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Four Tigers, Fletcher Anderson, Phillip Dieckmann, Todd McCollin (pictured right), and Chris Wikaell, are all natives of the state of South Carolina and have been loyal members of the program for many years. They are being recognized today in their final appearance in Death Valley against arch-rival South Carolina.

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2004 Clemson Football
Today's Game
Clemson vs. South Carolina

Clemson Needs One Win To Be Bowl Eligible
Clemson needs to defeat South Carolina to become bowl eligible. This is the sixth time in history that Clemson has played South Carolina facing a “match-point” situation in terms of becoming bowl eligible. The Tigers are 3-2 in the previous five situations, but Clemson has won each of the last two when faced with that situation against the Gamecocks.

In 1985, Clemson and South Carolina were both 5-5 entering the final game of the season in Columbia. It had been determined prior to the game that the winner would go to the Independence Bowl. Clemson won that game 24-17 to advance against Minnesota, a team coached by Lou Holtz during the regular season. Holtz did not coach in the bowl game against Clemson, however, as he accepted the Notre Dame head coaching position after the conclusion of the regular season.

In 1992 at Death Valley, Clemson entered the South Carolina game with a 5-5 record and the Gamecocks were 4-6. But, behind freshman Steve Tannenhill, the high school coach of current Clemson defensive end Gaines Adams, the Gamecocks defeated the Tigers 24-13.

In 1994, Clemson and South Carolina entered the final game at Clemson with identical 5-5 records. Both Tommy West's Clemson team and Brad Scott's South Carolina team needed a victory to go to a bowl game. Scott's Gamecocks were victorious 33-7, leading to a Carquest Bowl victory over Virginia, the first bowl win in Gamecock history.

In 1997, both teams again needed a win to become bowl eligible. Clemson was 6-4, but one of the wins was a Division I-AA victory over Appalachian State, so Clemson still needed another win. The Tigers won that game in Columbia 47-21 behind Tony Horne and Antwan Edwards, the seventh-straight win for the road team in the series.

In 1999, Tommy Bowden's first year as Clemson head coach, the 5-5 Tigers needed to defeat Lou Holtz's first Gamecock team to go to the Peach Bowl. The Tigers came away with a 31-21 victory. Under Bowden, Clemson has faced the last game of the season needing to win to go to a bowl game twice previously, and the Tigers have come through each time. The aforementioned 1999 game versus South Carolina was the first instance, and a December 1, 2001 game against Duke that ended in a 59-31 Tiger victory is the second. Clemson had games to spare when it clinched a bowl bid in 2000, 2002, and 2003 under Bowden.

Tigers When Needing Win in Last Game For Bowl Bid
Year | Opponent | Site | W-L | Score
---|---|---|---|---
1985 | South Carolina | A | W | 24-17
1992 | South Carolina | H | L | 13-24
1994 | South Carolina | H | L | 7-23
1997 | South Carolina | A | W | 47-21
1999 | South Carolina | A | W | 31-21
2001 | Duke | H | W | 59-31

Note: Home games in bold.

Top Receivers Do Battle
Two of the top receivers in the nation will be on the field when Clemson faces South Carolina. In fact, both teams have the top receiver in their respective conference on a reception-yards-per-game basis.

Eric Coleman and the Tiger defense have yielded only 13.2 points and 62.2 rushing yards per game during the last five contests.

Clemson senior Airese Currie has had a breakout senior year and leads the ACC in receptions per game (6.0) with 60 catches in 10 games. The native of Columbia, SC also has 852 receiving yards, and thus needs just 148 receiving yards to reach 1,000 for the season. He is trying to become just the third Clemson receiver in history to reach 1,000 receiving yards in one season. Rod Gardner did it twice (1999,00), while Derrick Hamilton did it last year.

Currie is trying to become the first Tiger since 1960 to lead the ACC in receptions per game. Perry Toltle did it in 1980 when he had 53 in 11 games. Jerry Butler, in 1976, is the only other Clemson receiver to lead the ACC.

Currie went over the 2,000-yard receiving mark for his career, just the sixth Tiger in history to do it, when he had 75 receiving yards on six catches at Duke. He now has 2,014 receiving yards for his four-year career. With 137 total receptions, Currie is eighth in Clemson history in total receptions and sixth in reception yards. His 6.0 receptions per game would be second-best in Tiger history if the season ended after 10 games. The record is 6.75 by Rod Gardner, who had 80 catches in 12 games in 1999. Tommy Bowden's first year at Clemson.

Troy Williamson will provide fans with just as many reception highlights when South Carolina is on offense. The junior from Jackson, SC leads the SEC in reception yards per game (80.9), Williamson, who played sparingly for Florida due to an ankle injury, has 40 catches for 809 yards and seven touchdowns this season. He was named a semi-finalist for the Biletnikoff Award a couple of weeks ago. Williamson is also effective as a kickoff returner, with a team-best 150 yards on seven returns.

Stockstill Back at Death Valley
For the second consecutive home game, a long-time former Clemson assistant coach will return to Death Valley with the opposing team. Three weekends ago, N.C. State Defensive Coordinator Reggie Herring returned to Memorial Stadium. He had been a defensive assistant coach at Clemson from the 1993 Peach Bowl through the 2001 season, including five years as the Tigers' defensive coordinator.

On Saturday, South Carolina Assistant Coach Rick Stockstill returns to Death Valley as the Gamecocks wide receivers coach. Stockstill coached at Clemson with distinction for 14 years, serving the positions of wide receivers coach, quarterbacks coach, and recruiting coordinator. He recruited and coached some of Clemson's greatest players ever, including Rod Gardner, a first-round draft choice, All-American, and graduate during the 2000 season.

Stockstill was an assistant coach at Clemson between 1989-02. He coached in 11 bowl games in his 14 years at Clemson. No Tiger coach, assistant or head, has been on the sidelines for more Clemson bowl games.

Stockstill is the ninth coach to serve on the staffs at both Clemson and South Carolina since 1989. The list includes current Clemson Assistant Head Coach and Offensive Line Coach Brad Scott, who served as South Carolina's head coach from 1994-96. Former Clemson Head Coach Tommy West (1994-96) also served on the staff at South Carolina (1991,92).

Knowing Both Sides of the Rivalry

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Note: Scott was head coach at South Carolina and West was head coach at Clemson from 1994-98; list includes coaches who have coached at both Clemson and South Carolina since 1989.

Defense Key to Four-Game Winning Streak
Clemson has won four of its last five games to reach the .500 mark entering the regular-season finale with South Carolina. Clemson has had a streaky season, with a four-game losing streak followed by a four-game winning streak, the first time in Clemson history the Tigers have had one of each in the same season.

The key to the comeback from a statistical standpoint has been the defense. As the chart at the end of this note shows, Clemson allowed 31.2 points per game during the first five games of the year, but has allowed just 13.2 points a game over the last five games. In terms of total defense, Clemson allowed 421.8 yards per game over the first five games, but just 258.8 since. The biggest improvement has been rushing defense, which was 223.0 yards a game over the first five games, compared to just 62.2 over the last five.

Forcing turnovers has also been a key. Clemson forced just three turnovers, last in the nation, over the first five games, but has forced 11 over the last five games. The defense has also improved in terms of third-down defense. Clemson allowed 47 percent third-down conversions over the first five games, but has allowed just 31 percent over the last five games.
What might be the most impressive statistic is yards per play allowed. Clemson allowed 5.2 yards per play over the first five games of the season, but just 3.56 over the last five games. How good is 3.56 yards per play allowed? Clemson’s 1990 defense, that featured eight starters who went on to the NFL, allowed 3.52 yards per play over the course of that season.

Five Games Decided on Last Play in 2004

When Clemson lost at Duke 16-13 on a 53-yard field goal by Matt Brooks on the last play of the game, it marked the fifth time this year that a Clemson league game had been decided on the last play of the game. We do not have every play-by-play on file in the Clemson SID office dating to the beginning of Tiger football in 1896, but it is safe to say this has been the all-time "cliffhanger" season in Clemson football history. The five last-play games do not include the Maryland game, when Clemson scored a touchdown on a short run by Reggie Meriwether with 23 seconds left.

The madness all started with the season-opener when the Tigers defeated Wake Forest 37-30 in overtime in Death Valley on an 11-yard pass from Charlie Whitehurst to Kyle Browning. The next week, Georgia Tech defeated the Tigers 28-24 in Death Valley when Calvin Johnson caught an 11-yard touchdown pass from Reggie Ball with 11 seconds left. Clemson had a pass into the endzone from the Yellow Jacket 31 on the last play that fell incomplete.

Clemson then won the aforementioned Maryland game on October 23, followed by a 26-20 win over NC State. The Wolfpack had a fourth-down play from the 11-yard line (same distance as the Georgia Tech game) with eight seconds left, but Charles Bennett intercepted at the goal line and his return ran out the clock. On November 6, Clemson then won against #10 Miami (FL) in the Orange Bowl in overtime. An incomplete pass on a fourth-down play on Miami’s final snap in overtime gave the Tigers the victory.

Clemson is 4-2 this season in games decided by seven points or less. Each of the last four Tiger games have been decided by seven points or less, just the fourth time in school history that has happened, including the first since 1993. Clemson’s four wins this season by seven points or less rank as the most in a season since the 1993 team won five (against just one loss). The overall record for wins in a season by seven points or less is six. The 1948 team had a perfect 6-0 record in close games on the way to an 11-0 record.

It is interesting to see how winning close games goes in cycles. Between the 1998 and 1999 seasons, Clemson was 0-9 in games decided by seven points or less. In contrast, Clemson went 12-0-3 in games decided by seven points or less between 1948-51.

If we have another “nail-biter” today in the game between the Tigers and Gamecocks, it would give Clemson seven games decided by seven points or less. That would be the most in a season since 1985, when Clemson also played seven games decided by a touchdown or less. The 1976, 1977, and 1980 teams also all had seven games decided by seven points or less.

Tigers 9th in Nation in Yards Per Play Allowed

Clemson has made great strides defensively over the second half of the season. But, the Tigers have done an outstanding job in terms of yards per play allowed over the course of the entire season. Clemson ranks 40th in the nation in terms of total defense (total yards allowed per game), but ninth in the nation on a yards-per-play basis. Clemson has given up just 4.42 yards per game for the season, including just 3.56 yards per play over the last five games.

The list of the top-12 teams nationally in terms of yards per play allowed features four ACC teams. N.C. State leads the nation in total defense and leads the nation in yards per play allowed. The Wolfpack has the lead by a wide margin, allowing just 3.61 yards per play for the season, compared to second-ranked Alabama at 3.99. Florida State stands fourth in the category, allowing 4.06 yards per play. Virginia Tech is the fourth ACC team on the list, ranking 12th.

Whitehurst Has Defeated Nine ACC Teams

Charlie Whitehurst has defeated every ACC team he has faced in his 28 games as the Tigers’ starting quarterback. Due to conference expansion, he is the first ACC quarterback in league history to defeat nine different ACC teams over his career. The ninth different team he defeated was Miami (FL), a 24-17 overtime victory on November 6. Whitehurst completed 21 of 37 passes for 258 yards against the Hurricanes.

Whitehurst has a 17-11 record as a starting quarterback. Just a junior, Whitehurst is tied for ninth in Clemson history in total wins as a starting quarterback. The record is 32, held by Rodney Williams, who was 32-10-2 between 1965-88.

Whitehurst is 2-0 as a starter against South Carolina. On Saturday, he will attempt to be the first Tiger quarterback since Homer Jordan (1980-82) to start three Clemson wins over South Carolina.

Bowden, Tigers Second in ACC Wins Since 1999

Clemson finished its 2004 ACC schedule with a 4-4 record, the sixth-straight year Clemson has had at least a break-even conference mark. Clemson, Florida State, and Georgia Tech are the only ACC schools with at least a break-even conference mark every year since 1999.

Clemson has a 28-20 ACC record since 1999, Tommy Bowden’s first year as Clemson’s head coach. The Tigers trail only Florida State and Tommy’s father, Bobby Bowden, in ACC wins over that time. The Seminoles are 42-6 during that six-year span, including 6-2 this year.

Clemson has been to a bowl game each of the first five years Bowden has been Clemson’s head coach, the first time in ACC history a coach has taken an ACC program to a bowl game in each of his first five years with a league program. Of course, he could extend that streak with a victory over South Carolina on Saturday.

National Leaders in Yards Per Play Allowed

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Tommy Bowden has led the Tigers to 28 ACC victories in his six years as head coach, the second-highest total during that period.
Clemson

Category | Clemson | Opp.
--- | --- | ---
Total Defense | 2939 | 3403
Total Plays | 660 | 770
Yards/Play | 4.5 | 4.4
Yards/Game | 293.9 | 340.3
Rushing Yards/Game | 102.1 | 142.6
Passing Yards/Game | 191.8 | 197.7
Passing Efficiency | 96.4 | 105.4
Punting Average | 39.3 | 39.4
Punt Returns | 30-367 | 35-286
Kickoff Returns | 34-920 | 18-369
First Downs | 165 | 201
Penalties | 57-490 | 76-143
Turnovers | 23 | 14
Third-Down Conversion % | 29.9 | 39.0
Time of Possession/Game | 26:58 | 33:03
Total Points | 207 | 222
Points/Game | 20.7 | 22.2
Touchdowns | 24 | 25
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Interceptions By Defense | 10-132 | 16-173
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Clemson | 333 | 1021 | 3.1 | 12 | 62 |

Opponents | 438 | 1426 | 3.3 | 15 | 50 |

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Airese Currie is known to Tiger fans as a wide receiver on the football team who has lightning-quick speed. Many might even know that he showcases his talents on the track stage as well. But what do they know about the star when he is not donning the orange and purple uniforms? One needs only to ask him about his tattoos to tap the surface.

On his left arm, he has images of praying hands, which signify his religious beliefs, and of Jesus with the initials of his mother, grandmother, and sister. Family is important to the senior who calls Columbia, SC home. Because his mom was in the military while he and his sister were growing up, the three became very close over the years. The family moved every three years, and Currie lived in North Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, and Germany before settling in Columbia.

He claims that his mom has been the most influential person on his football career as well as in life. “She’s a very strong person, an independent and smart lady,” he said. “She’s always encouraged me to give 110 percent in anything I did. Anything I wanted or needed, she was there for me.”

Currie, who was named after the Greek God of War (Aries), has followed in her footsteps athletically. Geneva Currie was a sports star throughout her high school days, playing volleyball, basketball, and softball, and she even continued to participate while the family was overseas.

On his right arm, Currie has a tattoo of a clown. It was his first one and perfectly symbolizes his personality. He is a fun-loving person who is always smiling.

“I'm not an upright, serious person. I'm laughing about something all the time.”

These days, he has much to grin about. This year, the senior leads the ACC in total receptions (60) and reception yards per game (85.2). He is trying to become the first Tiger to lead the now expanded league in either category since Perry Tuttle did it in 1980. He is in good shape to accomplish both, as he is 19 catches ahead of every other ACC player.

Currie has also moved into Clemson’s top 10 in career receptions and reception yards. His 137 total catches rank eighth and his 2,014 yards rank sixth. He is only five receptions away from tying Kevin Youngblood for fifth place.

His statistics this season are also placing him in the Clemson record books for individual season-bests. His 60 catches in the first 10 games are tied for fifth-best. Rod Gardner holds the record with 80 receptions in 1999. Maintaining his average of six catches per game would rank Currie fourth in that category at season’s end.

With the graduation of Kevin Youngblood and the departure of Derrick Hamilton, Currie realized as an experienced senior that he needed to step up for the 2004 season and be more of a playmaker on offense. “I knew the coaches and Charlie (Whitehurst) were going to be depending on me as pretty much the only veteran. I came out each day of practice and tried to work as hard as I could.”

His summer workouts were hindered after he suffered injuries while at the NCAA Outdoor Track Championships in Austin, TX this past summer. Currie experienced an especially frightening moment the night after the meet concluded when he was attacked. At the time, there was a chance he would miss considerable practice and even games. Nonetheless, Currie had faith that he would recover, and the incident has changed his perspective on the game. He runs every play, whether in a game or in practice, like it could be his last.

“If I’m tired, I’m going to push myself because you never know when it could be taken away from you,” he stressed. “I knew I was going to be fine, but just the possibility of it being taken away that quickly is scary.”

That attitude has been evident this season, as Currie has been Clemson’s leading receiver in eight of the Tigers’ 10 games. He has had over 100 yards receiving three times this season. In the season-opener against Wake Forest, he caught nine passes for 152 yards, both high figures for an ACC player this year. He also scored a touchdown in Clemson’s 37-30 double overtime victory over the Demon Deacons, a 31-yard reception in the first quarter.

Against N.C. State on October 30, the Richland Northeast High graduate tallied 108 yards on seven receptions. Whitehurst hit Currie for a 24-yard touchdown pass, his second of the season. At the Orange Bowl versus the Hurricanes, he turned in another spectacular performance with seven receptions and 128 yards in the upset over #10 Miami.

The wideout does not back down from a challenge. When faced with a tough opponent, he finds a way to overcome the situation.

“It's like a chess match out there, and that's how I approach it. You have to have your defenders set up. I try to play games with them and show them different things.”

The tactic appears to be working.

After starting 13 games his freshman and sophomore years, Currie really turned heads last year in his third season. He scored four touchdowns and recorded 560 receptions, leading him to win the school’s Defensive Player of the Year award. He was named ACC Player of the Year and a consensus All-American.

He is shining once again in 2004. He has posted six receptions of over 20 yards, including a 42-yarder in the win over Miami. A total of 14 receptions of more than 10 yards led him to being the ACC’s second-leading receiver with 80 catches and 1,351 yards.

Against Florida State on November 19, Currie was the only Tiger with more than 100 yards receiving as he caught five passes for 105 yards. In the win over Georgia, he posted four catches for 60, including a 51-yard touchdown.

In the win over South Carolina, Currie totaled 117 yards on five receptions. He was named ACC Player of the Week for his performance against the Gamecocks.

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Still not satisfied, Currie said he wants more in the ACC Championship game against Miami.

“Still not satisfied. I want more. I want to be number one.”

Airese Currie, a senior from Columbia, leads the ACC in receptions per game (6.0) and receiving yards per game (85.2) this season.
yards on 43 receptions in only 10 games. He set a Clemson single-game receiving record with 12 catches against Middle Tennessee State on September 13. The game was his first with over 100 yards receiving, as he posted 133 that day. He was responsible for the Tigers’ longest offensive play of the year with a 72-yard touchdown reception against Furman on September 6.

However, the play was not the longest of Currie’s career. In 2002, he caught a Whitehurst pass and ran 83 yards into the endzone at North Carolina on November 9. Also during that season, he had a crucial touchdown against Duke on November 2. The Tigers were trailing the Blue Devils by 14 points in the fourth quarter and were facing a fourth-and-10 play on the Duke 47 yard line. Whitehurst hit Currie for a touchdown, which sparked Clemson’s comeback and defeat of Duke by a score of 34-31. He played in every game that year and totaled 16 receptions for 282 yards and three touchdowns.

Currie set a freshman record during the 2001 season when he finished the year with a 17.8-yards-per-reception average. He had 320 receiving yards on 18 catches and scored a touchdown. That one score is Currie’s favorite play from college, because it came against the South Carolina Gamecocks in Williams-Brice Stadium. The Tigers were on their own 46-yard line when Woodrow Danzler threw the ball to Currie. He hauled it in the ball and raced 54 yards for the score.

“When I scored that, I put a dagger in their hearts, and it felt great to score a touchdown in their stadium with all their fans,” he remembered.

Even though Currie lists Columbia as his hometown, he did not move to the city until his sophomore year of high school. He had spent grades 7-9 in Germany. He had barely heard of Clemson and knew even less of the intense rivalry between the two schools; he quickly learned about both. Clemson Assistant Head Coach Brad Scott began sending him information in his junior year. Currie had played football when he was younger but did not return to the sport until his junior year of high school, at the insistence of his track coach.

Currie began playing football in backyards when he was around eight or nine years old. He grew up following the Dallas Cowboys when they were “America’s Team” with Michael Irvin, Emmitt Smith, Troy Aikman, Leon Lett, and company. He became a fan and follower of football great Jerry Rice when he started playing organized ball in fifth grade in Virginia. As a receiver, he admired Rice’s style of play and desire to compete.

After two years, Currie was forced to discontinue football when his family moved to Germany. The sport was not offered at his middle school overseas, and the recreation center’s program was just flag football.

“I didn’t want to play flag football, so I didn’t play those two years,” he laughed.

The school had a ninth-grade team, but Currie suffered injuries that season and was not able to play.

Currie’s track involvement was not as dispersed as his football participation. He had been running and competing in some way from a very young age. He claimed that as far back as kindergarten, he was running dashes at school field-days. When the family returned to the United States after its first three years in Germany, Currie and his sister attended summer camps in Virginia while their mom was at work. His competitive nature was nurtured during those years, as he used to participate in all the sports and field-day activities.

He also played basketball as a youth. He attended Dean Smith’s camps at North Carolina and dreamt of being a Tar Heel. He played until his junior year of high school when he decided to return to the gridiron. He wanted to focus solely on football and track.

Currie experienced great success with both at Richland Northeast High. He had 42 receptions for 630 yards and 10 touchdowns in his injury-plagued senior season, and he won the South Carolina championship in both the 200m and 400m dashes. He was also named the South Carolina AAA Track Athlete-of-the-Year.

He wanted to continue with both sports in college, so he considered the two programs at each instate school before making his choice. Clemson fit both.

The Tiger track program has won 20 total ACC titles, including nine outdoor titles and 11 indoor trophies. With Shawn Crawford’s performance at the Olympic games in Athens this past summer, the men’s track team has had four Olympic gold medalists. The program has also had 18 individual NCAA champions.

The team has continued its achievements since Currie became a member. In the 2002 outdoor season, his first as a Tiger, the team placed fourth at the NCAA Outdoor Championships, the highest finish for the Clemson program in history. Currie was a part of the All-American 4x100m relay team that finished second at the national meet, and set school and conference records with a time of 38.82.

In 2003, the team placed second in both the indoor and outdoor ACC meets. Currie earned All-ACC indoor honors with a third-place finish in the 60m dash. At the outdoor conference meet, he was also an All-ACC performer after placing second in the 100m, and as a member of the winning 4x100m relay team. He was the NCAA East Region Champion in the 100m with a time of 10.29, and competed in the NCAA Outdoor Championships in the 100m and 200m dashes.

Last year, the men’s track team claimed the ACC Outdoor Championship title and set a meet record for total points scored. Currie’s 4x100m relay team again won the gold medal, earning All-ACC honors. The team qualified for the national meet, and Currie qualified in the 100m and 200m races as well.

Even though he has been practicing constantly for at least one sport and received very few breaks since coming to Clemson, Currie does not regret participating in both. “I enjoy doing both very much, which is why I continue to do it,” he said. “With track, I’ve gotten to go to places like California, Baton Rouge, Texas, and Nebraska, that I might not have gone on my own.”

With his last college football season coming to a close, Currie expressed his gratitude to a number of people and wanted to give a “special shout-out” to Amare.

“I thank God for the abilities that He’s blessed me with and the talents He gave me. I want to thank my teammates that I’ve played with, in the present and in the past, for being like another family. I want to thank everybody, my mom, my family, and the coaches.”

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By Kyle Tucker

There are three components that are necessary to every successful placekick in a football game. The play begins with a good snap, continues with a hold, and finishes with a kick that hopefully finds its way through the uprights. Geoff Rigsby has been the first part of this operation for the Tigers for three years, and while his job may not get the credit when kicks are made, Rigsby’s role is very important.

Most football players do not begin their careers wanting to be long snappers. Rigsby was no different, as he began his football career as a linebacker. One day at practice in the eighth grade, Rigsby’s coaches were in search of anyone who could snap the ball back to the punter. He volunteered his services, and while admittedly not sharp on his snapping skills, Rigsby found something that would help him take his football career to the next level.

Rigsby played at Riverside High School in Greer, SC as both a linebacker and a defensive end. He was also a standout baseball player for the Warriors. After his high school playing days were over, he was given an opportunity to walk-on at Clemson, an opportunity he knew he could not pass up.

“I’ve always been a Tiger fan,” said Rigsby. “They invited me to walk-on, and I had always wanted to play at Clemson. Before my senior year, I was with a friend that was on an official visit at Clemson, and I told myself then that I was going to be a Tiger and run down that Hill. When the time came to decide where to go to school, there was no other choice.”

Rigsby walked on to the football team prior to the 2000 season, and saw the Tigers go 9-3 and finish ranked in the top 15 as a red-shirt freshman. In 2001, he still was behind on the depth chart at long snapper, but cracked the two deep late in the year and traveled to some road games.

It was not until the 2002 season that Rigsby made his presence felt. With the graduation of four-year starter Henry Owen at long snapper, the Tigers entered the season-opener without a player on the roster with experience at long snapper. Rigsby won the job in fall camp and remembers the game at Georgia vividly.

“It might have been a lot easier if I would have been able to start my first game here. It was really a great atmosphere that night. It was a loud crowd, but when I am out there on the field, I don’t hear anything other than myself breathing.”

Rigsby went on to be the snapper on all Tiger punts and field goals in 2002. Following his red-shirt sophomore season, he was awarded a scholarship.

The 2003 season saw the Tigers record some big victories, and Rigsby says he will always remember the way he was able to contribute to each. “The 2003 Florida State game is by far my favorite game at Clemson. I feel like I had a good game doing the punt snaps, and Joshua Smith did a good job on field goal snaps.

Everyone on the special teams had a great night; Aaron Hunt kicked four field goals and Cole Chason punted well. The whole team that night had its best performance. We played very well as a team and had a 26-3 lead on the #3 team in the country with five minutes left and won 26-10. That night is something I can’t describe.”

Spending his first two years as a reserve allowed Rigsby to study some of his older teammates and gather as much knowledge as he could from them. He points to Owen and former Tiger punter Jamie Somai as two former teammates he was able to look up to on the special teams unit.

“I really liked the way Jamie worked. He always had fun at practice, but he also knew when it was time to get serious and get to work. I also learned a lot from Henry. All I had to do to learn from him was watch him. He was a very consistent snapper, and I even changed up my mechanics a little bit because I liked the way he did things.”

Rigsby will look back on his days as a Tiger and be proud that he was able to play with former quarterback Woodrow Dantzler. “I liked the way Woody played. He was kind of quiet and didn’t feel like he had to say a lot to get attention. He wasn’t cocky at all; he just went out there and played, and his success on the field speaks louder than any words can.”

Long snapping is very much like kicking in football in that you only get one chance to make things happen. It can even be compared to a golf swing in that the mechanics of the snap have to be sound to perform the job successfully. Rigsby takes a relaxed approach to his snapping.

“The big thing you have to do is not think about it. As crazy as that sounds, you have to go out there, grab the ball, and snap it. You can’t go out on the field and worry about mechanics, you have to trust that the practice you put in has you ready fundamentally. Field goal and punt snaps require the same mindset, and you have to be focused on going out there and doing what you have done hundreds of times.”

Tiger fans have become familiar with Rigsby over the past three seasons for his ability to get downfield and make tackles on punts. Another aspect of the game that he takes great pride in.

“After I snap it, I try and get down field as fast as I can to make a tackle. I have to run with my head on a swivel, because if you don’t, you can easily get a cheap shot taken on you. My job is not always to make the tackle, but help force the return man to our other guys covering the punt. If I am in a spot to make the tackle, then of course I’ll do my best to make the play.”

Rigsby also points to his parents for helping him become a Division I football player, and they understand the hard work and sacrifice that he has put into his time as a Tiger.

“I have to thank my parents, they always support me through everything, No matter what has happened in my life, they are always there. They make it to all of our games.”

After his time as a Tiger, Rigsby plans on trying to further his football career. He feels he has the ability to snap professionally, but will need to bulk up and also catch a few breaks.

“Know it will be tough, but after I graduate in December, I want to try and gain some weight and give the NFL a try. I’ll need some breaks, but you never know what will happen.”

Rigsby is one of 17 seniors playing their final home game at Death Valley today. He is another successful piece of the puzzle for the Tigers, and his work ethic will make him successful in the future, both on and off the football field.

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How could you not like Ben Hall? Whether it is his on-field accomplishments, his friendly smile, or the personal struggles he has had to overcome, the senior tight end from Wellford, SC has become one of the most well-liked Tigers among players and fans.

Hall began his playing career as a standout at Byrnes High School. "I had a very good experience playing at Byrnes for Coach Bobby Bentley," said Hall. "I won the MVP award all four years that I played in high school. I was very successful in high school. I really enjoyed playing on Friday nights."

By his senior season, Hall was ranked as the #1 tight end prospect in the nation. His numbers, gaudy for a high school tight end, were sure to impress college coaches. As a junior, Hall recorded 25 receptions for 410 yards and eight touchdowns. In his senior season, Hall had 42 catches for 735 yards and seven scores.

Along with a #1 position ranking comes extra attention from opponents and added pressure to the individual. "There is some pressure, but I never really paid attention to rankings or all the hype," said Hall. "I always tried to stay humble. I just looked at it as playing football. Then when all the awards started coming in, I thought of it as something extra.

"It was tough sometimes, because I would get double and triple-teamed. I would have defensive ends covering me with help from the safeties over the top. There were guys who would dive at my legs from the snap of the ball, so sometimes it could get rough."

Hall’s performance on the field began to garner attention from college recruiters during his junior season. "Because of the high ranking, I was highly recruited by a lot of schools, so I really felt lucky being able to choose from the schools that were offering me scholarships. I received my first offer when I was a junior from Virginia Tech. I really didn’t have any plans to play football in college; I was really just happy playing high school football. I didn’t really know a lot about Clemson until they started recruiting me."

With a number of ACC and SEC schools knocking at his door, Hall narrowed his search to Clemson and South Carolina. "At first in the recruiting process, I was ready to go anywhere," stated Hall. "I didn’t really know about the whole process, and everybody was coming at me with scholarship offers. My top five options were Arkansas, Alabama, Tulane, South Carolina, and Clemson. But then I narrowed it down to Clemson and South Carolina, because I really thought that I wanted to stay in-state."

With help from his family, Hall decided his playing experience would continue at Clemson, citing opportunities for freshman playing time as a key deciding factor. "South Carolina was a good school and I enjoyed being recruiting by them, but Clemson was a good school too. It felt like I was right at home. The coaching staff was great and I had a good time on my recruiting visit. It was actually the only recruiting visit that my mom traveled with me, so it even was more special."

"Clemson was a little bit closer to home, and I really wanted the opportunity to play as a freshman. Clemson gave me the opportunity to come in and work hard, and earn playing time as a freshman. I had a really good relationship with the coaches, so Clemson ended up being the best option in the end."

Hall did not disappoint during his freshman season, making eight receptions for 79 yards and three touchdowns, including one against Louisiana Tech in the Humanitarian Bowl. The three scoring passes set a Clemson record for a freshman tight end.

Even with his remarkable speed for a tight end, Hall says that his hands are his most important asset. "My hands would have to be my best attribute. As a tight end, you don’t get a whole lot of opportunities to get catches. You catch a few balls here and there, but you really don’t know when you are going to get the next one. So I look at it and say that you better not drop any of them. I try to take pride in catching everything that gets thrown to me."

"My speed helps out also. When I was in high school, I played mostly against cornerbacks and small guys that were fast, and I had to get around them. So when I am up against a linebacker, they are supposed to be a little slower, so I should be able to get by them too."

Hall continued to see success as a sophomore, recording 12 catches for 161 yards and another score, again coming in a bowl game, this time in the Tangerine Bowl against Texas Tech.

However, personal issues put a hold on college football after the 2002 season. After learning of the deaths of a close friend and a cousin, combined with family financial issues, Hall contemplated transferring or giving up college football.

Hall rejoined the team before the 2003 season, but was not in his top playing condition. He struggled through a three-catch season, trying to regain confidence from his teammates as well as himself.

The highlight of the season came in perhaps the biggest game of the season, the annual in-state rivalry game against South Carolina. With the Tigers already holding a 14-0 lead in the first quarter, Charlie Whitehurst found Hall over the middle for a 39-yard touchdown.

"That was a blessing," said Hall. "I was coming off a rough year and I hadn’t really done a whole lot in any other games. The coaches put that play in that week, and at the time I was splitting time at tight end with Bobby (Williamson), so there was no guarantee that they would call the play when I was in there. So I just prepared myself to play and made sure that if I was in the game and got the opportunity, that play was going to go for a touchdown."

"We knew that the safeties played cover-two defense, and I knew that the fastest way to the endzone was in a straight line. It was nice to make that play. It had been a long time since I had gotten the ball in a game. It’s hard to play tight end; you may not get the ball but once every couple of games, but you have to be ready, and when you do get the ball, you have to do something with it."

After the 2003 season, Hall, having earned the confidence of the coaching staff and teammates, rededicated himself to preparations for the 2004 season, devoting himself to winter workouts. Coaches began to notice huge changes by spring practice. Hall recorded two catches for 30 yards in the Spring Game, and was cited by football coaches and strength coaches as the most improved player at his position. The coaches raved about his offseason work and his improved blocking in the spring.

Hall took what should have been a detriment to his playing career and turned it around into a maturing process that helped him both as a football player and as a man. "It helped me mature a lot," said Hall. "Going through any kind of experience in life, it always comes down to how you handle it, and what you do after you go through it."

"Whether something happens to you physically or mentally, it’s all about what you do with it. After all the stuff that happened, I just took it and flipped it into a positive. Wanting to leave the team and all..."
Ben Hall
Senior Spotlight

that, I just flipped it into a positive. I asked the coaches to let me stay. I wanted to make the best out of the experience and come back with a better attitude. I knew that I still had two years of eligibility left to play, and I wanted to make the most out of it.

"I had some setbacks coming back the first year, not getting to play as much, but coming back gave me the momentum and drive to be the best player that I can be. After going through three years of not really doing what you are supposed to do and not taking advantage of opportunities, I decided that I needed to put myself in the best position for my senior season, both on and off the field.

"I had to start being a leader on the field and off, getting my work done in the classroom, and hitting the weights a lot harder. You know it was really a complete 360, and everything has been going really well since then. I try to keep a positive attitude about everything, no matter what is going on around me. If I am not catching passes, then I am still going to block hard. Everything builds off of being positive."

Hall overtook Williamson as the top tight end before the end of spring practice. He earned a vote of confidence from the coaching staff, as Williamson was moved to defensive end (where he has flourished), leaving #87 as the primary tight end.

Hall has used the family buildup of the team as his support during his comeback. With help from players and coaches, the road to his return was much easier.

"The team was a big asset to me during the troubles," said Hall. "The first couple of weeks were hard to get back into the rhythm, but everyone (on the team) really helped me a lot and it got easier. I have to praise the team for that. They had a lot to do with making me feel at home, and making me feel like a part of the team again."

This season, Hall has continued to impress, recording nine receptions for 142 yards and one touchdown, scoring the only points in the Tigers' loss at Texas A&M. The biggest play of the year for Hall may be his 56-yard reception at Virginia to the Cavalier six-yard line, setting up Clemson's first score of the game. With at least one touchdown catch each year, Hall is the first tight end in Tiger history to catch a touchdown pass in four different years.

Now, the South Carolina game has much more important ramifications, with Clemson looking to become bowl eligible, and South Carolina wanting nothing more than to repay Clemson for last year's 63-17 score and keep the Tigers from a bowl game for the first time in the Tommy Bowden era.

"South Carolina is very good team," said Hall. "I haven't gotten to watch them a whole lot; I just read some about them, but we know that they are a much better team than the one that we played last year. Just by looking at the number of games that they have won, that automatically earns our respect. Of course, with the in-state rival game, you always have to respect them."

To prove how far Hall has come from just 18 months ago, every week before games, Clemson watches a highlight package from the previous week’s games. Each time Hall is included in the highlights, the entire team cheers.

At the Peach Bowl banquet at the end of last year, season highlights were shown for both Clemson and Tennessee. During this very proper and formal dinner, the Volunteer highlight tape was shown first, followed by Clemson's highlight tape. As the footage from Hall's touchdown reception against South Carolina was played, the entire Tiger team instinctively gave Hall a standing ovation during his catch and run.

"The team really makes you feel good," said Hall. "I really try to get along with everybody. I think the team knows that and so they try to help me feel good. If I catch one ball, then they will make a big deal about it and go crazy. I like it; it makes me feel good about myself."

When asked whether he will make any more highlight-reel plays against South Carolina this season, Hall responded, "I hope so. Like I said, I don't know when my number will be called, but I just prepare myself to be ready whenever it is called. Hopefully the coaches will have confidence in me and find some room to stick in a few more of those passes. I will definitely be ready when that time comes, so that I can make that play."

Hall has 32 catches for 433 yards and six touchdowns in 47 career games as a Tiger.

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Fletcher Anderson has just about done it all at Clemson. He has scored a point in a football game, campaigned for and elected student body president, and has been seen at many Clemson sporting events cheering on the Tigers.

For Anderson, the choice really was a simple one. He grew up a Tiger fan coming to games in the 1980s, and heard tales of Tiger legends of the past from his father Joe and uncle Ben, who was a starter on the Clemson teams of the early 1970s under Hootie Ingram.

After a stellar senior season at Lexington High School, Anderson was selected to the South Carolina Shrine Bowl team with future Tiger teammate Todd McClinton. He was invited to walk-on as a placekicker at Clemson by current Tiger Offensive Line Coach Brad Scott.

"I never wanted to go anywhere else, and I wasn't going to try and go anywhere else. I thank Coach Scott for giving me the opportunity to come and be a Clemson Tiger."

He always dreamed of one day playing at Death Valley in front of 80,000 plus fans, but admits after spending five years on the team there are many other experiences he will never forget.

"To me, the best part of being on the Clemson football team is the people you get to meet. The friendships that I have been able to make far outshine playing time and all of that. Sure that is very important, and I want us to win, but to me just being a part of the whole gameday experience is great. I feel like I am every other student on Saturdays, except I get to put on a uniform."

Anderson's favorite moment as a Tiger came on a night that many Tiger fans will not soon forget. After Chansi Stuckey scored on a 33-yard run to give Clemson a 62-17 lead at South Carolina last November, Anderson came on to boot the extra point right in his own backyard.

"That was a great moment, because I hadn't kicked in a game in a long time and it was close to home."

After he graduates in December of this year, Anderson says he hopes to stay and work in Clemson for a few years and then go to seminary. A future in politics is also a very high probability for the first Clemson athlete to be student body president since 1980.

Todd McClinton came to Clemson as one of the most sought-after tight ends in the country and became a part of Tommy Bowden's second signing class at Clemson. Playing at Johnson High School in Columbia, SC, he was a SuperPrep All-American and rated the fifth-best tight end in the nation by the same service. His performance in high school earned him a spot on the 1999 South Carolina Shrine Bowl team.

McClinton sat out the 2000 season and used the year to work hard academically. He paid off, as he was named to the ACC Academic Honor Roll and had a GPA of over 3.0 for the year.

As a sophomore, McClinton lettered at tight end for the Tigers and was used mostly in running situations. He started the first game of his career against Duke and also played 15 snaps in the Humanitarian Bowl win over Louisiana Tech.

The 2002 season saw McClinton make a position change when he moved to defensive tackle. He averaged 14 snaps a game as a junior, and as he entered 2003, he was the only Tiger to earn a letter on both sides of the ball. He was named to the ACC Academic Honor Roll again in 2002 as well.

The following year was a tough one for McClinton, but showed how much strength he had both physically and emotionally. Every college football player dreams of a senior season in which he contribute to a team that has a great season. However, injuries kept McClinton off the field for much of the 2003 season, but he was able to come back and play in the final two regular-season games against Duke and South Carolina, and contribute to the Tigers' four-game winning streak.

The 2004 season has seen McClinton take on a different role in the Clemson football program. He has volunteered his services as a student coach and has worked with his former defensive teammates this season. McClinton can be seen on the sidelines at games as well as practices encouraging Tiger defenders. While it may not be the contribution McClinton had envisioned, he has proved to be a valuable asset to the Tiger football program.

Chris Wiksell has been to both the bowl games for the Tigers since he was a kid. He started playing football at the age of five, and has been a football fan since.

"I had never even thought about playing football until I came to Clemson," said #39. "I would sit in the stands and watch the players on the field, and see the fun they were having and how excited they were and I wanted to be a part of that." With no prior football experience, Wiksell thought that playing for the Tigers would continue to be a dream and nothing else until playing flag football with his friends.

"I remember we would go out and play football on the weekends, and being a soccer player, I liked to kick and punt the ball. All of my friends told me I had a strong leg, but I didn't really pay them any attention. They finally convinced me I should try out for the team, so I decided to give it a try."

Wiksell began to hone his skills as a punter and placekicker, and as his senior season at Clemson drew closer, he began to have doubts. "It was my senior year and I still wasn't sure if I was going to do it. However, being my final year, I didn't want to have any doubts and 20 years down the road wish I would have tried it. So I went out for the team, and thankfully I made it."

Wiksell quickly worked his way up the depth chart at punter and got to dress out for some home games in 2003. He is currently listed as the second-team punter, and says that while he has only been on the team for a little more than 12 months, he has made memories that will last a lifetime.

"The teammates I have been around these past two years have been great. I've also been fortunate to be on the travel squad and go on the road trips. I got to punt once against Utah State, and that was an unbelievable experience."

Along with Yusel Kelly, Wiksell is one of only two current Tigers playing as a graduate student this year. He is working on his MBA and plans to complete the program by May of 2006.
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Building a Future for Clemson

James F. Barker
Clemson University President

Clemson University President, James F. Barker, came to the office in 1999 with a clear vision of Clemson's future. A 1970 Clemson graduate, Barker has established a goal of making the university one of the nation's top 20 public universities - an institution that draws outstanding faculty and students, provides an unmatched academic experience, and helps drive the state's economic development.

"South Carolina needs a top-tier research university, and our students deserve to have access to a top-tier education without leaving their home state," Barker said. "Building Clemson's academic, research, and service programs to the level where we can compete with anyone will benefit our state, our students, and our alumni."

Clemson, already South Carolina's top-ranked public university, is making strides toward that goal. During Barker's presidency, the university has:

- been recognized as Time Magazine's "Public College-of-the-Year"
- developed an academic strategic plan with eight emphasis areas aligned with the state's economic needs
- implemented an enrollment management plan to protect the quality of classroom teaching and allow for more student/faculty interaction
- redesigned the general education curriculum to focus on learning outcomes, and give undergraduates more opportunities for study abroad, service-learning, and research activities
- nearly doubled external research funding
- completed Clemson's largest capital campaign

Working with private industry and state leaders, Barker also has steered Clemson into a greater economic development role. In six months, Clemson broke ground for a 400-acre automotive research campus in Greenville, dedicated a state-of-the-art biosystems research complex, and announced plans to invest $70 million over five years to support the advanced materials industry. All three projects represent substantial investment in areas related to South Carolina's most promising economic clusters.

Barker also is becoming a leading voice in higher education in South Carolina and beyond. He served as chair of the ACC Council of Presidents for three years, including 2003-04 when he was significantly involved in the ACC's expansion, with the addition of Boston College, Miami, and Virginia Tech. He is also chair of the Commission of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the regional accrediting agency.

Over the past two years, he has earned recognition as a community leader, including South Carolina's Order of the Palmetto, the Boys and Girls Club Hall of Fame, the Greater Greenville Chamber of Commerce's Buck Mickel Award for Business and Community Leadership, and the Anderson Independent-Mail's "Pointing the Way" Leadership Award for Community Service.

Barker earned his bachelor of architecture degree from Clemson and his master of architecture and urban design degree from Washington University in Saint Louis, MO. Before returning to Clemson in 1986 to serve as dean of the College of Architecture, he was dean of the School of Architecture at Mississippi State. In 1995, he became dean of the new College of Architecture, Arts, and Humanities, which was created as a comprehensive reorganization and has received national attention as a new model in education.

He is a recipient of the National Distinguished Professor Award of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture and served as president of that association. Barker was named Fellow of the American Institute of Architects. He also has been a partner in an architectural practice.

While at Clemson, Barker co-founded the South Carolina Design Arts Partnership to support community design outreach projects, initiated the Charleston Architecture Center, established the University's "Arts in April" program, and developed a Mayors' Institute to help city leaders learn how to manage issues related to growth and development.

Despite his responsibilities as president, Barker remains committed to the classroom: continuing to teach an undergraduate course each spring semester and serve as a facilitator for the freshman summer reading program.

The Barkers, Jim and Marcia, have two sons - Brit, a rising sophomore at Clemson, and Jacob, who graduated from North Carolina and attended on a baseball scholarship, and earned a master's from Clemson.
The approximately $56 million WestZone Initiative is underway, and soon the west end of Clemson Memorial Stadium will be transformed into a unique campus landmark. As the new “front door” to Death Valley, the WestZone will welcome fans, student-athletes, coaches and friends of Clemson University in an unprecedented fashion.

The WestZone Club, featuring excellent premium seating, will eventually cater to 1,000 Clemson fans starting with the 2006 season. Boasting stylish amenities, comfortable seats and upscale cuisine, the WestZone Club combines indoor elegance and outdoor excitement. Private elevators and escalators will take patrons to the exclusive club, which includes a buffet dining area, along with lounge areas overlooking the Clemson campus and Lake Hartwell.

The WestZone Initiative also will include great benefits to future Clemson Tiger gridders, including new locker rooms, team lounge areas, media interview rooms, training room, weight room, team and position meeting rooms and coaches offices. The overall project also includes the One Clemson Center, which will feature the history and traditions of Clemson University and its athletic program.
After only his second year at Clemson University, Dr. Terry Don Phillips’ quest for athletic and academic excellence is quickly becoming a reality. His first year as athletic director featured the establishment of a long-term strategic plan for Clemson athletic programs intended to provide an opportunity for the department to work toward becoming a model program that can compete at the highest levels in all sports.

To become a model program, Clemson must be able to not only compete at the highest levels, but also with academic integrity, concern for the student-athlete, financial responsibility, and in full compliance.

In his second year, the benefits of Phillips’ plan for the athletic programs became visibly evident, as the Tiger athletic teams set new records on the playing fields and in the classroom in 2004.

In the classroom, Clemson student-athletes earned an all-time best 2.90 GPA in the spring of 2004, with 116 student-athletes named to the Dean’s List, another Clemson record. Seven different programs recorded a 3.0 GPA or better and 19 student-athletes were named to the ACC Academic Honor Roll.

The Tigers also broke new ground in athletic competition. The fall featured a much improved football team that won each of its last four games, including a pair of victories over top-six teams. The season concluded with a victory over #6 Tennessee in the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl and a #22 final national ranking. In one weekend in April, Clemson won three ACC Championships, the first time that was accomplished in seven years.

The Clemson women’s tennis team advanced to the NCAA Final Four, the first time in school history to advance to the semifinals of any NCAA Tournament. That squad also captured the ACC regular-season and ACC tournament titles en route to a #5 final ranking. The men’s tennis team advanced to the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1986 and had its highest victory total since that season. The golf team captured the ACC and East Region Tournament championships for the second consecutive year.

Strides were made toward his goals in his first two years through facility improvements and the development of concepts that will serve the entire program. Littlejohn Coliseum and Doug Kingsmore Stadium completed renovations in 2003 that now make them very competitive nationally. A new indoor track & field complex, widely acclaimed as one of the finest in the nation, was completed in the fall of 2004. It was the site of the ACC Indoor Track & Field Championships in 2004. Phillips also introduced the West Endzone plan for Clemson Memorial Stadium in 2003. Clemson will begin its construction at Death Valley after the 2004 football season.

After the completion of the club seats and other new gameday operation facilities, future plans call for a new comprehensive football building at Memorial Stadium. The building will benefit the entire department, as it will create additional facilities for Clemson’s Olympic sports program in the McFadden Building. A “One Clemson Center” to include the history of Clemson University and athletics is also a planned part of the project.

Phillips had an active first academic year (2002-03) at Clemson. On the field of competition, Clemson won its first ever national title in golf with a landmark victory at Oklahoma State’s Karsten Creek. Larry Penley’s team was the #1-ranked team in the nation for the entire season and became the first golf program in history to win its conference, NCAA regional, and NCAA national tournaments. It was an ironic first national title at Clemson for Phillips in that he had been at Oklahoma State for eight years prior to his arrival at Clemson.

Phillips has an undergraduate degree from Arkansas (1970), a master’s degree from Virginia Tech (1974), a doctorate degree from Virginia Tech (1978), and a law degree from the Arkansas School of Law (1996). He is a member of the Arkansas Bar, American Bar Association, and the Sports Lawyers Association.

From an experience standpoint, Phillips has worked in nearly all phases of college athletics. He served as an assistant football coach at Virginia Tech, supervised spring sports and student-athlete enrichment at Florida, handled athletic fundraising and facility enhancement at Missouri and Arkansas, and had 15 years experience as an athletic director, including 13 at the Division I level prior to his appointment at Clemson.

When it came to success on the field and in the classroom at Oklahoma State, Phillips’ programs were among the best in the Big 12 Conference. The achievements of the Oklahoma State program during his tenure (1994-02) included a pair of national championships in men’s golf, a men’s basketball Final Four, two trips to the College World Series, a women’s softball World Series, 13 Big 12 Championships, and 11 individual national champions. Academically, it had 53 academic All-Americans.

Very importantly, Oklahoma State notched four football victories over arch-rival Oklahoma during his tenure, including an upset of a fourth-ranked Sooners team in 2001 that knocked Oklahoma from the national championship race. Before his arrival in 1995, the Cowboys had just three wins over Oklahoma in the previous 48 years and had won only a total of 14 games in the previous five years.

Before leading the Oklahoma State program, Phillips served as senior associate athletic director at Arkansas from 1988-94. He ran the daily operations and had oversight of facility projects for the men’s programs, and was president of the Razorback Foundation.

Phillips was also athletic director at Southwestern Louisiana (1983-88) and Liberty (1980-81). He was an assistant athletic director at Missouri (1981-83), where he supervised athletic fundraising. He began his administrative career in 1978 as an assistant athletic director at Florida, where he worked with spring sports and student-athlete enrollment.

Phillips began his career in college athletics coaching football. He started as a graduate assistant at Arkansas in 1970-71. He then moved on to Virginia Tech as an assistant coach from 1971-78 before joining the ranks of athletic administration. During his coaching career in Blacksburg, he served with former Clemson Head Coaches Charley Pell and Danny Ford.

Winning has been in Phillips’ resume since his playing days. At Arkansas, Phillips lettered on Frank Broyles teams of 1966, 1968, and 1969. The Razorbacks were a combined 27-5 in those three seasons and played in two Sugar Bowl games. Phillips played for the Razorbacks in the famous 1969 Arkansas-Texas game that decided the national title.

Phillips is the chair of the NCAA Division I Injuries Appeals Committee, which serves the appellate role for all university and individual appeals arising from the Committee on Injuries. He also works with the NCAA Certification Program. Phillips currently serves on the following ACC Committees: Finance Committee, Committee on Injuries and Penalties, Television Committee, the Men’s Basketball Committee, and the Football Committee.

Phillips has two children - John Dennis and Sarah Jane. He has three step-children - Meagan, Marshall, and Madison. He is married to Tricia Phillips, who earlier had an athletic administration career in marketing at Southwestern Louisiana and is a graduate of the Missouri School of Journalism.

Dr. Terry Don Phillips is pictured above with his wife Tricia and Clemson University President Jim Barker and his wife Marcia prior to the 2004 Peach Bowl in Atlanta, GA.
Records continued to fall in 2003 under Bowden. Charlie Whitehurst set the single-season mark for passing yards (3,561), completions (288), and tied the record for touchdown passes (21). Derrick Hamilton’s 10 touchdown catches also set a single-season mark at Clemson, while placekicker Aaron Hunt became the school’s all-time leading scorer in the game against the Seminoles. The 2003 team showed improvement both from 2002 and over the course of the 2003 season. The Tigers averaged over 400 yards per game of total offense and ranked in the top 25 in the nation in passing yards per game, a first in school history. The Tiger defense was also outstanding, allowing under 20 points per game and under 330 yards per game, both ranking in the top 30 in the country. Perhaps Clemson’s strongest facet of the defense was the secondary. The Tigers were second in the ACC in pass defense, a top-25 mark in the country. Clemson also was second in the nation in kickoff returns, averaging 27.7 yards per return, a school-record figure.

Off the field, Clemson has graduated nearly 80 percent of its scholarship seniors in Bowden’s five years. In 2003, Clemson ranked #11 in the nation, including second among public Division I institutions, in the NCAA graduation-rate study for scholarship football signees who entered Clemson in 1996. Clemson was first in the nation in graduation rate among African-Americans (100 percent).

Bowden has a record of 38-24 (.613) as Clemson’s head coach and is 56-28 (.667) overall. He ranks ninth among active Division I coaches on a winning-percentage basis. He has recorded that ledger against a difficult schedule. His first year, Clemson’s schedule was ranked in the top 10 in the nation. In 2001, his team defeated five teams that finished the season with a winning record, tied for the third-highest single-season figure in school history. One of the victories was a 47-44 overtime triumph at #9 Georgia Tech. It was the highest-ranked road win in 20 years for the Clemson program. In 2003, Clemson’s schedule strength once again ranked in the top 25 by the Sagarin rating.

When Bowden came to Clemson in 1998, he inherited a team with a 3-8 record. By late October of 2000, just 14 months after his first game, Clemson was ranked third in the nation in the USA Today poll after an 8-0 start. That ranking was the highest for the program in 16 years. The final #14 ranking in that same poll was the highest final listing for the program since the 1990 season.

Making a swift improvement is nothing new for Bowden. In 1997, he took over a 4-7 Tulane program and brought the Green Wave to a 7-4 mark in his first year. In 1998, the improvement continued with an 11-0 regular season and #7 national ranking. In 1999, Bowden elevated the Tigers from 3-8 to a bowl game and a 6-6 final record. The 2000 Tigers concluded the season with a 9-3 record, its highest win total since 1993.

In 2000 and 2001, his dynamic offense produced a Heisman Trophy contender in quarterback Woodrow Dantzler, who placed his name next to 52 school records as the Tigers’ signal-caller. The hefty total included eight single-game marks, 23 season records, and 22 career records. He is the school’s career leader in total offense, passing yards, and touchdown responsibility, records that could soon be eclipsed by current quarterback Charlie Whitehurst. In 2001, Dantzler became the first quarterback in Division I history to accumulate 2,000 yards passing and 1,000 yards rushing in a single season. Dantzler was named a finalist for the Davey O’Brien Award in 2000 and 2001.

Center Kyle Young was a finalist for the Rimington Award in 2000 and 2001, and won the ACC’s Jim Tatum Award, presented to the league’s top student-athlete. He was one of eight players nationally to receive a National Football Foundation Scholarship and became just the second offensive lineman in college football history to become a three-time first-team Academic All-American. Linebacker Chad Carson also performed well in the classroom and on the gridiron. He and Young were first-team Academic All-Americans in 2000 and 2001. Young and Carson were both named first-team Academic All-Americans, making Clemson the only Division I-A school in the nation to have a pair of first-team selections. For the second straight year, the football team had its highest team GPA on record in 2001 and a record number of ACC Academic honor-roll recipients. Nineteen of the 22 seniors on the 2001 team earned their degrees. The top-five semester GPAs on record have taken place under his 10-semester watch. Carson brought pride to the entire University in 2002 when he reached the final stage of the Rhodes Scholarship selection process, the only Division I college football player to hold that distinction.

When Bowden came to Clemson, he had one simple goal – improvement. Bowden warned Clemson supporters that the Tigers were unlikely to be bowl participants in 1999, but his main focus was to improve. Bowden’s goal of improvement was reached and he was happy to be wrong about his preseason prediction, as the Tigers were invited to the 1999 Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl. In 1999, Bowden accomplished a personal milestone that no Clemson coach had attained since 1981, the year the Tigers won the National Championship. He became the first Clemson coach since Danny Ford to be named ACC Coach-of-the-Year.

Bowden led the Tigers to a 6-6 record and 5-3 mark in the ACC against the nation’s seventh-tough-

When Tommy Bowden
was selected for the
Chick-fil-A Peach
Bowl on November
25, 2003, it meant
that the Tigers
would be making their fifth-straight bowl appearance – the fifth under Head Coach Tommy Bowden. With that selection, Bowden became the first head coach in Clemson and ACC history to take a team to a bowl game in each of his first five seasons. In fact, no coach had ever done so more than twice to open his career at Clemson. That is also something that prominent predecessors Jess Neely, Frank Howard, Charley Pell, Danny Ford, and Ken Hatfield failed to do. Under Bowden’s direction, Clemson has also appeared in the Peach Bowl in 1999, the Gator Bowl in 2000, the 2001 Humanitarian Bowl, and the 2002 Tangerine Bowl prior to its 2004 Peach Bowl invitation.

And in 2003, Bowden was named ACC Coach-of-the-Year, the second time he has been so honored in his five seasons in Tigertown.

Clemson’s appearance in the 2004 Peach Bowl meant that it is the first time since the senior class of 1991 that the Tigers went to a bowl game five straight years. The red-shirt seniors of 2003 were the first group Bowden recruited to Clemson, so it is an indication of the firm foundation his first group set for the program. In December, 2003, Bowden cemented his place at Clemson by signing a seven-year contract, which runs through the 2010 season.

The 2003 season was a breakthrough year for the Tigers. Clemson earned its highest-ever win over a ranked team with a 26-10 win over #3 Florida State. The Tigers also defeated #24 Virginia in a thrilling overtime game. The 39-3 win over a bowl-bound Georgia Tech team was Clemson’s largest victory margin in the series since 1900 as well.

The victory over Florida State, Clemson’s first in 12 tries since the Seminoles joined the ACC, was the beginning of a four-game winning streak to close the season. In those four games, Clemson outscored its opponents 156-48, an average score of 39-12. Clemson defeated arch-rival South Carolina in Columbia by a score of 83-17. It was the most points ever scored by a team in the 101-game series and the Tigers’ largest victory margin in the series since 1900. It was also Bowden’s fourth win in five tries against the Gamecocks.

The season concluded with a 27-14 win over #6 Tennessee, the highest-ranked team Clemson has defeated in a bowl game since 1981, when the Tigers defeated #4 Nebraska in the Orange Bowl to claim the national championship. As a result, Clemson finished the season with nine wins and a #22 final national ranking.

Over the final four games of the season, Bowden defeated two coaches (Bobby Bowden, Lou Holtz) who had already earned 200 victories to become the first coach in NCAA history to beat a pair of 200-game-winners in a month’s time. Bowden also registered wins over three coaches (Bowden, Holtz, Phillip Fulmer) who had previously won a national title.
Tommy Bowden
Head Coach

Bowden began his college football experience as a walk-on wide receiver at West Virginia. He played for his father between 1973-75 and then for Frank Signetti during the 1976 season.

As a junior, he caught 15 passes for 189 yards and one score. Bowden remained at West Virginia for the 1977 season and began his coaching career, serving as a graduate assistant on Signetti's staff. His interest in coaching only became more intense after that first year as a graduate assistant. His father then hired him as a secondary coach at Florida State for the 1978 season.

That experience confirmed to Bowden that he was in a profession that would be his life's work. The Seminoles posted a 19-4 mark in his two seasons at Florida State.

In 1980, Bowden joined the staff at East Carolina, where he coached for the spring-practice session of 1980. That spring, he moved to Auburn and served as the Tigers' running backs coach during the 1980 season. Among the players he coached was James Brooks, who went on to a 13-year NFL career and is still second in Auburn history in rushing.

Before the 1981 season, Bowden returned to Tallahassee as the tight ends coach. In two more years at Florida State, the Seminoles posted a record of 15-8. The 1982 team ranked #13 in the final poll, claimed a 9-3 record, and won a Gator Bowl championship.

From 1983-86, Bowden served under Steve Sloan at Duke as the Blue Devils' quarterbacks coach. He was named coordinator in 1985. It was as a Duke assistant that Bowden made his first trip to Death Valley as a coach.

After four years at Duke, Bowden became the wide receivers coach at Alabama under Bill Curry. It was there that Bowden refined his offensive coaching prowess under noted offensive mind Homer Smith, then the Tide offensive coordinator.

In 1990, Bowden returned to a coordinator role, serving Kentucky as its offensive coordinator and wide receivers coach. That season, he helped the Wildcats to their first upper division Southeastern Conference finish since 1984.

In 1991, Bowden joined Pat Dye at Auburn. He would remain with Auburn for six seasons, his longest stint as a college assistant coach. During his tenure, Auburn had a combined record of 46-20-2, including a perfect 11-0 season in 1993. Auburn had four Associated Press top-25 seasons, including a #4 final ranking in 1993 and a #9 final ranking in 1994. The SEC Tigers were 20-1-1 in 1993-94 combined.

Bowden worked under his brother, Terry, for his last four years at Auburn and the Tigers had a 36-9-1 record with both Bowdenses on the coaching staff.

Born on July 10, 1954 in Birmingham, AL, Bowden is married to the former Linda Joan White, who he first met when the two were in school together at Morgantown (WV) High. The couple has two children, Ryan (22), a 2004 Clemson graduate who is currently in law school at Bentley (VA) University, and Lauren (19), a sophomore at Clemson.

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Assistant Coaches

Brad Scott

Coaching Experience
Assistant coach at DeSoto County High in Arcadia, FL (1979)...assistant coach at Hardee County High in Wauchula, FL...head coach at DeSoto County High in Arcadia, FL (1982-83)...graduate assistant coach at The Citadel (1981-82)...graduate assistant coach at Florida State (1983-85)...tight end coach/recruiting coordinator at Florida State (1985-90)...offensive coordinator/linebacker coach at Florida State (1990-93)...head coach at South Carolina (1994-98)...assistant head coach/tight ends at Clemson (1999-00)...assistant head coach/defensive coordinator/tight ends at Clemson (December 2000-03).

Playing Experience
Three-year starter on the offensive line at Missouri-Rolla (1973-75)...All-MIAA selection as a senior...played in the Lions All-America Bowl All-Star game in Tampa, FL.

Bowl Seasons as a Head Coach
1995 Carquest Bowl

Bowl Seasons as an Assistant Coach
1983 Peach Bowl...1984 Citrus Bowl...1985 Gator Bowl...1986 All-American Bowl...1988 Fiesta Bowl...1989 Sugar Bowl...1990 Fiesta Bowl...1990 Blockbuster Bowl...1992 Cotton Bowl...1993 Orange Bowl...1994 Orange Bowl...1999 Peach Bowl...2001 Gator Bowl...2001 Humanitarian Bowl...2002 Tangerine Bowl...2004 Peach Bowl.

Education
B.A. in science education from South Florida in 1979...M.S. in athletic administration from Florida State in 1984.

Personal Data
Born September 30, 1954 in Arcadia, FL...married to Daryle...the couple has two sons (Jeff 23, John 20).

Coaching Experience

Playing Experience
Played at C.W. Post and served as team co-captain in 1973.

Bowl Seasons as an Assistant Coach
1997 Motor City Bowl...1998 Independence Bowl...2001 Citrus Bowl...2001 Peach Bowl...2002 Tangerine Bowl...2004 Peach Bowl.

Education
Graduated from Pearl River High in Pearl River, NJ in 1968...graduated from C.W. Post in 1973...earned a master's degree from Denver in 1975.

Personal Data
Born December 1, 1950 in Nyack, NY...married to the former Carol O'Connor on June 27, 1992.

John Lovett

Coaching Experience
Enters his third season as Clemson after three years as defensive coordinator at Aubra...has been a collegiate coach for 25 years, including 15 as a defensive coordinator...in his first season at Clemson, the Tigers picked off 21 passes, 10th most in the nation...both Justin Miller (5) and Brian Mance (15) ranked in the top 15 in the nation in interceptions, while they finished one-two in the ACC...his 2002 defense improved 40 yards per game and forced 66.7 percent more turnovers than the year before...in 2003, his defense finished in the top 25 in scoring defense and second in the ACC in pass defense...his defense held #3 Florida State to 11 yards rushing in the 2003 win, the lowest total in the Bobby Bowden era...his defense helped Auburn reach a bowl game each of the last two years there...his 2000 defense ranked 14th in the nation in total defense and 15th in rushing defense...his defense stymied top-ranked Florida in Auburn's 23-20 win; the defense limited Florida to 20 points, 36 yards rushing, and 328 yards of total offense, season lows in all three categories for a team that finished #1 in the nation...his defense also forced five fodor turnovers, including four interceptions thrown by Heisman Trophy finalist Rash Grossman...his defense held Georgia to 17 points in Auburn's 24-17 win...coached under Tommy Tuberville the last seven seasons, including four at Miss-issippi and three at Auburn...coached two stints at Maine in the 1990s...was defensive quality control coach under Joe Walton and the New York Jets in 1984...came to C.W. Post as a walk-on, but earned a scholarship and served as co-captain as a senior in 1973.

Playing Experience
Lovedt Highlights

In his first season at South Carolina in 1994, he led the Gamecocks to their first postseason bowl victory in school history in the Carquest Bowl...while with the Seminoles, they were 10-0-1 in bowl games...with the win at the Carquest, Scott never lost a bowl defeat in his first 12 bowl games as a coach...Florida State had a 44-18 (880) record with Scott as offensive coordinator, which ranked as the most wins by a Division I program during those four seasons...Florida State also claimed the 1998 national title with Scott running the offense and finished no lower than fourth in the nation in any one season during that span...coached Heisman Trophy winner Charlie Ward...two of his five recruiting classes at Florida State were ranked #1 in the nation (1986,89)...Clemson's tight ends were productive in 1999, catching a pair of touchdowns that same year for the first time in over a decade...the 2000 offense set 31 records, including total offense and touchdowns...the Tigers ranked in top 15 in the nation in total defense, scoring, and rushing in 2000...as offensive coordinator in 2001, he directed quarterback Woodrow Dantzler to the first 2,000-1,000 passing-rushing season in NCAA Division I history...two of the top four offensives in Clemson history (2001,03) were coordinated by Scott...his son, Jeff, was the Tigers' holder for three years...his other son, John, is a junior football player at Harvard.

Mike O'Cain

Coaching Experience

Playing Experience
Lettered as a quarterback at Clemson (1974-76)...team MVP and co-captain in 1976 when he was the starting quarterback and punter.

Bowl Seasons as a Head Coach
1993 Hall of Fame Bowl...1994 Peach Bowl...1998 Micron PC Bowl.

Bowl Seasons as an Assistant Coach
1977 Gator Bowl...1986 Peach Bowl...1988 Peach Bowl...1989 Copper Bowl...1990 All-American Bowl...1991 Peach Bowl...1992 Gator Bowl...2001 Gator Bowl...2001 Humanitarian Bowl...2002 Tangerine Bowl...2004 Peach Bowl.

Education
B.S. degree in recreation and parks administration from Clemson in 1977.

Personal Data
Born July 20, 1954 in Orangeburg, SC...married to the former Nancy Farnum in 1980...the couple has two daughters (Jenny 19, Lizzie 17).

O'Cain Highlights

In his first season as a head coach at N.C. State, he was the only rookie coach in the nation that year to take a team to a bowl game. O'Cain led N.C. State to nine wins in 1993, tied for the most wins in school history....his 10 ACC wins during his first two seasons are the best ever for a Wolfpack coach in his first two campaigns...O'Cain, Lou Holtz (1972-78), and Chuck Amato (2000-02) are the only coaches in N.C. State history to take a team to a bowl in their first two seasons with the program...coached N.C. State to three bowl games...had a 41-40 overall head coaching record at N.C. State...recruited and coached NFL star Tony Hunt while at N.C. State...quarterbacked Orangeburg-Wilkinson High (the same high school as former Clemson quarterback Woodrow Dantzler) to a 1-30 record, a state AAAA title, and #12 national ranking his senior year...his first coaching job came as a graduate assistant at Clemson in 1977, when he was a graduate assistant...was a big reason Woodrow Dantzler became the first NCAA Division I player to pass for 2,000 yards and rush for 1,000 in a single season in 2001...in 2002, he guided freshman Charlie Whitehurst to a noteworthy first year in which he set 22 Tiger records, including single-game marks for passing efficiency, yardage, completions, and touchdown passes...in 2003, he coached Whitehurst to 33 more Tiger records, including yards passing...Clemson averaged 420 yards per game in 2003.
Assistant Coaches

**David Blackwell**
- Recruiting Coordinator
- Linebackers
- 2nd Season at Clemson
- 13th Season Overall
- 6 Bowls as a Coach
- East Carolina '97
- Born May 4, 1971

Coaching Experience
- Linebackers coach at Pittsburgh (2000-02).
- Recruiting coordinator/linebackers coach at Clemson (2003).

Playing Experience
- Played at East Carolina in 1990 as an offensive lineman.

**Burton Burns**
- Running Backs
- 6th Season at Clemson
- 16th Season Overall
- 6 Bowls as a Coach
- Nebraska '76
- Born October 27, 1952

Coaching Experience
- Assistant coach at Saint Augustine High in New Orleans, LA (1977-79).
- Assistant coach at Booker T. Washington High (1980).
- Assistant head coach/offensive coordinator at Saint Augustine High (1986-94).
- Assistant coach at Southern (LA) (1981-85).
- Assistant coach at Tulane (1994-98).
- Running backs coach at Clemson (1999-00).

Playing Experience
- Played fullback at Nebraska (1971-75).

**Jack Hines**
- Tight Ends
- 5th Season at Clemson
- 21st Season Overall
- 7 Bowls as a Coach
- West Virginia '72
- Born January 28, 1950

Coaching Experience
- Assistant coach at Morganstown (WI) High (1973-79).
- Defensive coordinator/defensive backs coach at Morganstown High (1981-83).
- Defensive backs coach at Leon High in Tallahassee, FL (1984).
- Volunteer assistant coach at West Virginia (1980).
- Graduate assistant coach at Florida State (1985-86).
- Defensive backs coach at Auburn (1993-95).
- Linebackers/special teams coach at Auburn (1996-98).
- Defensive backs coach at Clemson (1999-01).
- Linebackers coach at Clemson (2002).

Playing Experience
- Lettered one year as a defensive back at West Virginia (1969-71).

**Blackwell Highlights**
- Enters his second season as a Linebackers Coach and Recruiting Coordinator. Had a lot to do with Clemson’s improvement in 2003; he coached All-ACC Linebacker Leroy Hill, who was 2nd in the nation in tackles for loss...was the line backers coach at Pittsburgh the previous three seasons and was a big reason the Panthers went to a bowl game three straight years. Pittsburg finished the 2002 season with a 9-4 record and tied for the No. 1 final ranking in ESPN/USA Today coaches poll...the season ended on a high note, as the Panthers defeated Oregon State 38-13 in the Insight Bowl. In 2002, the Panthers’ point prevention unit ranked 144th in the nation in scoring defense, 12th in total defense, 15th in pass efficiency defense, and 24th in rushing defense. Pittsburgh was one of just a few teams in the nation that finished ranked in the top 25 in all four major categories...has coached seven players who have gone on to sign NFL contracts, including Gerald Hayes. Hayes was an All-American and three-time all conference selection who had at least 100 tackles in each of his last three seasons...was an assistant at Illinois State from 1999-99, where he helped lead one of the top turnarounds in NCAA Division I-AA football during that time period...In 1999, Illinois State compiled a school-best 11-3 record and advanced to the semifinals of the Division I-AA playoffs before losing to eventual national champion Georgia Southern...he began his coaching career at East Carolina, his alma mater...he coached the rush line between 1993-95, the Pirates earned trips to the Liberty Bowl in two of those seasons...played on the offensive line for East Carolina in the early 1990s...one of his best games came against national power Florida State as a freshman, when he graded out at 95 percent. He played college baseball during the summer of his junior year and was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates. After graduating from college, he played professional baseball in the Florida State League before being cut short in 1991 by a neck injury...he served as a student assistant coach in 1992 at East Carolina...attended nearby Breaux High School in Greenville, SC.

**Burns Highlights**
- Spent the 1997 and 1998 seasons at Tulane directing the Green Wave defense. During the 1998 season, the Tulane running attack improved to 202.4 yards per game to rank 23rd nationally...earned two letters under legendary Head Coach Tom Osborne at Nebraska (1974-75)...while at Nebraska, the Cornhuskers played in the Orange Bowl, Cotton Bowl, and Sugar Bowl...helped his high school alma mater (Saint Augustine High) win district titles in 1987, 1992, and 1993...also assistant coach at the school from 1977-79 when the Purple Knights won three district titles and back-to-back Class AAAA state championships in 1978 and 1979...coached four future NFL players at Saint Augustine High, including Sean Jackson, Tyrone Hughes, David White, and Louis Age...also coached former New York Jet running back Jerold Sowell while at Tulane...while at Booker T. Washington High in 1980, the school won the district championship...during his stint at Southern, the Jaguars finished in the top two of the Southwestern Athletic Conference on three occasions...coached First-Team All-ACC running back Travis Zaterith in 2000 and 2001...Zaterith set Clemson record for total touchdowns in a career and a single-season under Burns direction...he also became Clemson’s eighth 1,000-yard running back in 2000...Clemson ranked 14th in the nation in rushing in 2000. Clemson has established nearly 100 records on offense since he came to Clemson, including Zachery’s career touchdown mark...his running backs were a big reason Clemson averaged 5.7 yards per play in 2003, second-best in school history...his four children between the ages of 30 and 39...his youngest child (Damone) played baseball at Texas Southern and had three hits in the upset victory at Rice in the NCAA Tournament in 2004.

**Hines Highlights**
- Was a member of Bobby Bowden’s first team as a defensive back at West Virginia...member of Morganstown High staff that won state title in 1985...in 1994, Auburn intercepted 22 passes, the fourth highest total in school history...Auburn returned eight interceptions for touchdowns during his first two years as secondary coach...in an exciting 30-26 win over Louisiana State in 1994, Auburn picked off five second-half passes and returned three for touchdowns...Auburn won 46 games from 1993-97 with Hines on staff, including 11-0 with a #4 ranking in 1993...also posted a 20-1-1 record in his first two years at the school...coached those six years at Auburn with Tommy Bowden and former Clemson Assistant Rodney Allison...coached NFL stars Delton Sanders and Takeo Spikes...Clemson’s pass defense ranked 17th in the nation and was the second-best in the ACC in 1999...Clemson ranked eighth in the nation in interceptions in 1999...coached two First-Team All-ACC players in 2000 (Robert Carnwell, Alex Ardley)...Carwell was a semifinalist for the Thorpe Award...coached defensive backs Darrel Crutchfield and Carwell, who both went on to the NFL...coached two of the top-10 tacklers in the nation in John Leake and Rodney Thomas in 2002...two of his players (Jameal Fudge, Travis Pugh) had over 100 tackles in 2003...his daughter, Jacqueylyn, is a freshman on the Clemson women’s soccer team.

**Education**
- B.S. degree in exercise science from East Carolina in 1997.

**Personal Data**
- Born May 4, 1971 in Greenville, SC...married to the former Melissa Androutsos.

**Bowls Seasons as an Assistant Coach**
- 1994 Liberty Bowl...1995 Liberty Bowl...2000 Insight.com Bowl...2001 Tangerine Bowl...2004 Peach Bowl.

**Bowl Participation as a Player**
- 1973 Orange Bowl...1974 Cotton Bowl...1975 Sugar Bowl.

**Education**
- B.S. degree in education from Nebraska in 1976.

**Personal Data**
- Born October 27, 1952...married to the former Connie Winder...the couple has three daughters (Amber 30, Christy 27, Erin 22) and a son (Damon 20).
Assistant Coaches

Thielen Smith
- Whip Linebackers, Rovers
- 6th Season at Clemson
- 26th Season Overall
- 7 Bowls as a Coach
- Louisiana State ’77
- Born January 23, 1954

Dabo Swinney
- Wide Receivers
- 2nd Season at Clemson
- 10th Season Overall
- 6 Games as a Coach
- Alabama ’93
- Born November 20, 1969

Ron West
- Defensive Line
- 6th Season at Clemson
- 26th Season Overall
- 7 Bowls as a Coach
- Clemson ’79
- Born February 12, 1957

Coaching Experience

Playing Experience
Three-year letterwinner at a linebacker at Louisiana State (1973-75).

Bowl Participation as a Player
1972 Bluebonnet Bowl...1973 Orange Bowl.

Bowl Seasons as an Assistant Coach
1987 Independence Bowl...1988 Liberty Bowl...1999 Peach Bowl...2001 Gator Bowl...2001 Humanitarian Bowl...2002 Tangerine Bowl...2004 Peach Bowl.

Education
B.S. degree in education from Louisiana State in 1977.

Personal Data
Born January 23, 1954. First name pronounced Thi-len...married to the former Gail Scott...the couple has three daughters (Tayah 26, Kesha 22, Temetria 16) and three sons (Terrance 21, Vincent 15, Shaun 15).

Coach Highlights
Starting linebacker during his playing career at Louisiana State; he had 82 tackles his final season...played in two bowl games at Louisiana State, including 1973 team that played in the Orange Bowl...coached Joe Caravella, who earned a Super Bowl ring with Redskins...has coached or recruited 10 NFL players...part of the resurgence at Tulane under coach Bowden, the Tulane defense forced 34 turnovers in 1997, third best in the nation...has coached three different schools in Louisiana (Tulane, Southwest Louisiana, and Northeast Louisiana)...in 1999, Clemson led the ACC in sacks with 47 and his defenders had a lot to do with the pass defense, ranking 17th in the nation and second in the ACC. Clemson totaled 85 sacks combined in 1999 and 2000, the highest two-year total in school history...coached First-Team All-ACC defensive tackle Terry Jolly in 2000...Clemson ranked in the top 25 in the nation in rushing defense in 2000...coached Second-Team Freshman All-American Donnell Washington in 2001, as he became the first Tiger freshman All-American defensive lineman sincerndy McDowell earned the honor in 1988...coached First-Team All-ACC player Nick Eason and Second-Team All-ACC performer Bryant McNeal in 2002, both selected by the Broncos in the fourth round of the 2003 draft...coached third-round draft pick Donnell Washington in 2003, moved to wide receivers after five years coaching the defensive line...has been a coach since 1977, but his job at Clemson is his first away from his home state of Louisiana...first name is pronounced "THI-lenn..."has six children, whose ages range from 15 to 26.

Swinney Highlights
Walk-on who went on to earn a scholarship as a wide receiver at Alabama and lettered three times (1990-92)...member of Alabama’s 1992 National Championship team under Gene Stallings...his position coach was Tommy Bowden in 1989 and former Tiger Assistant Coach Woody McCorvey from 1990 to 1992...a member of Sugar Bowl teams in 1990 and 1992 that won the SEC Championship...All-SEC Academic team and SEC Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll member in both 1990 and 1992...coached four players at Alabama who have played in the NFL, including Freddie Milons, Alabama’s all-time leading receiver in terms total receptions...Milons was an All-SEC selection in 1999 under the tutelage of Swinney as a full 10+ win seasons and five top-10 finishes at Alabama as a player and coach...coached in a total of five bowl games while at Alabama...highly regarded recruiter who helped bring in 30 players during his coaching stint at Alabama...after his last season with the Crimson Tide in 2003, he was in private business in Alabama...coached All-ACC receiver Derrick Hamilton in 2003...his receivers contributed to Clemson’s 3,887 receiving yards in 2003...first name is pronounced “DA-boh...”has three sons, Will (5), Drew (4), and Clay (1).

West Highlights
At Southwestern Louisiana, West’s defenses ranked among the nation’s top 20 in total defense three times...under West, the defense was ranked nationally in at least one defensive category for six consecutive seasons...was part of the Baylor team that won the 1994 Southwest Conference championship...under the guidance of West, the offensive line helped the Tulane offensive unit produce almost 4,700 yards of total offense and a school-record 375 points in 1997...the offensive line gave up just 11 sacks for the year...in 1999, the offensive line helped Tulane become the only school in the nation to average over 300 yards passing and 200 yards rushing during the regular season...despite the smallest offensive line in the nation, Clemson averaged 403 yards on offense in 1999, set 26 offensive records and scored 42 touchdowns...as a player, transferred to Clemson from Marion Institute, where he was a junior college All-American...coached three-time First-Team Academic All-American Kyle Young...Clemson ranked 10th in the nation in rushing in 2004...West’s offensive line paved the way for Woodrow Danzier to become the first Division I player in NCAA history to pass for 2,000 yards and rush for 1,000 more in a single season...moves from the offensive line to the defensive line in 2004...was a common denominator on the offensive staff of three of the top five offenses in Tiger history...Clemson has set over 150 records on offense over the five years West has been on the coaching staff...his son, Brad, is a graduate of nearby Daniel High and is a junior on the Appalachian State football squad.
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Sincerely,

John D. Swofford
Atlantic Coast Conference Commissioner
Trevor Adair
Men’s Soccer
- 124-51-17 at Clemson in nine seasons, he has an overall mark of 158-75-22 including his years as a head coach at Brown.
- Eared his 150th career win with the win over Richmond and also defeated #6 South Carolina in 2003.
- Led Clemson to the Final Eight of the NCAA Tournament in 2002 and a #7 final ranking in the coaches’ poll. It was his fourth Final Eight appearance as Clemson’s coach.
- Led Clemson to a 14-5-3 record in 2002, including a victory over top-ranked Wake Forest in the NCAA Tournament.
- Coached the Tigers to the ACC regular-season title and a first-place finish at the ACC Tournament in 1998. Also led the Tigers to the ACC Tourney crown and an Elite Eight appearance in the NCAA’s in 2001.
- Led the Tigers to the NCAAquarterfinals in 1998, and had #1 ranking for much of the fall, including the final regular-season poll. As ACC Coach-of-the-Year he defeated seven top-25 teams in 1998.
- Guided Clemson to a top-five finish and the second round of the NCAA Tournament in his first year with the program in 1995.
- Wojtek Rakowski was the top player in the nation in 1998, winning the Hornm Award.
- Has taken Clemson to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament and a final top-20 ranking in six of his nine seasons.

Todd Bramble
Women’s Soccer
- Has coached Clemson to the NCAA Tournament and a top-25 finish in each of his first three years as head coach.
- The Lady Tigers were #17 in the final Soccer America poll in 2003 when they recorded four top-25 victories.
- Led Clemson to 14 wins and to the ACC Tourney title game four straight years from 1996-99.
- Lady Tigers have won at least eight ACC games in 15 of his 17 seasons at Clemson.
- Led the Lady Tigers to a school record 26 overall wins in 1998-99. The 1997-98 team won 25 games, the second-highest victory total in school history.
- Davis’ team defeated NCAA Finalists Duke twice in 1998-99, the only ACC team to defeat the Blue Devils that season.
- Has taken Clemson to the NCAA Tournament in 14 of his 17 years and postseason play in 16 of the 17 seasons. He guided the 1999-91 team to a Final Eight appearance.
- Has defeated the nation’s top-ranked team twice.
- Led the Tigers to four NCAA Sweet 16 appearances.
- Coach Chrissy Floyd, a four-time All-ACC player who was named to the ACC 50-Year Anniversary team.

Nancy Harris
Women’s Tennis
- In her eighth year at Clemson, she has an overall coaching record of 294-108 in 16 seasons.
- Her 2004 team advanced to the Final Four of the NCAA Tournament, the first women’s sports program at Clemson to reach the Final Four.
- Won the ACC regular-season and tournament titles in 2004.
- Had a 26-4 overall record and #5 national ranking in 2004, Clemson’s highest-ever final national ranking in women’s tennis. That team also had seven top-25 victories.
- Her 2002 team had a 19-6 record and #19 final ranking.
- The 2000 team was the top turnaround program on the Tiger campus. The Lady Tigers transposed the won-loss record, going from 7-15 in 1999 to a 15-7 mark in 2000.
- Coached 36 women’s All-American and 17 men’s All-Americans at Auburn-Montgomery.
- Named National Coach-of-the-Year at the NCAA level four times, including three as coach of the men’s program.
- Played pro tennis, and played at Wimbledon, the U.S. Open, and the Australian Open.
- In 1995 and 1996, her men’s teams at Auburn-Montgomery won the NCAA National Championship, becoming the first female coach in history to lead a men’s tennis program to a national championship.

Jim Davis
Women’s Basketball
- The fifth all-time winningest coach in ACC history and winningest coach in Clemson history with 347 victories.
- Has posted a record 347-177 at Clemson in 17 seasons.
- Only coach in Clemson history to lead the Lady Tigers to an ACC Basketball Championship (1996 & 1999).
- Coached Clemson to the ACC Tournament Championship in 2002.

Head Coach Nancy Harris (pictured with Ail Laclelari) led the women’s tennis team to the Final Four in 2004, the first such berth by a women’s program in Clemson history.

Jolene Hoover
Women’s Volleyball
- The winningest coach in Clemson volleyball history with an overall record of 232-129 and 99-71 ACC record at Clemson in 11 years. Her first ACC win in 2004 will be her 100th.
- Has won at least 22 matches six times in 11 seasons at Clemson.
- Has an overall mark of 325-160 in 14 years as a head coach.
- Twice in the last seven years her team was ranked #1 in the district.
- Led the Tigers to a 31-3 overall record in 1999, which earned Clemson a trip to the NCAA tournament and also the school’s first ranking in the top-20.
- Won the ACC regular-season title in 1999 and had a #9 final RPI ranking.
- In 1998, coached Cindy Stern, who was the first ACC Volleyball All-American and first Tiger ACC Player-of-the-Year. Stern was named one of the top 50 female athletes in ACC history in 2000.
- Has coached Clemson to the NCAA Tournament in five of her 11 seasons.
- Named ACC Coach-of-the-Year in 1994, first Clemson volleyball coach to be honored with that award.
- Guided Clemson to its first-ever ACC Championship in 1997. Clemson defeated undefeated Maryland, ending the Terps 20-game winning streak in the process.

Christopher Ip
Men’s & Women’s Swimming & Diving
- Led Clemson men and women to a combined record of 23-7-1 in 2003-04, the most combined wins in school history.
- The 13-2-1 record by the men in 2003-04 was a school record for wins, and the 10 wins by the women were the most since 1988.
- The men’s team also had a school-record 9-0-1 mark on the road.
- Led Indian River Community College in Fort Pierce, FL to 13 consecutive men’s and 13 consecutive women’s national junior college championships.
- Each of his last two years, he not only coached both teams to national junior college championships, but he also coached the national male and female Swimmers-of-the-Year.
- Honored as the National Coach-of-the-Year at the junior college level for men’s swimming 10 times, including seven years in a row between 1992-98, and women’s swimming four times, including each of the last two seasons.
- Has coached a total of 10 athletes who represented their respective countries in the 1998 Olympics in Atlanta and the 2000 Olympics in Sydney.
- Led Delaware to both men’s and women’s conference championships during his two seasons in the late 1980s.
- Captain of the East Stroudsburg State team for three seasons in the late 1970s.

Chuck Kriese
Men’s Tennis
- In his 28th and 29th years, he coached Clemson to back-to-back seasons of at least 25 wins.
- Took Clemson to the Elite Eight in 2004.
- Had a 26-12 record in 2004. The 26 wins were the most by a Tiger team since 1988. The 2004 team had won over #6 Duke and #10 Texas Christian in the NCAA Tournament.
- Led Clemson to a 25-11 record and the second round of the NCAA Tournament in 2003. It was the most wins for
Clemson's All-Sport Head Coaches

Tigers since 1989 and a 14-win improvement over 2002. • Reached the magic 500-win mark in 1999 when his Tigers defeated rival North Carolina 5-2 in a match played at Clemson. • Entered his 30th season with a 591-368 record at Clemson. • Winningest men's tennis coach in Clemson and ACC history. His 591 career wins rank in the top-15 all-time nationally. • Has coached Clemson to 21 NCAA Tournament appearances in his 29 years as head coach. That includes seven Elite Eight finishes and 12 Sweet 16 finishes. • Tigers have won 10 ACC regular-season and 10 conference championships under Krise. Clemson has won the ACC Tournament nine times as well under Krise. • Clemson has 14 top-20 national finishes since 1979 under Krise. • Has coached the National Player-of-the-Year four times, more than any other college tennis coach. • Has coached 30 different All-Americans, including 2001 Clemson Hall of Fame Inductee Richard Matuszewski. • Coached 15 players who were named to the ACC's 50-Year Anniversary team, more than any other Clemson coach in any sport.

Jack Leggett
Baseball
• Has coached Clemson to 512 wins in 11 years at Clemson, an average of 47 wins per year. That win total ranks sixth-best in the nation over the last 11 seasons. • Already has 889 wins in his 26 years as a Division I head coach. • Has a 65.6 winning percentage against ACC teams and a 63.6 winning percentage against SEC teams as Clemson's head coach. • Has coached Clemson to the NCAA Tournament every year he has been in Tiger town, including four berths in the College World Series (1995, 1996, 2002). • In 2004, he led Clemson to the NCAA Tournament and earned his 500th victory at Clemson. The NCAA Tournament berth was the program's 18th in a row, one of the top figures in the nation. • Had a school-record nine players selected in the 2004 draft, including first-round pick Tyler Lumsden. • The 2002 team won 19 games over top-25 teams and had five All-Americans, including unanimous National Player-of-the-Year Khalil Greene, and advanced to the College World Series. Leggett also coached the 1996 National Player-of-the-Year (Kris Benson). Both players are currently playing in the Major Leagues. • The 2002 team finished first in the nation, tying for the school's highest finish ever. The team also won 54 games, tying for the third-most victories in Clemson history. • Was named Region Coach-of-the-Year in 2002. • Clemson has 128 wins over top-25 teams in his 11 seasons.

Susie Luck
Women's Rowing
• In her seventh year at Clemson and ninth overall as a coach. • Has coached five Scholar Athletes and two All-ACC performers each of the last two years. The 2003 team finished fourth in the South Region. • Coached Clemson to a South Region championship in 2001-02. • Coached Clemson to its first ACC Championship in 2000-01. • In 2000-01, Clemson won the South Region Championship and finished the year ranked #1 in the country. • Brought Clemson instant acclaim in her first year with the program, winning the 1999 ACC Regatta. • Finished second at the inaugural ACC Rowing Championships in 2000. Lauren Henne and Katherine Sloan were the program's first two first-team All-ACC selections. • Her teams have been outstanding in the classroom, with at least a 3.0 GPA every year of the program. The Clemson rowing team had more ACC Academic Honor Roll selections than any other sport in 2002-03. • Named West Coast Conference Coach-of-the-Year while at Gonzaga in 1997 and 1998.

Marcella Nael
Women's Track & Field
• Coached Guiselle Olivera to All-America honors each of the last two seasons. She has had nine All-America selections the last two seasons combined as well. • Led the 2001-02 team to a #21 finish indoors and #20 finish outdoors. Also coached two All-Americans in each. • Coached a Lady Tiger to a national championship in the 200m indoors and 4x400m relay outdoors during the 2001-02 season. • Set 13 school records in 2001-02, including five indoor and eight outdoor. Also coached seven Lady Tigers who earned ACC titles. • Had one of the most successful rookie coaching seasons in Clemson athletics history in 2000-01. • Led the Lady Tigers to their highest rankings ever, a third-place finish in 2000-01 at the NCAA Indoor meet and a seventh-place finish at the outdoor meet. Is the first coach to lead the Lady Tigers to top-10 finishes at both meets in the same year. • In her fourth season as her alma mater after coaching one year at Stephen F. Austin. • Graduate assistant coach at Clemson in 1991-92. • All-American long jumper and NCAA qualifier in the hurdles and triple jump for the Tigers. • 1991 NAACP Athlete-of-the-Year at Clemson.

Larry Penley
Men's Golf
• Coached Clemson to the 2003 National Championship, the first in the program's history and just the fourth for any sport in Tiger history. • The 2003 Clemson team was the first in NCAA golf history to win its conference, NCAA Regional, and NCAA National titles in the same year. • Clemson has won the ACC Championship each of the last two seasons and the NCAA East Regional three straight years. • Led Clemson to seven-straight top-10 finishes between 1996-03. • Named National Coach-of-the-Year by Golfweek and the Coaches' Association in 2003. • Coached D.J. Tidman, a two-time first-team All-American who won the Ben Hogan and Jack Nicklaus National Player-of-the-Year Awards during the 2002 season. • Has coached in Tiger town for 21 seasons; and all 21 seasons he has led the Tigers to the NCAA National Tournament. • Clemson has been ranked in the top 10 in every final poll each of the last nine seasons. • Penley is one of two active coaches in the country who has taken a team to the NCAA Golf National Tournament 21 straight years. • Clemson has won seven NCAA Regional Championships, eight ACC titles, and 58 tournaments in his 21 years at Clemson. • Has been named ACC Coach-of-the-Year six times (1987, 1989-91, 1993, 2001) • Coached 11 players who were named to the ACC 50-Year Anniversary golf team.

Bob Pollock
Men's Track & Field
• Has been the track coach at Clemson for 16 years, he is in his 32nd year overall as a head coach. • Has won 21 ACC Championships in his Clemson career, more than any other coach in Tiger history. In all, the Tigers have won 11 conference indoor, nine outdoor, and one cross country title in Pollock's tenure. • An 18-time ACC Coach-of-the-Year honoree, also the most in Clemson history. • Took Clemson to the ACC outdoor title during the 2004 spring season, as the team scored an ACC record 224 points in the process. Sixteen Tigers also earned All-ACC honors. • Tigers won the ACC Indoor Track title for six straight years from 1997-02 and the ACC Outdoor Track title in four of the last seven years. • One of just three coaches in ACC history to win ACC Coach-of-the-Year honors each of his first two years with a program. • Clemson has had 168 All-America certificates in his career. • Has coached 17 NCAA Champions in his career, more than any other Clemson coach. • In 2001-02, led Clemson to its highest national outdoor finish #7.

Oliver Purnell
Men's Basketball
• In his second season at Clemson after serving as head coach for 15 seasons at Radford, Old Dominion, and Dayton. • Led Clemson to top-15 victories over North Carolina and N.C. State in his first season in Tiger town. The Tigers played the second-toughest schedule in the country in 2003-04 and defeated four NCAA Tournament teams. • Served as an assistant coach on the United States Olympic team in 2004. • Came to Clemson after leading Dayton to a 24-6 record and a top-four NCAA Tournament seed during the 2002-03 season. • Led Dayton to postseason play in each of his last four seasons with the program and won at least 21 games in each of his last four years with the Flyers. • Has had eight 20-win seasons in his 16 years as a head coach and has guided teams to postseason play eight times. • Had a 1-4 conference record in the 2002-03 regular season, then led the Flyers to the Atlantic 10 Tournament title with a victory over Temple and Hall of Fame Head Coach John Chaney. • The 24 victories by the Flyers in 2002-03 were the most for the Dayton program since the 1966-67 team won 25 games. • Finished #16 in the final regular-season Associated Press poll and also ranked in the final top 25 of the USA Today coaches' poll. • Finalist for the Naismith Award during the 2002-03 season, which is given to the college basketball coach-of-the-year. • Named the Atlantic 10 Coach-of-the-Year in 1997-98 and was also chosen as the NABC District Coach-of-the-Year that season. It was his third different conference honor as coach-of-the-year. • Helped Old Dominion to the NCAA Division II National Championship as a senior during the 1975 season. Purnell was the most valuable player of the national championship game as well.
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Clemson Memorial Stadium has been held in high esteem for many years. Whether it be players from the 1940s and 1950s, opposing players from the 1970s and 1980s, or even professional players in the 1990s, the ambiance of this special setting is what college football is all about.

The storied edifice added to its legend when the first meeting of father and son head coaches (Bowden Bowl I) took place before a sellout crowd of more than 86,000 fans in 1999. Clemson has ranked in the top 20 in the nation in average attendance 21 consecutive seasons. That includes 2001 when Clemson set an ACC record for total attendance. Last year, the streak continued when Clemson averaged over 76,000 fans per game.

In the 70s, 80s, and 90s, various publications named top-10 stadiums in college football and Memorial Stadium, affectionately known as “Death Valley,” has been a common denominator on those lists.

The facility’s mystique is derived from its many traditions, which date to its opening in 1942, the legendary games and players, and Clemson’s corresponding rate of success. Clemson has won 222 games in 62 years there and has won over 71 percent of the contests (222-87-7). Thirty-nine times since 1983, a crowd has exceeded 80,000.

The stadium has definitely been good to the Tigers, 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 YMCA. 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, Memorial Stadium opened with Clemson thrashing Presbyterian, 32-13. Those 20,000 seats installed for Opening Day would soon grow, and grow and grow.

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,

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2004 Clemson Football
After weeks of game preparation, in 1958, 1

dedicated a large on-campus stadium, an upper deck

to Clemson. "Green Grass" section, this expansion increased capacity to 53,000.

Later, upper decks were added to each side as crowds swelled - the first in 1978 and the second in '83. This increased capacity to over 60,000, which makes it one of the largest on-campus stadiums.

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.

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

Luckily, the stadium wasn't built behind the Y.

### Top Death Valley Crowds

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### What They're Saying

"Florida was loud in the swamp. But, the loudest, not only the stadium, but the loudest place I have ever been around in my life was definitely Death Valley... I was yelling at the top of my lungs in that first series and I couldn't even hear what I was saying... My voice was gone after the second series, so we had to signal everything... That place was unreal in how loud it was... I don't think I will ever be in a louder place than Clemson"

Florida State Quarterback Chris Rix
What has been described as, "the most exciting 25 seconds in college football from a color and pageantry standpoint," actually started out as a matter-of-fact entrance, mainly because of necessity.

The first 20,000 seats in Memorial Stadium were built and ready for use before the 1942 season, less than a year after Pearl Harbor was bombed and the United States was drawn into World War II.

The shortest entry into the stadium was a short walk down Williamson Road from Fike Fieldhouse's dressing rooms to a gate at the top of the Hill, which is located behind the east endzone. There were no dressing facilities in the west endzone - there was only a big clock where the hands turned and a scoreboard, which was operated by hand.

The team would dress at Fike, walk down Williamson Road, come in the gate underneath where the big scoreboard now stands and jog down the Hill for its warm-up exercises. There was no fanfare, no cannon shot fired, no Tiger Paw flag, no Tiger Rag played...just the team making its entrance and lining up to do the side-straddle hop.

That's pretty much the way things went for the next 25 years.

Either in 1964 or 1965, S.C. Jones, a member of the class of 1919, made a trip to California. He stopped at a spot in Death Valley, CA and picked up this white flint rock. He presented it to Coach Frank Howard as being from Death Valley, CA to Death Valley, South Carolina."

The rock laid on the floor in Howard's office in Fike Fieldhouse for years. One day, he was cleaning up his office and he told Gene Willimon, who was executive secretary of IPTAY, to "take this rock and throw it over the fence, or out in the ditch...do something with it, but get it out of my office!"

Willimon didn't think that was the way a rock should be treated. After all, it had been brought 3,000 miles by a very sincere Tiger fan.

By the mid-sixties, Memorial Stadium was pretty well living up to its moniker, Death Valley, because of the number of victories that had been recorded there. Actually, the name was first used by the late Lonnie McMillian, head coach at Presbyterian College in Clinton in the 1940s.

McMillian and the other Blue Hose coaches before him used to open the season each year by coming to Clemson. Seldom scoring (24 shutouts in 39 games) and with only three wins and four ties to show for it, his teams were getting killed by the Tigers regularly. In 1948, McMillian made the comment to the press that he was taking his team to play Clemson in Death Valley.

An occasional reference to Memorial stadium by that name could be heard for the next three or four years, but when Howard started calling it "Death Valley" in the 1950s, the name took off like wildfire. The Tigers celebrated the 50th season in the "Valley in 1991.
Running Down The Hill
"The Most Exciting 25 Seconds in College Football"

But getting back to Howard's Rock.
The rock was mounted on a pedestal at
the top of the Hill. It was unveiled September
24, 1966, on a day when Clemson played Vir-
ingia. The Tigers were down 18 points with
17 minutes to play and came back to win (40-
35) on a 65-yard pass play from Jimmy
Addison to Jacky Jackson in the fourth pe-
riod. That was quite a spectacular debut for
that rock.

The team members started rubbing the
rock prior to running down the Hill September
23, 1967, a day when Clemson defeated
Wake Forest, 23-6. Prior to running down the
Hill that day, Howard told his players: "If you're
going to give me 110 percent, you can rub
that rock. If you're not, keep your filthy hands
off it." Howard told of the incident the next day
on his Sunday television show and the story became legend.

When Hootie Ingram succeeded
Howard as head coach prior to the 1970 sea-
son, Ingram decided that the team would
make its final entrance on the field out of the
dressing room in the west endzone. In all
home games in 1970 and 1971 and the first
four games of 1972 when the Tigers did not
run down the Hill, their combined record was
6-9. The team decided it wanted to come
down the Hill once prior to the South Carolina
game in 1972. The result, in a cold, freezing
rain, was a 7-6 victory when Jimmy Williamson
knocked down a two-point conversion attempt
which preserved the win.

The Tigers have made the entrance for
every home game since 1942, except for the
seasons mentioned above - 301 times head-
ing into the 2004 season.

After final warmups, the team goes back
into its dressing room under the west endzone
stands for final game instructions. About 10
minutes before kickoff, the team boards two
buses, rides around behind the north stands
to the east endzone, and debarks to the top
of the Hill behind Howard's Rock.

At the appointed time, the cannon
booms and led by a high-flying Tiger Paw flag,
the band forms two lines for the team to run
to the center and strikes up "Tiger Rag"...the
frenzy starts in all sincerity and usually lasts
for three hours.

It is a tradition that has inspired Clemson
players for many years.

"The Rock has strange powers
When you rub it, and run down the Hill,
the adrenaline flows. It's the most emo-
tional experience I've ever had."
Six-time All-Pro and former Tiger All-
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**Rod Gardner**

2001 First-Round Draft Pick
Washington Redskins

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Anthony Simmons
1991 First-Round Draft Pick
Seattle Seahawks
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Spartanburg, SC

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Lake View, SC

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P • Gr.
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Gadsden, AL

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#69 Chris Carey
OL • So.
Scott Depot, WV

#56 Phillip Dieckmann
OG • Sr.
Lexington, SC

#59 Josh Glunt
LB • Jr.
Greer, SC

#61 Nick Hayes
DL • So.
Decatur, GA

#68 Colin Leonard
LS • So.
Lafayette, IN

#11 Rush Lowther
QB • Jr.
Darlington, SC

#68 Paul Macko
RB • Fr.
Wadsworth, OH

#80 Duncan McLaurin
WR • Jr.
Dillon, SC

#79 Brett Mullan
OL • So.
Charleston, SC

#82 Brian Sorrells
WR • So.
Sumter, SC

#57 Wes Sweeten
LB • So.
Blythewood, SC

#48 Troy Ward
DB • Sr.
Crownsville, MD

Tiger Rally Cats

Front row (L–R):
Kristen Shook,
Kerstin Anderson,
Anne Abrams,
Alisa Schanne,
Erin Holbrook,
Jennifer Glenn (captain),
Susan Haury,
Stephanie Tennent,
Katie Dixon. Back row:
Sabrena Jeter,
Sara Heimig,
Grace Daniel (captain),
Ashley Dawkins,
Vickie Morgan,
Janelle Shoop,
Ashley Hooks,
Amber Finley,
Stephanie Barnes,
Lauren Blakey. Not pictured: Katie Horton, Head Coach Katie Mang.
South Carolina

School Information
Location: Columbia, SC
Nickname: Gamecocks
Colors: Garnet & Black
Conference: Southeastern
Facility: Williams-Brice Stadium
Capacity: 80,250
Turf: Natural Grass

President: Dr. Andrew Sorensen
Enrollment: 23,700

Athletic Director: Dr. IMike McGee
First Year of Football: 1892
Internet Site: USCSports.com

Coaching Staff
Head Coach: Lou Holtz (Kent State)

Record at School Entering 2004 (Seasons): 27-32 (5)
Career Record Entering 2004 (Seasons): 243-127-7 (33)

Assistant Coaches (Alma Mater/Position): Rick Minter (Henderson State/Def., Co., LB); Ron Cooper (Jacksonville State/DB); Skip Holtz (Notre Dame/Asst. Head Coach, QB); Paul Lounsberry (Simpson/TE, ST); Jappy Oliver (Purdue/DL); David Reaves (Appalachian State/DB); Dave Roberts (Western Carolina/DB); Steve Shankweiler (Davidson/OL); Rick Stockstill (Florida State/Recruiting Co., WR)

Team Information
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Defensive Formation: Multiple
Letterman Returning: 43
Letterman Lost: 20
Starters Returning: 16
Starters Lost: 8
South Carolina
Gamecocks

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LB • Sr.
Aiken, SC

#78 Jabari Levey
OL • Jr.
Moncks Corner, SC

#14 Taqiyy Muhammad
DB • Sr.
Wilmington, NC

#13 Syvelle Newton
QB • So.
Wallace, SC

#5 Dondria Pinkins
QB • Sr.
Camilla, GA

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DL • Jr.
Miami, FL

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Rock Hill, SC

#15 Matthew Thomas
WR • Sr.
Pearson, GA

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Lexington, SC

#91 Moe Thompson
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Goose Creek, SC

#94 Preston Thorne
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Summerville, SC

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Decatur, GA

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Washington, GA

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Cope, SC

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Chester, SC

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Greenville, SC

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• An anonymous donor has created an endowment to honor Banks McFadden.
• An anonymous donor endowed the Forward Position on the Clemson Men's Basketball team in honor of Greg Buckner.
• An anonymous donor has endowed the Clemson Women's Head Basketball Coach's Position in honor of Jim Davis.
• Eight anonymous donors created endowments to aid the IPTAY Scholarship Fund.
• An anonymous donor created an endowment to help the IPTAY Scholarship Fund (Ted Westmoreland).
• An anonymous donor endowed the Team Orthopedic Surgeon's Position for Dr. Levon Emanuel.
• An anonymous donor created an endowment to honor Dr. R.F. Poole & Bill McClain.
• An anonymous donor endowed the Power Forward Position on the Clemson Men's Basketball Team.
• An anonymous donor endowed Clemson Football's Single Wing Right Guard Position to honor Walter Cox.
• An anonymous donor endowed the Power Forward Position on the Clemson Women's Basketball Team.
• An anonymous donor endowed Clemson Football's Single Wing Left Guard Position to honor Bill Lakis.
• David Bishop created an endowment to aid the IPTAY Scholarship Fund.
• Frank & Mary Black endowed a Tight End Position on the Clemson Football team in honor of Tommy West.
• Luther & Sailey Bolick created an endowment to honor their Clemson family & friends.
• Joe & Jeff Boslak created an endowment to honor Mac McKeown.
• Bob Brooks endowed a Strength Training Position in honor of Gary Wade, who worked with four Clemson Football ACC Championship teams and six Clemson Bowl wins.
• Bob Brooks endowed a Student Athlete Trainer Position in memory of his son, Mark Brooks. For his hard work and dedication while at Clemson.
• Bob Brooks endowed a Clemson Volleyball Coach's Position in honor of Preston Greene.
• Bob Brooks endowed a Clemson Women's Soccer Coach's Position in honor of four champions, Mark Brooks, Charlie Campbell, Dan Duncan, & Alan Kulwicki.
• Robert Brown endowed the Shooting Guard Position on the Clemson Women's Basketball Team in honor of Amy Geren.
• Richard & Elizabeth Bruner created an endowment in memory of Martin H. Bruner & Claudia C. Howell, Jr.
• Tom & Jane Burton endowed the Equipment Manager's Position.
• Everett A. Butler, Jr. & Linda A. Butler created an endowment to honor Everett's father, E. Arnold Butler, for academic initiatives at Vicky Hall.
• Ray & Pat Carter created an endowment to aid the IPTAY Scholarship Fund.
• Bill & Bess Cecil, Sr. created the 'Bess & David William Cecil, Sr. Endowment for Coordinated IPTAY and Architectural Scholarships and Fellowships.'
• Jerry & Frances Chapman created an endowment to aid the IPTAY Scholarship Fund.
• Ray Clanton endowed the Left Guard Position on Clemson's Single Wing Football Team.
• Dean & Ann Coleman endowed a Linebacker Position on the Clemson Football team to honor Levon Kirkland.
• Dean & Ann Coleman endowed a Trainer's Position in honor of Bert Henderson.
• Jim & Carolyn Willis Creech endowed a Majorette Position with the Clemson University Tiger Band.
• Leighton Cubbage endowed a Defensive Back Position on the Clemson Football team to honor Jimmy Nees.
• Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Dalton endowed the Manager's Position for the Clemson Men's Basketball Team.
• Bob & Lynn Dobson endowed the Head Coach Position in Volleyball to honor Jolene Hoover.
• Clyde & Ann Dobson created an endowment to aid Clemson Baseball.
• Mrs. Emily Dobson created an endowment in honor of the Clemson Athletic Department's landscaping and grounds crew.
• Bill & Sylvia Dukes created an endowment to honor the memory of their daughter, Maria Dukes, who was an avid Tiger Fan.
• Margaret Keith Eades endowed the Head Statistician Position with Clemson Football to honor Norb Goebel.
• The Jeannie & Jim Fowler IPTAY Endowment was created to honor David C. Fowler ('89) & Clemson University President Emeritus Walter T. Cox.
• Mrs. Florence G. Geiger endowed the Punter's Position on the Clemson Football Team in honor of her late husband, Martin H. Geiger.
• Gene & Carole Gillfillin endowed a Graduate Assistants' Position.
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• The Harvey Graham Family created an endowment to honor Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Graham, Sr.
• Franklin & Pat Green created an endowment to aid the IPTAY Scholarship Fund.
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• Tom & Bernice Grimballe endowed the Manager's Position for the Clemson Baseball Team.
• Lloyd & Margaret Greely endowed a position for a graduate scholarship for Clemson student athletes.
• The Bill Hendrix Family endowed the Placekicking Position on the Clemson Football Team.
• Dick & Marie Herbert created an endowment for a naming opportunity for the Littlejohn Coliseum Renovation Project.
• Richard & Dorothy Hoffmann endowed the student-manager's position on the Clemson Men's Soccer Team in honor of their son, Scott Hoffmann.
• Richard & Dorothy Hoffmann endowed the head coaching position on the Clemson Men's Track Team in honor of Bob Pollock.
• Bill & Elaine Howiler endowed a Pitching Position on the Clemson Baseball Team to honor Bob Mahony.
• Bill & Elaine Howiler endowed the Third Base Position on the Clemson Men's Basketball Team.
• The Bill Hudson Family endowed a Tackle Position on the Clemson Football Team.
• The Estate of Mildred Huggins endowed the Centerfield Position on the Clemson Baseball Team.
• Walter & Ann Hunter created an endowment for a naming opportunity for the Littlejohn Coliseum Renovation Project.
• IPTAY Donors contributed to an endowment to honor the 'Slab Five.'
• Jack Jackson created an endowment to honor Phil Rogers.
• Jimmy Key & Family endowed the Head Coach's Position on the Clemson Baseball Team to honor Bill Wilhelm.
• Dorothy F. King created an endowment to honor Clemson Trustee Bill McKee.
• Drs. Anne & Gene Kirkley endowed the Golf Team Room at the Walker Golf Course.
• The Mahaffey Brothers endowed the Center Position on the Clemson Men's Basketball team in honor of their Mother & Father - Howard T. & Louise Mahaffey.
• MBNA created an endowment to aid the IPTAY Scholarship Fund.
• Mr. Albert McAllister endowed the Long Snapper's Position on the Clemson Football team.
• Jim & Barbara McCabe created an endowment to honor Joe "Boogie" Bryant.
• Les McCraw created an endowment to honor his father, L.C. McCraw, Sr., who was a charter member of IPTAY.
• Thurmond & Diane McClamb endowed the position of Executive Director of IPTAY in honor of George Bennett.
• Stuart McWhorter endowed the Tiger Mascot.
• Vernon & Joan Merchant endowed an endowment to honor the Slab Five in memory of his Mother & Father - Mrs. & Mr. David Merritt endowed a Wide Receiver Position on the Clemson Football Team in honor of Perry Tuttle.
• Bill & Betty Monroe endowed the Head Swimming Coach's Position at Clemson in honor of former Tiger Swim Coach Carl McHugh.
• Jim & Peggy Morgan created an endowment to aid the IPTAY Scholarship Fund.
• John T. Mundy endowed a Forward Position on the Clemson Men's Basketball Team.
• John T. Mundy created the Captain's Position with the Clemson Men's Tennis Team.
• Tommy K. & Dolores Norris created an endowment in honor of Clemson Ticket Manager Van Hilderman.
• Fred & Pardue created two endowments to establish the IPTAY Scholarship Fund.
• Bill & Bob Peeler created an endowment in honor of The Peelee Family.
• Friends & Former Players endowed the Head Football Coach Position in honor of Coach Frank Howard in celebration of his 85th birthday.
• Billy & Betty Poe endowed the Wingback Position on Clemson's Single Wing Football Team.
• Billy & Ann Powers created an endowment to honor the 'Slab Five.'
• Sam & Kitty Pringle endowed the Point Guard Position on the Clemson Women's Basketball Team.
• Sam & Kitty Pringle endowed the Tiger Cub to honor their grandchildren.
• Mr. & Mrs. Loyd Purser endowed an endowment to honor JoWanda King.
• Allen Reeves endowed a linebacker position on the Clemson Football Team in honor of Jeff Davis.
• David & Stanley Riggins endowed the Quarterback Position on the Clemson Football Team.
• Wayne & Betty Ann Roberson created an endowment to aid the IPTAY Scholarship Fund.
• Fritz & Nora Sargent endowed the Head Coach Position in Men's Golf to honor Larry Penley.
• Wendell & Linda Sease created an endowment to honor a two-sport athlete in honor of Bob Paulling.
• Jack & Jane Shaw created an endowment to honor the 'Slab Five.'
• The Sloan Family endowed the Clemson Men's Tennis Coaching Position to honor Hoke Sloan.
• Herman & Sue Smith created an endowment to honor soldiers who played or coached at Clemson.
• Dr. Randy Smith endowed the Center Position on the Clemson Football Team in honor of Joe Waidrep.
• Danny Speights created an endowment to honor his father, Bill Speights, who was a longtime IPTAY Representative in Hampton County.
• Dr. & Mrs. David Stokes endowed a defensive line position on the Clemson Football Team.
• Richard & Sharon Struthers have created an endowment for a position on the Clemson Women's Swimming Team.
• The Joe Swann Family endowed the Men's Head Coach Position in Soccer.
• Dr. A.J. Thompson, Jr. created an endowment to aid the IPTAY Scholarship Fund.
• Tracy & Mary Ann Tindal endowed the Power Forward Position on the Clemson Women's Basketball Team.
• James A. Turner, Annie Alexander Turner, & Megan Ashley Turner endowed a Shooting Guard Position on the Clemson Men's Basketball Team in honor of Bruce Martin.
• The David Wells Family created an endowment to honor Nancy Bennett.
• Chris G. White created an endowment to aid the IPTAY Scholarship Fund.
• Charles & Charlotte Wood created an endowment to honor Marion "Footsie" Woods.
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1. Ball ready for play
2. Start clock
3. Time-out
4. TV/Radio time-out
5. Touchdown
6. Safety
7. Ball dead
8. First down
9. Loss of down
10. Incomplete forward pass
11. Legal touching of forward pass
12. Inadvertent whistle
13. Disregard flag
14. End of period
15. Sideline warning
16. Illegal touching or 30-second timeout
17. Uncatchable forward pass
18. Offside defense
19. False start
20. Illegal shift - 2 hands
21. Delay of game
22. Substitution instruction
23. Failure to wear required equipment
24. Illegal helmet contact
25. Unsportsmanlike conduct
26. Unsportsmanlike conduct
27. Unsportsmanlike conduct
28. Illegal participation
29. Sideline interference
30. Running into or roughing kicker or holder
31. Illegal batting - illegal kicking
32. Illegal fair catch signal - invalid fair catch signal
33. Forward pass interference
34. Kick-catching interference
35. Illegal pass
36. Intentional grounding
37. Ineligible downfield on pass
38. Personal foul
39. Clipping
40. Blocking below waist
41. Chop block
42. Holding/blocking
43. Illegal block in the back
44. Helping runner
45. Grasping face mask or helmet opening
46. Tripping
47. Player disqualification

Note: Signal numbers 25 and 26 are for future expansion. (NF) National Federation of State High School Associations signal.
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Mission Statement

The Department of Athletics offers nationally prominent athletic programs. Through a dedicated commitment to educational interests, a competitive athletic program, and integrity in all areas, the student-athletes, coaches, and staff strive to bring credit and recognition to Clemson University.

The mission of the Athletic Department is to sponsor a broad-based athletic program that provides educational and athletic opportunities for young men and women to grow, develop, and serve the interests of Clemson University by complementing and enhancing its diversity and quality of life. Furthermore, the Athletic Department seeks to be a source of pride for the citizens of the State of South Carolina and to be recognized as a nationally prominent program, through consistently high levels of performance and accomplishments in athletic competitions.

The Athletic Department strives to develop student-athletes academically and athletically with the total commitment of aiding their efforts to graduate from Clemson University and advance to careers that will enable them to be productive members of society. The Athletic Department will act in an ethical and honest manner, dedicated to compliance with all Federal, State, NCAA, Conference, and University rules and regulations.
**Stadium Information**

**Information**

**Concession Stands**
Concession stands are located beneath all stands and can be reached from any portal.

**Emergencies**
First Aid stations are located at: South side - under Section J; North Side - under Section T; North Top Deck - under Section K. South Top Deck - under Section E. Trained nurses are on hand. Should a doctor be needed, ask any usher. Ambulances are located at Gates 1, 5, 9, and 13. Emergency calls (864) 656-2999 are received in the Security Booth.

**Handicapped**
Special entrances have been provided at Gates 1, 5, and 13 for the handicapped.

**Lost & Found**
If any article is lost or found, please report it to the Gate 1 or Gate 10 information booths.

**Notice**
Solicitation for any purpose is prohibited at Clemson Memorial Stadium.

**Pass Outs**
Pass outs are allowed; however fans will have to go through the same level of security screening as they did upon entering the stadium.

**Prohibited Items**
Umbrellas, folding chairs, chaise lounges, food, and beverage containers of any type, including alcoholic beverages, thermos jugs, and ice chests.

**Public Address System**
The public address system is intended for spectators' information concerning the game. Do not request the use of the P.A. system to make social contacts.

**Season Ticket Holders/Other Visitors**
Season ticket holders and other visitors to the stadium are requested to enter Gates 1, 5, 9, 11, or 13. Persons with top deck tickets must enter the stadium via the ramps, which are located behind the North and South Stands. Ramp entrances are adjacent to Gates 1 and 13 (South) and Gates 5 and 9 (North).

**Telephones**
Pay telephones are located at the stadium ticket offices at Gates 1, 5, 9, 13, and top decks.

**Will-Call**
Will-call tickets are at the ticket office at Gate 9.

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**Clemson Memorial Stadium**, known to Tiger faithful as "Death Valley," seats more than 81,000 loyal fans. It is located on the west side of the Clemson University campus, while the campus is just a two-hour drive from Atlanta, Charlotte, and Columbia. The beaches of coastal South Carolina are only four hours away, while the awe-inspiring sights of the Blue Ridge Mountains can be viewed just a few miles northwest of Clemson.

**Driving Distances to ACC Institutions**

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Note: Distances in miles; includes Boston College, who will join the ACC in 2005.
**Billy Napier**

**Defensive Assistant**

**Responsibilities:** Graduate assistant who will work on the field with the defense...in his second year at Clemson; he worked as an offensive video graduate assistant in 2003.

**Playing Experience:** Lettered four years at Furman (1999-02)...two-time All-SoCon quarterback...led Furman to the Division I-AA title game in 2001...finalist for the Walter Payton Award for best offensive player in Division I-AA...broke the single-season record for passing yards (2,475) and percentage (68.5)...holds the SoCon career and single-season percentage record.

**Education:** B.A. degree in health and exercise science from Furman in 2003...graduated from Murray County (GA) High School in 1998.

**Personal:** Born March 20, 1981...single.

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**Brandon Streeter**

**Offensive Video**

**Responsibilities:** Graduate assistant who will break down video for the offense.

**Playing Experience:** Four-year letterman for the Tigers from 2000-03...four-time member of the ACC Academic Honor Roll during his career...started all 13 games of his final season at defensive tackle and was a co-captain that year...played in 43 career games...co-recipient of the Defensive Player-of-the-Game from the coaching staff for the Duke game in 2003.

**Education:** B.A. degree in sports management from Clemson in 2003...graduated from Anson County (NC) High School in 1999.

**Personal:** Born March 20, 1981...single.

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**Kyle Young**

**Offensive Assistant**

**Responsibilities:** Will work with the offensive line...in his second year as an offensive graduate assistant.

**Playing Experience:** Four-year letterman for the Tigers from 1998-01...two-time All-American on the field and a three-time Academic All-American...the second offensive ineman in college football history and second ACC player in history to be a three-time first-team Academic All-American; earned both honors in the same year twice in his career, joining Jonathan Byrd as the only Tigers to accomplish that twice...as a senior in 2001, he set a school record with 168 knockdown blocks and led the way for Woodrow Dantzler's 2,000/1,000 effort...started the final 40 games of his career at center...two-time All-ACC selection...won the Jim Tatum Award (outstanding ACC scholar football athlete) as a senior...recipient of a National Football Foundation Scholarship from the College Football Hall of Fame in 2001, the first Tiger so honored in 22 years.

**Education:** B.A. degree in secondary education from Clemson in 2001...master's degree in secondary education from Clemson in 2003...had a cumulative 3.98 GPA as a undergrad...graduated from Daniel High in 1997.

**Personal:** Born September 13, 1978...married to the former Jamie Watson, who works in the Clemson Alumni Association office.

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**Student Trainers**

Kneeling (left to right): Andrew Medvec, Blake Taylor, Brad Leopard, Bill Lamont. Standing: Trey McCurry, Eric Stukes, Seth Berry, Josh Runion, Mike Wilson, Ryan Smith, Blair Taylor, Meagan Harris, John Coutso, Joel Perry.

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The Clemson Tiger Sports Network supplies Tiger fans with a full day of broadcast each football Saturday. Each broadcast day has three programs, "Tiger Tailgate Show,” “Game Day Broadcast,” and the "Fifth Quarter Show.”

A tradition since the 1970s, the "Tiger Tailgate Show" is a two-hour entertainment and interactive program. It is produced on the lawn of Littlejohn Coliseum (at the corner) closest to Death Valley.

The program begins three hours prior to kickoff, Bubba Britton, Duane Evans, Don Munson, and Whitney Walters play host to the show. It is the gathering place on gameday. Interviews with former Clemson players, games, display items, and pre-game excitement are all part of the program.

The game broadcast is anchored by Pete Yanity. The sports director at WSFA-TV in Spartanburg, SC took over in September, 2003 after the passing of Jim Philips, who had been the longtime voice of the Tigers since 1968. Yanity has been a part of the broadcast team since 2001 as the host of the pregame, halftime, and postgame shows, and as the sideline reporter during games.

Yanity has been the sports director at WSFA-TV in Spartanburg the last 14 years. He has also been a sideline analyst for eight years on Carolina Panthers preseason football games and has considerable play-by-play experience for Comcast Sports Southeast, covering various college events, including Tiger football and baseball. Yanity is also the voice of Tiger basketball and the host of the Tommy Bowden and Oliver Purnell Television Shows.

Joining Yanity in the booth is former Clemson offensive lineman Will Merritt, who played for the Tigers from 1998-01. He was a starter in 2000 and 2001 when he was named Second-Team All-ACC.

Merritt worked on the Clemson radio network pregame and postgame shows in 2002. He also provided color commentary on the television tape-delay broadcasts of selected games. In 2003, he became the color analyst of the gameday broadcasts. The native of Easley, SC is the host of "The Morning Drive," a sports talk show that airs each morning on WCCP (104.9 FM) in Clemson.

Former Clemson Academic All-American linebacker Chad Carson coordinates the broadcast team as the sideline commentator. Carson served in that capacity for the final two games of 2003. Carson is fifth in Clemson history in career tackles and was a starter on Tommy Bowden’s first three Tiger teams.

As has been the case in the past, the gameday broadcast begins with the Tommy Bowden Pregame Show. Bowden meets with Sports Information Director Tim Bournet to provide Clemson fans with the latest lineup and strategy information. Yanity and Merritt also provide a last-minute scene-setter that includes the latest lineup and weather information.

After the game, fans can tune into the “Fifth Quarter Show,” hosted by Ralph Patterson and Munson, or attend the show live from the Wild Wing Cafe in downtown Greenville, SC. Interviews with Coach Bowden and Assistant Coaches Brad Scott and John Lovett are also included. An added feature includes lockerroom interviews with Clemson’s top players that day. A rundown of the game stats and audio highlights are provided.

Fans can follow the Tigers by listening to “Tiger Calls,” hosted live on location by Mike Hudson (84) of Roper Ford in Seneca and Herb Tyler (82) of the Chick-fil-A of Seneca. This one-hour program with Bowden and Don Munson airs live each Thursday evening from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

The Clemson Tiger Sports Network also produces the Tommy Bowden Television Show, a recap of the previous game’s highlights. Yanity serves as the host of this program that gives fans insight into the coaches’ decisions during the previous game and takes an up close look at your favorite players.

For more information, contact David Hubbard (General Manager), Don Williams (Sales & Operations), or Burt Jenkins (Account Executive) at Clemson Tiger Sports Properties, P.O. Box 552, Clemson, SC 29633-0552. They can be reached via phone at (864) 654-5544 and via fax at (864) 654-5509.
This brief NCAA rules education is aimed at outlining basic recruiting rules to help potential students-athletes and parents better understand the process. Clemson University is committed to recruiting and conducting our athletic program with the highest level of integrity. If you have questions about NCAA rules, please contact compliance services at (864) 656-1580 or through our website at ClemsonTigers.com and click on compliance. You can also visit the NCAA’s website at NCAAOrg.

Important NCAA Terms

Academic Credentials - A prospect should check with his guidance office to see if he is taking classes that will meet NCAA eligibility standards. A prospect should do this early - at the end of his sophomore year and keep track of core courses. A prospect will need to take either the ACT or SAT for NCAA certification.

Contact - NCAA rules define a contact as a face-to-face interaction with a prospect and/or his parents off Clemson’s campus by a coach. The NCAA sets a contact period for football prospects from late November through the end of January. That is the only time coaches can meet with a prospect away from the Clemson campus.

Core Courses - Courses at a prospect’s high school that are considered college preparatory. For the class entering Clemson in 2005, 14 core courses are required, including four in English, two in math, two in science, one additional from English, math, or science, two social sciences, and three additional courses. For the class entering Clemson in 2008, 16 core courses are required, including four in English, three in math, two in science, one additional from English, math, or science, two social sciences, and four additional courses. A high school prospect’s guidance counselor will have a list of the school’s core courses, or you can visit the website NCAAClearinghouse.net for more information.

Evaluation - In April of a prospect’s junior year, coaches will come to a prospect’s high school, and review his athletic and academic credentials with his coach. In the fall, they may watch a prospect compete only one time, but they will not have any contact.

Home Visit - During the contact period, a prospect may invite college coaches to his home to meet his parents, and to talk in detail about the football program and academic offerings at any college the prospect is considering.

Receiving Mail - When a prospect is in the ninth and 10th grades, NCAA rules allow Clemson to mail just a questionnaire and summer-camp brochure to a prospect. After September 1 of the prospect’s junior year, coaches can provide a prospect with the following: write personalized letters, send a media guide and copies of newspaper articles, and a schedule card. A prospect can receive a football game program when he visits the Clemson University campus.

Recruiting - A term used to describe the process of acquainting a prospect with a college and the coaches of that college, who are striving to learn more about a prospect. Only coaches can recruit; no one else can try and persuade a prospect to play sports at a particular college.

Prospect - Any student who has entered the ninth grade. Once a person becomes a prospect, NCAA rules define how college coaches can interact with that prospect.

Telephone - Clemson football coaches can call a prospect once in May of the prospect’s junior year. After September 1 of a prospect’s senior year, a coach can call a prospect once a week. A prospect can expect unlimited calls during the contact period, before his official visit and once the prospect has signed a National Letter of Intent.

Frequently Asked Questions

• Are a prospect’s parents invited for an official visit? Yes. NCAA rules allow a school to provide lodging and meals for parents or legal guardians who accompany their child on an official visit. However, NCAA rules do not allow schools to provide transportation for parents unless they drive with their son.

• Can a prospect visit Clemson anytime during his high school career? Yes. A prospect can have his high school coach call Tiger coaches to set up an unofficial visit. He can attend a football game and talk with Tiger coaches, and it does not count as a contact when it is on Clemson’s campus. There are times a prospect cannot visit - NCAA rules refer to them as “dead periods,” and coaches will not schedule to meet with a prospect during that time period.

• Can IPTAY members help recruit me? No. NCAA rules are clear; only Clemson coaches can telephone, contact, and evaluate a prospect. Only college coaches can offer unofficial and official visits.

• Is the prospect’s high school coach invited for an official visit? NCAA rules are such that high school coaches may not be provided any expenses for official visits.

• What is a National Letter of Intent (NLI)? It is like a contract; a prospect and his parents sign a promise that the prospect will attend a particular college. In return, that college promises a prospect financial aid. A prospect signs it during his senior year (in February for football). Once the prospect signs it, he cannot be recruited by any other school, and it is binding for the prospect’s first year in college. It is a binding commitment for the prospect and the school that offers it.

• What is IPTAY? IPTAY is an organization of Clemson fans. It generates financial support for the athletic department, and it is the best in the country! It has over 23,000 members.

• What is an official visit? After September 1 of a prospect’s senior year, he can take five official visits, which are expense-paid. Before the visit, the prospect must present a high school transcript and proof of an SAT, ACT, PACT, or PSAT test. Official visit invitations are extended by Tiger coaches only.

• What is the NCAA Clearinghouse? It is the agency that certifies a prospect’s eligibility for NCAA Division I and Division II. A prospect should register with the NCAA Clearinghouse at the beginning of his senior year in high school. Applications are available in the prospect’s guidance office. Cost is $30.
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This past summer, he oversaw a third major facility enhancement. When he came to Clemson, the facility covered 11,000 square feet. It has continued to grow and now covers nearly 15,000 square feet. It is one of the most modern all-around facilities in the country.

In the summer of 2004, the following improvements were made:

- State-of-the-art sound system
- Seven flat-screen plasma televisions
- State-of-the-art ventilation system
- New lighting system
- 10 new multi-functional Clemson power racks
- Mondo-rubber flooring throughout entire weight room
- New orange upholstery on all weightlifting equipment
- New paint on surrounding walls and columns
- Carpeting in entrances and offices
- Front entrance drop ceiling
- Metal overlay for awards displays
- Reconstruction of entryway walls

The plush atmosphere provides an interesting contrast to the physical exertion that takes place within the facility. When a Tiger student-athlete enters the etched-glass doors, he is greeted by nearly $700,000 worth of state-of-the-art equipment.

The seven plasma televisions are positioned throughout the facility and are used for training and instruction, as strength coaches film athletes and work with them on their form.

Clemson has a staff of four full-time coaches, four graduate assistant coaches, and numerous student assistant coaches who ensure a Tiger football player receives as much individual attention as possible. Training programs are position specific, and are designed to meet the specific needs of each student-athlete.

Batson is one of the most highly-regarded strength coaches in the country. In his seven years directing the program, he has coached 10 strength All-Americans. He is a major reason Clemson has been to a bowl in six of his seven years. Also, seven of his assistants at Clemson are now strength training directors at NFL or college programs.
Tiger Strength Training
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Left to right: Eric Cash, David Helms, Joey Batson, Tanna Burge, Larry Greenlee, Dennis Love. Not pictured: Dane Nelson.
New Locker Room & Player Lounge

When Clemson's football players returned to campus for the second session of summer school of 2004, they reported to a new football locker room and player lounge area within the Jervey Athletic Center. The 4,200-square-foot facility has all the modern conveniences, including a player lounge that includes seven plasma televisions and four computer work stations. The lounge also features murals that document Clemson's greatest players, greatest victories, and prominent former players who have gone on to the NFL.

The following is a rundown of the some of the features of Clemson's new lounge and locker room area:

- The locker room area is divided into eight sections, with the lockers corresponding to each player's uniform number. There are 115 lockers in all. Each section of the locker room is highlighted by a logo and picture of historical significance from a bowl game Clemson has played in. Each section also features large interchangeable action photos of recent Clemson players.
- Each player has a new mahogany locker that features a helmet storage area and a storage compartment below a padded seat. There is also a private lock box for personal items.
- Each locker features a large Tiger Paw that introduces the helmet storage area and a personalized name plate.
- The lounge area features seven plasma televisions, complete with split-screen capabilities. All are tied to a central video hub. The television area also contains an Academic Hall of Fame, complete with photographs and accomplishments of Clemson's academic All-Americans and award winners.
- The lounge also features four computer work stations to enhance communications capabilities with professors or advisors at Vickery Hall.
- One wall of the lounge contains a complete list (by team) of every former Tiger who has played in an NFL game. Another wall is a mural of Clemson's All-Century team (chosen in 1996 in conjunction with the 100th year of Clemson football).
- The entrance is dominated by a 30'x9' picture of Death Valley taken at night from Howard's Rock.
- The locker room and lounge areas also feature pictures from Clemson's 13 ACC Championship teams and the 1981 National Championship team.
- The back of the locker room, which has a new exit to the practice field, features a picture of Clemson players running down the Hill and rubbing Howard's Rock. It is the last image seen by each Clemson player as he heads to the practice field.
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Saturday, September 11
Duke at Virginia Tech
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Wake Forest at East Carolina
Georgia Tech at Clemson

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Clemson University’s commitment to provide its student-athletes with the very best of facilities is evident in a variety of ways. From the soaring upper decks of Memorial Stadium, to the “New Littlejohn Coliseum,” to the state-of-the-art strength training facility, young men and women from all 19 of the Tigers’ intercollegiate varsity sports have the very best in facilities for both training and competition on the field.

Vickery Hall is no exception, as the S3-million structure is as impressive aesthetically as any of the other facilities. But the importance of Vickery Hall to the Clemson University Athletic Department is not found in the structure itself, but in the many programs that the building houses.

Vickery Hall opened in the spring of 1991 and was the first facility in the country constructed solely for the all-around academic support of student-athletes. The two-story, 27,000 square-foot building is open all day and into the evening hours to accommodate the student-athletes’ extended schedules.

The mission of Clemson’s Student-Athlete Enrichment Programs is to monitor, guide, and encourage student-athletes to fulfill their long-term goals, and to achieve their academic and career potential.

Vickery Hall focuses on five primary areas to meet the student-athlete’s needs.

Academic Commitment

Clemson student-athletes earned a record 2.90 overall GPA, and a record 44 student-athletes were named to the President’s List (4.0 GPA) for the spring semester of 2004. A record 116 student-athletes were named to the Dean’s List, the sixth-straight semester at least 100 student-athletes were named to the Dean’s List (3.5 GPA or better). The 2.90 GPA broke the record of 2.85 set by the student-athletes in the 2002 spring semester. Seven athletic programs eclipsed the 3.0 mark, tied for the second-highest semester on record.

“I am thrilled to end about this record-setting report,” said Phil Grayson, Clemson’s associate athletic director for student-athlete enrichment. “Being able to sustain the effort necessary to perform so well, while continuing their practice and competition schedules, is a feat that cannot be overstated. It energizes those of us who work in Vickery Hall to know that our student-athletes make academic achievement a priority.”

Clemson’s football program posted a 2.52 GPA for the semester, the third-highest on record. All three of the program’s 2.5-or-better semesters on record have come under Head Coach Tommy Bowden. Twenty-three Tiger football players earned a 3.0 or better, including starters Cole Chason, Tony Elliott, William Henry, Justin Miller, Eric Sampson, and Charlie Whitehurst. Elliott was an Academic All-District selection this past year and was the recipient of a Weaver-James-Corrigan Scholarship from the ACC. Henry joined Miller and Elliott on the ACC’s Academic All-Conference team. Henry also earned his master’s degree in December of 2003, giving him two degrees in just four and a half years.

The outstanding statistics have been a habit in recent years. The cumulative GPA of the athletic teams has improved 20 of the last 26 semesters, making a steady rise from a 2.33 in 1991 to the record 2.90 in the spring of 2004.

Athletic Commitment

Clemson had another outstanding all-around sports program for the 2003-04 academic year. Ten of the 11 teams that compete in dual-meet formats had a winning record, including eight teams that had a winning percentage of 60 percent or better. Three programs (golf, men’s track, women’s tennis) won ACC Championships, and five programs (golf, women’s soccer, football, men’s tennis, and women’s tennis) had top-25 final rankings.

Clemson was very successful against rival South Carolina. Clemson had a 12-3 record in head-to-head matches, meets, or games, including a 6-0 mark in women’s sports. Two of the losses were in baseball, but Clemson also had two victories in that sport against the Gamecocks. Nine of the 11 sports that play head-to-head with South Carolina had a winning victory margin during the season.

One can make a case that the April 16-18, 2004 weekend was the most successful in school history. Between those dates, Clemson won Atlantic Coast Conference Championships in men’s outdoor track, men’s golf, and women’s tennis. Additionally, the men’s tennis team reached the finals of the ACC Tournament by upsetting top-seeded North Carolina, and the baseball team took two of three games on the road at a top-10 Carolina team.

Clemson’s teams competed at a high level, as nine of the 11 sports that compete in a dual-meet format had at least one win over a top-25 team. That list was led by the baseball team, who had nine top-25 wins. That program also had five wins over teams that reached the Final Four of the College World Series. The women’s tennis team had a school-record seven top-25 victories during the season. The overall program had 34 top-25 victories in 2003-04.

The performance of the Clemson tennis programs was certainly a highlight in 2003-04. Both programs reached at least the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament, and both teams posted 26 vic-
stories. It was the high victory total for each program since the spring of 1986. The Lady Tigers reached the Final Four of the NCAA Tournament, the first women’s sports program in the school’s history to reach a Final Four.

There were many noteworthy individual accomplishments in 2003-04. Seventeen Clemson student-athletes were named first, second, or third-team All-American in 11 different sports. That list was led by first-team, All-America women’s tennis player Julie Con, who reached the Final Four of the NCAA Tournament and was named ACC Player-of-the-Year. Giselle Oliveira was an All-American on the track and in the classroom. She became the 15th student-athlete in Clemson history in any sport to perform the athletic-academic double in the same year.

Career Development Commitment

The Career Assistance Program provides student-athletes an opportunity to fulfill career aspirations by participating in various career seminars offered by the Vickery Hall staff. The philosophy of this program is to provide student-athletes with job-searching skills and strategies, internships, practical experience, and summer employment. These programs are designed to address specific career opportunities and acquire information about the student-athletes for each year.

By using the resources available to the University, Alumni Center, and the Athletic Department, the staff 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-athletes with job experience and a work history, which he or she can apply to his or her 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.

The SAEP Career Assistance Program has a full-time counselor housed in Vickery Hall. Unique to our program, the career counselor is a member of the Michelin Career Center staff as well as the Student-Athlete Enrichment staff. This link between athletics and the Michelin Career Center provides Clemson student-athletes the most up-to-date information and resources in career development and preparation for entrance into the job market upon graduation.

Personal Development Commitment

One of the most important programs that helps student-athletes reach their full potential and engage successfully in college life is the Personal Growth and Development Program.

One of the key components of this program is the first-year freshman transition class designed to assist the student-athlete in making a successful transition into his/her university and athletic life.

All first-year freshmen attend a semester-long series of workshops targeting the transitional issues of time management, organizational strategies, health and wellness issues, athletic issues, diversity issues, career orientation, and service training. Throughout the academic year, all student-athletes are required to attend four large-group programs, which focus on pertinent social, health, and athletic issues.

Service Commitment

Providing community and outreach service to student-athletes and the surrounding community by engaging the student-athletes in hands-on interactive programs is an important aspect of the Student-Athlete Enrichment Programs. The staff of SAEP coordinates various activities each year to engage student-athletes in community outreach projects along with academic programs.

Another aspect of the service commitment is that of community service. The purpose of community service is to allow the student-athletes to become involved with the happenings of the community while giving back at the same time. Each year, every team is required to perform at least two community outreach projects. Recently implemented was a new community service program entitled "Success Away From the Game."

The purpose of this program is to combine athletes of different sports in community outreach programs. By doing this, each outreach program participates, thus creating a diverse group of athletes with new and different ideas. At the end of each year, six student-athletes who have demonstrated outstanding commitment and contributions to the community are recognized as the Top Six by the ACC.

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Jim Phillips
Ken Tysiac Remembers the Clemson Legend

By Ken Tysiac

As I sat at Jim Phillips’ funeral on September 12, 2003, dozens of stories flashed through my head.

I saw Danny Ford, and I remembered Jim telling me about a quiet, jubilant ride back to the hotel with Danny after winning the Orange Bowl in January, 1982.

I saw Bob Fulton, and recalled Jim telling me of the day he joined Fulton for a drink in Columbia, where University of South Carolina students asked Fulton why he was fraternizing with the enemy.

I saw a few people Jim frankly just did not like, and remembered the stories he had told about them. That was the great thing about Jim. You always knew where you stood with him.

For 36 years, Jim told everyone exactly how he felt on the air about the “Voice of the Clemson Tigers.” Jim loved his family. He loved God. He enjoyed fishing, golf, and being around young people, because they made him feel young.

And he had a special place in his heart for Clemson, which adopted him as its own after he moved to Greenville from Ohio in 1968. Jim believed he had led a charmed life, considering his humble beginnings, and he always appreciated the wonderful opportunities his job afforded him.

After growing up in mining country in Mineral Ridge, OH, Jim did not last a year at Ashland College. He was flunking out of school when a professor got him a job at a local radio station. Jim worked as a disc jockey and then began doing play-by-play on high school and small college games before he answered a blind advertisement in a broadcast trade publication.

Jim landed a major college job even though he did not have a college degree and was a stranger in the Southeast. Woody Durham, the longtime voice of the North Carolina Tar Heels, told me recently that he was apprehensive about Jim’s chances of succeeding at Clemson as an outsider from Ohio.

But Jim’s blue-collar roots and humility made him the perfect fit for the job. He laughed at the toupee he wore to keep the bright lights at WFBC-TV from reflecting off his bald head. He never had a signature catch-phrase or a home run call, because he did not believe he should attempt to overshadow the game he was describing.

He also embraced all sports great and small at Clemson. In the 1990s, as Clemson expanded its radio coverage to include baseball and women’s basketball, Jim worked those games, plus football and men’s basketball, in an exhausting schedule. At many schools, top play-by-play announcers leave the broadcasting of sports they consider less-prominent to their younger colleagues.

But to Jim, all Clemson sports were prominent. Former Clemson Athletic Director Bobby Robinson said Jim’s voice gave instant credibility to baseball and women’s basketball when fans heard him on the air. At the age of 69, Jim wanted to continue working Clemson games as long as possible. He died of an aortic aneurysm on September 9, 2003, three days after calling the Tigers’ home game against Furman.

Jim’s favorite call came 27 years and one day ago on a historic catch by Jerry Butler.

With 49 seconds remaining, Butler leaped to catch Steve Fuller’s pass, and fell onto his back in the endzone for a 20-yard touchdown catch and a 31-27 victory over South Carolina. Clemson was headed to its first bowl game in 18 years, and a lady from Spartanburg called Jim a few days later to say she had to take her husband to the hospital for stitches after the winning play.

The guy heard the touchdown call and jumped off the couch and into a chandelier. Jim was amused and also delighted that he could communicate something so important to fans that they would shatter glass upon hearing the news he delivered.

Jim also said fans didn’t understand the rivalry between Clemson and South Carolina. Deep in his heart, Jim wanted the Tigers to defeat the Gamecocks as much as anyone. But he also developed friendships with people who worked for Clemson’s garnet-wearing opponents in Columbia.

He admired Jim Carlen. He respected Frank Claire. He was honored when June Rhines invited him to dinner during the College World Series in 1977 with Gamecock pitcher Randy Marriz and a Chicago Cubs scout who was going to sign Marriz as a first-round draft pick.

Jim quickly befriended Tom Price, who was South Carolina’s sports information director for 31 years, and he considered Price a living archive of precious history. And Jim considered Bob Fulton, the booming voice of the Gamecocks for 43 years, one of his closest friends.

Still, Jim would have delighted in Clemson’s 63-17 defeat of the Gamecocks last season. My last memory of him is seeing him seated dejectedly at a couch at the back of the press box following the 30-0 loss to Georgia in the 2003 opener. He wished for something to happen that would get him excited about football.

Jim would have loved to see Tommy Bowden get the best of Bobby Bowden and Florida State at Death Valley. He would have thrilled to see Clemson defeat Tennessee in the Peach Bowl. And with no disrespect to Pete Yanity, it would have been great to hear Jim call those games.

A fan wrote Jim a letter one day complaining about Jim’s use of the phrase “digs it out” to describe the quarterback took the center snap. The fan explained that the phrase conjured up an unpleasant image for him. Jim agreed, and he never again used the phrase to describe a center snap. Jim loved Clemson’s fans because they kept him on his toes and supported him just as they supported the Tigers.

They sometimes drove him crazy, particularly during an over-critical-letter-writing campaign to the Orange & White in 1979. But he always said he appreciated the incredible kindness demonstrated to him over the years by almost every fan he encountered.

He took pride in being the only play-by-play voice a generation of Clemson fans had ever known. The current thirty-something crowd listened to Jim as small children with their parents, as students with their friends in school, and finally with their own small children after graduating from Clemson.

Yanity is doing a great job as Jim’s successor, but I know people miss Jim, because I miss him. At least once a week when I was covering Clemson for The State, I would pick up the phone to share the latest news with them.

Maybe it was something interesting that Coach Bowden said after practice. Maybe it was a lineup change, or news of a new hire, or policy in the athletic department. I always found myself thinking, “I can’t wait to tell Jim.”

Jim became a mentor, a role model, and a confidante, and not just for me. Tree Rollins remembers Jim advising many Clemson athletes on all sorts of life questions. Jane Robelot was grateful for Jim’s support at the start of a career that included a stint as anchor of “CBS This Morning.” We all are better for following the examples he set.

It is easy to measure Jim’s life by the moments he enjoyed most as a broadcaster. He was thrilled by the crowd that jammed Greenville-Spartanburg Airport to greet the football team upon its return from Maryland after clinching the ACC title in 1978.

He enjoyed watching Bill Harder grow from a ballboy who celebrated Clemson’s upset of #1 Duke in 1980 to a key player on the team that defeated North Carolina in the 1996 ACC Tournament as Jim called out, “Buckner Jams!”

But I remember Jim the most for something he once told me about his parents. He was grateful for how they raised him. He had to move away from them to lead his charmed life, but he did not regret it.

Jim said his life had been “a blast” because he moved to Clemson. I hope he realized that he made life a blast for us, too.

Ken Tysiac covers college sports for the Charlotte Observer. Prior to that, he covered Clemson for the Anderson Independent and The State.

Jim Phillips’ Story

On November 13, 1999, Jim provided me with one of the greatest honors of my professional life. He asked me to write his biography, and I gladly accepted. Over the next few years, we did a series of interviews as he traveled with Clemson’s radio network and I covered the Tigers for The State.

We discussed Clemson baseball in Omaha, Clemson basketball on Tobacco Road, and Clemson football in the President’s Box at Death Valley long after the games had ended.

The book was to be released after Jim retired on a date he had not yet determined. It was nearly completed when he died last September, and with the help of Jim’s family and Clemson Sports Information Director Tom Bourret, I finished the book and found a great publisher. A February release is scheduled.

Jim eagerly looked forward to a day when he could travel to IPTAY meetings to meet fans and share the book about his life’s work. It saddens me that he will not be able to do it.

But I am glad Jim and I took time to record his memoirs, because they are a priceless piece of Clemson’s history. I hope that a small part of him lives on in the pages that I am so grateful he asked me to write.

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3. Recruiting facilities
Facilities are designed to give recruits a prime WOW experience with the Clemson athletic department and the best views of the stadium, the campus and the overall University. The recruiting facility will overlook the One Clemson Museum’s anteroom, which will house a Football Hall of Fame and special Clemson football exhibits. The dining area will seat 400 people, with catered buffet service for lunches or dinners. The room will have large-screen plasma TVs and display areas. An outdoor balcony, exclusively accessed from the recruiting room and players lounge, will look into the museum’s glass oculus entry tower. A large portal cut into the existing West grandstands and accessed from the main lobby will give an opportunity for recruiters to give potential signees a view of the field and “the Hill” beyond without going outside.

4. Coaches facilities
Level two will provide much-needed space for expanded football administrative offices. Next to the recruiting facility and players lounge will be the coaches offices. Having adjacent and immediate access to the team and recruiting facilities will strengthen lines of communication among coaches, the team and recruiting groups. All coaches will have a window with a view of the practice fields. The head coach suite is adjacent to the One Clemson Museum and will overlook the museum anteroom with a view of the practice fields. There will also be media interview space and video and conference facilities.

5. Lettermen’s Lounge
North of the recruiting facility will be the lettermen’s lounge for alumni Clemson athletic lettermen and special guests. This space will be used at pregame and halftime for food service and social gatherings for up to 400 people. The lounge will be catered from the adjacent warming kitchen and have separate restroom facilities. Elevator access will be available from the main lobby elevators.

6. One Clemson Museum
An 11,000-square-foot center will showcase the rich history and traditions of Clemson’s academics and athletics. It will feature a spectacular glass oculus as the main entrance and lobby with static and interactive exhibits. The One Clemson Museum will also give a perspective into the historical events, people and philosophies that have shaped Clemson. The exhibits will span the gamut of Clemson’s educational, research, military and athletic excellence.

7. Concourse and other pluses
One of the highlights of the WestZone is a level, covered walkway connecting the North and South stands. It offers additional restrooms and concession areas, new seating for wheelchair-bound spectators, a “fun zone” for young fans and other game-day amenities.

8. Club seats and lounge
Spectacular club seats will offer a prime end-zone view of the field; climate-controlled club lounge areas with specialty food and beverage; covered, padded seats with chair back, armrests and legroom; indoor and outdoor TV monitors and play-by-play radio broadcasts; and clear and closer-to-the-field sightlines.
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Tiger Band
Gameday With Tiger Band

By Missy Davis

Can you imagine a football game at Clemson without "The Band That Shakes the Southland," Tiger Band? What would "the most exciting 25 seconds in college football" be like without "Sock It To 'Em" and "Tiger Rag?"

Tiger Band, an organization of 200 volunteer student musicians, is determined to support and exorcise Clemson through their love of music. Tiger Band is composed of future engineers, teachers, doctors, and accountants - all of whom step away from their major courses to find themselves on a beautifully landscaped practice field between the Brooks Center of the Performing Arts and Perimeter Road. This is where the magic begins.

Before most students have completed packing for their move to campus in August, Tiger Band has spent hours at band camp learning the music and marching drills. Mornings and evenings of band camp are spent on the practice field, learning basic marching skills and preparing the pregame and first halftime show of the season. As school starts, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons are devoted to the mastery of complicated music and drill. Tiger Band members practice rigorously during the entire semester, because the band rarely does the same show more than once.

And then "it's gameday, Tiger Band!" Gameday is the most exciting day to be in Tiger Band, but it is still a workday. For a noon kickoff, gameday begins at the practice field at 8:00 AM, where Tiger Band reviews the halftime and pregame performances.

At the conclusion of practice, around 9:15, uniforms are available for pickup and changing. Inspection of uniforms is at 10:15, and then the band walks to the amphitheater for the "90 Minutes Before Kickoff" concert. The concert takes place before every home football game, and is a great way to get excited for the game. Once the concert comes to an end, Tiger Band parades through the streets of the university on a path to the stadium.

Upon entering the stadium, Tiger Band begins the most visible part of its day. Spanning the width of the football field, Tiger Band is given the opportunity to fulfill their title as "The Band That Shakes the Southland," as it follows Clemson's traditional pregame performance in spelling out script "Tigers" and playing "Tiger Rag" as 80,000 spectators clap.

Then band members experience their largest adrenaline rush of the game. As the football players arrive, the band prepares itself to be a part of the "most exciting 25 seconds in college football."

There is no experience that parallels standing on the field in Death Valley, playing "Tiger Rag," as the roar of the crowd engulfs the stadium.

Afterwards, the band members continue their role, as they pump Death Valley full of musical spirit. All offensive first downs, defensive third downs, spectacular plays, and touchdowns are taken as an opportunity for Tiger Band to celebrate the football players and involve the crowd in the game.

Tiger Band strives to allow music to filter into the Clemson family. Through performance of songs like "Tiger Rag," "Orange Bowl," and exciting halftime, Tiger Band has worked its way into the heart of the Clemson community and all Tiger fans.

The halftime show will feature two songs showcasing the music and styles of jazz. The first, called "Ya Gotta Try," by Sammy Nestico, comes from the Count Basie Big Band (who will be performing at the Brooks Center on January 25). It was also performed by the "World's Greatest Drummer," Buddy Rich, and is a tour de force of the big band genre.

Tiger Band closes with a quote from "As Time Goes By," which goes into a piece written by be-bop trumpeter Dizzy Gillespie, "A Night in Tunisia." Moving through many styles, listen for the outstanding drum line as it propels Tiger Band to its finish.

Today marks the last home game for our seniors. Tiger Band thanks them for their dedication to Clemson over the past four (or five, or six) years.

Missy Davis, a junior from Irwin, SC, is a member of Tiger Band.

Tiger Band graduating seniors: Front (L-R) - Stephanie Arnold, Lindsay Franklin, France Campbell, Alan Boling, Casey Rogers, Erin Dodd, Nikki Maples, Jason Taylor. Second - Erin Burke, Lindsey Templeton, Rachel Stelzer, Jennie Turchi, Cameron Knight, Michael Stevens, Kenny Mason, Greg Weaver. Third - Danny Scales, Rob Janson, Eric Holcombe, Matt Dennis, Miriam Edwards, Nate Roper, Adam Berry, Kate Moon, Hamilton Parks, Kevin Callis. Back - Lance Curry, Angela Johnson, Scott Rothgeb, Matt Huyser, Jason Antley, Kristen Frizzell, Taylor Lanford.
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Clemson Rowing
2004-05 Season Preview

By Philip Sikes

The seventh season of Clemson rowing promises to be an exciting one for Head Coach Susie Lueck and her staff. Over the last few years, the program has reached new heights, and will continue to do so thanks to consistent progress in both recruiting and producing results.

“This year’s team has high energy and great leadership,” Lueck said. “They are committed to a solid year.”

The Tigers return a significant portion of last year’s team, including 10 student-athletes (two coxswains) who rowed with the varsity 8+ in at least one spring regatta. Mary Nell Green and Robin Mescher, All-ACC selections in 2004, are both back to lead the Varsity 8+ again this season. Both were CRCA National Scholar Athletes in 2004 as well.

Liz Averyt, Ashlee Brown, Cat Harris, Jaclyn Rath, Candice Woodward, and Jen Wortman also raced with the Varsity 8+ last season. Averyt accomplished a phenomenal feat by earning a seat in the varsity 8+, despite being just a freshman. Harris, Woodward, and Wortman all began the spring season in other boats before moving up to the first varsity 8+ by the end of the season.

Clemson returns three experienced coxswains, who will provide the bulk of the leadership and serve as an integral part of Clemson’s plans this season. Sarah Canterbury, a senior from Moon Township, PA, coxed the Varsity 8+ the majority of the spring season. However, junior Megan McCleskey coxed the Varsity 8+ during the ACC Championships. Junior Liz Yost returns as well for Clemson, as she coxed the varsity 4+ for most of the spring season.

Lueck made reference to the strong leadership she believes will be exhibited by this year’s team. Each class selected members to represent them on the leadership council. The council for the 2005 spring season is already in place. The senior leaders are Brown, Green, and Mescher. The junior representatives are Harris, McCleskey, and Kristen Weinacker. The sophomores on the council are Averyt, Barbi Breimann, Sarah Cooper, and Margaret Gattis. Of the newcomers, several leaders have surfaced this fall. Krista Gregan, Lizzy Jennings, Krislin Karpf, and Tami Mayer were all chosen for the leadership council.

The Tigers completed the fall season successfully, and both the varsity and novice programs made strides. Clemson began the fall season, which is marked by aerobic conditioning and intense training, by playing host to neighboring foes South Carolina and Georgia in the Tail of the Tiger regatta on Lake Hartwell. Clemson was impressive in that event, winning each race it entered.

Clemson also competed on the national and regional scene this fall. The Tigers rowed in the Head of the Charles (Boston, MA), Head of the Tennessee (Knoxville, TN), and Head of the Chattahoochee (Gainesville, GA).

The Tigers showed resiliency at the Head of the Tennessee regatta. Windy conditions and rough water made it a trying event for the rowers, but they persevered and were able to bring home some good finishes. The novice teams had two boats finish 1-2 in the collegiate novice 8+ race, while the Tigers swept the first three finishing positions in the collegiate novice 4+ race. The varsity program had two boats finish second and third behind host school Tennessee in the championship 8+ race.

The Head of the Chattahoochee proved successful once again for the novice teams. Clemson had a boat win both the 4+ and 8+ freshman collegiate events at the regatta. It proved to be a great momentum builder for the spring season.

Beyond the success on the water, Clemson rowing constantly aspires for academic achievement. Over the last four semesters, the rowing team has had the highest cumulative GPA of all Tiger athletic programs. Clemson has 28 rowers on this year’s roster that have been named to the ACC Academic Honor Roll at least once. No other program in Tigertown can make that claim.

For the second consecutive year, Clemson has the same staff in place. Kelly Lynch, two-time regional assistant coach-of-the-year, returns for her seventh season with the Tiger program alongside Lueck.

“Kelly does an outstanding job of coaching first-year collegiate athletes while helping them transition to Division I, ACC competition,” Lueck said. “She creates an environment where they develop enthusiasm, discipline, commitment, determination, and teamwork.”

Farrell Firstad, a former Tiger rower, is in her second year as the Tigers’ second assistant coach. Farrell is drawn to collegiate coaching because of the opportunity she has to make a significant impact on the young women she works with,” Lueck said. “She is an outstanding role model for those currently in the program she helped build.”

Emily Kuivila is also in her second year with the staff, as she serves as director of rowing operations. She has been a integral part of the tremendous recruiting classes at Clemson over the past two years.

“Emily is responsible, hard-working, self-motivated, and a team player,” noted Lueck. “She is willing to serve and work as a key ingredient within our staff.”

When taking into account the returning rowers, the newcomers, the staff, and the facilities, Clemson rowing looks to be on the right track to building itself a national reputation. However, the schedule will present a tall task for Clemson as it prepares to take its performance to the highest level.

The spring schedule is highlighted by three home regattas, including the ACC Championships for the second consecutive year. The Tigers begin the year at home in a dual regatta versus Eastern Michigan on March 5. Two weeks later, the Tigers host three schools training in Clemson for spring break in the Clemson Challenge on Lake Hartwell. In the early-season race, the Tigers will face Indiana, Purdue, and Marist. After three away competitions, the Tigers return home to host the ACC Championships for the fourth time. With the addition of Miami (FL) to the ACC, this will be the first year that there are five boats competing in each event.

The Tigers have three opportunities to travel for out-of-region competition during the spring season. The first road trip concludes the Tigers’ week of spring break training when Clemson travels to Oak Ridge, TN to take on Dartmouth and Cincinnati. The Tigers then travel to California for the San Diego Crew Classic, where they face crews from many regions. The following weekend, the Tigers return to California, where they are one of four east coast teams invited to the Windermere Crew Classic held in Redwood Shores. Clemson, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin will compete against California, Stanford, UCLA, and Washington in dual races over two days. These challenging opponents, with the exception of UCLA, have previously raced at the NCAA Rowing Championships.

The strength of this spring race schedule gives us an opportunity to prove our speed on the national level,” Lueck said. “The rowers are committed daily to their trademark of consistency and intensity to forge ahead against national competition.”

Philip Sikes is an Assistant Sports Information Director in his first year in that position at Clemson. He previously worked as a graduate assistant at Clemson for two years.
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By Brian Hennessy

With 18 consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances, Clemson remains one of the elite baseball programs in the country. Despite a disappointing finish to the 2004 season that saw the Tigers come within one inning of advancing to a Super Regional, many new faces, including the 12th-best recruiting class in the nation, and a solid core of returnees are reasons for optimism in TigerTown.

"I'm very excited about our team," said Head Coach Jack Leggett, whose 512 wins in 11 years at Clemson is sixth-most in the country for that time period. "I think we'll have great team chemistry, which is an important component to success. The guys are working extremely hard and are very unselfish. That's a major part of what has to happen."

"We have new players and critical positions that we're trying to piece together. Losing a school-record nine players to the draft along with Jonathan Berken at pitcher has made everyone understand that they must step up their game. We have a tough schedule and must bring our team together quickly."

Berken, who missed the last half of 2004 and had "Tommy John" surgery to repair the damage, was slated to be the team's #1 starter after filling that same role in the first half of 2004. But his elbow will not heal in time for him to pitch in 2005. However, Clemson has other experienced hurdlers who are eager to take on more prominent roles.

Righthander Jeff Hahn, one of two seniors, is a seasoned veteran who has experience as a starter and reliever. The Winchester, VA native has an 11-7 career record in 63 outings. Another righthander, junior Josh Cribb, has also performed well both as a starter and reliever. He was 5-1 with a 3.71 ERA and 222 opponents' batting average a year ago.

An area that has been lacking the past two years has been depth of lefthanded pitchers. For each of those two seasons, Clemson has had only two lefties on the active roster. This season, the Tigers have six lefthanders to turn to. Junior Robert Rohrbaugh is the leader of the southpaws. The Littlestown, PA native is a control pitcher who has walked just 34 in 106.1 career innings pitched.

Red-shirt freshman Aaron Eubanks along with freshmen William Bond, Chris Fidrych, Alex Martin, and Daniel Moskos are five young lefthanders that Leggett will count on in 2005.

Rightsies Kris Harvey, a junior, and Stephen Farris both have starting experience. Harvey, a First-Team All-ACC selection in 2004 as a utility player, was 6-0 in 14 starts last year and has a 1-0 career record. Farris was 1-3 with a 6.86 ERA in 42.0 innings pitched as a freshman last year, but his control (only 11 walks) and ball movement will make him a factor.

Six other righties, including three newcomers, hope to make an impact. Red-shirt freshman P.J. Zocchi showed promise in three early-season outings before he suffered a season-ending injury. Stephen Clyne and Chris Howard also hope to contribute as red-shirt freshmen. Junior college transfers Sean Clark and Drew Fiorenza, along with freshman David Kopp, are also talented righties.

Fiorenza played in the Cape Cod League this past summer and is a candidate to be the closer, while Kopp has shown a fastball in the low 90s.

The catching position will see a new starter in 2005 after losing Lou Santangelo's 18 home runs and 62 RBIs in 2004. Senior walk-on Gene Pierce has played in 21 games off the bench in three years. Red-shirt freshman Doug Hogan, brother of 2004 senior Patrick Hogan, and junior Adrian Casanova, a transfer from Florida International, will also compete for the starting job behind the plate.

The right side of the infield has several players returning. Junior Herman Demmink, a strength & conditioning All-American in 2004, is a career .293 hitter in 98 games and is a candidate to start at second base. Junior college transfer Ben Hall and junior Daniel Pritchard along with sophomore Tanner Leggett, son of the head coach, will also compete for the starting job.

Sophomore Andy D'Alessio hit .333 with a .440 on-base percentage in 50 starts at first base last year. Junior college transfer Drew Martin, who has three years of eligibility left, is another power-hitting first baseman that has an opportunity to provide a big bat in the middle of the lineup.

With the departures of All-ACC performers Brad McCann (3B) and Russell Tripplett (SS), the left side of the infield is an area open for several newcomers to become starters. Freshmen Taylor Harbin and Stan Widmann are highly-recruited players that are expected to make an immediate impact there. Harbin, who will also compete for the second base position, set the South Carolina record for career home runs, while Widmann played in the AILAC All-American High School Baseball Classic.

Junior college transfer Jorge Andrade, Jr., who has three years of eligibility left, will also compete for the starting nod at third base. Red-shirt freshman Bryan Yates will also compete for playing time in the infield.

Clemson has four players who have exhibited versatility with their ability to play in the infield and outfield. Sophomores John Ingram, who had four home runs and 21 RBIs in just 96 at-bats last year, and Tyler Colvin are players who can play the outfield and one of the corner infield positions. Harvey, who is a career .328 hitter, is also a player who has experience at first base and in the outfield.

Perhaps the team's hottest hitter in the 2004 postseason was Travis Storrer. The junior made 25 starts at second base and 25 in the outfield last year. He made both postseason all-tournament teams, as he hit .395 with 13 runs scored, five doubles, three home runs, and 14 RBIs in nine postseason games.

---Baseball at The Beach at Myrtle Beach, SC; --ACC regular-season games; * --Jacksonville, FL; ! --Omaha, NE, Note: Home games in bold, all times Eastern/PMT

Sophomores C.J. Gaddis, a cornerback on the football team, and Jesse Ferguson will compete in the outfield. Freshman Brad Chalk is a speedy centerfielder who fits the mold of a leadoff hitter, while David Williams, a junior transfer from UNC Asheville, will also be in the mix.

Brian Hennessy is an Assistant Sports Information Director in his fourth year at that position at Clemson. He previously worked as a student and graduate assistant at Clemson for six years.
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By Anne Miller

The 2004-05 Clemson men’s cross country and track & field teams are looking forward to building on the success of their 2003-04 campaign. The Tigers captured the 2004 ACC Outdoor Championship, scoring an all-time conference-best 224 points with ACC titles in six events. Clemson showed a total team effort, winning ACC titles or earning all-conference accolades in every aspect of track & field and scoring in every event in which a Tiger was entered.

Nineteen Tigers qualified for the East Region Championships and brought home a fourth-place finish, and nine student-athletes advanced to the NCAA Outdoor Championships in six events. Indoor, the Tigers placed second at the conference meet, and four Tigers qualified for the NCAA Championships.

The 2004 Tiger cross country team finished third at the Southeast Region Championships, while Itay Magidi and Derrick Wyatt qualified for the 2004 NCAA Cross Country Championships. That team finish was the highest for a Tiger cross country team since a second-place finish in Head Coach Bob Politto’s first season (1988).

Wyatt, Magidi, and Matt Clark have led the Clemson harriers this season, with Magidi and Clark each earning ACC Performer-of-the-Week honors. Ryan Fenton, Clay Pendleton, and Matt Pimentel also return, while a group of talented newcomers, including Sean Reilly, Brian Soder, and Jim Wahl, have also made their mark among the Tigers’ top five.

Wyatt, a senior, returns to lead the Tigers in a range of distance events, including the 800m, 1500m, 3000m, and 5000m. He scored in all four events at the ACC meets this year. Pendleton is a strong middle distance runner and will be complimented by Greg Isaacs, Brian Soder, and Eric Soder, who are all capable of running both middle distance and distance events.

Matt Clark was among the Tiger leaders in the mile and 1500m runs as a freshman, and is expected to make an impact in that area again this season. Magidi, Fenton, and Reilly will compete in the 1500m, 3000m, and 5000m steeplechase events. Magidi is a steeplechase All-American. Fenton is an All-ACC honoree in the event, and Reilly finished ninth in the ACC steeplechase a year ago. John Palmubo, Pimentel, and Wahl will also represent Clemson in the individual events.

Pimentel has led Clemson in the 10,000m the last two years, while Palmubo, a freshman from Pennsylvania, and Wahl, a transfer from Canisius, will add strength and speed.

The Tigers’ sprint corps, led by Assistant Coach Charles Foster, returns the majority of its top performers, including Michael Bolling, Roy Cheney, Airese Curnie, Tye Hill, Lydell Perry, and Ronald Richards. Bolling, Curnie, Hill, Perry, and Richards were all NCAA participants a year ago and are expected to build on that experience. Hill, also a starting cornerback on the Tiger football team, won the 60m indoors and the 100m outdoors last year.

Dansu Acker, Warren Euro, and Robert Ibeh, who have been consistent ACC competitors, also return. A talented duo of freshmen will challenge the returnees. Corey Brown was a North Carolina state champion and won the 2004 Indoor National Scholastic Meet 60m dash, while Cowin Mills was the state runner-up in two events in Pennsylvania.

Bolling, Cheney, and Perry pose a double threat to Tiger adversaries, as they are also Tiger leaders in the hurdles and 4x100m relay. Bolling enters his final year as the reigning ACC 400m hurdle champion, while Cheney captured the 2003 ACC 110m hurdle crown. Perry advanced to the 2004 NCAA Championships in the high hurdles after earning All-ACC honors with a runner-up finish.

Also returning is junior Scott Kautz, who was an all-conference selection in the 400m hurdles a year ago, and Rhashad Gardner, a conference scorer for Clemson. Jeremy Burnette, a freshman from North Carolina, enters the Tiger lineup after finishing as the state runner-up and regional champion in the 300m hurdles.

In recent years, the field events have proven to be a key to the Tigers’ success at the conference, regional, and national levels. Derek Gilson, Brent Hobbs, George Kitchens, and Adam Linkenauger are expected to be among the leaders this year.

Gilson was an ACC champion in the shot put a year ago, while Hobbs is the Tigers’ top returner in the multi-events after earning All-ACC honors both indoor and outdoor in 2004. Three-time All-American and Clemson recordholder, Kitchens returns for his senior season as a long jumper while providing depth in the sprints.

Linkenauger made his mark as a freshman last year, winning the high jump at the indoor and outdoor conference meets, and advancing to the NCAA Championships both seasons. Assistant Coach Jarrett Foster has added depth and strength to that returning group, as Dillon Bowers, Nick Caramanico, Mike Feathers, Bryan Gathers, Mitch Greeley, Arthur Hinton, Brandon Holmes, Kenny Knox, Kyle Shaw, and Mickey Sheats all enjoyed successful high school careers.

The Tigers’ horizontal jumps returnee group includes the aforementioned Kitchens, as well as Jason Bell. Bell, a sophomore, was the Tigers’ top triple jumper in 2004, scoring for the Tigers at the ACC Championships, then advancing to the East Region meet. Sheats, a multi-event athlete, will also provide the Tigers another scoring option in both the long and triple jumps.

In the high jump, Linkenauger’s accomplishments will serve as motivation for Hinton. A rookie from Georgia, Hinton was the National Junior champion in the event, as well as an indoor All-American and Georgia state champion.

The Tiger pole vaulters are the youngest, but one of the most talented event groups for the 2004-05 squad. Four rookies will comprise the top vaulters. Gereely, an All-American and South Carolina state champion, and Bowers, a Georgia state champion, along with Knox, another South Carolina native and state Junior Olympic champion, and Gathers, from Irmo, SC, are expected to quickly make their marks in the Clemson history books.

In the throws, Gilson will be complimented by sophomore Danny Algo, who was an ACC scorer in the discus and hammer last year, and Caramanico, a red-shirt freshman from Canada, who will compete in the shot put and discus.

The multi-event athletes were among the most successful a year ago, and there is every indication of another stellar year for this group. Hobbs, an All-ACC honoree and NCAA qualifier, and Ryan Koonz, an ACC scorer for the Tigers, will lead a group of five newcomers in 2005.

Feathers, Matt Hoffer, Holmes, Shaw, and Sheats are expected to add depth and quality. Feathers, a native of Grand Island, NY, joins the Tiger program as a four-time high school All-American, while Shaw is a transfer from Western Michigan who was a Michigan state champion. Hoffer, a Maryland native, was an all-conference honoree, while Holmes was a South Carolina state champion in the discus.

George Kitchens is the most decorated long jumper in Clemson history, earning three All-America certificates in the event.

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Clemson Football Quiz
Test Your Knowledge of Tiger Football History

1. Clemson and South Carolina did not meet on the gridiron between 1903-08. Why was the series postponed during this time?
   A) economic times were difficult  B) John Heisman preferred to play teams from out of state to help with recruiting  C) officials could not agree on distribution of gate receipts  D) there was a fight between fans after the 1902 game

2. Clemson and South Carolina have played each other every year since 1909, 94 consecutive years entering today's game. This is the fourth-longest uninterrupted rivalry in the nation. What rivalry is first with 98 straight years (heading into this year)?
   A) Army vs. Navy  B) Kansas vs. Nebraska  C) Nebraska vs. Oklahoma  D) Notre Dame vs. Southern California

3. Chad Jasmin scored four touchdowns against South Carolina in 2003, the first Tiger to do that against the Gamecocks since 1919. Who was that Clemson running back who scored four touchdowns against South Carolina in 1919?
   A) Boo Armstrong  B) Stumpy Banks  C) Banks McFadden  D) Maxcey Welch

4. Since 1926, who is the only Clemson coach to have a losing career record against South Carolina?
   A) Frank Howard  B) Hootie Ingram  C) Red Parker  D) Tommy West

5. Frank Howard coached 30 games for Clemson against South Carolina between 1940-69. What was the Tigers' total scoring margin between the two teams in those 30 games?
   A) -100  B) 0  C) +50  D) +100

6. Clemson's first ever 200-yard passing game by an individual came against South Carolina in 1941. What Tiger quarterback hit 9-16 passes for 202 yards that day?
   A) Butch Butler  B) Ed Manness  C) Booby Payne  D) Charlie Timmons

7. What quarterback was 9-10 for 162 yards and two touchdowns, leading Clemson to a 27-0 victory in the last Big Thursday game in 1959?
   A) Charlie Bussey  B) Tommy Kendrick  C) Mike O'Call  D) Harvey White

8. What South Carolina quarterback was sacked on the last play of the game deep in Clemson territory to secure the Tigers' 20-17 victory in 1962?
   A) Todd Ellis  B) Jeff Grantz  C) Dan Reeves  D) Tommy Suggs

9. What Tiger All-America offensive lineman grabbed a mid-air fumble off a misplayed center-quarterback exchange and raced 12 yards for a touchdown against South Carolina in 1966? (It is the last time a Tiger offensive lineman has scored a touchdown.)

10. Clemson defeated South Carolina 23-12 in 1967 to win the ACC title. What Tiger running back gained 189 yards rushing in the victory to become the first Tiger to gain 1,000 yards in a season?
    A) Lester Brown  B) Ken Callicutt  C) Buddy Gore  D) Ray Yang

11. What kicker became the first Tiger to boot a field goal of at least 50 yards in Clemson's 17-7 victory over South Carolina in 1971?
    A) Obed Amini  B) Bob Burgess  C) Eddie Seigler  D) Mitch Tyner

12. What Tiger defensive tackle had 21 tackles in Clemson's 1974 victory over South Carolina, a performance that led to his selection as national defensive player-of-the-week by Sports Illustrated, the first Tiger to be honored by the magazine?
    A) Willie Anderson  B) Mike Buckner  C) Jeff Mills  D) Nelson Wallace

13. What Clemson defensive back had 100 yards in interception returns versus South Carolina in 1980, the only 100-yard interception return game by an individual in Tiger history?
    A) Homer Jordan  B) Willie Jordan  C) Willie Underwood  D) Rex Varn

14. The two most important blocked punts in Clemson history both came against South Carolina, plays that allowed the Tigers to finish two seasons (1948,81) undefeated. The original line of scrimmage was the same for both plays, the South Carolina 29 yard line. Former Clemson President Phil Prince had the block in 1948. Who was the Tiger defender who blocked the punt in 1981?
    A) Jeff Davis  B) Chuck McSwain  C) Rod McSwain  D) Johnny Rembert

15. Twice in his career, former Clemson Head Coach Danny Ford prohibited his players from speaking to the media the week of the South Carolina game. What was Clemson's record against South Carolina in those two games?
    A) 0-1  B) 0-2  C) 1-1  D) 2-0

16. Clemson closed its 1983 season with a 22-13 victory over South Carolina, giving the Tigers a 30-2-2 record for the last three seasons. Where did Clemson rank in winning percentage among all Division I schools for that three-year run?
    A) 1st  B) 2nd  C) 3rd  D) 4th

17. In Clemson's 47-21 victory at South Carolina in 1997, what Tiger became the first player in school history to score a touchdown on a punt return and a reception in the same game?
    A) Rod Gardner  B) Tony Horne  C) Mal Lawyer  D) Brian Wofford

18. Who is the only Clemson coach to have a perfect record against South Carolina, given a minimum of three games played?
    A) Josh Coby  B) Danny Ford  C) Ken Hatfield  D) Jess Neely

19. What Clemson All-American once had four tackles for loss on four consecutive plays against South Carolina, the only time in history a Tiger has had a tackle for loss on four straight plays?
    A) Brenton Buckner  B) Michael Dean Perry  C) William Perry  D) O.K. Pressley

20. What Clemson junior running back rushed for 97 yards and scored two touchdowns in the first half of the Tigers' 45-0 victory at Williams-Brice Stadium in 1989? (This player was injured on the last possession of the half and never carried the ball again for the Tigers.)
    A) Terry Allen  B) Joe Henderson  C) Tracy Johnson  D) Wesley McFadden
Today is Senior Day at Clemson, something that has been very special for Tiger football players over the years. A look to the results in the final home game of the year shows that Clemson has not lost on Senior Day since 1997, when Mack Brown’s North Carolina team defeated the Tigers in a defensive struggle by a score of 17-10. That is six straight senior classes who have left Death Valley fulfilled.

This is my 27th year at Clemson, and the Tigers are 19-6-1 on Senior Day over the last 26. Ironically, two of those six losses came to South Carolina teams coached by current Clemson Assistant Head Coach Brad Scott. Today’s game, and any-time Clemson meets South Carolina in the future, has to be an unusual day for Scott, as it will be for current South Carolina Wide Receivers Coach Rick Stockstill.

Stockstill served as an assistant coach at Clemson from 1989-02, working 14 years for four different head coaches (Danny Ford, Ken Hatfield, Tommy West, and Tommy Bowden). No other Tiger assistant coach has worked for four different Clemson head coaches as a full-time assistant.

We used to kid Stockstill that when then former Clemson Athletic Director Bobby Robinson negotiated with a prospective coach, Stockstill was part of the list of the perks. “Coach, in addition to your salary, you will get two cars, a country club membership, and a receivers coach named Rick Stockstill.”

While this will be an unusual day for Scott and Stockstill, it could be even more unusual for seven of Clemson’s 17 seniors. Senior Day is an emotional time. After four years, the Tiger seniors will put on that uniform (whatever the color combination) for the last time. It will be the last time they board the bus, rub Howard’s Rock, and run down the Hill. It will be the last time they hear “Tiger Rag” played by Tiger Band, and the last time they hear 82,000 orange-clad fans in Death Valley.

But, for Tiger seniors Eric Coleman, Airese Currie, Ben Hall, Leroy Hill, Maurice Fountain, Travis Pugh, and Eric Sampson, it just might not be the end of the line. An NCAA proposal made by the ACC athletic directors has asked for approval of new legislation that basically states that Division I college football players should have five years to play five. In other words, no more red-shirting.

And, they have asked that the rule be retroactive. Since the above listed seven players have never red-shirted, the passing of that proposal would instantly give them another year of eligibility. The fly-in-the-ointment is the timing, because the rule will not be passed or defeated until April, which means all candidates for the extra year will have to decline offers from agents who might try to persuade them to turn professional.

The timing is also a problem for Bowden, because signing day is in February, two months before the result of the NCAA vote. Do you save spot for Leroy Hill, or Airese Currie, or Eric Coleman, in case they have the opportunity to return for a fifth year of eligibility? All seven have been starters at one point in their careers, including six this season. All seven have been a reason this class has made a significant impact on the heritage of Clemson football. When one looks over the last four years of Clemson football, it is apparent that this group of seniors has been a part of some of the program’s biggest wins in school history.

Over the last four seasons, the Tigers have four wins over top-10 teams. Clemson has had just 13 top-10 victories in its history, and this year’s senior group joins the seniors of 1983 as the only class to accumulate four top-10 wins. That 1983 group experienced those top-10 wins in 1981, Clemson’s national championship season, and a top-10 win at North Carolina in 1983.

This year’s seniors were a part of an overtime victory at #9 Georgia Tech in 2001, a 47-44 overtime affair that ranks as one of the most exciting victories in school history. Of course, last year, the class contributed to the win over #3 Florida State, the highest-ranked team Clemson has defeated in its history, and the victory over #6 Tennessee, the second-highest ranked team Clemson has beaten in a bowl game.

Then, this year, they contributed to the 24-17 overtime triumph at #10 Miami (FL). That might be the most significant road victory since the Tigers won in the Orange Bowl on January 1, 1982, when the Tigers beat Nebraska for the national title. This year’s win in the Orange Bowl allowed Tiger fans to relive that night of 23 years previously. It was the fourth overtime triumph (against no losses) for the class. No other 2004 senior class at the Division I level can also claim a perfect 4-0 overtime record.

This year’s senior class includes some of the program’s greatest players in history. Hill ranks sixth in school history in tackles for loss (47), an amazing accomplishment considering he has been a starter just two seasons. Currie will lead the ACC in catches and receiving yards this year, the first Tiger to do that in nearly a quarter of a century. He is in the top 10 in Tiger history in both areas on a career basis.

Johnson has started 32 consecutive games on the offensive line and has teamed with Sharpe to be common denominators on some of Clemson’s most productive offenses in history. Hall is the only tight end in Tiger history to catch at least one touchdown in four different seasons. Fount in has never missed a game and will be playing his 49th in a row today, including his 19th-straight start.

Kelly is just three yards short of 1,000 rushing yards for his career, and who can forget his rushing performance over the last six minutes the last time South Carolina came to Clemson. Coleman has become one of the top defensive linemen in the ACC. Pugh and Sampson have been leaders in the secondary for four years.

Those are the numbers. But, what Tiger fans will remember the most about this class is their perseverance. They never gave up. There were some down times, some tough losses, but they always held the course, just as they were taught by their coaches.

These are men of character. Only men of character could have come back from a nine-point deficit to win at Georgia Tech in 2001. Onlymen of character could have beaten Florida State just one week after a loss 28-point loss at Wake Forest, a spirit that allowed the team to finish with four-straight wins and a top-25 ranking last year. That same spirit led to the four-game winning streak this year that was culminated by the landmark victory at Miami.

Today may not be the final game for this senior class, not this year, or even beyond. But, I bet they play like it is.

Tim Bourret is Clemson’s Sports Information Director and is in his 27th year at Clemson.

The Last Word
2004 Senior Class

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Leroy Hill is one of seven Tiger seniors who could gain another year of eligibility if an NCAA proposal made by the ACC is adopted.

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