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On the cover of today's program are senior defensive ends Kevin Alexander (42) and Ricky Sapp (97), who have both played in three thrilling games against Boston College. The duo is a big reason Clemson has one of its most talented defensive lines in years.

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2009 Clemson Football
Memorial Stadium’s 67th Anniversary

Today is the 67-year anniversary of the first game in the history of Memorial Stadium. The facility was built between 1941 and 1942. Tiger players and coaches, led by Head Coach Frank Howard, laid the sod by July 15, 1942.

“We hung the gate signs at 1:00 PM and kickoff was at 2:00 PM,” said the late Howard in the preparations for that first game against Presbyterian on September 19, 1942.

Technically, the team did run down the Hill that first day, but there was no Howard’s Rock and there was not the fanfare that we see today. The team dressed in Fike Fieldhouse, and coming down the Hill was the easiest way to get to the field. The locker rooms were not built in the west endzone until 1960.

Clemson defeated Presbyterian that day by a score of 32-13. Freshman tailback Butch Butler led the Tigers with 192 rushing yards, including a 75-yard touchdown run. Clemson had 388 rushing yards and no passing yards on offense, while the defense held the Blue Hose to 254 yards of total offense.

The date of September 19 is a magic date in Clemson history. The Tigers are 8-1 overall on this day, including 7-0 at home and 6-0 in Memorial Stadium. It is the third-best date on the calendar in terms of winning percentage, trailing only September 3 and September 16, which have seen Clemson post 5-0 records.

Some of the Tigers’ most memorable victories have taken place on September 19, including three wins over top-20 teams. Clemson’s 13-3 win over #4 Georgia and Herschel Walker took place on this date in 1981. It was Walker’s only regular-season loss in three years at Georgia and it is the second-highest ranked team Clemson has beaten at home in history (#3 Florida State in 2003 is the highest). The Tigers also beat #18 Georgia at home on September 19, 1987 by a score of 21-20 when David Treadwell kicked a 21-yard field goal with just two seconds left. Howard defeated #12 North Carolina in Chapel Hill in 1959 on this date by a score of 20-18. That was the season-opener of a 9-2 season.

The Tigers’ only loss on this date took place in 1998, when Clemson fell at #10 Virginia 20-18.

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Tigers Face 2-0 Boston College

Clemson and Boston College will renew an old rivalry that has become one of the top ACC matchups of the 21st century when the two teams meet today. The Tigers enter the game with a 1-1 record after a 30-27 loss at #13 Georgia Tech on September 10. The Tigers trailed 24-0 at one point then put on a furious comeback to take a 27-24 lead before the Yellow Jackets kicked two field goals in the fourth quarter.

Boston College enters the contest with a 2-0 record after home wins over Northeastern and Kent State, so this will be the Eagles’ first ACC contest of the season. Boston College has yielded just seven combined points in its first two games.

Two head coaches in their first full seasons will compete today. Dabo Swinney is in his first full year at Clemson, but he already has a win over Boston College under his belt. In fact, last year’s 27-21 win in Chestnut Hill was his first career win as a head coach. It was a memorable day, as Clemson scored a late touchdown on a pass to Aaron Kelly and C.J. Spiller had a career-high 242 all-purpose yards to claim MVP honors.
Boston College is led by first-year Head Coach Frank Spaziani, a product of Joe Paterno's program at Penn State who is in his 13th year at Boston College. He had been Boston College’s defensive coordinator from 1999-08 before taking over as head coach this past offseason. The Eagles have reached the ACC Championship game each of the last two years and the performance of his defense had a lot to do with it. Last year, Boston College finished in the top 10 in the nation in seven defensive categories, including #5 in total defense and #7 in rushing defense.

Jackson Boots 53-Yard Field Goal
Richard Jackson kicked a 53-yard field goal at #13 Georgia Tech on September 10, the longest field goal by a Tiger in 17 years. It was the longest by a Tiger since Nelson Welch kicked a 53-yarder at Maryland in 1992.

Overall, it tied for the fifth-longest field goal in school history. Obad Ariiri and Chris Gardocki both made 57-yard field goals, while Donald Igwebuikhe had a pair of 53-yarders during his career.

Jackson is off to an excellent start in that he has made 5-7 field goals and is 7-7 on extra points for 22 total points. He leads all ACC placekickers in scoring.

Parker Impressions as Freshman
Quarterback Kyle Parker is off to a strong start. The red-shirt freshman from Jacksonville, FL has completed 24-51 passes for 420 yards and five touchdowns. He passed for 261 yards and three touchdowns at #13 Georgia Tech on September 10. He became just the second Clemson freshman to throw three touchdown passes in a game. The only other Tiger freshman to do it is Charlie Whitehurst, who threw four passing touchdowns in consecutive games at North Carolina and at Duke in 2002.

Parker’s 261 passing yards at Georgia Tech are sixth-most in Clemson history by a freshman, including the most since Whitehurst passed for 263 yards against Texas Tech in the 2002 Tangerine Bowl.

Parker has a 140.7 passing efficiency so far this year, the third best mark in the ACC. He has averaged 8.24 yards per passing attempt, above the 7.23 yards per attempt Cullen Harper posted last year as Clemson’s starting quarterback.

The Tigers have started a freshman under center over the course of the season just five previous times.

McDaniel Adapting to New Position
One of the position moves Kevin Steele made when he came to Clemson as defensive coordinator was to move DeAndre McDaniel from linebacker to strong safety. The move has paid off in the first two games of the season, as he has been among the top defensive backs in the ACC.

McDaniel is tied for third in the nation in interceptions with three. He has recorded an interception on the first opponent possession in each of the first two games. In fact, the thefts have come within the first two plays. He had an interception on Middle Tennessee’s second play from scrimmage in the season-opener, then he had one on the first play by Georgia Tech just five days later.

McDaniel had three career interceptions coming into this year and already has three in 2009. The junior from Tallahassee, FL had an interception at Virginia in the 11th game of the 2008 season and a 28-yard fumble return for a touchdown in the Gator Bowl against Nebraska. Therefore, he has at least one takeaway in four of the last five games and three in succession.

In last two games this season only safety McDaniel has totaled an ACC-high three interceptions and several big hits.
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Growing up in the small city of Bamberg, SC, where high school football is a town tradition and a necessity for local families to attend, leads to a fundamental recipe for competition and talent. This talent comes in the form of Ricky Sapp.

Sapp has been a football standout from the age of 10, when he first suited up to play recreational football. He already had the height, build, and natural talent when competing against kids his own age.

“I was always noticeably bigger than my teammates in little league ball,” Sapp remembered. “But I started out at running back because of my speed. I didn't transition to defense until I played in high school, and I ended up enjoying playing defensive end.”

Locals of Bamberg got to witness the potential of a budding star defensive end when Sapp suited up in red and black to play for the Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School Red Riders. And amazed the fans were when they saw their local town hero emerge to become a nationally-recognized football standout.

“On Friday nights, everyone in town attended our high school games,” he recalled. “It was unusual not to attend games, and being in that atmosphere where football is prominent gave me the means to understand how much I can affect my team and hometown.”

Sapp was a First-Team USA Today All-American at Bamberg-Ehrhardt High, making him the first Tiger defensive lineman to achieve that recognition since 1989. He also was selected to play in the Shrine Bowl and the U.S. Army All-American game that was televised nationally by NBC.

Sapp also shined off the gridiron. He was a track and basketball standout, making him a triple-threat athlete. He was a three-year state regional champion in the 100m, 200m, and 4x100m relay. He is very quick off his feet and explosive in game situations, which he credits to his track training. He was also a two-year starter and an all-region pick twice on the hardwood.

Sapp’s talents did not go unnoticed, as many schools came knocking on his door. He received offers from Clemson, Florida State, Georgia, N.C. State, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Virginia Tech. After weighing his options, he chose to suit up for the Tigers.

“I chose Clemson over the other schools because Clemson has an electrifying football atmosphere,” he exclaimed. “The fanbase is great here, and I felt that I could get a great education and play for a football program with a thriving tradition.

“I also enjoy the small-town atmosphere, because I knew I could focus on school and football without any distractions. Nothing compares to playing in Death Valley on a Saturday, with thousands of fans cheering you on.”

Sapp transitioned into his freshman year at Clemson with help from former Tiger All-America defensive end Gaines Adams, who now plays professionally for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

“I looked up to Gaines when we played together during my freshman year. He played with so much intensity and passion, and I always said to myself that I want to be an impact player like he was.”

In Sapp’s freshman season (2006), he was second on the team in sacks (4) despite playing behind Adams. He ended the N.C. State game when he had an 11-yard sack on the last play, protecting the Tigers’ 26-20 victory. He finished the year with 20 tackles and six tackles for loss, and he was an honorable mention freshman All-American by Scout.com.

As a starting bandit end for the Tiger defense in his sophomore season, Sapp was ready to step into the limelight and show that he could be an impact player. He registered 52 tackles, second-most among
Clemson defensive linemen. He also added 10 tackles for loss, five sacks, and 22 quarterback pressures. He totaled the most quarterback pressures on the team due to his speed and quickness in rushing the passer. He has become a player that all opposing offenses account for on every snap.

"You get this adrenaline rush when you know that you have the ability to sack the opposing quarterback," said Sapp, who wears #7. "Those moments fuel our defense, because we know we can't let them get into the end zone."

That same year, Sapp received defensive player-of-the-game honors by the coaches twice. He was also the team's leading tackler against rival South Carolina with seven stops, a game Clemson won 23-21 on the last play of the game.

During his junior season, he was joined with fellow Bamberg-Ehrhardt High standout DaQuan Bowers, who also plays defensive end for the Tigers. "I was excited when DaQuan signed. He is like a brother to me. We've known each other for so long that we can help each other out. It's like having family out there on the field."

Bowers echoed similar sentiments. "Rick is like my older brother. He has helped me transition from high school football to college. He has made the transition smoother, showing me the 'in and outs' of college football. I look up to him in a sense, and he pushes me to play hard every game so that I can reach my potential."

The duo has been good for each other in every phase of the game and off the field as well. Both made the academic honor roll during the spring semester.

The Sapp and Bowers duo is a dream scenario for the Tigers at the defensive end position. This tandem, known as the "Bamberg Bookends," is a dominating force that can make any offensive coordinator in the nation worried. They give the Tigers one of the most imposing defensive end combinations anywhere in the country.

In the beginning of the 2008 season, Sapp was sidelined with a knee injury against Alabama in the season-opener after playing just 13 snaps. He missed the game against the Citadel while recovering from the knee strain. Just as he was getting his momentum back, he suffered a season-ending torn ACL in the 10th game of the season at Virginia.

"Last year was probably my most stressful season," admitted Sapp. "It was really frustrating at times because of the injuries. Once I found out that I had torn my ACL, I was at a loss for words. Knowing that my season was over and the fact that I couldn't help out the team in the remaining games was very hard for me to cope with. I just focused on my recovery, because I wanted to be ready physically and mentally for the 2009 season-opener against Middle Tennessee."

And prepared he was. Sapp had three tackles, including one tackle for loss, and two quarterback pressures to start out the 2009 season with a victory over Middle Tennessee. The defense held the Blue Raider offense to just one touchdown. Five days later at #13 Georgia Tech, he had nine tackles and a team-high two tackles for loss in an inspired effort.

"I plan to take each game one at a time and get better as the season goes on," said Sapp. "As a team, our regular-season goal is to play in the ACC Championship game. If that happens, then that would be a great way to cap my career at Clemson."

Once his career in Tigertown comes to an end, Sapp plans on receiving his degree in sociology and entering the NFL draft in hopes of playing professional football. If that path does not pan out, he hopes to pursue a career in coaching.

Sapp has been a leader, a playmaker, and a core component of Clemson's stout defensive line for the past four years. He came from a small town but has since made his name known nationally as one of the nation's best defensive ends. One word can sum up this small-town hero...accomplished.
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By Heath Bradley

Kevin Alexander's football story started several years ago in a rural Florida town. He started playing the game during the second grade in his local Pop Warner league as a running back and moved to the defensive side of the ball while still playing running back from third grade to high school.

Alexander had one major influence in his young football career...his older brother. Bennie Alexander was a talented defensive back who played at Florida from 1997-01 under current South Carolina Head Coach Steve Spurrier. Alexander credits his older brother as being the biggest influence in his life when it comes to the game of football.

"If I was not watching Bennie from the stands I would not be playing today," admitted the younger Alexander. "His success drove me to get out there and play."

Alexander left Union County High School as a two-time all-state pick under Head Coach Buddy Nobles, the father of current Tiger tight end Kasey Nobles. Alexander played both linebacker and running back in high school in the same backfield as C.J. Spiller.

Alexander's favorite non-Clemson football memory took place during his sophomore year. At the beginning of the season, Union County High was nowhere on the map of the elite teams in Florida. After a season of trials and tribulations, the Tigers slipped into the playoffs, where they went on to make a statement. They won three straight games to advance to the state finals in their division, where they faced national powerhouse Pahokee High School.

"We lost in the championship 21-6, but that season and the team's never-say-die attitude is something I will never forget," said Alexander.

When Alexander first visited Clemson on the recruiting trail, he knew that Tigertown was the place for him. "It felt like home. I love the fact that you have to drive to get to places and that you can easily stay out of trouble. You could see that from the time I first came here on my visit."

All of these reasons helped bring Alexander to Clemson, but a certain conversation with his recruiter helped solidify his decision. "Coach (Dabo) Swinney recruited me. He told me this was my best opportunity to play and make an impact, but most of all he made me feel like Clemson was home."

He wasted little time making a name for himself as a Tiger. He immediately made a contribution as a freshman in 2006 when he appeared in all 13 games as a key member of the special teams. He also appeared on the field for the Tiger defense in four games.

"The most memorable time during my freshman year might still be my most memorable moment," said #24. "It was the Georgia Tech game when ESPN GameDay came to campus. That game was like nothing I had ever experienced. The fans were crazy and the atmosphere was electric."

The Tigers took the field in all purple uniforms for the first time in over half a century and dismantled a talented Georgia Tech team by a score of 31-7. Many Tiger fans would agree with Alexander that it was truly a special day. ESPN's Kirk Herbstreit called it the best on-campus crowd for GameDay in all the years they had done the show.

The 2007 season saw Alexander move to defensive end, where he appeared in all 13 games. He was the backup to Phillip Merling, who was drafted by the Miami Dolphins following the season. Alexander immediately produced at his new position and registered 32 tackles. His best statistical game of the season came against #19 Florida State in the season-opener when the Sunshine State native tallied three tackles and two quarterback pressures. He was outstanding on special teams as well, leading the team with 13 special teams stops in 2007.

Entering the 2008 season, Alexander was named the starter at defensive end and had a breakout season. He started 10 games and appeared in all 13, tallying 34 tackles on the season. He was named defensive player-of-the-game by the coaching staff for the Wake Forest game after registering six tackles and two tackles for loss.

When Ricky Sapp was injured at Virginia, Alexander played both the defensive end and tight end positions for the final games of the season, including the South Carolina contest when he played a career-
Kevin Alexander

high 51 snaps. He recorded at least one tackle in every game while once again showing his versatility by playing a key role on special teams, where he was tied for third on the team with 10 special teams tackles.

Alexander was presented with an interesting opportunity when Defensive Coordinator Kevin Steele was hired prior to the 2009 season. The senior was asked to move from defensive end to linebacker in certain formations during fall camp.

"We moved Kevin to linebacker because we wanted to get the best 11 players on the field," said Steele. "Kevin has great versatility, size, and strength to do the job at both positions. So he is listed at both defensive end and strongside linebacker. He will be a big key for us this season."

Alexander is listed as the starter at strongside linebacker and the backup at defensive end behind Sapp. Depending on the formation and personnel on the field, one could see Alexander at either position on any play.

In the season-opener against Middle Tennessee, he tallied a team-high two tackles for loss, including a sack. Alexander has now recorded a tackle in 28 consecutive games in a Tiger uniform dating back to the 2007 season. With his new role in the defense clearly defined, Alexander is ready to make the most out of his last season in a Tiger uniform, not only individually, but for his teammates, friends, family, and fans that have always supported him.

Alexander has appeared in all 41 games the Tigers have played during his career. In these past three seasons, the Tiger defense has finished in the top 25 in the nation in both scoring defense and total defense, and there is no doubt that he has played a role in those numbers.

His ability to play a variety of positions at a high level and his team-first attitude has made him a valuable contributor to not only the defense, but the Tiger football program as a whole. In his three years, Alexander has steadily improved into one of the Tigers' strongest and most physical defensive players. His bench press of 470 pounds is second-best on the team, including best by a defensive player.

Alexander's mix of strength and speed has made his versatility a valuable asset to the new defensive schemes. He has set goals for the 2009 season that he believes are obtainable by both he and his teammates.

"I want to go out there and play every game like it's my last," he exclaimed. "I want to know when I leave that stadium for the final time that I have left everything on the field."

Four years after recruiting Alexander, Swinney has nothing but praise for the talented 6'4", 265-pound Tiger. "Kevin has been a dependable player for us for four years. We have asked him to be a top player on special teams, and he has led the team in special teams tackles. Now we are asking him to play two different positions and he has taken on those responsibilities. He is one of the leaders of our defense."

When it comes to life after football, it is no surprise to learn that Alexander is just as versatile in life as he is on the field. As with most college athletes, their goal is to play at the professional level. This is also the case with Alexander, but he realizes that there is a life outside of football and has focused himself in the classroom as well.

Alexander was named to the academic honor roll for the 2009 spring semester. His ability to juggle his school and football responsibilities while excelling at both is a testament to his work ethic. When the 2009 season comes to an end, he is slated to graduate with a degree in sociology.

"I hope to reach the NFL," said Alexander. "After that, I plan to work as a parole officer, to help others get their lives headed in the right direction. I also plan to work with underprivileged children. I believe it is important for me to give back, to help children who cannot help themselves, and to make sure that they are growing in the right direction."

When Alexander leaves Clemson, he may not be a player who rewrote the defensive recordbook. However, if there was a recordbook for hard work, passion, and versatility, he would be at the top of all those charts.

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WOODY McCORVEY

By William Qualkinbush

After a seven-season stint as an assistant coach at Clemson under Head Coach Danny Ford in the 1980s, Woody McCorvey spent 20 years coaching in the SEC. When he returned last December, he noticed that, except for newer facilities and more students on campus, things are much the same two decades later.

"The passion for Clemson football is still the same and it’s always been the same," said McCorvey, Clemson’s associate athletic director for football administration. "Clemson has a great tradition and history in football. From a competitive standpoint, people used to call Clemson an SEC school in the ACC.”

When Dabo Swinney was hired as head coach of the Tigers on December 1, 2008, one of his priorities was to bring McCorvey, his former position coach at Alabama, into the fold. Just 11 days after he was hired, Swinney announced that McCorvey would fill an administrative role on his staff, even referring to him as his "national security advisor.”

"Basically, I’m here for Coach Swinney every day," the veteran coach said. "I spend a lot of time over in Vickery Hall. I have to go over to Jervey Athletic Center and work with them. I also work with IPTAY, as I make speeches and proposals for fundraising projects that have to do with football.”

In addition to these duties, McCorvey has a key role in a group, called the "Swinney Huddle," that meets on Tuesdays to discuss issues with the football program. The "Swinney Huddle" consists of representatives from Vickery Hall, the training staff, support staff, and other involved in football operations. In these meetings, all aspects of the program are discussed to create the best environment possible for the football squad.

McCorvey also leads a group called the Players Council, which is made up of players from each position, including both scholarship players and walk-ons. This group is similar to the "Swinney Huddle," except that the issues addressed come from players instead of staff members.

These meetings could cover, as he said, “anything from the training table to the way we dress when we go to road games.”

Being a part of these groups is a far cry from roaming the sidelines, which McCorvey had done for three decades before returning to Tigertown. While he misses the day-to-day interaction on the field with players and coaches, he has chosen to take it all in stride.

"After having done it for over 30 years, this gives me another side of it," the Alabama State alumnus said. "Seeing some things now that I would not have seen in my position as an assistant coach. So it’s given me a different view and a different perspective on what goes on day-to-day in running a football program, and also in running an athletic department. I’m 58-years-old. I’m not going to sit here and say I’m never going to coach again. But I’m really enjoying the job I have here.”

Between his stops at Clemson, McCorvey has experienced life in the SEC in abundance. He has spent time at Alabama, Tennessee, South Carolina, and Mississippi State in a variety of positions. His time coaching in the SEC gave him a fresh perspective on being competitive on a weekly basis.

"It’s so competitive week in and week out," McCorvey said. "No matter who you play against, it’s not a dropoff. The crowds are exciting. You will always have a lot of noise, a lot of enthusiasm wherever you go play, and then it’s the same thing in your venue. When you look at that SEC Championship game, it’s a great atmosphere.”

Another plus for McCorvey is that he has gotten the opportunity to re-unite with Swinney, who helped develop from his time as a walk-on wide receiver at Alabama to a starter, and then to a full-time staff member. Being able to watch Swinney grow as a player and coach has given McCorvey the ability to track his development.

"One thing that I saw in him that inspired me to give him the opportunity to play was his daily work habits and how he was a student of the game," the former coach said. "When he sat in meetings, he was always a notetaker. You could ask him a question and he always responded, and most of the time it was the right answer, because he was a good listener.

"We hired him as the wide receivers coach at the age of 26, and I watched how he dealt with some guys who he had played with and saw the amount of respect that all of them had for him. I knew at that time that somewhere down the road he was going to have a great future in football.”

McCorvey sees some similarities between Clemson’s 2009 team and the ones he coached more than 20 seasons ago, particularly on defense and in the running game. He is hopeful that the program can recapture the magic that made it so successful during the 1980s when Clemson had the fifth-best winning percentage in college football and won five ACC Championships along with a national title.

"The thing we have to do is put together some good seasons, string together some wins, and get back to winning championships like Clemson is accustomed to doing.”

William Qualkinbush, a junior from Central, SC, is a student assistant in the Clemson Sports Information Office.

Full Name Woodrow McCorvey, Jr.
Title Associate A.D. Football Administration
Years as a College Coach 31
Overall Years at Clemson 8th
Years in Position at Clemson 1st
Alma Mater Alabama State ’72
Hometown Amite, AL
Date of Birth September 30, 1950
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Q. What is your most memorable gameday experience?
A. During my freshman year against Florida State, it was the first play of my career and I had a half sack.

Q. What have you done individually to prepare for this season?
A. I went back home to refocus on my goals and what I needed to do to succeed in accomplishing them.

Q. What kind of rush do you get when you are playing a game?
A. When the ball is snapped, it feels like I've been struck with lightning. I get a surge of adrenaline that runs through my veins.

Q. What type of leader are you on the field?
A. I'm more of a vocal leader. I say what's on my mind and I love pumping my teammates up and encouraging them.

Q. Who or what inspires you the most?
A. I inspire myself the most by being able to see what God has made of me and the gifts He has given me.

Q. If you could be famous, in what way would you choose to be famous?
A. I would love to be a singer.

Q. Your teammates call you "Sunshine." How did you get that nickname?
A. They call me "Sunshine" because they say I smile a lot. No matter what, you'll always see me smiling.

Q. What was your favorite aspect of your trip to Ghana?
A. The people and interacting with them (see picture below). Their culture is so different from ours and I enjoyed being able to experience it.

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Interview conducted by Brittnay Earle, a senior from Easley, SC and a student assistant in the Clemson Sports Information Office.
As an architect, James F. Barker is a rarity among major university presidents and he has often wondered why. He believes architecture is the ideal background for the challenges of university leadership, as it strikes the right balance between art and science, the creative, and the practical.

"I often tell people I learned everything from plumbing to poetry in architecture school, and I use every bit of that knowledge as president of Clemson University," Barker said.

Add to that his love of sports and his college experience as a varsity athlete on Clemson's track team, and Barker is the total package.

The 1970 Clemson graduate became president in 2000 with a vision and mandate from the Board of Trustees to lead Clemson to the top ranks of public universities...an institution that attracts outstanding faculty and students, provides an unmatched educational experience, and helps drive innovation and economic development for the state.

During his presidency, the University has harnessed the competitive, can-do spirit of the Clemson family to help improve the quality of a Clemson education and the value of a Clemson degree.

It has climbed from #39 to #22 among public universities in the U.S. News & World Report, which also recognized Clemson in its 2009 guide as an "up and coming" institution.

In the last decade, Clemson has also:
• been granted a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, America's oldest and most prestigious undergraduate honor society in the arts and sciences.
• been recognized for value and affordability by Kiplinger's and Smart Money magazine, and twice ranked #1 among the "Best Places to Work in Academia" by The Scientist magazine.
• developed and implemented an academic "Road Map" with eight emphasis areas aligned with South Carolina's economic needs.
• created an Academic Success Center to help undergraduates learn and succeed. Retention rates for freshmen have gone up and graduation rates have risen from 71 percent in 2001 to 78 percent in 2008.
• according to the National Survey of Student Engagement, 91 percent of Clemson seniors would choose Clemson again.
• strengthened its cyberinfrastructure and information technology capabilities, and connected to national high-speed research networks.
• been ranked as high as #61 on the top-500 list of supercomputing sites.

• launched major 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, all in conjunction with the South Carolina Centers of Economic Excellence program.
• 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.
• created the Bridge to Clemson program to help students make the transition from the state's technical and community colleges to Clemson.
• set records for student applications (undergraduate and graduate levels), private giving, external research support, and study-abroad participation.

Working with state leaders and private industry partners, he has steered Clemson into a greater economic development role. The first phase of the CU-ICAR campus near I-85 is complete and graduate students in automotive engineering are studying at its Campbell Graduate Engineering Center.

Leading the academic and research program are distinguished professors in endowed chairs supported by BMW, Michelin, and Timken. The Restoration Institute is spearheading research and public education efforts to improve watershed management and restore water quality in the state.

He is a leading voice in higher education, not only in the state but nationwide. He currently chairs the Division I Committee of the NCAA Board of Directors and delivered a keynote address at a symposium in Washington on global best practices in science & technology parks. It was sponsored by the U.S. National Academy of Sciences in cooperation with the Association of University Research Parks, as his topic was CU-ICAR.

For his leadership, he has received the Order of the Palmetto, the state's highest civilian honor, and The Cliff's Business Person-of-the-Year Award from Greenville Magazine. He has also received the James T. Rogers Merit Award from the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools.

As Clemson's president, Barker remains committed to the classroom. Each spring, he is part of a team that teaches a 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 bachelor of arts degree from Clemson in 1970 and his master of architecture & urban design degree from Washington University in 1973. He and his wife Marcia have two sons and one grandchild.
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On June 30, 2009, Clemson's football staff moved into the West Endzone at Memorial Stadium. It was a day of physical exertion for a lot of coaches, but the football staff performed the strenuous activity with smiles on their faces because the move meant the completion of Phase II of the West Endzone project, which has brought the Clemson football facilities to among the best in the nation.

It was also a day that brought a smile to the face of Clemson Athletic Director Terry Don Phillips, who had been working toward that day before he arrived on campus seven years ago. The creation of the West Endzone facility is another in a long line of accomplishments for Phillips throughout his 30-year career in athletic administration.

His vision was to create a top-of-the-line facility for the football program, but at the same time have a positive effect on the total sports program. The facility at Memorial Stadium creates more office space, new locker rooms, and training room and strength training facilities for the Olympic sports programs.

There have been many facility and infrastructure enhancements since Phillips came to Clemson and they have led to a quality all-around program. In 2008-09, Clemson played in the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament, the NCAA Baseball Tournament, and a bowl game, one of just 13 schools nationally to participate in all three. It was also the first time Clemson had done that in 11 years.

The men's basketball program reached the NCAA Tournament for the second straight year and finished in the top 25 of the AP poll for the second consecutive year, a first in school history. The rowing program had a remarkable year, winning its first ACC title, and the Varsity 4+ won the national title. The volleyball team played host to the NCAA Tournament for the second year in a row and the women's tennis team finished in the top 20 (#11) for the seventh straight year.

The baseball team won an NCAA Regional and had a #14 final ranking, the golf team finished #6 in the Sagarin ratings, and the indoor track team finished 23rd at the NCAA Championships. Overall, six programs earned NCAA Tournament berths.

Academically, 17 of the 19 programs were above the national average for public institutions in terms of APR scores. In the 2009 spring semester, the 19 programs had a 2.97 combined GPA, the highest on record, and 54 percent of the student-athletes made the Academic Honor Roll.

These statistics and accomplishments were contributing factors to his selection as one of the top-100 Most Influential Sports Educators in America in 2008 by The Institute for International Sport at the University of Rhode Island. Its objective involved a four-year process and resulted in a list that spans scholars, Olympians, coaches, and other industry leaders “who have creatively and effectively used sport in the very best way as a means to educate and shape positive values.”

Phillips' athletic career and academic pursuits epitomize that desire. Perhaps still the only Division I athletic director with both a doctorate and law degree, he uniquely blends the discipline and inspiration created on each side of campus. In his eighth year at Clemson, he has firmly put his imprint on the University and Tiger athletics by creating a balanced, positive environment for success that emphasizes academic integrity, student-athlete welfare, and competing at the highest levels with unequivocal NCAA compliance.

Phillips was recognized nationally for his performance at Clemson in 2006 when he was honored by the NACDA (National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics) as the 2005-06 GeneralSports Turf Systems Athletic Director of the Year for the Southeast Region of the FBS. He was one of just four FBS athletic directors honored at the annual convention.

Excellence in academics has been a constant on his resume. He has an undergraduate degree from Arkansas (1970), a master's degree from Virginia Tech (1974), a doctorate degree from Virginia Tech (1978), and a law degree from the University of Arkansas School of Law (1996). He is a member of the Arkansas Bar, American Bar Association, and Sports Lawyers Association.

He remains a classroom presence by teaching a sports law section in the Accountancy & Legal Studies department. In addition, he is past chair of the NCAA Division I Infractions Appeals Committee. He has written on diverse areas, such as antitrust and the NCAA, student-athlete welfare, alternative dispute resolution, and Title IX. His doctoral dissertation on Title IX involved a historical review of the law and was the first national study of Title IX implications on college athletic programs. This research spawned his interest and desire to study law.

Prior to coming to Clemson, he served as athletic director at Oklahoma State. Football was transformed from a perennial losing status to defeating Oklahoma during five of the eight years he was associated with Oklahoma State (1994-02). For this, he received the National Football Foundation Oklahoma Chapter Outstanding Contribution to Amateur Football Award in 2002. Additionally in 2006, he was named one of the top-25 most influential people in the history of Oklahoma State Athletics by Go Pokes 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 program achievements included two national titles in men's golf, a men's basketball Final Four appearance, two trips to the men's College World Series, 13 Big 12 titles, and 11 individual national champions along with 53 academic All-Americans. Before leading Oklahoma State, he served as senior associate athletic director at Arkansas from 1988-94.

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

He began his career in college athletics coaching football. He started as a graduate assistant at Arkansas (1970-71). He moved on to Virginia Tech as an assistant coach (1971-78) before joining the ranks of athletic administration. At Virginia Tech, he served on staffs that included future Clemson Head Coaches Charley Pell and Danny Ford.

Winning has been on Phillips' resume since his playing days at Arkansas. He lettered on three Frank Broyles teams (1966, 68, 69), where he and his brother Loyd, an Outland Trophy winner, were starting defensive tackles, the first brother combination to start together under Broyles. Arkansas had a 27-5 record in the three years, played in two Sugar Bowl games, and played in the memorable 1969 National Championship game against Texas.

Phillips has two children (John Dennis, Sarah Jane) and three stepchildren (Meagan, a junior and proud member of Tiger Band, Marshall, Madison). His wife Tricia is a graduate of the University of Missouri School of Journalism and earlier enjoyed a career in athletics and development. She is active in the Clemson and Seneca communities.
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Dabo Swinney became Clemson's interim head coach on October 13, 2008 when Tommy Bowden stepped down after guiding the program for nearly 10 seasons. Then on December 1, 2008, the "interim" tag was removed, as he took over on a full-time basis as the Tigers' 25th head coach. The 39-year-old had been Clemson's assistant head coach for two years and had been in charge of the wide receivers since 2003.

Swinney, who had never been a head coach prior to the 2008 season, led Clemson to a 4-3 record in 2008. That mark included four victories in the last five regular-season games, with its only loss at #24 Florida State. That 4-1 record to end the regular season tied for the best mark in the ACC. Four of his six regular-season opponents were later bowl participants. His 4-3 record included a 2-1 road record, wins over Boston College and Virginia.

Swinney hit the ground running in his first week as interim head coach, as he prepared for a 5-1 Georgia Tech team. He had to re-organize his staff, and re-group his team and Clemson Nation in just five days. While the Tigers lost by four points, he accomplished many goals in that first week through his outstanding leadership. One of the most impressive demonstrations of unity came during the team's "Tiger Walk."

Prior to the game against the Yellow Jackets, Swinney decided to have his team depart buses outside the Lot 5 parking lot near the WestZone at Memorial Stadium and experience the gameday atmosphere. Dressed in jackets and ties, the team was embraced by thousands of Tiger fans who stood 10 deep for the 200-yard march to the stadium. It was the centerpiece of his "All In" theme in his first week as head coach. It is a tradition that will continue in the future.

In his second week as head coach, an off-week, he invited the Clemson student body to a practice, and nearly 1,000 students showed up. He spoke to the group and actually allowed some students to participate during practice, as they were selected to attempt a field goal, punt against a live rush, and field a punt. He also took the entire team to the Greenville Children's Hospital for a visit with young men and women fighting cancer.

The Tigers played at Boston College in his first-ever road game as head coach on November 1. Despite committing four turnovers and trailing in the fourth quarter, his troops rallied for a 27-21 win, giving Clemson its first win over the Eagles since 1958. It also came against the eventual ACC Atlantic Division champion.

The Tigers suffered a 41-27 defeat at #24 Florida State a week later, but they rebounded to trounce Duke 31-7 at Memorial Stadium by outgaining the Blue Devils 466-168 under Swinney, who also served as offensive coordinator during the second half of 2008. Clemson showed its road prowess the following weekend by claiming a 13-3 victory at Virginia.

Rival South Carolina awaited for the final regular-season game. Against one of the SEC's best defenses, the Tigers used a balanced attack (184 rushing yards, 199 passing yards) to top the Gamecocks 31-14 at Memorial Stadium. Clemson also had four interceptions against Steve Spurrier's offense and held it to just 22-47 passing for 212 yards. The following week, the Tigers accepted an invitation to play in the Gator Bowl against Nebraska, a game in which the Cornhuskers were victorious by a score of 26-21.

The 1993 Alabama graduate joined the Clemson staff prior to the 2003 season. In his six years, the Tigers have finished in the top 25 of the final polls three times and totaled 10 wins over top-25 teams, including victories over Florida State (4), Miami (FL) (1), and Tennessee (1), during his tenure in Tigertown.

Swinney coached his wide receiver position to a level of consistency that had not been seen previously at Clemson. He had a wideout finish first or second in the ACC in catches each of the last five years. In his first year, he had three of the top-10 receivers in the ACC, a first in Tiger history. He coached a First-Team All-ACC wideout every year from 2004-07 (three different players), also an unprecedented feat at Clemson.

In 2004 and 2005, he coached the ACC reception champion (Aires Corrie (2004), Chansi Stuckey (2005)). It was the first time Clemson had two different players lead the ACC in receptions in consecutive years. In 2007, Aaron Kelly led the ACC in yards, giving Swinney an ACC receiving king three out of four years. Stuckey earned First-Team All-ACC honors in back-to-back years, a first for a Tiger wideout in 25 years. He is now one of the top wideouts for the New York Jets.

The play of Swinney's wide receivers was a big reason Clemson led the ACC in total offense, rushing offense, and scoring offense during the 2006 season, just the second time an ACC team led the conference in all three categories during the previous 25 seasons. The Tigers also led the league and set school records for yards per play (6.5) and touchdowns (55).
In 2007, he coached Kelly, a First-Team All-ACC selection who led the league in receiving yards per game and touchdown catches (11). He also finished second in receptions per game with a school-record 88 catches, tied for the second-highest total in ACC history. His 11 touchdown catches were a Tiger record as well.

Kelly is Clemson's and the ACC's career reception leader with 232 catches. He also owns the school touchdown reception record with 20. The previous record of 18 was held by Glenn Smith, who established the record in 1951.

The Alabama native has a reputation as one of the top recruiters in the nation. In 2006, he was listed as the fifth-best recruiter in the nation by Rivals.com. It marked the second straight year that he was lauded by the website as a top-25 national recruiter. He signed 38 players in five recruiting seasons and was a major reason Clemson's 2008 recruiting class was rated #2 in the nation by ESPN.com when he signed 11 players. He was named one of the top-25 recruiters in the nation by Rivals.com in 2007 as well.

When Swinney accepted the interim head coaching position on October 13, 2008, he described his feelings as "bittersweet" because he was taking over for Bowden, who had been his first position coach at Alabama in 1989. He had also brought Swinney back to the coaching profession in 2003 and has had a profound effect on his life. Both had followed similar paths as players, as Bowden was a walk-on at West Virginia and Swinney was a walk-on at Alabama.

Swinney received a commerce & business administration degree from Alabama in 1993 after lettering three times (1990-92). A walk-on who went on to earn a scholarship, Swinney was a wide receiver on Alabama's 1992 National Championship team. He was also named Academic All SEC along with being an SEC Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll member in 1990 and 1992.


After his playing career, Swinney served as a graduate assistant coach from 1993-95 at Alabama, where he coached in the 1994 Gator Bowl and 1995 Citrus Bowl. In December of 1995, he received a master's degree in business administration from Alabama.

He became a full-time assistant coach at Alabama in February of 1996 under Head Coach Gene Stallings and coached a total of five seasons there on a full-time basis. He was assigned to coach the Crimson Tide wide receivers and tight ends in 1996, a season that saw Alabama win the SEC Western Division title and make an Outback Bowl appearance. The following year, he solely coached the tight ends under Head Coach Mike DuBose.

In 1998, he coached Alabama's wide receivers, a position he held for three seasons. At the end of the 1999 campaign, Swinney coached the Crimson Tide in the 2000 Orange Bowl after winning the SEC Champi-onship game. Wide receiver Freddie Milons was the game MVP.

Since 1997, he has had 17 former players either drafted or sign free-agent contracts with NFL teams. The list includes Currie, Derrick Hamilton, Kevin Youngblood, Stuckey, and Milons, an All-American who is still second in career receptions at Alabama.

During his time at Alabama, Swinney was a part of six teams with at least 10 wins, five top-10 finishes, one national title (1992), three SEC championships (1989,92,99), and five SEC Western Division titles (1992,93,94,96,99) as a player and coach. He has coached the #2 receiver at Alabama (Milons) along with the #1 (Kelly) and #2 (Hamilton) receivers in Tiger history.

From April of 2001 through February of 2003, Swinney was in private business in Alabama. He married the former Kathleen Bassett in 1994. They have three sons, Will (11), Drew (9), and Clay (6).
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- 24th Season Overall
- Tennessee '81
- Born March 17, 1958

Charlie Harbison
Co-Defensive Coordinator
Defensive Backs

- 5th Season at Clemson
- 19th Season Overall
- Gardner-Webb '95
- Born October 27, 1959

- In his 10 seasons at Clemson, the Tigers have been bowl eligible all 10 years and have played in nine bowl games. The Tigers have also set over 100 school records on offense.
- Has been the offensive coordinator on two (2001,03) of the top-four offenses in Tiger history.
- Has coached at least one All-ACC player four straight years.
- As offensive coordinator at Clemson in 2001, Woodrow Danzelter became the first player in NCAA history to total 2,000 passing yards and 1,000 rushing yards in one season.
- The 2006 offensive line paved the way for James Davis and C.J. Spiller to gain over 2,000 combined rushing yards, a big reason Clemson was fifth in the nation in rushing that year.
- He coached Second-Team All-ACC player Thomas Austin in 2008. Austin was the only three-time ACC Offensive Lineman-of-the-Week during the 2008 season.
- Served as an assistant coach at Florida State from 1983-93. He was on the 1993 staff that won the national title. He was the offensive coordinator of that record-setting team that featured Heisman Trophy winner Charlie Ward.
- Florida State was 10-0-1 in bowl games with him on the staff and 44-6 while he was offensive coordinator.
- Came to Clemson after five seasons as head coach at South Carolina. He led the Gamecocks to a win over West Virginia in the 1994 Carquest Bowl, the first bowl win in school history.
- His son Jeff is Clemson's wide receivers coach and recruiting coordinator, giving the Tigers their first full-time, father-son coaching combination in history.

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

Education

Personal Data
Born September 30, 1954 in Arcadia, FL...married to Daryle. The couple has two sons (Jeff, John). Jeff is an assistant coach at Clemson on the 2009 staff.

Kevin Steele

- Has 23 years of experience in the college ranks and four in the NFL with the Carolina Panthers.
- Has coached in 16 bowl games, including eight that are now considered BCS bowls. That includes six Orange Bowls.
- Has been on 11 coaching staffs that have finished in the top 20 at five different schools. That includes Alabama in 2008.
- Has coached under National Championship Head Coaches Bobby Bowden, Johnny Majors, Tom Osborne, and Nick Saban in his career that dates to the 1982 season.
- Spent 2003-06 at Florida State, where he was executive head coach and linebackers coach under Bobby Bowden. He helped the Seminoles to three top-25 finishes and two ACC titles.
- Named the nation's top recruiter by Rivals.com in 2005.
- Served as head coach at Baylor from 1999-02 and as an assistant with the Carolina Panthers from 1995-98. In 1995, the Panthers played their home games at Clemson.
- Coached six years at Nebraska (1989-94), as it had a 61-11-1 record and won four Big 12 titles.
- On the 1994 Nebraska staff that won the national title.
- Coached at his alma mater (Tennessee) in 1987 and 1988, helping it to a 10-2-1 record in 1987.
- In 1984, he helped Oklahoma State to a 10-2 record and #5 ranking in the final AP poll.

Playing Experience
Began his football career at Furman in 1976...transferred to Tennessee and played in 1976-79.

Education
Earned an undergraduate degree from Tennessee in 1981.

Personal Data
Born March 17, 1958 in La Jolla, CA...he and his wife Linda have a son Gordon and daughter Caroline.

Charlie Harbison

- In his second tour of duty at Clemson, he served as defensive backs coach under Head Coach Tommy West from 1995-97. So this is his fourth full year overall in Tigertown.
- Coached some great players in the 1990s at Clemson, including seven-time Pro Bowl selection Brian Dawkins, among the best players in the history of the Philadelphia Eagles. Dawkins was a third-team All-American and led the ACC in interceptions in Harbison's first year at Clemson (1995). He also coached future Super Bowl Champion Dexter McLean and Washington Redskins safety Leonmore Evans. Antwan Edwards was a first-round draft pick after three years under Harbison's tutelage.
- Came from Mississippi State, where he was defensive coordinator and safeties coach. He helped it to the Liberty Bowl in 2007. The Bulldogs were seventh in the nation in pass defense.
- Has had two tours of duty at Alabama (1998-00, 2003-06). He helped Alabama to five bowl games in seven years, including 1999 when the Crimson Tide won the SEC title and played in the Orange Bowl. Alabama finished ranked #8 in the nation that year. He coached defensive backs in his first tour of duty and wide receivers the second time around at Alabama.
- Coached at Louisiana State under Head Coach Nick Saban in 2001 and 2002. The 2001 Louisiana State team won the SEC title and ranked #7 in the final AP poll with a 10-3 record.

Playing Experience
Played four years as a defensive back at Gardner-Webb (1978-81) and had 11 career interceptions...signed as a free agent with the Buffalo Bills (1982)...played in the USFL in 1983-84.

Education

Personal Data
Born October 27, 1959...married to the former Tammy McCluney...the couple has four children (Charlie, Stetson, Masai, Msiba).
Assistant Coaches

Billy Napier
Offensive Coordinator
Quarterbacks

- 4th Season at Clemson
- 5th Season Overall
- Furman '03
- Born July 21, 1979

• In his fourth season as a full-time coach at Clemson. He is now
the offensive coordinator. He moved into that position at the
age of 29 and was 30 when he called plays in the opener
against Middle Tennessee. He is the youngest coordinator in Clemson
history and one of the youngest in the nation.
• Has been ranked among the top-25 recruiters in the nation by
Rivals.com two of the last three years, including 2008 when
Clemson ranked #2 in the nation in recruiting by ESPN.com.
• Coached the Tiger staff as tight ends coach in 2006. That year, the
Tigers led the ACC in total offense, rushing offense, and scoring
offense. Clemson was also fifth in the nation in rushing.
• Served as an assistant coach at S.C. State in 2005 and helped
that program to a 9-2 record, including 7-1 in the conference.
S.C. State was 12th in the nation in rushing (236 yards per
game), 15th in the nation in passing efficiency, and 17th in the
nation in scoring (34 points per game).
• Helped the Bulldogs to the fourth-best turnover margin in the
country in 2005, as the team committed just 11 turnovers after
losing 33 turnovers in 2004. He was elevated to the offensive
coordinator position after the 2005 season, but he never
coached in that role due to his hiring at Clemson.
• Served as a graduate assistant at Clemson during a nine-win
season in 2003 and during the 2004 season.
• Lettered four times (1999-02) at Furman and was a two-time
captain as a starting quarterback. He holds the Paladins career
record for completion percentage (64.8) and is third in passing
yards (4,247). He also set the school single-season record with
2,475 passing yards and was a finalist for the Walter Payton
Award (FCS National Player-of-the-Year) in 2002.

Playing Experience
Four-year letterman and two-year starter at quarterback at Fur-
man (1999-02). Two-time All-SoCon selection at quarterback.

Education

Personal Data
Born July 21, 1979 in Cookeville, TN...married to the former
Ali Gunn.

Danny Pearman
Assistant Head Coach
Offensive Tackles & Tight Ends

- 2nd Season at Clemson
- 19th Season Overall
- Clemson '87
- Born February 17, 1965

• Joined Clemson's staff in December of 2008 and coached in the
2009 Gator Bowl. Therefore, he joined a small group of
people who have played for Clemson in a bowl game and later
coached the Tigers in a bowl game. He donned the orange &
white in the 1986 Gator Bowl and 1987 Citrus Bowl.
• One of two Clemson graduates on the coaching staff, Jeff
Scott is the other. He played tight end on Clemson's 1986 and
1987 ACC Championship teams, then he served as a graduate
assistant coach on the Tigers' 1988 ACC Championship team.
• In 18 years as a full-time Division I head coach, his teams have
played 14 bowl games. Including three years as a graduate
assistant coach, it is 17 bowl games in 21 years.
• His coaching career got off to a great start with an eight-year
tenure at Alabama. In just his second year as a full-time coach,
he directed the offensive tackles and served as special teams
coordinator on Alabama's National Championship team.
• After eight years at Alabama, he moved to Virginia Tech, where
he worked eight years under Frank Beamer. The Hokies went
to eight bowl games during his eight years there.
• Coached tight ends and was a special teams assistant at Virginia
Tech. He coached two tight ends who later played in the NFL.
• Coached at North Carolina in 2006, Duke in 2007, and Maryland
in 2008, so he is very familiar with the ACC. He helped Maryland
to the Humanitarian Bowl in 2008.

Playing Experience
Lettered three times as a tight end at Clemson (1985-87), played
on the 1986 and 1987 ACC Championship teams...strength &
conditioning All-American (1987)

Bowl Participation as a Player
1985 Independence Bowl...1986 Gator Bowl...1988 Citrus Bowl.

Education
Bachelor's degree in finance from Clemson in 1987...master of
business administration from Clemson in 1989.

Personal Data
Born February 17, 1965...he and his wife Kristy have one daughter
(Taylor) and two sons (Tanner, Trent).

Dan Brooks
Defensive Tackles

- 1st Season at Clemson
- 26th Season Overall
- Western Carolina '76
- Born June 25, 1951

• Coached the last 15 years at Tennessee under Head Coach
Philip Fulmer. He coached in 13 bowl games during those 15
years and was part of eight teams that won at least 10 games.
The Volunteers finished in the top 25 of the polls in 12 of those
seasons, including six top-10 finishes. Tennessee also finished
in top 10 of the AP poll five straight years (1995-99).
• Tennessee's defense finished third in the nation in total defense
in 2008. The Volunteers were also 10th in scoring defense and
12th in rushing defense.
• Coached first-round draft pick Albert Haynesworth, the high-
est-paid defensive player in the NFL, with the Redskins. He also
coached first-round draft picks Shaun Ellis, Justin Harrell, and
• Tennessee's recruiting coordinator from 1999-02.
• Coached on the 1998 Tennessee staff that won the national
title with a 13-0 record. That team had six wins over top-25
teams and gave up just five rushing touchdowns.
• In 1998, he was named the SEC's top defensive line coach.
• Coached six years under Head Coach Mack Brown at North
Carolina from 1988-93. He helped the resurgence of North
Carolina during that era (9-3 in 1992 and 10-3 in 1993).
• Helped take the Tar Heels to the Peach and Gator Bowls in
consecutive years.
• Coached five years at Florida from 1983-87.
• Served as a graduate assistant coach at Florida in 1983.
• Coached former Clemson star and NFL All-Pro running back
Kevin Mack in high school in the 1970s.

Playing Experience
Began his football career at Appalachian State in 1969...trans-
ferred to Western Carolina and played in 1973.

Education
Earned an undergraduate degree from Western Carolina in
1976...master's degree from Florida in 1984.

Personal Data
Born June 25, 1951 in Sparta, NC...he and his wife Kathy have
two children (Tara, Rhett).
### Assistant Coaches

**André Powell**
- Special Teams Coordinator Running Backs
- 3rd Season at Clemson
- 19th Season Overall
- Indiana '89
- Born September 29, 1966

**Chris Rumph**
- Defensive Ends
- 4th Season at Clemson
- 8th Season Overall
- South Carolina '94
- Born December 21, 1971

**Jeff Scott**
- Recruiting Coordinator Wide Receivers
- 2nd Season at Clemson
- 3rd Season Overall
- Clemson '93
- Born December 28, 1980

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- In his third year at Clemson as running backs coach and his second season as special teams coordinator. He has coached all-star running backs James Davis and C.J. Spiller.
- Has coached an All-ACC player each of his first two years, James Davis in 2007 and C.J. Spiller in 2008.
- Has been in charge of Clemson's kickoff return team each of the last two years and Clemson has finished in the top 15 in the nation in that category each season.
- Had a positive effect on Clemson's special teams in 2008, as the Tigers led the ACC in kickoff return coverage and were 14th in the nation in kickoff returns. Spiller was in top 25 in the nation in kickoff returns and all-purpose yards as well.
- Coached Pittsburgh Steeler Super Bowl Champions Willie Parker at North Carolina along with Ronnie McGill, who finished his career 10th in school history with 2,193 rushing yards. He coached at North Carolina from 2001-06.
- Was an assistant coach at Virginia for five seasons (1996-00), as he coached future NFL standouts Gernsmine Crowell, Thomas Jones, Charles Kirby, Pat Washington, and Terrence Wilkins.
- Spent two stints as an assistant coach at Army (1991-95).
- Played two seasons at Lees-McRae (1984-85) prior to earning two letters at Indiana (1986-87). He was the lead blocker for 1,000-yard rusher Anthony Thompson in 1987.

**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**
8.5 degree in health, physical education, & recreation from Indiana in 1989.

**Personal Data**
Born September 29, 1966 in Lockhart, SC...married to Joanna...the couple has one son (André II 13) and two daughters (Alayna 10, Mikala 7).

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- Defensive ends coach in his fourth season at Clemson. In each of his first three years, Clemson's defense finished in the top 25 in the nation in scoring defense, rushing defense, and total defense.
- In his first three years at Clemson, the Tigers went to three bowl games and won 24 games, including a high of nine wins in 2007 when Clemson finished the season ranked in the top 25 of both polls.
- Coached Tiger defensive end Phillip Merling, who went on to be the #3 overall pick of the 2008 NFL Draft by the Dolphins. Merling, Rumph's nephew, had a strong rookie season with the Dolphins in 2008 after finishing in the top 10 in the ACC in sacks in 2007. Clemson's defense finished in the top 10 in the nation in both total defense and scoring defense in 2007.
- Clemson finished in the top 20 in the nation in total defense and rushing defense in his first year (2006) at Clemson.
- Coached under Tommy West at Memphis and helped the team to three straight bowl games (2003-05).
- Head coach at Calhoun County (SC) High School from 1997-01. He also served as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks/running backs coach there.
- Four-time letterman at South Carolina (1991-94). He had 52 tackles in 11 regular-season games as a senior. In 1994 under Head Coach Brad Scott, he helped the team to a win over West Virginia in the Carquest Bowl, the first bowl victory in Gamecock history.

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

**Bowl Participation as a Player**
1995 Carquest Bowl.

**Education**
8.5 degree in retail management from South Carolina in 1994.

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

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- Youngest member of Clemson's full-time staff at the age of 28. He became a full-time coach on October 13, 2008.
- During the second half of the 2008 season, he had the opportunity to coach wideout Aaron Kelly, the ACC's all-time leading receiver.
- Son of Clemson Associate Head Coach Brad Scott, therefore Jeff is a part of the first full-time, father-son coaching combination in Tiger football history.
- One of two Clemson graduates on the staff, Danny Pearman is the other.
- A member of three bowl teams as a player at Clemson from 2000-02. He played in the 2001 Gator Bowl, 2001 Humanitarian Bowl, and 2002 Tangerine Bowl during his Tiger career.
- Noted for his ability as a runner in fake-field-goal situations. He also played wide receiver for the Tigers during that time period.
- Had his first full-time college job at Presbyterian in 2007 as wide receivers coach, then came to Clemson as a graduate assistant in 2008. He moved into full-time status when Head Coach Tommy Bowden resigned at midseason.
- Began his coaching career at Blythewood (SC) High School and won a state title in his first year and the program’s first year.
- It is believed to be the first time that has happened in South Carolina high school football history.

**Playing Experience**
Lettered three years as a wide receiver and holder at Clemson (2000-02).

**Bowl Participation as a Player**

**Education**
Degree in secondary education from Clemson in 2003.

**Personal Data**
Born December 28, 1980 in Arcadia, FL...married to the former Sara McDaniel...son of Clemson Associate Head Coach Brad Scott.
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Woody McCorvey returned to Clemson after 20 years to become Associate Athletic Director for Football Administration. McCorvey was Dabo Swinney's position coach during his playing days at Alabama and served as a wide receivers and tight ends coach on Danny Ford's Tiger staff from 1983-89.

McCorvey serves as the primary liaison between Swinney and the athletic and IPTAY administration. He also oversees the management of the football administrative offices.

McCorvey supervises the football budget and works with the staff at Vicky Hall to oversee the team's academic progress. He also makes speaking engagements and represents the football staff at various meetings and functions.

McCorvey worked seven years at Clemson between 1983-89. With McCorvey coaching the tight ends from 1983-85 and the wide receivers from 1986-89, Clemson posted a 60-19-3 record and won three ACC titles. During that time, the Tigers were invited to the 1985 Independence Bowl, the 1986 and 1989 Gator Bowls, and the 1988 and 1989 Citrus Bowls. Clemson posted a 10-2 record in each of his last three seasons under Ford. Among the student-athletes he recruited were future Pro Bowlers Donnell Woolford and Chester McGlockton. He also coached future NFL players Keith Jennings and K.D. Dunn.


Prior to joining the staff at Tennessee, McCorvey worked one season at South Carolina, where he served as the wide receivers coach in 1998 under current Tiger Associate Head Coach Brad Scott.

McCorvey took the South Carolina job following an eight-year stay at Alabama from 1990-97. He served seven seasons as its wide receivers coach and the 1996 campaign as offensive coordinator. He was the assistant head coach in 1997 as well. Alabama had five top-25 final rankings in his tenure in Tuscaloosa, including three seasons in the top five.

The Crimson Tide won the 1992 national title with McCorvey serving as wide receivers coach and Swinney as one of his student-athletes. That season culminated with a 34-13 win over heavily-favored Miami (FL) in the Sugar Bowl. Current Clemson Assistant Coach Danny Peele was also on that staff.

During the 1990-96 era, Alabama posted a 70-16-1 record and played six bowl games. With McCorvey at the controls of the offense in 1996, Alabama finished 10-3, including a win over Michigan in the Outback Bowl.

From 1979-82, he served as an assistant coach at Alabama A&M and helped that program to the No. 6 rushing offense in Division II in 1981 after finishing 11th in the nation in scoring offense the previous year. McCorvey began his collegiate coaching career at North Carolina Central in 1978.

McCorvey began his coaching career with a six-year stint (1972-77) at Tate High School in Pensacola, FL. A quarterback at Alabama State from 1966-71, McCorvey earned his bachelor’s degree at Alabama State in 1972 and a master’s degree from West Florida in 1977.

The Atmore, AL native is married to the former Ann Brown. The couple has a son Marlon.
Daniel Bassett
Director of Football Programs

- 4th Season at Clemson
- Tennessee '01
- Born November 23, 1978

Daniel Bassett is in his first year as director of football programs at Clemson. He is in charge of on-campus meals and housing, maintaining the football recruiting database, and community outreach.

Prior to being hired as director of football programs in 2008, Bassett worked as a student volunteer and later in office administration from 2003-05.

He received his undergraduate degree in broadcasting from Tennessee in 2001. He then came to Clemson, where he earned his master's degree in professional communication in 2005.

The Birmingham, AL native was born November 23, 1978 and is single.

Mike Dooley
Director of U.S. Relations & Player Personnel

- 5th Season at Clemson
- Furman '98
- Born May 1, 1975

Mike Dooley is in his fifth year with the Tiger football program and serves as director of high school relations & player personnel. He is responsible for maintaining and improving relationships between high school coaches and Clemson.

Prior to being hired at his current position, he served two years (2005-06) as a video graduate assistant (defense) and two years (2007-08) as a graduate assistant coach (offense) at Clemson.

Dooley also served as interim tight ends coach in 2008 when Dabo Swinney was hired as head coach at midseason.

Dooley worked as an assistant coach at Greenville (SC) High School from 1998-04 before coming to Clemson. His responsibilities included defensive coordinator from 2000-04 and assistant head coach in 2004.

Dooley is a native of Toccoa, GA. He lettered as a defensive end at Furman from 1993-95. He was also an Academic Honor Roll member and received his degree in health & exercise science from Furman in 1998.

Jeff Davis
Assistant Athletic Director
Player Relations & External Affairs

- 6th Season at Clemson
- Clemson '84
- Born January 26, 1960

Jeff Davis is in his first year as assistant athletic director for player relations & external affairs within the Clemson football program. During the previous five years, he served as an assistant athletic director for fundraising, where he helped raise funds for the WestZone Club at Memorial Stadium.

He also served as the primary spokesman for Clemson University’s Call Me Mister Program and served as director of that program from 1999-03.

Davis was an All-America linebacker from 1978-81 who captained the Tigers during their 1981 National Championship run. "The Judge" registered a then-Clemson record 175 tackles on the 1981 defense. That same season, he became just the third defensive player in ACC history to be named conference MVP. Davis registered 14 tackles as Clemson toppled Nebraska 22-15 in the 1982 Orange Bowl to claim its first National Championship.

He was named to Clemson’s Centennial Team in 1996. In 1995, he became the fourth member of the Clemson Ring of Honor. Then in 2002, he was named to the ACC’s 50-Year Anniversary team.

In 2007, Davis was accorded the highest honor attainable for a college football player when he was inducted into the National Football Foundation College Football Hall of Fame. Davis has made a name for himself outside of the Clemson community. A fifth-round selection by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the 1982 NFL draft, he played six productive seasons in the NFL. During his time as a professional, Davis also completed his remaining coursework and graduated from Clemson in 1984.

In 1999, Davis returned to Clemson as field director of Call Me Mister. The program seeks to recruit, train, certify, and secure employment for African-American males as elementary teachers in the state's public schools. In 2001, he was awarded $100,000 for the program from Oprah Winfrey's "Angel Network."

He is president of Goal Line Stand, a group that supports young people as adults as they seek to remain committed to values that shape and govern their lives. Davis, an ordained pastor, lives in Clemson with his wife Joni and their six children.

Donald Hymel
Assistant Athletic Director

- 11th Season at Clemson
- Louisiana State '88
- Born April 4, 1963

Donald Hymel is in his 11th season with the Tiger football program as an assistant athletic director. His emphasis areas include working with pro scouts, handling coaches clinics and summer camps, team travel, official and unofficial campus visits by recruits, and serving as the liaison for ACC referees.

Hymel (pronounced HEE-mehl) came to Clemson after a three-year stint as an assistant equipment manager at Tulane. In 1996, he was an administrative assistant at Tulane in addition to his duties as assistant equipment manager.

Hymel 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 performed postgraduate studies at the U.S. Sports Academy in Mobile, AL. In 2009, Hymel married the former Dana Lapointe.

Danny Poole
Director of Sports Medicine

- 27th Season at Clemson
- Western Carolina '79
- Born June 7, 1957

Danny Poole is in his ninth season as Clemson's director of sports medicine, but he is a veteran of more than 26 years working in the Tiger athletic training facility. He supervises the athletic training needs of all student-athletes, but his primary area of emphasis is with the football program. He has 29 years of full-time experience in the athletic training field.

Poole served as head athletic trainer for the Carolina Chargers of the American Football Association in 1979. In 1980, he became an assistant trainer at Memphis. As a full-time assistant there, he earned his master's degree in health education.

A 1979 Western Carolina graduate, Poole earned a degree in health & physical education. He was student trainer for the Catamounts for four years. He was published in the NATA Journal in 1979, "The D.F. Method for Blister" as a student.

Poole was honored in 2001 by his peers with the Athletic Trainers Service Award. The award is presented by the National Athletic Trainers Association to role models who are future leaders of the training profession. The Charlotte, NC native is married to the former Beth Morgan. The couple has two daughters, Jacqui Elaine (22) and Abby Blair (20).

Alphonso Smith
Director of Equipment

- 10th Season at Clemson
- Clemson '91

Alphonso Smith is in his 14th season at Clemson, and he is in his 10th year overseeing all equipment operations. He served as a basketball manager during his undergraduate and graduate years at Clemson from 1985-92. He was a member of the staff of Clemson's only ACC regular-season championship team in history (1990). Smith also served as a graduate assistant in 1992.

Smith worked as assistant equipment supervisor at Memphis for three years. He was responsible for assisting the football program and was in charge of men's and women's basketball, women's golf, and men's and women's track & field.

He is a 1991 graduate of Clemson, as he earned his degree in social science secondary education. He is a member of the Athletic Equipment Managers Association and serves as newsletter editor for District III. He was named Equipment Manager of the Year for District III in 2006-07 as well.

Smith is married to the former Kim Teol of Omaha, NE. The couple has a son Andruce Christopher.
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Will-call tickets can be picked up at the ticket office (Gate 9).
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 28 straight seasons. A crowd has exceeded 80,000 fans 55 times since the 1993 season. In 2006, Clemson was 18th in the nation in average home attendance with its 79,164 average.

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 245 games in 67 years there and has won over 71 percent of the games (245-96-7).

The stadium has definitely been good to the Tigers, but it was constructed against the advice of at least one 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 Neely's advice, however, Clemson officials decided to build the new stadium in a valley on the western part of campus. The place took 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...

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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 handed halfway through.

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

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

Later, upper decks were added to each side of the stadium 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 nation's 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 inflation has had 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 $6.25 per seat. The stadium's 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,
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Memorial Stadium Records

Clemson Team

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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 Memorial 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 inside the west endzone of Memorial Stadium...there was only a giant clock, where the hands turned, and a scoreboard that was operated manually 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 flung, 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 a white flint rock. He presented it to Head Coach Frank Howard as being from Death Valley, California to Death Valley, South Carolina.

The rock layed 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 Tiger wins that had been recorded there. Actually, the name was first used by Lonnie McMillan, head coach at Presbyterian during the 1940s.

McMillan and the other Blue Hose coaches before him used to open each season by playing at Clemson. Seldom scoring (24 shutouts in 39 games), and with only three victories and four ties to show for it, his teams were getting "killed" by the Tigers regularly. In 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 when Howard started calling it "Death Valley" in
the 1950s, the name took off like wildfire. Clemson celebrated its 67th year in the “Valley” in 2008.

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 left and came back to win 40-35 on a 65-yard pass from Jimmy Addison to Jacky Jackson in the fourth quarter. That was quite a debut for the 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 during the following day on his television show, and the story became legend.

When Hootie Ingram succeeded Howard as head coach prior to the 1970 campaign, 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 during the 1970 and 1971 seasons 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 contest during the 1972 season. 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 narrow win.

The Tigers have made the entrance for every home game since 1942, except for the seasons mentioned above (333 times entering the 2009 season).

After final warmups, the team gathers back in its dressing room under the west endzone stands for its final game instructions. Approximately 10 minutes prior to kickoff, the team boards three 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.

“Scariest Home Fields”

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* - No longer exists; Note: List compiled from survey of coaches by ESPN The Magazine in 2007.
For the first time in Clemson football history, the everyday activities for the football program have moved to Memorial Stadium. On July 1, 2009, Tiger coaches moved into new offices in the WestZone of Memorial Stadium. A month later, the team made the locker room in Death Valley its full-time facility.

Additionally, a new equipment facility, athletic training facility, and strength training facility opened with all the modern conveniences of an NFL franchise's facility.

The new facility is 142,000 square feet, which adds over 50,000 square feet to previous facilities in the Jer-vey Athletic Center. It includes a two-floor strength training facility that is 14,000 square feet, among the largest dedicated solely for football in the nation.

"The motto for our program since I became head coach is 'All-In,'" said Head Coach Dabo Swinney. "This facility shows any Clemson football player, recruit, or supporter that our University is 'All-In' with this football program. The facility is among the best in the nation and allows our student-athletes to develop and become the best they can be."

The equipment room has been expanded to include, among other items, new offices and a new laundry room that encompasses approximately 6,000 square feet of space. The football staff offices and meeting rooms are composed of approximately 4,000 square feet of existing space and more than 18,000 square feet of new space.

The facility includes offices for the head coach, assistant coaches, and support staff along with position meeting rooms and a 150-seat auditorium with a sloped floor and theater seating.

The training room, located on the north side of the home team's locker room, is expanded to include a new hydrotherapy room, new offices, and examination rooms.

### Clemson Recruiting Rankings

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* - average star ranking; NR - not ranked in top 25 (Lemming only ranks top 25); Note: ESPN.com rankings not available prior to 2006.
rooms. The training room occupies about 6,200 square feet of space as well.

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

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

In order 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 Clemson's recruiting classes has improved dramatically since the WestZone project began in 2004.

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.

Former Clemson running back James Davis, the 2005 ACC Rookie-of-the-Year, stated that one of the biggest contributing factors in deciding on Clemson was the University's commitment to upgrading facilities. "Does Clemson want to be a championship program?" asked Davis when he was 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 has opened up space in the Jervey and McFadden buildings for the other 18 Clemson 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 sports.

A look to Clemson's history shows the importance infrastructure enhancements have on the football program. The following chart summarizes the relationship.

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A significant aspect of Phase II of the WestZone project was the construction of a new strength training facility on the first floor that is adjacent to the Tiger locker room and the Frank Howard Field playing surface.

For the first time, there is a strength training facility exclusively for the development of the Tiger football team. Director of Strength & Conditioning Joey Batson, who is in his 13th season at Clemson, makes sure that all Tiger gridders are ready to compete against the top teams in the nation. In his first 12 years in Tigertown, Clemson has gone to 10 bowl games and he has coached 17 football strength All-Americans, including Tiger running back C.J. Spiller.

It is the fourth major facilities construction since Batson joined the program, an example of his desire to keep Clemson at the forefront of strength training.

The new facility has the best in all strength training equipment, not to mention the existence of a new sound system and nine new flat-screen televisions that give the Tiger football player a pleasant atmosphere to accomplish the most strenuous work.

The strength training facility actually has two floors. The first floor has all the free-weight equipment, including a dumbbell area, and the second floor is a cardio-equipment area.

Batson has a staff of eight assistants working with the football team. Joining Batson are veteran Strength Coaches David Abernethy and Larry Greenlee. Three more assistants deal in player development year-round. Those include former Tigers Damonte McKenzie and Marion Dukes along with Brandon McCombs.

**Facility Highlights**

- 11 power racks
- 11 8x8 Olympic platforms
- 11 custom-built racks
- Football sleds that monitor power output and speed off the ball
- Cardio equipment
- Full line of leverage equipment
- Powerstation/nutrition bar
- Nine flat-screen televisions
- Awards wall

Strengthening & Conditioning
Clemson Football
Joey Batson is in his 24th year as a strength & conditioning coach at the collegiate level and 13th year as director of strength & conditioning at Clemson. He has served as a head strength & conditioning coach 20 of his 24 years of service.

Batson was named master strength & conditioning coach by the Collegiate Strength & Conditioning Coaches Association (CSCCA) in May of 2009. This honor is the highest given in the strength & conditioning coaching profession. Batson was presented with a blue MSCC jacket on May 7, 2009.

Batson has had a strong impact on the Clemson program since he became director in 1997. He has had much to do with the success of the football program, helping it to 10 bowl games and four top-25 final rankings. While at Clemson, he has worked for three head coaches and has had a tremendous impact in the state at many notable high school programs.

An example of his respect level in the profession is demonstrated by the number of former assistants who are now assistants and/or directors at other universities, including conferences such as the ACC and SEC along with several high-profile high school programs in the state.

Not only does Batson bring professional experience to the position at Clemson, he brings experience as a football player at the collegiate level. The Travelers Rest, SC native was a tight end at The Citadel in 1979 before transferring to Newberry, where he was a two-year letterman and team co-captain during his senior season.

Batson earned his bachelor of arts degree in physical education from Newberry in 1985 and his master's degree in education from Clemson in 1988. Prior to his collegiate career, Batson was named to the 1977 all-state football team as a defensive end in high school.

Batson is married to the former Susan Malone of Greenville, SC. The couple has two sons, Michael and Benjamin.
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Boston College was founded in 1863 by the Society of Jesus to serve the sons of Boston's Irish immigrants. It was the first institution of higher education to be founded in the city of Boston. Today, it is one of the foremost universities in the nation, with a coeducational enrollment of 14,500 undergraduate and graduate students. Boston College has drawn students from all 50 states and more than 80 countries.

Boston College has grown not just in size, but also in stature and diversity. Today, it is ranked among the top 34 national universities by U.S. News & World Report. Its Graduate School of Social Work is listed among the nation's top 15, also by U.S. News & World Report, while the graduate programs of its Lynch School of Education are among the top 20 and its Connell School of Nursing and law school are among the top 30.

After more than a century of growth and evolution, Boston College holds fast to the ideals that inspired its Jesuit founders. The University remains focused on its mission of helping students to develop their minds and talents while providing them with the motivation and compassion to use those talents in the service of others.

Today, the Boston College motto “ever to excel” also extends to a broad array of extracurricular activities and opportunities, ranging from sports to the arts. Athletics is integral to the University's focus on the development of the whole person in body as well as in mind and spirit. Boston College offers 31 men's and women's varsity sports, all of which compete at the NCAA Division I level, and annually has one of the highest graduation rates in the nation.

**Eagle Leaders**

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What is Clemson?

love of winning

If there's anything Serji Amirkhanian loves more than teaching, it's winning. And as faculty adviser to Clemson's Concrete Canoe team, the soccer-playing civil engineering professor gets to combine both passions.

Amirkhanian wears many different hats at Clemson — Mays Professor of Transportation Engineering, Alumni Distinguished Professor and director of the Asphalt Rubber Technology Service. It's his students' three titles as American Society of Civil Engineers National Concrete Canoe Competition champions, however, that are among his proudest accomplishments.

For the last 16 years, the Clemson team has made it to nationals where they compete with other top engineering schools. The boats resemble slick racing canoes.

Students use high-tech materials to develop extremely lightweight and strong concrete mixes. They not only have to design, build and race their canoes, they also have to make a presentation that incorporates written, oral and visual elements to explain the concepts behind the canoe. Hundreds of hours go into preparation.

“I'm very competitive, and I like to win,” says Amirkhanian. “But that's not what keeps me doing it. It's the friendships and associations with students that drive me. I enjoy challenging them to make it all work. We learn to overcome difficulties together.”

www.clemson.edu
Clemson University

Thomas Green Clemson believed that South Carolina needed an institution of higher education dedicated to science and agriculture. With his belief came the foundation that was laid for Clemson Agricultural College. On April 6, 1888, Thomas Clemson died, leaving most of his estate to the state of South Carolina with the purpose of establishing a college that would teach scientific agriculture and the mechanical arts to the young people of South Carolina.

The college formally opened its doors in 1893 with an enrollment of 446 students. As an all-male military school, it quickly became recognized across the nation as an important part of the national system of state universities and land-grant colleges. In 1955, Clemson became a civilian co-educational college. As the school expanded its academic offerings and research pursuits, the state legislature renamed it Clemson University in 1964.

Today, the University is much more than Thomas Clemson could have ever envisioned. The campus is located on 1,400 acres of beautiful rolling hills on what once was the plantation of former U.S. Vice President John C. Calhoun. Landmarks such as Fort Hill, the former home of the Clemsons and the Calhouns, Tillman Hall with its clocktower and Carillon Garden, the statue of Thomas Green Clemson, and the outdoor amphitheater all help retain the air of tradition.

Clemson University Facts

- U.S. News & World Report ranked Clemson the leading university in South Carolina and #22 among the nation's top public universities in August of 2009. The university's goal is to be one of the top-20 public universities in the nation. Clemson has improved 52 spots since 1997.
- Clemson's five colleges include Agriculture, Forestry, & Life Sciences; Architecture, Arts, & Humanities; Business & Behavioral Science; Engineering & Science; and Health, Education, & Human Development.
- Kiplinger's magazine ranks Clemson #34 among public institutions in its roundup of institutions providing a top-quality education at a reasonable price.
- The Program for Educational Enrichment and Retention (PEER) helped bring Clemson's graduation rate of African-American engineering students to the highest in the nation among predominantly non-historically black schools.
- Fike Recreation Center, which just completed a renovation and expansion project, has a host of opportunities for students to let off steam through physical activity. Inside Fike is an eight-lane swimming pool, a diving tank, two gyms for basketball and other activities, various weightlifting facilities, and room for aerobics. Outside Fike are several spacious fields used for the extensive intramural program and for student enjoyment. There are indoor and lighted outdoor tennis courts across the street at Hoke Sloan Tennis Center.
- The Hendrix Student Center is a 108,000 square-foot facility in the heart of Clemson's campus that contains a convenience store, food court, movie theater, and bookstore. The center has 15,000 square feet of meeting rooms and a 2,600-square-foot student lounge. It is also the home of the Michelin Career Center, student media, and Campus Life offices.
- The Michelin Career Center can help with planning and finding summer and full-time employment. The office assists in career counseling and planning, searching for a job, preparing resumes, and developing job interview strategies. Resources include staff expertise, books, videotapes, and literature provided by companies and agencies. Clemson has developed one of the best automated placement systems in the country, allowing students to research employers and sign up for interviews from any mainframe computer terminal on campus.
- The Princeton Review ranked Clemson students the nation's #1 "Happiest Student Body" in 2008.

General Information

Founded: 1889
Total Enrollment (2008-09): 18,317
Undergraduate Enrollment (2008-09): 14,713
Graduate Enrollment (2008-09): 3,604
Freshman Class Enrollment (2008-09): 2,923
Average SAT of 2008-09 Freshmen: 1,223
Freshmen in Top-10 Percent of Class: 52%
Freshman-Year Retention Rate: 91%
Degrees Awarded in 2008: 2,779
Undergraduate Degree Programs: 68
Graduate School Degree Programs: 111
Full-Time Teaching Faculty Members: 1,223
Since its inception in 1991, the Student-Athlete Enrichment Programs have provided student-athletes a continued commitment to excellence. Our approach is to address the total student-athlete, and we are committed to coaching our student-athletes to success in the academic, personal growth, career, and community service arenas.

As an original member of the NCAA CHAMPS/Life Skills Program, we provide opportunities and services to address the changing needs and skills of student-athletes during college and after graduation. This program was selected for the FBS Athletic Director's Association "Program of Excellence" Award, a lifetime award recognizing CHAMPS/Life Skills excellence.

Clemson's commitment to providing its student-athletes with the best facilities is evident in many ways. From the soaring upper decks of Memorial Stadium and the beautiful WestZone, to the "New Littlejohn Coliseum," to the state-of-the-art strength training facility, young men and women from all of Clemson's intercollegiate varsity sports have the best in facilities for both training and competition.

The Student-Athlete Enrichment Programs are housed in Vickery Hall, located in the center of campus. The $3 million structure is as impressive aesthetically as other athletic facilities. It recently underwent $300,000 in renovations to further assist our student-athletes in the classroom. But the importance of Vickery Hall to our student-athletes is not found in the structure itself, but in the many programs that the building houses.

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

Vickery Hall programs are dedicated to providing a holistic, educational experience by inspiring an environment of respect, integrity, and excellence. Through these services, Vickery Hall guides and encourages each individual to reach his or her full potential as a student, athlete, and citizen.

**Academic Commitment**

Clemson's 19 sports programs had an overall GPA of 2.97 for the 2009 spring semester, the highest on record. Additionally, 242 of the 448 student-athletes (54 percent) were named to the Academic Honor Roll (3.0 GPA or better). That is a record for the highest percentage of student-athletes on the Academic Honor Roll for one semester.

The Tiger football team had a record 44 of its 96 student-athletes earn a 3.0 GPA or better. The previous record was 41 during the fall of 2000. The team GPA in Dabo Swinney's first full semester as head coach was 2.61, the second-highest team GPA on record.

The list of football team members on the Aca-
ademic Honor Roll included starters Kevin Alexander, Thomas Austin, DaQuan Bowers, Mason Cloy, Rashaad Jackson, Jimmy Maners, Brandon Maye, Akeem Robinson, and Ricky Sapp. Thirteen of the players on the roster made the Dean’s List (3.50 to 3.99 GPA), including Austin, a starting offensive guard, and Maye, a starting linebacker. Both are returning All-ACC Academic players. Maners received an ACC Postgraduate Scholarship and was inducted into Clemson’s initial Phi Beta Kappa class in 2008 as well.

The Clemson football program had the most Academic Honor Roll members (44), seven more than the rowing program. It marked the first time since the spring of 2002 that the football team had the department’s most Academic Honor Roll members.

Clemson had five student-athletes on the All-ACC Academic team in 2008, including C.J. Spiller, who was First-Team All-ACC on the field and in the classroom. He made the Dean’s List in the first semester with a 3.5 GPA. He also became the first running back in Tiger history to earn First-Team All-ACC honors on the field and in the classroom in the same academic year.

**Athletic Commitment**

It was a noteworthy year for Clemson athletics in 2008-09. From a team standpoint in the high-profile sports of football, basketball, and baseball, Clemson played in a bowl game, the NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament, and the NCAA Baseball Tournament in the same year for the first time since the 1997-98academic year. It was just the eighth time in history that it played in all three major postseason events in the same academic year, as Clemson was one of just 13 schools to do so.

Clemson received team bids to NCAA Tournaments in women’s volleyball, men’s basketball, women’s tennis, rowing, men’s golf, and baseball, and the Tigers were ranked in the top 25 of the final polls in men’s basketball, women’s tennis, rowing, men’s golf, men’s indoor track & field, and baseball.

It was a landmark year for the Tiger rowing program. Richard Ruggieri led Clemson to a team bid in the NCAA Championships for the first time and the varsity 4+ boat won the national title.

There were many remarkable individual performances as well. In addition to the women’s National Championship varsity 4+ boat (Allison Colberg, Cullen Erdek, Lydia Hassell, Kelly Murphy, Meredith Razzolini), Jacoby Ford won the NCAA title in the 60m indoors. Kyle Stanley won the Ben Hogan Award as the nation’s top golfer and finished second at the NCAA Championships.
What is Clemson?

Clemson University is defined by its “determined spirit” — the shared sense that drives our progress, unites us as a family and pushes us to reach greater heights. In fact, the very foundation of the University rests on the determination of Thomas Green Clemson. Determined spirit is in our DNA.

A new set of communications tools will better convey what we all know to be true — there is no other place like Clemson. Over the next few months, you will see a refreshed look in our print and online communications. But what you love about Clemson’s brand — the Tiger Paw and Clemson Orange — are still there, only stronger. Rest assured that Clemson’s DNA and our commitment to honoring it have not changed.

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This brief NCAA rules education is aimed at outlining basic recruiting rules to help potential Tiger student-athletes and parents better understand the extensive process. Clemson University is committed to recruiting and conducting our athletic program with the highest level of integrity. If you have questions about NCAA rules, please contact Clemson’s compliance services at (864) 656-1580 or through our website at ClemsonTigers.com and click on compliance.

Important NCAA Terms

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

Contact - NCAA rules define a contact as a face-to-face interaction with a prospect and/or his parents by a coach off Clemson’s campus. 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. The NCAA requires 16 core courses, 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 (48H), or visit the NCAA Eligibility Center’s website at EligibilityCenter.com for more information.

Dead Period - Recruiting period when coaches may not have face-to-face contact with prospects or 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 visit 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 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.

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.

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 acquiring 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 at a particular college.

Standardized Test - A prospect must take the ACT or SAT before enrolling in college full-time. A prospect may take the ACT or SAT more than once and use the best subscore from different tests to achieve the highest score. Both Clemson and the NCAA Eligibility Center require scores to be reported directly from the testing agency. When registering for the test, list the Eligibility Center Code (9999) and Clemson (3842 ACT, 5111 SAT). Clemson University admissions require students to present either an ACT or SAT 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 during the prospect’s junior year. After September 1 of a prospect’s senior year, a coach can call a prospect only 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 (NLI).

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 Clemson 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 as long as it is before September 1. A prospect can attend an official visit with his parents after the conclusion of the contact period.

- Can I/PAY members help recruit? No. NCAA rules are clear. Only Clemson coaches can telephone, contact, and evaluate a prospect. Only college coaches can offer unofficial and official visits.

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, the student-athletes, coaches, and staff strive to bring credit and recognition to Clemson University.

The mission of the Athletic Department is to sponsor a broad-based athletic program that provides educational and athletic opportunities for young men and women to grow, develop, and serve the interests of Clemson University by complementing and enhancing its diversity and quality of life.

Furthermore, the Athletic Department seeks to be a source of pride for the citizens of the State of South Carolina and to be recognized as a nationally prominent program, through consistently high levels of performance and accomplishment in athletic competitions.

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

The Athletic Department will act in an ethical and honest manner, dedicated to compliance with all Federal, State, NCAA, Conference, and University rules and regulations.
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The recruitment of new donors, those that have a potential for leadership gifts and creating a link between Clemson, and its constituents is the goal of each IPTAY representative. With the continued leadership provided by the IPTAY Board of Directors and our past presidents, the REP program will continue to be successful. If you are interested in becoming an IPTAY representative, please contact the chairperson in your area or visit clemsonTigers.com.

History of IPTAY

The IPTAY Scholarship Foundation, founded in 1934, was the first scholarship fundraising organization in college athletics. Its roots trace back to October 16, 1931 following a surprising 6-0 football loss to The Citadel. After the game, captains Frank Jervey and Pete Heffner along with 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. Initially, Jervey 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, which is where the name IPTAY (If You Pay A Year) originated.

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

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

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

In 2009, IPTAY has over 15,000 annual donors and over 5,000 Collegiate Club members who continue Fike’s mission of providing annual scholarship support for Clemson’s student-athletes, paying the operating expenses of IPTAY, and maintaining an adequate reserve fund deemed appropriate by the IPTAY Board of Directors. Our donors’ contributions ensure that all 19 varsity sports annually obtain the maximum amount of 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. IPTAY 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 programs in the country. It 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, including being a strong supporter of Tiger Band through payment of new uniforms, instruments, and travel expenses.

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, started in 1997, continues to be the model student fundraising organization in the country. The IPTAY Representative program continues to be a leadership group that grows the IPTAY organization through its role as volunteer annual fundraisers.

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 Cub 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 McNabb ($5,600) levels of giving.

IPTAY introduced the endowment of positions program under former Executive Director George Bennett. IPTAY implemented the program in April of 1994 during the 85th-birthday celebration for former Clemson Head Coach Frank Howard. The first endowment honored Howard, who coached the Tigers for 39 seasons and established much of Clemson football’s storied traditions.

The Heisman Scholarship Level, established in 2005, is IPTAY’s highest annual donation level. IPTAY Executive Director Bert Henderson 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.

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 representative program.

For more information on how you can support Clemson University, our student-athletes, and band members, please call the IPTAY office at Memorial Stadium at 1-800-CLEMSON or log on to clemsonTigers.com.
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Safety Brian Dawkins, who signed with the Denver Broncos during the offseason, was a seven-time Pro Bowl selection with the Philadelphia Eagles.
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Hard work, integrity, and winning are part of every Clemson Tiger. And community service has been a part of Carolina First since we started doing business 23 years ago. It's why we do everything we can to help our communities be the best they can be. Because when you succeed, so do we.
The Clemson Tiger Radio Network supplies fans with a full day of broadcast each football Saturday. Each broadcast day has three programs, "Tiger Tailgate Show," "Game Day Broadcast," and "Fifth Quarter Show."

A Clemson 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. Duane Evans, Ben Milstead, Don Munson, and Ralph Patterson host the show. It is a popular 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 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 2001 as the host of the pregame, halftime, and postgame shows, and as the sideline reporter during games.

Yanity has been the sports director at WSPA-TV the last 19 years. He has also been a sideline analyst for 13 years on Carolina Panther preseason games and has play-by-play experience with CSS, covering various college events, including Tiger football and baseball. Yanity is also the voice of Tiger men's basketball and host of the Dabo Swanney and Oliver Purnell TV Shows.

Joining Yanity in the booth is former Tiger offensive lineman Will Merritt, who played for the Tigers from 1998-01. He was a starting guard in 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 longsnapper (1992-95) is in his third season as sideline commentator. As a player, he passed for 2,278 yards in three seasons. As a senior, he moved to longsnapper, where he totaled 64 tackles and a team-high 5.5 sacks prior to being selected 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, Clemson's gameday broadcast begins with the Dabo Swanney Pregame Show. Swanney meets with Sports Information Director Tim Bourret to provide Clemson fans with the latest lineup and strategy information. Yanity and Merritt also provide a last-minute scene-setter that includes the latest lineup and weather information.

After the game, fans can tune into the "Fifth Quarter Show," hosted by Munson and Dan Scott, or attend the show live from the Wild Wing Cafe downtown Greenville, SC. Interviews with Swanney along with Assistant Coaches Billy Napier and Kevin Steele 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 Swanney and Munson from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The shows air live from several BI-LO grocery stores in the Clemson area.

The Clemson Tiger Sports Network also produces the Dabo Swanney Television Show, a recap of the previous contest's highlights. Yanity serves as the host of this program that gives Tiger 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 Stockhausen (General Manager) at Clemson Tiger Sports Properties, PO Box 552, Clemson, SC 29633-0552, by phone at (864) 654-5544, or via fax at (864) 654-5509.

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## Broadcast Team

**Pete Yanity**  
Play-By-Play Announcer  
- Named play-by-play announcer after the sudden passing of longtime announcer Jim Phillips on September 9, 2003. Phillips was the voice of the Tigers for 36 years.  
- In his eighth year with the network.  
- He served as sideline commentator during the 2002 season.

**Will Merritt**  
Color Commentator  
- In his eighth year overall and fifth as color commentator.  
- Worked the pregame and post-game shows in 2002, his first full off of school.  
- Color commentator on tape-delay broadcasts of 2002 games.

**Patrick Sapp**  
Sideline Commentator  
- In his third year as sideline commentator.  
- Employed as a development officer for the Clemson Alumni Association.

- Toted 2,278 passing yards in 23 games (14 starts) as a quarterback at Clemson from 1992-94.  
- Moved to longsnapper as a senior in 1995 and had 53 tackles along with nine tackles for loss and a team-high 5.5 sacks.

- Drafted in the second round of the 1996 NFL draft by the San Diego Chargers.

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### Football Schedule

**December 2** at 7:00 PM, Time Warner Cable  
**December 9** at 8:00 PM, TBS

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### Tiger Calls Schedule

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### Swanney Television Show Affiliates

**Coach's Show (Sunday Airings)**

- **Time** | **Location** | **Network** |
- 11:30 AM | Myrtle Beach, SC | WFXB (FOX 43) |
- 12:00 PM | Charleston, SC | WCIV (ABC 4) |
- 12:00 PM | Columbia, SC | WLOI (ABC 15) |
- 12:30 PM | Augusta, GA | WREK (96) |
- 1:00 PM | Greenville, SC | WMYA (My 40) |

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"You feel the yelling and screaming in your body," said former band member Christine Marusich. "It vibrates through you."

And no amount of practice can prepare you for it.

"Nothing could have prepared me for the first step onto the field under game conditions," remarked Jeff Weidman, a Tiger Band saxophonist from the late 1980s. "And just when I thought I was alone on an island, I could hear the upperclassmen shouting words of encouragement and even instructions. I'm pretty sure I didn't play a note the entire first pregame show. But I was never out of step and was right in my place every time."

In the weeks before stepping foot into the stadium, band members spend more than 100 hours rehearsing music, perfecting marching drills, getting fitted for uniforms, attending meetings, and even joking around. During all that marching and playing, something unique happens—the individuals become the collective Tiger Band, a unit with one focus—performance excellence.

For Weidman, it is an experience that stays with you for the rest of your life. "There is no forgetting band camp. The days are long, starting early in the morning and ending in the evening. Those extremely hot and sticky summer days in Clemson were some of the best 10 days of the year."

During camp, the band must master music for the first pregame show and halftime show, school songs, and stand cheers—nearly 30 pieces of music. Each band member marches almost 10 miles learning the different formations and choreography.

"It's a tremendous amount of work to get done in a short period of time," said Mark Spede, director of bands at Clemson and Tiger Band director.

For band members, this is one of the best ways to spend their college days.

"Working toward a common goal with your peers and accomplishing something that's appreciated by the entire university was the best way to experience college," said Ed Evans, a member of the band's color guard from 1969-72. "It's an experience that builds friendships that last a lifetime."

This sense of solidarity crosses generations. Just ask Rudy Hawkins, who attended Clemson during the late 1950s.

"There's an 'esprit de corps' that permeates the band and a camaraderie that many of us maintain to this day," said the former Tiger Band trumpeter.

But the ultimate band experience is marching down Fort Hill Street and entering the stadium.

"Thousands of people lined the streets waiting for us to start the parade and people ran in the distance to get to the parade route as they saw us line up," said Weidman, who served as section leader for several years. "The experience of the band being held in such high regard by so many people is a great feeling."

"Then marching into the stadium takes the situation to an entirely different place," Weidman added. "The fans are in a frenzy as they await the start of Tiger Rag. Then the music begins. This brings another level of delirium that can only be experienced and not described."

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By Chandler Carver

When Clemson swimmer Katrina Obas stepped onto the block at the 2009 ACC Championship meet, she knew it was important to do her best, but she did not know how good her best really was.

Obas, a senior from Ottawa, Ontario, was prepared to handle this meet just like any other. Standing behind the blocks for the 100 breaststroke, Obas did her traditional swing of the arms and shake of the legs and stepped up, ready to take on a head-to-head race with Florida State's Kylen Huntwork for a spot in the finals.

"I was so determined to beat her that when I touched the wall, I looked for the placing before I looked at the time," said Obas.

That time, a secondary detail to Obas, turned out to be a school record for the 100 breaststroke.

"I didn't realize I broke the record until my teammates came running to my lane to congratulate me," she said. "It was an incredible feeling."

Maybe it was this determination in the water that inspired Tiger Swimming & Diving Head Coach Chris Ip to name Obas one of the captains for the 2008-09 season. Or maybe it was the way she leads the team on land as well. Obas boasts a 3.93 GPA, is a three-time Academic All-ACC honoree, and has an extracurricular activity list that includes talking to Anderson County students about the Be a T.I.G.E.R. program. Either way, she is taking her duties as captain very seriously.

"My goal is to win an ACC medal and qualify for the NCAA Championships," Obas added. "The conference has been getting faster every year and I'm trying to jump ahead. I also really want the team to place higher this year at the ACC meet and beat South Carolina. As a captain, hopefully I can lead us there."

As a child, Obas knew that swimming was going to be the sport for her. "When I was young, I tried many sports, but my mom knew that swimming was for me because she couldn't get me out of the water at swimming lessons and during our trips to the lake. Because of that, I joined a competitive swim team."

From then on, Obas became a talented swimmer. "I beat the Canadian national team qualifying time standard (set by Swimming Canada) for the first time when I was 14. When you make this standard, you are able to compete in national competitions where you can qualify for international competitions, such as the Olympics, Pan Am Games, World Championships, etc. The time standard changes almost every year to adjust to how much the nation as a whole is getting faster. I have competed in two Olympic Trials and many other trials for international championships."

With her club team (Nepean Kanata Barracudas), Obas became a standout, breaking three squad records (50, 100, and 200 breaststrokes). She began the process of sending out letters to American colleges and Clemson had a lasting impression on her.

"Because I am from Canada, I didn't know much about American college swimming and how to get recruited," admitted Obas. "I sent emails to schools that I thought were generally interesting and based my decision on my recruiting trips. My recruiting trip to Clemson was by far the most welcoming and I knew the Clemson swimming program would be the place for me."

Obas soon found a place in Tigertown. As a freshman, she swam into the top 10 in Clemson history in three events at the ACC Championships. She swam the third-best time in school history in the 100 breaststroke, the second-best time in the 200 breaststroke, and the fourth-best time in the 200 meter individual medley.

As a sophomore, she improved on her 100 breaststroke time, recording the second-best time in Clemson history at the ACC Championships. She also improved on her 200 IM, recording the second-best time in Clemson history. Obas had one of the best meets of her career against N.C. State during her sophomore season, winning the 100 breaststroke, 200 breaststroke, 200 individual medley, and 200 medley relay.

As a junior, she was named a captain for the 2008-09 season at the postseason banquet in addition to being named most dedicated in the weightroom. She also improved on her times at the ACC meet, breaking the school record in the 100 and 200 breaststroke. Obas also swam the breaststroke in both school record-setting medley relays.

Obas has certainly found a home in the Southeast. "Ottawa is completely bilingual in English and French with more sayings and word pronunciations than in the South. I usually get made fun of for the way I say things. Southern accents were also a hard thing for me to get a handle on. I couldn't understand any of my professors from the South during the first few weeks of class during my freshman year, which was very frustrating."

Obas has been able to separate herself from the business of the big city and learn to live the small-town life. "I really enjoy the slow pace in a small college town like Clemson."

Let's just hope she does not let that "slow pace" affect her times in the pool.

Chandler Carver, a senior from Greenville, SC, is a student assistant in the Clemson Sports Information Office.
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Kelsey Murphy is one of the Clemson volleyball team’s most valuable assets. A 6’0” senior setter from New Lenox, IL, Murphy has more than proven her significance as a team leader during her Tiger career.

Murphy grew up around sports thanks to her athletic family. Her father played baseball in college, but her love of volleyball sprang up at an early age when her mother, another collegiate volleyball player, threw and hit volleyball to her. Family noticeably plays an important role in Murphy’s life, both on and off the court.

Murphy cited her father as being her biggest influence on her volleyball career. “My dad has always been encouraging me, pushing me, and challenging me to do better. He helps me to work hard and is always there to support me.”

Although Murphy excels as the Tigers’ starting setter, she did not begin her volleyball career at that position. When she was younger, Murphy spent time playing middle hitter, although she admits it was only because she was one of the tallest players on her team. Murphy switched positions and began setting during high school, a change that has no doubt benefitted the Tigers.

Selecting Clemson to continue her volleyball career seemed to be a family affair as well as an easy choice for Murphy. “As soon as I arrived at Clemson, I knew this is where I wanted to be,” Murphy said, echoing the sentiments of many others who choose Clemson. “It’s beautiful here. I also love how it’s a big family.”

Another contribution to the family atmosphere is Murphy’s aunt Jenny Yurkanin, who was also a letterwinner for the Tiger volleyball program as a setter from 1987-90. This family connection has helped fuel Murphy’s achievements on the court. Murphy was aware of her aunt’s top-five standing for career set assists at Clemson.

“I just wanted to match her total,” she smiled. “I think I passed her.”

Indeed she did. Murphy surpassed Yurkanin’s mark of 3,690 set assists by totaling 3,859 in her first three seasons in Tigertown, moving up to third place in Clemson history in that category.

Team chemistry is important on any team, but Clemson’s volleyball team has become a family, “like how volleyball is a team sport and how you always need the support of your teammates,” Murphy said. “We are such a tight-knit group and we get along on and off the court.”

As the team’s setter, Murphy is involved in nearly every play during a match. Her assists have undoubtedly helped improve Clemson’s offense by leading the team to a better hitting percentage.

“I have a big role on the team because I touch the ball on every play. Everybody works together. With six girls out there on the court, I do my part and everyone does their part so that it all works out.”

Throughout Murphy’s career at Clemson, she has proven herself to be an integral member of the volleyball team. As a freshman, she split playing time during the beginning of the season until she earned the full-time position for good in Clemson’s ACC home-opener against Miami (FL). She totaled 1,116 assists in 2006, second-most in school history for a freshman. Additionally, Murphy set a Clemson record for assists in a match by a freshman with 73 against Maryland. Those accolades helped earn Murphy a spot on the 2006 ACC All-Freshman team.

In 2007, Murphy’s sophomore year, she led the Tigers to one of their best seasons in recent history. She earned the All-ACC Tournament honors as a member of the All-Tournament team. The team advanced to the third round of the NCAA Tournament, marking the first time since 1996 that Murphy has played in the NCAA Tournament.

In 2008, Murphy continued to improve upon her career at Clemson and was named an AVCA All-American and named First-Team All-ACC and All-East Region accolades for the second season in a row. The team also reached the second round of the NCAA Tournament at home for the second year in a row.

Not only has Murphy had a huge impact offensively, she has also contributed to the Tiger defense by scrapping for digs to keep plays alive while also using her height to shut down and block opponents’ attempted attacks. Exemplifying her effectiveness in several aspects on the court, she became the first player in school history to post a triple-double in digs, blocks, and assists in 2008.

Now in her senior year, Murphy has transitioned into more vocal leader on and off the court and has taken on more responsibility.

“I’m in the backcourt and make sure everyone is doing what they’re supposed to be doing, which is to be focused and to work hard,” Murphy stated.

Murphy’s goals for her final senior season at Clemson include winning the ACC title and returning to the NCAA Tournament. Only a few matches into her senior season, Murphy has already begun her quest. She was named ACC Player of the Week for the first time in her career thanks to her performance for the week ending on September 6.

If Murphy continues to lead the team in this way, her goals for the volleyball program are surely within reach.

Vickie Long, a senior from Belbrook, OH, is a student assistant in the Clemson Sports Information Office.
Clemson students understand the value of an education that is not only academic, but one that builds character. Because we believe that the instruction that student-athletes receive on the field builds character, we find it of equal importance to provide them with as many opportunities as possible to build character off the field. Community service is a great way for our student-athletes to give back to the community that contributes heavily to student-athletes during their time at Clemson.

In total, the football team logged 1,146 hours of community service among the 111 players that contributed to the 6,002 total hours that all student-athletes served during the 2008-09 academic year. Along with a demanding academic agenda and a difficult schedule, the football squad makes time to visit children in the hospital and at their school. The players have also participated in programs such as Boy Scout Day for Boy Scouts of America and mission trips. Junior wide receiver Xavier Dye set a great example for his teammates in 2008 and was nominated for the All-State Goodworks team for excelling in community service.

Clemson has created two programs (Solid Orange Squad (SOS), Be a T.I.G.E.R!) that have enriched the service experience for all Clemson student-athletes. The Solid Orange Squad is an elite group of over 100 student-athletes, as representatives from each sport have taken on the responsibility of filling all community service requests that the athletic department receives.

Be a T.I.G.E.R! is a character education program that aims to incorporate specific character traits into a comprehensive educational program that highlights Clemson's student-athletes and traditions. The basic intent of the Be a T.I.G.E.R! program is to provide our student-athletes with a focused approach to personal appearances, speaking engagements, and opportunities to serve. Clemson is the only Division I school with its own character education program.

Clemson student-athletes have also used their off-time for the betterment of others. During 2008 spring break, a group of 19 Clemson students traveled to Acapulco, Mexico for a slightly different spring break. They spent their week living and working in an orphanage on the edge of the Acapulco Bay area. The group included current football player Thomas Austin along with former players Tyler Grisham and Matthew Knowles.
Be a T.I.G.E.R! is a unique character education initiative sponsored by Clemson’s athletic department. Its aim is to incorporate specific character traits into a more comprehensive educational program that highlights Clemson’s student-athletes and traditions.

The basic intent is to unify our message of “Solid Orange,” making it more profound. Clemson student-athletes deliver this message—"What it means to Be a T.I.G.E.R!"—in all speaking engagements and personal appearances. This focused approach, using preplanned lessons and activities, emphasizes our belief that athletics builds character. Clemson athletes believe that character development is an important component in their total educational experience.

What does Be a T.I.G.E.R! stand for?
T - Work together as a TEAM to accomplish more
I - INTEGRITY means you can be trusted
G - Always show GRATITUDE to those who help you
E - Make getting your EDUCATION a priority
R - RESPECT yourself and others

Be a T.I.G.E.R! Components
T.I.G.E.R Talk
- Partnership with Eugene Moore School of Education
- Serves as an email buddy program
- Worked with Edwards Middle School, Rosman (NC) Middle School, Southwood Middle School, and Tamassee Salem Middle School

Assembly Programs
- Student-athletes visited 24 elementary schools
- Held assemblies to teach the five character traits

Be a T.I.G.E.R! Newspaper
- Third edition now features 14 pages
- Includes pictures, cartoons, action plans, and activities for kids
- Written entirely by Tiger athletes and coaches

Fifth Annual Field Day
- Held in April on the lawn at Littlejohn Coliseum
- Over 90 student-athletes volunteered to work and play with over 650 kids

Solid Orange Squad
- The Solid Orange Squad is a group of more than 100 student-athletes who are driven to participate in community service in an effort to make surrounding communities better.

Examples of Services
- Reading to elementary children
- Ringing bells for the Salvation Army
- Martin Luther King, Jr Day of Service
- Relay for Life
- Freshman Move-In Day
- Cub Scout Day
- Special Olympics
- Helping Hands

2008-09 Community Service By the Numbers
- Clemson student-athletes completed 6,002 hours of service
- The football squad had 111 players active in community service for a total of 1,146 hours of service
- Service spanned 145 different events and organizations
- Three teams averaged more than 25 hours per student-athlete
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Sophomore linebacker Brandon Mayo (left) poses for a picture with former Tiger linebacker Stanley Hunter (right) after Clemson’s 37-14 win over Middle Tennessee on September 5, 2009. Mayo wore #17 in honor of Hunter and earned ACC Defensive Lineman-of-the-Week honors after his inspired effort.

Hunter, who wore #17 in 2008, was forced to give up his football career this past offseason due to seizures connected to epilepsy.

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By Sam Blackman

The Clemson vs. Boston College rivalry dates to the 1939 season when the two schools met in the 1940 Cotton Bowl. It was the most important game in each school's history at that time, and looking back, it is still regarded as a watershed game for both programs.

The Tigers had enjoyed much success and gained notoriety at the turn of the 20th century with John Heisman at the helm. Clemson claimed two conference titles and the Championship of the South in 1903 before he left Clemson for Georgia Tech. The Tigers also gained more national attention in the Josh Cody era (1927-30) before some lean years in the 1930s.

Not only was the 1939 squad Clemson's first bowl team and first Southern Conference champion, it was Clemson's first team to be ranked and the first to end a season in the top 20 of the polls (#12 in the final AP poll). Jess Neely had taken over in tough times economically, helped form IPTAY, and by 1939 had brought Clemson to national prominence.

Boston College had a 9-0 record in 1928 but had never been to a bowl game until this 1939 season when first-year Head Coach Frank Leahy came on the scene. The 1940 Cotton Bowl would be a battle of future Hall of Fame coaches.

Clemson opened the 1939 season with a win over Presbyterian then suffered its only loss, a 7-6 squeaker to Tulane in New Orleans, LA. The Tigers won their next seven games (only nine regular-season games were played then) and accepted their first bowl bid.

Boston College started the year with a 45-0 win over Lebanon Valley and a 20-6 win over Saint Joseph's before Florida beat the Eagles 7-0 in Fenway Park. Boston College then ran the table through the end of the regular season, including a 13-7 win over Auburn in November and a 14-0 triumph over Holy Cross in a big rivalry game for the Eagles.

So you can see similarities in the two teams' seasons. Both teams had a close loss early in the year then turned things around.

With the exception of the loss to the Green Wave, Clemson trailed just twice during the entire season. Players went both ways in those days, and the defense gave up just 45 points in the 10 games. Boston College gave up only 46 points during the entire season.

There were many stars on this Tiger team. Banks McFadden and Joe Blalock were both All-Americans and joined George Fritts and Shad Bryant on the All-Southern Conference squad. That quartet along with Walter Cox and Bob "Red" Sharp were members of the all-state squad. Joe Payne, Tom Moor, and Carl Black were the only three Tigers to start all 10 games.

Clemson brought 51 players via train to Dallas, TX for the 1940 Cotton Bowl. According to legend, Clemson students along the route home for Christmas break snuck on the train at various stops and hid in player berths for a free ride to the game.

The game was billed as a battle of All-Americans, McFadden against Boston College's Charlie O'Rourke. As it turned out, both played prominent roles.

On the last play of the first quarter, Bru Trexler punted to O'Rourke, who fielded the punt on the Clemson 40 and returned it to the 13. Two running plays lost 10 yards, but on third down, Frank Davis gained six yards. Alex Lukachik then kicked a 34-yard field goal to put the Eagles ahead 3-0.

Clemson's scoring drive began when McFadden returned an Eagle punt to the 33. Charlie Timmons, who led Clemson in rushing with 115 yards on 27 carries, scampered 15 yards in two plays. Two plays later, Fritts hit Wister Jackson with a 16-yard pass to the Eagle 20. Timmons ran the final 20 yards in three carries for the only touchdown of the game, but Shad Bryant missed the extra point, keeping the Tigers ahead by only three points (6-3).

The game turned into a defensive struggle in the second half, although Boston College penetrated deep into Tiger territory on two occasions. The Eagles took the opening kickoff of the second half to the Tiger 19, but a holding penalty and an incomplete pass ended the threat, and the Eagles were forced to punt.

Late in the game, the Eagles drove to the Tiger 11, but Bryant and McFadden each broke up two passes in the endzone and Clemson took over on downs and ran out the clock to win the contest 6-3. McFadden had four pass breakups in the game, still the school record for a bowl game.

McFadden effectively bottled up the Eagles with his effective punting. His 44-yard average on nine punts, including boots of 51 and 55 in the second half, prevented the Eagles from getting good field position.

While the Eagles lost this game, they used the experience to go on to an 11-0 season in 1940 and a 19-13 Sugar Bowl win over Tennessee. The Eagles lost just two games under Leahy in his two seasons at Boston College before he went to Notre Dame for the 1941 season. Therefore, his last loss as the Eagles' coach and his only bowl loss in his career came against Clemson.

The 1939 squad did something no other team will ever match...it played in and won Clemson's first bowl game. Several other teams have followed suit, but being the first in anything is always something special.

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O’ROURKE-McFADDEN TROPHY

Clemson vs. Boston College

By Trey McCurry

Today, Clemson and Boston College will play for the second-annual O’Rourke-McFadden Trophy. It is awarded by the Boston College Gridiron Club.

The trophy honors the rich football tradition of both schools and the legacy of a great player from both programs who faced each other in the first meeting between the schools in the 1940 Cotton Bowl. It depicts a player from the 1940s wearing a leather helmet. It was chosen as the trophy since both Boston College’s Charlie O’Rourke and Clemson’s Banks McFadden played during the leather-helmet era.

The Clemson vs. Boston College series has developed into one of the budding rivalries in the ACC. The all-time series between the two schools is tied 8-8-2.

The teams also have a unique history in that they faced each other in both schools’ first bowl appearance in the 1940 Cotton Bowl. In addition to playing each other in their respective home venues, the teams have also faced off in other historic venues such as Fenway Park (three games) and Braves Field (four games).

The Boston College Gridiron Club initiated this trophy to honor the relationship between Clemson and Boston College that goes back almost 70 years. The trophy was started to recognize the efforts of Tiger fans welcoming Boston College into the ACC.

“Since we entered the ACC, the relationship with Clemson has been the best we’ve experienced in 30 years of college football,” said Paul Cricicone, President of the Boston College Gridiron Club. “They are friendly, welcoming, kind, and hospitable. The hospitality down there hooked us and the games have been outstanding.”

In addition to the trophy, the game MVP is also awarded a replica leather helmet that his team would have worn in the 1940s. In 2008, C.J. Spiller was named MVP after totaling 242 all-purpose yards. Spiller had six receptions for 105 yards, a school record for a running back, and added 55 rushing yards.

McFadden was regarded as the greatest all-around Clemson athlete of the 20th century. He was an All-American in both football and basketball, one of only eight student-athletes in the history of Division I college athletics to gain that status in both sports.

As the starting quarterback in 1939, he led the Tigers to a 9-1 record and their first top-20 ranking in school history, as Clemson finished the season #12 in the final AP poll.

In the spring of 1939, he had led Clemson to the Southern Conference basketball championship. For his performances with both teams, McFadden was named AP National Athlete-of-the-Year in 1939. McFadden also became Clemson’s first inductee into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1959.

McFadden was the #4 overall pick of the 1940 NFL draft by the Brooklyn Dodgers. After one year in the NFL and a stint in the Army Air Corps during World War II, he returned to Clemson and became a fixture.

McFadden was an assistant coach under Frank Howard in 1941 and then again from 1946-69. He also served as the head basketball coach from 1946-56. From the 1947-48 season to the 1951-52 season, McFadden became the first coach in college basketball history to improve his conference wins in five consecutive seasons. After stepping down as basketball coach, McFadden became the head track coach (1957-60).

Upon his retirement from college athletics, McFadden served as Clemson’s director of intramurals for 15 years. In all, McFadden spent 49 years either playing or working for Clemson University. McFadden passed away on June 4, 2005 at the age of 88.

O’Rourke, also known as “Chuckin’ Charlie,” was a quarterback who had a 26-3-2 record in three years for the Eagles. The loss to Clemson in the Cotton Bowl was his last in an Eagle uniform, as he led Boston College to an undefeated season and the national title in 1940. Like McFadden, O’Rourke was the first Boston College player inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1972.

O’Rourke later went on to play quarterback and defensive back for the Chicago Bears, Los Angeles Dons, and Baltimore Colts. After two years as an NFL coach, he coached at Massachusetts between 1952-59. He later served as commissioner of the Pop Warner League, a national organization of junior football teams. O’Rourke passed away on April 14, 2000 at the age of 82.

Both men would be proud of the performance of their respective schools since the Eagles joined the ACC in 2005. Each of the four meetings have been decided by a touchdown or less and two games have been decided in overtime. All four meetings have had a significant impact on the Atlantic Division Championship as well.

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By Tim Bourret

There was criticism of the ACC when Boston College was added to the league's footprint five years ago. Many of the league's longtime observers believed Chestnut Hill, MA was just too far away from the Carolinas and the rest of the ACC's traditional institutions. If great leagues were predicated on great rivalries, how would Boston College ever establish a true rival when it was so far from everyone?

Tiger fans would be the first to disagree with this theory, because the two schools have a historic and modern-day rivalry with this Catholic school from the Northeast. You could go as far as to say that the Clemson vs. Boston College rivalry is one of the fastest growing rivalries in college football.

If the definition of a rivalry means great games over the years where both teams gain important victories, then this qualifies. The Tigers and Eagles have met on the gridiron 18 times dating to 1939, and the record between the two schools is deadlocked (8-8-2).

The first meeting was historic for both schools. Jess Neely's Tigers met Frank Leahy's Eagles in the 1940 Cotton Bowl (at the end of the 1939 season) in Dallas, TX in a battle of future Hall of Fame coaches. It was the first bowl game in either school's history. Clemson was ranked #12 in the AP poll entering the game and Boston College was ranked #11. It was the first final regular season national ranking for both schools.

The Tigers were led by All-American Banks McFadden and the Eagles by All-American Charlie O'Rourke. It was a classic defensive game of the era, and the Tigers came out on top 6-3 thanks to four pass breakups by McFadden in the second half, three of which were in the endzone. Leahy would coach at Boston College just one more season and take the Eagles to an undefeated season in 1940, including a Sugar Bowl win over Tennessee. So Leahy was 20-2 in his two years at Boston College, and one of the losses was to Clemson.

We salute the Boston Gridiron Club, who last year decided to present the O’Rourke-McFadden Trophy to the winner of the Boston College vs. Clemson game. The MVP receives the Leather Helmet Award in honor of O’Rourke and McFadden, who were legends for their respective schools in the “Leather Helmet Era.”

The Cotton Bowl experience was good for both schools, so a series was established when Frank Howard became head coach. Howard took the Tigers to Fenway Park to meet the Eagles in 1941 and 1942, and the two teams split those games. The teams then played every year for seven straight seasons from 1947-53, and Clemson had a 4-2-1 record in those contests. Two of the wins came in 1948 and 1950, key victories during undefeated seasons.

The two programs played a few game series in 1982 and 1983, a pair of epic battles that featured the play of future Heisman Trophy winner Doug Flutie, whose nephew Billy Flutie is a junior wide receiver on the 2009 Eagle team. The two teams played to a 27-27 tie in 1982, and Flutie led the Eagles to a comeback win (31-16) in Chestnut Hill in 1983. Clemson had a 16-3 lead in the third quarter when Boston College went on a 28-0 run to end the game.

Fast-forward to the 21st century and we see that Boston College and Clemson have played four epic games since the Eagles joined the ACC in 2005. The Eagles won three straight between 2005-07. The first two games were decided in at least one overtime, and the 2007 game was a 20-17 Eagle victory that came down to the last possession. While Tiger fans gained respect for the Eagle program in those games, they were painful losses. If Clemson had won every game during those three years, it would have made three straight ACC Championship game appearances.

In 2008, Clemson won a close game at Alumni Stadium by a score of 27-21. It was a landmark victory for Dabo Swinney, because it was his first win as Clemson's head coach. Spiller gained 242 all-purpose yards, including a 64-yard kickoff return that changed the momentum of the game in Clemson's favor, and 105 receiving yards, just the second 100-yard receiving game by a Tiger running back in history.

While this rivalry has featured many great games and individual record-setting performances, it has also included a mutual respect between players, coaches, and fans. It makes it one of the healthiest rivalries in college football.

A key play in the 2008 game took place in the fourth quarter when Tiger linebacker DeAndre McDaniel jarred the ball loose from Boston College wide receiver Clarence Megwa, causing a fumble that was recovered by Da’Quan Bowers. On the play, Megwa suffered a season-ending broken leg.

The week after the game, news of the severity of his injury came to light. Tiger fans, many of whom had made the trek to Chestnut Hill, sent letters of encouragement to Megwa in a Boston hospital, so many in fact that Head Coach Jeff Jagodzinski sent out a release thanking Clemson fans for the countless heartfelt letters to Megwa and the Eagle program.

This past spring, a story broke concerning Boston College defensive end Mark Herzlich, the 2008 ACC Defensive Player-of-the-Year. During spring practice, Herzlich started to feel pain in a leg that just would not go away. After many visits to the outstanding Boston hospitals, it was determined that he had Ewing Sarcoma, a rare form of cancer.

Herzlich has authored an outstanding article on his journey in athletics and the importance of playing sports for the love of the game. In it, he vows to come back for the 2010 season and lead the Eagle defense.

In the meantime, he will be spending most of his free time going through chemotherapy as he strives to rid the cancer from his body.

In May, Sports Illustrated authored an article on its website about Herzlich’s plight. In the article, Herzlich’s father singled out Clemson and Notre Dame as two fanbases and coaching staffs who had sent the most letters of encouragement to his son.

Hopefully, Herzlich was able to make the trip to Clemson to today’s game and perhaps even come to the center of the field for the coin toss. If he does, I am sure Tiger fans will show their appreciation for his fine play over the years and his fight to return to the gridiron. It is the type of response you see in great rivalries.

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