. He deserves all of the accolades he’s received.”

After Florida State escaped Death Valley with only 31 yards rushing and a narrow seven-point win, Chief Seminole Bobby Bowden added kiddingly, “I’m getting a special letter out to all the agents in the nation that spend so much time in Tallahassee, and see if I can’t get them to go up to Clemson, S.C. and get him to come out early (for the NFL draft). He’s one of the best football players in the country.” Simmons had 12 tackles, including a pair of tackles for loss against the Seminoles.

Bowden must still be disappointed with the fact that Simmons chose the Tigers over the Seminoles. “It came down to Florida State and Clemson,” says Simmons, “Here I had the opportunity to come in and play and be a factor right away, and it is so close to home. My family can come to the games.”

One member of his family that does not attend the games is his pet bald python. How does an All-American linebacker wind up with a pet snake? “Actually, it was a gift. A friend gave me to me and I just kept it.” The snake actually spends most of its time at his friend’s place, but on occasion Simmons has it in Clemson, where he keeps it in an aquarium.

Simmons lives with Antwan Edwards in an off campus apartment.

Simon’s is already in the Top Five in Clemson history in total tackles. “I take him (the snake) out and just let him crawl around the apartment.” This forces one to wonder if Antwan is scared to walk around his own apartment? “Nah. He isn’t scared of it. It doesn’t bite or anything. He wouldn’t bother you.” Python’s squeeze their prey, similar to the way Simmons executes many of his tackles of enemy running backs.

The Anthony Simmons legend has helped Clemson on many recruiting fronts. Former high school teammates aren’t shying away from Clemson. Wide receiver Brian Wofford and linebacker Harold Means joined Simmons last year, giving the Tigers a trio of former Spartanburg High players.

“I think my being here may have had an effect on them coming, because I played with those guys, and they knew they would be given an opportunity to play here. A lot of different places are going to tell you one thing and then do another. Here, if they tell you they’re going to do this or that, they’ll stick to their word.” Means had a career high nine tackles against UTEP, and Wofford has become a big part of the Tiger’s much improved passing attack.

The spiked up offense, and an early season hip-pointer are reasons that Simmons’s total tackle numbers are down slightly from the record pace of the past two seasons, but his plays per tackle average is holding steady at a tackle every 4.3 plays.

“Our offense is pretty much staying on the field these days (34 minutes per game in recent weeks). Last year I averaged around 50-65 plays a game, but this year I’m only out there for about 45-50 plays a game.”

Through the first four games last season, Simmons had 53 tackles, compared to 42 through the first four contests of this season. His plays per tackle average is virtually the same.

You won’t hear any complaints from the less beat-up linebacker about being on the field for fewer plays. “It’s a totally different feeling after the game this year compared to last year. It should help the defense over the course of the season and keep us fresh down the stretch.”

And, a healthy Anthony Simmons should mean many more Clemson victories and many more accolades for this Butkus Award candidate. Besides he still wants to look presentable for his possible modeling career.
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Bill Smith
Board of Trustees Member was starter on Clemson 1981 National Championship Team.

by Brian Hennessy

"Clemson's comeback kid." That's the phrase that best describes Bill Smith, the former Tiger defensive end who overcame numerous knee injuries to start on the '81 National Championship team. His never say die attitude has served him well, throughout his Clemson playing career and now as a successful businessman and as a member of the Clemson University Board of Trustees.

Smith, 6-5 and 220 pounds in his playing days, was a rangy defensive end for the Tigers in the late 1970s and early 1980s. A native of nearby Duncan, SC and Byrnes High School, Smith was a quarterback on the AAA State Championship team. He was also the AAA Lineman-of-the-Year his senior season at Byrnes High. But defense would become his calling in the college ranks.

Coming out of high school, Smith was heavily recruited by almost all the Southern Division I schools. "Even though I had many offers, the small-town approach and the family atmosphere attracted me to Clemson," Smith says. "Also, since Clemson was so close to my hometown and had so many great traditions, it was an easy choice for me to make."

Once at Clemson, Smith played immediately as a true-freshman in 1977 on special teams under then Head Coach Charley Pell. Due to a rash of injuries in '78, the versatile athlete was moved to the defensive line. But, by the end of the season, he had returned to the defensive line and played in the Gator Bowl win over Ohio State, Clemson's first bowl win since 1959.

The following year, he returned to the offensive side of the ball as a tight end. But that season was cut short by an injury to his left knee and he was red-shirted. That injury was a blessing in disguise, however, because it allowed Smith to play on the '81 Championship team.

Smith returned in 1980 and started for the Orange and White as a defensive end. But the '80 season almost never began for Smith. In the off-season, he had suffered an injury to his right knee that required his second trip to the hospital for surgery. But, once again, he overcame those setbacks.

"I had an injury-plagued career," reflected Smith. "It's safe to say that the training room was my second home." Despite the injury, Smith ended the 1980 season by leading the defensive ends in tackles with 43, a defensive line contingent that included future 14-year pro Jeff Bryant. Smith sparked the Tigers' comeback win at Virginia by returning a blocked punt 11 yards for a touchdown, the first Tiger to do that in 17 years.

In 1981, he again had a scare in the pre-season, but it turned out to only be a slight tear of some cartilage in his leg. Fortunately, torn cartilage does not affect many players during a game. So when the season finally began, all of his problems went away and the culmination of his hard work finally paid off. "We were coming off a 6-5 season (1980) and weren't ranked in any top 20 poll at the beginning of the season," Smith recalls. "But we had a strength of schedule, including Perry Tuttle and Jeff Davis. We took one game at a time and took care of business."

"During the '81 season, Smith recalls some moments that were key to Clemson's rise to the top and went often-noticeless at his low-key position. "When we beat North Carolina 10-8, I caused the fumble on the latter that preserved the win in the only meeting of two top-10 ranked teams in ACC history. That was certainly one of the more memorable plays of my career." Smith also was Clemson's top tackler in the win at South Carolina and had a pair of sacks in the game."

That game clinched Clemson's first perfect regular season since 1948.

The 1982 Orange Bowl was the last game of Smith's Clemson career and his football career for that matter. It's safe to say he saved the best for last. He had a career-high 10 tackles in the game and broke up a pass in the Tigers' 22-15 victory over Nebraska.

"I didn't appreciate what we accomplished until a few years later," Smith said. "It has taken these years in between to realize what we did as 20- and 21-year-olds. When I meet people from around the state and they see my National Championship ring, it's a big topic of conversation. I get just as big a thrill out of the season today as I did 16 years ago."

The success on the field for Smith, now 68, has translated to off-the-field fulfillment. Smith is happily married to his wife Beth, and the couple has two children, Catherine (4) and Cannon (2). Cannon just happens to be Bill's middle name.

"I have the greatest family in the world," Smith exclaims. "Without a doubt, my wife and kids are the most important people in my life. My family is why I'm in my work. They are the motivation for me to get up and go to work every day."

Today, Smith works in Columbia as a partner in Holmes Smith Developments, a commercial real estate development company that specializes in office and industrial development throughout the Southeast. "My daily responsibilities include overseeing the development process, which includes legal, financing, construction and lease negotiations with Fortune 500 companies."

"I knew I wanted to one day own my own business, but not necessarily in real estate development," Smith says. "I tried several different occupations and found that I really enjoy real estate development, and I have been in the field for the past 14 years."

Smith, who graduated from Clemson with a degree in administrative management, is also a member of the Clemson Board of Trustees. "It's hard to describe in words what it means to me," he states. "I decided to run for the Board because of my love for the university. I also thought it was a good way to give back to Clemson because the University had done so much for me during my days as a student-athlete. I was encouraged by some people who wanted representation on the Board from my generation. I wanted to be a part of helping Clemson head in the right direction as we go into the 21st century."

From the numerous injuries that he has endured, to the responsibilities of being a Clemson University Trustee member, to his real estate work, Smith has made a strong comeback every time. It is evident in the family he cherishes and the championship ring on his finger.
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Name synonymous with Clemson Memorial Stadium. The stadium was dubbed this affectionate title by the late Lonnie McMillian, a former coach at Presbyterian. He used to take his teams to play at Clemson, and they rarely scored, never mind gained a victory. Once he told the writers he was going to play Clemson up at Death Valley because his teams always got killed. It stuck somewhat, but when Frank Howard start calling it that in the fifties, the term really caught on. It is now in its 56th year.

Many people think the name is derived from the fact that there rests a cemetery outside the fence on the pressbox site of the stadium. But, although it would make sense, the name was first coined by Lonnie McMillian.

First Friday Parade

The Clemson football season kicks off each year with the annual First Friday Parade. The once a year event takes place on the Friday afternoon prior to the first home football game. Floats from various fraternities and sororities and other campus organizations are represented in the parade that rolls down main street in Clemson. The parade culminates at the Amphitheatre in the middle of campus where the first Pep Rally of the year takes place.

The Grand Marshall of the Parade is featured at the Pep Rally. Recent Grand Marshals have ranged from current PGA professional Dillard Pruitt, to College Football Hall of Fame legends Jess Neely and Frank Howard, to noted television announcers Brent Musburger and Ara Parseghian.

Homecoming

Clemson holds a classic homecoming every year. Displays by fraternities and sororities that are months in the making, are built on Bowman Field the week prior to the Homecoming Weekend. It is an event that draws alumni and friends of Clemson from all over the country.

The Friday evening prior to the game, Tigerama is held in Death Valley, an event that attacts over 35,000 fans. The Homecoming Queen and her court are presented in addition to Homecoming skits, a pep rally and a large and loud fireworks display.

The first homecoming game played at Clemson took place on September 30, 1922 when Clemson met Centre. Clemson has a 53-17-3 record on Homecoming games over the years, a .743 winning percentage and has outscored the opposition 1547-955 in those previous 73 games. The average margin of victory is 21 to 13. Clemson has been especially successful on Homecoming in recent years, posting a 23-1-2 record since 1970.

Orange Pants

The tradition of the Clemson team wearing orange pants is new according to tradition standards. The Tigers first wore the all orange uniform for the final game of the 1980 season against South Carolina. Clemson upset the 14th ranked Gamecocks and Heisman Trophy winner George Rogers, 27-6. The victory set the stage for Clemson's National Championship run of 1981.

Overall, Clemson is 30-7 in Orange pants since that 1980 game, including a 17-1 record in games played in the month of November. The Tigers had an eight-game winning streak in orange pants snapped in the 1996 Peach Bowl against LSU. Clemson has nine wins over top 20 opponents when wearing Orange pants, including the 22-15 National Championship clinching win over Nebraska in the 1982 Orange Bowl.

Rock, Howard's

When the Clemson team gathers to Run Down the Hill the players rub Howard's Rock because of the mystical powers it is supposed to give Clemson players. The rock is mounted on a pedestal at the top of the hill and was given to Coach Frank Howard by a friend (S.C. Jones' 19) who picked it up in Death Valley, CA. The Rock was first placed on the pedestal at the top of the hill on September 24, 1966, a game Clemson won 40-35 over Virginia. The team started rubbing the rock for the first game of 1967, a 23-6 win over Wake Forest on September 23, 1967.

Running Down the Hill

One of the most exciting 25 seconds (about 35 seconds when Clemson dresses 120 players for homecoming) in college football from a color and pageantry standpoint. After Clemson's last warmup the team retreats to the home dressing room located under the West Stands. At about 12:50 (for normal 1:00 P.M. game), the team boards two buses and drives around the perimeter of the stadium to the east side of the field. After everyone is properly collected, the cannon sounds, Tiger Rag is played and Clemson charges down the hill (exactly 100 feet top to bottom) and onto the field. It is one of the most celebrated entrances in sport. The Tigers have done it for every game since 1942, except for 1970, 1971 and four games of the 1972 season. In all, the Tigers have run down the hill 255 times heading into 1997.

How in the world did the tradition of running down the hill start? There is no long involved explanation, it used to be the quickest way to get to the field. When the stadium was built in 1942 the football lockerrooms were up the street in Fike Fieldhouse.

When the players were finished getting dressed they used to walk out the front door and walk down the street to "The Hill" Coach Howard continued the tradition when lockerrooms were finally built inside the stadium because Clemson fans used to get so fired up when they gathered at the top of the hill. That's when the buses came into use to spend the trip from the lockerroom to the other side of the stadium.

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Hardee's

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Women's Track

By Brenda Rabon

The 1997-98 Clemson women's track and field season looks to be a promising one for the Lady Tigers. Under the direction of head coaches Chad Bell and David Kaiser, Clemson sets out to challenge for 1998 ACC Championship titles.

The Lady Tigers have depth on this year's squad that Bell and Kaiser describe as, "a quality depth" that will allow the team to take a shot at further their success on the national level at the NCAA Championships.

The sprints should lead the Lady Tigers to success this season. Sprints and relays coach Chad Bell will look to returning All-Americans Samantha Watt and Shekera Weston to significantly contribute in the sprints area. Last season Watt and Weston were members of the 4x400m All-American relay team that captured the ACC indoor title and placed fourth at the NCAA Outdoor Championships. Weston was the only American freshman to compete in the 200m at the NCAA indoor championships last year.

In the short sprints, the Lady Tigers return 55m Clemson record holder Simone Tomlinson. She brings three years of experience to the team as the 1996 ACC 55m champion and 1997 100m champion. Tomlinson also earned All-ACC honors in the 55m dash last season at the ACC Championships.

Junior Nikkie Bouyer returns after a 1996-97 red-shirt season. Bell expects her to contribute in the short sprints and hurdles. Bouyer transferred to Clemson for the 1995-96 campaign and set the Clemson record in the 100m hurdles. She also ranks third on the All-time performers list in the 55m hurdles and fourth in the 200m dash.

Newcomer Annika Kumlin will compete for the Lady Tigers after training with the Tigers last season. The native of Finland was a member of the Finland World Junior National team as a 400m hurdler during her prep career.

Lashonda Cutchin joins the team as a high school All-American in the 200m event. During her senior year of high school, Terri Robinson was ranked fifth nationally in the long jump but is expected to contribute a great deal in the sprints. Simone Brown joins the Clemson program as a high school record holder in both the 200m and 400m events.

Field events coach David Kaiser will lead the Lady Tigers through a rebuilding phase in the field events area this season. Clemson's key losses include four-time ACC Champion and All-American Nikki Sims who was a shot put and discus competitor. The Lady Tigers also lost two heptathletes in ACC Champion Annu Montell and All-ACC performer Aija Kortesooja.

In the jumps, Clemson must fill the void in the high jump with the loss of All-ACC performer Sharia Clinkscales and top-five Clemson history performer Trevi Frazier in the triple jump and long jump.

One of those key freshmen competitors is Jamine Moton who was the top rated shot put and discus thrower in the state of New Jersey. Cynthia Trzcinski also joins the Clemson ranks with great strength in the shot put.

Clemson record holder Julie Polovick returns this season. Polovick set the school record in the hammer with a 146'-0" mark as a sophomore last season. The sophomore also ranks second on Clemson's all-time performers list in the 20 lb. weight.

Thrower Ann Marie McAuley holds the number-two spot on the Clemson all-time performer rankings in the hammer throw. Jessica Hartikainen, a native of Finland, will join the Tiger ranks to make an impact in the triple jump and the long jump. Terri Robinson comes to Clemson after ranking fifth in the nation in the long jump during her senior year of high school. The Lady Tigers return experience in the heptathlon with the return of junior Katja Pettinen.

Wayne Coffman is coaching the Clemson cross country team this Fall. He has replaced James Earle at Vickery Hall as academic advisor career enhancement coordinator. The growth and development of the cross country returnees has impressed Coffman in early competition of the 1997 campaign.

Beth Ahern and Shannon Schoppman return as consistent distance competitors who have significantly improved in the off-season. "The difference between their performances of last season and this season is like night and day," commented Coffman.

Freshman Jennifer Meador is expected to come in and make an immediate impact as a top seven cross country runner. Meador joins the Clemson team as a seven-event school record holder as a prep.

"All of our cross country runners will carry us into the track season and compete in events anywhere from the 800m to 5000m range," said Coffman. "We really do not have a 10,000m competitor this season. Beth Ahern would like to move up into the 10,000m, but she has a knee injury that has kept her from training the miles she needs to in order to compete in that event."

Also competing during the indoor and outdoor seasons are juniors Juliane Littman and Brantley Epps. Both return as ACC scorers in the middle distance area. Littman and Epps were members of the 4x800m relay team that broke the school record at the Penn Relays with a time of 9:08.44.
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While IPTAY is primarily concerned with athletic fundraising, the mission of Clemson University has not been overlooked. The IPTAY Academic Scholarship Endowment was created to help meet the need for more academic scholarships for non-athletes who are highly qualified academically. The IPTAY Academic Scholarship Fund is presently the largest scholarship endowment of its kind at Clemson, currently helping over 30 students at Clemson.

IPTAY Executive Director George Bennett has continued to keep Clemson among the best in the nation in terms of fund-raising by the establishment of the IPTAY Endowment Program. In April of 1994, he kicked off the beginning of the endowment of positions program at the 85th birthday celebration for former Clemson Coach Frank Howard. The endowments are secure with a $100,000 donation paid over a five-year period.

"This is a chance to broaden the horizons of IPTAY," said Bennett. "It gives an individual or a group of people an opportunity to endow a position that meant something during their college playing days, or to honor a person at a position. The money being endowed is going to secure our future as the interest is used to carry on our program forever.

The first endowment was for the head football coach position to honor the legendary Frank Howard. Howard coached football at Clemson 39 years, 30 as the head coach. During his tenure the Tigers won 165 games, 100 of which were against conference foes. "Former players and friends of Coach Howard made donations over the cost of attending the celebration program and that was enough for the endowment. Their gifts were a way of permanently thanking Coach Howard for all that he did for Clemson.

"Following Coach Howard's birthday party we began to look for an individual to help us raise money and promote the program and Bill Hudson's name came up. He was an outstanding player at Clemson who has been equally successful in the business world. We went to him and explained the program and its goals and that we were looking for his leadership to help get the program going, and he accepted."

Hudson, a 1956 graduate, was a three-year letter winner at tackle who played professionally for the Montreal Alouettes, the San Diego Chargers, and the Boston Patriots. He earned Pro Bowl honors in 1962. Mr. Hudson sees this program growing into a large part of Clemson’s athletic funding. "When other people see information on the endowment program and learn what it is about this program will grow. Success builds on success. People who are looking to honor a friend or family member now have a great means to do that."

Besides the Hudson's family endowment four other football endowments were made and one managers position in the first year. Now there are over 30 positions endowed. The goal of the program is to get every position endowed. "From the free safety to the number three player in women's tennis, we hope to have every position endowed," said Bennett.

"We will likely use the Avenue of Champions as a physical place to honor these people further for the positions they have endowed. That will have plenty of space, so we will be working to have as many endowments across all of our sports."

"The personal satisfaction that they helped Clemson University, specifically the Athletic department, and that they are securing its future are the main reasons for becoming involved."

And with more involvement Clemson will have a very secure future for generations to come.
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**ACC Football Facts**

Clemson was one of three teams nationally to have all of its games televised in 1996.

- The ACC is one of only two conferences to capture three or more national football titles since 1980. Clemson laid claim to the league’s second title in 1981, Georgia Tech followed suit in 1990 while Florida State pocketed national title number four in 1993.

- The nine schools that take to the field this fall under the ACC banner have produced 322 first or second team gridiron All-Americans and 49 first-team academic All-Americans. ACC teams have had 1,358 players selected in the annual professional football draft, including 90 first-round draft selections.

- If success is best measured in terms of wins and losses, the ACC over the years has proved itself to be among the elite in Division I-A football. The ACC remains the nation’s winningest bowl conference as the nine current league teams are a combined 76-66-5 in postseason play, including 22-16-1 since 1987.

- Three ACC teams, Clemson, Florida State and Georgia Tech, are among the nation’s top 10 winningest bowl teams. Georgia Tech has the highest winning percentage in bowl play with a 17-8 record (.680), while Florida State is now fifth with a 15-8-2 mark (.640). Clemson is 10th with a 12-9 record (.571).

- Five of the ACC’s nine teams were ranked at least two weeks in the AP poll in 1996.

- The 1996 season marked the eighth consecutive year the ACC had at least four teams participating in bowl games.

- The ACC is the only conference in the nation to have each of its schools play in a bowl game in the decade of the 1990s.

- ACC Football has drawn at least 2.2 million fans for six straight years. ACC teams played to 85.3 percent of their stadium capacity in 1996.

- ACC teams made an all-time high 56 appearances on national television in 1996. League teams made 28 appearances on ABC, 19 on ESPN and ESPN2, three on CBS and one each on NBC, TBS, Fox and Prime. Clemson was one of just three schools nationally (BYU and Boston College were the others) to have all of their games on national or regional live television in 1996.

- 54 of the 72 conference games in 1996 were shown on live television.

- Only the Pac-10 with 13 players, had more former players take part in the NFL Pro Bowl at the conclusion of the 1996 season. The ACC had 11 with Clemson leading the nation with five.

- Eleven times over the past 17 years, an ACC member school has claimed the CFA Academic Achievement Award, which is awarded to a CFA member institution with the highest graduation rate among members of its football team. In 1996-97, the ACC Academic Honor Roll record was broken for the 11th straight year as 1410 student-athletes were recognized for their work in the classroom.

- The 1996-97 academic year concluded with the league pocketing three more national team titles and four individual NCAA crowns. Among the individual winners was Clemson golfer Charles Warren, who won the NCAA Championship at Conway Farms in Chicago in a playoff.

- The ACC placed at least one team in the top 10 in 16 of the 24 sports sponsored by the league. The league had 33 top 10 finishes overall and 84 teams competed at the NCAA championships of their respective sports.

- Since the league’s inception in 1953, ACC schools have captured 59 NCAA and AIAW championships, including 27 in men’s competition and 32 in women’s. In addition, 100 men and 24 women have earned the coveted title of the NCAA champion.

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Clemson is one of three ACC schools to win the National Championship since 1980. Above, Dan Benish (71) and William Devane (94) celebrate a fumble recovery in the victory over Nebraska.

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At Clemson, the very mention of the word "Homecoming" fills the minds of alumni and undergrads alike with the thoughts of colorful floats, changing leaves, and Tiger football. It is a celebration of a University and a football tradition and the two have gone hand in hand at Clemson since 1922 when the tradition was established under then Clemson coach E.J. Stewart.

Today is also a special day for many Clemson students as they are reunited with their parents for a brief weekend visit. For some students, it has been a while since they have seen their parents, and Parents' Day is an opportunity for them to share in one of the most thrilling football weekends of the season. This is the first time Parents' Day and Homecoming have been celebrated on the same weekend.

On Friday night, the "world's largest pep rally," Tigerama, was performed on Frank Howard field. Over 30,000 fans were scheduled to attend the event, which featured the theme "The Magical World of Clemson." Various organizations performed skits related to the theme and the evening concluded with a breathtaking fireworks display.

As with every home football game, "The Band that Shakes the Southland" will kick off pregame with the ever memorable Orange Bowl March. Following the march will be the glorious sounds of one of John Phillip Sousa's most renowned marches, "The Washington Post." The Clemson University Pershing Rifles Company C4 presents the colors on the field. Everyone then stands and joins Tiger Band to honor America in singing, "God Bless America."

After the invocation, the crowd remains standing for the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the National Anthem conducted by Clemson University Director of Bands, Dr. Richard Goodstein. Tiger Band then invites all to sing the Clemson University Alma Mater.

In keeping with tradition, Tiger Band will march to spell out "Tigers" in its traditional script form. Today, as a part of Parents' Day, the Tiger Brotherhood Mother-of-the-Year, Mrs. Carolyn O. Hendrix will have the honor of dotted the "i."

Mrs. Hendrix is the proud mother of two children, both of whom are graduates of Clemson University. Bill Hendrix, a 1963 graduate, and Guy Hendrix, a 1977 graduate, are her proud children on this day.

At this point in the pregame celebration, Tiger Band strikes up the Orange Bowl March while forming a tunnel on both sides of the hill. The excitement is almost ready to explode as the 80,000 Tiger fans anticipate the upcoming "most exciting 25 seconds in college football."

In the final moments before kickoff, Tiger Band will once again fill the air with the familiar sounds of Tiger Rag. As the cannons fire and the Tigers rush down the hill into Death Valley there is no question why so many individuals consider Clemson's pregame to be one of the most exciting in college football.

For this year's Homecoming and Parent's Day halftime, Tiger Band will fill Death Valley with sounds from a show entitled "Star Wars." Featured hits include, "20th Century Fanfare" by Alfred Newman, as well as John Williams' "Star Wars - Main Title" and "The Imperial March."

During this afternoon's game, Tiger Band would like to honor the 1997 Drum Majors Landon Hammett, Susan Lark, and Allison Smith.

Hammett is in his second year as Drum Major, and his fourth year as a band member. He is a native of Boiling Springs, SC and is majoring in Civil Engineering.

Lark is in her third year as a Drum Major, and fourth as a Tiger Band member. She graduated from nearby Pendleton High School, and is currently a senior majoring in nursing.

This is Smith's first year as Drum Major, but her third in Tiger Band. She hails from Bamberg, SC and is a junior majoring in biological Sciences.

At the conclusion of the halftime show, Tiger Band will be joined on the field by over 150 former members from across the country who have returned to Death Valley to perform in the Alumni Band and play "Tiger Rag" one more time. It is a recent tradition that makes it a special day for former band members who tote their instruments back to Clemson to rekindle memories of their college days.

Both Homecoming and Parents Weekend unite special friends and family from everywhere. For all in attendance, today is a time for excitement that is unique to all members of the Clemson family.
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Clemson and Virginia are both in the top 15 in the nation in rushing defense.

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Almost any football coach on any level will expound that a running game has to be established first in order to have a successful passing attack.

There’s no doubt in people’s minds that Clemson, almost since football started here 101 years ago, is one of the premier teams nationally to follow this theory. And, to a certain degree, that has been the case in early games this season, with Raymond Priester leading the Atlantic Coast Conference in rushing with just under 100 yards per game.

Clemson itself ranks third in the conference in its ground game, and fourth in passing.

But that aerial game has taken on a new look this season. Averaging around 250 yards passing a game wouldn’t be any big deal for a team like Brigham Young. In fact, Cougar head coach Lavell Edwards would probably be looking for a new quarterback coach if the average was that low in Provo.

However, for the Tigers that is a new experience to have a passing average like that. And with a whole and well quarterback in the third and fourth games, things could have been better than they are. Nealon Greene is averaging in the neighborhood of 225 yards passing per game, and that is over 70 yards more than the highest signal caller Clemson ever had (149.1 by Jimmy Addison in 1966).

And speaking of Addison and 1966, that’s worth bringing up again.

Thirty-one years ago, plus 17 days, the greatest passing show in Memorial Stadium history took place between Addison and Bob Davis of Virginia. Most people remember that game because the Tigers were trailing 18 points with 17 minutes to play. They remember that Addison passed to Jacky Jackson 75 yards for the winning score with 3:49 left in the game and Clemson finally went ahead for good.

But the next two minutes were anything but a cake walk for the Tigers. Davis brought the Cavaliers back downfield and had a first down on the Clemson 14 when James Tompkins tipped a Davis pass that Phil Morton intercepted with 1:49 showing, allowing Clemson to run out the clock.

Coach Frank Howard saw his troops come from behind twice that afternoon to win, but that game also started a tradition that is still quite evident today. This was the opening game of the season, and it also marked the unveiling of Howard’s Rock. Team members were told by Howard that if they were going to give him 110 percent that they could rub his rock as they started down the hill. “Otherwise, keep your filthy hands off my rock,” he said.

In a game like that, some of the players had to give more than 110 percent because up to that time, no Clemson team had ever come from that far down and won the game. And they wouldn’t do it again until 1992, this time in Charlottesville.

Ole Death Valley hadn’t seen before, or since for that matter, the passing display put on that afternoon. The closest game for combined passing yards in the 56-year history of Death Valley took place a few weeks back when Clemson and Florida State combined for 617 passing yards.

The passing yardage owned by Clemson and Virginia in 1966 was about as close as the game itself. Clemson claimed 315 yards, and was all by Addison, except for a 32-yard completion by Jackson. And, Davis was only three yards behind the Clemson total with 312.

The Cavaliers averaged 12 yards a catch on 26 completions, but the Tigers were better than twice of that average with 24.2 on half the number of receptions (13). Davis’s completions (26) and attempts (48) were both ACC records at the time, and he was only 11 yards shy of the conference yardage record of that era, a record set the year before by Clemson’s Thomas Ray, who had 323 yards at North Carolina in 1965.

For their efforts, both Addison and Davis were recognized nationally, as Addison was named Associated Press National Back of the Week, while Davis received the same accolade from Sports Illustrated. Quite possibly, this is the only time in college football history where two opposing players in the same game received top national honors by two different services.

Amazingly, that game also produced a 100-yard rusher (Clemson’s Buddy Gore, 117) and a 100-yard receiver (Clemson’s Wayne Bell with 120 yards on six catches). Virginia did not have a player rush for 100 yards, but had a pair of 100-yard receivers. Ed Carrington had 10 catches for 113 yards and running back Frank Quayle had 7-103 and two touchdowns.

Quayle, one of the top all-purpose players of the era, had just 11 yards rushing, but had a punt return for nine yards and five kickoff returns for 95, giving him 218 all-purpose yards.

Clemson was its own worst enemy on this day, losing five of six fumbles, four of them in its own territory at the 46, 37, 38 and 24-yard lines.

Ray’s performance in 1965 and Addison’s in 1996 against Virginia still stand one and two in the Clemson record books for passing yardage.

Don’t sell Nealon Greene short today. He is already in second place on Clemson’s career passing yardage list and should become the all-time record holder today. He already has the completion record and may end his career with 100 more than anyone else.

Based on the laws of probability, Greene and Virginia quarterback Aaron Brooks probably won’t produce the stats Davis and Addison had 31 years ago, but it could be close. Brooks had a 305-yard passing game against Auburn, and Greene has had back-to-back 250-yard performances this year.

In recent years this game has featured outstanding ground attacks, but today the air may be filled with football. Settle back and watch the show.

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