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James Davis

Tiger Spotlight
A return for a strong junior season would be beneficial for he and the Tigers, who would gladly use his leadership and skill set. In months to come, his performance may be that much more glorious. But for now, he is concentrating on 2007 and finishing the job, hopefully with a trip to the ACC title game in Jacksonville, FL.

Philip Merling

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On the Cover
On the cover of today's program are two Tiger juniors who have playersmakers on their respective side of the football. James Davis is one of the greatest running backs in school history, while Phillip Merling is regarded as one of the top defensive ends in the ACC. Also featured on the cover are various homecoming pictures, as the Tigers celebrate their 51st-annual event

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Clemson Successful on Homecoming

Today is Homecoming at Clemson, as Central Michigan comes to town. It has historically been a celebration that has included a Clemson victory nearly 75 percent of the time since its first celebration in 1922. The Tigers have an overall record of 61-19-3 in their previous 83 homecoming games, a 75.3 winning percentage. That includes a 31-3-2 record (88.9-percent winning mark) in homecoming games since the 1971 season.

The first homecoming game at Clemson was in 1922, a 21-0 loss to Centre. The Tigers were actually 0-4-1 in their first five homecoming games, so it is surprising that the tradition continued. Clemson defeated Auburn 3-0 in 1927 for its first homecoming victory.

There is no record of a homecoming game in 1930 or 1938, but the event has been held in conjunction with a football game every year since 1939, even through the war years.

Clemson has just three losses on Homecoming since 1971, and one of the three was against Georgia Tech. The Yellow Jackets upset #14 Clemson 30-14 in Danny Ford’s final year (1989) as Clemson’s head coach. That was the last loss for Ford at Clemson and the only time he lost a homecoming game in 11 years. Georgia Tech went on to a 7-4 season in 1989, then won the national title the following season.

Clemson’s other two losses on homecoming since 1971 took place in 1997 to Virginia and 2001 to North Carolina. Tommy Bowden is 7-1 in his previous eight homecoming games, including five wins in a row. Clemson defeated #24 Virginia on homecoming by a 30-27 score in overtime in 2003. Clemson downed Utah State 35-6 in 2005. He then defeated #13 Georgia Tech last year by a 31-7 score on homecoming. That was also the first-ever appearance for ESPN GameDay on the Clemson campus. Six of Bowden’s seven homecoming wins have been against ACC foes.

Last year’s win over Georgia Tech was the highest-ranked victory in Clemson history on homecoming. In fact, it was just the fourth time the Tigers have played a top-25 team on homecoming. Clemson defeated #22 Duke 49-17 in 1988 and #24 Virginia 30-27 in overtime on homecoming in 2003. The Tigers defeated #22 Georgia Tech in 1996 by a 28-25 score. Thus, Clemson is 4-0 against ranked teams on homecoming.

Tigers vs. Mid-American Conference

Clemson has a 5-0 all-time record against teams currently in the Mid-American Conference. Clemson has a 3-0 mark against Temple and a 2-0 record against Ball State. Those are the only two previous MAC schools Clemson has played. The Tigers are scheduled to play host to Central Michigan again in 2009.

The Tigers’ last game against a MAC school took place in 2006 when Clemson defeated Temple 63-9 in a game played at Charlotte, NC. Clemson won its first two games against Temple by identical 37-7 scores 14 years apart (1991,05). Clemson’s wins over Ball State took place 10 years apart (1992,02).

Central Michigan Update

Central Michigan scored touchdowns on five of its first seven defensive possessions in winning its third consecutive game by a score of 47-23 over Army last Saturday. The Chippewas are 4-3 overall, including a 3-0 record in the Mid-American Conference after a 10-win season in 2006. Central Michigan has scored 105 points in the last two games, its highest-two-game total in 23 years.

Dan LeFevour, just a red-shirt sophomore, became the school’s all-time leader in touchdown passes in the win over Army. He completed 30-39 passes for 251 yards and two touchdowns, while he also ran 14 times for 100 yards and four touchdowns.

Entering Saturday’s game with Clemson, the native of Downers Grove, IL is 11th in the nation in total offense. He had a 506-yard total offense game in the Chippewas’ victory over Ball State two weeks ago. That is the eighth-most total offense yards by an FBS player this year. He is actually in the top 100 in the nation in both rushing and passing efficiency. He will be a challenge for a Tiger defense that is first in the nation in pass defense.

Last year as a freshman, LeFevour completed 64 percent of his passes for 3,031 yards and 26 touchdowns on his way to earning MAC Freshman-of-the-Year and First-Team All-MAC honors. He was named MVP of the Motor City Bowl as well when he completed 16-26 passes for 162 yards and added 15 carries for 69 yards in Central Michigan’s victory over Middle Tennessee, a team coached by former Tiger Assistant Coach Rich Stockstill.

Antonio Brown is another go-to guy for Central Michigan. He has 52 catches for 464 yards this year. The freshman from Miami, FL is in the top 20 in the nation in receptions per game, kickoff returns, and all-purpose yards. Bryan Anderson is another top wideout with 44 receptions for 488 yards and five touchdowns.

The Chippewa defense has some standout players as well. Josh Gordy matched a school record with three interceptions last week against Army, three of seven turnovers forced by the Central Michigan defense. Gordy’s performance tied for the most interceptions by an FBS player in a game this season. One of the thefts he returned 15 yards for a touchdown in the fourth quarter. Four of the seven turnovers forced by Central Michigan resulted in touchdowns.

The top tackler on the Chippewa team and one of the top tacklers in the nation is linebacker Red Keith. The senior from Franklin, GA has 79 tackles, including 15 last week versus Army. His 11.3 tackles per game are tied for 11th-best in the nation. Entering this year, Keith had 326 career tackles, more than any active FBS player. He is in his fourth year leading Central Michigan in tackles. He was also a First-Team All-MAC performer last year when he totaled 127 tackles.

Tigers & Chippewas Both Have Hall of Famers

Clemson and Central Michigan will both have representatives in the National Football Foundation College Football Hall of Fame class this year. Former Tiger All-American Jeff Davis and former Central Michigan Head Coach Herb Deronomi are both slated to be honored in New York City on the night of December 4 at The Waldorf-Astoria.

Davis was the leading tackler and defensive captain of Clemson’s 1981 team that won the National Championship with a perfect 12-0 season. Davis had 175 tackles that year to go with eight combined caused or recovered fumbles. He led the Tiger defense to a #2 national finish in scoring defense, as the Tigers allowed just 8.2 points per contest, and a #7 finish in total defense. At the conclusion of the season, Davis was named ACC Player-of-the-Year and was a consensus first-team All-American.

Deronomi was the winningest coach in MAC history with a record of 110-55-1. He led Central Michigan to MAC titles in 1979, 1980, and 1990, and he was twice named MAC Coach-of-the-Year (1989,90). He had many outstanding wins, including back-to-back victories at Michigan State in 1991 and 1992. The 1991 season was one of the most unusual in NCAA history, as the Chippewas’ final record was 6-1-4. All four ties were in MAC play.

Both Coaches Have Ties to Rich Rodriguez

Both Clemson Head Coach Tommy Bowden and Central Michigan Head Coach Butch Jones have ties to current West Virginia Head Coach Rich Rodriguez. Jones’ most-recent coaching job prior to going to Central Michigan was as wide receivers coach under Rodriguez with the Mountaineer program. Rodriguez’s last assignment before becoming the head coach at West Virginia in 2001 was as Clemson’s offensive coordinator under Bowden.

Jones served on Rodriguez’s staff at West Virginia in both 2005 and 2006. He helped West Virginia to 11 wins in both 2005 and 2006. The Mountaineers finished the 2005 season with an 11-1 record and a win over Georgia in the Sugar Bowl, a triumph that moved the Mountaineers to #5 in the final poll. In 2006, West Virginia was #3 in the nation in scoring and #5 in total offense.

Rodriguez worked under Bowden at both Tulane and Clemson. He helped the Tigers to a 9-3 record and top-15 final ranking in 2000 before leaving for West Virginia.
Rob Spence No Stranger to the Chippewas
Offensive Coordinator Rob Spence has faced Central Michigan previously in his career as an offensive coordinator. The third-year Tiger coach faced the Chippewas four times during his time as offensive coordinator at Toledo. The Rockets had a 4-0 record against Central Michigan during that time.

A productive offense was the key to Toledo’s victories, as the Rockets won by scores of 52-28, 44-17, 31-13, and 27-22. The 2003 victory by a 31-13 score featured a Spence offense that gained 643 yards of total offense in 98 plays. That is the most plays Spence has called in a game in his career. In the four games combined, Toledo averaged 257 yards rushing, 274 yards passing, and 531 yards of total offense.

Both Teams Had a 2007 First-Round Draft Pick
Both Clemson and Central Michigan had first-round draft selections this past spring. Clemson’s Gaines Adams was the #4 selection of the entire draft, as the defensive end was taken in the first round by Tampa Bay. Central Michigan offensive tackle Joe Staley was also a first-round draft pick. Staley was taken with the #28 overall pick of the first round. Adams (tied) and Staley were both the highest picks in their respective school’s histories.

Tiger Defense Best in the ACC
While Clemson has lost its last two games, the Tiger defense has been very strong. Clemson has allowed the opposition just 475 yards over the last two games and has held teams under 300 yards of total offense in four of the six games this season. In the last two games, Clemson’s opponents have had 17 possessions that have started in their own territory, and the Tiger defense has not allowed the opposition to drive for a touchdown on any of those. The streak actually is 18 consecutive possessions dating to the N.C. State game.

Clemson is first in the ACC in total defense, allowing just 299.3 yards per game, a figure that is 12th-best in the nation. Clemson also leads the ACC in pass defense, allowing just 135.2 yards per game, and leads the league in pass efficiency defense (92.0). Clemson is first in the nation in pass defense and seventh in pass efficiency defense as well.

It has been a team effort in allowing just 11 touchdowns by the opposing offense so far this year, but there have been some standout efforts worth mentioning. Nick Watkins leads the team in tackles (62), including a team-best seven on special teams. Philip Merling leads the defensive line with 41 tackles, second-most on the team. He also leads the team in tackles for loss (9), a figure that is in the top five in the ACC.

Michael Hamlin has been a leader in the secondary with three interceptions and 35 tackles. The junior safety leads the team in takeaways (4), including three interceptions and one recovered fumble. Fellow junior safety Chris Clemens has 37 tackles and two interceptions. Tramaine Billie also deserves some attention with 37 tackles. Ricky Sapp leads the team in sacks (3) and has seven tackles for loss to go with his 24 tackles.

Cullen Harper Set Tiger Passing Records
Cullen Harper continues to establish Clemson passing records. In the loss to Virginia Tech two weeks ago, the junior completed 38 of 66 passes for 372 yards and two touchdowns. The completion and pass attempt totals were Clemson single-game records, while the passing yardage total was the second-most in school history, trailing only the 420 yards Charlie Whitehurst had at Duke in 2002.

Harper has now set or tied 14 school records this season. He is second in the ACC in total offense and passing yards per game, and he is fourth in passing efficiency. He is a big reason the Tigers are second in the ACC in both total offense and scoring at the midway point of the year.

In 2007, Harper has completed 61 percent of his passes for 1,530 yards and 14 touchdowns against just three interceptions. He is on pace to set Clemson records for passing yards per game and touchdown passes. He just seven scoring passes shy of the school-record 21 thrown by Whitehurst in 2003 and Woodrow Dantzlter in 2001.

Aaron Kelly Moving Up Career Charts
While Cullen Harper has been establishing Clemson records, Aaron Kelly, his favorite passing target, has been moving up the receiving charts as well. Two weeks ago against #14 Virginia Tech, he had 11 receptions for 174 yards and a touchdown. That reception total tied for second-most in school history (also tied by Tyler Grisham in the same game) and was the third-most receiving yards in a game.

In 2007, Kelly has 39 catches for 516 yards and four scores. He has already exceeded his receiving yardage and touchdown totals of last year, and he has moved into the top 12 in Tiger history in receptions and receiving yards. He is 11th in school history in receptions (116) and needs just five to move ahead of Tony Horne into 10th place. His 1,446 receiving yards are also 12th-most in school history. He needs just 24 yards to go ahead of Phil Rogers into 11th place. Kelly’s next touchdown reception will be his 10th, joining just eight other Tigers with at least 10 receiving touchdowns.

Clemson Career Reception Leaders

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Tigers in the NFL
Clemson has had 15 players on NFL rosters in 2007. There have been 13 on active rosters, but now there are on injured reserve, including 2006 Pro Bowl kick returner Justin Miller of the New York Jets.

The list is led by six-time Pro Bowl selection Brian Dawkins. If he is selected to the prestigious squad at the end of this year, he will set a school record for most Pro Bowls by a former Tiger.

Four members of the 2006 team made NFL rosters. First-round draft pick Gaines Adams has seen significant action with the Buccaneers. Anthony Waters is a member of the Chargers, while Chansi Stuckey, who was injured in practice in Week 2 and is on injured reserve for the rest of the season, is a member of the Jets. Dustin Fry is on the Saint Louis Rams’ roster as a practice-squad player.

Cornerback Crezdon Butler and the Clemson defense lead the ACC in total defense. The Tigers also lead the nation in pass defense.
### Statistical Matchup

**Clemson vs. Central Michigan**

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### 2007 Results & Schedule

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Sept. 3         *Florida State*   W           24-18
Sept. 8         Louisiana-Monroe   W           49-26
Sept. 15        Furman            W           38-10
Sept. 22        *at N.C. State*   W           42-29
Sept. 29        *at Georgia Tech*  L           3-13
Oct. 6          *Virginia Tech*    L           23-41
Oct. 20         Central Michigan   ESPNU        12:00
Oct. 27         *at Maryland*     ASC           3:30
Nov. 3          *at Duke*         T           12-3
Nov. 10         *Wake Forest*     T           35-3
Nov. 17         *Boston College*   T           28-2
Nov. 24         *at South Carolina* T           12-3

**2007 Results & Schedule**

**Date**          **Opponent**       **W-L**     **Score**
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Sept. 1         at Kansas          L           7-22
Sept. 8         *Tulsa*           W           51-20
Sept. 15        at Purdue         L           22-45
Sept. 22        North Dakota State L           14-44
Sept. 29        Northern Illinois W           25-10
Oct. 6          *at Ball State*   W           58-38
Oct. 13         Army             W           47-23

**Date**          **Opponent**       **W-L**     **Score**
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Oct. 20         at Clemson        ESPNU        12:00
Oct. 27         *at Kent State*   T           10-0
Nov. 6          *at Western Michigan* ESPNU      7:00
Nov. 16         *Eastern Michigan* Comcast       7:00
Nov. 23         *at Akron*        ESPNU        11:00

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*Note: ACC and MAC games; 30-50: All times are PM and Eastern; home games in bold.*

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**Junior middle linebacker Cortney Vincent has 33 tackles, four tackles for loss, and a sack for the Clemson defense in 2007.**

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By Bucky Berlin

Shouts and whistles can be heard from the football practice field; orange and white jerseys can be seen flashing between the gaps in the fence and narrow tree line. The temperature has barely crested 80 degrees as the sunlight begins to dissipate on the Wednesday afternoon. A final horn sounds, and within minutes, players begin making the trek over to the locker rooms at the Jervey Athletic Center. The day's work is done.

Between packs of Tigers walks a lone player; a 5'11" running back wearing the #1 jersey is trailed by a young fan. As he prepares to cross the street that divides the parking lot, James Davis stops; takes off his gloves, and hands them to the waiting admirer. With the exchange completed, the child runs off, clinching his newfound prize, and then Davis shifts his helmet between his hands as he continues the walk up the red-brick drive.

Tabbed the ACC Rookie-of-the-Year in 2005, his freshman year consisted of 879 rushing yards and nine touchdowns. In his first-ever game and season-opener against #17 Texas A&M, he gained 101 yards on 19 carries en route to the victory. The 101 yards were the most by a Tiger first-year freshman in his first game since Bobby Gage rushed for 144 yards against Presbyterian in 1945.

A broken wrist just one play into the second half at N.C. State would force him to miss the rest of that game and all but one play of the next, but not before he piled up 143 yards on just 12 carries. Wearing a cast on his wrist the next four games, he ran over #19 South Carolina with 145 yards and a touchdown to earn ACC Offensive Back-of-the-Week honors. The MVP of the Champs Sports Bowl, Davis stacked up 150 yards and found the endzone once against Colorado, becoming the only back to go over 100 yards on the Buffaloes the entire season.

In 2006, Davis was named First-Team All-ACC after gaining 1,187 yards on the ground and scoring 17 touchdowns for the season. He took his game to a new level when he thrashed #13 Georgia Tech at home on national television for 216 rushing yards and two touchdowns.

That night also made his name synonymous with another player, #28 C.J. Spiller, who had 116 rushing yards and 50 receiving yards with two touchdowns on the night. The duo, known as "Thunder & Lightning" to some and "Superman & Flash" to others, would go on to combine for 2,125 yards and 27 touchdowns on the ground in 2006.

"It's a pretty good feeling to have running backs like James Davis and C.J. Spiller," Clemson offensive lineman Barry Richardson said about the performance against the Yellow Jackets. "When you have two backs making plays like they did tonight, it makes us tough to beat."

A game that should not be overlooked in Davis' portfolio was his performance at #9 Florida State last year. With the score tied 20-20 in the last series of regulation, the Tiger offense caught the Seminoles off-guard, and Davis rumbled 47 yards down to Florida State's four-yard-line.

"It was wide open," Davis said of the big gain. "No one was there."

"We caught them not getting lined up and broke a big play," said Head Coach Tommy Bowden.

"When we got down there, we were in a situation to win the game, and two plays before the score, we went on a quick snap," said former tight end Thomas Hunter. "James just took off down the sideline and outran some guys."

"We called a timeout before the game-winning play, and when we were running out onto the field, I said 'James...follow me, let's go to the endzone...let's get back to Clemson.'"

With eight seconds left on the clock, Davis followed two blockers into the endzone for his second score and the game-winner, putting the Tigers up 27-20. Hunter and fullback Alex Pearson can be seen on film making a crushing block that literally flipped a Seminole defender upside down.

Davis opened this season making a mockery of Florida State again when several defenders could not bring him down on a 29-yard touchdown run in the first half. A big performance by both Davis and Spiller at N.C. State seemed to sound a triumphant return to the form of last year's rushing duo, with each back totaling over 100 yards on the ground along with rushing and receiving touchdowns.

"He has unbelievable vision," said Hunter of Davis. "It makes you want to block so much harder when you have a guy that you can give him one little crack and he can make a cut and make someone look stupid and break some tackles."

Through six games this year, Davis has carried the ball 76 times for 463 yards and four touchdowns in addition to a receiving score. His 6.1 yards per carry is best in the ACC among starting running backs. His 2,529 career rushing yards to date are seventh-most.
in school history. With 30 touchdowns on the ground, he is tied for third with Fred Cone for career rushing touchdowns. Two more touchdowns will move him into second place in Tiger history.

“I want to be one of the best known running backs in Clemson history,” said Davis. “I’m going to do whatever it takes to create some records or break some records. I’ll try to leave a mark.”

But in Davis’ mind, all the records in the world may be a moot point compared to winning an ACC or National Championship.

“I want to be able to win a championship,” stated Davis. “I haven’t won a championship since little league football. That’s what I’m trying to put into my team’s head. I know a lot of guy’s on the team haven’t accomplished a championship yet… I think that would be great for the team.”

“He wants to put Clemson back on the map with an ACC title, and that just shows what kind of a good guy he is,” added Hunter.

Born on New Year’s Day of 1986, Davis grew up in a rough neighborhood in downtown Atlanta, GA. His mother gets the credit for keeping him straight.

“I just kept him busy,” said Theresa Davis. “He was always a good boy.”

His high school coach (Gary Cantrell) shared the same sentiment. “He was soft spoken, not one of these heady guys,” said Cantrell. “He was a very down-to-earth kid.”

Davis also credits an earlier coach with much of his development. “My little league coach, he was kind of like a dad to me,” admitted Davis. “He coached me all the way up… he led me in the right direction. I thank him for a lot of my successes.”

He donned black and gold as an Astro at Douglass High School, a football powerhouse since its opening. It was not hard to attract attention from colleges with a resume that comprised 7,339 career yards and 80 touchdowns.

“My impression was that he was definitely one of the best backs I had ever seen,” responded Cantrell when asked about Davis’ early football career.

Davis finished with 2,389 yards and 28 touchdowns on 350 carries for the AAAAA program as a senior. The offers poured in from Alabama, Clemson, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana State, Mississippi State, Tennessee, and Virginia. In an effort to get an arms-length away from Atlanta, he chose Clemson to continue his football career and earn a college degree.

“Clemson was a more unique school,” said Davis. “I felt at home at Clemson, and plus I wasn’t too far from home; I was only two hours away.”

“It had been tough to convince a back that we were dedicated to running the football,” said Bowdon on recruiting Davis. “We recruited him under the pretense that he would be at the right place at the right time. I’ve been amazed at how well he has handled the success. He’s really done well. He’s a good student, and he has done things he’s suppose to off the field. He’s a good leader as well.”

Being the soft-spoken individual that he is, Davis has had to work at becoming a more vocal leader. With urging from the coaching staff, he opted to stay in Clemson over the past summer to train.

“There is an area as far as leadership roles,” said Davis. “Like my demeanor this year, I just want to win a lot of games. That’s what I’m trying to get all my guys to focus on… we can win games and we can go a long way.”

Anyone at the spring scrimmages could tell he was already in gear for 2007. Even to the smallest crowds he would pump his arms in the air to try and get some excitement brewing. Known for his readiness to interact with fans and media, he is also known for his willingness to lend a hand to friends and teammates around campus. Hunter always appreciated it when Davis stopped to give him a ride when he spotted Hunter waiting at the bus stop.

“He’s not somebody who’s going to look down on anybody because of who they are or where they came from,” said Hunter, who also commented on Davis’ reputation around campus. “He really does a great job of exemplifying a student-athlete. You never hear of him getting in trouble or getting bad grades in school, because he understands the total package. He’s an awesome guy.”

Perhaps one of his biggest contributions in demonstrating his leadership was the public endorsement of recruiting Spiller, who quickly became a friend and understudy to Davis after arriving on campus. The results were obvious. Spiller gained 938 rushing yards and a team-best 1,415 all-purpose yards in 2006, contributing 12 total touchdowns and leading the team with five 100-yard rushing games.

“Of the things we talk about when he was being recruited is that you don’t want to go somewhere where you’re the single back,” said Cantrell. “You’re going to get ‘killed’. There’s only so much pounding one person can take.”

Despite being a junior, running back James Davis has taken on the added responsibility of being a leader on the 2007 squad.

During a crucial time in which Spiller was rumored to be considering a transfer to Florida, Davis provided friendly encouragement to his teammate.

“I told him you’ve got to step up and make this decision on your own and be a man about it,” said Davis. “I told him I loved him and wanted to be there for him. He made the best decision by staying here.”

With his sidekicks immediate future in line, Davis does have his own to think about. Many have projected him as a high draft pick if he were to opt out of his senior year for the NFL. After watching Gaines Adams return for his senior season and end up being drafted #4 overall this past April, it may be in his best interest to stay. Finishing his degree is also a top priority.

“I would probably be the first one in my family to graduate from college, and Gaines Adams was the same way,” remarked Davis. “Right now, coming back is what I’m leaning towards doing. The only way I will come out right now is if I’m projected in the top 10. I looked at it, and I’ll probably be the top running back coming out my senior year.”

A return for a strong senior season would be beneficial for Davis and the Tigers, who would gladly use his leadership and skill-set. In turn, his transition to pro football may be that much more glorious.

As for what he will do in life after football? “I’ll probably coach… I think every player has got it in his mind that maybe he’ll want to go out and coach.”

But for right now, Davis is concentrating on 2007 and finishing the job, hopefully with a trip to the ACC Championship game in Jacksonville, FL on December 1.

“He’s a competitor, there’s no other way to put it,” added Hunter. “He plays through pain. He’s definitely not out there for himself, he’s out there to win the game for Clemson. That’s one thing that you like to see when you have a guy with his talent that really loves the school and likes the fans and wants to go out there and win. He’s going to be successful on the football field or off the football field, wherever it takes him.”

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Even as a junior, defensive end Phillip Merling has become a leader and dominant force on the Clemson football team. The 6'5", 280-pounder has come a long way from his days in Saint Matthews, SC. Through trials and tribulations, Merling has found a passion in football and has grown to be a mature man as well as an incredible football player.

So far this season, Merling has accumulated 41 tackles (second-most on the team), a team-high nine tackles for loss, and two sacks. He is also tied for the team-lead with nine quarterback pressures.

In the 2007 season-opener against #19 Florida State on Labor Day night, he had nine tackles, two tackles for loss, and a sack in Clemson's 24-18 victory. For his efforts, he was named ACC Defensive Lineman-of-the-Week, a first for Merling. However, even though those statistics were impressive, he remembers what happened before the game.

"I was a captain for the Florida State game," said #94. "It meant a lot to me that the coaches felt I was a leader. I went out and played hard."

Juniors are rarely named captains for games, so for Merling, it was an honor when he heard the news. Head Coach Tommy Bowden spoke highly of him after the Florida State game.

"He's a really good player," remarked Coach Bowden. "He was one of our captains, and we seldom have a junior captain. His work habits over the summer and preseason along with his vocal leadership on the field show that he is a hard worker. He plays like he practices. He's a key ingredient defensively, not only as a player, but as a leader."

In the next game against Louisiana-Monroe, Merling continued to show why he may be a future first-round draft pick. He tallied nine tackles, including two tackles for loss. A few weeks later at Georgia Tech, Merling had a career-high 10 tackles and three tackles for loss.

Merling has not had an easy route to the success he is now having at Clemson. He has had to overcome family problems and personal setbacks. Without the guidance of his uncle and position coach Chris Rumph, Merling may not have ever made it to Clemson.

A young Merling began playing Pop Warner football when he was 10-years-old. Yet football was not his only sport. He was an all-around athlete who played baseball and basketball as well as football. In fact, basketball was his favorite sport when he was younger.

Living in Saint Matthews, Merling attended Calhoun County High School. Even as a freshman in high school, Merling's athletic talent showed. As a result, he received all-conference honors his freshman year. The following season, his team won the region title in football. Merling's dominance on the field was a major contribution to that.

The summer before his junior year, Merling made a decision that changed his life. He was no stranger to moving around. After living with his grandmother for years, Merling and his mother moved Virginia, where he stayed until the eighth grade. Then, he moved back to South Carolina and started high school at Calhoun County High.

But after his sophomore season, Rumph, Merling's uncle, had moved back to South Carolina to take a job as an assistant coach at S.C. State. It was then that Merling went to live with his uncle and family.

Living with his uncle was different for Merling. He had a curfew, he had to share the television with Rumph's young son Christopher, and he had to live by the rules of his uncle and aunt.

"Moving in with my uncle brought some order to my life," admitted Merling. "He supported me with football and he was there for me when I needed him."

Merling received defensive MVP honors by season's end. He was also named Calhoun County High's Best Male Athlete, and he earned all-region, all-area, and all-conference honors. Merling was one of the best athletes to come out of Calhoun County High in a while. Things were looking up for Merling.

Nevertheless, change was once again going to occur in his life. Rumph had accepted a job at Memphis as the outside linebackers coach. His family was relocating to Tennessee, and Merling did not know if he wanted to go or not. In the end, his family decided that he needed to leave. He had found a stable home with his uncle and aunt, and their young son. But he had other ideas as well. He wanted to play Division I football, and he knew that staying with his uncle would keep him focused on that goal.

"I lied (to go to Tennessee) because my family really wanted me to leave South Carolina," stated Merling. "The competition would be stiffer and give me a better opportunity to see what it took to play Division I football."

So, Merling moved to Tennessee with the Rumph family and attended Cordova High School. The school was much bigger than anything Merling had been used to.

"I went to a AAAA school in Tennessee," remembered Merling. "It was a big school with a lot of people. I wasn't used to that in South Carolina."

Despite the difference in schools, Merling excelled on the gridiron. The team advanced to the first round of the
Phillip Merling’s uncle and position coach Chris Rumph (above) has been one of the most influential people in Merling’s career.

playoffs his senior season, and Merling recorded 20 catches for 430 yards and four touchdowns on offense. He added 34 tackles on the defensive side of the ball, including 20 solo hits and four sacks. He also had two recovered fumbles.

With stats like those, Merling received numerous accolades. He was named first-team all-state and first-team all-region. He played in the AXA Liberty Bowl All-Star game and the Tennessee vs. Kentucky All-Star game.

Merling’s dream was coming true. Division I teams, such as Clemson, Georgia, Kentucky, and South Carolina, were looking at the defensive end. He needed a little more work in the classroom, so he entered Fork Union Military Academy the following year in order to meet the requirements. It was a tough time for Merling, because for so long his dream was to play Division I football. And with his uncle’s support, he was even more determined to reach that dream.

“My uncle Chris has been the most influential person in my career because he just kept me going in high school,” recalled Merling. “He never gave up on me and he wouldn’t let me quit. He supported me when I was at Fork Union. He taught me that if I worked hard, I would accomplish all of my goals.”

Merling played football at Fork Union Military Academy in 2004, and with his uncle’s support and his work ethic, he became a star again. He was named team MVP after totaling 38 catches for 647 yards and five touchdowns. On defense, he had 51 tackles, five sacks, and eight pass breakups. Rivals.com named Merling the #25 prep school player in the entire nation.

Schools once again offered Merling scholarships, but he knew where he was going...Clemson.

“South Carolina, Georgia, and Kentucky all looked at me,” said Merling. “Other schools did too. But those schools originally wanted me to go to a junior college. Clemson was the only school that advised me to go to a prep school. They stood by me when other schools didn’t. Because of that, I knew I was going to go play at Clemson.”

Merling became a Tiger in the fall of 2005, but it was not a big adjustment for the defensive end because he had been used to new places, and the speed of the game prepared him for the college level.

“I don’t think college was a big adjustment,” remembered Merling. “I came from Fork Union, and there we played at college speed. We played college teams. College was a little faster, but because I came from a prep school, I felt that I easily adjusted to the college game. It was like a red-shirt year for me when I was at Fork Union.”

Another reason Merling adjusted well to Clemson was because his father figure and uncle Chris accepted the defensive line coaching job at Clemson in 2005. Not only did Merling have his mentor with him, but he was also his position coach. Merling impressed many during his freshman season. In his first collegiate game against #17 Texas A&M, he played only seven plays and yet still had a tackle for loss. The game he remembers the most came a few weeks later against Boston College.

“The Boston College game my freshman year was the most memorable game for me,” said Merling. “Charles Bennett went out (with an injury), and I played almost 50 snaps and had six tackles. That was the first game that I felt I helped my team out.”

Against N.C. State later in the year, Merling had a caused fumble and sack. The true freshman was emerging as a key player on the defense. He won the 12th Man Award for defense by the coaches at the end of the season.

Last season, Merling started all 13 games as a defensive end on the opposite side of first-round draft pick Gaines Adams. With those two bookends on the line, it was hard for teams to move the ball down the field on a consistent basis.

Phillip Merling not only has his eye on a successful pro career, but he wants to be a mentor and coach after his playing days.

He tallied 46 tackles overall, ninth-most on the team, but third among defensive linemen. His most impressive stat, though, was the 10 tackles for loss. Only Adams had more. Merling added 20 quarterback pressures and three sacks. He had worked extremely hard to become a dominant force on defense.

Today, Merling is living out his dream. He has gone through a lot, but with the guidance of his uncle and his resolve to fulfill his dream of playing Division I football, he has become one of the top defensive lineman prospects in the country.

Thus, it comes as no surprise that one day he plans on giving back to the community and hopefully inspire other children to follow their dreams just like his uncle did for him.

“I want to be a mentor to the youth and go into coaching,” said Merling. “I want to give back what my uncle and others have done for me. They have been a big part of my life and are the reason I’m even playing football now.”

“He has really matured as a young man,” added Rumph. “Phillip has grown up practically in front of my eyes and I’m proud of him, including the way he has dealt with things academically. He did not qualify right out of high school and has dealt with some family issues. But I’m proud of the way he responded. I think it’s going to make him a better person in the future.”

“As far as on the football field, I think he has grown tremendously there as well. Coming from a small school and going from one high school here in South Carolina, then one in Memphis, then going to prep school and then coming here, he is well-adjusted. He’s one of our leaders on the field. He plays with a lot of passion and heart, and he plays hard.”

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Great American philanthropist John D. Rockefeller once said, "I do not think there is any quality so essential to success of any kind as the quality of perseverance."

No individual personifies this quality better than Clemson senior defensive tackle Bryan Baker.

Baker, a senior, came to Tigertown as a walk-on from Summerville High School in Summerville, SC, where his younger brother Kevin is a junior wide receiver. He had a decorated high school career, as he was named to both the all-region and all-state teams in Class AAAA in 2003, his senior season. He was also nominated to play in the prestigious U.S. Army All-American Bowl.

Baker chose to attend Clemson despite garnering interest from several smaller programs that offered him full scholarships to play football. Baker, who is also majoring in wildlife & fisheries biology, said that this unconventional choice of major was one of the primary reasons he chose to pass up these offers and attend Clemson, which attracted him with its "nice campus."

Baker has endured a lot on the gridiron since he arrived on campus, including a switch from the offensive line to the defensive line.

"I played both in high school, so it wasn't a really big deal for me," said Baker. "I don't regret switching positions at all. If anything, it helped me by giving me more opportunities to succeed."

As a freshman walk-on, Baker knew that he would have a difficult time making the transition from a high school star to relative obscurity.

"It is really important that you learn your role as a freshman," remarked Baker. "The first week of camp is the toughest one. It takes a little while to get your feet wet, but after that week, everything becomes easier because you realize that you're a part of the team."

It takes a special kind of work ethic to be a walk-on at a major college or university. The price paid in practice every day is great, and the rewards are relatively small.

He was able to overcome these daily challenges thanks in part to his upbringing as a youth.

"My dad owns his own business, so I worked for him after school and every day during the summer," recalled Baker. "That experience taught me how to work hard and keep going even when things get tough."

Baker, who has appeared in three games on the defensive line as a Tiger, said that one of the keys to being a quality walk-on is to seize every opportunity to get better and impress the coaches.

"It's hard because you don't get too many chances to prove yourself," said #52. "You may only get one shot and you have to take it. That's the difficult thing about it."

Baker has had the opportunity to play alongside some incredible talents during his four-year career, including current NFL players Charles Bennett and Gaines Adams.

"It makes you feel honored to be mentioned with all of those guys," Baker admitted. "I have learned a lot from all of my teammates over the years. There are only 115 or so of us on the team, so I feel very lucky to be able to be a part of this team. It makes you feel really important when you think about that."

After four years of toiling through the daily grind of practice without seeing much reward, Baker was awarded a football scholarship prior to this season. He says that earning a scholarship "made all the hard work and dedication worth it."

In Baker's view, his scholarship is a symbol of all of the hard work and dedication that he put into the Tiger football team, leaving everything out on the field, day after day.

"I had to learn how to persevere," stated Baker. "Without the ability to keep going through all of the tough times, I wouldn't be here today. There were plenty of times that I considered quitting and focusing on school, getting my grades up. But I just kept pushing through and I earned a scholarship. It's a great feeling."

Baker has also left a mark on his coaches, particularly his position coach, second-year Defensive Line Coach Chris Rumph.

"Bryan is a smart player," said Rumph. "He is a steady player with a great work ethic. He goes hard every day and has really impressed me. He did a good job to earn his scholarship."

All students leave college having learned some valuable life lessons. For Baker, though, having worked for four years and seeing that work come to fruition has taught him that perseverance is the key.

"Good things will come to you if you stick with whatever you're doing," said Baker. "It is important to learn how to be a part of a team. There is a big emphasis on team here at Clemson, which is a little different from my high school days. I have learned a lot in my time here, both on the field and in the classroom."

For Baker, perseverance may be the most valuable quality he takes from his four years spent at Clemson University. If Rockefeller's statement holds true in his life, there should be many successes for Baker in the near future.

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Clemson’s football program had the third-best graduation success rate among top-25 ranked teams in the October 1 coaches poll according to USA Today. The 2007 graduation success rate figures for all schools were released on October 3, and the publication reclassified the list according to graduation rate.

Boston College, also from the Atlantic Coast Conference, had a 93-percent rate to rank first, while Nebraska was second at 83 percent. Clemson was third at 75 percent, followed by Florida and Virginia Tech at 72 percent.

The graduation success rate does not take into account student-athletes who transfer or turn professional in good academic standing. The current study examined student-athletes who entered school between 1997-00 and gives the student-athletes six years to graduate.

The federal graduation rate counts student-athletes who turn professional or transfer to another school. For instance, Chris Russell, a Tiger senior in 2007, has been on the academic honor roll multiple times in his two years at Clemson after attending Colorado. He will graduate in December. Russell will count as a non-graduate on Colorado’s federal graduation rate report, but he will not count at all on Clemson’s graduation success rate report.

Clemson should have strong numbers in the future as well. Fourteen of the 18 scholarship seniors on the 2006 team have already graduated and two more will join them in December of 2007, meaning 89 percent of last year’s seniors will have degrees by December.

Clemson also is fourth among the top-27 public national universities who play Division I football, listed in the U.S. News & World Report rankings (Clemson is ranked #27 in the latest U.S. News & World Report public national universities).

Only North Carolina (79 percent), Connecticut (78 percent), and Penn State (76 percent), are higher than Clemson among the top-27 U.S. News & World Report institutions. Clemson has a higher football graduation rate than seven of the eight top-10 schools who have a Division I football program as well.

Gaines Adams

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Tim Bourret is Clemson’s Sports Information Director and is in his 30th year at Clemson.

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There are few who are more deserving of the title of Tiger Brotherhood Mother-of-the-Year than Sarah Little. Little, or "Mama Sarah" as she is collectively and affectionately known around campus, loves her family and genuinely cares about all students, especially the students who attend Clemson University.

Sarah Little is the biological mother of her own three children. However, she serves as a mother-figure for all of the Clemson students who are away from their own mothers. There is nothing she enjoys more.

A resident of nearby Seneca, Little grew up a Tiger fan and will remain one for life. In her youth, she liked to dance, sew, and cook.

One of those pastimes grew into a career. She has worked with the Clemson University Dining Services for 33 years. For all but four-and-a-half years, she has spent her time running the athletic dining room, where she would prepare food for student-athletes.

Little has three children and six grandchildren, all of whom she is very proud of. When asked what some of her favorite stories from their childhoods are, she thought for awhile and replied, "all of them."

"It was a joy," she said on raising her children. "You have to be a parent to understand."

She feels that bringing up her own children helped her find the intention to love other kids as well.

This special gift gives her a great feeling. Her children now live in Kentucky and Seneca, and they work at Ford Corporation and also here in food service at Clemson, respectively, while her grandchildren are all in school. With her own children grown, she has focused on being a mother-figure for all of the students, past, present, and future, of Clemson University.

Working for the dining services has allowed Little to interact directly with the Clemson students. She loves to offer advice and effectively be a parent to all students who are leaving their own parents for the first time.

"If you'd like, I'll be your 'mama' away from home," she smiled.

Most of the students who Little comes in contact with at Clemson take her up on her offer and end up calling her "Mama Sarah." She takes her role very seriously and loves to be a part of these students' lives. If she believes that these students need direction in their lives, she does not hesitate to be the person who offers to assist with their problems.

"If you are alone, you need someone to give you guidance and help keep you away from trouble," she said.

Little thoroughly loves being that someone. Not only does she enjoy giving helpful advice to the students who seek it, she is not afraid to tell kids when they are being bad. She wants them to stay on the right road, so boys and girls grow up to be men and ladies.

Little also likes the daily conversations she has with the students. She enjoys hearing about classes and labs, and the students in turn ask her about her life. These daily conversations can lead to meaningful and supportive relationships between her and the students. Basically, she is the mother-figure to all students she meets.

Her advice on how to help students is, "to share a little love. The greatest part about it is seeing them when they return to Clemson with their own kids. It's one of the greatest feelings in the world."

She should know. Little has seen generations and families come through Clemson, and has treated them all with the same caring and nurturing attitude to help them grow up and become better people in the world.

"Maintaining a relationship with the students is very important, especially teaching them how to respect themselves and to respect others," Little explained. "You have to have self-value."

Clearly, "Mama Sarah" knows what she is talking about when it comes to raising kids to become admirable adults.

Because Little has spent most of her career at Clemson working with student-athletes, she became more of a fan of Tiger athletics. She began as a baseball fan, and then she added a love for basketball and football. As she worked with and helped more and more student-athletes who played different sports, she started to enjoy all of the different sports her new "children" participated in.

These student-athletes influenced Little in many ways, but she maintains that she has influenced these athletes as well. She knows that "in her heart" because some of the former student-athletes have come back to visit her at Clemson with their kids who will be attending the university in the future.

"There's Mama! Now, you train him like you trained me," many of them have said to Little.

She has had the joy of seeing the direct outcome and influence that her advice and guidance had on the people she gave it to.

Illustrating this point, Barbara Kennedy-Dixon, a former All-American of the women's basketball team and current associate athletic director at Clemson, had this to say: "Mama Sarah has always been a mom to everyone she meets. She has always been the same loving, caring, nurturing person.

There is no one like her that I have met on this campus. She's not just my mom! She's my mom. She took care of me and she really fulfilled the term 'Mama Sarah.' She is a top mother. This is a deserving award. It is long overdue. She is a wonderful mother that could never be replaced."

When asked how she feels about being named Tiger Brotherhood Mother-of-the-Year, Little replied, "Fantastic!"

Sarah's advice for the future is to keep talking to the students to keep on the right track.

"Life is worse and more dangerous than it was 20 years ago," she admitted.

Her goal is to see all children choose their right path and to stay out of trouble. By helping students understand, she believes that they will be on the right road. She adds, "Stay away from bad trouble and go for your goals, she added. "I won't be around in 30 more years, so don't ever forget me. And always remember, there's someone out there who really cares."
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 InChapin 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 faculty 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 project, 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 consistent 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 final top 25 of their respective rankings, also a five-year high.

The major revenue sports of football, basketball, and baseball also have 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 GeneralSports 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 ratings 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.

“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 has been a basic tenet 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 nearly 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 University’s law and 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 2006. In 2005, 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 faculty 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 stature 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 in 2006, he 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 championships, 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’ resume since his playing days at Arkansas. He lettered on three Frank Broyles teams (1966,88,69). 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, Maegan (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 .650 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.

There has been consistency in terms of success against Clemson’s instate 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 62.2-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 are third-most in Clemson history. The 29-7 victory over South Carolina in the 2004 season-finale 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 1000-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 Tigertown. 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, including 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 2004 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...
Tommy Bowden
Head Coach

Bowden's Coaching Records

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Tommy Bowden is one of just six active head coaches in the country to have his team bowl eligible every year since 1997.

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 of improvement was reached, and he was happy to be wrong about his prediction, as the Tigers were invited to the 1999 Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl.

In 1999, Bowden accomplished a personal milestone that no Clemson coach had attained since 1981, the year the Tigers won the National Championship. He became the first Clemson coach since Ford to be named ACC Coach-of-the-Year.

Making strong improvement in his first year with a program that 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. In one game, the Green Wave scored 72 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 Bowd Boys 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 began his college football experience as a walk-on wide receiver at West Virginia. He played for his father between 1973-75 and then for Frank 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 15-0 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 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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- Defensive Coordinator
- Defensive Backs
- 3rd Season at Clemson
- 22nd Season Overall
- Kansas State ’83
- Born February 26, 1960

Rob Spence
- Offensive Coordinator
- Quarterbacks
- 3rd Season at Clemson
- 17th Season Overall
- Iowa ’93
- Born October 10, 1958

Playing Experience
Three-year letterman and two-year starter on the offensive line at Missouri-Rolla (1973-75).

Education

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 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...2000 Gator Bowl...2001 Humani- tarian 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 Daryl...the couple has two sons (Jeff, John 23).

Scott Highlights
In his first season as South Carolina in 1994, he led the Gamecocks to their first postseason bowl win in school history in the Carquest Bowl...with the Seminoles, they were 10-0-1 in bowl games...with the win at the Carquest Bowl, Scott never tasted a bowl defeat in his first 12 bowl games as a coach. Florida State had a 44-4 (880) record with Scott as offensive coordinator, which was the most wins by a Division I program during those four years. Florida State also claimed the 1993 national title with Scott running the offense and finished no lower than fourth in the nation in a season...coached Heisman Trophy winner Charlie Ward...two of his five Seminole recruiting classes were ranked #1 in the nation (1985-89)...the 2000 Tiger offense set 31 records, including total offense and touchdowns...as offensive coordinator in 2001, he directed Woodrow Danzler to the first 2,000-1,000 passing-rushing season in NCAA Division I history...coordinated two of the top four off- enses in Tiger history (2001,03)...coached three All-ACC offensive linemen in 2006, including first-teamers Nathan Bennett and Barry Richardson...his son Jeff was the Tigers’ quarterback for three years and is now an assis- tant coach at Presbyterian...his other son, John, graduated from Harvard, where he lettered in football and track, in 2006, and is now in medical school at Vanderbilt.

Vic Koenning Highlights
In his first year as the defensive 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 takeaway...head coach at Wyoming from 2000-02...coached 10 Cowboys who earned first-team all-confer- ence 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 (Johnon Fakh, Dennis Axley)...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 (176)...coached 2005 Thorpe Award finalist and first- round draft selection T.Y. Hilton 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.

Rob Spence Highlights

Bowl Seasons as an Assistant Coach
2001 Motor City Bowl...2002 Motor City Bowl...2005 Champs Sports Bowl...2006 Music City Bowl.

Personal Data
Born October 10, 1958 in Middletown, DE...married to Susan...the couple has two daughters (Samantha 15, Sydney Rae 13).

Playing Experience

Bowl Participation as a Player
1982 Independence Bowl.

Education

Coaching Experience

Bowl Seasons as an Assistant Coach
2004 Silicon Valley Bowl...2005 Champs Sports Bowl...2006 Music City Bowl.

Personal Data
Born February 26, 1960 in Owasso, OK...married to Tracey...the couple has four children (Kimberly 27, Brady 11, Camden 7, Jackson 6).

Playing Experience
Played tight end at Iona (1978-81).

Education
B.A. degree in social work from Iona in 1981. M.S. degree in education from Iona in 1990.

Coaching Experience

Bowl Seasons as an Assistant Coach
2001 Motor City Bowl...2002 Motor City Bowl...2005 Champs Sports Bowl...2006 Music City Bowl.
Playing Experience

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

Education

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 Bessett. The couple has three sons (Will, Drew, Clay).

Swinney Highlights
Walk-on who went on to earn a scholarship as a wide receiver at Alabama and lettered three times (1990-92). Member of Alabama’s 1992 National Championship team. Undergraduate academic assistant: his position coach was Tommy Bowden in 1989 and former Tiger Assistant Coach Woody McBride from 1990 to 1992. Member of Sugar Bowl teams in 1990 and 1992. 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 Milton, Alabama’s all-time leading wideout in terms of receptions. Milton was an All-SEC selection in 1999 under the tutelage of Swinney. Part of a six-10 win season and five top-10 finishes at Alabama as a player and coach. Coached 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. Working as a recruiter, ACC receiver Deon Thomas in 2002. Was responsible for helping to bring Clemson’s 3,887 receiving yards in 2003. In 2004, Arvire Currie named the first Tiger in 24 years to lead the ACC in receptions and yards. Coached four Scholarship for 868 yards in 2005. Coached two of the first 10 players in school history. Coached three former Cajuns—one of the top 100 recruits in the nation— who have signed with Furman, Florida and Maine.

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 Andreou. The couple has a son (D.J. 1).

Blackwell Highlights
Began his coaching career at East Carolina, his alma mater, where he coached the rush linebackers between 1993-95, the Pirates earned trips to the Liberty Bowl in two of those seasons. Played on the offensive line for East Carolina in the early 1990s. One of his best games came against nation power Florida State as a freshman when he graded 85 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 turnaround programs in NCAA Division I-AA 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 13 final ranking in the coaches poll...The season ended on a high note, as the Panthers defeated Oregon State 38-13 in the Insight Bowl. In 2002, the Panthers’ point-prevention unit 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 five 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 tackles for losses in 2005...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.

Playing Experience
Four-year letterman and two-year starter at quarterback for Furman (1999-02)...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

Napier Highlights
Lettled four times (1999-02) at Furman and was a two-time captain as a quarterback...holds the Furman career record for completion percentage (64.8) and is third in passing yardage (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 offensive coordinator 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 9-2 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 Spence’s offense...at the age of 28, he is among the youngest full-time Division I coaches in the nation...in 2006, he coached tight end Thomas Hunter, who had 16 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.
Playing Experience
Letterman at Indiana in 1986 and 1987...named Most Improved Player in 1987 as a senior...attended Lees-McRae 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
1968 Liberty Bowl...1996 Carquest Bowl...1998 Peach Bowl...1999 MicronPC.com Bowl...2000 Oahu Bowl...2001 Peach Bowl...2004 Continental Tire Bowl.

Personal Data
Born September 29, 1966 in Lockhart, SC...married to Joanna...the couple has one son (André II) and two daughters (Aliaya 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).

Playing Experience
A member of two Gator Bowl teams as a reserve offensive lineman for Clemson in 1977 and 1978.

Bowl Participation as a Player
1977 Gator Bowl...1978 Gator Bowl.

Education
B.A. degree in industrial education from Clemson in 1979.

Coaching Experience

Bowl Seasons as an Assistant Coach
1994 Alamo Bowl...1998 Liberty Bowl...1999 Peach Bowl...2001 Gator Bowl...2001 Humanitarian Bowl...2002 Tangerine Bowl...2004 Peach Bowl...2005 Champs Sports Bowl...2006 Music City Bowl.

Personal Data
Born February 12, 1957...married to the former Becky Horne...they have a son (Brad 24) and a daughter (Lori 21).

Playing Experience
Four-time letterman at South Carolina (1991-94)...had 32 tackles in nine games in 1992...made his first career start in a 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 (Coty Terry) was an All-Conference 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 (125.8)...the 27th-best mark in the country...two of his 2005 players (Tirs 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 86, 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...uncle of Tiger defensive end Phillip Merling and is Merling's position coach.

Rumph Highlights
At Louisiana-Lafayette (1996-91), no 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 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, Clemson averaged 403 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 Dantzier to become the first Division I player in NCAA history to pass for 2,000 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 Gaines Adams, a unanimous first-team All-American in 2006 and the #4 overall pick of the 2007 NFL draft.
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Clemson's Memorial Stadium has been held in high esteem for many years. Whether it be players from the 1940s and 1950s, opposing players from the 1970s and 1980s, or even professional players in the 1990s, the ambience of this special setting is what college football is all about.

The storied edifice added to its legend when the first meeting of father and son head coaches (Bowden Bowl I) took place before a sellout crowd of more than 86,000 fans in 1999. Clemson has 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 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.
Running Down The Hill
"The Most Exciting 25 Seconds in College Football"

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 warmup 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 30 games), and with only three victories and four ties to show for it, his team was getting killed by the Tigers regularly. In 1948, 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 Frank Howard started calling it "Death Valley" in 1962. In 1968, the name took off like wildfire. "The Tigers celebrated its 50th year in the Valley" in 2001.
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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.

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Enrollment: 26,787
Nickname: Chippewas
Colors: Maroon & Gold
Conference: Mid-American
Home Field (Capacity): Kelly Stadium (30,255)
President: Michael Rao
Athletic Director: Dave Heeke
First Year of Football: 1896
Athletic Website: CMUChippewas.com

Coaching Staff
Head Coach: Butch Jones (Ferris State '90)
Record at School Entering 2007 (Seasons): 0-0
Career Record Entering 2007 (Seasons): 0-0
Assistant Coach Position(s) alma Mater
Zach Azzanni AHC, WR Central Michigan '99
Mike Bajakian OC, QB Williams '96
Tim Banks DC, CB Central Michigan '95
Mike Kolakowski STC, S Ohio Northern '79
Max Glowacki RG, TE Central Michigan '99
Jeff Beckles RB Florida State '94
Mark Elder LB Case Western Reserve '00
Don Mahoney OL West Virginia State '93
Paul Voiero OL Nova Southeastern '04

Team Information
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 41/14
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#36 Andrew Aguila WR/S BC Bellingham, CA
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#21 Marcel Archer RB/SL Miami, FL
#43 Nick Bellore LB/E Whitefish Bay, WI
#8 Duane Brooks WR/So Irving, TX
#27 Antonio Brown WR/FR Shores, FL
#6 Ike Brown LB/SR Saginaw, MI
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#65 Mike Decker OL/SR Rochester Hills, MI
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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!

Jason Wilson, IPTAY Assistant Director

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 0-0 football loss to The Citadel. After the game, Captains Frank Jervey, 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 Jervey. Neely believed he could run a successful football team if he was provided a $10,000-a-year increase in scholarships. Jervey 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 possible way to retain the high athletic prestige which rightfully belongs to Clemson."

IPTAY has over 21,000 donors, which includes 16,000 IPTAY members and over 5,000 Cub\-s, 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 has also provided over 1,600 academic scholarships and raised over $3.5 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 solely designed for the college student as a scion 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, 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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Dick Smith Automotive, Inc.
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**Graduate Assistants**

**Clemson Football**

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### Andy Ford
**Graduate Assistant Coach (Defense)**

- **Responsibilities:** Graduate assistant coach who will work with the Clemson defense on practice and game video.
- **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 blocked a 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 ... married to the former Marlyn Grant ... son Jakub (8).

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### Darcie 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 Fairfield in 2000 ... quarterbacks coach, defensive backs coach, special teams coach, strength & conditioning coach, 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.
- **Personal:** Born June 25, 1977 in Sycamore, IL ... single.

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### 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 ... played in his senior 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 years on staff, Greenville High posted a 33-4 record, including a 12-1 ledger in 2003 ... 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.

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### Ryan Sulkowski
**Video Graduate Assistant (Offense)**

- **Responsibilities:** Graduate assistant who will work with the Clemson offense on practice and game video.
- **Playing Experience:** Offensive linemen 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 game coordinator 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.
- **Education:** Earned a degree in education from Valdosta State in 2001.
- **Personal:** Born January 23, 1978 in New Brunswick, NJ ... married to the former Heather Daniels.

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### 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 HEE-meel) 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.

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### 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 successive 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 had 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 Tournament, 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 Woons and has two daughters, Caryn (20) and Kiera (17).

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**Football Support Staff**

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

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

The program begins three hours prior to kickoff. Marsha Byers, Duane Evans, Ben Misteed, Don Munson, Ralph Patterson, and Whitney Walters will host the show. It is the gathering place on gameday. Interviews with former players, games, display items, and excitement are all part of the show.

The game broadcast is anchored by Pete Yanity. The sports director at WSPA-TV (Ch. 7) in Spartanburg, SC, took over in September, 2003 after the passing of Jim Phillips, who had been the longtime voice of the Tigers since 1968. Yanity has been a part of the broadcast team since the 2001 season as the host of the pregame, halftime, and postgame shows, and as the sideline reporter during games.

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

Joining Yanity in the booth is former Clemson offensive lineman Will Merrill, who played for the Tigers from 1998-96. 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 Bourret to provide Clemson fans with the latest lineup and strategy information. Yanity and Merrill 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 Koenninger 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 Televsion Show, a recap of the previous game’s highlights. Yanity serves as the host of this program that gives fans insight into the coaches’ decisions during the previous game and takes an up close look at your favorite players.

For more information, contact Robert Ghagahen (General Manager) at Clemson Tiger Sports Prop-
Memorial Stadium Records

Clemson Team

Total Offense: 756 vs. Wake Forest, 10/31/81
Plays: 95 vs. N.C. State, 10/7/00
Yards Per Play: 9.1 vs. Louisiana Tech, 9/30/06
Rushing Yards: 536 vs. Wake Forest, 10/31/81
Rush Attempts: 73 vs. Virginia, 10/21/95
Yards Per Rush: 10.3 vs. Presbyterian, 9/22/45
Rushing Touchdowns: 11 vs. Presbyterian, 9/22/45
Passing Yards: 359 vs. Temple, 10/22/05
Pass Completions: 31 vs. Miami (FL), 9/17/05
Pass Attempts: 55 vs. Miami (FL), 9/17/05
Pass Efficiency: 235.4 vs. Virginia, 10/9/83
Passing Attempts: 4 vs. Auburn, 11/22/47
Passing Touchdowns: 4 vs. Texas El-Paso, 10/4/97
First Downs: 35 vs. Wake Forest, 10/31/81
Points: 82 vs. Wake Forest, 10/31/81
Punting Average: 56.6 vs. Wake Forest, 10/29/77
Punts: 13 vs. Furman, 11/21/42
Penalties: 13 vs. Pensacola N.A.S., 10/13/45
Penalty Yards: 15 vs. Wake Forest, 11/2/85
Penalty Yards: 15 vs. Duke, 10/17/87
Punt Return Yards: 155 vs. Wake Forest, 10/29/77
Kickoff Return Yards: 227 vs. Georgia Tech, 9/26/87
Interception Return Yards: 165 vs. Maryland, 11/16/02
Interceptions By Defense: 131 vs. Western Carolina, 9/25/82
Interceptions By Defense: 5 vs. Virginia, 10/31/84
Interceptions By Defense: 5 vs. Virginia, 10/21/72
Interceptions By Defense: 5 vs. Georgia, 9/19/81
Interceptions By Defense: 5 vs. North Carolina, 11/4/95
Interceptions By Defense: 5 vs. N.C. State, 10/30/04
Fumbles: 14 vs. Presbyterian, 9/15/33
Fumbles Lost: 5 vs. many
Sacks By Defense: 12 vs. Furman, 9/7/96
Sacks By Defense: 19 vs. N.C. State, 10/24/87
Pass Breakups: 18 vs. The Citadel, 10/4/86

Clemson Individual

Total Offense: 378 by Woodrow Dantzler vs. Florida State, 11/3/01
Rushing Yards: 263 by Raymond Priestler vs. Duke, 11/11/95
Rush Attempts: 36 by Ray Yaeger vs. Wake Forest, 10/18/69
Passing Yards: 343 by Brandon Streeter vs. Virginia, 9/11/99
Pass Completions: 31 by Charlie Whitehurst vs. Miami (FL), 9/17/05
Pass Attempts: 55 by Charlie Whitehurst vs. Miami (FL), 9/17/05
Completion % (min. 15 att.): 94.1 by Woodrow Dantzler vs. The Citadel, 9/2/00
Pass Efficiency: 247.2 by Woodrow Dantzler vs. The Citadel, 9/2/00
Passing Touchdowns: 4 by Bobby Gage vs. Auburn, 11/22/47
Passing Touchdowns: 4 by Nealon Green vs. Texas El-Paso, 10/4/97
Passing Touchdowns: 4 by Woodrow Dantzler vs. Duke, 12/1/01
Passing Touchdowns: 4 by Charlie Whitehurst vs. Middle Tennessee, 9/13/03
Receptions: 12 by Aines Currie vs. Middle Tennessee, 9/13/03
Receiving Yards: 161 by Perry Tuttle vs. Wake Forest, 10/31/81
Receiving Touchdowns: 3 by Detroh Gaskin vs. Auburn, 11/21/53
Receiving Touchdowns: 3 by Tony Horn vs. Texas El-Paso, 10/4/97
All-Purpose Yards: 267 by Tony Horn vs. Florida State, 9/20/97
Punt Return Yards: 126 by Donnell Woolford vs. Georgia Tech, 9/26/87
Kickoff Return Yards: 160 by John Shields vs. Alabama, 10/25/69
Interceptions: 3 by Kit Jackson vs. Wake Forest, 10/30/65
Interceptions: 3 by Brian Dewitt vs. Duke, 11/11/95
Interceptions: 3 by Alex Ardrey vs. Maryland, 10/14/90
Tackles: 24 by Jeff Davis vs. North Carolina, 11/8/80
Tackles: 24 by Jeff Davis vs. Duke, 11/6/99

Opponent Team

Total Offense: 557 by Florida State, 11/3/01
Plays: 99 by South Carolina, 11/23/68
Yards Per Play: 8.6 by Florida State, 11/3/01
Rushing Yards: 409 by N.C. State, 10/25/75
Rush Attempts: 74 by North Carolina, 11/14/70
Yards Per Rush: 7.5 by Texas A&M, 9/5/05
Rushing Touchdowns: 6 by N.C. State, 10/25/75
Passing Yards: 454 by Georgia Tech, 10/28/00
Pass Completions: 35 by Georgia Tech, 10/28/00
Pass Attempts: 58 by The Citadel, 10/4/86
Passing Touchdowns: 4 by N.C. State, 10/31/98
Passing Touchdowns: 4 by Florida State, 11/3/01
Passing Touchdowns: 4 by Georgia Tech, 9/11/04
First Downs: 31 by Georgia Tech, 10/28/00
Points: 46 by N.C. State, 10/31/98
Punting Average: 57.3 by The Citadel, 10/4/86
Punts: 15 by Auburn, 10/12/68
Penalties: 16 by Duke, 10/17/87
Penalty Yards: 127 by Georgia, 9/30/67
Punt Return Yards: 150 by Florida State, 9/20/97
Interceptions By Defense: 6 by Auburn, 11/21/53
Fumbles: 9 by Presbyterian, 9/18/54
Fumbles Lost: 6 by Duke, 10/19/68

Opponent Individual

Total Offense: 450 by George Godsey, Georgia Tech, 10/28/00
Rushing Yards: 227 by Ted Brown, N.C. State, 11/25/75
Rush Attempts: 38 by Torr Kirtsy, Georgia, 10/7/95
Passing Yards: 454 by George Godsey, Georgia Tech, 10/28/00
Pass Completions: 35 by George Godsey, Georgia Tech, 10/28/00
Pass Attempts: 57 by George Godsey, Georgia Tech, 10/28/80
Receptions: 14 by Kelly Campbell, Georgia Tech, 10/28/80
Receiving Yards: 249 by Peter Warick, Florida State, 9/20/97
All-Purpose Yards: 374 by Peter Warick, Florida State, 9/20/97
Tackles for Loss: 4 by Ross Browner, Notre Dame, 11/12/77

^ - triple overtime game; Note: Clemson first played its home games at Memorial Stadium in 1942.

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.
Information

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.

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 programs 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 program when he visits the Clemson University campus.

Recruiting - A term used to describe the process of recruiting 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 sub-score 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 requires 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.

CUAD Mission Statement

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

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

The Athletic Department strives to develop student athletes academically and ethically with the total commitment of aiding their efforts to graduate from Clemson University and to advance careers that will enable them to be productive members of society.

The Athletic Department will act in an ethical and honest manner, dedicated to compliance with all Federal, State, NCAA, Conference and University rules and regulations.

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 institute), 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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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
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- 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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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 Jervay 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 Crout, Clemson men's swimming & diving two-time team captain, said, "With the football program's move to the WestZone, the Jervay 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."
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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:

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

1981 Jeff Davis, LB
1981 Jeff Bryant, DT
1981 Lee Nanney, OT
1983 William Perry, MG
1984 Kenny Flowers, TB
1985 Jim Riggs, TE
1986 Ty Granger, OT
1987 Danny Pearman, TE
1988 Donnell Woolford, DB
1989 Vince Taylor, LB
1990 Levon Kirkland, OLB
1991 Mike Brown, C
1992 Brentson Buckner, DT
1993 Stacy Seegars, OG
1994 Nelson Welch, PK
1995 Brian Dawkins, SS
1996 Raymond White, MG
1997 Lamont Hall, TE
1998 Jason Gamble, C
1999 Damonte McKenzie, DL
2000 Jerry Jolly, DT
2001 Woodrow Danszler, QB
2001 T.J. Watkins, OG
2001 Kyle Young, C
2002 Nick Eason, DT
2003 John Leake, LB
2003 Gregory Walker, OT
2004 Leroy Hill, LB
2005 Steven Jackson, FB
2006 Dustin Fry, C
2006 Anthony Waters, LB

Dedication Award

1985 Kenny Flowers, TB
1986 John Phillips, OG
1986 Ty Granger, OT
1987 Mark Drag, MG
1988 Jeff Bak, C
1989 Mark Drag, MG
1989 Levon Kirkland, OLB
1990 Arthur Bussle, DT
1991 Ashley Sheppard, OLB
1992 Warren Forney, DT
1993 Ed Glenn, TE
1994 Ed Glenn, TE
1994 Stephen Wynn, TE
1995 Patrick Sapp, OLB
1996 Raymond White, MG
1997 Nick Eason, DT
1997 Jason Gamble, C
1998 Jason Gamble, C
1999 Kyle Young, C
2000 Kyle Young, C
2001 Chad Carson, LB
2001 Kyle Young, C
2002 Nick Eason, DT
2003 Jackie Robinson, WR
2003 Tony Elliott, WR
2003 J.J. Howard, DE
2004 Maurice Fountain, DE
2005 Chip Myrick, OG
2006 Anthony Waters, LB
2006 Chansi Stuckey, WR
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After our performance we welcome the Homecoming Queen and her court to the field.

Silver Anniversary of Alumni Band
Concluding the halftime festivities this week, we will welcome the 25th edition of that blast from the past, the Tiger Alumni Band! Made up of about 150 Tiger Band alums, this group gets together every year at Homecoming to renew friendships, relive those glory days in Death Valley, and root on the Tigers!

Tiger Twirler & Dancer for a Day
During pregame, Tiger Band will welcome over 200 young ladies to perform and experience gameday at Clemson! They are from all over the country, and we hope many will attend Clemson one day!

Vote for Your Favorite Song
Below is a list of the top 10 vote-getters from a survey taken by this year’s Tiger Band members. Now we’d like you, Clemson fans, to help narrow down the choices. The top choice will be played by Tiger Band later in the season. Visit our website (Clemson.edu/TigerBand) and vote today!

“American Woman” ..................... The Guess Who
“Are You Gonna Be My Girl” ..................... Jet
“Back in Black” ........................................ AC/DC
“Brickhouse” ......................................... The Commodores
“Fight for Your Right to Party” ............... Beastie Boys
“Kryptonite” .......................................... Three Doors Down
“Makes Me Wonder” .............................. Maroon 5
“September” ......................................... Earth Wind & Fire
“Thanks For the Memories” ................. Fall Out Boy
“That’s the Way (I Like It)” ... K.C. & The Sunshine Band

Written by Dr. Mark Speede, Director of Bands

Tiger Band CD
You can purchase Tiger Band’s latest CD (“Solid Orange: We ARE Pride”) at local shops or call the band office at (864) 656-3380. There are 52 tracks, including all your favorite Tiger Band hits. All proceeds go to the Tiger Band scholarship fund.

Tiger Band Commitment
Tiger Band needs your assistance to reach our goal of raising two-million dollars before next fall! Thanks to gracious friends of Tiger Band as well as the Clemson University Tiger Band Association, we are over halfway to reaching our goal. But we still need your help. Please visit Tiger Band’s official website online at Clemson.edu/TigerBand to see how you can help shape the future of Tiger Band.

2007 Tiger Twirlers
Sitting (left to right): Krystal Harbin, Tiffany Schmid.
Kneeling: Jessica McElroy, Savannah Bray, Amanda Craig.
Standing: Kerri DeVita (feature), Tiffany Gaskins, Jennifer Tate, Kelly Fehr (captain), Melissa Gryn (feature).

2007 Tiger Dancers
Sitting (left to right): Erin Hunter (co-captain), Michelle Dahl (co-captain).
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Men's Soccer  
- 160-71-23 at Clemson in 12 years, he has a 194-95-28 record including time as Brown's head coach.  
- Led Clemson to its first Final Four appearance in 13 years in 2005 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 season, including the final regular-season poll. As ACC Coach-of-the-Year, he defeated seven top-25 teams in 1998.

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 most wins in history.  
- The 13-2-1 record by the men in 2003-04 was a school record for wins, and the 10 wins by the women were the most since 1988.  
- 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.

Marcia Nold  
Women's Track & Field  
- Coached All-American Delia Clark and ACC Freshman-of-the-Year Li-ane Weber in 2007.  
- Coached Clemson to a #21 national ranking in indoor track in 2006.  
- Led the 2001-02 team to a #21 finish indoors and #20 finish outdoors.  

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 the 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 Powell  
Men's Basketball  
- Has led Clemson to postseason play each of the last three years, including a 25-win season in 2006-07.  
- Tied Clemson's best start with a 17-0 record in 2006-07 and was the nation's last undefeated team. The team was also NIT runner-up.  
- Was as 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 experience as assistant with the U.S. National team in 1994-95 and as an Olympic trials sculling coach in 1995-96.

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 in 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 Delahia Arrington 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 team'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 #1 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 Final Four of the NCAA Tournament, the first women's sports program at Clemson to reach a Final Four.  
- Won the ACC regular-season and tournament titles in 2004.  
- Had a 26-4 record and #5 national ranking in 2004, Clemson's highest-ever final ranking in women's tennis.

Jolene Hoover  
Women's Volleyball  
- The winnigest 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 undefeated Maryland, ending the Terrapins' 29-game winning streak in the process.

Chuck Krise  
Men's Tennis  
- Has a 669-398 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.  
- Has 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, four among 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 Tiger Town.  
- Clemson has won at least 50 games six times in his 14 years and at least 39 games in all 14 seasons.  
- Has coached Clemson to the NCAA Tournament all 14 years, including five trips to the College World Series.  
- Coached the Tigers to an appearance in the Starkville (MS) Super Regional after winning the Myrtle Beach (SC) Regional in 2007. Clemson had a #12 final ranking as well.  
- Led Clemson to the best record in the ACC in the 2006 regular season with a 24-6 record, won the ACC Tournament, and advanced to the College World Series.  
- Won a school-record 26 games against top-25 teams in 2006.  
- The 2006 team had five All-Americans, including unanimous National Player-of-the-Year Khalil Greene, and advanced to Omaha.

Cristy McKinney  
Women's Basketball  
- In her third season at Clemson after serving as Rice's head coach for 12 seasons.  
- Coached Lele 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 WNIIT appearances.  
- Has six 20-win seasons and two conference titles in her 14 seasons as a head coach.  
- Led Rice to a 24-8 record, a WAC Tournament title, and an NCAA Tournament appearance in 2004-05.  
- Played for Kay Yow at N.C. State from 1976-79.
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The loss of three All-Americans and a seven-time ACC Champion would normally cause a head coach to push the panic button. However, Tiger Men’s Track & Field Mentor Bob Pollock has many reasons to believe his 2007-08 squad will overcome the departure of so many talented student-athletes.

Pollock needs to look no further than his sprint group to realize the cupboard is far from bare. The entire group from 2006-07 returns, including five with All-America experience. Add two new talented student-athletes to the mix, and the Tigers sport one of the country’s best groups from top to bottom.

“We had high expectations with this group last year, but we have even higher expectations heading into this season,” Pollock explained. “We hope we’re even more productive in 2007-08 than a year ago.”

Travis Padgett has four All-America certificates to his credit, which includes his national title in the 60m dash last season. Known for his prowess at 100m (two All-America honors, two ACC titles), he dramatically dropped his times in the 60m late season before topping the field at the NCAA Championships. He is one of the nation’s top returning sprinters this season.

Lagging not far behind in the sprints is sophomore Jacoby Ford, also a wide receiver on the Tiger football team. Ford posted the nation’s top time (6.52) in the 60m last season when he won the ACC Championship. He finished third in the event at the NCAA Championships before injuries set him back during the outdoor schedule.

Ford will again be joined by fellow teammate C.J. Spiller this season, who helped the 4x100m relay team to a seventh-place finish at the NCAA Championships. Marcus Gilchrist, a freshman greeter from High Point, NC, also has plans to join the track team in the spring.

Corey Brown and Cowin Mills return after helping the 4x100m relay team to an All-America performance last season. Brown, son of Clemson Hal of Famer Lester Brown, was a regional qualifier in four events in 2006-07. Mills, described by Pollock as “a guy that always finds a way to get things done,” stepped into the 4x100m squad last year when Spiller was injured and helped the group to its best time at the East Region Championships. Both were integral parts of last year’s ACC Championship 4x400m relay team.

The Tigers added one of the nation’s top sprinters in Trenton Guy from Charlotte, NC. He won the 100m at the Nike Outdoor Nationals and 200m at the Scholastic Indoor Championships in 2007. Kendall Millhouse and Gwaltneyaveus Anderson also figure to be in the mix in the short sprints.

Clemson returns its top two performers in the intermediate hurdles, but it is also inexperienced in the high hurdles. Pollock believes “the door is open for us to step in among the ACC teams” due to a lack of depth among conference hurdlers. Andrew Porter was a regional qualifier last year in the 400m hurdles, while Travis Swaggard consistently posted fast times as well.

Kamal Marell red-shirted the 2006-07 season after suffering an injury. He was named all-state in the 110m hurdles as a high school senior in 2005. Freshman Brandon Carter is also expected to compete in the high hurdles.

In the middle distance events, Will Noble returns as the Tigers’ top performer from a year ago. He posted the team’s top times in the 1500m. Jasen Turnbull and Chris State are the most likely options for Pollock’s squad in the 800m to mile events.

Clemson returns a core group of veterans in the distance events. Matt Clark is the unquestioned leader of the group. He is coming off a 2006-07 track season in which he won an ACC title in the 10,000m and earned three additional all-conference honors. Clark also qualified for the NCAA Outdoor Championships in the 5000m last season.

Joining Clark in the lineup this year will be Bryce Ivenson, an all-region and All-ACC performer in cross country in 2006. Sam Brycyczynski and Brian Soder also return with a wealth of experience.

Pollock is excited about the addition of freshman Matt Bruce. He has an abundance of experience internationally with the Canadian junior program. Other freshmen who will have a chance to contribute will be Chad Holt and Tyler Morye.

The field events lose some talented personnel from the 2006-07 team, but they return key leaders in upperclassmen George Fields and Mitch Greely.

Fields is set for his junior season after winning the indoor long jump title at the ACC meet held in Clemson in 2007. He qualified for the NCAA Championships in the outdoor season after a fourth-place finish at the East Region Championships.

The triple jump and high jump will experience a transitional stage this season. Scott Pauga transferred from Illinois-Chicago after clearing 6’8” in the high jump as a freshman. He was runner-up in the event in the Horizon League in 2007 both indoor and outdoor.

Josh Fowler is coming off an injury-plagued freshman season in 2006-07 that forced him to red-shirt. Coaches are unsure how he will respond in the horizontal jumps coming off the injury, but early returns have been positive this fall.

The pole vault should be an area of strength this season, thanks in large part to the return of Greely. He has two All-America honors and has earned all-conference accolades in each season he has been at Clemson. Greely is the school record-holder in the event with a 179” clearance, which he accomplished in a runner-up finish at the East Region Championships last May.

Greeley should receive help this fall from teammates Chris Spear and Cameron Cheek. Spear, a sophomore, was fourth in the pole vault at the ACC Indoor Championships. He will be pushed by Cheek, a two-time state champion in Georgia at the AAAAA level.

Assistant Coach Josh Langley will have a number of options in the multi-events, as the Tigers try to replace two-time All-American Ryan Koontz by committee. Mike Feather and Joey O’Rourke return with good experience, but red-shirt freshman Miller Moss and first-year performer Conner Webb are expected to strengthen the group.

Moss earned All-America honors at the USA Junior Championships this past summer under Langley’s tutelage. Webb earned all-state honors in the hurdles and high jump as a senior.

The throwing events are an area in need of contributors. Last season, a back injury to Zach Berg affected the group’s overall performance. This year, he is healthy again and looks to be a factor in the weight throw, discus, and hammer. Alex Padgett benefited tremendously from a red-shirt in 2006-07. He competed at the USA Juniors this past summer in the hammer throw.

Stephen White is the lone addition in the throws. He was all-state in the shot put as a senior in high school.

Pollock believes the team has what it takes to compete for the ACC Championship, but he knows the road to the title goes through Tallahassee, FL.

"Of course, the conference race is going to be tough again with Florida State, the defending national champion, in our league," Pollock said. "They return key people and will always be tough. We think our guys will be up to the challenge.”

Phil Sikes is an Assistant Sports Information Director in his fourth year at that position at Clemson. He previously worked as a graduate assistant at Clemson for two years.

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By Philip Sikes

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2007-08 Season Preview

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"Any time you have a core group of people working together to push each other, that’s only going to up the level of performance when you get to the competition." The words spoken by Women’s Track & Field Coach Marcia Noad in the preseason will go a long way in determining the success of her 2007-08 team.

Noad believes this year’s squad has gotten off to a strong start in fall training. She also believes that the different event areas have enough talented personnel to keep the groups focused on the team’s goal of returning to the upper-echelon of the ACC.

The sprinters and hurdlers are prime examples of talent that will work together this season to push each other to perform at the highest level. Last season, Clemson had arguably the youngest group of sprinters in the conference. Noad already sees a difference in the group’s training this fall.

Kristine Scott and Ra-Sheena Parker, both in their second year with the program, return as the top two in the short sprints. The sprinters will also receive a boost in March after Lady Tiger basketball player Christy Brown rejoin the squad. She stepped right into last outdoor season without having competed since high school and posted the top time on the team in the 100m.

In the quarter mile, Michaylin Golladay seems to have found a home. After competing in numerous events as a freshman, she will focus on the 400m and intermediate hurdles. Christina Mason figures to be a key component of the 4x400m relays as well.

Three hurdlers with significant experience and success return. Polly Hardy is coming off a junior year in which she scored consistently in the high hurdles at the ACC meets, but she has the ability to take her performance to another level. She is third in school history in both the 60m and 100m hurdles.

Sierra Hill returns for her senior season in hopes of improving on her junior performances in the intermediate hurdles. She will also compete consistently in the high hurdles this season.

Kristal Barringer settled into her role as a sophomore in 2006-07. She is fourth in school history in both the 60m and 100m hurdles. She gives the squad a formidable 1-2 punch in the high hurdles.

“The hurdlers did a good job last year, but I expect them to be able to step it up a little bit this season,” Noad said. “If they’re working hard and helping each other out.”

The distance program continues to improve at Clemson, and it will again feature a lot of new faces. Sunday Ford and Laura Laughlin are the most experienced and are the unquestioned leaders of the group. Ford has earned two letters in cross country and track, while Laughlin has been the most consistent performer in cross country this fall for Gordon Thomson, the Lady Tigers’ second-year distance coach.

“Ford and Laughlin have experience in the 10K,” Thomson pointed out. “We certainly look forward to them making big-time progress. That’s an event where you can make quantum leaps from one year to the next.”

Among the other returning student-athletes in the distance events, Thomson expects to see “big-time jumps in performance” from Maggie Bernard, Lisa Brown, Candice Johnson, and Ashley Vaughn.

Several first-year freshmen have been added in the distance events, including twins Annie and Joanne Castagno. Also returning in the high jump, surprise for her country and, could have an impact. Stephanie Buffo has also performed well this fall.

The jumps should be an area of strength this season for Noad’s team. Patricia Mamona entered Clemson mid-year last season, but her impact was felt right away at the conference and regional level. She earned All-ACC honors in both seasons in the triple jump, then topped off her outstanding first year with a fourth-place East Region finish and automatic NCAA berth in the event.

Nakeisha Wingless follows a solid freshman season which saw her post a regional-qualifying mark in the triple jump outdoors. Sophomore Ashley Good will add depth as one of the team’s primary competitors in the long jump.

April Sinkler will compete in the horizontal jumps, but her impact could be felt right away in the high jump. She was the national champion at the Nike Outdoor Championships last spring.

Sophomore Emily Barlage provides depth in the high jump. Kendra Gauntlett is a walk-on who could see action as well.

The pole vault could be an area of excitement, provided someone steps up in addition to returning All-ACC performer Caroline Kennedy. She thrilled toward the end of her freshman season. Kennedy finished sixth at the East Region meet in the event and already is third on Clemson’s all-time list indoors.

“Caroline is real motivated,” McAtee noted. “She was real close to having good results last year. We didn’t quite get her there. But having someone like Amy to train with is going to push her.”

McAtee was referring to incoming freshman Amy Morrison. A good all-around athlete, she was a state-level diver in high school and also cleared 12′ 1″ in the vault.

The most talented group this season is arguably the multi-events, where Linda Buchholz and Liane Weber return for their sophomore seasons. Both enrolled mid-year last season, but they had an instant impact at the ACC level.

Weber experienced the most success of the two, as she was named ACC Freshman-of-the-Year after winning the pentathlon in Clemson’s indoor facility at the ACC meet in February. She was runner-up outdoors in the heptathlon and earned trips to the national meet in both seasons. She is the school recordholder in both multi-event competitions.

Buchholz is no far behind and is “as good as Liane” is according to McAtee. She earned All-ACC honors in the javelin throw as a freshman, an event in which she broke the school record with a throw of 152′ 5″. She was a provisional NCAA qualifier in both the pentathlon and heptathlon.

The throws will suffer a setback at first with the loss of All-American Della Clark, one of the school’s best-ever performers in the weight and hammer throw. Hoping to ease her loss is junior Rochelle Kokayko, who is third in school history in the hammer throw. She hopes to bounce back from an inconsistent sophomore year. Bethanie Wachna returns in the javelin, where she recorded high marks of 142′ 7″ and was an East Region qualifier.

Catherine Porter showed improvement last year and heads into her senior year more motivated than ever. Freshman Allison Lake has been coined as a “diamond in the rough” by McAtee, who sees her contributing to the team’s long-term success as she adjusts to more intense methods of training.
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Junior Cullen Harper set multiple school records in back-to-back victories over Louisiana-Monroe and Furman earlier this season. His five touchdown passes against the Warhawks and 253.9 pass efficiency rating versus the Paladins were both high marks by a Tiger signal-caller in Memorial Stadium history (1942-07). Then against Virginia Tech on October 6, he set stadium records for completions (38), attempts (66), and passing yards (372).
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I was responsible for coordinating the promotion of the event, arranging activities, and recruiting student-athletes to help out. I had the pleasure of seeing the event grow from around 200 children the previous year to nearly 500 this year! It was great to see the excitement of the children meeting the athletes, and the enthusiasm the athletes had sharing their time and skills with the kids.

My name is Jay Crout and I am a member of the swimming & diving team. I am currently a fifth-year senior getting my master’s in human resource development while completing my final year of eligibility. For the past 14 months, I’ve been working as the graduate assistant for community relations with Linda White in the IPTAY office. We have worked to revamp the community service program for our student-athletes and ensure that every service event is a positive experience for everyone.

This past year, one of my major projects has been to establish the first edition of the Be A T.I.G.E.R! newspaper that student-athletes use when making various speaking engagements. This newspaper is part of our entire Be A T.I.G.E.R! character education program aimed at elementary school children in South Carolina.

The newspaper has five different lesson plans that student-athletes or teachers can use in the classroom to teach each of the five components (teamwork, integrity, gratitude, education, and respect). The entire newspaper was written by student-athletes, including feature stories from former baseball player Taylor Harbin, current track athlete Anastasia Wilson, and former rower Barbi Breimann.

Our first edition of the newspaper came out in early February and was a major success. We are currently working on our second edition of the newspaper, which is slated for release in January of 2008. I consider myself lucky to have been involved with a project like this because it has shown me how amazing our student-athletes at Clemson truly are and what a difference each one can make. As a swimmer, I never expected to sign so many autographs in the elementary schools as I did last year. It showed me what an opportunity we all have to make a difference.

My name is Mike Feathers, a decathlete on the track & field team and a senior majoring in sports marketing. I also got involved by speaking at assemblies to elementary kids two years ago with the SOS program. I have spoken to kids at different schools several times using the concepts of the Be A T.I.G.E.R! program.

My topics have been to relate how the qualities of teamwork and integrity have influenced my life. I have also spoken to kids about how important it is to live a healthy and active lifestyle. When speaking...
at schools, knowing that you are having a positive influence on many of their lives is such a rewarding experience. Getting to see the excitement and enthusiasm on their faces when I come to speak to them is thrilling for both the kids and me.

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My name is Helen Kirkland, a member of the track & field team and a senior. I became involved by starting my own community service project. Imagine not having a single pair of shoes to walk to school, play games, or get to the doctor. More than 300 million children and adults are living in this situation, which exposes them to diseases that can harm and potentially end their life.

Being a Clemson student-athlete, we are constantly accumulating training shoes, and our old pairs just keep getting pushed to the back of the closet and forgotten about. Last fall, I wanted to help put an end to this problem in "third-world" countries and collect as many shoes as possible to help others who are less fortunate. Not only will a single pair of shoes bring smiles to hundreds of faces, but also help reduce their risk of health problems. I organized the collection of these unused shoes, approximately four large boxes, and then facilitated their shipment to those in need.

Seeing all the help from Tiger athletes and the athletic department employees made this a very successful service event. I hope to one day be able to travel to a "third-world" country and make a difference in many people's lives who are less fortunate. If you are interested in completing a shoe-drive, visit Soles4Souls.org online. I want to thank everyone who made this possible and for helping me achieve my goals.

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My name is Cassy LaRussa, a member of the swimming & diving team and a junior majoring in marketing. I got involved with the Solid Orange Squad last year because I was interested in doing community service projects. SOS is a great organization that benefits both the community and the student-athletes. It is an easy way for different organizations, such as elementary schools, churches, or FCA, to find student-athletes to help them with their various events.

The student-athletes are college students who love donating their free time to help out these organizations. We help at many different events. Some examples include bell-ringing for the Salvation Army, speaking at Lakeview Middle School's Peace Rally, working at community health fairs, and volunteering with local after-school programs.

Our Be a T.I.G.E.R! program has the largest number of requests for service. Student-athletes go into elementary schools and teach the students the character traits associated with the acronym T.I.G.E.R. We have 12 elementary schools booked this fall for our program. It is very effective, and the kids love learning about each trait and doing the activities that pertain to it.

Getting involved with this organization taught me that Tiger student-athletes are not just treating Clemson like a place where we will stay for four years, but making it a home and giving back to the community.

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Those are just a few stories of student-athletes that became involved over the years, but there are many more student-athletes who put in large numbers of hours into helping this program evolve. Here are some community service number highlights of 2006-07:

- 419 student-athletes donated their time in service to the community, which comprises 90.8 percent of all student-athletes on campus;
- Student-athletes participated in 131 different community service events, exhibiting a diversity of commitment;
- Student-athletes logged 3,671 total hours, which is an average of more than nine hours per student-athlete;
- Seven of the 15 teams average more than 10 hours service per student-athlete, and 12 of the 15 teams average three or more hours;
- Individually, eight student-athletes logged more than 50 hours of service, 26 logged more than 20, 100 logged more than 10, and 240 logged at least five hours of service;
- The Solid Orange Squad grew to 60 members...this organization is recognized by Clemson University as a service group.

One additional program element is our email buddies program, entitled, T.I.G.E.R! Talk. This component of Be a T.I.G.E.R! began as a partnership with Clemson's Eugene Moore School of Education. We were given a link on their Digital Express system that can be accessed by every elementary school in the state. Our aim was to develop a mentoring program online using prompts related to our character education initiative. We did a pilot program with Clemson Elementary last spring that was very successful, and this year will add Code Elementary in Seneca.

A student-athlete is paired with a student at each school and talks with them weekly, encouraging them to achieve and just being a special friend. The schools identify students who need encouragement and motivation. To date, we have 80 student-athletes signed up to be an online mentor. This program is also managed by student-athletes. Jarrett Lewis (soccer) and Ashley Clay (swimming) have volunteered their time to oversee this component.

As you can see, we have made significant progress, not only in organization and participation levels, but also in establishing a solid foundation for the various components of our total outreach program. Just last week, our efforts were recognized by the 1A CHAMPS Program Directors at their annual meeting in Texas. Our Be a T.I.G.E.R! character education program was cited in their publication outlining "Best Practices."

Clemson has a unique opportunity to be a leader in the area of character education. Because we believe that athletics helps to build character, our mission is to provide opportunities for our student-athletes to experience first-hand the joys of giving back, and more importantly to appreciate the opportunities they have been given.

Linda White is Clemson's Director of Community Relations and is in her third year in that position at Clemson. She also serves as an Associate Athlete, Director and Senior Women's Administrator at Clemson, and was the Tiger's Head Volleyball Coach for eight seasons.
**The Last Word**

**Dr. Larry Bowman**

By Tim Bourret

Back in 1993 when the ACC used to have its annual baseball tournament in Greenville, SC, many times my parents made the trip from Connecticut to South Carolina to enjoy the baseball action. Just as is the case today, the Tigers were always in the hunt for the title, and it was a great atmosphere with a pronounced Clemson flavor.

My parents were running late for Clemson's early afternoon game that Saturday, and in his haste to get from the parking lot in right field to the stadium entrance, my dad tripped over a rock. While attempting to break his fall, he broke his left arm.

I got a call in the press box (no cell phone then), and when I arrived, he was in obvious pain, so I turned to the Clemson medical staff for help. Fred Hoover and Danny Poole provided great short-term support that day.

The next day (Sunday), we needed to get my dad an x-ray and some sort of cast. I called Dr. Larry Bowman, Clemson's team orthopedic physician, who was having a relaxing early afternoon on his back deck. I told him what had happened, and he got up from his relaxed state immediately.

Dr. Bowman met us at Blue Ridge Orthopaedics, the facility he founded in 1982. He took care of my dad that day and for the remainder of his vacation, and he continued to track his progress when he returned to Connecticut. He still asks me about my dad today.

It was that personal experience that brought a smile to my face when I learned that the visiting team locker room at Memorial Stadium would be named in his honor.

Clemson student-athletes have always had great medical care, dating to the days of the legendary Herman McGee, the first African-American inducted into the Clemson Athletic Hall of Fame, and continuing with Dr. Byron Harder, Hoover, and now Poole. Dr. Bowman has continued that tradition since he became Clemson's team orthopedic surgeon in 1988.

Dr. Bowman earned his undergraduate degree from West Virginia in 1970, just about the time Bobby Bowden was coming to that school to become the head football coach. Now he works closely with his son at Clemson.

Dr. Bowman then came to Clemson to earn a master's degree in 1971 before earning his medical degree from the Medical University of South Carolina in 1974. Upon his graduation at MUSC, he served honorably as a flight surgeon in the United States Army, and then he completed his surgical residence at Penn State.

In 1982, Dr. Bowman founded the Blue Ridge Orthopaedics in Seneca, SC, a facility that is now recognized as one of the premier orthopedic surgery groups in South Carolina. Six years later, he became a member of the medical staff with the Clemson athletic department and has been helping Tiger student-athletes for nearly 20 years. He also holds the title of Adjunct Professor in the Department of Bioengineering at Clemson University.

This year in conjunction with his 20th year working with the Clemson program, a consortium of “Friends of Larry” got together to raise the money to name the visiting locker room in his honor. Many of the “friends,” led by Mike Timmerman, were his associates at his orthopedic facility, but many of the “friends” were Clemson athletic administrators, current and former coaches in various sports, and former student-athletes. What an honor!

The unveiling was executed in surprise fashion by athletic administrators and his co-workers at Blue Ridge Orthopaedics. In August, Dr. Bowman was invited to a tour of the WestZone facility. He was told it was a special tour for his colleagues at Blue Ridge Orthopaedics.

As Dr. Bowman and the Blue Ridge party toured the facility, longtime friends and associates huddled in the stadium’s visiting dressing room. As he entered the field to watch a video, they exited the dressing room and sneaked up behind him.

At the appointed time, Dr. Bowman turned around and discovered that he had been tricked.

“I knew something was up when I saw my best friend from the third grade, who had come down from Maryland,” said Dr. Bowman.

Of course, the biggest surprise came when the sign was unveiled that named the visiting locker room in his honor.

“It certainly was very humbling, besides being very surprising,” said Dr. Bowman.

The group then watched a video tribute to Dr. Bowman on PawVision.

“When you look over and you see your name on the stadium, it is still quite a shock,” he admitted. “You see all the other names on the wall that you respect so much and have done so much for Clemson. It is very awe-inspiring.”

The naming of the visiting locker room at Memorial Stadium is one of many honors Dr. Bowman has received over the years. His most gratifying might have taken place in 2006 when he was named the recipient of the Jack C. Hughston Physician-of-the-Year award by the famed Hughston Clinic in Columbus, GA.

“Dr. Bowman is one of the most respected orthopedic surgeons in the nation,” said Poole, who works closely with Dr. Bowman on a daily basis. “You win the Jack Hughston Physician-of-the-Year award for a reason.

“Dr. Bowman is a people-person, and that is important in this profession. He is very patient with the student-athletes, going to great detail to explain the surgery and what will be involved in the recovery. The extra time he takes with the student-athletes leads to a great deal of trust from the athlete in him. As a result, the student-athletes know he is a doctor they can talk to at any time. He is someone who will care about them long after their surgery is over.”

Dr. Bowman is very appreciative of his co-workers at Blue Ridge Orthopaedics and within the Clemson Athletic Department.

“It’s like living a dream to do the thing you like to do with these quality people,” Dr. Bowman said. “That includes all the people at Blue Ridge Orthopaedics, and the Clemson administration, coaches, and student-athletes.”

Dr. Bowman was especially complimentary of the athletic training staff. “They are the ones who make you look good for the surgery. They are the ones who get the student-athletes back on the field.”

Today, my dad is 84 and his left arm is as strong as ever thanks to the care he received from Dr. Bowman 14 years ago.

Fred Hoover (left) and Dr. Byron Harder (right) served alongside Dr. Larry Bowman (center) in the Clemson University Athletic Department for decades.
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