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Tigers Successful on Homecoming
Saturday will be Homecoming at Clemson when Coastal Carolina comes to town. It has historically been a celebration that has included a Tiger victory nearly 75 percent of the time since its first celebration in 1922. Clemson has an overall record of 63-19-3 (.759) in its previous 85 Homecoming games. That includes a 33-3-2 record (.895) in Homecoming games since the 1971 season.

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

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

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

Clemson's other two losses on Homecoming since 1971 took place in 1997 to Virginia and in 2001 to North Carolina. The Tigers' seven-game winning streak on Homecoming includes two wins over top-25 teams and five wins over ACC foes.

This is the first time Clemson has had Homecoming on Halloween since 1931, when the Tigers lost to Oglethorpe 12-0.

Clemson on Halloween
Clemson will meet Coastal Carolina on Halloween, the first Halloween game for Clemson since 1998 when the Tigers played N.C. State at Memorial Stadium. Wolfpack Head Coach Mike O'Cain, a Clemson graduate and former student assistant coach (1977), beat the Tigers that day behind four receiving touchdowns by Tony Holt. Now, a former Tiger graduate assistant coach will bring a team to Death Valley to face Clemson, as David Bennett brings Coastal Carolina.

Clemson has a 12-7 record in games played on Halloween, but it has lost two games in a row. The Tigers have not won on Halloween since 1987, when Clemson defeated Wake Forest 31-17. Prior to a 1992 loss at Wake Forest, Clemson had not lost on Halloween since 1947. The Tigers had a seven-game winning streak on Halloween in games played between 1952-87. That includes three consecutive shutout victories on Halloween.

Clemson Undefeated vs. FCS Teams
Clemson is 22-0 against FCS teams since the NCAA formed the division prior to the 1978 season. Southern Conference schools became FCS in 1982.

The Tigers have outscored FCS teams by a 786-121 margin, an average score of 36-6. Clemson has won all 22 games by at least 11 points. Western Carolina lost to the Tigers by 11 in 1982, Clemson's first game against an FCS team. Appalachian State came within 11 of Clemson in 1997, and Furman lost by 11 in 2003.

Greatest Game Ever?
Clemson is coming off a thrilling 40-37 victory at #8 Miami (FL) at Land Shark Stadium last weekend. It has to be considered one of Clemson's greatest victories in history. Here are some reasons why:
Clemson defeated a team that was ranked #8 in the AP poll, #9 in the USA Today poll, and #10 in the BCS ratings entering the game. It tied for the highest-ranked team Clemson has beaten in a road game in the history. The Tigers defeated #8 North Carolina in Chapel Hill in 1981 by a score of 10-8.

Clemson defeated a Hurricane team that had already beaten top-20 teams Florida State, Georgia Tech, and Oklahoma earlier in the season.

It was Clemson’s first overtime win since the Tigers defeated the #10 Hurricanes in overtime by a score of 24-17 in the Orange Bowl in 2004.

Clemson came from behind on seven different occasions during the game, including overtime, to gain victory. Jacoby Ford scored the game-winner on a 26-yard scoring pass on Clemson’s overtime possession to win the game.

Ford Scores Game-Winner

Jacoby Ford caught a 26-yard touchdown pass from Kyle Parker to give Clemson a 40-37 walkoff win at #8 Miami (FL) last weekend. The Tigers were faced with a third-and-11 when Parker and Ford executed the game-winning play.

It was the first walkoff victory for the Tigers since the 2007 South Carolina contest when Mark Buchholz kicked a 35-yard field goal on the last play of the game to give the Tigers a 23-21 win.

This was a special victory for Ford, who grew up in nearby Royal Palm Beach, FL. Ford is Clemson’s top receiver this year with 28 catches for 395 yards and three touchdowns. He has 115 career receptions for 1,602 yards and 13 touchdowns. He is 12th in Clemson history in career receptions, 12th in career receiving yards, and seventh in receiving touchdowns.

McDaniel Tied for National Lead in Interceptions

While much has been written about C.J. Spiller’s exploits offensively this year, junior safety DeAndre McDaniel is a strong candidate for ACC Defensive Player-of-the-Year. The native of Tallahassee, FL has seven interceptions in seven games this year and is tied for the national lead with Rahim Moore (UCLA), who also has seven in seven games.

McDaniel had two interceptions at #8 Miami (FL) and quarterback Jacoby Harris, who entered the game eighth in the nation in passing efficiency. McDaniel returned one of the interceptions 23 yards for a touchdown to give Clemson a 31-27 lead in the fourth quarter.

In addition to his exploits in the secondary as a pass interceptor, McDaniel is tied for the team lead in tackles with 52 and is in the top five in the ACC in that category.

Parker Passes For 326 Yards at #8 Miami (FL)

Freshman Kyle Parker had the best day of his young career in the Tigers’ 40-37 overtime win at #8 Miami (FL) last weekend. The Jacksonville, FL native completed 25-37 passes for 326 yards and three touchdowns. It was the second-best performance in school history by a freshman. The only completion and yardage totals that are better were turned in by Charlie Whitehurst in Clemson’s 34-31 win at Duke in 2002. Whitehurst was 34-52 for 420 yards and four touchdowns in that game.

However, Parker had those numbers against the #8-ranked team in the nation. It marked just the third time in Tiger history that a freshman quarterbacked Clemson to a win over a top-25 opponent, including just the second time on the road. Patrick Sapp led Clemson to a 40-7 win over #18 North Carolina at Memorial Stadium in 1992, while Nealon Greene led Clemson to a 29-17 win at #12 North Carolina in 1994.

Sapp is also from Jacksonville, FL, so two of the three freshmen to lead Clemson to a win over a ranked team are from Jacksonville.

Spiller Breaks Single-Game All-Purpose Record

C.J. Spiller had a school-record 310 all-purpose yards in Clemson’s 40-37 win at #8 Miami (FL) last weekend, as he had 125 yards on three kickoff returns, 104 yards on six receptions, and 81 yards on 14 carries. He scored on a 90-yard kickoff return and a 50-yard pass from Kyle Parker.

It was the second time in his career that he had at least 100 yards in two different categories. Against Auburn in the 2007 Chick-fil-A Bowl, he had 103 yards on kickoff returns and 112 rushing yards in an overtime loss. This time, Clemson earned a victory in overtime.

Spiller’s 310 all-purpose yards tied for the most in a game by an FBS player in 2009. Derrick Locke of Kentucky had 310 yards against Louisville on September 19. Spiller’s performance broke the previous Tiger record of 282 all-purpose yards by Justin Miller at #8 Florida State in 2004.

Spiller is first in the nation in all-purpose yards per game (207.9). He is also third nationally in kickoff return average (38.3) and is tied for first in kickoff returns for touchdowns (3). He has a 36.4-yard average on punt returns and would lead in the nation in that category if he had enough returns to qualify. He has 17 kick returns this year and has scored four touchdowns, an amazing percentage.

His 90-yard kickoff return for a touchdown against the Hurricanes was the sixth of his career, an ACC record, and it was his seventh return for a score. That gave him the ACC record for overall returns (via punts and kickoffs) for scores. Spiller and Steve Suter (Maryland) have six apiece.
Senior wide receiver Jacoby Ford leads the Tigers in receptions with 28 in the 2009 season. He also has 115 career catches, second-most among active ACC players...
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When people think of senior tight end Michael Palmer, many words come to mind. To see how important he is to the Clemson program, one only has to look at the compliments paid to Palmer by Offensive Coordinator Billy Napier, who was Palmer's position coach at tight end during his first three years.

"Michael Palmer is a guy who I will never forget," said Napier. "He is a class act on and off the field. He is a tremendous person and leader. As a player, he is extremely dependable and has a high football IQ. He is a very tough kid and has played through injuries. He is a guy who should be remembered around Clemson as a true competitor and one of the all-time greats at his position."

Calling Palmer one of the greats in Tiger history is not far-fetched. With 21 catches in his first seven games, Palmer is on pace to reach over 30 this year.

With his five receptions at #8 Miami (FL) last weekend, he became the first Tiger tight end to reach the 20 mark in 25 years.

No Clemson tight end has had 30 receptions in a season since 1970, when John McMakin had a record 40. McMakin went on to win a Super Bowl Championship ring with the Pittsburgh Steelers. Bennie Cunningham, the only tight end named to the ACC 50-Year Anniversary team, was an All-American at Clemson in 1974 and 1975, and he never had more than 25 receptions in a season in Tigertown.

"We have concentrated on throwing to the tight end more and a big reason is the ability of Michael Palmer," said Head Coach Dabo Swinney. "He has outstanding hands, knows his assignments, and is a team leader. When the season started, I thought he would have a chance at the season record."

Palmer came to Clemson after a decorated career as a two-sport athlete at Parkview High School in Lilburn, GA. During his high school basketball career, he averaged 15 points and 11 rebounds per game in his three-year varsity career and was named to the all-county team as a senior.

On the gridiron, he played for the state championship as a junior and was named all-state as a senior after totaling 21 catches for 385 yards and five touchdowns. After high school, Palmer had scholarship offers for both basketball and football. While his basketball offers were mostly from smaller schools, he received plenty of attention in football. He looked mainly at Clemson and Virginia as his two most likely destinations.

"I liked how Clemson and Virginia both used the tight end, but I picked Clemson because I thought it gave me the best opportunity to play," said #86. "And Clemson is just two hours from home. I also liked the atmosphere at Clemson."

Palmer made an immediate impact when he arrived on campus, as he had five catches for 30 yards as a freshman while playing all 13 games, including three as a starter. He saw more playing time than any other first-year freshman tight end in school history.

He earned his first career start in a nationally-televised Thursday night game at Virginia Tech in 2006. "That might have been the most memorable game of my career, because I could not hear a single snap during the entire game. Virginia Tech is the loudest opposing stadium I have been to."

Palmer had consistent sophomore and junior seasons. He had 13 receptions for 128 yards and a touchdown as a sophomore and 12 catches for 160 yards and three scores in 2008.

The most memorable play prior to 2009 for Palmer came last season at #24 Florida State. With Clemson trailing 13-10, Cullen Harper lofted a pass to Palmer in the endzone that gave the Tigers a 17-13 lead.

Palmer has also seen his production and opportunities increase in the 2009 season. With a young group of wideouts, he has gotten more opportunities and has made the most of them. Palmer has had at least one catch in each of the last six contests, including five catches for 65 yards at Maryland and five receptions for a career-high 74 yards and a touchdown at Miami (FL).
Michael Wade, Palmer's roommate for the past four years, believes Palmer is the most dependable player on the team. "He has taken on a leadership role this year, and the guys on the team look to him when times get tough. He always finds a way to get the job done, and he does it with a great amount of tenacity and desire. We are lucky to have people like him driving this team."

While Palmer's personal stats are noteworthy and comparable to stats of the school's great tight ends, Palmer is focused on team goals. "My goal for this year is to bring an ACC Championship back to Clemson. That would make my senior year something very special and would be something that I would always remember. We all know it has been a while since Clemson has won the ACC title."

Palmer has fond memories of his times on the field, but it is the relationships he has made with his teammates that he will remember the most. "I will always remember my teammates and all the friendships I have made during my time here. We have made some memories that can never be taken away."

A lot of his memories will center on living with Richard Jackson and Wade for four years and all the fun times they have shared together.

"Palmer is like the brother I never had," admitted Wade. "He's always been there when I've needed him and truly has become one of my best friends. We made an emphasis to make the best out of our college experience, and he has been a big factor in making mine a great one."

Jackson echoed Wade's sentiments. "We have always stuck together throughout everything these four years and Michael has become like a brother to me."

Palmer recalled the countless nights of sitting around the apartment and playing either "Guitar Hero" or "Rock Band" for hours at a time. On most nights, Wade would take the lead guitar, Palmer would take the bass, and Jackson would play the drums.

Aside from Jackson and Wade, Palmer noted his two position coaches as major influences on the field during his time at Clemson. "Coach Napier has taught me a lot about football. He is very detail-oriented and has helped me so much with my footwork. "Coach (Danny) Pearman has made me a tougher player and a better player. He is a great communicator with the players. He uses his experience to teach little things, like how to get open and how to play the right way. That comes from him having been a tight end at Clemson 20 years ago and now coaching the position for many years."

Off the field, there is no doubt that Palmer's biggest influences are his parents, Robin and Glenn, who are fixtures at all games the Tigers play.

"They have molded me into the person I am today," said Palmer. "From a young age, they took me to church and instilled values in me."

On any gameday, you can see these values, as Palmer always has his favorite Bible verse (Colossians 3:23) written on the tape wrapped around his wrists.

"This is my favorite verse and I cling to it in all aspects of my life. It helps me keep my priorities in order."

Another passion is the game of basketball. He has played it since the age of five and calls it his "true love." During the offseason, it is not uncommon to see him playing intramurals and pickup games at Fike in his free time. His team reached the championship game of the intramural league last year.

"The championship game was originally scheduled for an open day during spring practice, but it was moved to a Wednesday and the first day in pads. We were pretty sore and tired by the end of that game."

Even Swinney named Palmer as one of the five players he would have on his basketball team during an interview at Fan Appreciation Day this year. After football, Palmer plans on joining a men's league so he can continue playing competitively.

After graduating in May of 2010 with a degree in sport marketing, Palmer is keeping his options open. He plans to give the NFL a shot and go from there. But for now, he is enjoying his last few games as a Tiger.
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Senior Spotlight

By William Qualkinbush

Nobody would have blamed Rendrick Taylor if he decided to give up football. His time at Clemson has been defined by injuries. He has gone through position changes. He has seen his role redefined over and over again.

Though the journey he took was not the traditional one, the fifth-year senior can look back on his Clemson experience knowing that he learned some valuable lessons about dealing with tough times.

“Someone once told me, ‘If you get knocked down seven times, stand up eight,’” said Taylor. “No matter what has happened, I always know that God has a plan for me and everything that occurs in my life is occurring for a reason. I don’t know the reason yet. I can’t see the future, but I know in time I’ll look back at all of this and say, ‘Wow, He had a great plan for me.’

The plan that Taylor has now is drastically different from the one that he brought to campus in 2005. He arrived as a physically-imposing wide receiver out of Marlboro County High School. He was a highly-touted recruit that played in the Shrine Bowl and was considered one of the top wideouts in the nation. The thing that most attracted him to Clemson was the small-town atmosphere that reminded him of his home in Tiny Clio, SC, which has a population under 1,000.

“I came to almost every home game as a junior and senior,” he said. “I fell in love with it. I’m from a small town and Clemson is a small town. When I came here, I felt I was at home. It was my home away from home, so when I made my decision, it was the right choice.”

Almost immediately, Taylor encountered his first speed bump. A broken wrist suffered in his freshman season of 2005 against Boston College limited his production, although he appeared in 11 games. He fully recovered in the offseason, but his sophomore season would present him with another setback. After totaling 12 catches in the first six games, he broke his arm against Wake Forest and missed the rest of the season.

As a junior in 2007, Taylor had 25 catches in nine games before a hamstring injury in practice prior to the Georgia Tech game caused him to miss the rest of the season. The injury was so serious that the coaching staff decided to red-shirt Taylor in 2008 to allow him ample time to recover. Taylor took that decision hard and struggled about where to go from there.

“That was the point when I said that maybe football wasn’t for me anymore,” the special education major admitted. “I continued to get hurt, but Coach (Dabo) Swinney, Jeff Davis, all those guys kept telling me to take time to recover and come back as strong as possible. They said not to let things hinder me from playing the game I love.”

After watching his teammates play out last season, Taylor decided that he was not ready to give up on football. The new coaching staff, led by Taylor’s main recruiter (Swinney), had different plans for him upon his return.

They wanted Taylor to become more of a running back. While he refers to himself as a tight end and is officially listed as a fullback, it is not uncommon to see him lined up in the backfield toting the ball. He sees similarities between his new role and his old one.

“Playing wide receiver, you’re more out in space, but at tight end, you’re more in the box and you have to go against linebackers and defensive ends,” said #5. “Tight end is a glorified blocking receiver.”

One reason Taylor has been able to weather the storms he has faced in his playing career is his affinity for lifting weights. He has transformed his body from that of a physical wide receiver to a load that can block or run through tacklers at 6’2” and 265 pounds.

Upon graduation, Taylor is hopeful that an NFL team will give him a shot. If that does not pan out, however, he wants to teach and coach in order to impact people with the lessons he has learned as a football player at Clemson.

“I want to help young guys understand the important things in life,” said Taylor. “Football is not the most important thing they will do. Getting a high school diploma, getting a college degree, getting an education...those are some of the most important things that will happen. It gives you a backup plan. Football is a vehicle to get you where you want to go in life.”

Despite everything he has endured, Taylor does not want his injuries or his play to define him. He wants to be remembered as, “a guy who gave everything he had, someone that was always willing to do whatever it took to help the team achieve its goals.”

Many people have had great playing careers in Tiger uniforms, but few have gone through the adversity that Taylor has had to deal with over the past five years. It gives him a unique story that transcends sports and has more to do with success in life than success on the gridiron.

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DURRELL BARRY

By Heath Bradley

The 2009 Tigers feature players from 14 different states. The journey of one Tiger is slightly longer than most and definitely farther than his listed hometown of North Charleston, SC.

Durrell Barry not only lived in multiple states, but also multiple countries before arriving at Clemson University.

As a child Barry, lived in Louisiana and Texas as well as Italy and Germany. As a child growing up in Europe, Barry was forced to play soccer because American football was not played in his area.

“Every time a game was on television, I watched and dreamed of one day playing American football,” remembered Barry.

His dream would eventually be answered when he moved to the Charleston area. After first arriving in the Palmetto State, Barry began playing basketball. But when given his first opportunity to step onto a football field, he knew he had found his true love.

“When I was first able to get out on the field and run and play football, I knew I loved it,” said #82, whose brother Justin Birch wears that same number as a tight end for Coastal Carolina.

When first given the opportunity to play on his middle school team, Barry played as a quarterback and safety. He was later moved to wide receiver due to his size and versatility.

When Barry arrived at Goose Creek High School as a freshman, he was named the starting quarterback. “I had a lot of help from the seniors. They helped me make the transition because I had a lot to learn.”

Before his sophomore season, Barry had to once again move and ended up at Fort Dorchester High School in North Charleston. During his sophomore year, he was moved to wide receiver, which is where he realized he could truly be a standout player after being named to the all-state team.

“I realized I could be a special player if I listened to my coaches,” admitted Barry.

In his senior campaign at Fort Dorchester High, he totaled 66 receptions for over 1,100 yards and 11 touchdowns.

Barry was then asked to use his versatility when he arrived at Fork Union Military Academy in Virginia. In 2004, he played quarterback at Fork Union. He was 16-of-25 passing for 257 yards and four touchdowns in just two games. But he was injured early that year and was forced to miss the rest of the season.

Barry knew that Clemson was the place for him after his first visit during his recruitment. “I went to the 2003 Virginia game when Clemson won in overtime and I fell in love with the place.”

When he arrived at Clemson for the 2005 season, he was red-shirted that year. During his red-shirt season, he realized he was at home during the Miami (FL) game, one he calls, “the loudest game ever.”

When Barry first appeared for the Tigers during the 2006 season, he made an immediate impact by playing nine games. He caught a nine-yard pass in the 27-20 road victory over #9 Florida State, a contest in which the Tigers won in the final seconds.

His most action came during his first career start against Kentucky in the Music City Bowl. He played 30 snaps and hauled in a 32-yard touchdown pass, his first career score. It was the only touchdown by a Tiger tight end during the 2006 season. It was also only the second receiving touchdown by a Tiger tight end in a bowl game since 1985.

The 2007 season saw Barry play seven games. He had a key catch in a Tiger victory over #19 Florida State in Death Valley on Labor Day.

Barry had his most productive season as a Tiger during the 2008 campaign when he started three games, all Tiger victories, including a win over The Citadel when he had a 36-yard catch.

As Barry completes his final year in a Tiger uniform, he will look back on a number of fond memories that include both on-the-field and off-the-field activities. He has already graduated with a degree in sociology.

“I want to raise a wonderful family and represent Clemson University in a positive manner in all aspects of my life.”

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If you have been in the South stands of Memorial Stadium on a football Saturday in Clemson, you may have seen "Johnson" on the back of the #88 jersey. To see him is one thing, to meet him is another.

Kyle Johnson was born in Minneapolis, MN and is the middle son of Keith and Andrea Johnson. His younger brother Andrew is a freshman at Clemson and his older brother Taylor graduated from North Carolina.

Johnson attended Hopewell High School in Huntersville, NC. One thing you may not know about Johnson is that in high school, he wanted to be Michael Jordan. When basketball did not pan out, he pursued football during his last two years of high school.

As a junior, he averaged 18.3 yards per catch and rushed for 300 yards. As a senior, he was elected as a team captain, nominated as the top player in North Carolina, and was named all-conference at wideout and defensive back. He also earned a letter in track.

The native of Charlotte, NC came to Clemson in 2008 after three years at East Carolina. The 6’3” wide receiver spent three years as a Pirate under Head Coach Skip Holtz, including a red-shirt freshman year. As if being a college athlete was not enough, Johnson completed his undergraduate degree in communications in just three years.

As a freshman at East Carolina in 2006, he played nine games as a wide receiver and special teams player. That year, he also played in the PapaJohns.com Bowl on special teams against South Florida. In 2007, Johnson had two receptions for five yards.

Upon graduation from East Carolina, Johnson new he was not finished with his academics, or his athletics for that matter. He considered Miamia (FL), South Carolina, and Clemson for graduate school.

"The first time I visited Clemson, I was hooked," admitted Johnson. "It is the atmosphere, the people, the program, the facilities...everything was wonderful. I am mesmerized by the Tiger Paw and I am looking forward to being a part of the Clemson family for the rest of my life."

Johnson came to Clemson with two years of eligibility remaining because he did not have to sit out a year at Clemson. Since he had already earned his undergraduate degree and was pursuing a specific graduate school program, he was allowed to transfer to another FBS school and play right away.

Since he has been a Tiger, Johnson has worn the #88 jersey, the same number Head Coach Dabo Swinney wore at Alabama.

"Kyle is a fine young man and I am glad he wears my old number, because he represents it well," said Swinney. "Kyle is the type of guy who comes to practice and works hard every day. He has been an asset to our team and sets a good example to the younger players on how to help this team. He is the type of person you know is going to be successful in whatever area he pursues after he is finished at Clemson."

Last year, Johnson’s first year in Tigertown, he played 12 games as a special teams player and earned a letter as a wide receiver. He participated in scrimmage plays in four games and had one special teams tackle. This past spring, Johnson was named to the academic honor roll and received a scholarship.

"Interacting with the players is the best part of my football experience," said Johnson, who played wide receiver in Clemson’s 38-3 win over Wake Forest on October 17. "I am a people person and I enjoy helping the next man. My goal this year is to be available on or off the field for the young guys who are getting acclimated to play at this level."

Johnson’s academic career at Clemson is slated to end in August of 2010. "It will be a dream come true when I graduate next year."

Johnson will graduate with a master’s degree in youth development leadership. That means he will have earned a degree at two different schools in five years.

Upon graduation, Johnson plans to pursue a career in youth ministry, focusing on young men who want to play Division I college sports and/or professional sports.

Before moving to North Carolina with his family, Johnson was a ballboy for the Minnesota Vikings. It was in that environment where he learned that professional football players are people first who have real issues to deal with when they are not playing in front of crowds.

Johnson has seen up close and personal struggles of many young men who pursue the dream of playing professional football but do not make it. As a result, he has a passion for helping young men gain the proper perspective in life while they pursue their dreams of playing a game.

As an intern with the Spiritual 2-A-Days program, Johnson has gained a perspective of how important the relationship truly is between student-athletes and their spiritual life.

When asked what else there is to know about the fifth-year senior, Johnson said, "I love the Lord and I believe that God puts us in places where we can thrive. He put me at Clemson University for reasons beyond academics and athletics."

Ashley W. Adams, a sophomore from Forest City, NC, is a student assistant in the Clemson Sports Information Office.
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Q. What do you think about right before a game?
A. I think about the game plan and making plays.

Q. What do you find most exciting about football?
A. Competing is the most exciting thing about football. It’s challenging and fun all at the same time.

Q. What has been the most exciting thing about the season?
A. The Wake Forest game has been the most exciting thing so far, because we played intense as a defensive unit. Getting a PBU against one of the ACC’s top quarterbacks also felt great.

Q. What is one goal that you have set for yourself for the remainder of the season?
A. My goal is to get my first career interception.

Q. Off the football field, what do you like to do in your spare time?
A. I like to play video games and laugh.

Q. Your teammates say that you are very “comedic.” Why are you like that?
A. I don’t like to take myself seriously all the time, so I enjoy having a good time and making people laugh.

Q. Who or what inspires you the most?
A. My mother and grandmother inspire me the most, because they believe in me and have always been there for me no matter what.

Q. If you could have one supernatural power, what would it be and why?
A. I would like to read minds so I could rule the world.

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Interview conducted by Britney 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 Green-ville Magazine. He has also received the James T. Rogers Meritorious Service 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 bachelors 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 granddaughter.
WHAT'S G? ELECTROLYTES AND CARBS KEEPING YOU FUELED AND HYDRATED SO YOU CAN SMASH IT, LAUNCH IT, BREAK IT, MOVE IT, OWN IT AND LOCK IT UP. THAT'S G.
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 resumé. 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’ resumé 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.
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 #4 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 Currie (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 Stuckey 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 his five recruiting seasons and was a major reason Clemson’s 2008 recruiting class was rated No. 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’s 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. With 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 Championship 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).
Assistant Coaches

Brad Scott

Associate Head Coach
Offensive Guards & Centers

- 11th Season at Clemson
- 25th Season Overall
- South Florida '79
- Born September 30, 1954

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 Darylne... the couple has two sons (Jeff, John); Jeff is an assistant coach at Clemson on the 2009 staff.

Kevin Steele

Defensive Coordinator
Linebackers

- 1st Season at Clemson
- 24th Season Overall
- Tennessee '81
- Born March 17, 1958

Playing Experience
Began his football career at Furman in 1976... transferred to Tennessee and played in 1978-79.

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

Co-Defensive Coordinator
Defensive Backs

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

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, Stedman, Masai, Moliba).

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 Danzler 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. This year 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.

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 Tigerstown.


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 Lemont 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 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.

Assistant Coaches

Billy Napier
Offensive Coordinator
Quarterbacks
- 4th Season at Clemson
- 5th Season Overall
- Furman '03
- Born July 21, 1979

Danny Pearman
Assistant Head Coach
Offensive Tackles & Tight Ends
- 2nd Season at Clemson
- 19th Season Overall
- Clemson '87
- Born February 17, 1965

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

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 38 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 2006 when Clemson ranked #2 in the nation in recruiting by ESPN.com.

Joined the Tigers 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.

Lettred four times (1999-02) at Furman and was a two-time captain as a starting quarterback. He holds the Paladin 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 lettermen and two-year starter at quarterback at Furman (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.

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 donated 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.


Playing Experience

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

Education

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

Coached the last 15 years at Tennessee under Head Coach Phillip 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 highest-paid defensive player in the NFL with the Redskins. He also coached first-round draft picks Shaun Ellis, Justin Harrell, and John Henderson. Henderson won the 2000 Outland Trophy.

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....transferred 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).
• 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.
• Coach Pittsburgh Steelers Super Bowl Champion Willie Parker at North Carolina along with Ronnie McGill, who finished his career 10th in school history with 2,393 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 Germaine 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 (1884,85) prior to earning two letters at Indiana (1886,87). 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
B.S. degree in health, physical education, & recreation from Indiana in 1989.

Personal Data
Born September 29, 1966 in Lockhart, SC., married to Joann...the couple has one son (Andie 8 13) and two daughters (Alayna 10, Mikala 7).

• 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 #32 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 1997-2001. 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
B.S. 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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803/788-7981
Woody McCorvey returned to Clemson after 20 years to become Associate Athletic Director for Football Administration. McCorvey was Dabo Sweeney’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 1981-89.

McCorvey serves as the primary liaison between Sweeney 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 Vickery 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 1981-89. With McCorvey coaching the tight ends from 1981-85 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. Dunlap.

McCorvey coached at Tennessee for five years (1999-03). With him heading the running game, the Volunteers had a 46-14 record. He helped guide Tennessee to the 2000 Fiesta Bowl, 2001 Cotton Bowl, 2002 Citrus Bowl, and 2002 and 2003 Peach Bowls. Tennessee won three consecutive New Year’s Day Bowl games from 2000-02 as well.

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 its 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 Sweeney 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 Pearman was also on that staff.

During the 1999-96 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 16 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 1968-71, McCorvey earned his bachelor’s degree from 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.
Football Support Staff

Daniel Bassett
Director of Football Programs
- 4th Season at Clemson
- Tennessee '01
- Born November 23, 1978

Mike Dooley
Director of H.S. Relations & Player Personnel
- 5th Season at Clemson
- Furman '98
- Born May 1, 1975

Jeff Davis
Assistant Athletic Director
- Player Relations & External Affairs
- 6th Season at Clemson
- Clemson '94
- Born January 26, 1960

Donald Hymel
Assistant Athletic Director
- 11th Season at Clemson
- Louisiana State '88
- Born April 4, 1963

Danny Poole
Director of Sports Medicine
- 27th Season at Clemson
- Western Carolina '79
- Born June 7, 1957

Alphonso Smith
Director of Equipment
- 10th Season at Clemson
- Clemson '91

Andy Johnston
Associate Athletic Director
- Football Operations
- 13th Season at Clemson
- Clemson '79
- Born May 22, 1957

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 is in his fifth year with the Tiger football program and currently serves as associate athletic director for football operations. His responsibilities include managing the program's day-to-day operations.

In his first 12 years, Clemson has gone to 10 bowl games. Although this is his 13th year with the football program, he has been involved with the Clemson athletic department for 27 years. From 1983-97, he was the winningst women's tennis coach in school history.

In those 15 years, he guided his squads to five straight ACC titles (1983-87), 12 top-25 finishes, and six NCAA Tournaments. He had a 254-166 Clemson record and 263-167 career mark. He was the coach at Furman in 1982 before coming to Clemson.

Johnston played for Clemson on the hardwood and earned his degree in administrative management in 1979. He then served as the assistant men's tennis coach during the 1980 season.

Johnston is a native of Summerville, SC. He is married to the former Sophie Woorons. Johnston has a daughter Kiera (19) and a son Noah (2). A second daughter Cayllynn passed away in 2008.

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 Charg- ers 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.P. Method for Blisters" 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, Jacquie Elaine (22) and Abby Blair (20).

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 Mem- phis 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 Teel of Omaha, NE. The couple has a son Andruce Christopher.
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Will-Call
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 ambiance of this special setting is what college football is all about. The storied edifice added to its legend when the first meeting of father and son head coaches (Bowden Bowl I) took place before a sellout crowd of more than 86,000 fans in 1999. Clemson has been in the top 20 in the nation in attendance 28 straight seasons, a crowd has exceeded 80,000 fans 55 times since the 1983 season. In 2008, 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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Those 20,000 seats installed for Opening Day would soon grow.

When the original part of the stadium was built in the early 1940s, much of the work was done by scholarship athletes, including many football players. The firststaking out of the stadium was done by two members of the football team, A.N. Cameron and Hugh Webb. Webb returned to Clemson years later to be an architecture professor and Cameron went on to become an aircraft engineer in Louisiana.

The building of the stadium did not proceed without problems. One day during the clearing of the land, a young player proudly announced that he was not allergic to poison oak. He then proceeded to attack the poison oak with a swing blade, throwing the plants to and fro.

### Death Valley Quotes

"Running down the Hill is still talked about everywhere I go. Players who played against Clemson when I was in college remember it running down the Hill and thinking we would gain some type of spirit. The adrenaline rush was unbelievable for a Clemson player and quite a shock for the opponent."

Former Clemson All-American Jerry Butler

"I came here knowing it would be loud and Clemson would hit hard, but the noise was the biggest factor. I didn't concentrate as well because of it."

Herschel Walker after Clemson's 13-3 win in 1981, his only regular-season loss

"The Rock has strange powers. When you run it and run down the Hill, the adrenaline flows. It's the most emotional experience I've ever had."

Six-time All-Pro and Tiger All-American Michael Dean Perry

"When Clemson players run that Rock and run down the Hill, it's the most exciting 25 seconds in college football."

Brent Musburger, ABC Sports

"There is no place louder or more picturesque than Death Valley. There, where Clemson fans see magic in a hill and a rock, oranges get more respect than anywhere this side of Gainesville, Florida."

Terence Moore, Atlanta Journal-Constitution

"When you get to the bottom of the Hill, it's like you're in a hole and all around you are nothing but Clemson fans. It's like the crowd is one big voice. You feel like little kings."

Former Clemson running back Rodney Blunt

"Death Valley really lives up to its image. I was impressed with this stadium. When you put 80,000 people in there, it feels like they are on top of you. I'd hate to be whoever comes here to play Clemson."

San Francisco quarterback Steve Young

"Florida was loud in the swamp. But the loudest, not only the stadium, but the loudest place I have ever been around in my life was definitely Death Valley. I was yelling at the top of my lungs, and I couldn't even hear what I was saying. That place was unreal in how loud it was. I don't think I will ever be in a louder place than Clemson."

Florida State quarterback Chris Rix, 2001

"I'm very thankful that we're playing a game at Clemson. The last time we were up there, it was extremely loud. I yelled the calls to my guard, but we couldn't hear each other and we couldn't hear each other in the huddle. When you have fans that can get that loud and distract offenses like that, that's as important as having an All-American on your defense."

Florida State center David Castillo, 2005

"In 2005, Clemson's Memorial Stadium, commonly known as 'Death Valley,' reached an astounding 126 decibels when a packed crowd of 79,135 fans observed Charles Bennett's sack of quarterback Kyle Wright during the Tigers' three-overtime heartbreaker against the Miami Hurricanes. This level easily surpassed the old record of 121 decibels set by Louisiana State fans in Tiger Stadium, which holds 92,400 fans."

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"The game when I was a sophomore (in 2005) stands out for me. What an awesome place that is to play. I'll never forget that atmosphere, and I know for a fact I've never seen so much orange in one place at one time. If you've never been there, going out on the field for the first time at Clemson is incredible."

Boston College quarterback Matt Ryan, 2007

The next day, the boy was swollen twice his size and was hospitalized.

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

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

"I told them that it had taken us three weeks to get that far, and I would give them three more 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 east 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 - 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, he said the place was like "Death Valley." A few years later, the name stuck.

In 1974, the playing surface was named Frank Howard Field for the legendary coach because of his long service and dedication to the University. Luckily, it wasn't built behind the Y.
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^ triple-overtime game; Notes: Clemson first played its home games at Memorial Stadium in 1942.

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

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

The shortest entry into 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 flag, no “Tiger Rag” played...just the team making its entrance and lining up to do the side-straddle hop.

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

Either in 1964 or 1965, S.C. Jones, a member of the class of 1919, made a trip to California. He stopped at a spot in Death Valley, CA and picked up 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 laid on the floor in Howard’s office in Fike Fieldhouse for years. One day, he was cleaning up his office and told Gene Willimon, who was executive secretary of IPTAY, to “take this rock and throw it over the fence or out in the ditch...do something with it, but get it out of my office!”

Willimon did not think that was the way a rock should be treated. After all, it had been brought 3,000 miles by a very sincere Clemson fan.

By the mid-1960s, Memorial Stadium was living up to its moniker (“Death Valley”) because of the number of 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
Running Down The Hill

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 legendary.

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.

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"Scarcest 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 Jervey 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. The training room is expanded to include a new hydrotherapy room, new offices, and examination rooms.
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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It's not about winning or losing.

It's about saving money on car insurance.
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 grinders 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

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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 1 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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Coastal Carolina University offers baccalaureate degree programs in 40 major fields of study and 37 undergraduate minors. Coastal Carolina also offers six master’s degree programs in education, instructional technology, and coastal marine & wetland studies.

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Chanticleer Leaders

Coaching Staff

Head Coach  
David Bennett (Presbyterian ’84)

Record at School (Seasons)  
48-27 (7th)

Career Record (Seasons)  
111-44 (14th)

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Enrollment  
8,100

Nickname  
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**2009 ACC Results & Schedule**
As a Ph.D. student in Clemson's Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, Keenan Adams studies the human dimensions of natural resources, using his strengths to help people as well as the environment.

And, as resident director of the Bridge to Clemson University program, he advises freshmen on ways to make the most of their time, studies and personal interactions in the college environment. Adams finds the two roles comfortable and complementary.

He has also found that both provide good training for his chosen profession. “My dream is to become a professor who will impact the lives of students and produce research in the natural resource field. If I’m able to get natural resource managers, policy-makers and researchers to consider human dimensions, then I’ll believe I’ve succeeded,” he says.

A Doctoral Scholars Award provides assistance that Adams says allows him to stay at Clemson, where he hopes to influence the ideas of students and researchers.

This aspiring professor’s advice to students? “Be excellent at what you do because if what you do is good, then it will inherently make this world a better place.”
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 Carrollton 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 a 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 provide 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 season 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, Tommy 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 1997-98 academic 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 in the National Championship varsity 4+ boat (Allison Colberg, Callen Erdeky, 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.
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.

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

Important NCAA Terms

Academic Credentials - A prospect should check with his high school guidance office to see if he is taking classes that will meet NCAA eligibility standards. A prospect should do this early (for 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 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 requires 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 when it is on Clemson’s campus. There are times when a prospect cannot visit. NCAA rules refer to them as “dead periods,” as coaches will not schedule to meet with a prospect during that time.

Can IPTAY 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.

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The IPTAY Representative program continues to be one of the most important marketing tools available for the growth of the IPTAY Scholarship Fund. This group of over 650 women and men throughout the country volunteer their time to encourage those in their communities and in their circle of influence to join IPTAY on an annual basis and to support Clemson in all endeavors. Despite economic challenges throughout the state and region, IPTAY had a successful 2009 campaign due to the tireless efforts of this group.

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 Jersey and Pete Hoffner 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 Jersey. Neely believed he could run a successful football team if he was provided a $10,000-a-year increase in scholarships. Initially, Jersey 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 (I Pay Ten 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 went to 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. Vickers 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 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 McLadden ($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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Defensive tackle Nick Essen became the 21st Tiger to win a Super Bowl Championship ring when the Pittsburgh Steelers defeated the Arizona Cardinals in the 2009 Super Bowl.
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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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The Clemson Tiger Sports 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 also has been the sideline analyst for 14 years on Carolina Panthers preseason games.

The broadcast 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 the host of the Dabo Swinney 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 linebacker (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 linebacker, 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 Swinney Pregame Show. Swinney meets with Sports Information Director Tim Bouteot 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 Wild Wing Cafe in downtown Greenville, SC. Interviews with Swinney 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 Swinney and Munson from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The shows air live from several BLO grocery stores in the Clemson area.

The Clemson Tiger Sports Network also produces the Dabo Swinney 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.

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Behind the scenes is a dedicated staff of band professionals and several innovative software packages that help create the band's legendary shows.

"These programs assist in arranging music, designing drills, and they even allow band members to chart their movements across the field," said Dr. Mark Spede, associate professor of music and director of bands.

Months before the band’s first rehearsal, Spede and the band staff spend hours composing and arranging music using Finale, a music notation program. With Finale, they can instantly write, see, and listen to the music that they have written. The software allows them to send MP3 sound clips via email to band members, who can then listen to the charts on their personal computers. The sound files are also played on the band practice field during drill training.

Using Pyware, a software package that helps write marching drills, the band staff can see and hear a drill long before the musicians take their places on the practice field. Pyware has many special features. The program animates the choreography and synchronizes the movements to the music composed in Finale. Another feature of Pyware is its ability to animate the movement of individual musicians. Using a highlighting function, Tiger Band members can view their movements across the football field from set-to-set on their own computer.

"In the old days, this was all done by hand," explained Spede. "It’s amazing what we can do today with some of these programs.

Most recently, the band’s high-tech tools have expanded beyond the music realm and moved into video. With the completion of Memorial Stadium’s video scoreboard, Tiger Band has found a new medium to entertain thousands of Clemson fans. The "RENT," "Guitar Hero," and "Star Trek" halftime shows are examples that featured amusing and enlightening video clips that further engaged the audience.

"In order to use this new medium, the band staff has had to learn film-editing software such as iMovie and ProTools, an audio engineering package," added Spede.

A crisp, fall football game is one of the last places one would expect to find the impact of innovative and high-tech computer software, but for the Clemson University Marching Band, the football field is no better place to showcase the results of the high-tech Tiger Band.

Today’s Show

Tiger Band welcomes the "Spirit of Chanticleer Marching Band" from Coastal Carolina. After its performance, Tiger Band will serenade the north stands with "Inscantation" from "Cirque du Soleil." The Homecoming Queen and her court will follow, and then the Tiger Alumni Band will join in a "Salute to Tiger Fans Everywhere!"

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Also, U.S. athlete, "When Louisiana Men's The The At Before "Before I year I know anything about Coach Johnson or Coach (Tim) Hall. I didn't know what to expect for the program or how they would help me develop into a better athlete, but I'm glad I gave it a chance."

That chance has already produced tangible success. In his debut season with Clemson, Murdock was a provisional NCAA qualifier in the 60m during the indoor season. He suffered a hamstring injury that hindered his indoor campaign, but he still posted a 60m time of 6.72 and finished fifth at the very competitive ACC Championships. His top 200m indoor time was 22.03.

Murdock's favorite race is the 100m because it is not too long of a distance. "I don't like long running. period. I think the 100m dash is best for me because I'm not that strong altogether, but I have good acceleration."

The 2009 outdoor track season saw Murdock excel in that very race. He received an at-large bid to nationals in the event. His personal best in the 100m is 10.30, a time he posted at the Orange & Purple Classic.

Clemson qualified for the NCAA Championships in the 4x100m relay with a team made up of Murdock running the lead leg, followed by Spiller, Guy, and Ford. That relay posted a school-record time of 38.77 in the national finals to finish third in the nation and give Murdock All-America honors.

Being on a team with such seasoned teammates has really helped Murdock develop into an even stronger runner. "I've learned to work hard. Everyone out there is fast. It's not like high school when you are by yourself and you can mess around. If you miss one rep in the weight room and one of your teammates puts in the extra work, they're going to be that much better than you."

"To me, college track is a complete difference because high school was pretty tough, but practice-wise, you can't touch college. We lift weights almost every day and the workouts are harder."

Another motivator for Murdock is keeping up with Ford and Spiller, who are dedicated to football but are also able to stand out on the track. He admits that they present tough competition, but they also help him improve.

"It motivates me because I want to be better than them one day," admitted Murdock. "They're both great athletes, and that makes me work harder. I don't want to be like them, I want to be better than them."

With the adjustments Murdock has made to collegiate track, that goal is very possible. Other honors of this past season include All-East Region in the 100m, NCAA East Region champion as part of the 4x100m relay team, and a USTFCCA All-America accolade for the relay.

Murdock has an experienced coaching staff behind him who is capable of taking him to the next level. This season, he just hopes to improve upon his freshman campaign. With all that he has accomplished in just one season, he is moving toward a promising career in Tigertown.
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By Philip Sikes

The first time Liane Weber heard of Clemson University, she was working with a hospital nursing staff in her native Germany. Weber, one year removed from high school and admittedly torn about what her future held, ultimately accepted a scholarship offer to come to the United States and compete for the track & field program at Clemson.

Nearly three years later, the move has proven to be beneficial for both parties. Weber is one of the top multi-event athletes in the NCAA, while the Clemson women's track & field team is expected to be a factor in the competition for ACC titles in 2010.

While the transition from one culture to a completely different one may have been too strong a burden for some, it was one she took in stride. Though Weber said of her transition to the U.S. "It was tough to get used to that, but it was a great advantage to have Linda with me. We helped each other out with any issue."

One place Weber did not have any noticeable issues was the track. After enrolling in January of 2007, she competed for Clemson at the ACC Championships in the school's indoor facility a month later. Weber broke a school record and won the pentathlon, and she was subsequently named ACC Indoor Freshman of the Year. She had an automatic NCAA qualifying total of 4,089 points and competed as the only freshman at the indoor national meet in March.

In the outdoor season, she was the ACC's runner-up in the heptathlon and broke another school record in the multi-event competition. It was a phenomenal debut for Weber, but like any other student-athlete, she eventually had to deal with her share of adversity.

Following a tough sophomore season, Weber and her teammates were in for a big change. The men's and women's track & field programs were combined under the leadership of former Virginia Tech Associate Head Coach Lawrence Johnson.

"I knew he coached two German heptathletes (Gunild Kreb, Saskia Triesscheijn) at Virginia Tech," said Weber. "I knew them and talked to them a lot, so I knew what to expect. You never really know how a different coaching approach will work with you, because athletes adapt differently. Coach Johnson's approach has worked very well for me."

That became obvious in the 2009 indoor season when she elevated her performance to another level. With Johnson's help, she worked on the basics of sprinting, hurdles, and strength training. What resulted was a second indoor ACC pentathlon title in three years. She improved on her personal best and qualified for the NCAA Championships. In fact, she was second on the NCAA performance list in the pentathlon heading into the 2009 national meet.

Weber again established a personal best, this time with an ACC-record 4,235 points. She finished sixth at the meet and earned her first All-America honor. She was also the Southeast Region Indoor Athlete-of-the-Year, but she still was not satisfied.

"I was very confident coming into the meet," explained Weber. "Finishing sixth was a little disappointing. It showed me the national level is extremely high."

Following the indoor season, Johnson and his staff made the decision to red-shirt Weber and several other of the team's standout performers. It was clearly an indication that Johnson believed the women's program, with athletes like Patricia Mamona and April Sinkler also returning along with an outstanding recruiting class coming in, will have the capability to compete for conference championships in 2010.

In Johnson's first year, the women improved five spots at the ACC Indoor Championships and placed third as a team. Weber believes the student-athletes that were red-shirted bought into the idea because of their belief in Johnson and his vision for the program.

"It was definitely a signal that we wanted to concentrate on building a strong team," said Weber. "We're going to have a great chance to perform well at ACCs, especially outdoors since the meet will be held here."

Johnson has coached 17 All-Americans during his time as both an assistant and a head coach, and he firmly believes Weber possesses the tools necessary to win a national title. Weber, who has one indoor season and two outdoor seasons of eligibility remaining, admitted that winning an NCAA pentathlon or heptathlon crown remains her individual goal.

"It's great to win ACC Championships," stated Weber. "It's a step in the right direction. For me, national championships are an even higher priority."

Another priority at Clemson has been academics. A health science major who hopes to earn a second degree in chemistry, Weber should have multiple options when her time in Tigertown comes to an end.

No matter what her future may hold, a great deal of her career preparation can be attributed to the school she had never heard of just three years ago.

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By Maddie McGlone

Fran Brawley, this year's Tiger Brotherhood Mother-of-the-Year, moved to Clemson at the age of 27 in the summer of 1965 with her husband Joel and son Vince, who was only four at the time. Coming from Raleigh, NC, Clemson was a change to say the least. A town of about 5,000 people and three stoplights at the time, this little college town paled in comparison to the capital of our northern neighbor. The Brawleys, however, quickly fell in love with the quaint little town they have now called home for more than 40 years.

A talented dancer, Brawley devoted many of her teen years to studying ballet and tap, eventually spending an entire summer in New York City, where she performed with the Radio City Rockettes for a few weeks. In 1957, at the age of 19, she met her husband Joel on a blind date and two years later they married. While Joel was finishing his degree at N.C. State, Fran, who had earlier received a degree from Evan’s Commercial College in Gastonia, NC, took a job doing the payroll for the N.C. State College of Agriculture. She worked there until the birth of their son Vince in 1961 when Joel was in his second year of graduate school.

Throughout the years she lived in Raleigh, Brawley spent a lot of time working at the local Methodist Church, singing in the choir and participating in the Woman’s Society of Christian Service, a group that awarded her a “Life Membership” pin just before she moved to South Carolina. She also volunteered at the North Carolina School for the Deaf & Blind, where she became very close with many of the young children, some of whom would spend Sunday afternoons with the Brawleys eating ice cream and going to parks. She continued to give her time and compassion when she and her family moved to Clemson.

It took little time for Brawley to find her niche in Clemson. In her first year here, she was president of the Clemson University Newcomer’s Club and she went on to serve the University Woman’s Club in various capacities. Over the years, she has hosted many university students in her home, she has served the community in numerous ways (e.g., Meals on Wheels), and she continues to be very involved in the Clemson United Methodist Church, including its choir and shepherd/lamb program. While she takes her volun-

A mother’s love for her child is like nothing else in the world,” said Agatha Christie. “It knows no law, no pity, and it dares all things and crushes down remorselessly all that stands in its path. A mother will do anything for her children, she will not let anything get in between her and her children.”

Brawley is no different. She has spent her life giving her time to other people. Being active in her church both in Raleigh and Clemson as well as engaging in other organizations, she never failed to give back to her community.

More importantly, though, she was a nurturing, unconditionally loving mother to her three children and now eight grandchildren. Her love for her family “lies deep in (her) soul.” Clemson should be honored to have such a selfless woman living and participating in our community. It is no mystery why Fran Brawley is this year’s “Mother-of-the-Year.”

Maddie McGlone, a sophomore from Charlotte, NC, is a student assistant in the Clemson Sports Information Office.
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Coaching Spotlight

ASSISTANT COACH

Charlie Harbison

By Katrina Eddie

This year in Death Valley, Clemson fans may notice a few unfamiliar faces on the Tiger coaching staff. Co-Defensive Coordinator Charlie Harbison, however, should not be one of them. Though he had not been a part of the Clemson staff for the previous 12 years, he is now new to Tigertown. He served his first stint here more than a decade ago from 1995-97 and coached the secondary then as well. He is excited to be back.

“It's the people that make the place,” said Harbison. “Clemson is home and family. I've been here before, and I'm blessed that the Clemson family and the fans have opened their home back up to me again.”

This is also not the first time that Harbison has coached with Dabo Swinney, Woody McCorvey and Kevin Steele for that matter. He first coached with Swinney at Alabama and describes him as being like a younger brother. He also coached with McCorvey at Alabama and Steele in Charlotte while coaching a minor-league football franchise.

Harbison describes Swinney as approachable, someone whose door is always open. “He has passion. He's touchable. What you see, that's who he is. He's so genuine and he wants the best for the kids...not only for the kids, but Clemson, period, as his family.”

As the defensive backs coach, Harbison admits to loving the difficulty of the position (he played four years as a defensive back at Gardner-Webb as well as with the Buffalo Bills and in the USFL).

“My favorite thing about the DB position is the challenge,” explained Harbison. “You’re playing on an island and it’s you against the receiver. Who knows where he's going. You have to react and play.”

Harbison, whose nickname is “Cheese” because of his familiar smile and happy nature, began his coaching career in 1984 at his alma mater (Gardner-Webb). He had a few stints coaching minor-league football in North Carolina before moving into the college ranks at Texas-El Paso for one season (1994).

From 1995 to 2008, Harbison was an assistant coach at Clemson, Alabama, Louisiana State, Alabama (for the second time), and Mississippi State, and now he has returned to Tigertown. In all, “Cheese” has spent 18 years as a full-time college coach with 10 winning seasons and 11 bowl games.

Some of his favorite coaching moments to date came during his tenure in the SEC. “One of the best moments was when we won the Sugar Bowl at LSU. We won the SEC in 2000 and the Sugar Bowl in 2002. But if I had to pick two moments, it would be when we (Coach Swinney and I) won the SEC at Alabama in 1999. We beat Steve Spurrier and the Florida team in the SEC Championship game.”

A former Tiger and player under Harbison was Clemson great Brian Dawkins, who, for good reason, is Harbison's most memorable player.

“He’s very focused,” stated Harbison. “He doesn’t let anyone get in his way as far as getting better. He is a team player, yet he can stay focused on the task at hand. He was a pro before he became a pro. He played like a pro when he was here. And that’s one thing I try to tell so many young players...in order to be a pro, you have to be a pro while you’re in college. On the field, off the field, and in the classroom.”

Dawkins was a second-team All-America safety, First-Team All-ACC selection, and tied the Clemson record for interceptions when he picked off three passes in one quarter against Duke in 1995. He was selected in the 1996 NFL draft by the Philadelphia Eagles in the second round. Dawkins’ 13-year stint with the Eagles made him one of the most recognized safeties in the NFL. This year is his first season with the Denver Broncos, and he has helped that team to a 6-0 start.

Harbison actually coached four future NFL players in his first year at Clemson. In addition to Dawkins, future Super Bowl Champion Dexter McClean, first-round draft pick Antwan Edwards, and Leonont Evans were all on that team and benefitted from Harbison’s tutelage.

Harbison might have just as many future NFL players on his 2009 roster of defensive backs. This year’s group features senior cornerbacks Crezdon Butler and Chris Chancellor, both preseason Thorpe Award candidates, along with junior safety DeAndre McDaniel. Clemson is the only school in the nation with both its starting cornerbacks on the list. The trio has combined for 29 career interceptions at Clemson and all three are among the top 19 active players in the nation in terms of career picks. McDaniel has also totaled seven interceptions in 2009 and is tied for the national lead in that category.

“We've had a lot of improvement from our group,” said Harbison. “There is lots of talent. A lot of people want me to pick out one or two guys, but we're a unit. You can't play defensive back with two guys. You might shift the weight on more than one person, but I don't look at it like that. We're a family. Whatever defense is called, everyone has a piece of that puzzle. They have to make their piece fit.”

Though he has been absent from Tigertown for some time now, Harbison’s piece of the puzzle is back where it belongs, and the secondary coach is more than ready to take on the challenges that come his way.

Katrina Eddie, a senior from Sacramento, CA, is a student assistant in the Clemson Sports Information Office.

Charlie Harbison coached the tandem of Brian Dawkins (95) and Dexter McCleon during his first stint at Clemson between 1995 and 1997.
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By Tim Bourret

When you listen to Coastal Carolina Head Coach David Bennett during an interview in 2009, you can hear the influence former Tiger Head Coach Danny Ford had on his coaching career in 1985 and 1986 when Bennett was a graduate assistant at Clemson. Bennett is a tough, hard-nosed football coach from the word "go," just as Ford was during his time leading the Clemson program between 1978-89.

Bennett has gone on to a successful career as a head coach at Catawba and Coastal Carolina, and he brings his Chanticleers to Death Valley for the program's third game in history against an FBS program.

The staff meetings and practices during the Ford era were intense, a reason Clemson was the fifth-winnest program in the nation in the 1980s. The Tigers won five ACC Championships and had seven top-20 seasons, including a National Championship, during that decade.

A look to the coaching staffs during that era shows there were some knowledgeable coaches on those staffs. That includes the graduate assistants of the era who are now in head coaching and coordinator roles.

Bennett served on Ford's staff as a graduate assistant in 1985 and 1986. The Tigers won the ACC title in 1986 and lost just two games, the first year of a run of six straight years with just two losses. The 1986 Tigers also finished in the top 20 of the polls and defeated Stanford in the Gator Bowl.

The native of Cheraw, SC became the head coach at Catawba in 1995 and led that program to four conference championships. He won exactly 11 games in each of his last three seasons (1999-01) and took the team to the national semifinals of the Division II playoffs.

In 2002 when the Chanticleers decided to start a football program, they selected Bennett to run it. By his second year, Coastal Carolina had a 10-1 record and won the Big South Championship. He has led the program to three conference titles and into the FCS playoffs by the fourth year, the third-quickest run to the NCAA Tournament in history. Bennett already has 111 career wins, including a 48-27 record at Coastal Carolina.

However, Bennett is not the only graduate assistant from the Ford era to become a head coach. Gene Chizik, now the leader of the Auburn program, was a graduate assistant at Clemson in 1988 and 1989. Those Tiger teams won 10 games apiece and the 1988 team won the ACC title.

Chizik made a name for himself as a defensive coordinator at Auburn and Texas. He helped Auburn to a 13-0 record in 2004 and won the Frank Broyles Award as the nation’s top assistant coach. He then coached the Texas defense in 2005 when the Longhorns won the national title. He coached three consecutive Thorpe Award winners between 2004-06, as Auburn’s Carlos Rogers won in 2004 followed by Texas’ Michael Huff (2005) and Aaron Ross (2006).

Chizik became a head coach for the first time at Iowa State in 2007 and was chosen by Auburn to lead its program in 2009. Earlier this year, he had Auburn ranked in the top 25 after a 5-0 start.

Next year, just like Bennett, Chizik will have an opportunity to coach against Clemson, as the Tigers will travel to Auburn. He will return to Death Valley during the 2011 season when Auburn comes to Clemson.

Ruffin McNeill, now the defensive coordinator at Texas Tech, coached side-by-side with Bennett on Ford's staff in 1985 and 1986. He is now in his 10th season on Mike Leach's staff with the Red Raiders and has had a lot to do with that program's national ascension.

Current Tiger Assistant Head Coach Danny Pearman is another former Clemson graduate assistant of the era who has gone on to greatness. He was an assistant coach at Alabama when it won the national title in 1992 and on Virginia Tech's staff when it played for the national title in 1999.

Pearman has returned home to Clemson, where he also played and graduated, so his career has now come full circle. He is the first to tell you that the lessons he learned as a graduate assistant in 1988 and 1989 have had a lasting effect on his career.

"I think I may have learned more from Coach Ford in 20 years removed than when I was going through it," admitted Pearman. "I can look back and see now why he did certain things in terms of practice, discipline, and running a program. As I get older, have children, and raise a family, I can look back at Coach Ford and understand what an influence he has had on my life."

Tim Bourret is Clemson's Sports Information Director and is in his 32nd year at Clemson.

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 Picture above are the 1986 Clemson football graduate assistants, including Ruffin McNeill (back row second from left) and David Bennett (back row, second from right).
THE LAST WORD

By Tim Bourret

This year marks the first football season in 50 years that former Clemson University President Dr. Robert C. Edwards has not been in our presence to root on the Tigers. His passing last December 4 left a void in the Clemson athletic department, the University in general, and the Clemson community.

In the fall of 1978, my first year at Clemson as assistant sports information director under the legendary Bob Bradley, my first task each day was to interview a Tiger coach for the daily sports report. Two decades before the internet, I would tape an interview, usually about the upcoming football game, with a Clemson assistant coach or Head Coach Charley Pell. Fans could call a phone number and listen to the interview.

By mid October, Clemson was 6-0, ranked in the top 10, and getting ready to play a good N.C. State team in Raleigh. There were numerous media requests for that game, plus I was trying to finish the basketball guide. I got sidetracked on a Wednesday, and by 11:30 AM, I had not tracked down a coach for the interview.

Just before lunch, I received a phone call in my office. The person on the other end was using a speaker phone and sounded like the "voice of God."

"Mr. Bourret, I just wanted to let you know that the daily sports report has not been updated."

Quickly, I recognized the person on the other end was Dr. Edwards.

"I will get right on that," I responded.

"Thank you very much, Mr. Bourret."

When I hung up the phone, I wondered if Father Theodore Hesburgh, the longtime president at Notre Dame, my alma mater, had ever called my former boss, Roger Valois. To remind him about updating Head Coach Ara Parseghian's taped phone interview.

That is one of my lasting memories of my first year at Clemson. It told me that people really care about athletics at Clemson. That went all the way to the top.

Dr. Edwards had a profound, lasting impact on Tiger athletics. He was significantly involved in many facilities projects, including the expansion of Memorial Stadium to include an upper deck and profitable luxury boxes, and the construction of Littlejohn Coliseum. He championed the improvement of Olympic sports and strongly endorsed the addition of women's athletic programs in the mid 1970s.

Dr. Edwards was omnipresent at Clemson athletic events. He missed just one of 223 football games during his 21 years as president. During his final year (fall of 1978), he led the team down the Hill prior to the South Carolina game.

We always had a seat for him in the baseball press box. I cannot tell you how many times he met a team bus before it left for a road trip. And we are not talking about just the football team. Many times, he saw the women's basketball team depart from Clemson House for a road trip, even if the bus left at 5:00 AM.

He made his final appearance in that role on Friday, November 26, 2008, just five days prior to his passing, when he greeted Dabo Swinney and the entire football team from a stretcher provided by the local EMS. I know it was a moment Swinney will never forget.

Dr. Edwards was on his mind in the closing moments of the 31-14 victory over South Carolina, because he could visualize Dr. Edwards watching from his bed at the Cottingham House, a hospice residence in Seneca. Swinney and Edwards actually have a common bond. Edwards was hired as "acting president" in 1958 after President Robert F. Poole died in office. The "acting president" title was very similar to the "interim head coach" title Swinney took on October 13 before he was named head coach on December 1.

As I reflect on the phone call I received from Dr. Edwards in 1978, it also made me realize the similarities between Dr. Edwards and Father Hesburgh.

In 1963, Dr. Edwards led Clemson through significant change when it enrolled its first African-American student (Harvey Gantt). There had been riots at other schools in the South during these times over the same situation, but there were no problems at Clemson.

According to Gantt, "President Edwards was very fair to me. He seemed to be singularly interested in making sure the change was peaceful."

Father Hesburgh was a member of the Civil Rights Commission under President John F. Kennedy that same era, and he won the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1964. He was honored for his work last May by President Obama at Notre Dame's commencement.

Dr. Edwards presided over Clemson's first graduation of female students and Father Hesburgh was the president when Notre Dame became co-educational in 1972.

Both Father Hesburgh and Dr. Edwards are the longest-tenured presidents of their respective universities. Father Hesburgh served in that capacity for 35 years (1952-87) and Edwards served as Clemson's president for 21 years (1958-79).

Last fall, I was fortunate to attend a private Mass said by Father Hesburgh in his office in the library that is named in his honor. He is now 91 and nearly blind, but he has the prayers of the Mass memorized and still gives an insightful sermon.

After the Mass, he told our small group of 30 people to stay in their positions so he could make his way to the back door and meet everyone before they left. When he was president, if the light was on late at night in his office in the Golden Dome, any student could go to his office to talk.

That is the same personal touch that Dr. Edwards showed in everything he did at Clemson. For years in retirement, he came to my office on a Monday morning to pick up extra football programs for players who had been featured the previous Saturday. He then went to the locker room and put the extra programs with a hand-written note in each player's locker.

Father Hesburgh was the most important administrator to serve Notre Dame in the 20th century, and Dr. Edwards holds the same distinction for that 100-year period at Clemson.

They achieved that level of respect because they had one more common characteristic. They both felt the most important aspect of their jobs was the well-rounded educational experience of the undergraduate student. They both felt that was the true mission of their respective universities. Thousands of Clemson and Notre Dame graduates continue to benefit from that wisdom today.

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