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Senior Linebacker

Military Appreciation Day

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Colin Leonard
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Nick Watkins ............................. 6,7

Senior Spotlight

Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." Read more about this senior who has endured his brother's death and the loss of his home due to Hurricane Katrina.

Colin Leonard ......................... 10,11

Senior Spotlight

The opposition is ahead by two points with four seconds left on the clock, and it all comes down to a final field-goal attempt. All it takes is one bad snap and the game could be over, but with a perfect snap, the game could be won. This is the kind of pressure this senior faces every time he enters the game.

Jermaine Martin ........................ 13

Senior Spotlight

For this senior, hard work is a way of life, both mentally and physically. He was raised with a deep appreciation for God and instilled with a strong work ethic that has carried him through life’s most challenging moments. And it was clear early on that God’s plan for him was to play football.

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Pro Tiger Spotlight

After a stint with Tampa Bay in 2003, he has been leaving his footprints all over the Arena Football League. The game is played on an indoor padded surface that is 85-feet wide and 50-yards long with eight-yard endzones. Read more about this former Tiger wideout in today’s installment of “Pro Tiger Spotlight.”

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For a half century of Homecoming weekends, the Tigerama pep rally and entertainment show has showcased the very best of student life at Clemson. With this year marking the 51st running of the show, Clemson alumni and fans alike can expect another exciting 50 years of tradition!

The Last Word ......................... 118,119

Jimmie Dyess

This former Tiger grinder personifies the very nature of those we remember on Military Appreciation Day. His life began in Augusta, GA, found its way through Clemson, survived the Great Depression, and ended on an island in the Pacific during World War II, as he gave the ultimate sacrifice for his country.

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On the Cover
On the cover of today’s program are two seniors who have been starters at their respective positions since 2005. Linebacker Nick Watkins led the team in tackles in 2006. Long snapper Colin Leonard is a Lafayette, IN native and original walk-on. Also featured are several pictures of Clemson’s military heroes, as we celebrate Military Appreciation Day at Memorial Stadium.

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Clemson vs. Virginia Tech Series

Clemson has a 17-11-1 lead in the series with Virginia Tech, but the Hokies have won four consecutive games, including last year at Blacksburg when Head Coach Frank Beamer's team won 24-7 over #10 Clemson.

The four wins in a row have spanned over the last 10 years and have taken place in three different stadiums. Virginia Tech won at Clemson over Head Coach Tommy West's final team in 1998 by a 37-0 score, then won at Blacksburg the following year by a 31-11 score. Virginia Tech then defeated Clemson 41-20 behind Michael Vick in the 2001 Gator Bowl.

Clemson's last victory in the series took place in 1989 at Blacksburg, as #7 Clemson, who had just won at Florida State, defeated Virginia Tech 27-7. Virginia Tech's only score came on a 90-yard kickoff return for a touchdown by Marcus Vick.

Tigers vs. Hokies Series Bullet Notes

- The Clemson vs. Virginia Tech series is one of the oldest in the Tiger history books. The two teams first met in 1900 when the Tigers won 17-5 during Head Coach John Heisman's first year as head coach. That was Clemson's fifth straight win in a 6-0 season. That game was also played at Charlotte, NC.
- Clemson had a nine-game winning streak in the series from 1995-89, including a 6-1 record against the Hokies in the decade of the 1980s.
- The 1996 Clemson vs. Virginia Tech game was a battle of top-15 teams at Clemson. The Tigers won that game 21-6. That was the first-ever battle of top-15 teams in the history of Death Valley.
- Clemson defeated the Hokies 31-13 on October 1, 1977 at Lane Stadium. The game was played in inclement weather, which made the Tigers' sideline a muddy one (see picture on this page).
- Clemson won the 1985 game at Virginia Tech by a 20-17 score on a 36-yard field goal by David Treadwell on the last play of the game. That was the season-opener for both teams.
- Virginia Tech upset Clemson in the season-opener at Clemson in 1986 by a 20-14 score. That was one of just two season-opening losses in Head Coach Danny Ford's Clemson career. A blocked punt by Virginia Tech's Mitch Dove was a key play in the game. Clemson's punter that day was Bill Spiers, who went on to a 10-year Major League baseball career.
- Clemson had a three-game winning streak in the series between 1987-89. Clemson's defense was prominent, allowing just 24 points and two offensive touchdowns in those three games combined. All three of those Tigers wins were against Head Coach Frank Beamer, who came to Virginia Tech as head coach in 1987.
- Frank Beamer will be making just his third appearance as head coach of Virginia Tech in Death Valley. He has a 1-1 record. This will be his third game at Clemson, including one in the 1980s, one in the 1990s, and now one in the first decade of the 21st century. Virginia Tech will not return to Clemson until 2012, so that would be another decade if he is still head coach of the Hokies. His

Virginia Tech Update

Virginia Tech enters tonight's game with a 4-1 record and top-15 national ranking. The Hokies have wins over East Carolina, Ohio, William & Mary, and North Carolina along with a loss at #2 Louisiana State.

As always, the Hokies have an outstanding defense and have limited their opponents to just 20 total points over the last three games. They are allowing just 121 rushing yards per game and just 308 yards of total offense per game. Head Coach Frank Beamer has an outstanding group of defenders, led by Vince Hall, who has 50 tackles, including four tackles for loss. Xavier Adibi, a top candidate for the Butkus Award, has 47 tackles and three sacks. The Hokies already have 40 tackles for loss, including 17 sacks.

The offense is led by Brandon Ore, the top rusher in the ACC last year. He had 203 yards against the Tigers, a key to Virginia Tech's 24-7 win over the Tigers in 2006. He has 84 carries for 298 yards and three scores in 2007. Quarterback Tyrod Taylor is an active signal-caller who has 115 rushing yards and three scores. He has also completed 41-81 passes for 487 yards. His favorite target is Josh Morgan, who has 17 catches for 203 yards. Justin Harper has added 10 receptions for 134 yards and Sam Wheeler has 10 catches for 112 yards.

Virginia Tech is always outstanding on special teams. Eddie Royal has a 25.5-yard average on six kickoff returns and a 15.4-yard average on 14 punt returns. His average includes a 60-yard punt return for a score. Royal leads Virginia Tech in all-purpose yards, as he also has 56 rushing yards and 60 receiving yards.

Tigers in “Redemption Home Games”

Clemson is coming off a loss at Georgia Tech, a team the Tigers defeated at Clemson in 2006. That could be called a “redemption home game” for the Yellow Jackets.

The Tigers are now in that situation today, as #14 Virginia Tech comes to Clemson. The Hokies defeated Clemson last year 24-7 in Blacksburg, and the Tigers are now trying to redeem themselves by earning a victory at Memorial Stadium.

The Tigers have played well in “redemption home games” under Head Coach Tommy Bowden. In fact, the Tigers are 14-5 under Bowden in “redemption home games,” including nine wins in a row. The last time Clemson lost a “redemption home game” was in 2003, when the Tigers lost at home to Georgia 30-0 after having lost at Georgia the previous year.

Clemson’s nine-game winning streak in “redemption home games” includes five wins over top-25 teams, including each of the last two. Clemson defeated #16 Florida State 35-14 in 2005 after having lost to the Seminoles at Tallahassee the previous year. Last year, Clemson defeated #13 Georgia Tech 31-7 after having lost to the Yellow Jackets the previous year 10-9 in Atlanta. Six of Bowden’s 14 “redemption home wins” have been over top-25 foes.

Battle of Top-25 Teams in Death Valley

This will be the 18th battle of top-25 teams in the history of Memorial Stadium. Virginia Tech is ranked #14 in the USA Today poll and #15 in the AP poll this week, while the Tigers are ranked #22 in both polls.

Tigers in “Redemption Home Games”

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Clemson topped Virginia Tech 31-13 in Blacksburg in 1977 on a muddy field. The Tigers and Hokies have met 13 times since, but not at Memorial Stadium since 1998.
The stadium dates to the 1942 season. Clemson has an 11-6 record in those previous 17 games involving top-25 teams, including a 31-7 victory over #13 Georgia Tech last year. Prior to last season, Clemson had not won a battle of top-25 teams in Memorial Stadium since 2000.

This will be just the fifth top-25 meeting in Death Valley since Tommy Bowden became Clemson’s head coach in 1999. This year’s game could have been a matchup of top-15 teams had Clemson not lost at Georgia Tech last weekend. Clemson was ranked #13 entering that game. Virginia Tech is now ranked in the top 15 in the nation with a 4-1 record.

Due to the proliferation of Thursday night games in early October, Clemson has not played on October 6 since 1990, when it defeated Georgia 34-3. That is the last time Clemson defeated the Bulldogs. Clemson has not lost on October 6 since losing at home to Texas A&M on October 6, 1973.

Harper Establishing Records & Firsts

Quarterback Cullen Harper has been the starter for just five games, but he has already established or tied 11 school records and some other remarkable firsts. Here is a list:

Harper Records
- Most TD passes in a half ............ 4 vs. Louisiana-Monroe
- Most TD passes in a game ........... 5 vs. Louisiana-Monroe
- Highest pass efficiency in a game: ...... 253.9 vs. Furman
- Most consecutive games with multiple TD passes: 4
- Most consecutive games with TD pass: .................. 6
- Most TD passes in three consecutive games: ......... 10
- Most TD passes in four consecutive games: .......... 12
- Most touchdown passes in consecutive games: ....... 8
- Most TD passes within first 100 career attempts: ........ 13
- Most passes without an interception: ............... 165
- Most passes without an interception to start a career: 165
- * tied record

Kelly Joins 100 Club

Aaron Kelly was Clemson’s top receiver at Georgia Tech with six catches for 53 yards. He reached the 100-catch mark with a 22-yard catch on third down in the second quarter. The junior from Marietta, GA had five catches for 98 yards and a 41-yard touchdown against #19 Florida State in the 2007 season-opener. The 98 receiving yards put him over 1,000 for his career as well. He is now one of 13 players in Tiger history with 100 catches and 1,000 receiving yards.

Kelly caught at least one touchdown pass in each of the first three games this year. The streak ended at N.C. State, but he had his career high in terms of receptions in that game with eight.

Kelly has 105 career receptions, tied for 12th-most in school history with Travis Zachery. He needs just two catches against Virginia Tech to pass Phil Rogers and move into 11th place. The career leader is Derrick Hamilton (167). Just a junior, Kelly will certainly have a chance to break that mark as a senior.

Kelly has been “Mr. Consistency” during his career in terms of making catches. He has now played in 30 career games and has at least one catch in 29 of them. He has at least once reception in 13 consecutive games as well.

Hamlin Needs One Pick to Tie Record

Junior safety Michael Hamlin has had at least one interception in three consecutive games, the first Tiger to do that since C.J. Gaddis had at least one in three straight contests in 2005. If Hamlin gets an interception against #14 Virginia Tech, he will tie the school record for consecutive games with one. Bobby Gage (1948), Jerry Kinard (1980-81), and Dexter Davis (1990) all had four-game streaks with an interception.

Hamlin had one of his best games as a Tiger in the win over Furman on September 15. The native of Timmonsville, SC had an interception, recovered fumble, two pass breakups, and five tackles in the 38-10 victory.

Hamlin became the first Tiger to have an interception and recovered fumble in the same game since Hamlin accomplished the same feat against Florida Atlantic in the 2006 season-opener.

He added an interception in the win at N.C. State on September 22 and has seven career interceptions along with three recovered fumbles, good enough for 10 career takeaways. He is first among active Tigers in takeaways, three ahead of Nick Watkins, who has four career interceptions and three recovered fumbles. Watkins has two recovered fumbles this year to lead the team.

Hamlin also had the first defensive extra-point conversion in school history at N.C. State when he returned a two-point pass over 100 yards for two points. Statistically, that does not count as an interception; he only gets credited with two points scored.

Michael Hamlin has intercepted a pass in three straight games and is a big reason Clemson leads the ACC in passing defense.
**Statistical Matchup**

Clemson vs. Virginia Tech

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### National Polls

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Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

His words still ring true today.

Many people deal with setbacks and tragedies, but it is how they handle the situation that matters the most. Case in point, Ohio State Assistant Coach Joe Daniels was diagnosed with cancer prior to the 2006 season. Despite the diagnosis, Daniels continued to work and did not miss a single practice during that season. He is currently being treated for his disease, but he has not let that deter him from the game of football.

Born to a Korean mother and African-American father, Super Bowl XL MVP Hines Ward dealt with racism in South Korea. Ward's parents endured discrimination due to their bi-racial relationship and bi-racial son. Consequently, his parents moved the family to the United States when Ward was one-year-old. Ward did not let his native country's feelings distract him from becoming an All-Pro wide receiver. After winning the Super Bowl with the Steelers in 2006, he returned to South Korea and looked to change their social views.

Coach Daniels and Ward are just two of many people who have overcome setbacks and controversies. Clemson senior linebacker Nick Watkins is another. Watkins lost his older brother during his red-shirt freshman year, and the following year, the native of New Orleans, LA lost his home during Hurricane Katrina. Yet despite those tragedies, Watkins remains optimistic and more determined to succeed in football.

Watkins' brother David was eight years older than him. As a result, David was his idol from an early age. An avid football player who signed a Division I scholarship out of high school, David loved everything about the sport. So, Watkins does not remember a time when football was not part of his life, because David was always either outside playing football with friends, watching football on the television, or playing organized football.

"I started playing football when I was five-years-old," reflected Watkins. "It was little league football and my first position was center. My older brother influenced me to play football. He was 13 at the time and had been playing for years, so I wanted to be like him. People started noticing me a year later when I moved to tight end when I was in little league."

And notice they did. Even at the age of six, people could see his effort and desire. After all, he had a great role model in his brother David. With encouragement from coaches and family, Watkins continued to play every year, and four years after his first football game, he moved to defense.

"I began playing defense when I was nine," recalled #32. "I was still in little league and the coaches started playing me at linebacker as well as being a running back. From there on, I played both those positions until I got to college and then only played linebacker, but I always liked the defensive side of the ball more. I liked to hit people instead of getting hit. I was always aggressive and wanted to tackle people."

Watkins went on to have a highly-decorated career at Edna Karr Magnet School. He was a three-year starter at linebacker and, due to his leadership, he was the team captain his senior year. He received all-district honors in 2001 and 2002 as well as All-Westbank New Orleans honors in 2000, 2001, and 2002. His awards did not stop there. In 2002, he was an All-Metro New Orleans selection. In the all-star game his senior season, he was the most valuable defensive player.

With a high school career like Watkins', it was no surprise that colleges offered him football scholarships. David, like his brother, was also a talented football player and accepted a full football scholarship to Louisiana State in 1996.

Sadly, David's football career was cut short when he was diagnosed with a heart condition in early 1997. David stayed at Louisiana State and earned a degree despite not being able to play football. A young Nick would frequently visit his brother in Baton Rouge during the weekends, and it had become a familiar place for him. So much so that many people thought he would play football for the "Bayou Bengals," but Watkins had other ideas.

"Growing up, I was always hanging out with my older brother at LSU when he was there, so it was like a second home to me," remembered Watkins. "I felt like I wanted to do something different and go somewhere else. Clemson was the first school to offer me a scholarship and"
Coach (Burton) Burns was really influential in getting me to come here. Also, the players helped in my decision. Justin Miller was my host and we got along well...we're still good friends now. It was just the connection I had with the team and Coach Burns. After all, I was still a Tiger.”

In 2003, Watkins red-shirted, but even then coaches were noticing his knack for making big plays on the scout team. He was going to be a game-changing linebacker.

“The coaches felt like I needed to red-shirt,” said Watkins. “They already had a great core of linebackers ready to play. I was able to adjust to the speed and physical part of the game. It prepared me for what I would expect when I was able to play. I’m glad I did red-shirt because I’m about to graduate this spring. The extra year has made a big difference.”

The red-shirt freshman was off to a good start in 2004. He talked five tackles in back-to-back games against Wake Forest and Georgia Tech. Then two weeks later, tragedy struck. David's heart condition deteriorated and he passed away the day before the Florida State game.

Watkins opened up about David’s death. “David died a couple of years ago, but I still remember it like it was yesterday. We were getting on the bus to go to Florida State. I got a phone call the night before saying that my brother was having trouble and was in the hospital.”

“So, the next day I called to see how he was and my mom said he was fine and he had gotten better, so I got packed up for the game. As I was getting on the bus, Coach Burns came to me with his phone. As soon as I saw his face, my heart dropped. My mom was on the other line and told me my brother didn’t make it. I started crying, but I knew he wanted me to play, so I went out and played.”

Watkins had a terrific game, registering seven tackles that day.

“Football was my dream and his, so in a way I’m playing for both of us.”

Even with his loss, Watkins continued to follow his dream and recorded 53 tackles during the 2004 season, which was the high among non-starters.

Life did not get any easier the following season when in August of 2005, Hurricane Katrina ravished his home in New Orleans. After his brother’s death, he had become the oldest and felt a responsibility towards his family. Thus, when Hurricane Katrina hit, he was undoubtedly worried about his family.

“It was a tough time,” admitted Watkins. “I was practicing for the season and could not get away to go home. I worried about my mom, little brother, and sister.”

In the end, Watkins’ mother and younger sister relocated to Atlanta, GA, and his little brother stayed with family members in Louisiana. His thoughts never left his family, and he continued to in daily contact to make sure everything was alright.

In 2005, Watkins was listed as the starting weakside linebacker. In the season-opening win over #17 Texas A&M, Watkins had six tackles. However, in the first road game of the season the following week at Maryland, Watkins was all over the field. He had 13 tackles, which was then his career-high. He was named ACC Specialist-of-the-Week after that thrilling road victory.

A month later at Georgia Tech, Watkins set another career-high with 14 tackles, including 10 first hits. The coaches named him defensive-player-of-the-game for his performance. Watkins totaled 99 tackles during the 2005 season, second-most on the team. He also had five tackles for loss and a sack.

The 2004 and 2005 seasons had been tough years for the linebacker. But in 2006, things looked to be on the upswing. For the first time in a long time, Watkins could focus on football without other worries. The 2006 defense had a top-25 national finish in four categories. Watkins led the team in tackles (116) and also had a team-high 78 first hits. He showed his versatility by tying for the team lead in interceptions (3). The first came against Louisiana Tech, when he intercepted the ball and returned it for a 26-yard touchdown.

Earlier in the 2006 season, the Tigers traveled to Florida State to play the #9 Seminoles. It was the first time Watkins had been back to Tallahassee since the death of his brother. He was determined not to lose the game like Clemson did two years before. He had 11 tackles, including eight first hits, and a caused fumble in the victory against Florida State (the Tigers had not won there since 1989).

A couple weeks later, the Tigers traveled to Wake Forest to face an undefeated Demon Deacon team that eventually won the ACC title at season's end. Clemson came from behind to win and Watkins was a big contributor to that with 10 tackles.

Later in the season after coming off a loss to Maryland, the Tigers were looking for a much-needed win against N.C. State. Watkins had an impressive 17 tackles and an interception in the 20-14 victory. He was named ACC Defensive Lineman-of-the-Week for his effort. And at the end of the season, the coaches awarded him the Solid Rock Award among inside linebackers.

So far this season, Watkins has been a dominant force on the defense. One of only 13 scholarship seniors on the squad, he has had to become a leader for his team. In the win against #9 Florida State in the opener, Watkins had 13 tackles, the third time he had participated in a victory over the Seminoles. He then had 10 stops against Louisiana-Monroe the following week. Watkins leads the team with 51 tackles in 2007.

When asked what game has been his most memorable in his career at Clemson, he said, “Two games come to mind. This year’s Florida State game sticks out so far because I felt like I was being noticed for the first time due to the national exposure and I played well. I think I left everything on the field that night. I played hard, and that’s what I wanted to do. The other game is last year’s Louisiana Tech game when I had an interception and scored. It was my first interception for a touchdown.”

Watkins is easily leading the defense in tackles thus far this season. He has had at least five tackles in every game since the 2005 season, a 30-game streak. He has also never missed a game in his career and has played 40 in a row.

Despite personal loss, Watkins has remained focused on his dreams. He plays every game with David in mind. After all, David was his biggest fan and biggest critic. His family bond has become stronger, and he looks to his mom for support.

“We’ve become much closer through all of this,” said Watkins. “I talk to her three or four times a week just to see how she’s doing. She’s the one I go to when I have problems, because I know she’ll make me feel better.”

Martin Luther King, Jr. would have been proud of Watkins and the way he has handled “challenge and controversy.”

Nick Watkins led the team in tackles in 2006 and is on his way to doing the same in 2007.

Nick Watkins returned an interception 26 yards for a touchdown against Louisiana Tech in Clemson’s 51-0 victory in 2006.

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By Kristin Watkins

The opposition is ahead by two points with four seconds left on the clock, and it all comes down to a final field-goal attempt. All it takes is one bad snap and the game could be over, but with a perfect snap, the game could be won.

This is the kind of pressure Colin Leonard faces every time he enters the game. “Everyone wants to be a long snapper until it comes to gametimes,” he said jokingly. “Practicing may make it seem easy, but once you are on the field in an intense game, there is a lot of pressure on you.”

During practice, Leonard only works on snapping the ball because that is his sole job. “A lot of my teammates like to joke that they wish they could be a long snapper because that is all I do. But it is not as easy as it may seem.”

Leonard makes it look easy every time he steps on the field. He did not have a bad snap in 2005 when he took over the first-team long snapper position at Maryland in the second game of the season. He also had a flawless season in 2006 and has had just one errant snap in three years.

The long snapper has to be sure that in punt situations, he can get it to the punter in a split second so the punter can get off a good boot. In the field-goal kicking situations, the long snapper not only has to have speed, he must snap the ball to the proper position, so the holder can make the perfect placement and give the kicker the opportunity to make the perfect kick.

Even though long snapping is not the most recognizable position, it is still very important to the team. Not many people would want to have to come into a game with this kind of pressure on them every time. He must be a trustworthy and a consistent player each time he walks on to the field. These are some of the qualities that have earned Leonard a scholarship at Clemson.

Leonard always knew he wanted to be a college athlete. He participated in several sports at Harrison High School in Lafayette, IN. These included earning letters in baseball and swimming along with football. He is the only active Tiger football player to have earned a letter in swimming.

He originally thought that baseball was the sport he wanted to play, but during high school, he turned more towards football.

As is the case with many long snappers, Leonard’s matriculation to the position was unusual in nature. When he entered high school as a freshman, he was originally a defensive end. He only became the long snapper when his coach required everyone on the team to try out for certain positions.

“During my freshman year in high school, we had a team tryout for long snapper, kicker, and punter,” recalled Leonard. “Everyone from freshmen through seniors had to try out for each position after practice to see who could play that position the best. I was a freshman and ended up being pretty good at snapping even though I had never done it before. From then on, I ended up being the long snapper for my high school team, while also continuing to play defensive end.”

During his high school days, he worked hard to improve each year so that he could work towards getting that scholarship to play Division I football. He attended camps all throughout high school.

A big influence in his life was his grandfather, who sent him to a lot of football camps to improve his skills. One camp he remembers in particular was at Ohio State. He ended up being the top long snapper at the camp, giving him confidence that he could use the trade at the next level.

Leonard also played defensive end at Harrison High School and was a two time all-area selection at that position. In his senior
campaign, Leonard earned all-region accolades as a long snapper as well.

He continued to excel as the long snapper and has carried that on into college thanks to a certain coach.

During his high school career, Leonard met Clemson's former long snapping coach (Jack Hines). Leonard communicated with Hines, who helped him improve on his technique. They talked on the phone regularly so that they could keep in touch and so Hines could tell Leonard what he needed to work on. Of course when Leonard came to Clemson in 2003, the coach he worked with on long snapping was Hines.

The long snapper is not the most glorious of positions, so for Leonard to be recruited, he had to get his name out to colleges. He distributed videotapes to several different schools, hoping to hear back from some of them.

Since he is from Indiana, most of the schools he focused on were Big Ten schools. However, since he knew Hines, he decided to send a tape to Clemson. Near the conclusion of the recruiting process, he narrowed it down to four schools. They were major Division I programs that he was interested in and also showed some interest in Leonard.

Those four schools were Clemson, Louisiana State, Ohio State, and Purdue. He looked hard at Ohio State since he would be somewhat close to home, but towards decision-time, Buckeye coaches found a local prospect instead.

Leonard also looked hard at Purdue for the same reasons. He eventually realized that each of these schools were great institutions, but there was one thing that Clemson had that the others did not...Coach Hines.

It was at orientation that Leonard came to Clemson for the first time. He had never seen the campus, nor had he ever visited the state of South Carolina.

"I came in and trusted Coach Hines, and I have not regretted my decision," he said.

None of Leonard's high school teammates joined him, and he became the only native of Indiana to play at Clemson in the last 20 years.

Leonard started his Tiger football career on the scout team as a walk-on. During the first two years, he was on the scout team and did not play in any games, but he attended all the practices with the team and worked on his game.

After two years on the scout team, Leonard received a "battlefield promotion" at Maryland in 2005. The regular long snapper was having difficulties, so he was told to enter the close game. He responded and the Tigers were victorious by a score of 28-24. He has not given up the starting position since he moved into the lineup during that 2005 game at Maryland. He also handled all 124 punts and placekicks without error in 2006.

Leonard was honored in 2006 by the coaches when they named him special teams player-of-the-week after the Florida State game. He had two tackles in that game that saw the Tigers earn a road win over a top-10 Florida State squad. Clemson has now won three straight against the Seminoles, the first ACC team to do it, and Leonard has been on the field for each victory.

Leonard was also honored by the Tiger coaches in 2005 for the Miami (FL) game as the top special teams player.

"Colin has done an outstanding job for our special teams the last three years," said Head Coach Tommy Bowden. "This is a very important aspect of the special teams, and we have seen how important special teams are in recent years. Colin has had just one bad snap the last three years. He has done an outstanding job."

Leonard has played in each of Clemson's bowl games in the last two years, which included the Champs Sports Bowl in 2005 and the Music City Bowl in 2006.

Leonard has not only been involved in football, but he has worked various jobs during the course of his career at Clemson. He is a sport management major who will graduate this year. He worked in the Clemson athletic department with the sports information department under Tim Bourret for a semester. He worked on several basketball projects for the department during his time, and he had to complete 80 hours of work while still playing football. Then Leonard served as an intern under Assistant Athletic Director Kyle Young, where he worked mainly with Olympic sports.

Leonard also recently became engaged to his long-time girlfriend Lindsey Sweval. They have known each other since early elementary school and were high school sweethearts. She recently graduated from Purdue and is currently working at Clemson in the IPTAY office.

Sports are a large part of Leonard's life, and he has always been around them while growing up.

His family has also been very involved in sports and in helping him to succeed in them as well. His grandfather encouraged him to pursue football for himself, but he also enjoyed watching his brother play.

Since he was born and raised in the Hoosier state, he has always been into watching the sport of basketball. He and his older brother Dylan played basketball when they were in high school. He attended all of his brother's games while he was in high school, as well as when he played for the Amateur Athletic Union.

With this season as Leonard's last at Clemson, he will graduate in December and have to decide what he wants to do after his playing days.

"Like many other athletes, I would like to go on and play football at the professional level," he stated.

His ultimate goal is to play in the National Football League before pursuing something else, but he admits that if that does not work out, then he will still attend graduate school and remain in the Clemson area.

Long snapping may not come with a lot of glory, and the player can easily be turned on with a bad snap. However, Leonard has managed to make it look very easy during his career at Clemson. It is difficult to know that every time you walk out on the field, you cannot make a mistake, and it may be the deciding factor in a win or a loss.

Like many positions in sports, long snapping can be a praiseless one. But as long as Leonard keeps going unnoticed, he knows that he is doing a job well done.

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By Chelsea Earle

For Jermaine Martin, hard work is a way of life, both mentally and physically. He was raised with a deep appreciation for God and instilled with a strong work ethic that has carried him through life’s most challenging moments.

“My grandmother and my mom used to make me go to church with them so that I could come to know Jesus,” Martin said. “My mother told me that things in life are sometimes unclear to us, but clear to God. Everything happens according to His plan.”

And it was clear early on that God’s plan for Martin was to play football. He started playing ball at the age of six, but when he turned eight-years-old, his mother made him quit football because she was afraid he would get hurt.

Fortunately, he had uncles who were Pop Warner football coaches. “My uncles talked her into letting me play again,” Martin explained. “Being away from football that one season made me appreciate it and love it even more. The feeling I receive from being on the field with teammates is what brings me joy.”

Martin is the fifth of 10 children. He grew up with very little and had to learn how to share at a young age.

“I had to learn how to share and provide for my younger siblings,” Martin recalled. “I had to learn how to follow instruction from my mom so I could help out.”

A tough way to grow up, but it seems to have served him well, as he is proud of how he was raised in a family that loved and supported each other.

“My family has always been supportive,” said Martin. “My older and younger siblings look up to me because of what I am doing.”

They also motivate him to do his best no matter what, especially when it comes to football.

“Just the thought of me playing football excites them,” he said. “Football is the vice that brings our family together. They all come together to watch one person in the family do something positive.”

Raised in New Ellenton, SC, he played at Aiken High under Coach Carey Johnson. High school is where Martin learned to play hard, and his coach demanded nothing less.

“High school football was the toughest work I’ve ever had to endure,” he admitted. “But it made me into a more driven person.”

Martin played a few positions in high school, including tight end, wide receiver, and defensive end. At Clemson, he is listed as a reserve tight end, but he also enjoys playing another position on the field.

“I love the middle linebacker position,” stated Martin. “I feel more natural playing linebacker, because it is the quarterback and leader of the defense. You get to hit people and make big plays.”

All the hard work in high school paid off, as he earned a scholarship to Duquesne in Pittsburgh, PA. But their environment was not inviting, as he found himself far away from his home and support system.

“I transferred because of the environment, particularly being closer to home, having better learning opportunities, and experiencing the gameday atmosphere,” said #96. “I felt as though I could not grow spiritually and athletically at Duquesne. So I prayed about it and did my research, and Clemson had everything I was looking for.”

Duquesne’s loss was Clemson’s gain. Martin values everything about being a Tiger griddler, from the summer practices to gameday preparation.

“It means a lot just to be able to practice and go through all the workouts with my teammates,” smiled Martin. “When I think about Clemson football, I think about the work we are putting in to get where we want to go, primarily the ACC Championship and a BCS bowl game. It’s hard work, but I love it!”

Clemson Head Coach Tommy Bowden appreciates Martin’s hard work. Just prior to the season, he was offered a scholarship.

“Many times after practice this year I have singled out Jermaine for his hard work on the scout team,” said Bowden. “His hard work makes us better on Saturday. We wanted to give him a scholarship because of the example he sets for the scout-team players and the team in general. He is proof that if you work hard on the scout team, it will pay off.”

Chemistry is created among the players during the offseason, and Martin has contributed to that chemistry.

“It’s an indescribable feeling to bond with my teammates in times of working hard,” said Martin. “It lets us know that we can count on each other, because we push each other. I love all those guys and coaches from what we endure together.”

He particularly respects his teammates and the effort they put into winning.

“Running down the Hill ignites the entire team and brings focus,” he said. “The way the fans embrace us is also very special.”

Although Martin relies on his relationship with God for pulling him through the good and bad times, he also credits many others for playing an influential role. His mother, father, and older brother (Rev. Steve Martin) have instilled life’s values in him. At Clemson, Tony Eubanks has helped him continue to grow spiritually.

Athletically, Martin says that his girlfriend (Danielle Hepburn) motivates him. “Just to see what she is accomplishing on the volleyball court makes me want to compete harder on the football field.”

As far as the future goes, Martin wants to see how far football will take him. He also plans to earn his master’s degree in real-estate development. With the support Martin has, he will most certainly follow a successful path.

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The transition from collegiate sports to the professional level is often a narrow and difficult ascension. Even for the few elite and worthy, the journey requires constant effort and is often incomplete. But for those willing to work and play their hearts out, glory can be found.

Former Clemson wide receiver J.J. McKelvey will have eternal glory for the touchdown reception he made at #9 Georgia Tech in 2001. On fourth-and-13 with two minutes left in regulation, Woodrow Dantzler connected with the lanky 6’4” wideout for a 63-yard score. The play, which put the Tigers ahead 41-38 en route to a 47-44 upset victory in overtime and ultimately a bowl game berth, is one of McKelvey’s fondest memories from his days in orange and purple.

He finished his Tiger career with 84 receptions for 1,277 yards and eight scores, including leading the team with 752 yards as a senior in 2002.

These days, he is working hard at making plays in a different color uniform, and on a different kind of field, at that.

After a stint with Tampa Bay in 2003, McKelvey has been leaving his footprints all over the Arena Football League. The AFL, founded in 1987, has grown increasingly in popularity and now features 19 teams. The game is played on an indoor padded surface that is 85-feet wide and 50-yards long with eight-yard endzones. Each team is only allowed eight players on the field, but the football used is the same size and weight as the NFL ball.

The afl2, a minor league to the AFL that began in 2000, develops players on 30 different active rosters, providing post-college players with ample opportunity for experience.

“When I first started, it was pretty rough,” replied McKelvey when asked about the transition to Arena football. “I was still running outdoor routes...my posts were too long and my corners were too long. It took me a while to get acclimated to the indoor plays. After a while, it got pretty easy with my size and speed.”

His acclimation would prove to be astounding. In 2005, McKelvey led the afl2 in receptions (138) in only his second year with the Manchester (NH) Wolves. He was second in the league in scoring (298), totaling 1,454 yards with 44 touchdowns during the season. He also had three rushing touchdowns and scored five two-point conversions.

As is common with some indoor players, he also took snaps on defense, totaling 21.5 tackles, a sack, interception returned for a touchdown, and two pass breakups. He was no stranger to defense, however, as he played linebacker at Clemson before moving to wide receiver. He also posted 19 interceptions as a safety at Berkeley High School in Moncks Corner, SC. He would use that experience to earn afl2 Ironman-of-The-Game four times, in addition to offense player-of-the-game four times.

McKelvey made the move up to the premier Arena league by joining the Philadelphia Soul roster, and he has felt at home ever since.

“The Philadelphia Soul as a whole is one of the best organizations I’ve ever played for,” said McKelvey. “From the owners on down to the coaches and the training staff, you can’t get a better group of guys to run an organization like that.”

The Soul, an expansion team in 2004, is owned in part by Jon Bon Jovi, Craig Spencer, and Ron “Jaws” Jaworski. Bon Jovi needs no introduction, and Jaworski, a former NFL quarterback with the Eagles, can often be seen as an NFL analyst on ESPN and as a color commentator on Monday Night Football. The Soul plays its home games at the Wachovia Center, also home to the Philadelphia Flyers (NHL) and the Philadelphia 76ers (NBA).

While he greatly misses the atmosphere surrounding Clemson football, McKelvey notes that the fans in Philadelphia live up to their reputation.

“The atmosphere here during gameday is the best,” admitted McKelvey. “They love you whether you win or lose, but they’d rather you win. They back us up just as much as they back the (Philadelphia) Eagles up.”

McKelvey played 11 games for the Soul in 2006, posting 36 receptions for 589 yards and 12 touchdowns along with 21 tackles, a caused fumble, recovered fumble, and pass breakup on defense.

An ankle injury suffered late in the season forced him to miss five games, and the Soul lost to the Orlando Predators in the divisional playoff round.

He came back in 2007 with 50 receptions for 544 yards, tying the franchise in 19 times. He also collected 19.5 tackles with one interception on defense. The Soul defeated the Predators in a Wild Card playoff rematch, but later lost to the Georgia Force in the divisional matchup.

McKelvey’s ankle injury prevented him from breaking out completely in 2006, and while he fell back from what he wanted to do this year, he is aiming for double in 2008. “I am going to put up bigger numbers than I did this year,” said McKelvey. “That’s a fact!”

In regards to the Soul’s past playoff slips, McKelvey hopes that with a healthier roster, he can help the team get past the second round, and in turn get rid of the “bad taste in his mouth.”

“I know we can go all the way,” he said.

McKelvey found a familiar face dressing out with him in 2007, as former Clemson defensive back Brian Mance joined the Soul after following much of the same path McKelvey took by way of the Manchester Wolves. Recording 67.5 tackles, four interceptions (with one returned for a touchdown), 10 pass breakups, and a recovered fumble for a touchdown in afl2, Mance would soon have his old teammate vouching for him.

“That might have been one of the best things, right there,” said McKelvey on Mance joining the Soul organization. “I always wanted to play with my teammates at another level. Brian had a chance to come up to Manchester, and I watched him play a couple of games. I went back and told coach about him, they brought Brian into Philadelphia, and he had a real good year.”

As for the quarterback who threw him that stoned pass at Georgia Tech in 2001, McKelvey still keeps in touch with Dantzler, who is currently on the roster of rival AFL team Chicago Rush.

A total of 11 former Tigers are currently listed on AFL rosters. Among them are Jason Gamble, Otis Moore, Tony Plantin, and Khaleed Vaught. McKelvey’s love away from football (the AFL’s season is played from March to July), McKelvey has been living in Manchester to be with his family, and he has kept himself busy by helping out the Wolves’ organization. He has also been putting his Clemson education to good use through involvement with the Easter Seals as a teaching assistant for special-needs children.

He looks forward to the upcoming season with great anticipation, and being the constant competitor that he is, he hopes that he might use his playing abilities to make it back to the NFL.

“If you aren’t making plays, you shouldn’t be playing the game,” explained McKelvey. “I’ve been playing football my whole life, and I’ve been making plays my whole life, so that’s what’s keeping me around...my love of the game and making plays.”

For more information about the AFL and its players, visit the Arena Football League’s official website at ArenaFootball.com.
By David Duncan

For a half century of Homecoming weekends, the Tigerama pep rally and entertainment show has showcased the very best of student life at Clemson University. With this year marking the 51st running of the show, Clemson alumni and fans alike can expect another exciting 50 years of tradition!

The idea of Tigerama came from the late Joe Sherman, former director of alumni relations, who had seen “Gator Growl” at Florida. During the early 1950s, “Gator Growl” was drawing large crowds to Homecoming weekend at Florida, and Sherman wanted a similar event for Clemson.

In early 1957, he approached the Blue Key Honor Society with the idea of creating a Homecoming extravaganza that would feature student organizations competing in a skit competition as well as serve as an entertainment showcase for other popular student groups. Since this initial approach by Sherman, Blue Key has taken on the responsibility of producing and sponsoring Tigerama. Fifty years later, student members of Blue Key continue to produce the show, making it one of the few Homecoming entertainment/pep-rally shows in the nation to be entirely produced by students.

Surely, Sherman had no idea how successful Tigerama would become over the next 50 years.

The first Tigerama was held in the football stadium amid a cold night on November 7, 1957. The show featured, among other acts, a fire-eater, juggling entertainment, and the crowning of the very first Miss Tigerama. The show also featured a skit competition, during which the Canterbury Club walked away with honors and a prize of $75. A fireworks show capped the evening and signaled that a new Clemson tradition was here to stay.

During the initial years of the show, tickets cost anywhere from 49 to 99 cents. Not surprisingly, the show had difficulty breaking even through even during these formative years. Attendance numbers, as they are today, were largely based on factors such as the success of the team that season, strength of the Homecoming opponent, and, most importantly, the weather.

While there is no memory of Tigerama ever being rained out, many who attended Tigerama in the past recalled bringing blankets to the late November shows in the stadium because it was so bitterly cold outside. In spite of these factors, attendance numbers continued to grow. The success of the football team during the 1980s led to heightened excitement for Clemson athletics. Tigerama benefited greatly from this period by annually drawing over 30,000 fans to the show.

With the success of the late 1970s and 1980s came increased gate revenues. Being a service organization, the Blue Key Honor Society wanted to find a way to put the revenues to good use. For Blue Key, the answer came in the form of creating the Tigerama Scholarship Endowment. This scholarship fund began in 1977 with $10,000 from previous gate receipts. Since then, Blue Key and Tigerama have made it possible for many students to receive financial aid from this fund. Currently, the Tigerama Scholarship Endowment funds nine scholarships for current Clemson students.

Additionally, the scholarship fund has been used to finance a number of Blue Key service projects on campus. Such projects include donating $15,000 for a security system to be installed in the Cooper Library in 1981 and, during the following year, an additional $25,000 donation to the library to be used for the purchase of new volumes. Rather than make the donation in Blue Key’s name, Blue Key chose to make the donation in the name of the entire student body. After all, Tigerama would not have become the successful show it is today without the support of student organizations, the student body, and Tiger fans and supporters.

Today, Tigerama continues to be an anticipated event every fall as Homecoming approaches. While the excitement for Tigerama remains much the same as it did 51 years ago, some aspects of the show have changed or evolved. Perhaps the most noticeable change in Tigerama occurred several years ago when the venue for the show was changed from Death Valley to Littlejohn Coliseum. Although the football stadium has served Tigerama’s purposes well in the past, Blue Key felt that a move to Littlejohn Coliseum would result in a higher quality show with better lighting, sound, and viewing angles. Additionally, by holding the show indoors, Blue Key no longer has to worry about the threat of rain or cold weather putting a damper on the festivities.

David Duncan, a senior from Mount Pleasant, SC, is the director of Tigerama 2007.
In addition to being a teacher and a leader, James F. Barker is an architect, an artist, and a builder of one of the nation’s most rapidly improving public universities - Clemson. Barker came to the office in 1999 with a clear vision and a goal of making Clemson 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.

A 1970 Clemson graduate, Barker has said, "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. Building Clemson’s academic, research, and service programs to the level where we can compete with anyone will benefit our state, students, and alumni.”

Clemson, already South Carolina’s top-ranked national 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” and ranked #1 among the “Best Places to Work in Academia” by The Scientist Magazine;
- been ranked among the nation’s top 30 public universities by U.S. News & World Report and Kiplinger’s Magazine;
- developed and implemented an academic “Road Map” with eight emphasis areas aligned with South Carolina’s economic needs;
- launched major new education and research-based economic initiatives, including the Clemson University International Center for Automotive Research (CU-ICAR) in Greenville, the Center for Advanced Materials in Anderson County, and the Clemson University Restoration Institute in North Charleston;
- redesigned the general education curriculum to focus on learning outcomes and give undergraduates more opportunities for study abroad, service-learning, and research;
- developed an innovative undergraduate research program called “Creative Inquiry,” which pairs small teams of students with a senior faculty member on multi-year voyages of discovery;
- continually set new records for applications at both the undergraduate and graduate levels;
- more than doubled external research funding, and completed Clemson’s largest capital campaign.

Working with state leaders and private industry partners, Barker has steered Clemson into a greater economic development role. The first technology neighborhood at the CU-ICAR campus near I-85 will be fully developed this year when construction of the Campbell Graduate Engineering Center is completed. Leading the academic programs are distinguished professors brought to the state to hold endowed chairs established under the South Carolina Research Centers of Excellence Act. Three of the four chairs devoted to automotive engineering - funded by financial support from BMW, Michelin, and Timken - have been filled.

Clemson is also investing more than $80 million to support an advanced materials industry cluster. The linchpin is the Advanced Materials Research Laboratory, located at the Advanced Materials Center off of I-85 in Anderson County (formerly known as Clemson Research Park). The facility includes one of the nation’s top optical materials and electron microscopy laboratories.

Earlier this year, Barker announced plans to invest more than $225 million in campus infrastructure, technology, and facilities in the core campus over the next five years, focusing on academic and students needs - including a campus computer network upgrade, renovations to bioengineering facilities, a new home for the Academic Success Center, and a life-sciences complex. Funding plans for additional facility upgrades are being developed, which will add to this initial project list.

He also is becoming a leading voice in higher education in South Carolina and beyond. He currently chairs the Division I Committee of the NCAA Board of Directors, and previously chaired the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools, the regional accrediting agency.

For his leadership, Barker has received the Order of the Palmetto, South Carolina’s highest civilian honor, and the 2006 Chief Executive Leadership Award from the Council for Advancement & Support of Education (CASE) Southeastern District III. He was an invited speaker at the first-ever Forum on Presidential Leadership in June of 2006, sponsored by The Chronicle of Higher Education, and attended by more than 250 college and university presidents and trustees.

As Clemson’s President, Barker remains committed to the classroom. Each spring, he is part of a team that teaches an undergraduate course exploring “a sense of place” in architecture, literature, and history.

In presenting Barker with the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2005, Washington University Chancellor Mark Wrighton said, “James F. Barker has taken the architectural skills and knowledge required to design a building and applied them to the future of a university. His architect’s vision, collaborative instincts, and sense of place are rapidly pushing Clemson up through the ranks of the nation’s top public universities. He has become a leader in national academic circles by creating a new model of education, building interdisciplinary partnerships among the professional schools, and the basic curriculum by tearing down artificial walls between disciplines.”

A native of Kingsport, TN, Barker earned his B.A. degree from Clemson in 1970 and his master of architecture & urban design degree from Washington University in Saint Louis, MO in 1973. He and his wife Marcia have a son Jacob and daughter-in-law Rita Bolt, and another son Britt.
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In just five years, Dr. Terry Don Phillips has firmly put his imprint on the Tiger Athletic Department. It is obvious visually through the vast improvements in the program’s facilities, most notably the new WestZone at the Tigers’ Memorial Stadium. Through a practical and steady fiscal approach, the first phase of the $57-million project was completed in the fall of 2006 with the installation of new locker rooms, a new scoreboard, and 1,000 private luxury suite and club level seats.

The Phase II funding, which includes a building and new strength training center for the football program, has been finalized, and construction is slated to continue after the 2007 football season. His impact is also obvious in the academic improvement of Clemson’s sports program. For the 2006-07 academic year, Clemson ranked #36 in the final Sears Directors’ Cup standings, the program’s best finish in five years and a 16-place improvement over the last three years. The Tigers scored 477 points in the poll, their third-highest total since the Sears Directors’ Cup began in 1993. Eight teams finished in the top 25 of their respective rankings, also a five-year high.

The major revenue sports of football, basketball, and baseball have also reached a high level of national competition. All three were ranked in the top 15 in the nation at one point during the 2006-07 academic year. The football team has won eight games each of the last two years, the first time it has had back-to-back seasons of at least eight wins since the 1990-91 era.

The basketball team under Head Coach Oliver Purnell has been to postseason play three consecutive years, including the 2006-07 season when it won a school-record-tying 25 games. The baseball team continues to rank among the top programs in the nation, having reached the College World Series in 2006 and a super regional in 2007.

Led by the women’s tennis program, which has been to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament three of the last four years with two Final Fours, the women’s athletics program has also flourished. The women’s soccer team reached the Final Eight of the NCAA Tournament in 2006, while the volleyball squad joined the women’s tennis and women’s soccer teams by winning at least 60 percent of its matches. The rowing program was ranked in the top 15 in the nation as well.

Phillips was recognized nationally for his performance at Clemson in June, 2006 when he was honored by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics as the 2005-06 NationalSports Turf Systems Athletic Director-of-the-Year for the Southeast Region of Division I-A. He was one of just four Division I-A athletic directors honored at the annual convention in New Orleans, LA.

In 2005-06, Clemson had six-top 25 programs, including top-10 final rankings in men’s soccer, golf, and baseball. It marked the first time since 1979 that Clemson reached the Final Four in soccer and the College World Series in baseball in the same academic year. Clemson was the only school in the nation to win a postseason football game, postseason basketball game, and College World Series baseball game.

From an academic standpoint, nine of Clemson’s 15 sports programs scored a perfect 100-percent graduation rate according to the Graduation Success Rate figures announced by the NCAA on December 19, 2005. Clemson was #7 in the nation among the 119 Division I-A institutions in percentage of programs with a 100-percent score. The football program had a 94-percent rate, fourth in the nation among Division I programs.

The outstanding academic performance continued in 2007. For the spring semester, the 15 sports programs had a combined GPA of 2.93, best on record. Eight of the 15 programs had a team GPA of 3.0 or better.

“There’s nothing worse than trying to maintain status quo;” said Phillips, who became Clemson’s 10th athletic director on July 1, 2002. That motto is being a byword that has characterized his career as an administrator and his pursuit to develop Clemson into a model athletic program in the 21st century. His beliefs are in line with the University’s overall goal of making Clemson one of the top-20 public universities in the nation. The school improved to a #30 ranking in U.S. News & World Report in 2006.

His resolve comes from a unique balance of experience in knowing every phase of college athletics, as well as a devotion to higher education that includes a doctorate and law degree. He remains a classroom presence by teaching a sports law section in the accountancy & legal studies department. In addition, he is past chair of the NCAA Division I Infractions Appeals Committee, which serves the appellate role for all university and individual appeals arising from the Committee on Infractions.

Those influences are obvious in his strategic plan for Tiger athletics, which provides for a model program that can compete at the highest levels with academic integrity, concern for the student-athlete, financial responsibility, and in full compliance.

Future plans call for a new comprehensive football building at Memorial Stadium. It will benefit the entire athletic department, as it will create additional updated facilities in the McFadden Building for the Olympic sports. A “One Clemson Center” will also be constructed to showcase the history of Clemson University, including its military and athletic heritage.

Since Phillips’ arrival at Clemson, many highlights toward being a model program have occurred on the field as well, beginning with Clemson’s first-ever national championship in golf in the spring of 2003, the first title for any Tiger program in 16 years.

His second year included an incredible run on the gridiron to end the season, as Tommy Bowden’s Tigers defeated #3 Florida State in November and #6 Tennessee in the Peach Bowl. The football program has continued to make strides since then and ranked in the top 25 for the second time in the last three years with its #21 finish in 2005. In 2006, the program reached a #10 national ranking after a victory over #13 Georgia Tech. ESPN College GameDay covered that game, a first in Clemson history.

Excellence in academics has been a constant on his resume. He has an undergraduate degree from Arkansas (1970), a master’s from Virginia Tech (1974), a doctorate 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 Sports Lawyers Association.

From an experience standpoint, he has worked in nearly all phases of college athletics. He coached on the football staff 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.

Football was transformed from a perennial losing status to defeating Oklahoma during five of the eight years he was associated with Oklahoma State (1994-02). For this, he received the National Football Foundation Oklahoma Chapter Outstanding Contribution to Amateur Football Award in 2002. Additionally, his staff at Florida was named one of the top-25 most influential people in the history of Oklahoma State athletics by GoPokes Magazine.

When it came to success on the field and in the classroom, Oklahoma State’s programs were among the Big 12’s best. The achievements of the program included two national titles in men’s golf, a men’s basketball Final Four, two trips to the College World Series, 13 Big 12 titles, and 11 individual national champions, along with 53 academic All-Americans.

Before leading Oklahoma State, 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 he was president of the Razorback Foundation.

Phillips was athletic director at Liberty (1980-81) and Louisiana-Lafayette (1983-88). He was also an assistant athletic director at Missouri (1981-83), and he began his administrative career in 1979 as an assistant athletic director at Florida.

Phillips began his career in college athletics coaching football. He started as a graduate assistant at Arkansas in 1970 and 1971. He moved on to Virginia Tech as an assistant coach from 1971-78 before joining the ranks of athletic administration.

Winning has been on Phillips’ résumé since his playing days at Arkansas. He lettered on three Frank Broyles teams (1966,68,69). Arkansas was 27-5 in the three years and played in two Sugar Bowl games.

In addition to Phillips’ leadership with the NCAA Infractions Appeals Committee, he also works with the NCAA certification program. He currently serves on several ACC Committees: chair of the Committee on Infractions & Penalties, Committee on Awards, Television Committee, Men’s Basketball Committee, and Football Committee.

Phillips has two children, John Dennis (30) and Sarah-Jane (27), and three stepchildren, Meagan (18), Marshall (16), and Madison (14). His wife Tricia is a graduate of the University of Missouri School of Journalism, and she earlier enjoyed a career in athletics and development. She is currently active in the Clemson and Seneca communities.
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When one looks at Head Coach Tommy Bowden’s resume, the first thing that comes to mind is consistency. Bowden has completed 10 seasons as a Division I head coach, and all 10 of his teams have been bowl eligible at the end of the regular season. Only five other active head coaches have had a team bowl eligible every year since 1997. His 65.0 winning percentage in 10 years as a head coach is 11th-best in the nation among active Division I coaches with at least 10 years of experience.

Each of his last seven teams has finished with a winning record. A winning season in 2006 gave him a Clemson coaching record seven consecutive winning seasons, and he became just the fifth head coach in ACC history to record seven straight winning seasons with the same program in Clemson.

There has been consistency in terms of success against Clemson’s in-state rival (South Carolina). The Tigers have won six of the eight meetings since Bowden became Clemson’s head coach in 1999, and the 75-percent winning mark is the best of any Tiger head coach in history against the Gamecocks given a minimum of five games. All six wins have been recorded against future Hall of Fame Head Coaches Lou Holtz and Steve Spurrier.

In 10 seasons as a Division I head coach, Bowden has a 78-42 record, a 65-percent winning mark. In conference games, he has never had a sub-.500 record, and his overall conference record stands at 48-28 for a 63.2-percent winning mark.

In eight years at Clemson, he has a 60-38 mark and seven bowl appearances. He has 37 ACC wins as well. The only programs with more ACC wins during this time are Florida State and Georgia Tech. The 60 overall wins is third-most in Clemson history. The 29-7 victory over South Carolina in the 2004 season-finales was not only the 600th win in Clemson history, it moved Bowden ahead of Hall of Fame Coach Jess Neely into third place on Clemson’s coaching victories list. Only Frank Howard and Danny Ford are ahead of Bowden.

Twice he has been ACC Coach-of-the-Year (1999,03), joining Howard, Charley Pell, and Ford as the only two-time recipients of that award in Tiger history. In January of 2006, he was given the Grant Teaff National Coach-of-the-Year Award by FCA.

Off the field, Clemson has graduated nearly 80 percent of its seniors in his eight years. Clemson’s graduation success rate of 94 percent in 2005 was fourth-best among the 119 Division I-A programs. In 2003, Clemson was #11 in the nation, including second among public 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). Each of the top-six semester team GPAs have been recorded under Bowden. Fifteen seniors from his 2006 team have already graduated. His 2006 team set numerous offensive records on its way to scoring 55 touchdowns and scoring nearly 33 points per game. Clemson had four First-Team All-ACC selections on offense, including 1,000-yard rusher James Davis, and the Tigers led the ACC in a majority of offensive categories.

The Tigers had a landmark 31-7 win over #13 Georgia Tech at Memorial Stadium. Clemson dominated the Yellow Jackets thanks in part to 332 combined rushing yards by James Davis and C.J. Spiller. That same weekend, ESPN College GameDay made its first-ever appearance in Tiger Town. It was the second win over a top-15 team in 2006, as the Tigers also won at #9 Florida State.

In 2005, Clemson had an 8-4 record, including a 3-2 mark against top-25 ranked teams. All four of the losses were by six points or less and by a total of 14 points. Two of those losses came in overtime, therefore the Tigers lost the four games by a combined five points at the end of regulation.

Clemson was in the top 25 in four national defensive rankings, finishing 11th in scoring defense. After the win over Colorado in the Champs Sports Bowl, the Tigers were ranked #21 in the final AP and USA Today polls. Clemson had three victories over top-20 ranked teams, the most in one season by a Clemson team since the 1989 season.

His 2004 team featured a defense that was 11th in the nation in pass efficiency defense. It had 42 sacks to finish in the top 10 in the nation. Clemson played a complete game at #10 Miami (FL) on November 6, 2004 and defeated the Hurricanes in the Orange Bowl 24-17 in overtime.

The win over Miami gave Bowden and the Tigers three wins over top-10 programs in a 13-game span, something that had been done at Clemson just once previously (1981 National Championship team). All three of those programs (Florida State, Tennessee, Miami) have won the national championship within the last decade.

Over the last four seasons, Bowden has won nine games over coaches who have won the national title (Bobby Bowden (three times), Phillip Fulmer, Larry Coker, Holtz (twice), Spurrier, and Howard Schnellenberger). These big wins have stimulated interest in the program. The Tigers averaged 81,506 fans per home game in 2006. Clemson has finished in the top 20 in home football attendance each of the eight seasons Bowden has been at Clemson, and six of the top-10 average attendance seasons have come during his tenure.

With Clemson’s selection to the 2004 Peach Bowl, he 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. Under Bowden’s direction, Clemson had also appeared in the Peach Bowl in 1999, the Gator Bowl in 2000, the 2001 Humanitarian Bowl, the 2002 Tangerine Bowl, the 2003 Peach Bowl, and the 2005 Champs Sports Bowl prior to its invitation to the 2006 Music City Bowl.

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

The 2003 season was a breakthrough year in many ways. 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 contest. The 39-3 victory over a bowl-bound Georgia Tech team was Clemson’s largest victory margin in the series since 1900 as well.

The 2003 victory over Florida State, Clemson’s first in 12 tries since the Seminoles joined the ACC, was the beginning of
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 #3 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, their highest win total since 1993.

When Bowden arrived at Clemson, he had one simple goal - improvement. He warned Tiger supporters that Clemson was unlikely to be a bowl participant in 1999, but his main focus was to improve. His goal was to gain national respect and that was achieved, and more than happy to be wrong about his prediction, as the Tigers were invited to the 1999 Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl. In that 1999 season, 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 Ford to be named ACC Coach-of-the-Year.

Making strong improvement in his first year with a program was nothing new for Bowden. In the two seasons he was the head coach at Tulane, Bowden took a team that had been 4-18 in the two years previous to his arrival, and emotionally and numerically reversed the team's fortunes with an 18-4 record, posted an 11-1 conference mark, and finished the 1998 season ranked #7 in the nation in both polls. Tulane and Tennessee were the only undefeated teams in college football in 1998.

The Green Wave scored 40 or more points in eight games in 1998, including each of the last seven games. That 1998 team had the highest total off in South Carolina history. The team scored 727 points and rolled up 704 yards of total offense. They converted 52 percent of their third-down opportunities for the season and had just 11 turnovers in over 800 plays. The 1998 season saw the program post a perfect 11-0 regular season under Bowden, its first perfect regular season since 1931. The Green Wave won Conference USA, its first league title since Tulane won the SEC in 1949. Bowden was named Conference USA Coach-of-the-Year.

A look to the list of coaches who had undefeated seasons in the 1990s shows two other men named Bowden. His father, Florida State Head Coach Bobby Bowden, had a perfect regular season in 1996 and 1999, while his brother Terry posted a perfect regular season in 1993. Obviously, the Bowdens are the first family of college coaching, and this "Wonder Years" environment had a lot to do with Tommy Bowden's decision to enter coaching.

Bowden had 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 Cignetti 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 Cignetti'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.

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

From 1983-86, Bowden served under Steve Sloan at Duke as the quarterbacks coach, and was named coordinator in 1985. In 1984, he made his first trip to Death Valley as a coach. Among the players he tutored was future NFL player Anthony Dilweg.

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

In 1990, Bowden returned to a coordinator role, serving as Kentucky's offensive coordinator and wide receivers coach. That year, he helped the Wildcats to their first upper division SEC finish since 1984.

In 1991, Bowden joined Pat Dye at Auburn. He remained with the Auburn program for six years, his longest stint as a college assistant. During his tenure, Auburn had a combined record of 46-20-2, including a perfect 11-0 season in 1993.

Born on July 10, 1954 in Birmingham, AL, he is married to the former Linda Joan White, who he first met when the two were in school together at Morgantown (WV) High School. The couple has two children, Ryan (25), a 2004 Clemson graduate and 2007 law school graduate of Regent University, and Lauren (22), a 2007 graduate of Clemson, who is an elementary school teacher.
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Playing Experience
Three-year lettermen and two-year starter on the offensive line at Missouri-Rolla (1973-75).

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

Coaching Experience
Assistant coach at DeSoto County High in Arcadia, FL (1979)...assistant coach at Hardee County High in Wauchula, FL (1980)...graduate assistant coach at The Citadel (1981)...head coach at DeSoto County High in Arcadia, FL (1982)...graduate assistant coach at Florida State (1983-84)...recruiting coordinator/tight ends at Florida State (1985-89)...offensive coordinator/offensive line at Florida State (1990-93)...head coach at South Carolina (1994-98)...assistant head coach/tight ends at Clemson (1999-00)...assistant head coach/offensive coordinator/tight ends at Clemson (December 2000-03)...assistant head coach/offensive line at Clemson (2004-06).

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...2005 Champs Sports Bowl...2006 Music City Bowl.

Bowl Seasons as a Head Coach
1995 Carquest Bowl.

Personal Data
Born September 30, 1954 in Arcadia, FL...married to Danyel...the couple has two sons (Jeff 26, John 23).

Koenning Highlights
In his first year as the offensive backs coach at Memphis in 1991, he helped lead the Tigers to a 24-10 upset of #14 Southern California in the Los Angeles Coliseum...his second season with the program saw Memphis defense finish third in the nation in total defense and 15th in scoring defense...as the defensive coordinator at Wyoming in 1997, the Cowboys were second in the nation in sacks, sixth in pass defense, 17th in scoring defense, and 23rd in total defense; that defense also had a school-record and national-best 24 takeaways...head coach at Wyoming from 2000-02...coached 10 Cowboys who earned first-team all-conference honors...as the defensive coordinator at Troy in 2003, his unit was sixth in the nation in turnovers forced...in 2004, the Trojans forced 32 turnovers to tie for second in the nation behind National Champion Southern California...the Trojans finished 2004 sixth in the nation in pass efficiency defense, eighth in rushing defense, and 10th in scoring defense; the Trojan defense also led the nation in interceptions with 25; Troy finished ninth in the nation in fewest yards per play allowed and 16th in the nation in total defense (311.0)...of the 12 teams Troy faced in 2004, 11 failed to reach their scoring average for the course of the season...two Troy defenders were in the top 16 in the nation in interceptions (Johnny Faulk, Derrick Amstey)...his defense featured standout defensive lineman DeMarcus Ware, who was eighth in the nation in sacks and 13th in tackles for loss...his 2005 Clemson defense was 20th in the nation in total defense and 11th in scoring defense (17.6)...coached 2005 Thorpe Award finalist and first-round draft selection Tye Hill in the secondary...his 2006 defense was 13th in the nation in total defense and 16th in scoring defense...has coached a first-round draft pick each of the last three seasons.
Dabo Swinney
- Assistant Head Coach
- Wide Receivers
- 9th Season at Clemson
- 13th Season Overall
- Alabama '93
- Born November 20, 1969

Playing Experience
Letterson three years at Alabama (1990-92)...also a member of the 1988 and 1989 teams...member of the 1992 National Championship team...Academic All-SEC in 1990-92.

Bowl Participation as a Player
1990 Sugar Bowl...1991 Blockbuster Bowl...1991 Fiesta Bowl...1993 Sugar Bowl.

Education
B.S. degree in commerce & business administration from Alabama in 1993...master of business administration from Alabama in 1995.

Coaching Experience

Bowl Seasons as an Assistant Coach
1994 Gator Bowl...1995 Citrus Bowl...1997 Outback Bowl...1998 Music City Bowl...2000 Orange Bowl...2004 Peach Bowl...2005 Champs Sports Bowl...2006 Music City Bowl.

Personal Data
Born November 20, 1969 in Birmingham, AL...married to the former Kathleen Basset...the couple has three sons (Wills, Drew, Clay).

Blackwell Highlights
Began his coaching career at East Carolina, his alma mater, where he coached the rush linebackers between 1991-95; 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 65 percent...his playing career was cut short in 1991 by a neck injury...was a student assistant coach at East Carolina in 1992...attended nearby Berea High School in Greenville, SC...an assistant at Illinois State from 1996-99, where he helped lead one of the top turnarounds in NCAA Division 1-A football during that time period...in 1999, Illinois State had 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...linebackers coach at Pittsburgh from 2001-03 and was a big reason the Panthers went to a bowl game three straight years...Pittsburgh finished 2002 with a 9-4 record and #18 final ranking in the polls...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 was 12th in the nation in total defense, 14th in scoring defense, 15th in pass efficiency defense, and 24th in rushing defense; Pittsburgh was one of just a few teams in the nation that finished in the top 25 in all four major categories...had a lot to do with Clemson's improvement in 2003; he coached All-ACC linebacker Leroy Hill, who was second in the nation in tackles for loss; Hill was then named ACC Defensive Player-of-the-Year in the 2004 season; Clemson was in the top 10 in the nation in sacks and 11th in pass efficiency defense in 2004...coached linebacker Anthony Waters to a team-high 109 tackles and 13.5 sacks for loss in 2006...his 2005 and 2006 recruiting classes were consensus top 25...has coached nine players who have gone on to sign NFL contracts...his linebackers were instrumental in Clemson finishing 13th in the nation in total defense and 16th in scoring defense in 2006.

David Blackwell
- Inside Linebackers
- 5th Season at Clemson
- 16th Season Overall
- East Carolina '97
- Born May 4, 1971

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

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

Coaching Experience

Bowl Seasons as an Assistant Coach
1994 Liberty Bowl...1995 Liberty Bowl...2000 Insight.com Bowl...2001 Tangerine Bowl...2002 Insight.com Bowl...2004 Peach Bowl...2005 Champs Sports Bowl...2006 Music City Bowl.

Personal Data
Born May 4, 1971 in Greenville, SC...married to the former Melissa Androuthos...the couple has a son (D.J. 1).

Billy Napier
- Recruiting Coordinator
- Tight Ends
- 2nd Season at Clemson
- 3rd Season Overall
- Furman '03
- Born July 21, 1979

Playing Experience
Four-year letterman and two-year starter at quarterback at Furman (1995-97)...two-time All-Southern Conference selection at quarterback.

Education

Coaching Experience

Bowl Seasons as an Assistant Coach
2004 Peach Bowl...2006 Music City Bowl.

Personal Data
Born July 21, 1979 in Cookeville, TN...single.

Napier Highlights
Letterson four times (1999-02) at Furman and was a two-time captain as a quarterback...holds the Furman career record for completion percentage (84.8) and is third in passing yards (4,247)...set the school single-season record with 2,475 passing yards and was a finalist for the Walter Payton Award in 2002...served as an offensive video assistant at Clemson in 2003 and an on-field graduate assistant coach who worked with the defense in 2004...an off-campus recruiter in December of 2004 and January of 2005...quarterbacks coach at S.C. State in 2005 under Head Coach Buddy Pough when the Bulldogs were 2-2 with a 7-1 conference record; that team also averaged 34.4 points per contest (17th-best among 116 Division I-AA schools), including at least 23 points in all 11 games...S.C. State was 12th in the nation in rushing (236 yards per game) and 15th in the nation in passing efficiency, as it averaged 160 passing yards per game...helped the Bulldogs to the fourth-best turnover margin in the country, as the team committed just 11 turnovers in 2005 after losing 33 turnovers in 2004...was elevated to the offensive coordinator position after the 2005 season, but never coached in that role due to his hiring at Clemson...coaches tight ends, a valuable position in Rob Spencer's offense...at the age of 21, he is among the youngest full-time Division I coaches in the nation...in 2006, he coached tight ends and Thomas Hunter, who had 15 catches for 305 yards; his tight ends were key in Clemson finishing fifth in the nation in rushing offense...Clemson led the ACC in total offense, rushing offense, and scoring offense in 2006...named one of the top-25 recruiters in the nation by Rivals.com in 2007...native of Chatsworth, GA.

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 McVey 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 wideout in terms of receptions...Milons was an All-SEC selection in 1999 under the tutelage of Swinney...a part of six 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 2000, he was in private business in Alabama...coached All-ACC receiver Derrick Hamilmon in 2003...his wideouts contributed to Clemson's 3,683 receiving yards in 2003...in 2004, Alonze Cure became the first Tiger in 24 years to lead the ACC in receptions per game; Cure had 61 receptions for 888 yards...in 2003, Cure set the school record for receptions in a game (12) against Middle Tennessee, named one of the top-20 receivers in the nation by Rivals.com in 2003 and was ranked #1 in 2006...coaching for two-time All-ACC wideout Chad Stuckey...his wideouts were a big reason Clemson set the school record with a 58.6 completion percentage in 2005...first name is pronounced "Oh-uh."
Playing Experience
Letterman at Indiana in 1986 and 1987. named Most Improved Player in 1987 as a senior...attended Loes-McMae prior to attending Indiana.

Bowl Participation as a Player
1986 All-American Bowl...1988 Peach Bowl.

Education
B.S. degree in health, physical education, & recreation from Indiana in 1989.

Coaching Experience

Bowl Seasons as an Assistant Coach
1986 Liberty Bowl...1996 Carquest Bowl...1998 Peach Bowl...1999 MicroPC.com Bowl...2000 Dahu Bowl...2001 Peach Bowl...2004 Continental Tire Bowl.

Personal Data
Born September 29, 1966 in Lockhart, SC...married to Joanne...the couple has one son (Andre II 11) and two daughters (Alayna 8, Mikala 5).

Playing Experience
Lettered four times as a linebacker at South Carolina (1991-94).

Bowl Participation as a Player
1995 Carquest Bowl.

Education
B.S. degree in retail management from South Carolina in 1994.

Coaching Experience

Bowl Seasons as an Assistant Coach
2003 New Orleans Bowl...2004 GMAC Bowl...2005 Motor City Bowl...2006 Music City Bowl.

Personal Data
Born December 21, 1971 in Orangeburg, SC...married to Kila...the couple has two sons (Christopher 8, Elijah 1).

Rumph Highlights

Four-time letterman at South Carolina (1991-94). had 32 tackles in nine games in 1992...made his first career start in win at Clemson in 1992...as a part-time starter in 1993, he totaled 41 tackles...had 52 tackles in 11 regular-season games as a senior in 1994 under Head Coach Brad Scott...worked as a graduate assistant coach at South Carolina in the spring of 1997...head coach at Calhoun County High School in Saint Matthews, SC from 1997-01, he also served as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks/running backs coach at Calhoun County High...coached one season (2002) at S.C. State, where he worked with defensive backs...coached outside linebackers for three seasons (2003-05) at Memphis under Head Coach Tommy West, who was Clemson’s head coach in the 1990s...helped Memphis to bowl appearances in all three seasons, including bowl victories in 2003 and 2005...Memphis won 24 games in his three seasons...the 2003 Memphis defense was ninth in the nation in total defense...one of his 2003 players (Cook Terry) was an All-America USA selection...the 2003 Tiger team won nine games, including the New Orleans Bowl...the 2004 Memphis team defeated SEC-rival Mississippi for the second straight year...helped the 2005 defense to finish 23rd in the nation in turnover margin and lead the league in rushing yards allowed per game (125.6), the 27th-best mark in the country...two of his 2005 players (Tim Goodwell and Carlton Baker) were the top-two tacklers on the defensive unit, as Goodwell led the team in tackles with 102 and Baker had 94...including a team-best five sacks...coached the defensive line in his first season at Clemson in 2006, his players helped the Tigers finish 13th in the nation in total defense and 18th in rushing defense...unlike of Tiger defensive end Philip Merling and his Mering’s position coach.

West Highlights

At Louisiana-Lafayette (1986-91). his defenses were among the nation’s top 20 in total defense three times...his defense was in the top 25 nationally in at least one defensive category for six straight years...part of the Baylor team that won the 1994 conference title...under his guidance, the offensive line helped the Tulane offense to produce almost 4,700 yards and a school-record 375 points in 1997; the offensive line gave up just 11 sacks...In 1998, the offensive line helped Tulane become the only school in the nation to average over 300 yards passing and 200 yards rushing in the regular season...despite the nation’s smallest offensive line, Tulane averaged 433 yards in 1999, set 26 offensive records, and scored 42 touchdowns...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 was 10th in the nation in rushing in 2000...his offensive line paved the way for Woodrow Dantler to become the first Division I player in NCAA history to pass for 3,000 yards and rush for 1,000 in a season...was a common denominator on the offensive staff of three of the top five offenses in Tiger history...Clemson set over 150 records on offense the five years West was on the offensive staff...moved from the offensive line to the defensive line in 2004...helped Clemson to an ACC-best 42 sacks in 2004...coached defensive end Games Adams, a unanimous first-team All-American in 2006 and the #4 overall pick in the 2007 NFL draft.
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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 been in the top 20 in the nation in attendance 26 straight seasons. A crowd has exceeded 80,000 fans 46 times since the 1983 season. In 2006, Clemson was #14 in the nation in average home attendance with its 81,506 average, more than 100 percent of Memorial Stadium's capacity.

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 235 games in 65 years there and has won over 71 percent of the contests (235-92-7).

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 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, as 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 defeating Presbyterian 32-13. Those 20,000 seats installed for Opening Day would soon grow.

When the original part of the stadium was built in the early 1940s, 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 problems. One day during the clearing of the land, one young 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, the boy was swollen twice his size and was hospitalized.

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

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

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

Howard said that on the day of the first game in the stadium, "the gates were hung at 1:00 and we played at 2:00." But that would be all of the construction for a while. Then in 1958, 18,000 sideline seats were added, and in 1960, 5,658 west endzone seats were added in response to increasing attendance. With the large endzone, "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 1983. It increased capacity to over 80,000, which makes it one of the largest on-campus stadiums.

In 2006, the WestZone was added, an area that contains locker rooms and a luxury club level that holds 1,000 seats.

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

Through the years, Memorial Stadium has become known as "Death Valley." It was tagged by the late Presbyterian Coach Lonnie McMillan. After bringing his teams to Clemson for years and getting whipped, he 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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Running Down The Hill

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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 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 is 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 Head Coach Frank Howard as being from Death Valley, California 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 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 did not think that was the way a rock should be treated. After all, it had been brought 3,000 miles by a very sincere Clemson fan.

By the mid-1960s, Memorial Stadium was 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 Lonnie McMillan, head coach at Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC in the 1940s.

McMillan and the other Blue Hose coaches before him used to open each season by playing at Clemson. Seldom scoring (24 shutouts in 39 games), and with only three victories and four ties to show for it, his teams were getting "killed" by the Tigers regularly. In 1945, McMillan 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 four years, but when Howard started calling it "Death Valley" in the 1950s, the name took off like wildfire. The Tigers celebrated the 60th year in the Valley in 2001.
But getting back to Howard's Rock. The rock was mounted on a pedestal at the top of the Hill on the east side of the stadium. It was unveiled September 24, 1966 when Clemson played Virginia. The Tigers were down 18 points with 17 minutes remaining and came back to win (40-35) on a 65-yard pass play from Jimmy Addison to Jacky Jackson in the fourth quarter. That was quite a spectacular debut for that rock.

The team members started rubbing the rock prior to running down the Hill on September 23, 1967, a day when Clemson defeated Wake Forest by a score of 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 season, 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 - 319 times heading into the 2007 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 disembarks to the top of the Hill behind Howard's Rock.

At the appointed time, the cannon booms, and led by a giant Tiger Paw flag, the band forms two lines for the team to run between 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 emotional experience I've ever had."
Six-time All-Pro and former Tiger All-American Michael Dean Perry
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2006 First-Round Draft Pick
Saint Louis Rams

![Tye Hill](image)

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Here are the sons of dear old Clemson
Reign supreme aye!

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Dear old Clemson, we will triumph
And with all our might
That the Tigers' roar may echo
O'er the mountain height.
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Our IPTAY representatives are selected as volunteers to work on a local level to keep in touch with our current donors and solicit new members to support the scholarship fund of Clemson's student-athletes. The tremendous success of IPTAY is due in large part to the organizational makeup of our representative program, which allows all donors to be close to IPTAY, as they are to their local representatives.

As ambassadors for Tiger athletics and IPTAY, IPTAY representatives are vital to the growth of our organization as we continue to develop into a full-service fundraising organization. Our representatives are your connection to IPTAY and Tiger athletics. We ask you to get to know your representative and utilize him/her as a resource to serve you.

We thank all 600 of our IPTAY representatives who have participated in helping us achieve our essential fundraising goals. Go Tigers!

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History of IPTAY

The IPTAY Scholarship Foundation, founded in 1934, was the first scholarship fundraising organization in college athletics. Its roots trace back to October 16, 1931 following a surprising 6-0 football loss to The Citadel. After the game, Captains Frank Jersey, Pete Heffner, Head Coach Jess Neely, and Assistant Coach Joe Davis met in a car outside the stadium in Florence, SC to discuss various ways Clemson could establish its football program to a competitive status.

Shortly after the meeting, Dr. Rupert Fike offered his help after corresponding with Jersey. Neely believed he could run a successful football team if he was provided a $10,000-a-year increase in scholarships. Jersey originally called for members to pay $30 a year, but Fike recommended a smaller amount, which he believed would lead to more members. Fike charged 100 people to step forward and pay $10 a year to the organization, which is where the name IPTAY originated (I Pay Ten A Year).

The purpose of IPTAY is "to provide annual financial scholarship support to the athletic department and to assist in every way possible to regain the high athletic prestige which rightfully belongs to Clemson."

In 1934, the first year of IPTAY, a little over $1,600 was raised. Some donors negotiated payments in the form of bartering because of the Great Depression. Milk, sweet potatoes, turnip greens, and other goods were accepted in an attempt to build a solid membership base.

However, the hard work of Fike and his colleagues began to pay off in 1939 as the Tigers went to their first bowl game, the 1940 Cotton Bowl, where they defeated Boston College 6-3 and finished the season in the AP Top-25 poll for the first time in school history. Coincidentally, IPTAY reached Neely's $10,000 goal for the first time in 1939.

IPTAY has over 21,000 donors, which includes 16,000 IPTAY members and over 5,000 Cubs, Collegiate Club members who continue Fike's mission of providing annual scholarships for student-athletes, paying IPTAY's operating expenses, and maintaining an adequate reserve fund deemed appropriate by the IPTAY Board of Directors. The contributions ensure all 19 sports annually obtain the maximum scholarships offered by the NCAA. Even though the mission of IPTAY set forth in 1934 remains the same, its scope has grown tremendously over the years. It not only provides annual athletic scholarships, but it also has provided over 1,600 academic scholarships and raised over $3.3 million through the IPTAY Academic Scholarship Endowment, which was established in 1982.

IPTAY has been the key in building and maintaining the outstanding facilities essential for Clemson to remain one of the top intercollegiate programs in the country. IPTAY has played a critical role in various construction projects and renovations throughout the athletic department. In addition to fulfilling the mission of raising funds for scholarships, IPTAY has played a vital role in providing a wide variety of amenities enjoyed by all students.

IPTAY is considered by many to be the father of athletic fundraising. It was the first organization in the nation to build and fund an academic support facility built solely for educational support of student-athletes. Vickery Hall opened in 1991 and has established itself as a nationally-recognized program for student-athlete support.

The IPTAY Collegiate Club was started in 1997 and has been solely designed for the college student as a source of the IPTAY organization. The IPTAY representative program went online in 2004 with IPTAYReps.com, which allows representatives to electronically keep track of the donors they represent.

Operating under the guidance of its board of directors and the leadership of the athletic department's external affairs division, IPTAY continuously receives the annual support of our donors. Some changes in recent years include the addition of the Tiger Club Bowl, CATS (Clemson Active Teen Support), and the Collegiate Club, an update in its database technology, and the addition of two new levels to IPTAY membership, the Howard ($2,100) and the McFadden ($5,600) levels of giving.

IPTAY introduced the endowment of positions program under former Executive Director George Bennett. IPTAY implemented the endowment of positions program in April 1994 at the 85th birthday celebration for former Tiger Head Coach Frank Howard. The first endowment honored Howard, who coached at Clemson for 39 years and established much of the Tiger football's storied tradition.

The Heisman Scholarship Level, established during the 2005 campaign, is the highest annual donation level. Bert Henderson, executive director of IPTAY, set a goal to recreate Fike's 1934 vision of having 100 people come forward giving $10 annually. The 100-charter-member goal for the $10,000 donation level was not only reached, but surpassed thanks to the generous support of our donors.

Today, the organization continues its missions established over 70 years ago to provide annual scholarships for Clemson's student-athletes. Under the department of external affairs, IPTAY will expand its organizational service to move toward a broader scope of full-service. This will include capital gifts, improved marketing plans, estate planning, and increasing our membership through our IPTAY representative program.

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Andy Ford
Graduate Assistant Coach (Defense)

Responsibilities: Graduate assistant coach who will work with the defensive backs.
Playing Experience: Four-year letterman at Clemson (1993-96)...started 15 games from 1994-96 as a cornerback and free safety. only career punt return went for 26 yards and a touchdown against Western Carolina in 1995, the first time the Tigers had scored on a blocked punt return since 1989...played in three bowl games.
Coaching Experience: Defensive backs coach at Samford (SC) High...assistant coach at Beaufort (SC) High...defensive coordinator at East Chapel Hill (NC) High...defensive backs coach at Cary (NC) High...graduate assistant coach (defense) at Clemson in 2005-06.
Education: Earned a degree in business management from Clemson in 1998.
Personal: Born February 3, 1975 in Seoul, Korea...twin brother Peter also lettered for the Tigers (1993-96) at cornerback...named to the former Marjion Grant...son Jami (B).

Daric Riley
Video Graduate Assistant (Defense)

Responsibilities: Graduate assistant who will work with the Clemson defense on practice and game video.
Playing Experience: Defensive back and special teams player at Charleston Southern who lettered from 1995-98.
Coaching Experience: Graduate assistant defensive backs coach at Charleston Southern in 1999...defensive backs coach at Fairld in 2000...quarterbacks coach, defensive backs coach, special teams coach, strength & conditioning coordinator, and junior college recruiting coordinator at Pikeville in 2001-02...defensive backs coach and special teams coach at Newberry in 2003...defensive backs coach and special teams coach at Truman State from 2004-06.
Education: Earned a degree in science & physical education as well as science & psychology from Charleston Southern in 1998.

Mike Dooley
Graduate Assistant Coach (Offense)

Responsibilities: Graduate assistant coach who will work with the Clemson offense.
Playing Experience: Defensive end at Furman who lettered from 1993-95...missed his senior year due to injury...had a sack against Clemson in 1994. Furman reached the Division I-AA playoffs his final season. Academic Honor Roll member...graduate of Stephens County High in Toccoa, GA where he played for four seasons.
Coaching Experience: Assistant coach at Greenville (SC) High from 1998-04, defensive coordinator from 2000-04 and assistant head coach in 2004...during his last three seasons on the staff, Greenville High posted a 33-4-1 record, including a 12-1 ledger in 2003...video graduate assistant (defense) at Clemson in 2005-06.
Education: Earned a degree in health & exercise science from Furman in 1998.
Personal: Born May 1, 1975 in Toccoa, GA...single.

Ryan Sulkowski
Video Graduate Assistant (Offense)

Responsibilities: Graduate assistant coach who will work with the Clemson offense on practice and game video.
Playing Experience: Offensive lineman at Valdosta State who lettered from 1996-98.
Coaching Experience: Graduate assistant coach at Valdosta State from 1998-01...tight ends and running backs coach at Lenoir-Rhyne in 2001-02...running back and offensive line coach at Austin Peay in 2002-03...recruiting coordinator and offensive line coach at Chowan in 2003-04...assistant head coach, offensive coordinator, quarterbacks coach, running backs coach, and wide receivers coach at Hargrave Military Academy from 2004-06.

Donald Hymel
Assistant AD • Football Operations

Donald Hymel is in his ninth season as the Assistant Athletic Director for Football Operations. His main responsibility is working with the day-to-day operations of the football program. Some main emphasis areas include working with professional scouts, overseeing the walk-on program, handling coaches’ clinics and summer camps, team travel, insuring the proper exchange of videos between teams, and handling official and unofficial campus visits by recruits.

Hymel came to Clemson after a three-year stint as the assistant equipment manager at Tulane. In 1998, he served as an administrative assistant with the Green Wave program in addition to his duties as assistant equipment manager.

While at Tulane, Hymel (pronounced HE-e-mel) also assisted the football program in conducting such activities as the annual coaches’ clinic, alumni golf tournament, summer camp, and kickoff cruise.

Hymel, 44, was the head football equipment manager at Nicholls State before accepting his position at Tulane. He is familiar with the ACC, as he worked as a student assistant in North Carolina’s recruiting office.

Hymel is a 1988 graduate of Louisiana State, where he was a student equipment manager. He also has done postgraduate studies at the U.S. Sports Academy in Mobile, AL.

Andy Johnston
Assistant AD • Football Management

Andy Johnston is in his 11th year as the assistant athletic director for football management. His responsibilities with the team include managing the program’s day-to-day operations. Although this is his 11th year with the football program, he has been involved with the Clemson athletic department for 26 years. From 1983-97, he was the winningest women’s tennis coach in Clemson history.

In those 15 years, Johnston guided his squads to five consecutive ACC titles (1983-87), 12 top-25 finishes, and six NCAA Tournaments. He was named ACC Coach-of-the-Year for the fourth time and Southeast Region Coach-of-the-Year for the second time in 1993. Seven players he coached at Clemson were named to the ACC 50-Year Anniversary team in 2002.

Johnston has a 254-160 record at Clemson and a career mark of 263-167. He was the coach at Furman in 1982 before coming to Clemson. His best season at Clemson was his rookie year when the team had a 30-5 record and finished #7 in the rankings. That team won all nine flights of the ACC Tourney, the only tennis team in Tiger history to do that.

He coached tennis pro and Lady Tiger Gigi Fernandez, who was inducted into the Clemson Hall of Fame in 2005.

Johnston played for the Tigers on the hardwood and earned his degree in administrative management in 1979. He then served as the assistant men’s tennis coach for the 1980 season before moving on to Furman.

Johnston, 50, is a native of Summerville, SC. He is married to the former Sophie Woomard and has two daughters, Cayllynn (20) and Kiera (18).
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season as the host of the pregame, halftime, and postgame shows, and as the sideline reporter during games.

Yancy has been the sports director at WSFA-TV in Spartanburg the last 17 years. He has also been a sideline analyst for 11 years on Carolina Panther preseason football games and has considerable play-by-play experience for Comcast Sports Southeast, covering various college events, including Tiger football and baseball. Yancy is also the voice of Tiger basketball, and the host of the Tommy Bowden and Oliver Purnell Television Shows.

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

Merritt worked on the Clemson radio network pregame and postgame shows during the 2002 season. He also provided color commentary on the television tape-delay broadcasts of selected 2002 games. In 2003, he became the color analyst of the gameday broadcasts.

Patrick Sapp completes the broadcast team as the sideline commentator. The former Tiger quarterback and linebacker (1992-95) is in his first season as sideline commentator. As a player, he passed for 2,278 yards in three seasons. As a senior, he moved to linebacker, where he totaled 64 tackles and a team-high 5.5 sacks prior to being drafted in the second round of the NFL draft by the Chargers. Sapp is currently a development officer for the Clemson Alumni Association.

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 Burt to provide Clemson fans with the latest lineup and strategy information. Yancy 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 Munson and Dan Scott, or attend the show live from Wild Wing Cafe in downtown Greenville, SC. Interviews with Head Coach Bowden along with Assistant Coaches Rob Spence and Vic Koenning are also included. An added feature includes locker room interviews with Clemson’s top players that day. A rundown of the game stats and audio highlights are also provided.

Fans can follow the Tigers by listening to “Tiger Calls” each Thursday evening with Bowden and Munson from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The shows will air live from several BI-LO grocery stores in the Clemson area.

The Clemson Tiger Sports Network also produces the Tommy Bowden Television Show, a recap of the previous game’s highlights. Yancy 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 Robert Gahanan (General Manager) at Clemson Tiger Sports Prope
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Linebacker Keith Adams holds the Memorial Stadium record for sacks and tackles for loss. As a sophomore, Adams totaled four sacks and six tackles for loss against Duke on November 6, 1999.
**Concession Stands**

Concession stands are located beneath all stands in Memorial Stadium 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. Emergency calls (864) 656-2999 are received in the security booth.

**Handicapped**

Special entrances have been provided at Gates 1 and 5 for the handicapped.

**Lost & Found**

If any article is lost or found, please report it to the Gate 1 information booth.

**Notice**

Solicitation for any purpose is prohibited at an athletic contest in Clemson Memorial Stadium.

**Pass Outs**

Passouts 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 public address system to make social contacts.

**Season Ticket Holders/Other Visitors**

Season ticket holders and other visitors to Memorial Stadium are requested to enter at 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).

**Will-Call**

Will-call tickets can be picked up at the Clemson Athletic 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 western side of the Clemson University campus, while the campus is only 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.

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Note: Distances in miles.
This brief NCAA rules education is aimed at outlining basic recruiting rules to help potential Tiger students-athletes and parents better understand the extensive 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 Clemson’s compliance services at (864) 656-1580 or through our website at ClemsonTigers.com and click on compliance.

Important NCAA Terms

Academic Credentials - A prospect should check with his high school guidance office to see if he is taking classes that will meet NCAA eligibility standards. A prospect should do this early - prior to 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 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 NCAA Clearinghouse’s website at NCAAclearinghouse.net for more information.

Dead Period - Recruiting period when coaches may not have face-to-face contact with prospects on or off campus. Coaches may continue to telephone and write a prospect.

Evaluation - In April and May 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 one time, but they will not have any contact.

Home Visit - During the contact period, a senior 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 - Prior to September 1 of a prospect’s junior year, NCAA rules allow Clemson to mail a questionnaire, NCAA educational information, and a summer-camp brochure to a prospect. After September 1 of the prospect’s junior year, coaches can provide a prospect with personalized letters, a media guide, and copies of newspaper articles. 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 is permitted to 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.

Standardized Test - A prospect must take the SAT or ACT before enrolling in college full-time. A prospect may take the SAT or ACT more than once and use the best subscore from different tests to achieve the highest score. Both Clemson and the NCAA Clearinghouse require scores to be reported directly from the testing agency. When registering for the test, list the Clearinghouse Code (9999) and Clemson (5111 (SAT), 3842 (ACT)). Clemson University admissions require students to present either an SAT or ACT writing score. The writing score will not be used to determine a prospect’s qualifier status.

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. 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/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 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 institution, and it is a binding contract for the prospect’s first year in college at the school that provides the NLI.

• What is an official visit? A prospect can take a total of five official visits (one per institution), which are expense-paid. Before the visit, the prospect must present a high school transcript, proof of an SAT, ACT, PACT, or PSAT test, and be registered with the NCAA Clearinghouse. Official visit invitations are extended by Tiger coaches only. Official visits may not occur prior to the first day of class of the prospect’s senior year in high school.

• 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 conclusion of his junior year in high school. Applications are available in the prospect’s guidance office or online at www.NCAAClearinghouse.net. Cost is $50.
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- are committed to developing expertise that is recognized nationally.
- are committed to helping each other meet the challenges of motivating student-athletes toward their best academic efforts.
- are known for treating athletes consistently and with concern for their future.
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- are committed to retention, graduation, and life-long connection for student-athletes.
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- understand that they are obligated to follow rules, train for championships, and receive their undergraduate degrees.
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Vickery Hall Facts
- Named in honor of Dean Kenneth Vickery, longtime Clemson Faculty Athletic Representative
- Located in the heart of Clemson’s campus
- Built around the five CHAMPS commitments - academic, athletic, personal growth, community service, and career development
- Employs four learning specialists
- Offers both wired and wireless internet connections
- Recipient of Division i Athletic Director Award of Excellence
- Employs a staff of 14 full-time employees, all with at least a master's degree in counseling or education
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WestZone
Clemson Athletics "New Front Door"

Funds for the WestZone have come from private donations, the assistance of IPTAY, existing athletic department funds, and the issue of state bonds. Completing the WestZone Initiative will have a profound effect on Clemson recruiting efforts and the overall quality of the Tiger athletic program.

The initial construction of the WestZone added approximately 142,000 square feet to the stadium on four levels, and finishing it will add approximately 50,000 square feet of new space and reconfigure approximately 12,000 square feet of existing space.

The strength & conditioning area will be located in the southwest corner of the WestZone. Concrete retaining walls have been installed on the south and west sides of this area during Phase I. This area will consist of an open floor space on level-one with a Mezzanine level on the west end of the open room.

"The footprint for the football strength & conditioning facility is already there in the WestZone building," said Clemson Associate Athletic Director Robert Ricketts. "We're just completing the facility."

The equipment room will be expanded to include, among other items, new offices and a new laundry room. When completed, the expanded equipment room and storage will occupy about 6,000 square feet of space.

The football staff offices and meeting rooms will be composed of approximately 4,000 square feet of existing space and 18,000 square feet of new space. The new space will be built on the outside of the WestZone building facing Lot 5.

The work will include offices for the head coach, assistant coaches, and support staff along with position meeting rooms and a 150-seat auditorium with a sloped floor and theater seating. A portion of the existing recruiting room will be used for the new offices and meeting rooms, requiring the existing recruiting area to be expanded to the north.

The training room, located on the north side of the home team's locker room, will be expanded to include a new hydrotherapy room, new offices, and examination rooms. The training room will occupy about 6,200 square feet of space.

The level-three concourse will be expanded with the addition of the football offices. This space, the roof of the new football offices, will be utilized for gameday marketing activities and to provide fans additional space to gather inside the stadium.

Clemson is committed to building a model sports program - one that propels our university into achieving and maintaining national athletic rankings that rival our competitors. The WestZone Project is a major step forward in building a total sports program.

When the WestZone is completed, Clemson will be better able to recruit and nurture top-quality student-athletes, attract and retain outstanding coaches and staff, provide recruits and fans outstanding facilities, and promote Clemson school spirit.

Athletic Director Dr. Terry Don Phillips has made the completion of the WestZone a top priority for athletics, and he acknowledges the challenge in finishing the project. "We have a lot of work to do," he said. "But this is one of the universities in America that can get it done."

To be a consistent contender at the highest level of competition, Clemson must recruit the best student-athletes in the nation - student-athletes who can compete both academically and athletically. The nation's best recruits are impressed by superior facilities, top coaches, and a strong sense of excitement along with school spirit. They desire an environment in which they will have a positive, nurturing experience.

"It is not a coincidence that the quality of our recruiting classes has improved dramatically since we began moving dirt and pouring mortar in the west endzone of Memorial Stadium," said Head Coach Tommy Bowden.

Coaching is the most critical component of such an environment. An outstanding coach can sometimes transform meager resources into a good program, but the greatest success comes when top-quality coaching combined with top-quality facilities allows that coach to recruit successfully on a consistent and continuing basis.

James Davis, 2005 ACC Rookie-of-the-Year, said that one of the biggest contributing factors in coming to Clemson was the University's commitment to upgrading facilities. "Does Clemson want to be a championship program?" asked Davis when considering Clemson. The WestZone initiative showed me that it does."

Building success requires building for success. While the WestZone is located in Memorial Stadium, the completed project will provide resources for Clemson's total sports program, permitting all Tiger teams and athletes to compete with the nation's best. Moving all football operations to the WestZone will open up space in the Jervey and McFadden buildings for the other 18 sports to improve their facilities for recruiting, and have more office, training, conditioning, and sports medicine space. This will greatly enhance the overall performance, both on and off the field of competition, for all 19 Clemson sports.

Jay Crouth, Clemson men's swimming & diving two-time team captain, said, "With the football program's move to the WestZone, the Jervey weightroom will be completely devoted to Olympic sports, providing a recruiting advantage that very few schools will be able to match. These sports will be able to expand into the McFadden building, providing considerably more room for the staff and coaches of every team. These may seem like minor benefits, but these things can be the small changes that help make the difference in all of our teams winning more conference championships."

Tommy Bowden on WestZone

"This is the first time we have had three top 20 recruiting classes in a row. As I have mentioned several times, I don't think it is a coincidence that those high rankings started when we started the WestZone project. It is a very impressive building.

"Now that we have tangible evidence, I think there is no doubt that that is the correlation. Yes, we have beaten the Miami’s, the Florida States, the Tennessee’s, gone to bowl games, and done some of those things.

"Our graduation rates have been a piece of the puzzle when parents come on campus and they see our success.

"If you look at the one common denominator that is the most influential and impressive, it's the WestZone project. In convincing players that Clemson is giving more than a verbal pledge to a championship-type team, the WestZone is the tangible evidence, not just the verbal."
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One of the most important facilities on the Clemson athletic landscape is the strength & conditioning facility. Located in Jervey Athletic Center, it has continued to keep up with one of the most progressive areas in college sports. Director of Strength & Conditioning Joey Batson, who is in his 11th year, makes sure Clemson student-athletes in all sports are ready for competition.

In the summer of 2004, 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.

The following improvements were made:

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- Two computerized message displays

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 state-of-the-art equipment.

The 10 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 five full-time strength coaches along with 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 10 years directing the program, he has coached 14 strength All-Americans. He is a major reason the Clemson football program has been to a bowl game in eight of his 10 years. Also, nine of his former assistant strength coaches at Clemson are now strength training directors at NFL or college programs.

**Strength All-Americans**

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For this evening’s halftime show, Tiger Band will perform a light-natured “prologue” show to the north stands which will introduce a portion of their second show of the year, “Everybody’s Playing Guitar Hero.” From there, Tiger Band will turn and face the south stands and pay tribute to our nation’s military.

The “Guitar Hero” show pays tribute to all who yearn for rock stardom. “Guitar Hero” is a video game that has gained much popularity on campus and throughout the country in the past year. Aspiring “guitar heroes” are outfitted in miniature guitar and play along to a host of rock anthems. The show opens with a tune from the 1970’s rock band Rush and a brief statement of their rhythmic chart “YYZ.” “YYZ” segues directly into the 1990’s super-group Foo Fighter’s upbeat and exciting number “Monkey Wrench.”

After our prologue, Tiger Band will face the south stands and join in the celebration of Military Appreciation Day. The show opens with an “Armed Forces Salute.” We ask that all veterans stand and be recognized as their song is played. After Taps, Tiger Band will play an arrangement of “Going Home” as a tribute to all of those who have fallen in the line of duty. “Going Home” is a popularized title of the second movement of Antonin Dvorak’s New World Symphony. This melodic figure, which is reminiscent of the spiritual of the same name, was purportedly based on the words of Hawthorne’s Hiawatha. It is meant to depict the sobbing of the story’s main character.

Tiger Band will close our tribute to the military with an arrangement of the “Boogie-Woogie Bugle Boy,” made popular during World War II by the

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**Men’s Soccer**  
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• Led Clemson to its first Final Four appearance in 2006 and a #3 final ranking. The Tigers finished 2006 ranked #9 nationally.  
• Has coached Clemson to eight top-25 finishes in his 12 years, including five trips to the Final Eight of 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 a Final Eight appearance in the 2001 NCAA Tournament.  
• Led the Tigers to the NCAA quarterfinals in 1998 and had a #1 ranking for much of the final regular-season poll. As ACC Coach-of-the-Year, he defeated seven top-25 teams in 1998.

Todd Bramble  
**Women’s Soccer**  
• Has a 70-45-10 record at Clemson and 15 top-25 wins.  
• Has led Clemson to the NCAA Tourney each of his first six years as head coach and has five top-25 seasons under his belt, including 2006 when it advanced to the Final Eight of the NCAA Tournament.  
• Led Clemson to consecutive road wins over top-five teams Texas and Texas A&M to open the 2004 season.  
• Coached Delain Arroyo to the ACC Player-of-the-Year award in 2002, the first Lady Tiger to earn that honor.  
• Guided Clemson to a 15-5-1 record and #11 final ranking in 2001 in his first season as the Clemson’s head coach.  
• Served as Clemson’s top assistant under Men’s Head Coach Trevor Adair from 1995-99.

Nancy Harris  
**Women’s Tennis**  
• In her 11th year at Clemson, where she has a 157-94 record, including 106-32 during the last five years.  
• Has led Clemson to the NCAA Tourney seven of the last eight years with six straight top-25 finishes.  
• Clemson was ranked #11 in the final poll and was ACC co-regular-season champions in 2007.  
• Only women’s coach in Clemson history to lead a program to the Final Four of an NCAA Tourney in back-to-back years (2004-05), Clemson ranked in the top 10 in both seasons.  
• Clemson has hosted an NCAA Regional four straight years.  
• Her 2004 team advanced to the NCAA Round of 16 for the first time in school history.  
• Clemson’s men’s tennis coach in both Clemson and ACC history. His 669 career victories are in the top 15 nationally.  
• Has coached Clemson to 24 NCAA Tournament appearances in his 32 years as head coach. That includes seven Final Eight finishes and 12 Final 16 finishes.  
• Has 15 top-25 seasons, fourth among all coaches in Clemson history.

Christopher Ip  
**Men’s & Women’s Swimming & Diving**  
• His men’s and women’s teams have posted at least a 3.0 GPA every semester at Clemson.  
• Lady Tigers finished 28th at the NCAA Championships in 2006.  
• The men won the Nike Cup in Chapel Hill, NC for the first time in 2005.  
• Led the men and women to a 23-7-1 combined mark in 2003-04.  
• The 13-2-1 record by the women in 2003-04 was a school record for wins, and the 10 wins by the women were the most since 1988.  
• Named national coach-of-the-year at the junior college level for men’s swimming 10 times, including seven seasons in a row (1992-98), and women’s swimming four times.

Chuck Kriese  
**Men’s Tennis**  
• Has a 669-396 record in 32 seasons at Clemson.  
• Has led Clemson to five straight 20-win seasons (31 in 2007).  
• His 2007 team posted a 31-10 record and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament.  
• His 2008 team advanced to the Final Eight of the NCAA Tournament.  
• Winningest men’s tennis coach in both Clemson and ACC history. His 669 career victories are in the top 15 nationally.  
• Has coached Clemson to 24 NCAA Tournament appearances in his 32 years as head coach. That includes seven Final Eight finishes and 12 Final 16 finishes.  
• Has 15 top-25 seasons, fourth among all coaches in Clemson history.

Jack Leggett  
**Baseball**  
• Has coached Clemson to 649 wins in 14 years, an average of over 46 wins per season. The 649 wins are fourth-most in the nation during his tenure in Tigerpaw.  
• Clemson has won at least 50 games six times in his 14 years and at least 39 games in all 14 seasons.  
• 2004-05, the most consistent of Leggett’s Clemson years, included five trips to the College World Series.  
• Has 15 top-25 seasons, fourth among all coaches in Clemson history.

Jolene Hoover  
**Women’s Volleyball**  
• The winningest coach in Clemson history with a 284-171 record and 128-102 ACC record in 14 years.  
• Has won at least 20 matches eight times in her 14 years, including 2006 when Clemson recorded 20 wins.  
• Has a 377-202 overall record in 17 seasons as head coach.  
• 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.  
• Guided Clemson to its first-ever ACC title in the 1997 season. Clemson defeated unbeaten Maryland, ending the Terrapins’ 29-game winning streak in the process.

Crissy McKinney  
**Women’s Basketball**  
• In her third season at Clemson after serving as Rice’s head coach for 12 seasons.  
• Coached LaVerne Hardy and Christy Brown to the ACC All-Freshman team in 2006-07.  
• Coached the Lady Owls to nine consecutive winning seasons, during which she guided Rice to two NCAA Tournament berths and four WNIT appearances.  
• Has six 20-win seasons and two conference titles in her 14 seasons as head coach.  
• Led Rice to a 24-9 record, a WAC Tournament title, and an NCAA Tournament appearance in 2004-05.  
• Played for Kay Yow at N.C. State from 1976-79.

Marcia Nealy  
**Women’s Track & Field**  
• Coach of All-American Delia Clark and ACC Freshman-of-the-Year Liane Weaver in 2007.  
• Named ACC Coach-of-the-Year in 2004 and led Tigers in the 4x400 relay.  
• Coached Clemson to a #21 ranking in indoor track in 2005.  
• Led the 2001-02 team to a #21 finish in ACC indoor and #20 finish outdoors.  
• Coached a national title winner in 2000 indoors and 4x400m relay outdoors in 2001-02.  
• Has one of the most successful rookie coaching seasons in Tiger sports history in 2000-01 with two top-10 finishes.

Larry Penley  
**Men’s Golf**  
• Has 20 top-20 seasons, most in Tiger sports history.  
• Has won seven NCAA Regional titles, eight ACC titles, and 58 tournaments in his 24 years at Clemson.  
• Led Clemson to a #12 final ranking in 2007. He also coached freshman Kyle Stanley, who was named ACC Player-of-the-Year.  
• Coached Clemson to the 2003 national title, the first in program history and fourth in Tiger sports history.  
• The 2003 team was the first in NCAA golf history to win its conference, regional, and national titles in one season.

Bob Pollock  
**Men’s Track & Field**  
• Has been the track coach at Clemson for 19 years; he is in his 35th year overall as a head coach.  
• Has won 21 ACC titles in his Tiger career, more than any other coach in school history.  
• An 18-time ACC Coach-of-the-Year, most in Clemson history.  
• Led both the indoor and outdoor teams to top-25 finishes in 2006-07. He also coached 10 All-Americans, including 60m champion Travis Padgett.  
• Won the ACC indoor title for six straight years (1997-02) and the ACC outdoor title in four of the last nine years.

Oliver Purnell  
**Men’s Basketball**  
• Has led Clemson to postseason play each of the last three years, including a 25-win season in 2006-07.  
• Led Clemson’s best start with a 17-6 record in 2006-07 and was the nation’s last undefeated team. The team was also NIT runner-up.  
• Was an assistant coach on the 2004 U.S. Olympic team.  
• Finalist for the Naismith Award in 2002-03, which is given to the college basketball coach of the year.  
• Former president of the NABC, the first Tiger coach to serve as president of a coaching organization.

Richard Ruggieri  
**Women’s Rowing**  
• Hired as the rowing team’s second head coach on June 29, 2007.  
• Spent the previous eight years with the women’s program at Louisville.  
• Coached Louisville’s first varsity 8+ to a #17 ranking in 2007. They were also ranked among the top 20 varsity 8+ boats in 2006.  
• Served as head coach at Bates College in 1999-00. He led the men’s and women’s programs to seventh-place finishes nationally among Division III schools.  
• Has international coaching experiences as an assistant with the U.S. National team in 1994-95 and as an Olympic trials sculling coach in 1995-96.
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Oliver Purnell has made great progress in his first four years as head coach of the Clemson men's basketball program. The Tigers have shown an improvement by at least three victories each of the last three years, including a six-win improvement to a school-record-tying 25 wins in 2006-07. He joined just two other ACC coaches in history (Bobby Cremins, Mike Krzyzewski) as the only mentors to take an ACC program to at least a three-victory improvement in three consecutive seasons.

The 2006-07 Tigers recorded just the eighth 20-win season in school history, and the 69.4 winning percentage was seventh-best in school history. The squad recorded 13 wins over teams that won at least 20 games, and nine of the 25 total wins came away from home, most by a Tiger team in 10 years and the second-most among ACC schools in 2006-07.

The Tigers closed the season fast with six wins in their last eight games, the first time they have done that in 40 years. Clemson had a school-record 4-0 mark against SEC teams and finished 6-1 against schools from other major conferences. The young squad, with just one scholarship senior, concluded the season with a run to the finals of the NIT, just the third time in history Clemson reached the championship game of a postseason tournament. Clemson finished the season with more wins than Duke, Kentucky, and Indiana, the first time that happened since the 1937-38 season.

While the 2006-07 season was filled with landmark team accomplishments and records, there was one accomplishment left off the resume…an NCAA Tournament appearance. With four starters returning and four returning players who averaged at least 10 points per game, Tiger basketball fans are excited about the prospects of Purnell's fifth Clemson team. Some preseason publications believe the Tigers will get there. Athlon picked Clemson to make the NCAA Tournament and advance to the second round. Blue Ribbon ranked Clemson #21 in its preseason poll as well.

“Our goal is the same as always…to be a better team,” said Purnell, who is one of just seven active head coaches to record a 20-win season at four different Division I schools. “We have done that each of the last three years. Obviously, the next step is to get to the NCAA Tournament. We did a lot of good things last year, tying the record for wins and tying the record for the best start (17-0), but we have to do a little more to get into the NCAA Tournament. Everyone involved in this program is responsible for doing a little bit more to make that happen.”

To be successful in the difficult ACC, experience and depth are of paramount importance, and Purnell believes this team has both.

“I see two main areas of strength at this time. First, we have experience. We lost just one scholarship player (Vernon Hamilton) off our 25-win team of a year ago. It is a big loss because Vernon was a leader and starting point guard for most of the last four years. He is our career leader in steals and among the Clemson leaders in assists.”

“But we have many experienced players returning in the frontcourt and backcourt. Cliff Hammonds, K.C. Rivers, and Sam Perry are experienced wing players (268 career games), and David Potter gained a lot of experience and confidence from the NIT last year.

“In the frontcourt, James Mays, Trevor Booker, and Raymond Sykes have been through many ACC battles. Mays and Booker are among the top frontcourt combinations in the ACC. They are athletic, and they can cause problems offensively and defensively for the opposition.”

“I also see depth as a strength this year. We have four returning starters and 11 returning lettermen. Four of our returning players averaged in double-figures last year. 5 rebounds per game and committed just 44 turnovers in 36 contests as a sophomore.”

“K.C. is one of the better returning players in the nation in my opinion,” said Purnell. “He is one of the best all-around players in the ACC. He has proven over the last two years that he can beat you many different ways, be it with a three-point shot or a drive to the basket like he did in the final moments of the win at Virginia Tech.”

Rivers was a key to Clemson's 17-0 start last year when he scored in double-figures in all 17 games. His 29-point performance against Syracuse in the quarterfinals of the NIT was the top game of his career from a scoring standpoint and the most points by a Tiger in a postseason tournament game in 20 years.

Hammonds is the most experienced player on Clemson's veteran team with an even 100 games played, including 99 as a starter, and 3,123 career minutes through the end of his junior year. He enters the 2007-08 season with 1,077 career points, 11th-most in Tiger history for a player by the end of his junior season.

“Cliff has started at three different positions for us,” stated Purnell. “He is an outstanding defender. He has also had big scoring games at critical times and has made big shots (his game-winner at Florida State was much to the delight of his family, who is
from nearby Cairo, GA). He is truly an under-appreciated player by everyone, with the exception of his teammates and coaches, who see what he does every day in practice.

“He is one of the most respected players I have ever coached. He played for Athletes in Action this past summer in Taiwan, and that experience will benefit him greatly as he prepares for an outstanding senior year.”

Hammonds will be in his second year as a team captain. He has made the All-ACC Academic team twice in the last three years, and he is on schedule to graduate with a double major in architecture and psychology. When he earns the degree in architecture, he will become the first scholarship basketball player at Clemson on record to earn a degree in that academic discipline.

Perry is another returning starter from last year’s team. A strong defender and team leader, he averaged 3.6 points and 2.7 rebounds per game in 2006-07. He started 14 of the 16 ACC games, and many times he was charged with defending the opposition’s top offensive player. Now a senior, Perry is a veteran of 100 games, including 62 as a starter.

David Potter is another wing player who will make significant contributions in 2007-08. He averaged just 2.5 points per game last year as a freshman, but he came on strong at the end of the year, especially in the five NIT games. He made 8-15 shots from the field in that national tournament, including an important putback in the win over Syracuse and an important three-pointer in the win over Air Force.

A pair of scholarship newcomers will compete for playing time. Stitt averaged 24 points, seven rebounds, seven assists, and six steals per game at David W. Butler High School in Matthews, NC. Oglesby is a 6’2” guard from Cleveland, TN who averaged 26.4 points and six assists per game as a senior at Bradley Central High School. He shot 44 percent from three-point range and helped his team to a 23-5 record in 2006-07.

Original walk-ons Matt Morris and Jesse Yanutola are two more returning lettermen who will contribute in the backcourt. Morris played 21 games last year and scored 38 points, including 8-21 shooting on three-point shots. He has scored 57 points in the last three years, among the top point totals in school history for an original walk-on. He has earned a scholarship for his senior season.

Yanutola scored three points in eight games last season. A third walk-on was added to the roster this season. Jonah BaiZe, a graduate of Veritas Christian Academy in Fletcher, NC, joined the team in the fall.

Clemson has two returning starters and five returning lettermen in the frontcourt this season. The list of frontcourt players is led by Mays, a senior, and Booker, a sophomore. They are two of the most athletic frontcourt players to wear a Tiger uniform in the last 10 years.

Mays averaged 12.2 points and 6.4 rebounds per game, which was third-best in scoring and tied for most in rebounds on the 2006-07 team. Mays has developed into one of the top all-around frontcourt players in the conference. He added 69 steals and 95 assists last year, Clemson single-season records for frontcourt players in those important statistical areas.

Cliff Hammonds has averaged double-figures in points in each of his three seasons as a starting guard with the Tiger program.

Mays tested the NBA draft market last summer, but he decided to return to Clemson after going through the NBA pre-draft camp at Orlando, FL. It was an experience that will benefit him and some future NBA team.

“James made a wise decision to explore his options concerning the NBA draft in May and June,” said Purnell. “He took advantage of the opportunity, gathered as much information as he could, and made a good decision to return to Clemson. The feedback he received indicated that another year of college basketball would be beneficial to his long-range NBA goals.”

Booker was one of the most exciting freshmen in a deep class of ACC newcomers last year. The 6’7” center averaged 10.4 points and 6.4 rebounds per game. He led the team in blocked shots (78), as he was fourth in the nation among freshmen and fifth among players 6’7” or shorter. His scoring total, rebound total, field-goal percentage (team-best 60.2%), and blocked shots total were all second-best in Tiger history among freshmen.

“Trevor had an outstanding freshman year, but with another year in the strength & conditioning area, he will develop other parts of his game,” said Purnell. “He is a terrific shot-blocker and will make the opposition change its attack. He has an outstanding outside shot, but he can also play on the inside.”

Sykes is another Tiger veteran frontcourt player who will see significant playing time in the lineup in 2007-08.

James Mays set single-season school records for assists (95) and steals (69) by a frontcourt player in 2006-07.
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A larger roster filled with athletic, intelligent players will also allow McKinney to fully implement her style of play. Expect to see more man-to-man defense with the same fast-paced tempo offensively. McKinney encourages her guards to push the ball up the court and penetrate in the paint. They can create opportunities for teammates or take the shot themselves.

The Lady Tigers will be a more balanced inside-out team in 2007-08, as post play is expected to improve significantly this year with the additions of Parker along with rookies Whitney Hood and Jasmine Tate.

Red-shirt sophomore Christy Brown returns in the backcourt and is joined by Lele Hardy on the wing, giving Clemson one of the most athletic perimeter games it has had in years. The September injury to Taylor is significant, but it presents an opportunity for several underclassmen, as McKinney and her staff brought in rookie guards Bryelle Smith, Shefany Thomas, and Kirstyn Wright. Sophomore Morganne Campbell, who hopes for an illness-free season, will also be in the mix at the two-guard slot, while walk-on Emily Spray’s shooting touch may earn her minutes.

Head coach had effectively switched to the two-guard position last year, increasing both her scoring and shooting accuracy. She appeared poised for an exciting senior campaign, one that will likely now be put on hold until the 2008-09 season.

"I was extremely disappointed for Tasha and our team," McKinney said. "Tasha worked extremely hard over the summer and had shown us she was dedicated to leading this team. We expect she will continue to be a presence on the sidelines and a role model for our young backcourt as she goes through rehab."

Brown looks to build upon her ACC All-Freshman status from a year ago and drive McKinney’s fast-paced offense for a second season. She led all conference rookies and was fourth overall in assists per game (4.7), while she also finished fourth in steals and fifth in scoring for a freshman. The Atlanta, GA native tallied 142 assists in her first season and started 29 of the Lady Tigers’ 30 games, missing the one game due to an illness.

After averaging 7.8 points per game last year, Brown is expected to increase her point production in 2007-08. McKinney also anticipates better decision-making from her point guard, as she is now in her third year with the program.

"Christy gained great experience last year as a freshman," McKinney commented. "She is very talented, and we think she is primed for a great season."

Hardy, a fellow sophomore and ACC All-Freshman honoree, returns at the #3 position for McKinney after leading the ACC in steals per game in 2006-07. She set school freshman records for the statistic in a single game and season, and her 98 steals for the year were fourth among freshmen in ACC history. Hardy trailed an elite group of league leaders in Marion Jones, Alana Beard, and Dawn Staley in the category.

Hardy led the Lady Tigers in rebounding (206) a season ago and was third on the team with 11.6 points per game. She was also the only Lady Tiger to start all 30 games, averaging 27.0 minutes per game.

"Lele had a great freshman year," said McKinney. "She worked hard over the summer to be more effective on the offensive end."

The coaching staff is hoping a year of experience and a summer to fully recover will prove beneficial for Campbell. The 5’8” sophomore suffered a bout of mono last December that effected her strength and hindered her play for, essentially, the remainder of the season. Her dedication and heart were never questioned, however, as Campbell received the Coaches’ Award and the Strength & Conditioning Award at the end of the season.

Campbell spent her summer in the gym and hopes to increase her 4.5 scoring average.

"Morganne provides us with depth at the guard position and pushes the older players," McKinney said. "We just need her to stay healthy!"

Spray, a walk-on and South Carolina native, is in her second year with the program. She played just five games in 2006-07, but the Eastside High School product sparked an early first-half run against Kennesaw State by scoring seven points in five minutes to give the Lady Tigers the lead.

"Emily has a great work ethic," McKinney said. "She understands her role and is great for our team chemistry."

Meanwhile, the addition of Smith gives the Clemson coaching staff a true point guard to challenge Brown and provide depth at the position. Bryelle sees the floor very well," McKinney said. "She has great quickness, playing time and give us another option at the point."

Smith comes to Clemson after a stellar career at Cary (NC) Academy. The 5’8” guard was an all-
state honoree in North Carolina in 2006-07 and was named league player-of-the-year. She led her team to conference titles as both a junior and senior, and she will hopefully bring that winning attitude to the Lady Tiger program.

Thomas and Wright are also products of successful high school programs. They are versatile players who may earn the starting assignment as the #2 guard or back up Hardy at the #3 position.

Wright led Stephenson High School to four state semifinal appearances, four AAAA regional titles, and a Georgia state championship in 2004. Individually, she earned first-team all-state honors and a McDonald’s All-America nomination in 2007. McKinney will look for Wright to provide an accurate and offensive spark off the bench, as the Stone Mountain, GA native concluded her high school career in the top 25 in the DeKalb County single-season recordbook for three-point shooting percentage, scoring, and field-goal percentage. With her 5’11” frame, the coaching staff also expects Wright to be effective on the defensive end.

“Kirstyn is extremely athletic with good fundamental skills,” stated McKinney. “We think she has the potential to be a great defender because she has such a long arm-span.”

Meanwhile, Thomas is an intelligent student-athlete who gained valuable experience during the last two summers as a member of the Under-19 Argentinian National team. The squad participated in the 2007 FIBA World Championships in Slovakia this past July, where Thomas averaged 19.4 points per game to tie for the second-best scoring average in the tournament.

In high school competition, Thomas was a first-team all-state honoree in 2007 at Wesley Chapel (FL) High School. Thomas’ list of accolades also includes a McDonald’s All-America honorable mention and an AAU All-America selection. The 5’9” swing player concluded her high school career as the Pasco County all-time leading scorer.

The coaching staff hopes that her international playing experience will ease Thomas’ adjustment to the fast-paced collegiate game and the talent of the ACC. “Stefaney is a very talented shooter and has good basketball instincts,” McKinney said.

Clemson also returns starters (D’Lesha Lloyd, Moreemi Davis) at both post positions and gains the services of Parker, Hood, and Tate. Senior Adrienne Bradshaw is also back for her fourth season with the Lady Tigers.

Lloyd’s breakout year came in 2006-07, as the 6’0” senior led the squad with 14.4 points per game. She exploded with 24 double-figure scoring games and doubled her previous career scoring average. Lloyd also bettered her prior career rebounding average by 3.0 per game to finish second on the team with a 6.5 figure.

Lloyd improved her numbers in nearly every aspect of the game last season, recording higher marks in field goals made, field-goal percentage, free-throw percentage, assists, blocks, and steals along with scoring and rebounding.

“D’Lesha is very talented with still untapped potential,” said McKinney. “We hope to see her step up her game even more, because she has the ability to do great things for us.”

Davis solidified the starting center role just six games into the 2006-07 season after red-shirting in 2005-06 and now enters her junior year. She averaged 5.6 points and 4.9 rebounds per game while owning a team-best 36 blocked shots.

“Moreemi will have an opportunity to be a factor on this year’s team,” McKinney said. “She could be a real presence in the post.”

Bradshaw is the only other returning letterwinner in the post, as she is a veteran of 85 career games. She averaged 4.0 points and 2.9 rebounds per game last season in a backup role. The Greensboro, NC native earned valuable minutes in 2006-07, providing depth in the paint. The coaching staff hopes that her work ethic in practice and experience with the program will set an example for the younger players.

“Adrienne works very hard in practice,” said McKinney. “She has three years of experience, and we are optimistic that she can continue to give us quality minutes.”

After sitting out last season due to transfer rules, Parker is ready to contribute on the court. The 6’2” post spent her freshman season at Western Carolina, where she averaged 5.2 points and 4.8 rebounds per game. She benefitted immensely from working with the Clemson staff last year, earning the team’s Most Improved Award. She is anxious to make a difference on the boards, an area where the Lady Tigers struggled last season.

“April adds a different dimension for us because she can hit the 15-foot shot,” McKinney explained. “She can certainly help us with rebounding, and if she can be effective in the low block, April will earn significant minutes.”

McKinney and her staff are also expecting Hood to challenge for playing time. The 6’2” Mississippi native was rated as the 70th-best player in the nation by the All-Star Girls Report and was a top-five candidate for the Gatorade female basketball player-of-the-year award. She accumulated an impressive list of accolades at Meridian (MS) High School and led the Lady Wildcats to the state finals three times, including winning the title in 2007.

“Whitney is a true #4, but she can play the #5 spot as well,” said McKinney. “She has a soft touch and has good post moves down low.”

The staff has also been praising Tate’s talent and athleticism. The Wenonah High School alumna was fifth in Alabama as a “Super Senior” and collected over 1,000 rebounds during her career. She was a member of the 2004 Wenonah State Championship team and was named to the All-Alabama second-team in 2007.

“Jasmine provides us with quality depth in the post,” McKinney said. “She is capable of being a good rebounder and defender, and she has a nice touch within 15 feet.”

If they can adapt to the heightened intensity and competition levels of the ACC, the coaching staff expects the six newcomers to complement the veterans and contribute significantly. The result would then be more wins, a chance for postseason play, and another step forward in McKinney’s plan to bring the Clemson program back to an elite status.

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By Bucky Berlin

There is not a single home football game that I look forward to more every year than Military Appreciation Day. The sights, sounds, and spirits of today’s game rival any other in my book. For years, I have been coming to Clemson games, and I can always recall the incredible tributes and demonstrations made to honor our armed forces...the F-16 flyovers, the pregame paratroopers, the Apache helicopters dipping their noses toward the west endzone, and the cannons on the practice fields sounding a 21-gun salute that resonates off Memorial Stadium, just to name a few.

There are countless events surrounding this weekend that give special recognition to all of those who have served or are currently serving our great country, and especially to those who have given the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our nation’s freedom.

I especially enjoy it when the opponent facing us on Military Appreciation Day is a university that shares a rich military heritage with Clemson, such as today with Virginia Tech. It serves to only unify us further and remind us that we are able to enjoy this game tonight thanks to the sacrifices of many great individuals that have served in our armed forces. Let us not confuse the boldness and intensity on the field of play with the courage and true heroism demonstrated by our soldiers on the field of battle.

I recently became familiar with the story of a great man and former Tiger football player by the name of Jimmie Dyess, who I believe personifies the very nature of those we remember on this day. His life began in Augusta, GA, found its way through Clemson Agricultural College, survived the Great Depression, and ended on an island in the Pacific during World War II.

Yet, as we are always told, it is not the destinations that define our lives, it’s the journey and events along the way. Nothing could be truer about Dyess. Along the way, he earned the Carnegie Medal and the Medal of Honor, becoming the only person who has ever earned America’s two highest awards for heroism.

Aquila James Dyess, the third of four children, was born on January 11, 1909 in Augusta. Jimmie, known as a “healthy, happy, robust, energetic boy with a great shock of unruly dark red hair,” grew up in a faithful Christian family. "Pinky," as he was known, spent his childhood as a Boy Scout, earning the rank of Eagle Scout, and attended the Academy of Richmond County for high school, where he fell in love with football and military drill. More affectionately referred to as “Big Red” as he grew up, he attained the rank of second lieutenant in the cadet corps by the time of his graduation in 1927.

Dyess followed his fondness for the military and his desire to play college football all the way to Clemson Agricultural College of South Carolina, as it was then known. At 6’1” and 190 pounds, he was a starting end on the freshman football team, and he made the varsity squad as a lineman during his sophomore and junior years.

He was a letterman on Clemson’s 1929 team that finished with an 8-3 record. But towards the end of that year, his junior season, Dyess suffered a serious knee injury that would prevent him from playing his senior season, so he shifted his focus to the rifle team, where he was the captain and an accomplished marksman.

Dyess led the team to the National Team Matches at Camp Perry, OH in 1930, where they competed and earned 14th place, the highest finish ever scored by any ROTC team. He was also a cadet major and commander of the first battalion as a senior, making him one of the five highest-ranking officers in the cadet corps.

On July 13, 1928, in the summer between his freshman and sophomore years, Dyess was vacationing with his family at a beach just north of Charleston on Sullivan’s Island when a storm rolled in, bringing high winds and waves. He came upon a group of on-lookers, as apparently one woman, Miss Barbara Muller, was attempting to rescue another, Mrs. Roscoe Holley, who had been swept out to sea.

Several other unsuccessful attempts had been made at a rescue when Miss Muller made a “last-ditch” effort to save Mrs. Holley. Upon realizing the situation, Dyess immediately went into the sea after the two women, who had been carried out as far as 200 yards. After 30 minutes of apparent doom, Dyess helped the two women to shore, after which he gave further assistance in aiding the resuscitation.

An article in the Augusta newspaper chronicled the incident, citing that “On-lookers give high praise to Miss Muller for a display of bravery and self-sacrifice seldom equaled and never surpassed, and add that but for the strength and cool headedness of Jimmy Dyess, both girls would undoubtedly have been lost.”

Dyess received the Carnegie Medal for his heroism on that day, an award that is given to heroic Americans and Canadians who, at risk to their own lives, save or attempt to save the life of another. It is “America’s highest award for heroism by civilians,” and it was presented to Dyess in 1929. For the rest of his life, however, Dyess always selflessly gave credit to Miss Muller, who also earned the Carnegie Medal, for diving in first after Mrs. Holley.

After graduating from Clemson in 1931, Dyess accepted a job as a timekeeper for the Augusta
Lumber Company, as it was the only job available in the depression-ridden area. He also continued his military career by joining the local Army Reserves. He married Connor Cleckley in November of 1934, and they had a baby girl in the following spring of 1935. When the Marine Corps formed a new reserve battalion in Augusta in 1936 and offered more training and more pay each year, he quickly transferred between the services. He filled the rest of his time working either at the Lumber Company or as a small-time residential contractor. He had a “wide circle of friends and admirers, many of whom would look to him for advice and support during those years of the Great Depression.”

Dyess used his marksman skills again as a member of the Marine Corps Reserve team, and he spent some time from 1936-40 as a company commander and an instructor. He was called to active duty in the fall of 1940 as war erupted, and he was named acting commander of a battalion deploying to the west coast in 1943. In that position, Dyess was responsible for the movement of an entire Marine battalion to Camp Pendleton, just north of San Diego, CA.

Soon after his arrival, he was promoted to lieutenant colonel, and at 34 years of age, he held a long-desired leadership position. In January of 1944, Dyess and the 4th Marine Division set sail for the Central Pacific, specifically the Marshall Islands.

The 4th Marine Division became the first group of Marines to go directly into combat from the United States and the first American unit to capture Japanese-owned territory in the Pacific. It also secured its primary objective, the Island of Roi Namur, in less than three days, a shorter time than any other important operation in the entire Pacific War.

Anxious to engage the enemy in combat, Dyess and his first two companies reached the beaches of Namur on the first of February in 1944. Heading inland, both companies were “immediately thrown into combat and were soon engaged in heavy fighting.” Dyess moved towards the area of heaviest fighting after volunteering to be the senior officer in charge of troops actively engaged in close combat with the Japanese.

Moving to the right front line of the troops, Dyess learned that several Marines were caught behind enemy lines. With dusk approaching, he quickly assembled and led a rescue party that fought through enemy lines to reach the stranded Marines. While his men assisted wounded Marines back to friendly lines, Dyess continued to provide cover fire. The rescue was completed just as “total darkness engulfed the battered island.”

Closing in on the remaining Japanese military on the second day, Dyess maneuvered troops and tanks inland. While moving up and down the line at one position, he knowingly exposed himself to enemy fire in an effort to direct the fire of his fellow Marines.

At about 10:45 PM on February 2, as Dyess “rose up once again to observe the enemy’s firing positions and to direct fire against them,” a Japanese bullet struck him in the head, probably fired from a machine gun in an enemy pillbox, killing him instantly. Two nearby soldiers quickly grabbed a stretcher and carried Dyess a half mile back to the beach. The news of his death spread quickly, making it all the way to Augusta. Dyess would leave behind his 32-year-old wife and eight-year-old daughter.

On April 26, 1944, Admiral Nimitz highlighted the heroism of Dyess during a special ceremony to recognize a few heroes of the Pacific War. On July 18, an official announcement was made that “Lieutenant Colonel A.J. Dyess had earned the Medal of Honor on Roi Namur.”

The award, given as the highest honor, was presented by President Franklin D. Roosevelt posthumously for “conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as Commanding Officer of the First Battalion, Twenty-Fourth Marines, Reinforced, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Roi Namur Island, Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands, 1 February and 2, 1944.”

Several events followed recognizing his heroism, including the naming of a naval destroyer as U.S.S. Dyess in early 1945. Those that he saved, those that he knew, and those that know of his story will always remember him for his leadership, courage, and heroism.

I urge you to stand proud today in recognition and remembrance of our current and former armed forces, of Dyess and of all others who have lost their lives in defense of our country. As the national anthem sounds and the F-16s come shrieking into view, be thankful of those that have served.

When the goose bumps run up my arms from the blast of sound, I will be thinking about my own friends who have served in Afghanistan and Iraq, as well as my grandfathers and other family members who have served in years past. I will be thinking about a relative whose name is written in a book inside Saint Paul’s Cathedral in London, England for giving his life on the shores of Europe, and of a friend of the family who survived five years as a P.O.W. after being shot down over North Vietnam.

There are so many stories that I am sure each of us could share, which only stresses the importance of how we should remember them as much as possible. It is vital that as we leave this day, we continue to give thanks to the soldiers that have served our country. Our lives have more than likely been influenced by the results of war in this generation or a generation passed, whether we realize it or not.

It would be in our best interest to not let a day go by when we forget the sacrifices that have been made. I pray that we do not grow complacent or close our eyes in this world for a second to those who would dare try to take away our rights and instill fear in us. Let former Clemson football player and United States hero Jimmie Dyess serve as an inspiration to us all, and may the Medal of Honor and the Carnegie Medal always represent everything that he stood for.

God Bless America.

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Scroll of Honor Memorial

In 1942, Memorial Stadium was named to honor Clemson alumni who gave their lives while serving in our country’s armed forces. To date, the Clemson Corps has identified 470 alumni who made the ultimate sacrifice while performing their military duties. These 470 heroes are listed by class on the University’s Scroll of Honor. The Clemson Corps, in coordination with the athletic department and Clemson University, has planned a memorial to honor these 470 heroes. The Scroll of Honor Memorial will be an extension of Memorial Stadium, across the street from Howard’s Rock. See our sign, other concept drawings, and brochures on the memorial site.

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