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**Clemson Results & Schedule**

1. Auburn
   - September 1
   - Mem. Stadium
   - Atlanta, GA
   - W 26-19

2. Ball State
   - September 8
   - Mem. Stadium
   - Clemson, SC
   - W 52-27

3. Furman
   - September 15
   - Mem. Stadium
   - Clemson, SC
   - W 41-7

4. Florida State
   - September 22
   - Doak S. Campbell Stadium
   - Tallahassee, FL
   - L 37-49

5. Boston College
   - September 29
   - Alumni Stadium
   - Chestnut Hill, MA
   - W 45-31

6. Georgia Tech
   - October 6
   - Mem. Stadium
   - Clemson, SC
   - W 47-31

7. Wake Forest
   - October 25
   - BB&T Field
   - Winston-Salem, NC
   - TBA

8. Duke
   - November 3
   - Wallace Wade Stadium
   - Durham, NC
   - TBA

9. Maryland
   - November 10
   - Mem. Stadium
   - Clemson, SC
   - TBA

10. N.C. State
    - November 17
    - Mem. Stadium
    - Clemson, SC
    - TBA

11. South Carolina
    - November 30
    - Mem. Stadium
    - Clemson, SC
    - TBA
Virginia is For Quarterbacks
Two of the top quarterbacks in the ACC, both from the state of Virginia, will lead their respective teams this afternoon. Virginia Tech’s Logan Thomas (Lynchburg) will be featured players when their respective offenses are on the field.

Both signal-callers have known each other for a long time dating to high school. They even played on the same team in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl in San Antonio, TX four years ago. Boyd was a quarterback and Thomas was a tight end in that game.

However, Thomas is a quarterback by trade and is rated as one of the top draft prospects by NFL scouts. He took Virginia Tech to an 11-3 record last year, as he completed 59 percent of his passes and threw for 19 touchdowns. He also rushed for 11 scores in gaining 469 yards on the ground.

Boyd has improved his rushing this year and has 224 yards on the ground, including a career-high 63 yards in the win over Georgia Tech in Clemson’s last game. He is also the ACC leader in total offense (328.7).

Boyd became Clemson’s career leader in touchdown passes in the win over Georgia Tech when he threw for two scores. He has 51 career passing touchdowns, two more than Charlie Whitehurst had between 2002-05.

This will be the third matchup between the two quarterbacks. Boyd and the Tigers won both meetings last season, 33-20, in Blacksburg and one in Charlotte, NC, in the ACC Championship Game.

Clemson Trying to Tie School Record
Clemson will attempt to tie the school record for consecutive wins in Memorial Stadium when it hosts Virginia Tech today. Dabo Swinney’s Tigers have won 10 games in a row at home, starting with a victory over Troy to open the 2011 season.

The record for consecutive wins in Memorial Stadium is 11, set on two occasions. It first happened in the 1937-42 era under Jess Neely and Frank Howard. It started with a 46-0 win over Presbyterian College on September 18, 1937, and ended with a 7-0 loss to George Washington on November 7, 1942.

The Tigers also won 11 games in a row at home in the 1989-91 era. It started with a 30-10 win over a top-20 N.C. State team on October 21, 1989 and ended with a 20-20 tie against Virginia on October 12, 1991. Clemson went on to win four more home games before suffering a loss, so it was a 16-game home unbeaten streak, but just an 11-game home winning streak. (Clemson had a 25-game home unbeaten streak [23-0-2] from 1980-84.)

Clemson has been outstanding during this 10-game winning streak at Memorial Stadium, especially on offense. The Tigers have scored at least 31 points in all 10 home games and at least 35 points in none of the 10 home contests.

Clemson is averaging 41.7 points per game in the 10 home contests and is allowing 24.5 points per game for an average victory margin of 17.2 points per game. Clemson is averaging 510.8 total yards per game over the 10 home games and has gained at least 443 yards in every contest.

Clemson’s Longest Memorial Stadium Winning Streaks

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On the Cover
On the cover of today’s game program is graduate student Rashad Hall, who has 13 career interceptions. Also featured are pictures celebrating Clemson’s military heritage on Military Appreciation Day at Memorial Stadium.
Tigers Have ACC's Top Rusher & Receiver

Running back Andre Ellington has been in the lead in the ACC rushing race all year dating to the season-opener when he had 228 yards against #25 Auburn. He is currently averaging 99.5 yards per game on the ground.

Wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins has been in the lead of the ACC in receiving yards per game (129.5) all year. He has gained 370 receiving yards on 18 catches in the last two games and led the nation in total receiving yards entering last week's games.

The 2012 Tigers are attempting to become just the fifth team in ACC history to have the ACC rushing champion and ACC receiving champion in the same year. The last squad to do it was the 2006 Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets, who had Calvin Johnson, the league's top receiver (85.9), and the top rusher, Tashard Choice (105.2).

Clemson has actually accomplished this feat previously. The 1967 Tigers under Head Coach Frank Howard was the first ACC team to do it. Buddy Gore led the ACC in rushing (1,045) and Phil Rogers led all receivers (429).

Future Hall of Fame Coach Visits Death Valley

Frank Beamer, the winningest active FBS coach with 255 victories, will bring his Hokies to Death Valley, the school’s first appearance at Clemson since 2007, where he has led Virginia Tech to victory in each of his last two appearances (1998,2007). The Hokies were victorious 41-23 in 2007. Overall, Beamer is 5-5 against Clemson in his career, including a 2-1 record in Memorial Stadium.

Beamer has been the head coach at Virginia Tech since 1987 and is one of the most respected coaches in the nation. The 1969 Virginia Tech graduate has taken his school to 19 consecutive bowl games, four ACC titles, three Big East crowns, six BCS bowl appearances, and a trip to the National Championship game. That came in 1999 when he was the consensus national coach-of-the-year.

Now in his 26th season at Virginia Tech, he has led the Hokies to eight consecutive years with double-digit wins.
STATISTICAL MATCHUP

Clemson

Categoryuale
Total Offensive 3155 2673
Plays 493 407
Yards/Play 6.4 6.9
Yards/Game 5238 445.3
Rushing/Yards/Game 391.2 202.2
Passing/Yards/Game 324.7 242.8
Passing Efficiency 155.4 135.4
First Downs/Game 262 18.8
Penalties 41 27.3
Touchdowns 30 20
Field Goals 12-13 8-12
Punting Average 41.7 40.4
Fumble Returns 3-10 7-16
Kickoff Returns 22-432 18-404
Penalties 29-227 33-248
Turnovers 11
Third Down Conversion % 54.0 32.9
Time of Possession/Game 38.46 31.14
Interceptions By Defense 7-50 6-79
Sacks 7.52 10.65

Clemson vs. Virginia Tech Series

Year CU VT Rk
Clemson 11-1 12-1 11-1 13-2 11-2 14-0 12-1 14-1 12-3 10-2 11-2 13-2 13-2 12-2 13-1 13-1 13-1 13-1 13-1 13-1 13-1 13-1 13-1 13-1 13-1 13-1 13-1 13-1 13-1 13-1 13-1 13-1 13-1
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**Sophomore Linebacker Stephon Anthony has a Team-high 9 Tackles.**

POLLS

Associated Press (October 12, 2014)

1. Alabama (60)
2. Oregon
3. Florida
4. Kansas State
5. Notre Dame
6. Louisiana State
7. Ohio State
8. Oregon State
9. South Carolina
10. Oklahoma
11. Southern California
12. Florida State
13. Georgia
14. Clemson
15. Mississippi State
16. Louisville
17. West Virginia
18. Texas Tech
19. Rutgers
20. Texas A&M
21. Cincinnati
22. Stanford
23. Michigan
24. Boise State
25. Arizona State
26. Ohio
27. Michigan

USA Today (October 12, 2014)

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12. Georgia
13. Clemson
14. Louisville
15. West Virginia
16. Mississippi State
17. Rutgers
18. Cincinnati
19. Texas A&M
20. Texas Tech
21. TCU
22. Boise State
23. Stanford
24. Arizona State
25. Ohio

VIRGINIA TECH

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Total Offense 2789 2666
Plays 466 505
Yards/Play 6.9 5.3
Yards/Game 398.0 381.3
Rushing Yards/Game 167.9 171.7
Passing Yards/Game 247.0 209.6
Passing Efficiency 128.7 112.6
First Downs/Game 19.1 21.0
Points/Game 20.7 24.1
Touchdowns 27 19
Field Goals 9-10 7-11
Punting Average 40.6 40.3
Return Yards/Game 66.4 14.7
Kickoff Returns 22-531 27-600
Penalties 44-393 62-492
Turnovers 12 13
First Down Conversion % 40.5 34.4
Time of Possession/Game 20.58 11.52
Interceptions By Defense 8-51 9-66
Sacks 12-3 17-2

POLLS

Associated Press

# Player Car. Yards Avg. TD LG
1. Marcus Coleman 44 319 7.1 2
2. Michael Holmes 26 239 9.4 3 40
3. Logan Thomas 71 199 2.8 4 26
22. Tony Gregory 24 129 5.4 1 24
25. Martin Scales 15 92 4.2 2 17
Virginia Tech 123 1227 1728 8 12 85
Opponents 113 1467 8.9 7 96

USA Today

# Player Rec. Yards Avg. TD LG
7. Marcus Davis 27 985 21.2 6 45
83. Corey Fuller 21 407 19.4 3 66
11. Dyrell Roberts 20 234 11.7 1 44
4. J.C. Coleman 11 64 5.8 1 24
88. Robert Mathis 10 95 9.5 1 17
Virginia Tech 122 1729 142 12 85
Opponents 113 1467 13.0 9 76

TACKLES

# Player Tac. TFL Sacks Int.
1. Shane Phillips 13 1-1 3-3
2. Micah Kess 8 1-1 3-3
3. Malachi Jones 6 1-1 3-3
4. A.J. Turner 5 1-1 3-3
5. Solomon Thomas 3 1-1 3-3
6. Kayvon Thibodeaux 2 1-1 3-3
7. Trevor Henson 2 1-1 3-3
8. Brian Allen 1 1-1 3-3
9. Justin Blackmon 1 1-1 3-3
10. James White 1 1-1 3-3
11. Da’Shawn Hand 1 1-1 3-3
12. Shadrack Byrd 1 1-1 3-3
13. Keenan Allen 1 1-1 3-3
14. A.J. Terrell 1 1-1 3-3
15. Michael Carter 1 1-1 3-3
16. Traveon Beck 1 1-1 3-3
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RESULTS & SCHEDULE

Date Opponent W-L Score
9-6 # Auburn W 26-19
9-9 # Ball State W 52-27
9-12 Furman W 41-7
9-19 at Florida State L 3-49
9-29 at Boston College W 45-31
10-6 Georgia Tech W 47-31

RESULTS & SCHEDULE

Date Opponent TV Time
10-10 # Georgia Tech ESPN 7:30
10-17 at Pittsburgh ESPN 7:30
10-24 Bowling Green W 37-0
10-31 Connecticut W 52-27
11-7 North Carolina W 31-31
11-14 Duke W 41-20

RESULTS & SCHEDULE

Date Opponent TV Time
9-1 # Georgia Tech W 22-17
9-8 # Austin Peay W 42-23
9-15 at Pittsburgh W 15-17
9-22 Bowling Green L 37-0
9-29 # Cincinnati L 24-27
10-6 North Carolina L 31-31
10-13 at Duke W 21-20
10-20 # Temple W 39-20
10-27 Army W 47-10
11-3 at Miami (FL) W 70-20
11-10 Florida State W 35-30
11-17 at Boston College W 56-24
11-21 # Virginia W 56-24

**ACC Game:** # Landover, MD ~ overtime game: Note: All times are PM and Eastern; home games in bold.
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SAFETY RASHARD HALL IS THE EPITOME OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE. THE SAINT AUGUSTINE, FL NATIVE, WHO HAS 13 CAREER INTERCEPTIONS, GRADUATED FROM CLEMSON IN JUST OVER THREE YEARS AND HAS USED HIS SPARE TIME TO START A SCHOLARSHIP IN MEMORY OF HIS LATE CLASSMATE.

More often than not, fans only see, or worry about, how student-athletes perform on the field. However, the student aspect of being a student-athlete is just as important as the athletic side. Few Clemson student-athletes have made as much of an impact off the field as graduate safety Rashard Hall.

Hall entered Clemson in 2008 after choosing the Tigers over Maryland, South Carolina, and West Virginia, to name a few, because of the family atmosphere.

"Clemson provided me with opportunities not only for football, but academically as well," said Hall. "When I came here, it was like a family. Everyone was genuinely nice here and it felt like home."

After red-shirting in the 2008 season, Hall made a name for himself with a big 2009 campaign. He totaled six interceptions and had an interception in four straight games to tie a school record. He also tallied 63 tackles and played 501 snaps on defense.

His six interceptions that season tied for third-most in school history by a freshman and overall he finished 19th in the country. He was a first-team freshman All-American according to CollegeFootballNews.com and Scout.com and a first-team freshman All-ACC selection by Sporting News in 2009.

God blessed me with opportunities. I came in at the right time and was able to make the most of my God-given ability."

In 2010, Hall hauled in two interceptions, including a 52-yard interception return for a touchdown at Boston College, and recorded 65 tackles in 621 snaps. He received the team Hustle Award for the defense as well.
In 2011, #31 recorded a team-high 89 tackles, three tackles for loss, one sack, two interceptions, and two recovered fumbles. In the ACC Championship Game victory over #3 Virginia Tech, Hall had eight tackles to lead the defense.

“Winning the ACC Championship definitely has to be up there, if not #1,” said Hall. “After working so hard with a bunch of guys who you love and then achieve a common goal, it is pretty special.”

Hall entered his final season as a Tiger with 10 career interceptions and 13 takeaways. This year, Hall has three interceptions, giving him 13 for his career, which puts him in a tie for fifth place on the Tiger career list. He needs just four interceptions to tie Ring of Honor member Terry Kinard’s school record of 17 career interceptions, a mark that has stood for 30 years.

“It is a record that defensive backs always talk about, from Michael Hamlin to DeAndre McDaniel to even when Chris Clemens was here,” he stated. “I came in when all those guys were seniors and obviously played with DeAndre for two years and we talked about it a lot. It was always something that I wanted to achieve here.”

Clemens and Hamlin went on to play in the NFL and, along with McDaniel, they were able to help Hall with the mental aspect of his game during their time as teammates.

“Playing alongside them helped me greatly, especially DeAndre,” said Hall. “I have never seen a guy with so much passion for the game, but he was also smart. He was game-smart and football-smart, and he helped me a lot with the mental aspect of the game.”

Despite all his on-field success, Hall has been equally impressive off the field. The Saint Augustine, FL native graduated on August 13, 2011 in just over three years with a degree in marketing. This allowed him to accomplish his goal of being able to attend graduate school.

“I’ve always wanted to go to graduate school, so I wanted to allow myself the opportunity to do that,” said Hall. “I didn’t know how it would play out with my football schedule, but I knew if I wanted the opportunity to do that, I would have to graduate early. I stacked up classes when I could and handled it so that I’d graduate in three years.”

In addition, Hall was an Academic All-ACC pick in 2009 and 2010 and has been named to the ACC Academic Honor Roll three times. He also won the Athletic Director’s Award, which is given to a Clemson student-athlete for being on the honor roll every semester. His off-the-field successes have not just come in the classroom.

Last fall, Hall, along with classmate Dominique Jordan, started the Brian Askew Memorial Scholarship. Askew, who was a classmate of both Hall and Jordan, was tragically found dead in September of 2011. Hall and Jordan were touched by this tragedy and wanted to do something to honor Askew.

“Anything that you want to make time for, you will,” said the fifth-year Tiger. “Once you find your motivation, then stay dedicated to it. It’s definitely not easy, but every sacrifice has its benefit.”

For his success on and off the field, Hall is one of 30 semifinalists for the Lowe’s Senior Class Award. The award honors seniors who remain committed to their university and elect to pursue the many rewards that a senior season can bring.

The award judges the student-athletes in four different categories...community, classroom, character, and competition. Hall has shown examples of each throughout his career and is honored to be a semi-finalist for the award.

“It’s funny...I didn’t really even know about it until Caleb Sturgis (Florida’s place-kicker who played with Hall in high school) texted me and told me one day,” said Hall.

“It’s a great award and I am honored to be on the list.”

With all that Hall has already accomplished, he will look to pursue a career in football at the next level and see where it takes him after his Clemson career has ended.

Many people will remember Hall for certain moments or plays that he made on the gridiron. However, few student-athletes will be able to leave Clemson having truly embodied the words student-athlete more than Rashard Hall.
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When Daniel Rodriguez came running onto the Georgia Dome field with his teammates for the first time to start the 2012 season, he heard the roar of the crowd and the sweet sound of "Tiger Rag." It was quite the emotional moment for the Stafford, VA native.

A week later in Clemson's home-opener against Ball State, Rodriguez again experienced emotions he never imagined possible three years ago as he touched Howard's Rock for the first time and charged down the Hill with 78,000 screaming fans in Memorial Stadium. He also caught a pass in his first action from scrimmage.

"It was a pretty emotional moment," said the walk-on wide receiver.

Among those cheering in the stands were veterans from several wars, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. They are combat veterans, men and women who have seen things the rest of us could not imagine.

But on this day when the Tigers took the field in a stadium that is named in honor of some of their fallen soldiers, they stood prouder than they have in many, many years. For on this day, they looked down and saw someone who was like them. Not only was he playing a game on the same field they once played, but like them, he is a veteran of war, a veteran of combat. He is a soldier. And now like them, he is a Clemson Tiger.

"It's one of those moments I'm going to cherish," said Rodriguez. "Not only am I sharing this with my teammates, I'm sharing it with my other teammates, the team that I served prior to this.

"It's an honor to have been on their team, because I'm literally filling the cleats that they have filled. We filled the boots together. We all put on those boots on foreign soil for this country's need. They came back from War World II, the Korean War, or Vietnam and played football."

Coming out of high school six years ago, Rodriguez was not sure what he wanted to do, much less play college football. He played high school football and was proficient, but he never seriously thought about playing at the collegiate level even though he loved the sport. He was living life in the moment, having a good time and hanging out with friends like young people do.

The celebration of finishing high school was still going on when Rodriguez suffered the first real setback of his young life. His father, Ray, suddenly passed away four days after graduation. Rodriguez was in shock. He did not know where to turn or what to do.

"I left two or three weeks later," recalled Rodriguez. "I enlisted in the military after he died. I didn't know what was going on, so I went to the recruiter and said, 'Get me out of here!'

Military life was not a planned career for Rodriguez. It was one of those things where a change of events occurred.

"I was thinking, 'What do I do next?' I did not want to have that label or that thought that I blamed my father's death on what I became as an individual. I didn't want to be like, 'Oh, my dad died...that's why I'm doing a dead-end job and didn't become anything.'

IN STICKING TO A PROMISE HE MADE TO HIS FRIEND, DANIEL RODRIGUEZ IS FULFILLING A CLEMSON LEGACY.

BY WILL VANDERVORT
"That was not going to be me. I had to get out of my environment and that surrounding and be thrown into the mix."

What he was thrown into was the mix of infantry and war. But he did not have time to think about that. Though he was upset that his father died, his new life in the military took over.

"It developed me as a man," he said. "And that's what I needed. That was the kick-in-the-butt factor. It got me out of what was happening. It showed me what I wasn't doing in high school, as far as getting good grades and those things."

"It was now time to grow up. That time of your life needs to be abolished, immediately. But remember it...remember what you were and remember where you came from, but go pursue greater things. That's what I used the military for."

Four days later, Rodriguez was on his way to boot camp to train in the infantry division at Fort Benning, GA.

"I try not to think about what I might have become had I not joined the military. I would probably be mediocre or average. I don't think I would have done anything significant. I don't know what I'm doing now is significant, but it is to me."

"If I had stayed in my hometown and made excuses, I may have gotten a degree and I may have done something. There are a lot of possibilities on what I might have been, but I don't like to think about it, because this is where I am now."

It is amazing that Rodriguez is even in Clemson, or alive at all. This time three years ago, he was in the hospital recovering from a gunshot wound suffered in the battle of Kamdeh in Eastern Afghanistan. On October 3, 2009, more than 300 Taliban forces assaulted Rodriguez and the American Combat Outpost Keating, near the town of Kamdeh.

The attack was one of the bloodiest battles for U.S. forces in Afghanistan, resulting in the death of eight American soldiers and 22 wounded. It was also one of the driving forces as to why Rodriguez is now running down the Hill as a Tiger.

"His story is amazing," said Head Coach Dabo Swinney. "Here is a young man (24 years old) who has been through so much. He has seen things and lived through things none of us can even imagine."

Keeping a promise he made to himself and his friend, Kevin Thompson, one of the eight soldiers who gave his life in the battle of Kamdeh, Rodriguez is playing college football.

"I made a promise to him that I was going to play college football when I got out of the military," said Rodriguez, who earned a Purple Heart and the Bronze Star Medal With Valor (pictured below) for his heroism at Kamdeh. "I did not want my life to amount to just military. I went in with the idea that it was going to be a stepping stone."

"What I did not do out of high school was follow my heart and play football. I made that pact with my friend that I was going to play when I got out, and then he was killed during that battle."

Once Rodriguez was discharged from the Army, he quickly started fulfilling his promise. He attended college classes near his hometown and got his grades up. He also started playing football again, working out several hours a day to regain his playing shape.

"I got back in the swing of things and started training about six hours a day."

With the encouragement of friends, Rodriguez produced a workout video that he sent to college coaches around the country in hopes of getting a tryout. With the request of college recruiters to put the workout video on YouTube, Rodriguez went viral, and so did his life story.

His video got the attention of many schools, including Virginia and Virginia Tech in his home state. But it also caught Swinney's eye, who sent Rodriguez this message.

"I saw your video and would love to talk with you about an opportunity to come to Clemson."

Virginia told Rodriguez that his high school grades were not good enough, though his college GPA was high. Virginia Tech, the school he always wanted to play for, told him he needed an associate's degree in order to attend, and that he could come back and talk to them once that was completed.

Clemson used a waiver called the 24-transfer waiver, which waives the associate's degree and allows an athlete who is not a qualifier out of high school to come in and play. Rodriguez was only one credit shy, so Clemson put in a request to the NCAA.

When learning Clemson was able to go the extra mile to get him into school, Rodriguez agreed to take a visit to Tigertown during his spring break earlier this year.

"I wanted to see what Clemson was all about," he said. "When I came down, that sealed the deal. I didn't care how long it took me to come here. I knew I was going to play here."

"Clemson going to bat for me was the ultimate factor, because Coach Swinney wanted to take that risk. He wanted to take that leap."

That leap of faith was rewarded in August when the NCAA and the ACC officially approved Rodriguez's waiver, allowing him to become a full-time student-athlete on the football squad.

"You always dream of that second chance to play football again," continued #83. "I'm in that position. I have that second opportunity that so many people have said, 'I wish I could get one more shot.'"

"Well, now it is my shot. I have that opportunity. That helmet is on my head. I have a school that I'm proud to be a part of, and now I'm going to let it all loose."

Rodriguez has done just that. Despite a shoulder injury in fall camp, he bounced back in the last two weeks before camp ended and earned a roster spot. He became a starter on special teams when Clemson took the field against #25 Auburn in the season-opener.

"He has overcome a lot of things," said Swinney. "He has been through a lot of adversity and it has made him a better young man. It's made him the man he is today. His desire, his determination, and his willingness to work for what he wants is something you love to see in young people.

"His attitude is only going to help our football team going forward. And by the way, he is a pretty good football player, too."

As Rodriguez stood atop the Hill prior to the Ball State game, his thoughts went back to the many conversations he and his good friend, Thompson, had.

"He was one of my fellow soldiers and we lived together," said Rodriguez. "We shared a bunk for eight months. We saw each other day-in and day-out, plus the year we trained back home.

"When you are in that environment and you have that brotherhood of soldiers and you go out and hang out, he is one of your boys. When he was killed, it hurt. That's why I do it. I'm doing it for my fallen brother and the promise I made to him. As long as I'm breathing, I'm still going to keep pursuing it until my time expires."

This afternoon, Clemson will continue one of its greatest traditions as it honors its heritage with Military Appreciation Day. It will be a special day for Rodriguez for many reasons. First, it will be his late father's birthday. Second, Clemson will be playing his favorite team from his youth, Virginia Tech. Finally, he will lead the Tigers down the Hill while carrying the American flag.

However, Rodriguez will also be thinking of Thompson, the man who gave his life for our freedom. He will also be thinking of all those who have come before him, who also gave their lives in combat.

He will think of those war veterans who will be sitting in the stands saluting him as he leads his new teammates onto the field in Memorial Stadium.

"It's a great honor to represent veterans on the football field on Military Appreciation Day," said Rodriguez. "It think it's the greatest privilege I'm going to have as far as I'm concerned. It will be an honor. That solidifies us as veterans. That's why we do what we do. Our pride is holding up those colors...the red, white, and blue.

"People in the stands who can relate to me as a combat vet...it makes me proud. That is going to be one of those moments that I'm going to cherish forever."
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This year, Tigerama will be held on Friday, November 9 at 7:00 PM in Littlejohn Coliseum, with the family-friendly “Tigerama Tailgate” taking place at 5:30 PM on the Littlejohn Coliseum lawn. Tickets will be $10 the day of the show, $8 for adults in advance, and $6 for students in advance with their Clemson University ID. Tickets will also be available for purchase at various downtown Clemson locations as well as on campus during the week leading up to the event.

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On November 8, 1957, Joe Sherman and Blue Key oversaw the inaugural performance of Tigerama at Clemson University, making it the second-largest, completely student-run show in the country. Tigerama has become a hallmark of the Homecoming weekend, highlighting the best of what Clemson University has to offer to an audience of thousands.

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Recall the 6:00 AM wakeup calls of the trumpets blasting reveille, Rat Caps, and the first football games on Bowman Field? These are the beginnings of what we consider some of our most important traditions.

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This Homecoming as Tigerama moves forward, we turn to the foundations of this blessed university for guidance. We remember the hope of a promising future for all Tigers. We also remember the feelings of camaraderie, pride, and the excitement of establishing new traditions.

In our 123rd year, we celebrate the profound impact the early years of Clemson College have on us today. We celebrate what defines us as Tigers and forever ties us to those first Tigers of 1889.

This Homecoming, we celebrate The Spirit of ’89.
Q. What made you choose Clemson University out of high school?
A. The small-town atmosphere and the relationship I built with Coach (Dabo) Swinney.

Q. What are your pregame rituals?
A. I listen to music (Lil Wayne, Jack Johnson, Adele).

Q. What is your most memorable gameday experience as a Tiger?
A. Beating Auburn in 2011.

Q. If you could play any other position in football, what would it be?
A. Safety.

Q. What do you do in your spare time for fun away from the football field?
A. I go to movies and sing karaoke.

Q. What sport other than football would you play if given the opportunity?
A. Soccer.

Q. Who are your role models?
A. Mom and dad.

Q. What is one thing you will take away from your time at Clemson?
A. An amazing experience as a student and athlete.

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Jim Barker has worn a lot of hats in his almost five decades as a member of the Clemson family - student, athlete, alumnus, teacher, dean, parent, fan, and president.

On reflection, he thinks “student” is the most important.

“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.”

A 1970 Clemson graduate, Barker was named president in 1999 with a mandate from the Board of Trustees to lead Clemson into the top ranks of American universities.

At his inaugural address in April of 2000, he said, “I am convinced that there is no university in America stronger than Clemson when we are ‘One Clemson.’ A united Clemson is unstoppable.”

During the “One Clemson” decade that followed, the university harnessed the competitive, determined spirit of the Clemson family to transform itself from a respected state institution into one of the nation’s finest public universities.

Clemson climbed from the third tier to a top-25 ranking among public universities in the 2012 U.S. News & World Report guide to colleges, and has been recognized for value, affordability, and return on investment by Kiplinger’s and Bloomberg/BusinessWeek magazines.

Ninety-two percent of seniors would choose Clemson again according to the National Survey of Student Engagement. Clemson also ranks among the top public universities in the percentage of alumni who make gifts to their school, another indication of quality and alumni satisfaction.

Clemson continues to attract top students and faculty. It is the top choice of Palmetto Fellows, the state’s best students. A record-setting 18,502 undergraduate applications were received for the 2012 fall semester, and freshman enrollment in the Calhoun Honors College is up 16 percent.

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Last year’s news highlights also include the following:

- Dedication ceremonies were held for the Larry Penley Golf Clubhouse, the Class of 1956 Academic Success Center, and the Lee Hall expansion and renovation. Work will be completed this year on a new Life Sciences building.
- The Will to Lead capital campaign, which raised $608 million by the original completion date of June 30, 2012, has been extended, with a new goal of $1 billion. Three families made gifts of at least $5 million each to name the Glenn Department of Civil Engineering, and to build the Watt Family Innovation Center on campus and the Zucker Family Graduate Education Center near the wind turbine drivetrain test facility currently under construction in North Charleston, SC. These gifts support students, faculty, and facilities, including new athletic facilities.

Barker is a leading voice in higher education for South Carolina and the nation. He served on the NCAA Division I Board of Directors for four years, including three as chairman, and chairs the Working Group, rewriting the rulebook for NCAA athletics. He also delivered keynote addresses at the national Campus Development Summit and the South Carolina AIA conference in April of 2012.

For his leadership, Barker has received the Order of the Palmetto, South Carolina’s highest civilian honor, and The Cliff’s Business Person-of-the-Year Award from Greenville Magazine. He has also been awarded honorary doctorates from the Medical University of South Carolina, South Carolina State University, and Mars Hill College.

A native of Kingsport, TN, Barker received his bachelor of arts degree from Clemson in 1970 and his master of architecture & urban design degree in 1973 from Washington University (Saint Louis, MO), which also recognized him with its Distinguished Alumnus Award. He is a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects and the Institute for Urban Design.

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

In his spare time, what there is of it, he maintains the daily fitness regimen of a lifelong athlete and enjoys playing with his grandchildren. He is widely acclaimed for his pen-and-ink drawings of campus buildings and his watercolor paintings.

Barker and his wife, Marcia, have two sons, Britt and Jacob, a daughter-in-law, Rita Bolt Barker, and two granddaughters, Madeline and Eliza.
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The 2011-12 academic year was a rewarding time for Clemson Athletic Director Terry Don Phillips, who announced in August that the 2012-13 academic year will be his last at Clemson.

One of his goals when he came to Clemson was to help the school’s football program return to championship form. That goal became a reality when the Tiger football program under Dabo Swinney, who had hired in December of 2008, led the Tigers to their first league title in 20 years with a resounding 38-10 win over #3 Virginia Tech in Charlotte, NC.

The program defeated a school-record four top-25 teams along the way, including two wins over future Hall of Fame Coach Frank Beamer’s Hokies. That 38-10 victory in Charlotte gave the Tigers a 10-win season for the first time in 21 years.

It was also a successful season off the field. From an academic standpoint, Clemson’s APR score of 983 was #7 among FBS schools, and Clemson was the only BCS school to win a conference title and finish in the top 10 in the nation in APR. Sixteen of Clemson’s 19 sports had APR scores of 970 or better and those 19 sports had a collective GPA of 2.99, the highest on record.

Overall, six sports finished in the top 25 of their respective sports, while three ACC Championships celebrated, and four won over top-ranked teams. A defending National Champion was defeated in two different sports on Clemson’s home turf as well.

The Tigers have competed at a high level since Phillips came to Clemson from Oklahoma State in the summer of 2002. In his first year, the Tigers won the National Championship in golf, just the fourth team national title in school history.

From 2008-09 and 2010-11, Clemson and Florida State were the only schools in the nation to go to a bowl game, the NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament, and the NCAA Baseball Tournament each season.

One of the reasons for Clemson’s level of success as a total sports program has been Phillips’ emphasis on improving facilities. In 2009, the football staff moved into the WestZone at Memorial Stadium. It was a day that brought a smile to everyone associated with the program, but especially Phillips, who had been working toward that day before he arrived in 2002.

Phillips’ vision for the WestZone 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 now creates more office space, new locker rooms, and training room and strength training facilities for the Olympic sports programs.

Every sport has realized a facilities enhancement since he came to Clemson and the construction has not stopped. The Tiger football program will enjoy a new indoor facility by the end of this year.

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

Winning has been on Phillips’ resume since his playing days at Arkansas. He lettered on three Frank Broyles teams, 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 he played in the memorable 1969 national title game against Texas, a contest that continues to be featured on ESPN Classic.

In 2010, he joined Loyd in the University of Arkansas Hall of Honor.

Phillips has two children, John Dennis and Sarah Jane, and three stepchildren, Meagan (Clemson graduate and former Tiger Band member), Marshall, and 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 currently active in the Clemson and Seneca communities.
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At 42, Dabo Swinney is the youngest head coach in the ACC and one of the youngest in the country. However, his resume is already stuffed with many significant accomplishments at the school, ACC, and national level.

First, his mere appointment to the position was significant. In October of 2008, he was named Clemson interim head coach, replacing Tommy Bowden, who had been his position coach as a player at Alabama and was Clemson's head coach since 1999. He led the Tigers to a 4-2 record over the remainder of the 2008 regular season, including a victory over Steve Spurrier's South Carolina Gamecocks in the regular-season finale. That strong finish led to a Gator Bowl bid against Nebraska.

On December 1, 2008, the interim tag was removed from the title and he was named the program's head coach. At the time, there had been 28 interim head coaches at the FBS level since 1970 and those coaches had combined for a record of 26-86-2. Only one of those 28 interim coaches posted a winning record, and that was Swinney. When he was hired as the head coach, Swinney became just the second interim coach to be elevated to the head coach position at the same school during that time period.

In four years (three full seasons) as head coach, he has directed the Tigers to a 29-19 overall record (.604) and a 19-10 mark (.655) in ACC regular-season games. He has also led the Tigers to the ACC Championship game twice, won one ACC title, and has been named national coach-of-the-year.

In addition to leading the program to four bowl games on the field in his young career, his players have also excelled in the classroom. In his career as a head coach, his players have an APR score of 991, fifth-best among active FBS coaches.

His 2011 squad, which ended the season ranked #22 in the nation, captured Clemson's first ACC title since 1991 when it defeated #3 Virginia Tech 38-10 in the ACC Championship game in Charlotte, NC. It tied for the highest-ranked team the Tigers defeated in history and was the most points scored by an ACC team against Virginia Tech since it joined the league in 2004. The victory, the Tigers' second over the Hokies in 2011, gave Clemson its first 10-win season since 1990. The Tigers' four wins over top-25 ranked teams established a school record as well.

The Tigers jumped out to an 8-0 record and a #6 national ranking after being unranked in the preseason. Games 3-5 marked a tough stretch, as Clemson hosted #19 Auburn, who entered with a national-best 17-game winning streak, and #11 Florida State along with a road game at #10 Virginia Tech. The Tigers were victorious in all three contests by scores of 38-24, 35-30, and 23-3, respectively, marking the first time in history that an ACC team won three consecutive games over top-25 ranked (AP) teams.

For his efforts, he was named Bobby Dodd National Coach-of-the-Year in 2011 to become the first Tiger head coach to win a national coach-of-the-year award since 1981, when Danny Ford directed Clemson to the national title.

Swinney, who was also one of five finalists for the Eddie Robinson National Coach-of-the-Year award, one of 10 finalists for the Bear Bryant National Coach-of-the-Year award, one of 10 finalists for the Liberty Mutual Coach-of-the-Year award, and received the Regional AFCA Coach-of-the-Year award in 2011, led the Tigers to their first Orange Bowl berth since 1981.

The 2010 season included wins over bowl teams Georgia Tech, Maryland, and N.C. State. The Wolfpack were ranked #23 in the nation and were leading the ACC in scoring. But the Clemson defense held N.C. State to just one touchdown and 13 points. The team excelled defensively in 2010 and was 13th in the nation in scoring defense and the top 25 in both total defense andpassing defense.

C.J. Spiller was a unanimous first-team All-American in 2006's first year, and defensive end DaQuan Bowers duplicated the feat on the defensive side of the ball. Bowers won the 2010 Bronko Nagurski Award as the nation's top defensive player, and he received the Ted Hendricks Award as the country's top defensive end. He was also a finalist for the Bednarik Award and Lombardi Award. He led the nation in
sacks (15.5) and tied for the national lead in tackles for loss (26). In 2009, Swinney’s first full year as head coach, he led the Tigers to their first championship of the ACC’s Atlantic Division. The Tigers came just six points short of winning their first ACC title in 18 years. Swinney was named ACC Coach-of-the-Year by Sporting News and was a finalist for the Liberty Mutual Coach-of-the-Year award.

Swinney accumulated nine wins, second-most among all FBS coaches in their first full year. The nine wins tied for fourth-most in ACC history for a first-year head coach. He also led the Tigers to their first bowl win since 2005 in the 21-13 victory over Kentucky in the Music City Bowl.

Swinney’s first season included a six-game winning streak at midseason, a streak that saw the Tigers score at least 34 points in every game, a first in school history. During that stretch, the Tigers defeated #8 Miami (FL) on the road. The 40-37 overtime victory tied for the highest-ranked team Clemson has defeated on the road in school history.

Swinney became Clemson’s interim head coach on October 13, 2008 when Tommy Bowden stepped down. 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. He had been Clemson’s assistant head coach for two years and was in charge of the wide receivers since 2003.

Swinney took over a 3-2 team and led it to a Gator Bowl bid against Nebraska. He guided Clemson to a 4-1 record over the last five games of the regular season, with the only loss at #24 Florida State. That 4-1 record to end the regular season tied for the best mark in the ACC for that time period. Four of his six regular-season opponents were later bowl participants.

The 1993 Alabama graduate joined the Clemson staff prior to the 2003 season. In his first nine years as an assistant or head coach, the Tigers have finished in the top 25 of the polls five times and totaled 15 wins over top-25 teams.

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 in five of his six years as an assistant coach. In his first year, he had three of the top-10 receivers in the ACC, a first in Tiger history. He has coached a First or Second Team All-ACC wideout in eight of his nine seasons at Clemson, also an unprecedented feat at Clemson.

The Alabama native has a reputation as one of the top recruiters in the nation. In 2006, he was listed as the #5 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 as an assistant coach and was a major reason Clemson’s 2008 recruiting class was rated #2 in the nation by ESPN.com when he signed 11 players. He was named one of the top-25 recruiters in the nation by Rivals.com in 2007 as well.

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 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 (now in the Hall of Fame) and coached a total of five seasons there on a full-time basis. 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, 1992, 99), and five SEC Western Division titles (1992, 93, 94, 96, 99) as a player and coach.

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 (14), Drew (12), and Clay (9).
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MAIN TEXT

**DAN BROOKS**
**Associate Head Coach**
**Defensive Tackles**
*4th Season at Clemson*
*2010 Season Overall*
*Western Carolina `76*
*Born June 25, 1951*

- Played a big role in Clemson winning the 2011 ACC title for the first time in 20 years. He has been on the staff of two ACC Atlantic Division titles in the last three years.
- Coached Brandon Thompson and Rennie Moore in 2011. Thompson was a Second-Team All-ACC selection.
- In 2010, he coached Jarvis Jenkins to a First-Team All-ACC season. His defensive tackles were a big reason Clemson was 3-0 in scoring defense in 2010.
- Finalist for defensive line coach-of-the-year according to FootballScoop.com in 2010.
- Coached Thompson in the top 25 in the nation in seven defensive categories in 2009.
- Has coached 343 games as a full-time assistant coach, more than any other member of the Tiger coaching staff.
- Coached the previous 15 years at Tennessee under Head Coach Phillip Fulmer. The Volunteers finished in the top 25 of the polls in 12 of those seasons.
- Coached first-round draft picks Shaun Ellis, Justin Harell, and John Henderson. Henderson won the Outland Trophy.
- Coached 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.
- Coached six years at North Carolina from 1988-93.
- Coached five years at Florida from 1983-87.
- 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**
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); Rhett is a video graduate assistant on the 2012 Clemson staff.

**DANNY PEARMAN**
**Assistant Head Coach**
**Special Teams Coordinator**
**Tight Ends**
*5th Season at Clemson*
*2010 Season Overall*
*Clemson `97*
*Born February 17, 1965*

- Had a big impact in Clemson winning the 2011 ACC title for the first time in 20 years. He has been on the staff of two ACC Atlantic Division titles in the last three years.
- Coached Owayne Allen in 2011. He won the John Mackey Award and was a first-team All-American. Allen set school records for receptions (50), receiving yards (598), and receiving touchdowns (8) by a tight end.
- In 2010, he coached tackle Chris Hairston to a First-Team All-ACC season and Allen to Second-Team All-ACC honors.
- Helped Clemson to an ACC Atlantic Division title and a top-25 final AP ranking in his first year as a full-time coach at Clemson in 2009.
- In 2009, he coached First-Team All-ACC tight end Michael Palmer and Hairston, a Second-Team All-ACC tackle.
- Joined the staff in December, 2008 and coached in the 2009 Gator Bowl. 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.
- One of three Clemson graduates on the coaching staff (Tony Elliott, Jeff Scott). He played tight end on Clemson's 1986 and 1987 ACC title teams.
- Served on the same Alabama staff with current Clemson Head Coach Dabo Swinney from 1993-97.

**Playing Experience**
Lettered three times as a tight end at Clemson (1985-87)...strength & conditioning All-American (1987).

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

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

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

**CHAO MORRIS**
**Offensive Coordinator**
**Quarterbacks**
*2nd Season at Clemson*
*3rd Season Overall*
*Texas A&M `92*
*Born December 4, 1968*

- A big reason Clemson won the 2011 ACC title for the first time in 20 years. Clemson also won 10 games for the first time in 21 years and defeated a record four top-25 teams.
- National offensive coordinator-of-the-year according to Rivals.com in 2011.
- Led the 2011 Clemson offense to many school records, including total yards per game (440.8) and points (470).
- Molded Tajh Boyd into a First-Team All-ACC pick who set Tiger records for passing yards and passing touchdowns in 2011. Clemson also had a 1,000-yard rusher (Andre Ellington) and 1,000-yard receiver (Sammy Watkins).
- Served as offensive coordinator and associate head coach at Tulsa in 2010 and guided that offense to among the best in the nation. That offense was a big reason Tulsa improved from 5-7 in 2009 to 10-3 in 2010.
- Tulsa averaged 41.4 points per game, eighth-most in the nation, and scored at least 28 points in 12 of its 13 games. Tulsa was fifth nationally in first downs (25.6) and tied for fifth in touchdowns scored from the red zone (146). His offense scored 64 touchdowns on scrimmage plays (32 rushing, 32 passing). The team totaled 1,006 plays (537 rushes, 469 passes) in 2010.
- Won 82 percent of his games as a high school coach in Texas. He led Lake Travis High School to back-to-back, undefeated (16-0) state championship seasons. He won three state titles overall and played in six state championship games in his high school coaching career.
- In 16 years as a head coach at the high school level, he had a 169-38 record (816). He earned coach-of-the-year honors in 11 of those 16 years.

**Education**
Undergraduate degree in mathematics with a minor in statistics from Texas A&M in 1992.

**Personal Data**
Born December 4, 1968 in Edgewood, TX...he and his wife, Paula, have two children, a daughter, Mackenzie, and son, Chandler.
- Coached 13 years (1999-11) at Oklahoma and three years (1996-98) at Kansas State. He was also a graduate assistant coach at Kansas State for three seasons (1993-95).
- In his 16 years as a full-time assistant coach, his teams have 16 winning seasons, have been to 16 bowl games, and won at least 10 games 13 times.
- Has coached in nine bowl games that are currently considered BCS bowls.
- Served as co-defensive coordinator at Oklahoma (1999-03) and defensive coordinator at Oklahoma (2004-11).
- Has coached two Buckeyes Award winners.
- His 2010 defense was seventh in the nation in turnover margin and 13th in pass efficiency defense.
- Broyles Award finalist in 2006 when Oklahoma led the Big 12 in total defense and scoring defense.
- Oklahoma was first in the nation in total defense, first in passing defense, second in pass efficiency defense, third in scoring defense, and fifth in turnover margin in 2003.
- His 2001 defense was fourth in the nation in scoring defense, fourth in total defense, fifth in pass efficiency defense, and seventh in rushing defense.
- Owns a National Championship ring as co-defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Oklahoma in 2000.
- As a player at Kansas State, he was Honorable Mention All-Big Eight in 1992 with 124 tackles. He was also an All-American at Garden City (KS) Community College who recorded 276 career tackles.

**Playing Experience**


**Education**


**Personal Data**

Born December 18, 1970. He and his wife, Julie, have two sons, Jake and Tyler, and two daughters, Laney and Addie.

- In his second tour of duty at Clemson. He served as defensive backs coach under Head Coach Tommy West from 1995-97. He has coached in seven bowl games in his seven years at Clemson.
- A big reason Clemson won the 2011 ACC Championship for the first time in 20 years.
- In 2011, he coached cornerbacks Coty Sensabaugh, who had 14 passes defensed and was drafted by the Titans.
- Coach first-year All-American DeAndre McDaniel in 2009 and 2010. McDaniel led the ACC and was tied for third in the nation in interceptions (8) in 2009. He was also named First-Team All-ACC both seasons.
- Named one of the nation's top-25 recruiters by Rivals in 2010.
- Helped Defensive Coordinator Dennis Cooper to a first-place ranking and the ACC Atlantic Division title in 2009. Clemson had 21 interceptions, fifth-most in Tiger history and tied for fifth-most in the nation. Clemson was seventh nationally in passing defense.
- Coached great players in the 1990s at Clemson, including nine-time Pro Bowl selection Brian Dawkins. He was an All-American and led the ACC in interceptions in Harbison's first year at Clemson (1995).

**Playing Experience**

Played four years 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, Maliba).

- A big reason Clemson won the 2011 ACC Championship for the first time in 20 years.
- In 2011, he coached second-year All-American and First-Team All-ACC defensive end Andre Branch, who led the ACC with 10.5 sacks and 17 tackles for loss. Branch was also one of six finalists for the Ted Hendricks Award.
- Returned to Clemson after spending three years (2008-10) at Duke. He served as assistant head coach, defensive coordinator, and defensive line coach.
- This is his second tour of duty at Clemson. He served as defensive line coach in 2005, helping the Tigers to an 8-4 record and a top-25 finish in the AP poll. Clemson was 11th in the nation in scoring defense (17.6).
- Has NFL experience, as he was an assistant coach with the New Orleans Saints in 2006 and 2007. The 2006 Saints had a 10-6 record and won the NFC South.
- In his first year at Mississippi in 1999, the Rebels were fourth in the nation in rushing defense (78.1).
- First-Team All-SEC pick in 1989 and was named to Tennessee's 100-year anniversary team. A third-round draft pick (474 overall) of the Vikings, he played three years (1990-92) with the Patriots.

**Playing Experience**

Letttered four times as a defensive end at Tennessee (1986-89)...three-year starter...played three seasons (42 games) in the NFL with the New England Patriots.

**Bowl Participation as a Player**

1986 Sugar Bowl...1986 Liberty Bowl...1988 Peach Bowl...1990 Cotton Bowl.

**Education**

B.S. degree from Tennessee in 1995.

**Personal Data**

Born November 7, 1966 in Ironton, AL...he and his wife, Constance, have three daughters, Maria, Mariah, and Camille.
**ASSISTANT COACHES**

**JEFF SCOTT**

Recruiting Coordinator
Wide Receivers

- Recruiting Coordinator
- Wide Receivers
- 5th Season at Clemson
- 6th Season Overall
- Clemson '96
- Born December 28, 1966

- Named one of the top-25 recruiters in the nation according to Rivals.com in 2012.
- Clemson has been to a bowl game each of his four years as a full-time assistant coach.
- Played a big role in Clemson winning the 2011 ACC title for the first time in 20 years. He has been on the staff of two ACC Atlantic Division titles in the last three years.
- In 2011, he coached one of the top receiving duos in school history in Sammy Watkins and DeAndre Hopkins. Watkins, the national freshman-of-the-year and a first-team All-American, had 82 receptions for a school-record 1,219 yards and a school-record 12 receiving touchdowns. Hopkins had 72 receptions for 978 yards.
- Helped the Tigers to a top-25 ranking and the ACC Atlantic Division title in his first full season as an assistant in 2009.
- Took over as Clemson’s recruiting coordinator in 2010 and the Tigers put together a top-20 signing class in his first season at the position. Then in both 2011 and 2012, Clemson had top-10 recruiting classes.
- One of three Clemson graduates on the staff (Tony Elliott and Danny Pearman are the others).
- Began his coaching career at Blythewood (SC) High and won a state title in his first year and the program’s first year.

**Playing Experience**

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

**Bowl Participation as a Player**

2001 Gator Bowl...2001 Humanitarian Bowl...2002 Tangerine Bowl.

**Education**

Degree in secondary education from Clemson in 2003.

**Personal Data**

Born December 28, 1980 in Arcadia, FL...married the former Sara McDaniel...son of former Clemson Assistant Coach Brad Scott (1999-10).

**Robbie Calowell**

Offensive Linemen

- Recruiting Coordinator
- Offensive Linemen
- 2nd Season at Clemson
- 7th Season Overall
- Clemson ‘77
- Born January 28, 1954

- Has 34 years of experience in college coaching. He served as Vanderbilt's head coach in 2010 after eight years as offensive line coach with the Commodores.
- A big reason Clemson won the 2011 ACC Championship for the first time in 20 years.
- In 2013, he helped the Tiger offense set many school records, including yards per game (440.8). His center, Dalton Freeman, was a Rimington Trophy finalist and a First-Team All-ACC selection.
- Moved with Dick Sheridan to N.C. State in 1986. He was a part of a resurgence of Wolfpack football, as he helped Sheridan turn the 3-8-1 team of 1985 into an 8-3-1 club that beat three AP top-25 teams in 1986.
- Served under Sheridan for eight years and Furman won six league titles during that era. He coached eight first-team All-ACC players.
- Coached the Wolfpack offensive line for 11 years, then added assistant head coaching responsibilities in his last three years. Fourteen of his players were All-ACC picks.
- Was a part of the 2008 Vanderbilt staff that guided it to its first winning season and bowl game in 26 years. It beat Boston College in the Music City Bowl, Vanderbilt’s first bowl win since 1955.
- Named Vanderbilt head coach in 2010 after Bobby Johnson retired. He won at Mississippi in his first road game.
- Started his coaching career as a student assistant at Furman under Art Baker in 1976.

**Playing Experience**

Lettered four times as a wide receiver at Clemson (2000-03).

**Bowl Participation as a Player**

1999 Peach Bowl...2001 Gator Bowl...2001 Humanitarian Bowl...2002 Tangerine Bowl...2004 Peach Bowl.

**Education**

Degree in industrial engineering from Clemson in 2002 with a team-high 3.55 GPA.

**Personal Data**

Born November 26, 1979 in Watsonville, CA...married to the former Tamika Whitner of Spartanburg, SC.

**Tony Elliott**

Running Backs

- Recruiting Coordinator
- Running Backs
- 2nd Season at Clemson
- 7th Season Overall
- Clemson ’82
- Born November 28, 1979

- A big reason Clemson won the 2011 ACC Championship for the first time in 20 years.
- Has played on and coached Clemson teams that have finished in the final AP top-25. He played on the 2003 team that finished #23 and coached running backs in 2011 when the Tigers finished #22.
- His 2011 running backs helped the Tigers set a school record for total yards per game (440.8). Andre Ellington was a Second-Team All-ACC selection who totaled 1,178 rushing yards and 11 touchdowns.
- Spent three years (2008-10) as wide receivers coach at Furman and two seasons (2006,07) at S.C. State.
- Earned his undergraduate degree in industrial engineering in 2002, was a First-Team Academic All-ACC selection, and a CoSIDA Academic District III team member.
- Was a co-captain of Clemson’s 2003 team that had a 9-4 record and a #22 ranking by AP and USA Today. He had 23 receptions for 286 yards and a touchdown that season. He was also a recipient of the ACC’s Weaver-James-Corigan Postgraduate Scholarship.
- Had 34 receptions for 455 yards and two scores in his career. Came to Clemson as a walk-on in the fall of 1999 and finished his career with four letters and 44 games.

**Playing Experience**

Lettered four times as a wide receiver at Clemson (2000-03).

**Bowl Participation as a Player**

1999 Peach Bowl...2001 Gator Bowl...2001 Humanitarian Bowl...2002 Tangerine Bowl...2004 Peach Bowl.

**Education**

Degree in industrial engineering from Clemson in 2002 with a team-high 3.55 GPA.

**Personal Data**

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**RHETT BROOKS**

**Video Graduate Assistant (Offense)**

- 1st Season at Clemson
- Murray State '00
- Born June 12, 1988

Responsibilities: Graduate assistant who works with the offensive line...assists with video...assists the offensive staff on a day-to-day basis.

Playing Experience: Played as a center at Murray State from 2005-08.

Coaching Experience: Graduate assistant (defensive line) at UNLV from 2009-11.

Education: Earned a degree in health & physical education from Murray State in 2009...earned a master's degree in sports administration from UNLV in 2011.

**TYLER CARLTON**

**Graduate Assistant Coach (Offense)**

- 2nd Season at Clemson
- Tulsa '09
- Born April 4, 1986

Responsibilities: Graduate assistant who works with Offensive Coordinator Chad Morris...assists with video breakdown of opponents...assists the offensive staff on a day-to-day basis.

Playing Experience: Punter and wide receiver at Tulsa from 2004-06...member of the 2005 Conference USA champions and Liberty Bowl champions.

Coaching Experience: Student assistant at Tulsa in 2008-09...offensive quality control assistant at Tulsa in 2010...video graduate assistant (offense) at Clemson on the 2011 ACC Championship team.

Education: Earned a degree in exercise sports science from Tulsa in 2009...pursuing a master's degree in human resources at Clemson.

Personal: Born April 4, 1986 in Sapulpa, OK...single.

**BRIAN MANCE**

**Graduate Assistant Coach (Defense)**

- 3rd Season at Clemson
- Clemson '03
- Born October 22, 1981

Responsibilities: Graduate assistant who works with the defense during practice.

Playing Experience: Defensive back at Clemson who lettered from 1999-02...fourth-team All-American in 2002...first-team All-ACC by Sporting News and Second-Team All-ACC by the ACC Sports Media Association...third in the ACC in passes defended (17) in 2002...had 12 career interceptions, one of the top-10 figures in school history...had over 1,000 kick return yards in his career...tied the Clemson single-game record for takeaways (3) against Missouri in 2000...he had two interceptions and one recovered fumble...had an 88-yard punt return for a score against Georgia Tech in 2000...the second-longest punt return in Memorial Stadium history...signed a free agent with the Washington Redskins...played in NFL Europe with the Amsterdam Admirals and two seasons in the Arena Football League with the Philadelphia Soul (2008 champions).

Coaching Experience: Defensive backs coach at Manning (SC) High School from 2006-09...player development assistant at Clemson in 2010 and on the 2011 ACC Championship team.

Education: Earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Clemson in 2003.

Personal: Born October 22, 1981 in Florence, SC...single.

**WOODY McCORVEY**

**Associate AD**

- 11th Season at Clemson
- Alabama State '72
- Born September 30, 1950

Woody McCorvey returned to Clemson after 20 years to become Associate Athletic Director for Football Administration on Dabo Swinney's first staff in 2009. McCorvey was Swinney's position coach during his playing days at Alabama and served as wide receivers and tight ends coach on Danny Ford's Tiger staff from 1983-89.

McCoryve is the primary liaison between Swinney and the athletic and IPTAY administrations. He also oversees the management of the football administrative offices.

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

McCoryve worked seven seasons at Clemson between 1983-89. With McCorvey coaching the tight ends from 1983-85 and the wide receivers from 1986-89, Clemson posted a 60-19-3 record and won three ACC titles. During that time, the Tigers were invited to the 1985 Independence Bowl, the 1986 and 1989 Gator Bowls, and the 1988 and 1989 Citrus Bowls. Clemson posted a 10-2 record in each of his last three seasons under Ford.

Brad McCorvey coached at the Division I level for 26 years and went to a bowl game 17 of those seasons. Overall, he had 36 years of experience as a football coach. He coached or signed 36 players who went on to a professional football career as well.

In 2010, McCorvey was inducted into the Atmore (AL) Hall of Fame. The Atmore, AL native is married to the former Ann Brown. The couple has a son, Marlon.

**BRAD SCOTT**

**Assistant Scott**

- 16th Season at Clemson
- South Florida '78
- Born September 30, 1954

Brad Scott is in his 14th year with the Clemson program, but only his second in athletic administration. The assistant athletic director moved into administration in March of 2011 after 12 seasons as an assistant coach under Tommy Bowden and Dabo Swinney from 1999-10. His 12-year tenure, which included him working with the offensive line, is tied for the ninth-longest for a Clemson football assistant coach in the program's history.

Scott works primarily with the football program in various administrative duties, but he has department-wide responsibilities when it comes to serving as a liaison between Clemson and high schools in securing dollars needed to gain admission to Clemson University.

Clemson had great success on the gridiron during Scott's tenure as an assistant coach and associate head coach, as the Tigers set numerous offensive records.

Scott served under Bobby Bowden at Florida State from 1983-93 and was offensive coordinator from 1990-93. In 1993, Florida State won its first national title and Charlie Ward became its first Heisman Trophy winner. Scott later served as head coach at South Carolina from 1994-98.

Scott is a 1979 graduate of South Florida and earned a master's degree from Florida State in 1984. He was born on September 30, 1954 in Arcadia, FL and is married to Daryl. The couple has two sons (Jeff, John). Jeff is an assistant coach and the recruiting coordinator on the Clemson football staff and John is a doctor in Boston, MA.

**OFFICE ADMINISTRATION**

**JENNIFER BENTON**

Administrative Assistant, Defense

**JILL WILLIAMS-WILKIS**

Administrative Assistant, Recruiting

**RENA VODRIK**

Administrative Assistant, Offense
Andy Johnston is in his 16th 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. Although this is his 16th year with the football program, he has been involved with the Clemson athletic department for 30 years. From 1983-97, he was the winningest women's tennis coach in school history.

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

Johnston had a 254-160 Clemson record and 263-167 career mark. His best season at Clemson was his rookie year when the team had a 30-5 record and finished #7 in the polls. He coached former Lady Tiger Gigi Fernandez, who was inducted into the Clemson Hall of Fame in 2005.

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 in 1980.

Johnston is a native of Summerville, SC. He is married to the former Sophie Wooron. He has a daughter, Kiera (22), and a son, Noah (5). A second daughter, Caylynn, passed away in 2008.

Jeff Davis is in his fourth year as assistant athletic director for player relations & external affairs within the Clemson football program. During the previous five years, he served as an assistant athletic director for fundraising, where he helped raise funds for the WestZone Club at Memorial Stadium. He also served as the primary spokesman for Clemson University's Call Me Mister Program and served as director from 1999-03.

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

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

In 2007, he was inducted into the National Football Foundation College Football Hall of Fame. A fifth-round draft pick by Tampa Bay in 1982, he played six seasons in the NFL. Davis later graduated from Clemson in 1984.

Davis, an ordained pastor, lives in Clemson with his wife, Joni, and their six children.

Daniel Bassett is in his fourth year as director of football programs at Clemson. He is in charge of on-campus meals and housing, maintaining the recruiting database, and community outreach. Prior to being hired as director of football programs in 2008, he worked as a student volunteer and later in office administration (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. Bassett, a native of Birmingham, AL, was born on November 23, 1978.

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

Prior to being hired at his current position, he served two years (2005,06) as a video graduate assistant (defense) and two years (2007,08) as a graduate assistant coach (offense) at Clemson. He also served as interim tight ends coach in 2008 when Dabo Swinney was hired as head coach at midseason. Dooley worked as an assistant coach at Greenville (SC) High School from 1998-04 before coming to Clemson as well.

Dooley, a native of Toccoa, GA, lettered as a defensive end at Furman from 1993-95, but he missed his senior season due to injury. He had a sack against Clemson in Memorial Stadium in 1994. He was also an academic honor roll member and received his degree in health & exercise science from Furman in 1998.

Dooley is married to the former Allison Woodlee, a 2003 graduate of Clemson.

Don Munson is in his third year with the Tiger athletic department. He is familiar to Tiger fans due to his involvement with the Clemson radio network for the last 17 years. He took over the new position of creative media services director in 2010. He has department-wide responsibilities, with an emphasis on football. He supervises the football recruiting website and social media sites, provides online video features for ClemsonTigers.com, and authors articles for various Clemson publications and websites. He also continues to serve as the host of the Tiger football and basketball coaches radio call-in program and provides play-by-play commentary on various Tiger Olympic sports.

Munson has covered Clemson athletics since 1994, when he first joined the network as the network's football pregame, halftime, and Fifth Quarter Show host. In 2003, he rejoined the radio network as host of the Tiger Tailgate Show and Fifth Quarter Show.

Munson is a 1984 graduate of Appalachian State with a degree in communications. Married on May 26, 1984, he and his wife, Elizabeth, have one daughter, Michelle.

Danny Poole is in his 12th season as Clemson's director of sports medicine, but he is a veteran of 29 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 32 years of full-time experience in the athletic training field.

A 1979 Western Carolina graduate, Poole earned a bachelor's degree in health & physical education. He was a 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 at Western Carolina.

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. In 2012, Poole was named to the WellBalance Scientific Advisory Board. The Charlotte, NC native is married to the former Beth Morgan. The couple has two daughters, Jacqui Elaine and Abby Blair.

Alphonso Smith is in his 17th season at Clemson and his 13th year overseeing all equipment operations. Smith served as a men's basketball manager during his undergraduate and graduate years at Clemson from 1985-92. Smith also served as a graduate assistant in 1991,92.

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

Smith is a 1991 graduate of Clemson, as he received his degree in social science secondary education. He is a member of the Athletic Equipment Managers Association and is the District III director. Smith was also named Equipment Manager-of-the-Year for District III in 2006-07.

He is married to the former Kim Teel. The couple has a son, Andruh Christopher, and a daughter, Lauryn Louise.
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Florida State quarterback Chris Rix, 2001

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Boston College quarterback Matt Ryan, 2007

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ESPN commentator Todd Blackledge, 2009

San Francisco quarterback Steve Young
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. And in 2012, BleacherReport.com rated Memorial Stadium as the best stadium in the country.

The storied edifice added to its legend when the first meeting of father and son coaches (Bowden Bowl) took place before a record crowd of 86,002 fans in 1999. Clemson has been in the top 20 in the nation in average home attendance.

The legend was further enhanced in 2011 when the Tigers had a perfect 7-0 record at home and recorded victories over defending National Champion Auburn and #11 Florida State on consecutive weekends. Defending National Champions are 0-3 all-time at Memorial Stadium.

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. The Tigers have won 263 games in 70 years and have won over 72 percent of the contests (263-99-7).

The stadium has definitely been good to the Tigers, but it was constructed against the advice of at least one coach. 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. On September 19, 1942, Memorial Stadium opened with Clemson defeating Presbyterian College 32-13. Those 20,000 seats installed for the opener would soon grow.

Howard said that on the day of the stadium's first game, "the gates were hung at 1:00 and we played at 2:00." But that would be all of the construction for awhile. 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 Memorial Stadium as crowds swelled—the first in 1978 and the second in 1983. It increased capacity to over 80,000, which makes it one of the nation's largest on-campus stadiums. In 2006, the WestZone was added, an area that contains locker rooms and a luxury club level that holds over 1,000 seats.

Through the years, Memorial Stadium has become known as "Death Valley." It was tagged by the late Presbyterian College Coach Lonnie McMillian in the late 1940s. 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 in honor of the legendary coach, because of his long service and dedication to Clemson University.

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hat 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, located behind the east end zone. There were no dressing facilities inside the west end zone of Memorial Stadium...there was only a giant clock, where the hands turned, and a scoreboard that was operated by hand.

The team would dress in Fike Fieldhouse, 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 handed Gene Willimon, who was the 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 2,200 miles by a very sincere Tiger 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 McMillian, head coach at Presbyterian College during the 1940s.

McMillian 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 wins and four ties to show for it, his teams were getting "killed" by the Tigers regularly. In 1948, McMillian made the comment to the press that he was taking his team to play Clemson in "Death Valley."

An occasional reference to Memorial Stadium by that name could be heard for the next four years, but when Howard started calling it "Death Valley" during the 1950s, the name took off like wildfire. Clemson celebrated its 70th year in the "Valley" in the 2011 season with a perfect 7-0 home record.

But getting back to Howard's Rock.

The Rock was mounted on a pedestal at the top of the Hill on the east side of the stadium. It was unveiled on 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 75-yard pass from Jimmy Addison to Jacky Jackson in the fourth quarter. That was quite a debut for the Rock.

The team members started rubbing the Rock prior to running down the Hill on September 23, 1967, a day when Clemson defeated Wake Forest by a score of 23-6.

Prior to running down the Hill that day, Howard told his players. "If you're going to give me 110 percent, you can rub that Rock. If you're not, keep your filthy hands off it."

Howard told of the incident during the following day on his television show, and the story became legend.

When Hootie Ingram succeeded Howard as head coach prior to the 1970 campaign, Ingram decided that the team would make its final entrance on the field out of the dressing room in the west end zone. 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 years mentioned above and the first game of 1973 (353 times entering 2012).

After final warm ups, the team gathers back in its dressing room under the west end zone 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 end zone, 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.

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The everyday activities for the football program moved to Memorial Stadium on July 1, 2009. Tiger coaches moved into new offices in the West Zone of Memorial Stadium that day. A month later, the team made the locker room in Death Valley its full-time facility.

Additionally, a new equipment facility, athletic training facility, strength training facility, and training table ("The Paw") opened with all the modern conveniences of an NFL franchise's facility.

Recruiting is the lifeblood of any football program. Clemson's recent recruiting success is a direct result of the state-of-the-art WestZone, which houses all of the Tigers' football operations.

Clemson Recruiting Rankings

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* average star ranking; none. ESPN.com rankings not available prior to 2006; Clemson broke ground on the West Zone Project after the 2004 season.
A significant aspect of Phase II of the WestZone project at Memorial Stadium was the construction of a new strength training facility on the first floor that is adjacent to the Clemson 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 Clemson football team. Director of Football Strength & Conditioning Joey Batson, who is in his 16th season at Clemson, makes sure that all Tiger gridders are ready to compete against the top teams in the nation. In his first 15 years in Tigertown, Clemson has played in 13 bowl games and he has coached 22 strength All-Americans on the gridiron.

It is the fourth major facilities construction since Batson joined the Tiger football 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 Tiger football players a pleasant atmosphere to accomplish the most strenuous work.

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

Batson has a staff of four assistants working full-time with the football squad. Joining Batson are veteran Strength Coaches Larry Greenlee and Paul Hogan along with Assistants Brandon Mahon and Chris Stahley. In 2012, Greenlee was named a Master Strength Coach.
Joey Batson is in his 27th year as a strength & conditioning coach at the collegiate level and 16th year as director of football strength & conditioning at Clemson. Batson, who played a big role in Clemson winning the ACC title for the first time in 20 years in 2001, has served as a head strength & conditioning coach 23 of his 27 years.

Batson was named master strength & conditioning coach by the Collegiate Strength & Conditioning Coaches Association (CSCCA) in 2009. This honor is the highest given in the strength & conditioning profession.

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 the Tigers to 13 bowl games and six top-25 final rankings. While at Clemson, he has worked for three head football coaches and has had a tremendous impact throughout the state at many notable high school programs.

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.

Batson is married to the former Susan Malone of Greenville, SC. The couple has two sons, Michael and Benjamin.
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**Tiger Rookies**

- **Martin Aiken**
  - DE/Receivers, 5-foot-10, 180 pounds
  - Smoaks, SC

- **Isaiah Battle**
  - OT/Receivers, 6-foot-4, 250 pounds
  - Brooklyn, NY

- **Travis Blanks**
  - DB/Receivers, 6-foot-1, 190 pounds
  - Tallahassee, FL

- **Zac Brooks**
  - RB/Rushers, 6-foot-1, 210 pounds
  - Jonesboro, AR

- **T.J. Burrell**
  - LB/Returners, 6-foot-1, 190 pounds
  - Goose Creek, SC

- **Patrick DiStefano**
  - OL/Returners, 6-foot-3, 220 pounds
  - Spartanburg, SC

- **Kevin Dodd**
  - DE/Returners, 6-foot-5, 250 pounds
  - Taylors, SC

- **Ronald Godfryhan**
  - S/Returners, 5-foot-7, 190 pounds
  - Alpharetta, SC

- **Jay Guillermo**
  - C/Returners, 5-foot-10, 230 pounds
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- **Germone Hopper**
  - WR/Returners, 5-foot-10, 170 pounds
  - Charlotte, NC

- **Oliver Jones**
  - DB/Returners, 5-foot-10, 170 pounds
  - Ninety Six, SC

- **Chad Kelly**
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- **Jay Jay McCullough**
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  - Greensboro, NC

- **Carlos Watkins**
  - D/Returners, 6-foot-7, 300 pounds
  - Mooresboro, NC

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**Memorial Stadium Records**

**Clemson Team**

- **Total Offense:** 756 vs. Wake Forest, 10-31-1981
- **Plays:** 95 vs. N.C. State, 10-7-2000
- **Yards Per Play:** 6.2 vs. North Texas, 9-4-2010
- **Rushing Yards:** 536 vs. Wake Forest, 10-31-1981
- **Carries:** 73 vs. Virginia, 10-21-1972
- **Yards Per Carry:** 10.3 vs. Presbyterian College, 9-22-1945
- **Rushing Touchdowns:** 11 vs. Presbyterian College, 9-22-1945
- **Passing Yards:** 397 vs. Georgia Tech, 10-14-2012
- **Completions:** 38 vs. Virginia Tech, 10-6-2007
- **Passing Attempts:** 67 vs. Virginia Tech, 10-6-2007
- **Passing Efficiency (min. 15 att.):** 262.9 vs. Furman, 9-15-2007
- **Passing Touchdowns:** 6 vs. Central Michigan, 10-19-2007
- **First Downs:** 35 vs. Wake Forest, 10-31-1981
- **Points:** 35 vs. Central Michigan, 10-20-2007
- **Punting Average:** 62 vs. Wake Forest, 10-31-1981
- **Punts:** 566 vs. Wake Forest, 10-29-1977
- **Penalties:** 13 vs. Furman, 11-21-1942
- **Penalty Yards:** 13 vs. Pensacola N.A.S., 10-13-1945
- **First Downs:** 15 vs. Wake Forest, 11-2-1985
- **Punt Return Yards:** 15 vs. Duke, 10-17-1981
- **Kickoff Return Yards:** 155 vs. Wake Forest, 10-29-1977
- **Interception Return Yards:** 227 vs. Georgia Tech, 9-26-1987
- **Interceptions By Defense:** 165 vs. Maryland, 11-16-2002
- **Interceptions By Fumbles:** 43 vs. Western Carolina, 9-25-1962
- **Fumbles:** 5 vs. many (5)
- **Fumbles Lost:** 14 vs. Presbyterian College, 9-1-1953

**Tackles For Loss:** 19 vs. N.C. State, 10-24-1987
**Sacks By Defense:** 12 vs. Furman, 9-7-1996
**Pass Breakups:** 18 vs. The Citadel, 10-4-1986

**Clemson Individual**

- **460** by Tajh Boyd vs. Georgia Tech, 10-6-2012
- **263** by Raymond Priester vs. Duke, 11-11-1995
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- **261** by Cullen Harper vs. Central Michigan, 10-20-2007
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- **200** by Cullen Harper vs. Central Michigan, 10-20-2007
- **174** by Aaron Kelly vs. Virginia Tech, 10-6-2007
- **163** by Dreher Gaskin vs. Auburn, 11-21-1953
- **149** by Tony Home vs. Texas-El Paso, 10-4-1997
- **129** by DaAndre Hopkins vs. Ball State, 9-9-2012
- **112** by C.J. Spiller vs. Florida State, 11-7-2009
- **106** by Donnell Woolford vs. Georgia Tech, 9-26-1987
- **100** by John Shields vs. Alabama, 10-25-1969
- **96** by Jeff Davis vs. North Carolina, 11-8-1980
- **96** by Keith Adams vs. Duke, 11-6-1999
- **94** by Keith Adams vs. Duke, 11-6-1999

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

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Academic Commitment

Clemson student-athletes posted a school-record 2.99 GPA for the 2012 spring semester according to data released by the Office of Institutional Research & Planning. Clemson’s 15 athletic programs had 228 student-athletes named to the academic honor roll, including 111 on the Dean’s List and 43 on the President’s List (4.0 GPA).

Seven programs posted at least a 3.0 GPA and four others were at 2.93 or better. It was the first time that 11 of the 15 programs had a GPA of at least 2.93.

The football program had a 2.61 GPA, just below the record of 2.63 set in the spring of 2008. Thirty-four team members were named to the academic honor roll, including AP First-Team All-American Sammy Watkins. The freshman wideout became the first Tiger to earn AP First-Team All-America honors and be on the academic honor roll in the same year since David Treadwell in 1987-88.

Stephone Anthony, Xavier Brewer, Jon Brown, Dalton Freeman, Rashard Hall, and Davison Zimmerman were other 2011 starters named to the academic honor roll. Zimmerman, who received the Weaver-James-Corrigan Award, had a 4.0 GPA and was inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society.

The women’s swimming program had a 3.62 GPA for the spring semester, a team best and the second best on record for any Clemson athletic team. Twenty-four team members had at least a 3.0 GPA, including 17 on the Dean’s List. Two (Kerry McLaughlin, Maddie Tarantolo) were inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society.

The men’s golf team had a 3.23 GPA, its highest on record. The Tigers had eight members on the academic honor roll, the most since the spring of 2003. Other athletic programs that posted a 3.0 GPA or better during the spring semester were rowing, men’s soccer, women’s soccer, men’s tennis, and women’s track & field.

Sixty-one student-athletes graduated from Clemson in May of 2012, including 12 members of Clemson’s 2011 ACC Championship football team. Eighteen of the 20 seniors on that team already have their degrees.

APR Scores

All 19 of Clemson’s programs scored above the 925 APR threshold and 16 were above 970 according to data released by the NCAA.

The men’s golf team had the highest among the 19 programs with a perfect 1,000 score, the sixth time in the last eight years the program has had a perfect score under Head Coach Larry Penley.

The football team had a 983 APR score, the seventh-best score in the nation among FBS schools. It was the second-best mark in the nation among schools who finished the 2011 season in the AP poll. Only Boise State was better among the ranked schools with a 989 mark.

The NCAA released data that was coach-specific for the four-year period. Dabo Sweeney had a 991 score, fifth best in the nation among active coaches and far above the national average of 948. It was also best in the ACC.

Clemson’s women’s soccer (992), volleyball (989), men’s tennis (988), women’s cross country (985), and baseball (980) teams also scored at 980 or better.

Athletic Commitment

Clemson won three ACC Championships in the 2011-12 academic year, one in football and two in women’s track & field.

The football team broke a 20-year drought with its conference championship after defeating #3 Virginia Tech in the ACC Championship Game. The team finished ranked in the top 25 and had a school-record four wins over top-25 teams.

The women’s track & field program swept the ACC indoor and outdoor championships for the third straight year, giving the program six consecutive team titles.

Six programs finished the 2011-12 season with a top-25 ranking. The high-
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This brief NCAA rules education is aimed at outlining basic rules to help potential student-athletes, parents, and boosters better understand the regulations. Clemson is committed to recruiting and conducting our athletic programs with the highest level of integrity. If you have questions, contact Clemson's compliance services at (864) 656-1580, Compliance@clemson.edu, or visit our website (ClemsonTigers.com).

**Are You a Booster?**
The NCAA definition of a "representative of athletics interest" generally encompasses most individuals who regularly attend Clemson sporting events (reminders - once a representative, always a representative). Specifically, a booster or "representative of athletics interest" is any individual, independent agency, corporate entity, or other organization that is presently or has ever:
- Participated in promoting the institution's athletic program (such as buying season tickets to sporting events).
- Assisted in providing benefits (such as summer employment) to enrolled student-athletes.
- Assisted or been requested by the department of athletics staff to assist in the recruitment of prospective student-athletes.
- Attended Clemson University.
- Contributed to the department of athletics or IPTAY.
- Participated in or been a member of IPTAY.
- Been otherwise involved in the Clemson University athletics program.

**Ask Before You Act**

**Prospective student-athletes may...**
- Identify outstanding potential student-athletes in your area and forward information, such as newspaper articles, to the coach of that sport at Clemson.
- Continue to establish friendships with friends and neighbors, even those with prospect-aged children. However, contact with those individuals for recruiting purposes is still prohibited.
- Attend, on your own initiative, events such as games and banquets where prospective student-athletes are present as long as you do not contact the prospect(s) or their family for recruiting purposes.
- Answer a call from a prospective student-athlete (you may not initiate the call) regarding only Clemson University in general, but not about Tiger athletics. Please promptly inform compliance services or the coach should this situation arise.
- Make donations to a high school if it is located in your community, the donation is not made at the request of Clemson or Clemson coaches, and the funds are distributed through established channels and not directed towards a specific student-athlete.

**Current student-athletes may...**
- Continue to come out and support student-athletes at Clemson athletic events.
- Provide summer employment to student-athletes, but only if you contact Clemson’s office of compliance services (compliance-L@clemson.edu) first and the student-athlete is compensated for work actually performed at a rate commensurate with the going rate in the locality for similar services.

**What Every Booster Should Know**
- **Extra Benefit - Any special arrangement by a Clemson employee, booster (IPTAY member), or alum to provide a prospective or enrolled student-athlete or their families/friends with a benefit not permitted by NCAA legislation.**
  - Examples of prohibited benefits are (but not limited to):
    - Arranging employment for family and friends of the student-athlete.
    - Free or reduced housing agreements.
    - Gifts of money, awards, food/drinks, or other tangible items.
    - Loans of money or automobiles.
    - Professional services without charge or at a discount.
    - Promises of employment or loans following college graduation.
    - Providing transportation for the student-athlete or their friends and family.
    - Use of ATM, credit, or other types of gift cards.
    - Institutional Control - A central principle of the NCAA by-laws. Institutional control requires that Clemson University conducts its intercollegiate athletics program in compliance with NCAA rules and regulations. This includes booster activities.
    - Prospective Student-Athlete - A student, regardless of their athletic ability, who has started classes for the ninth grade or any student enrolled at another two or four-year institution.
    - Recruiting - Any solicitation of a prospect or a prospect's family by Clemson's coaches or representatives of athletic interest for the purposes of securing the prospective student-athlete's ultimate enrollment and participation in athletics at Clemson. Only designated Clemson athletics department staff members may recruit.
    - Student-Athlete - A student whose enrollment was solicited by a Clemson athletic department staff member or other representative of athletics interest with a goal of the student's ultimate participation in Clemson's athletics program. Student-athletes are not just those who were recruited or receive athletic scholarships, they are also those who participate in intercollegiate athletics.

**Activities That Will Harm Current Student-Athletes**
- **You may not...**
  - Contact including phone calls, visits, email or interact with a prospective student-athlete or family members for the purpose of persuading them to attend Clemson
  - Contact coaches, teachers, guidance counselors, or other school administrators in order to gain information on prospective student-athletes.
  - Make contact with a prospective student-athlete or the prospect's family during official or unofficial visits.
  - Provide any other extra benefits to a prospective student-athlete, family, friends, or their coaches.
  - Provide prospective student-athletes or their family and friends with transportation or financial assistance.

**Activities That Will Harm Current Student-Athletes**
- **You may not...**
  - Generally provide benefits that are not available to other members of the Clemson student body.
  - Provide extra benefits to student-athletes or their family and friends. Examples of prohibited benefits include (but not limited to):
    - Gifts of money, awards, food/drinks, occasional meals, or other tangible items.
    - Free or reduced housing agreements.
    - Loans of money or automobiles.
    - Professional services without charge or at a discount.
    - Promises of employment or loans following college graduation.
    - Providing transportation for the student-athlete or their family and friends.
    - Professional services without charge or at a discount.
    - Promises of employment or loans following college graduation.
    - Sending student-athlete items to be autographed and returned or using autographed items to raise funds for high schools.
    - Use of ATM, credit, or other types of gift cards.
    - Use the name/image of a current student-athlete to advertise, recommend, or promote products/services.

**Consequences**
Violations of these NCAA, ACC, and University policies can result in severe penalties, including:
- **Disassociation -** Clemson University may permanently disassociate itself with an athletic booster. You could lose the privilege of purchasing season tickets, the privilege of being an IPTAY member, or any other Clemson athletic-related benefit deemed appropriate.
- **Harm to the Enrolled Student-Athlete -** Violations can also result in the enrolled student athlete or entire team being unable to compete for Clemson University.

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The recruitment of new donors, those who have a potential for leadership gifts, and creating a link between Clemson and its constituants is the goal of each representative. With 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, contact Jason Wilson via email at wilson@clemson.edu.
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When gazing upon the Clemson University Drumline, a unit apart of the 2/5-plus “Band That Shakes the Southland,” the sense of uniformity is evident. Identically clad and always in step, the group supplies the beats anchoring the tunes that pleasure the ears of cheering fans week by week. But for 22-year-old bass drum player Jamie “JP” Ables, a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, experience sets him apart from the rest.

In June of 2007, Ables, then a junior at nearby Pendleton High School, enrolled in the Marine Corps Delayed Entry Program. “I love my country and I was angry about the events of September 11,” he admitted.

The following year on June 8, 2008, the day after his high school graduation, he entered boot camp at Parris Island, located near Beaufort, SC.

“I didn’t know what I wanted to do after high school, so joining the military seemed like a good way to stay productive while I thought about my future,” added Ables.

After finishing boot camp, Ables continued his training at the Marine Corps School of Infantry at Camp Geiger, NC in combat training. He also attended the Motor Vehicle Operator’s Course at Fort Leonard Wood, MO before being stationed at Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, NC as part of the 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion. On May 1, 2011, he was deployed to FOB Payne in Helmand Province, Afghanistan.

Of his experience in Afghanistan, Ables said that the area where he resided was “relatively calm” compared to other districts throughout the country. He worked with Afghan police forces on drug interdiction operations against the Taliban and supplied convoys daily to area outposts as a motor-vehicle operator.

“A Corporal upon leaving the Marines, Ables was rewarded for his efforts with a series of recognitions, including the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal and Afghan Campaign Medal with two bronze stars, one star for each operation he was a part of. He also received honors for enlisting after 9/11 and for serving with the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan.

Ables was a drummer in the “The Pride of Pendleton Marching Band” while in high school and thus was eager to get back to music. He especially wanted to experience the sense of togetherness that the CU Drumline had to offer.

“Ninety-five percent of my high school drumline instructors were CU alumni, and the way they talked about their experiences and closeness as a drumline made me want to be a part of it.”

In terms of being a part of such a large group of students who do not share his experience, Ables said that the adjustment can be quite challenging. “Sometimes I feel like all I talk about is when I was in the Marines this or when I was in Afghanistan that. It’s all I’ve known for so long.”

Nonetheless, Ables loves Tiger Band and is grateful for the opportunity to be a part of a drumline again.

“It’s probably one of the biggest things I missed during my time in the service,” he said. “I’m still thanking God for this opportunity.”

And as for choosing Clemson, the reason is simple...he “bleeds orange.”

HOKIE IN THE ARMY
Kevin Dawson, better known by his friends as “Tiny,” served in the United States Army in 2003. He was an 11 Bravo (airborne infantry soldier), stationed first in Alpha Company, 30th AG, then Delta 2/19 at Fort Benning, GA. This was a life-long dream come true.

After leaving the service, he worked with youth of all ages as an educator and as a Shooting Sports Director at Camp Ottari, and for the Boy Scouts of America. Dawson eventually decided to become a school teacher and entered Central Virginia Community College in 2008.

“Tiny” graduated with his associate’s degree with Magna Cum Laude honors in May of 2011 and transferred to Virginia Tech in the fall of 2011, where he is majoring in history.

He is working towards being a high school history teacher, a college history professor, or working in the museum field in history. He and his son, Gavin, are both full-time students at Virginia Tech and currently are housemates with two other students in the “Church House” of the campus ministry of Christ’s Church at Virginia Tech. This is his first year as a trumpet player with the Marching Virginians. Dawson played trumpet at Gretna (VA) High School and graduated in 1986.

TODAY’S PREGAME SHOW
The 335th Fighter Squadron out of Seymour Johnson AFB, NC will perform a flyover at the end of the national anthem. The pilots fly the F-15E Strike Eagle and the crew is Captain Ty “Red” Bowen, Captain Rick “Troyan” Davis, Captain Matt “Krome” Dovskay, Captain Jon “Crack” Kasela, and Captain Eric “Slayer” Joachim (ground control).

TODAY’S HALFTIME SHOW
Today’s halftime show is a rare treat for fans in Memorial Stadium. The Virginia Tech Marching Virginians will join forces with Tiger Band to honor all current and former military service men and women, and to honor the United States of America.

Up first is Lee Greenwood’s rousing anthem “God Bless the USA.” Then we honor each branch of the military with the “Armed Forces Medley” in the following order...Marines, Coast Guard, Air Force, Navy, and Army.

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Crawford Reeves has been positively influenced by his family since he was a little boy. Perhaps we should make that two families. The native of Greenville, SC and graduate of Eastside High School was first exposed to golf as a toddler when his father, Rob, started teaching Reeves' older brother, Austin, the basics of the game.

"I used to tag along when my dad started teaching my brother how to play the game at a young age," said Reeves. "My dad was and still is a good golfer, so he wanted to show us the game when we were young.

"Austin is two-and-a-half years older than me, so I went along with them. Soon, I started swinging a club and that is how I got interested."

As the boys grew older, they both got stronger and more proficient at the game. Eventually, it turned into a friendly competition, which was good for their respective games.

"It was a friendly, but competitive atmosphere when we were growing up," recalled Reeves. "My dad played with us, too. He can still hold his own. But, we pushed each other and that was a good thing."

Austin played football, basketball, and even a year of baseball in high school in addition to playing golf. He accepted a scholarship to play at Furman and eventually won the Southern Conference Championship in 2010 and the South Carolina Amateur in 2011.

"Austin always played all the sports," said the younger Reeves. "I gave up the other sports in the 10th grade so I could concentrate on golf and get to Clemson."

Reeves had his eye on Clemson from a very early age thanks to his second family, the Clemson golf family.

"I played a lot of golf at Thornblade (in Greenville) and was around Lucas Glover and Charles Warren when I was growing up. That had a big influence on me, along with the other Clemson players from Greenville, the Duncans (Brian, Ben) and Brent Delahoussaye."

Reeves was brought up in clothes with Tiger Paws on them, as both his father and mother (Barbara) are Clemson graduates.

Mother and father have been great role models for Reeves off the course as well. He is a three-time member of the Academic All-ACC team and is on track to become the first Tiger golfer to make that team four years in a row. Reeves, who is on pace to graduate in May, is also an academic All-America candidate this year.

"Crawford is one of the top student-athletes at Clemson, regardless of sport," said Head Coach Larry Penley.

"Academics have always been important in our family, and I have taken advantage of Vickery Hall my entire time here," said Reeves. "It's a great support system." Reeves is coming off a strong junior year in which he was second on the 2011-12 team in stroke average (71.62), just above the 71.30 average of Corbin Mills, a First Team All-ACC selection who decided to turn professional after his junior year. Reeves only played in the spring last year due to a fall-season back injury and had 13 of his 21 rounds at par or better.

He had consecutive top-five finishes last year and finished with a team-best 14th-place finish at the NCAA Regional. He has been Clemson's top golfer in the NCAA Tournament two of his three years as well. He was outstanding at the 2010 NCAA Regional at the Capital City Crabapple Course in Alpharetta, GA, where he finished 13th with a 212 score. That will be the site of the 2013 NCAA National Tourney.

"We have been disappointed each of the last two years by not advancing to the national," explained Reeves. "That is a great motivation for me to get back to the Capital City Crabapple Course. It fits our game." Reeves had an active summer that included a top-25 finish at the Palmetto Amateur and Monroe Amateur along with a third-place finish at the South Carolina Amateur, where he had two rounds of 64.

"He would have made All ACC last year had he played in the fall," said Penley. "He had a really good season with eight rounds at 70 or better. He is our leader and we expect an outstanding senior season from him."

With his work ethic in the classroom and on the course, Reeves is going to make his two families proud in 2012-13.
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TAYLOR RAMSEY

LAUREN SALAZAR

Clemson’s newest program will begin play in the fall of 2013 with Taylor Ramsey and Lauren Salazar leading the way.

By Kathryn McGinn

The newly-formed women’s golf program will continue a strong golf tradition at Clemson, establishing its own legacy with competition in collegiate tournaments beginning during the fall of 2013. Two women signed last year and are red-shirting in 2012-13. However, they are working diligently at the on-campus facility and local golf courses to set a firm foundation for the program.

Freshmen Lauren Salazar (Santa Clara, CA) and Taylor Ramsey (Milledgeville, GA) have been working with Head Coach J.T. Horton to establish a work-ethic and serve as a guiding light for future Lady Tiger golfers.

Salazar won a pair of AJGA events during her high school career at Archbishop Mitty High School in San Jose, CA. In her AJGA career, she had 12 top-10 finishes, eight top-five finishes, and won two championships.

Ramsey came to Clemson from John Milledge Academy. She won the 2010 Charles Howell Junior Championship with a 213 score and also had a strong 2011 season with four top-15 finishes.

Although the team will not play in any tournaments until next fall, Salazar and Ramsey are excited about starting the program at Clemson.

“I couldn’t get this experience anywhere else,” explained Salazar. “Thirty years from now I may have kids that attend Clemson and they can look back and see what we did to get the program off to a good start and how the program has grown."

The competitive nature of Salazar and Ramsey has been emerging under the tutelage of Horton.

“We’ve been playing with some of the same girls since we were young, and although they are currently playing in college tournaments, we will continue to train,” said Salazar. “It will be fun to see how much we’ve improved when we compete against each other again.”

The ladies will have the opportunity to compete in some major amateur tournaments this year, events that will give them some indication of their progress.

Horton has the opportunity to work individually with Salazar and Ramsey, focusing on improving every aspect of their game.

“These two young ladies are carrying forward what we expect for the program in the future,” stated Horton. “They are beginning to understand the process of improving on a day-to-day basis and finding a consistent standard for practice. During this next year, we are going to work on making their weaknesses become their strengths.”

A year of preparation will give Salazar and Ramsey every opportunity to perfect their game and be ready for competition against the best in the ACC and nationally next fall.

“There are only two of us, so we have a lot of one-on-one time with Coach Horton,” explained Ramsey. “It is really going to prepare us for playing at the college level next year.”

Getting them ready for next year is the primary goal for Horton. Because Ramsey and Salazar’s training will be a year ahead of their future teammates, they will be able to lead by example and help new teammates find the rhythm required of a college athlete.

Horton has a lot of confidence in the future of his program, and it starts with Salazar and Ramsey.

“Lauren has a great head on her shoulders and a high golf IQ,” said Horton. “I’ve seen considerable improvement with her scoring ability, and I am looking forward to seeing how much she can improve all areas of her game.

“I am really excited about the progress Taylor is making in her game,” continued Horton. “She is committed to making changes and improving her playing ability. After we are finished making small changes in her swing and technique, we expect to see a strong improvement in her confidence as well as her scoring ability on the golf course.”

In this next year of training, Salazar and Ramsey will concentrate on the development of their skill-set. With the work-ethic they have shown so far, it is apparent that the Clemson women’s golf program is on the way to setting a championship foundation.
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ORANGE PANTS
1980 South Carolina Game
One of Head Coach Danny Ford's best capers took place in 1980 for the Clemson vs. South Carolina game. Ford had ordered some orange pants in the summer to save them for a special occasion.

Coming off a 34-7 loss at Maryland in the 10th game of the season, he believed this Senior Day game against South Carolina was that special day. Ford had his players warm up in the traditional white pants.

After they came into the locker room for the last time, he had them change into solid orange pants (not the easiest "quick change" to accomplish just before kickoff, especially for linemen).

Tiger fans responded with excitement, and so did senior defensive back Willie Underwood, who had the game of his life with 17 tackles and two interceptions for 101 return yards.

They were the two interceptions of his career and the interception return yardage is still a Clemson single-game record.

The emotion of that day carried over to the next season and Clemson went on to win the 1981 National Championship.

OLSZEWSKI'S TOUCHDOWN
1966 South Carolina Game
On the day Clemson clinched the 1966 ACC title, the Tigers rushed for 255 yards. Buddy Gore had 130 of those on 25 carries.

However, he did not provide the most interesting rushing play of the day. That belonged to All-America offensive guard Harry Olszewski, who picked up a mid-air fumble and raced 12 yards for a score. It was a fluke play, not a "fumble-rooskie" Olszewski was pulling on the play and somehow the ball popped into the air, hitting him in stride.

When current Tiger Brandon Thomas recovered a fumble in the endzone at Georgia Tech last year, he became the first Clemson offensive lineman to score a touchdown since Olszewski. But as far as games in Death Valley, no Clemson offensive lineman has scored a touchdown in Memorial Stadium since Olszewski.

ORANGE SHOES
1967 N.C. State Game
One of Head Coach Frank Howard's greatest motivational plays took place when the Tigers faced #10 N.C. State on November 18, 1967. The Wolfpack came to Clemson with an 8-1 record and a #10 ranking in the AP poll.

N.C. State had gained a lot of attention due to the performance of its defense, which had worn white shoes all year. So
Howard decided he would go one better. He told his managers to go to every store in the area and buy up all the orange paint they could find and apply them to the shoes of his entire team. Eight stores later, all the orange paint in the Upstate was at Memorial Stadium.

The game turned out to be a battle of defenses, but the Tigers came away with a 14-6 victory. A 28-yard touchdown pass from Jimmy Addison to Buddy Gore was a big play in the game. It proved to be Gore’s only career receiving touchdown.

While N.C. State had been the higher-ranked team all year, Clemson’s victory gave the Tigers a third-straight ACC title. It was the highest-ranked team Howard defeated in Death Valley.

**BALLOON LAUNCH**

1983 Maryland Game

During the 1983 season, Student Body President Mark Wilson came to Athletic Director Bill McLellan with the idea of breaking the existing Guinness Book of World Records mark for a balloon launch. Wilson thought it would be quite a spectacle as the Tigers ran down the Hill prior to the Maryland contest, Clemson’s final home game of the season.

Showing his great organizational skills, and with the fundraising help of IPTAY members, Wilson bought 250 miles of string, 400 tanks of helium, 195 balloon fillers, and somehow got 3,000 Clemson students (without the use of social media) to come to the stadium at 7:00 AM for the 1:00 PM game.

Balloons were filled by 11:30 AM, and at 12:57 PM as the cannon sounded, the Tigers descended the Hill while 363,729 balloons ascended to the heavens.

From the press box, it was almost black, something out of an Alfred Hitchcock movie. You can go on YouTube.com and see the video of it. IPTAY collected $28,000 from private donations and the excess money raised was donated to Cooper Library on campus.

And yes, Clemson won the game by a score of 52-27.

**SOCCER FIELD WARMUP**

1976 South Carolina Game

Head Coach Red Parker’s last game at Clemson was memorable, as he scheduled to defeat South Carolina 28-9. It was a dominant performance against a South Carolina squad that had embarrassed the Tigers the previous year by a score of 56-20.

Parker pulled out all the motivational tricks he had, even from the pregame warmup. The site was the old soccer field near the stadium (now a parking area on an intramural field beyond the North side of the stadium).

It was a strange pregame setting as South Carolina went through its exercises as the only team in the stadium. Clemson’s first appearance came as it arrived at the top of the Hill.

Warren Ratchford gained 127 yards and Tracy Perry added 98 yards and two touchdowns in a convincing 28-9 win that kick-started Clemson’s landmark 1977 season.

**FUSCO’S FIELD GOAL**

1975 Duke Game

The 1976 season was a trying one for Clemson and Head Coach Red Parker. The most difficult result to accept was an 18-18 tie against Duke.

On the last play of the game, Vince Fusco, who had kicked five field goals for all 15 of Duke’s points to that juncture, came on for a 57-yard field-goal attempt to tie the score.

His kick hit the crossbar and bounced over for his then-ACC-record boot, a mark that was broken by Clemson’s current long-distance placekicker Spencer Benton (61-yarder) against Ball State on September 8, 2012. Mike McGee, who would later become athletic director at South Carolina, was Duke’s head coach that day.

**HAUL STORM**

1963 Georgia Game

The most unusual moment in Memorial Stadium history from a weather standpoint took place when Clemson faced Georgia in 1963. When the game started on this October 12 day, the temperature reached 84 degrees.

But by halftime, the temperature dropped to 57 degrees and the most torrential hailstorm in the history of the Upstate took place. The halftime show had to be cancelled and the 24,000 fans in attendance ran for cover.

Clemson Head Coach Frank Howard and Georgia Head Coach Johnny Griffith met under the stands and delayed the start of the second half for 30 minutes. The field looked like a sheet of ice. Clemson’s grounds crew cleared the field as much as possible.

The Tigers dealt with the conditions the best during the second half and tied the score 7-7 in the third quarter, which ended up being the final score.

**PERRY’S BLOCKED PUNT**

1984 Wake Forest Game

I could do a top-10 list of greatest William Perry plays, but you really need to see the video to believe them. His most incredible play in my mind took place against Wake Forest on November 3, 1984.

Clemson was leading 13-0 in the second quarter when the Demon Deacons faced a fourth-and-one at the Clemson 43. Head Coach Danny Ford thought Wake Forest might go for it on fourth down, so he left his defense on the field.

That meant Perry was on the field as the middle guard, going head-up over the snapper. Perry bull rushed with such force that he sent the blocking back airborne as punter Harry Newsome punted the ball off the rear end of his blocking back. The ball caromed backwards all the way to the Tiger 21, 36 yards downfield from the line of scrimmage, where Jeff Wells recovered for the Tigers.

After a meeting in the press box, we decided to give Perry a blocked punt, even though no part of his body touched the ball. However, his pure strength caused the blocked punt and he was thus credited with a 36-yard punt return.

**KICK-RETURN DROUGHT ENDS**

1987 Georgia Tech Game

Clemson was not known for its kick-return expertise between 1962-87. Heading into the 1987 Georgia Tech game in Death Valley, the Tigers had not returned a kickoff for a touchdown in 25 years and had not returned a punt for a touchdown in 17 years.

Then, they did both in the same game. It was the most bizarre statistical occurrence in my 35 years at Clemson.

I had been keeping track of how many returns Clemson had without a punt or kickoff return for a score for a few years. Entering the Georgia Tech game, no Tiger had returned a punt or kickoff for a score in 988 returns. After a 10-yard punt return by Donnell Woolford in the first quarter, Woolford took a punt after the second Georgia Tech possession at the Clemson 22 and raced 78 yards for a touchdown. That is right, on the 1,000th return.

Then in the second half, Joe Henderson sprinted 95 yards for a score on a kickoff return, the first by a Tiger since Hal Davis had a kickoff return for a touchdown against Georgia in 1962.

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Will Merritt has been on countless charter flights, first as a player at Clemson (1998-01) and then as the color commentator for the Clemson Radio Network (2003-12). Almost all of those flights have involved traveling with a large group to a road contest. While all those trips may be similar in nature, the flight that Merritt took in April involved a different type of squad that all fans will cheer for.
Merritt, who was born and raised in nearby Powdersville, SC, can still recall the first mention of Honor Flight Upstate SC. The organization, which is a non-profit, volunteer-based program, is dedicated to honoring our World War II veterans and the sacrifices they have made to keep our nation safe and our people free.

This organization flies a charter flight full of heroes twice a year from the Upstate to Washington, D.C. to see the memorial built in their honor and to experience recognition for their service that saved the world from tyranny.

"A really good friend of mine, Jason Hucks, called me one day this winter," recalled Merritt. "He asked me if I had ever heard of Honor Flight Upstate SC. When I told him I had not, he told me I needed to do a little research. I went online and saw what it was about. It took me about nine seconds to call him back after I found out what a great cause and how important it is.

"The importance of what these veterans did for us should never be forgotten. Even though their sacrifices did not happen last year or five years ago, it does not make their contributions to this country less significant. These World War II veterans paved the road a long time ago for us to be the country we are today. If not for these brave veterans, we would not have the freedom to go to football games every week.

"I pride myself on being a patriotic person and thanking veterans for what they have done for us. These men sacrificed so much. For there to be an organization to honor these great Americans, with their time on earth so very short, is special!"

Merritt's job this past April was to assist a veteran in any way to and from the one day trip to Washington. From the time he arrived at Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport early in the morning until the touchdown back at GSP that evening, it was a day he will never forget.

"I have flown on a lot of charter flights, but I have never been a part of anything like that trip," said Merritt. "When we got to GSP, there were bands playing patriotic songs. Every person at the airport had an American flag. Every veteran on the trip had a grin on his face from ear to ear. I know they were all excited to go to Washington, but there was more to it than that. They were excited to be with their brothers. There was a common bond that was so evident."

It did not take long for Merritt to see the flight was quite different than a normal trip when the airplane wheels go up. What happened will be a memory that stays with him forever.

"Every veteran on that plane applauded when the plane was in the air," remembered Merritt. "When I asked one of the men sitting next to me if that was normal during their time in the service, he said it was. That is something you don't even think about today, but in the 1940s, these men had such respect for the pilots and the job they did. Taking off and landing was not something you took for granted, as we all do now."

A full day in Washington was on the agenda, as the buses traveled by police escort from monument to monument. When the group arrived at the World War II Memorial, it was evident to Merritt what a wonderful experience it was for both the veterans and the group assisting on this day.

"It was a hectic day to see so many things," said Merritt. "But to see the looks on their faces when we arrived at the World War II Memorial is something I will never forget. They had time to reflect on what that time meant in their lives and the lives of their friends who did not come back. If a person did not get emotional at this experience, I really question if they have a pulse."

A trip back to GSP led to more moving moments. It seemed as if the entire Upstate of South Carolina had made their way to the airport to welcome the heroes home.

"One of the lasting memories I have is when we returned to GSP," recalled Merritt. "The entire terminal was wall-to-wall with people, all with American flags, cheering members of the 'Greatest Generation.' They had smiles on their faces, because people had invested their time to greet them on their return home. There were tears because of the joy in their heart for the United States."

Merritt would be the first to encourage anyone to get involved with Honor Flight Upstate SC. World War II veterans are dying at a rate of approximately 1,000 per day, so time is of the essence. A trip like the one he participated in costs $625 to send a veteran to Washington.

Since 2008, over 650 World War II veterans have taken the excursion to Washington at no cost to them. As Clemson celebrates Military Appreciation Day this afternoon against Virginia Tech, it is very fitting that Verizon Wireless will make a donation today to this wonderful organization.

Honor Flight Upstate SC has recently set a goal to find 1,000 people to give just $10 each month to this organization. This would allow for three flights each year from Greenville instead of two.

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The 1962 Clemson football team finished with a 6-4 record, was ACC runner-up, and defeated South Carolina at home. However, the 1962 team is the only squad in school history to lose three straight games at home on consecutive Saturdays. But that can be explained.

On October 13, the Tigers fell to Georgia (24-16) in a hard-fought contest. The following Saturday, the Tigers lost (16-0) to eventual ACC Champion Duke. But the players were undoubtedly distracted prior to playing #10 Auburn, a game that was decided by only three points.

On Monday, October 22, President John F. Kennedy went on national television to announce that the Soviet Union had placed offensive nuclear ballistic missiles in Cuba. Literally every U.S. city east of Seattle was at risk. The time from missile launch to impact was less than 30 minutes.

World tensions built exponentially during the week, and the state of Florida became an armed camp. Thousands of U.S. Soldiers and Airmen were deployed there in case a U.S. invasion of Cuba became necessary.

An incident the morning of the game, however, almost triggered World War III.

Air Force Maj. Rudolf Anderson, a Greenville, SC native and a 1948 Clemson graduate, was one of two pilots flying U-2 Dragon Lady high-altitude reconnaissance aircraft, who had first photographed the missiles in Cuba on October 14 and 15. By October 27, both Anderson and Maj. Richard Heyser had each flown five reconnaissance missions over the island.

It is the nature of military pilots to want to be in the center of the action, and Anderson was no exception. That Saturday morning, three U-2 flights were planned, but Anderson lobbied for a fourth. The other two flights were later cancelled, but Anderson’s was approved. He took off from McCoy AFB (near Orlando, FL) to obtain the latest photos of the missile launch sites near Guantanamo Naval Base.

Anderson crossed the Cuban coastline at 9:15 AM and was soon picked up on radar by the surface-to-air missile (SAM) site at Banes in Eastern Cuba. The Soviet Union’s deputy missile battery chief, in violation of his direct orders, gave the launch command. At 10:12 AM, Anderson was killed when two SAMs struck his U-2 plane and destroyed it.

After the shoot-down and a later incident at sea, Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev began to realize the situation in Cuba was getting out of hand. The two sides started talking though back channels, and the crisis came to an end. The Soviets agreed to remove the missiles in exchange for a U.S. promise not to invade Cuba.

Anderson was posthumously awarded the Air Force Cross, the nation’s second-highest award for valor. He was the first Airman to receive the medal.

While truly a national hero, Anderson is just one of the thousands of Tigers who have proudly served their country.

Clemson was established as a military school in 1889. Clemson graduates first went into battle during the Spanish-American War in 1898. During World War I, the entire senior class boarded President Woodrow Wilson, letting him know they were available for service in France.

Despite the college’s small enrollment, Clemson trailed only West Point and Texas A&M in the number of alumni who served as Army officers in World War II. The Class of 1943 joined up as a group, received their diplomas several months early, and headed off together to fight the Axis.

When Johnstone Hall dormitory was built to accommodate the tremendous student population growth at Clemson after World War II, every room had a gun rack (which made a great place for students in the 1980s to keep their golf clubs), and the 12 miles of corridors in the labyrinthine building were made wide enough that a company could march out together.

Clemson moved from being an all-male military school in 1955. However, enrollment in the Reserve Officer Training Program (ROTC) was still required, which made Clemson’s ROTC corps the country’s largest. Mandatory ROTC ended in 1971, but the program remains strong today, turning out military leaders of tomorrow.

Clemson’s military tradition continues to this day. One of the most memorable pregame ceremonies came in 2005, when Clemson and Texas A&M graduates killed in Iraq and Afghanistan were honored. Four South Carolina Air National Guard F-16 pilots blasted over the stadium precisely on the last note of the national anthem, while alumni from both schools carried out the pregame coin flip via satellite from Baghdad.

From San Juan Hill, to Verdun, to Normandy and Iwo Jima, to Pesan, to Khe Sanh, to Panama City, to Baghdad, and outposts in the Afghan hills, when the country calls, Clemson graduates are usually the first to answer “I’ll go, send me.”

Whether they are from Clemson or Virginia Tech (which also has a long military history), or are the F-15E Strike Eagle pilots from the 335th Fighter Squadron at Seymour Johnson AFB, NC, who are performing today’s pregame flyover, or Dani Rodriguez, who heeded the call to serve first and is now a Clemson football walk-on playing on the kickoff-defense team, thank a veteran for their service to our country. If they are your co-workers or someone you happen to meet, thank a vet. Better yet, hire a vet.

And after today’s Military Appreciation Day game, be sure to stop by the Scroll of Honor Memorial, just beyond the scoreboard above the Hill, and thank the Clemson alumni in uniform like Anderson who made the ultimate sacrifice.

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