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EST. 1907, SOUTH CAROLINA'S OLDEST COLLEGE NEWSPAPER ROARS FOR CLEMSON



President Clements performs a high-flying stunt with members of the cheerleading team.



Members of Central Spirit and the cheerleading team meet with President Clements on the hill.

## Clements gets a taste of what it means to be a tiger

On his tour of campus, President Clements was introduced to the many facets of Clemson life.

**JOE HENDRICKS**  
NEWS EDITOR

With the start of the new semester, Clemson finds itself welcoming a new president onto campus for the first time in 15 years. As eager much as everyone is to learn more about President James P. Clements, who was announced as Clemson's 15th president last November, there is much for Clements to learn about Clemson as well.

To help get this education started, an assortment of student organizations participated in a "campus tour performance." The tour was organized and run by student government, along with the several clubs and organizations that also took part. Organizations were given a chance to explain who and what they are to Clements, while giving him a firsthand experience of student life. With the weather surprisingly mild, Clements set out with a coterie of students.

Clements' tour began on Bowman Field, where the Guide Association explained a bit of the university's history. Moving on to the Military Heritage Plaza, a group of Clemson's military organizations, including Scabbard and Blade and the Clemson Corps, explained the importance of Clemson's military heritage, after enjoying a performance by Clemson's Carillon Bells.

Marcus Anderson, a member of the Clemson Pershing Rifles, who performed later in the tour, emphasized the importance of this military background.

"I think it's definitely really good, as a president of a university, to have the main points on campus known, so that he knows the importance of them," Anderson said. "They're not just points on campus; they really do represent years of history and Clemson University's military heritage. He really needs to be in with that and understand it."

As the group walked on through campus to the Greek Quad, Clements was updated on the activities of student government before being

introduced to the Greek Council Presidents. Continuing on to Fike, Clements learned about Clemson's highly active intramural programs, which are a source of national recognition for the university.

Following this, Clements arrived at the football stadium where he took part in perhaps Clemson's biggest tradition — rubbing Howard's Rock and running down the Hill.

After doing so, Clements spoke with one of Clemson's biggest student organizations, Central Spirit. Emily Marks, a member of Central Spirit, was glad for the chance to speak to President Clements as part of the tour. "It helps him become a better president," Marks said. "It helps him really grasp what Clemson is all about, to understand why we're here and why we do what we do."

This part of the tour over, Clements crossed the street to Memorial Park, where he viewed a demonstration by the Pershing Rifles and learned more about Clemson's military heritage and traditions from the Clemson Corps. After this, the tour stopped at the Woodlands Cemetery and Fort Hill before coming to a close at the Carillon Gardens.

After the tour was completed, Clements gave his thoughts on the experience. "Kayley Seawright and all of the students who helped with my campus orientation did a wonderful job," Clements said. "They took me all over the place — from the Carillon Bells to Howard's Rock. It was informative, educational and a lot of fun. It was a thrill to meet so many students who clearly love this university."

Katie Strathman, a member of the Pershing Rifles, gave her opinion on why the tour was an important moment in Clements' presidency. "I think our student body, we're a lot more connected to Clemson, and we will be long after we graduate," Strathman said.

"I think that's very important for him to understand. [Clements] not being a Clemson alum, I think it's really important to introduce him to everything and get him in the Clemson community."





# Tigra Scientifica: Life without Antibiotics

Misuse of antibiotics can lead to the creation of increasingly lethal "superbugs."

**SARA WEBB**  
STAFF WRITER

The label says, "Finish all of the prescription, even if you feel better prior to completion." You shrug nonchalantly. Maybe you have heard about drug-resistant bacteria, but it's not that big of a deal, right? Wrong.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) estimates that 2 million people become infected every year by drug-resistant bacteria, and at least 23,000 people die from these infections, more deaths annually than people who die from HIV-AIDS infections.

Since the discovery of Penicillin by Alexander Fleming in 1928, our overuse of antibiotics has created a slew of drug-resistant bacteria, termed "superbugs." These bacteria, coupled with the decline of antibiotic research, pose an enormous threat to human health and welfare.

We are approaching an age where life without effective antibiotics may become a reality, and a tiny scrape could be lethal. When bacteria are exposed to antibiotics, they immediately begin learning how to outsmart the drugs before any harm is done.

Bacteria can learn how to neutralize, block and alter the antibiotic target binding site so that binding between the bacteria and antibiotic does not occur.

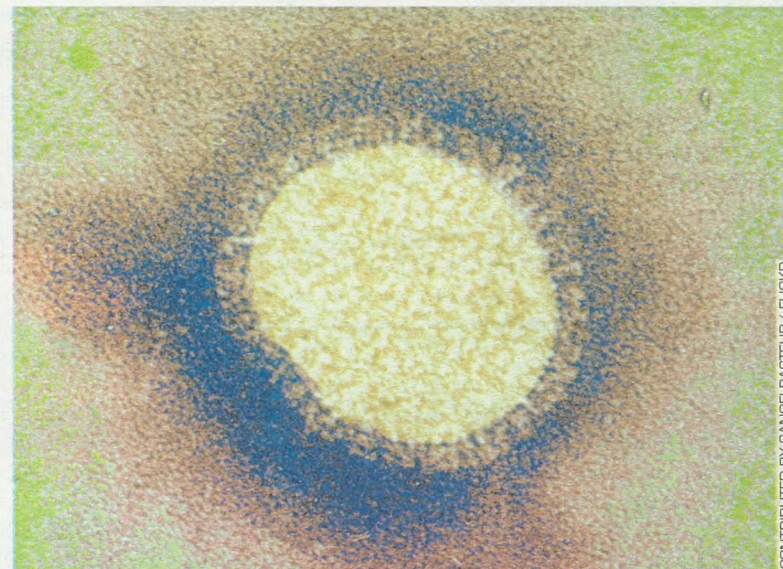
It only takes one bacterium to elude the drugs, then that bacterium can easily multiply and replace the bacteria that were killed. Bacteria can also pick up resistance by acquiring genetic information from other drug-resistant bacteria. The bottom line is the more antibiotics that are disseminated, the more opportunities there are for bacteria to evolve resistance and the more limited future treatment options become.

The dangers that superbugs pose are not new. For years, world health leaders have been trying to educate the public about the extreme threat these bacteria present to human health.

In Alexander Fleming's 1945 Nobel Peace Prize lecture, he warned "that the ignorant man may easily underdose himself and by exposing his microbes to non-lethal quantities of the drug make them resistant." However, like in the story of "The Boy Who Cried Wolf," the public has become complacent

with so many warnings. This is why the CDC is now ranking the threat level of each drug-resistant bacterium. The levels are "urgent," "serious" and "concerning," and they are determined based on seven factors associated with resistant infections: health impact, economic impact, how common the infection is, a 10-year projection of how common it could become, how easily it spreads, availability of effective antibiotics and barriers to prevention. The three bacteria that are classified as the most urgent threats are carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE bacteria), Clostridium difficile and Neisseria gonorrhoeae (cephalosporin resistant). While 65 years of antibiotic use have passed without a drug-resistant epidemic, the smaller problems continue to grow.

Despite the current threats and the demand for new antibiotics, fewer and fewer pharmaceutical companies are engaging in antibiotic development. This is because there is less return on investment for drugs like antibiotics that are only prescribed for a short time compared to drugs that must



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Drug resistant bacteria infect roughly 2 million people per year worldwide.

be taken for an extended period. Although the lag in research is concerning, it is important to remember that drugs are unnecessary if the infection can be prevented in the first place. The CDC has outlined four core actions critical to helping fight drug-resistant infections: track resistant bacteria, prevent infection and the spread of resistance, improve the use of today's antibiotics and promote

the development of new antibiotics and new diagnostic tests for resistant bacteria.

What does that mean for you as a consumer? It means you can prevent the spread of drug-resistant infections by practicing good hygiene, like washing hands, rinsing fruits and vegetables, getting regular vaccinations, only taking antibiotics when necessary and finishing prescriptions.

## MLK to be celebrated in week of events

Educational and charity events planned to honor MLK.

**ANNA LOFGREN**  
STAFF WRITER

With Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday approaching, Clemson University's Multicultural Programs and Services has a series of events planned to honor the national holiday from Jan. 20 to Jan. 23.

Clemson kicks off Martin Luther King Jr. Day with a Day of Service and a Blood Drive on Monday, Jan. 21. The Day of Service is in the Hendrix Student Center David Peebles Room from 8 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Clemson students and faculty are invited to volunteer for service projects around the community and to participate in the Clemson Blood Drive at the Hendrix Student Center in Meeting Rooms A and B from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Junior Emily Mulligan plans to attend the Blood Drive. "The Clemson Blood Drive is a good opportunity to give to those in need," Mulligan said. "It is a good way to honor MLK and the community."

On Tuesday, Jan. 21, Clemson will hold the MLK Commemorative Service at 6 p.m. in the Tillman Hall Auditorium. Bob Zellner, a prominent Civil Rights activist and Freedom Rider, will be speaking at this event. Zellner wrote "The

Wrong Side of Murder Creek: a White Southerner in the Freedom Movement." Zellner himself was a victim of false arrest and played a role in the Civil Rights movement with his friend and mentor, Martin Luther King Jr.

Sophomore David Reader, a member of both the Clemson football and baseball team, feels it is important to commemorate this leader. "Martin Luther King Jr. Day means a lot," Reader said. "[He] was a man who fought and stood for equality. I wouldn't have most of the opportunities that I have today if it wasn't for him, so I think for me the whole day just means to be appreciative and a sign of respect."

The MLK Day events continue on Wednesday, Jan. 22, with an open forum entitled "Revisiting Racism: Teaching Difference in Post Racial America." It will be led by Bryant Smith, an award-winning presenter and author. It will be held in the Lila Holmes Ballroom in Clemson House at 6 p.m.

Clemson concludes the MLK Day events on Thursday, Jan. 23, with the Tunnel of Oppression in the David Peebles Room and Hendrix Student Center Ballroom from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Visitors will go through a tunnel as they

observe several different forms of discrimination acted out along the way.

Students can also enter to win the Clemson MLK Instagram contest by submitting pictures through Instagram, using the tag @CU\_CODA and using the hashtag #CUMLKPhotos in the caption of their photo or video. There will be five winners, and with a chance to win up to \$50.

The MLK Day events provide an opportunity for Clemson students and faculty to join together and strengthen the community. South Carolina specifically did not recognize Martin Luther King Jr. Day as an official holiday until May of 2000, making it the last state to recognize this movement.

Junior De'Harion Mobley believes MLK Day is a good way for Clemson students to get involved and honor an American icon. "To me, MLK Day means a day to remember a great peaceful man who fought with his words for peace and equality between all races, no matter what color you are."

With this diverse selection of events scheduled, students have plenty of options to celebrate and remember the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.



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# A closer look into how LASERS SHOOT MISSILES

HOW A CLEMSON PROFESSOR HELPS THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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For over a decade, Clemson professor John Ballato has been conducting revolutionary research, including the use of optical fibers to create lasers that the Department of Defense can use to shoot down missiles. Ballato is the director of the university's Center for Optical Materials Science and Engineering Technologies (COMSET). Tuesday, Jan. 14, he was awarded the Class of '39 Award for Excellence, and his name was carved into the wall at the Carillon Garden alongside the names of other renowned Clemson faculty members.

Most of the research Ballato conducts at COMSET involves what he calls "the defense side of fibers and lasers." In previous decades, the military was forced to deal with incoming enemy missiles and RPGs using guns or missiles, which can leave devastating collateral damage, but lasers could help solve this problem. According

to Ballato, "Lasers today are being used by the military in the security arena for shooting down, usually, missiles. It's a form of directed-energy warfare."

Ballato's work mostly focuses on serving the U.S. Army, whose need for lightweight optical fibers aligns with Ballato's research interests. Ballato's own lab focuses on the material side, producing the optical fibers, while other labs at COMSET build and test lasers using these optical fibers. Much of COMSET's work focuses on non-lethal applications, including the field of biomedical research, where optical fibers are used in cancer-specific drug therapy. However, almost all of COMSET's defense-related products can be utilized by the military to shoot down missiles.

According to Ballato, Clemson University is one of the only places in the country with the equipment to conduct this research. An optical materials research center can cost up to \$2 million in start-up funds and over \$500,000 a year just to keep the center running, but according to John Ballato, the price is worth it. "Some people would assume because there aren't a lot of places that do it, there isn't a big need for it. It actually turns out in this case to be quite the opposite,

now. There is a growing need for optical fiber. "The amount of fiber that is manufactured per year, globally, is 175 to 200 million kilometers, and that's just for communications. It's amazing."

Max Jones, a recent Clemson graduate who performed undergraduate research for Dr. Ballato and still currently works for COMSET, agrees. "One of my favorite parts about working in this lab is knowing that Clemson University is the only university in the country, and one of only a handful around the world, that has the capabilities to manufacture the glass and turn that into optical fiber in the way that we do. This program is extremely unique and puts Clemson University on the map in a multibillion dollar per year industry," Jones said.

During his time at Clemson, Ballato won a number of awards and has headed over \$20 million worth of sponsored research products. He has now also received the Class of '39 Award for excellence, one of Clemson's most prestigious award for a faculty member, which honors the greatest five-year contribution of service to Clemson University. Through his research and hard work, Ballato has not only made Clemson University one of the top centers of optical materials science in the world, but he has also made an impact in the lives of his students. Courtney Kucera, another recent Clemson graduate who is currently a research associate in Ballato's lab, emphasizes that "interaction with students, faculty and visitors is unlike any other.



"He is always there for his students and stands behind them when an issue occurs," Kucera said. John Ballato continues to inspire students, including freshman Daniel Faison, who said, "Although I'm unsure of which type of engineer I want to be, I find myself interested in materials science and engineering because it has so many commonplace, practical applications as well as having the potential to manufacture incredible things I could never dream of. After hearing about Dr. Ballato's research, I'm just amazed that something like glass can be, well, engineered to a point where it can be used to create lasers to destroy missiles."





# SAY WHAT?

## CLEMSON TWEETS

TYLER ALLAN @TYRER\_AREN

YOU MIGHT WONDER WHAT TOWNIES ARE LIKE IN CLEMSON: WELL THIS GUY ON THE BUS IS WEARING OVEN MITTS. IN HIS DEFENSE, IT IS PRETTY COLD.

CHRISTAL SELMEYER @CSELMAYER

A COLD MORNING AT CLEMSON IS BETTER THAN A WARM MORNING JUST ABOUT ANYWHERE ELSE.

WESLEY HUDSON @WESLEYHUDSON94

SO, HOW ABOUT COOPER DOESN'T TAKE CASH ANYMORE. HOW DO YOU NOT ACCEPT THE MOST ACCEPTABLE FORM OF CURRENCY? CLEMSON IS PETTY.

KELSEY MELTON @KELSEYMELTON

PROFESSOR PRONOUNCES CLEMSON LIKE IT'S GOT A Z IN IT. THIS IS MY PET PEEVE.

MOROCHITA @XOMORGANAMOUR\_

PART OF ME IS SAD THAT JUGHEADS IS CLOSING BECAUSE IT'S ON THE CLEMSON BUCKETLIST, YET THE REST OF ME DOESN'T CARE BECAUSE I HATE HOTDOGS.

EMILY HATCH @DOWNTHE\_HATCH

PLOT-TWIST: SKINS HIRED A HITMAN FOR JUGHEADS AND WILL NOW TAKEOVER THE CLEMSON HOTDOG EMPIRE.

HARRY BLAND @BROHSKII

I PROMISE YALL SOME OF THESE CLEMSON STUDENT'S MAJOR IS FIKE.

STEPHEN PUCKETTE @STEPHENPUCKETTE

MORE LIKE CLEMSON PARKING DISSERVICES

NC PRINCESS @\_THENCPRINCESS\_

THE ONLY ORANGE YOUR BOYFRIEND SHOULD BE WEARING IS CLEMSON ORANGE. NOT INMATE ORANGE.

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BEST RELATIONSHIP ADVICE IN CLASS... DON'T TRUST A HOE #COMM3480 #CLEMSON

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DEFINITELY QUESTIONING MY DECISION TO TAKE A CLASS THAT MEETS IN CLEMSON'S VERY OWN MEAT SLAB.

# Clemson is Cold

Students returning to campus find it "ice" to be back.

KATE THOMAS  
STAFF WRITER

South Carolina's climate has always been somewhat diverse, and Clemson University students are used to it being cold during the winter months. However, the cold weather over the past few weeks has surprised and irritated students around campus as well as residents all throughout South Carolina.

As students started arriving back on campus for spring semester during the few days before classes started, the temperature was in the high 20s. The temperatures during the day were

in the high 20s to low 30s, but during the night, the temperatures dropped into the single digits, one night reaching as low as eight degrees. Monday even presented a threat of snow before classes started.

On the day spring semester classes finally started, it was still quite cold in the morning; however, it eventually became a bit warmer in the afternoon. Clemson University students found it even harder than usual to leave their dorms and apartments the morning of classes because of the weather.

"It was so cold last Wednesday morning that I just did not even want to get up and go to campus," Mary

Keefe said. "It's good thing that it warmed up at least a little bit later in the day."

The temperatures throughout the first week of spring semester were so low the pond in front of Cooper Library was frozen. Students gathered around the pond the first day of classes in amazement. "People were going down next to the pond and just staring at it," sophomore Austin Pettibone said. "This one girl poked the ice with her foot to see if it would break. Everyone was staring at it because we have never seen it frozen over like that. It was kind of funny, actually."

Clemson was not the only school in South Carolina that has been affected the cold weather. Elementary, middle and high schools across the state have also been affected. Schools were closed or were on two-hour delays because the temperatures were in the single digits in the early mornings.

Students think that the cold weather the past couple of weeks is foreshadowing an increasingly cold rest of the winter and are predicting snow before the winter months are over.

"I think because it has been so cold lately that we will eventually start getting a lot of snow and ice in South Carolina," sophomore Jesse Hayes said. "I think that the rest of the winter will be cold and icy."



Coffee was a popular option with the weather down in the 20s and 30s.

KENDYLE SEAY / staff

# Spring semester starts

With winter break ending, students return to the classroom.

ALEX ERRINGTON  
STAFF WRITER

For many Clemson students, getting back into the swing of things after Christmas break is made easier by the return of friends and the excitement of new classes and teachers. New daily schedules are created, different classes and social calendars for the spring semester are dealt with.

Hindering this transition to the new semester, however, seems to be the never-ending frustration, experienced by all students, of buying textbooks. Whether renting or buying from the bookstore, buying discounted copies online from websites such as Amazon or Chegg or posting on multiple Facebook groups in search of a cheaper used option, buying textbooks is often a major point of stress in a student's return to school.

Freshman Danielle Haight has spent over \$600 dollars on textbooks and access codes this semester. "The worst part is that you know you're getting ripped off because certain books are Clemson-specific and are not on Amazon at a cheaper price," Haight said.

Access codes are another source of frustration, for they can usually only be bought as a package or purchased

separately at a heavily inflated price. "Books can understandably cost more because of their production cost and necessity for the class, but an access code is just some numbers but ends up being crazy expensive," Addie Rye said.

On top of the price of books and access codes, students often question the true necessity of certain books for certain classes. Due to campus-wide rumors, the need for a particular textbook is sometimes questioned because of past student experience. This can lead to doubt as to whether or not the cost of the book is really worth its value. Once the stress of purchasing all the textbooks, lab materials, access codes and iClickers passes, along with all the money that goes with these purchases, it is back to the same old same old as students connect with the new and old friends.

According to freshman Declan O'Connell, "It was hard over break because I felt like I lost contact with people that I had spent all fall getting to know, but as soon as I got back here, it was cool seeing everyone again."

Coming back to campus after a break from schoolwork and studying also requires students to bring the focus back to their academics, which can mean figuring out where their

new classes will take place. Freshman Stephen Roskam had trouble on the first day of classes because he accidentally went to the wrong section of his math class.

The start of a new semester allows for a new beginning for students and teachers alike, as they try to continue the momentum that carried them through the fall semester and allow it to push them through these next few months.



Students make the long walk to class.

KENDYLE SEAY / staff



# ClemsonLIFE brings smiles

After receiving national recognition, program continues to add diversity on campus.

**KRISTINA TONEY**  
STAFF WRITER

Thanks to the ClemsonLIFE program, aspiring college students with intellectual disabilities are able to pursue their university dreams, while developing the skills they need to be successful in the working world and to live independently.

Originally consisting of four students, the ClemsonLIFE program has grown significantly since its inception in 2009 by Dr. Joseph Ryan, a special education professor. Currently, the program typically accepts six to eight students a year. Program director Elizabeth Gorman said she hopes the program will continue to grow over the next few years. Working alongside these students, over 100 volunteers sponsor activities to interact with the students, such as sharing a meal or working out.

ClemsonLIFE students take part in a comprehensive academic and social development curriculum that focuses on employment, independent living and social skills. Upon completion of the program, students receive a certificate of completion of a post-secondary program as well as a portfolio of employment-related documents to aid them in their career search. Gorman describes the ClemsonLIFE program as "progressive." She went on to highlight in South Carolina, there are only five programs that allow students with disabilities to pursue a post-secondary degree. She believes the greatest part about the program are the students and the diversity they bring Clemson University.

"I would have to say I think the number one thing about this program that I absolutely love is the students," Gorman said. "They are always positive, always happy and

they want to be here. Every day they come to class and are ready to go. They are living their dreams."

In a promotional video for the program displayed on their website, Sara Conklin, the lead classroom instructor, echoed this statement when she explained how ClemsonLIFE brings something very special to the Clemson community. "Those that get to meet and interact with our students are touched in a special way. The diversity that they bring on campus has just been a positive aspect for everyone," Conklin said.

This transcended the boundaries of the Clemson community when the program gained national recognition when the video of Rion Holcombe getting accepted into the program went viral. Since it was uploaded in late 2013, the video has received 1.8 million views and has also garnered the attention of news outlets such as the Huffington Post and USA Today, as well as news outlets in the UK and Australia.

The video has affected the program immensely. Gorman said, "The response has been absolutely huge." She also said that "even though this video served as great PR for the program, she believes that overall, Holcombe's video gave parents of children with these intellectual disabilities hope that there is something for their children after high school." Freshman Meagan Cain believes that this program is a shining example of Clemson's dedication to its students. "I think it shows how awesome Clemson is," Cain said. "Clemson knows that if you want a great college education,



David Saville celebrating at the 2013 ClemsonLIFE graduation ceremony.

you deserve one, even those with disabilities. Everyone has dreams, and I think it's great that Clemson is giving everyone a chance to achieve their dreams."

Members of the ClemsonLIFE program have gone on to see great successes, earning recognition by the National Down Syndrome Association. The program itself has been the recipient of a number of honors including the Abernathy/Cox One Clemson Award, which served to highlight the organization's

outstanding commitment to both the university and the city of Clemson.

Reflecting on the purpose and power of the ClemsonLIFE program, Gorman said that the most important thing any student takes from participation in this program is "an eye-opening experience for all involved. If you had any previous thoughts on what a person with a disability would be like, our students bust through that stereotype. Our overall hope is that each one makes a lifelong friend."



The ClemsonLIFE program accepts between six and eight students a year.

## Barker says goodbye at graduation

1,100 walk at December graduation as Barker performs final duty as university president.

**LAINIE HANNA**  
STAFF WRITER

Clemson's commencement ceremonies, held in Littlejohn Coliseum on Thursday, Dec. 19, 2013, will be bookended in the history of the university, as future academia and sports leaders of varying fields walked the stage. Among the 1,100 students receiving undergraduate and graduate degrees were record-breakers Tajh Boyd and Brianna Rollins, 12 faculty scholarship recipients and 25 student athletes, 14 of which started in the Discover Orange Bowl on Jan. 3, 2014. President Barker's last handshake and congratulations as acting president of a Clemson graduation ceremony went to his fellow Tiger track star, Brianna Rollins.

His parting words to her communicated both pride in her completion of a degree as a professional athlete and best wishes for her future both on and off the track.

Honorary Doctorate of Humanities degree recipient and chairman of Duke Energy, Jim Rogers, tactfully put the hope of Clemson's faculty and family members into words for the graduates.

"My wish is that you be passionate about your mission because passion leads to energy, and energy drives even more passion. My wish is that you'll be willing to take calculated risks in your life and be unafraid to make a positive difference in the lives of others. All of this means that we must — together — think outside the box, defy conventional wisdom and not be afraid to speak up or challenge the status quo. We need to think differently," Rogers said.

Different approaches to innovation and design have been aspects of President James Barker's 14-year term as president of Clemson, and December's commencement ceremonies marked the time for him to move on to a new position in the community as well.

"The December graduation was my last one as president, and it caused

me to remember the 50,000 graduates I was honored to congratulate over the past 14 years," Barker said.

"The handshake is my favorite aspect of our ceremony because it symbolizes the personal touch

of Clemson, and it represents the individual journey that each graduate has taken to reach that special moment," Barker said. Having graduated along with the class of 2013, Barker is serving as a professor of

architecture. "The Class of 2013 was a remarkable class in their size, quality and spirit. They led Clemson to be ranked the 21st finest university in America, our highest ranking ever," finished Barker.



President Barker congratulates Tigers football star Tajh Boyd as he completes his undergraduate education.



# Professor looks to change voting

Dr. Juan Gilbert develops innovative voting system that is being tested in multiple states.

**JACQUELINE RHODES**  
STAFF WRITER

In their workroom, Dr. Juan Gilbert and his team work under a banner proclaiming "Change the World." Gilbert, chair of the Human-Centered Computing Division, hopes to accomplish this affirmation with his revolutionary voting system, Prime III. For the past 10 years, Gilbert has worked with over 50 Clemson students to develop a new way of voting that he and his team believe will revolutionize the voting process.

Using a \$4.5 million grant from the U.S. Election Assistance Commission to complete its development, Prime III has begun to enter the mainstream voting process. Wisconsin plans to undertake a trial run with the software in the next election cycle. Oregon has already done so in the 2012 presidential primary with great success and a large voter turnout after an effective press campaign.

Prime III is a new voting software program that hopes to bring voting into the new age of technology, moving beyond punch cards and finicky machines. This system relies on a smartphone app in which voters "check in," using a photo of themselves and confirming their identity with a poll worker. The voter scans a QR code and submits their vote, which can be done at home or a traditional voting booth. The vote is then printed on a single sheet of paper displaying the candidate choice, which is fed into a machine that counts the vote.

Prime III is easy to use, and a vote can be reviewed or contested, improving existing

electronic voting machines. Freshman Charles Simmons, a first time voter in the previous presidential election, said the current voting system is confusing and time consuming. "The lines really took the fun out of voting," Simmons said. Prime III both makes voting faster and has the ability for voters to schedule appointments. Prime III also improves the accuracy and security of elections.

"The system has never been hacked, meaning that no one has been ever able to change the votes," a graduate in student in computer science, Dekita Moon, said. These current machines leave no paper trail, making it difficult to contest the results of an election.

Beyond bringing voting into the new age, Prime III hopes to consolidate the voting system so that everyone can vote on one machine. Currently, most people vote on a machine in the polling center, while those unable to access the mainstream system use a machine dovetailing their abilities. Prime III is accessible to those who have an array of disabilities, including deaf, blind and physically handicapped. The program is even accessible to the mute, who can vote by blowing through the microphone. "If you can't see, if you can't hear, if you can't read, if you don't have arms, you vote on the same machine as anyone else," Gilbert said.

Gilbert hails the system as the "world's most accessible voting technology ever created." Gilbert became interested in voting technology while working at Auburn University in the wake of the infamous "Hanging Chad" incident in 2000, in which votes in Florida for the 2000



Dr. Juan Gilbert, a professor in the school of computing, has been working to improve voting.

presidential election were called into question after problems were found in the voting process. This incident was compounded by a conference Gilbert attended shortly after where a speaker said that electronic voting could not be done. His team struck out to prove the speaker wrong.

This software has the potential to change the current voting culture. With the growth of Prime III, Gilbert envisions about the role QR

codes could play in future elections. "Imagine that people will be wearing QR codes on their shirts representing their chosen candidates." The system at Clemson has the flexibility necessary to succeed at the international level and bring in a new era of transparency to voting. The goal is always to bring more people to vote, and the system developed right here at Clemson has the potential to do just that.

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY:

*January 17 - January 23*

**JANUARY 17, 1706** — FOUNDING FATHER BENJAMIN FRANKLIN WAS BORN IN BOSTON.

**JANUARY 18, 1778** — CAPTAIN COOK BECAME THE FIRST EUROPEAN TO VISIT THE SANDWICH ISLANDS, NOW KNOWN AS THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

**JANUARY 19, 1974** — NOTRE DAME'S MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM BREAKS COACH WOODEN'S UCLA BRUIN'S 88-GAME WINNING STREAK.

**JANUARY 20, 1841** — THE BRITISH OCCUPY HONG KONG ISLAND, ADDING IT TO THEIR EXTENSIVE GLOBAL IMPERIAL SYSTEM.

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# Brooks Center turns twenty

Anniversary celebrated with online video series.

**REBEKA WELLMON**  
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In honor of the 20th anniversary of the Brooks Center, a web series, "20 Years. 20 Memories," is currently being hosted on the Brooks Center's website, Facebook and YouTube.

In the series, teachers, students, alumni and members of the community will discuss their favorite memories in the Brooks Center. Two to three episodes will be posted each week until the Brooks Center's 20th Anniversary Celebration Gala on Feb. 6.

The gala will bring back some famous Clemson alumni who will talk about how the Brooks Center affected their lives and helped them get where they are now.

There will also be slide show video testimonials about what the Brooks Center meant to different people and even performances by Clemson's performing arts group. The Director of the Brooks Center, Lillian Harder, said that the Anniversary Celebration Gala "is a time for people to get together and celebrate the past so we can look forward to the next 20 years."

The Brooks Center is not just a home for student theatre, art, music and dance but also a place where Clemson students and faculty, along with members of the community, can see traveling shows and exhibits.

The Brooks Center also hosts an educational program called the Eskridge Tri-ART Series, where kids ages 3 to 18 from South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia are bused in to see theatre and music shows.

"Before the Brooks Center, the theatre and arts departments were spread out all over campus in places like Holtzendorff Hall, Daniel Hall's auditorium and Tillman Hall," David Hartmann, the chair of the department of performing arts, said.

**"next to winning the national championship... the Brooks Center has done more to change Clemson's reputation than anything else"**

"The Brooks Center is amazing because if we didn't have this here to see events like a Broadway touring show, then you would probably have to go to Greenville to the Peace Center. It is great for the students and Clemson, but it has meant a lot to the whole upstate of South Carolina and touched a lot of people's lives in 20 years." Lillian Harder said she

remembered President Barker saying that "next to winning the national championship in football in 1981, the Brooks Center had done more to change Clemson's reputation than anything else."

The idea for the Brooks Center started over 20 years ago when "the Clemson Players got together and gathered about 4,000 names on a petition begging for a performing arts center," Harder said.

"The building itself was a part of a national design competition and was awarded to a company out of Boston," David Hartmann added.

It cost 13 million dollars to build the Brooks Center, and half of that money came from private donations from members of the community and people who were interested in the arts.

The biggest donor was Robert Howell Brooks, a Clemson graduate, who gave 2.5 million dollars toward the building. Brooks, who created Naturally Fresh, Inc. and Hooters restaurants, came to Clemson as a poor farmer on the beneficiary of a scholarship from a local family. Vowing to give back to his school when he had earned enough money, Brooks became the primary donor.

The Brooks Center will continue to serve as Clemson's home for performing arts, with the 20th anniversary celebration not just looking back, but forward.

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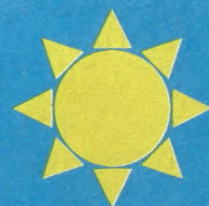
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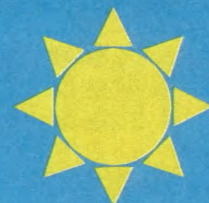
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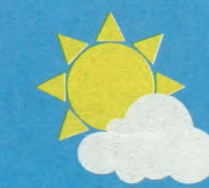
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# HIGHER EDUCATION: WEED N CAMPUS

Effective Jan. 1, a new Colorado state law will allow the recreational use and sale of marijuana for those who live there. With this new law, residents 21 or over will be able to legally possess one ounce of marijuana, grow up to six marijuana plants and give one ounce of marijuana to a friend, should they choose to do so. This voter-approved amendment has caused a widespread controversy throughout the United States as well as curiosity, with most wondering what effect the new legality of the drug will have on the residents of the Centennial State.

At The Tiger, we were also curious about how this law would affect college campuses. As college students, we wonder if universities would permit marijuana or allow the substance to be used on their campuses. On the unlikely chance that marijuana was legalized here in South Carolina, what would the effects be on students? South Carolina is typically a more conservative state, especially on drug-related issues, resulting in the overwhelming idea that it will be one of the last states to accept the legalization of marijuana, if ever. But say this issue did arise. How would Clemson react?

With this new law now implementing marijuana as a legal, controlled substance, comparisons can only be made to products like tobacco and alcohol, two other products shown to have less than desirable effects on the human body. Just like alcohol, people would have to be 21 years or older to use it. If we look at the use of alcohol on Clemson's campus, we can draw some parallels to how marijuana might be treated. Clemson is not a "dry campus." Alcohol consumption is allowed here in Tigertown, should you follow the law and be over 21. Despite this, we all know people in college everywhere find ways to drink themselves silly before ever blowing out those birthday candles.

When comparing marijuana usage to alcohol, it becomes hard to find the difference between how college students would treat both substances. Not every college is like Clemson. There are "dry" campuses throughout the nation, banning the consumption of alcohol to their students, while they attend and use the facilities. But is this the right thing to do? If marijuana is legal within state lines, does a school have the right to ban it amongst students? Certainly private universities who don't receive any state funding can make rules however they choose as long as they also comply with state and federal laws. But with public universities, like Clemson,

do they have a right to prohibit the use of products like alcohol and marijuana if they are legal in state lines?

A great example of a school's decision regarding this issue comes from the University of Colorado at Boulder where, according to a Denver Post article written at the end of 2012, around the time when the law was being passed, the school chose to ban marijuana on the campus, so they would not lose any federal funding the school may receive. Contrary to popular belief, marijuana is not legal in Colorado, according to the government of the United States, it is just legal according to the government of Colorado. This means that, according to federal law, marijuana is still illegal everywhere in the United States. However, that's another issue all in itself.

The main fears associated with the legalization of marijuana, not only in

"Despite this, we all know people in colleges everywhere find ways to drink themselves silly before ever blowing out those birthday candles"

colleges and universities but across the nation, are the effects associated with its use. Its economic benefits are hard to overlook, but the drowsiness, memory loss and overall "high" that comes from smoking weed are concerns a majority of citizens still have. Should people be allowed to legally use the drug and, therefore, display these qualities? A quote often used when describing marijuana use says, "No one beats their wives when they smoke marijuana." This, of course, references the effects of alcohol on the body, which sometimes makes the user more susceptible to mood changes, and can result in violence.

Conversations regarding the legalization and use of marijuana always seem to circle back to its similarity to alcohol. College campuses sometimes turn into dry campuses in order to prohibit alcohol from all students. Because the legal drinking age is 21, the majority of college students

cannot legally drink anyway. It makes sense to ban alcohol, as the only people who would be affected by this are those who are about to graduate and, in Clemson's case, probably live off campus.

Despite the idea of a university's ban on substances, is it really the right choice? College is a time for the students to go out and make choices on their own. Prohibiting students from drinking or smoking, even when the law says otherwise, should be seen as the college "babying" them. This isn't the right decision to make. In college, students are preparing to venture out into the real world, a place where alcohol and, in Colorado's case, marijuana are legal substances for people to use or not use, depending on their choices. However, if a school decides to allow marijuana, that could create a negative opinion of the school. How many of you have your parents pay for at least part of your college education? Would they appreciate paying for an education at a university that allows marijuana on campus?

Looking at the overall picture, the school has the right to choose whether or not to ban or allow substances on campus as they follow the laws set forth regarding them. Clemson could become a dry campus whenever it pleases. We, as a staff, feel that if a college or university does not want certain substances at their school, then it is their right to choose as long as federal or state laws do not clearly supersede them. We, as students, pick where we want to have an education. Clemson is currently in the process of eradicating tobacco use on its campus, and should marijuana ever be legal in the United States, Clemson would have the right to prohibit the use of the drug on campus as well. It seems very unlikely, actually, more like impossible, that we will see marijuana legalized in South Carolina before we complete our college careers. However, even when it is legalized, as it seems like this is the road states are headed down, it will be up to both the university and the federal government to see if they comply. Even if you disagree with the school's decisions, just remember, you can always move to Colorado.

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If marijuana was legalized in South Carolina, do you think it should be allowed on college campuses?

## Victor Quintero

JUNIOR / PHILOSOPHY

I would say no. Mainly it's because of the fact that if someone's smoking and I'm walking behind them, I don't want to smell that. It's the same thing for marijuana. But if it's eating it, and it's not smoking, I'd be okay with that.

## Courtney Craig

FRESHMAN / BIOENGINEERING

Yes, because if it's legal elsewhere, why wouldn't it be legal on campus? Of course it should have designated spots, though.

## Jenna Darrah

SOPHOMORE / PSYCHOLOGY

Personally, I don't think it should. But either way, it wouldn't really matter to me.

## Michael Herberton

JUNIOR / ACCOUNTING

If it's legalized in the state, then you might as well go ahead and legalize it on college campuses.

## Jimmy Todd

JUNIOR / BIOLOGY

No. I don't think they should because they're already banning tobacco on campus, so therefore, they shouldn't allow marijuana on campus.

## Sam Hillebrand

SOPHOMORE / FINANCE

I don't know. I feel like it could be a turn off to a lot of people if it's legalized on campus. It might not be in the best interest of the college.

## Tristan Wilson

JUNIOR / ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

No. I don't think they should because they're already banning tobacco on campus, so therefore, they shouldn't allow marijuana on campus.



# The Holy Bible Buffet & Other Hypocrisies



**PRESTON TAYLOR STONE**  
Columnist



**H**ave you ever heard the quote, “The Bible is not a buffet. You can’t just pick to follow what you want?” I’m sure there are several sermons made every year that boil down to that sentence—either you believe what the Bible says or you don’t. My question: is it really that simple? Is the Bible really the be-all, end-all of every argument? Can you just start a sentence with “Well, the Bible says ...” and the case is closed? Some people may have you believe so. However, history tells us a lot about interpreting ambiguously worded documents and the relevance of the time and society in which they were written.

In Colonial and Revolutionary America, an argument in American political theory arose that has arguably never seen absolution: the decision between having a strong centralized government (Federalism) or strong state governments (Confederacy). The Federalist Papers, published anonymously by James Madison, Alexander Hamilton and John Jay, spoke on behalf of the constitution in favor of a strong central government that would give certain rights to states, certain rights to the federal government and other rights that would still be decided upon by both. They insisted the Constitution’s checks and balances and written-in ideology would prevent adjunct tyranny. In the end, the Federalists ‘won,’ as our government is a federalist democratic republic. However, with Thomas Jefferson as their leader, the Anti-Federalists insisted that a Bill of Rights should be created to enumerate personal freedoms most state constitutions had included by 1776.

What comes of this? There are two different ideals within American political philosophy on the interpretation of the constitution: living constitution (loose constructionism) and originalism or textualism (strict constructionism). The living

constitution states that modern day societal conditions should be considered when interpreting the constitution. Strict constructionism states that the constitution may only be used as written rule and, therefore, be used with original intent of its authors and signors.

What is the constitution’s relevance to the Bible? Well, what I am immediately struck with when I hear “the Bible is not a buffet” argument is the existence of a huge chasm within the Christian church. There are those who believe that the Bible is the written word and is the word of the Lord God himself. It should be read, interpreted and followed as such. This, my friends, is exactly what strict constructionism is. The argument is valid, depending on your beliefs, that the Bible is not a buffet. It must be followed as it is written, and any objection to what is written is also an objection to God himself. I will say, though, I am not sure if telling a grand jury that your child “disgraced” or “curseth” you and that’s why you put them to death is such a good idea, but that is what Exodus 21 says. I am also positive that if you “utterly destroy” your Hindu neighbor, that may not work out in your favor either, but that is what the Bible tells you to do in Exodus 22, and any objection to that is an objection to the word of the Lord, right? What about modern medical practices? The word of God in Leviticus 13 and 14 annotates what classifies as disease, what does not and how each should be treated. Should we deny doctors their practice or any medical professional their knowledge? If what they have to say goes against what is in the Bible then it is against God, isn’t it? Maybe not. If you say one statement is what it is because “God said so” and then say that another is not because “times have changed” after first saying that the entire Bible is truth, then that is complete

The other side of this is closely related to the living constitution ideology — the idea that the Bible is a piece of literature bound to the time when it was written. Strict constructionists cite court cases

as well as the writings of second Secretary of State under George Washington, Edmund Randolph, which all say the Constitution was written in purposefully broad terms so as to be flexible for interpretation as societal conditions changed over time.

I am also citing every English class in existence that the Bible, as a piece of literature pieced together from many non-deity persons’ writings from thousands of years ago, should be interpreted as such. It should be read, interpreted and discussed just as you would a Hemingway novel about adultery or an Eliot poem about the world’s end. All of the studies of these pieces of literature first begin with historical placement. What was society like when the author wrote their book? It is crucial to the understanding of the piece and its content’s relevance. I am merely saying the same should apply to the Bible, a book with countless amounts of evident societal conditions annotated throughout its pages.

Furthermore, whether we are willing to admit or not, we are all loose interpreters (or at least loose followers) of the Bible, if not simply because legally we must be — we all fill up a plate in the Bible Buffet, which is fine, but if you yell at someone in the buffet line when you’re right behind them, it makes you seem a bit irrational. The extent at which we loosely interpret is for each of us different, but I see in our future looser interpretation yet. Society changes, folks. Books are books, and while I do not negate their significance or sacredness, nor do I negate that they may offer life lessons, they are also immovable from the time at which they were written. Any objection to that fact is just absurd.

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## Paws up,

Over the course of seven years, a janitor in Japan worked on an incredibly intricate and mesmerizing maze during his spare time. His daughter stumbled upon the maze, hand-drawn on 33-by-23 inch paper, and if you want to buy a copy, there is a 2 to 3 week backlog.

A parakeet ratted out his owner at an alcohol checkpoint in Mexico City by squealing to the cops, “He’s drunk! He’s drunk!”

Jennifer Lawrence’s dress at the Golden Globes was compared to Ariel’s shipwrecked outfit.

A man in Denmark can open a beer with a shotgun.

Victoria Secret’s “plus sized” model, Robyn Lawley, has caused controversy, for some people see her average sized.

## Paws down

Amou Haji, an 80-year-old Iranian, is being called the world’s dirtiest man. He hasn’t bathed in 60 years.

Fifteen years ago, a 43-year-old porn star, Elizabeth Starr, got O-cup “string” breasts implants to help advance her career. Now she says they could end her life. Since then, she’s had 63 corrective procedures to contract with complications stemming from her original surgery.

An exhibitionist in Mayfair, Penn. is driving around exposing himself and offering women money to watch him put Swiss cheese on his Netherlands.

A La Jolla Shores surf shop worker reportedly injected blood in rental surfboards in an effort to attract sharks to kill off tourists — so he could catch all the waves himself.



# REDEFINING A HOLIDAY

**SHAZZMERE EDWARDS**  
Columnist



The spring semester has already taken off, and professors aren't holding back. I'm sure many of you are already up to your necks in assignments and projects and most likely stressing before we even hit mid-term exams. On the bright side, at least we have an extensive three-day weekend to look forward to. Most of us probably plan to party all weekend, sleep in on Monday morning and then probably spend the rest of the day doing the assignments that we put off. Sounds good, doesn't?

However, let us pause for a moment. Why don't we have classes Monday? Well, it's Martin Luther King Jr. Day. How could we forget about the reason as to why we don't have Monday classes? Well, to many students, that's all this day is — a day of no classes. The problem is we've forgotten the reason behind the day. We all know who Martin Luther King Jr. is. I mean, let's be honest — he's the one man, if not the only man, we learned about in grade school during Black History Month. He wrote the "I have a Dream ..." speech and was an extremely influential Civil Rights activist. If none of this has rang a bell, you should seriously reconsider your childhood education.

This is supposed to be a day you reflect on those who fought for Civil Rights. You're

supposed to show appreciation by coming together as a community and giving back through service. Just imagine that a few decades ago, people were separated. Some of our best friends currently would not have been our best friends during that time due to their race. People like Dr. King who helped lead groups in promoting equality. This is something we should be thankful for and something we should take the time to appreciate. However, we throw the day aside. This is a part of our history, not just the history of African-Americans, but a piece of history about our country. There weren't just black people fighting for their rights. It was called the Civil Rights movement, meaning the movement promoted the freedom and equality of citizens: all citizens. So for those who think this day is just to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr., you're wrong. For those who think this day is a day to only celebrate the rights of the black community, that's not true. It's a day to celebrate everyone. To rejoice the fact that we now have the ability to do what we want, when we want, without our ethnic background being a factor in that ability.

Too many people these days are so one-track minded. They don't make the connections or understand the significance of how certain events affected our country as a whole. Instead, we take these events and associate them with one thing in particular, whether it is with a certain race, religion, political view, etc., and if we aren't personally associated with it, then it has nothing to do with us. We are stubborn and selfish.

What we need to do is take a step back and see the whole picture. We need to see how all walks of life can come together. This nation at some point was referred to as "The Melting Pot" because it was a place where people of all backgrounds came together and lived. Yet, what is the point of being exposed to this mixture of cultures if we don't embrace them because they don't pertain to us? There is no point. We are so used to the idea of acting like our race. We have stereotyped races and used them as jokes for simple entertainment as opposed to understanding the people as a whole. We need to take a deeper look at the people. Understanding someone's culture is essential to creating a better social environment.

We've been given countless opportunities as Americans to achieve great things. People like Dr. Martin Luther King, Alice Paul, a woman's rights activist and Dolores Huerta, a Latino rights activist, gave us these opportunities. We need to take this day and use it as a reminder to embrace all of the sacrifices people have made to make our lives easier. We need to show our appreciation and relay how we can make a difference. If we continue to ignore these days of significance, we are bound to propel in a downward spiral that could possibly lead us to where we originally began. After all, history has the tendency to repeat itself.

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## Apple: Actually Not That Great

**CAROLINE LOUIS**  
Columnist



Everywhere you look on Clemson's campus, students are on their cell phones. I'm guessing that probably 50 percent of these phones, if not more, are iPhones. More striking than the huge number of iPhone users is the attitude people have about their phones. The overwhelming majority of students I have talked to are either iPhone users and love it or would like an iPhone over any other phone for their next upgrade. iPhone users often come off as cocky, posting phrases like "Team iPhone" on social media sites and talking about how great Apple is and no other phone even holds a candle to an iPhone. I don't think this is necessarily true.

From personal experience, the operating system makes less sense than Windows or Android, and they seem to have durability and operating problems. The day iOS 7 debuted many students I know didn't attend class because they were at home updating their phones. How crazy is that? Many students at Clemson also own Apple computers, even engineering majors who need programs that require the Windows operating system. They will buy a more expensive computer that doesn't get the job done, much like a hipster would wear a wool knit cap on a hot

summer's day. All of this is for a certain look. How great are Apple products to have gained so many loyal customers? After some research into the capabilities of phones made by Apple, Windows and Android, I think Apple's popularity is solely due to excellent marketing and physical appearance of their products. There are three main areas where I believe Apple products trail their competitors: cost, durability and processing power. The high cost of Apple products is surprising when weighed against the probability of them breaking and what they can do in terms of computing.

According to AT&T's website, a new iPhone 5S from AT&T wireless will cost you \$649 dollars without a contract. Android or Windows phones often advertised as competitors of the 5S, like the Samsung Galaxy S IV or the Nokia Lumia 1020, run for \$589 and \$559, respectively. It may seem like the \$70 dollar difference is negligible, but what you get with an Android or Windows phone for that price is better. The GS4 and Lumia 1020 have bigger screens (by up to an inch), higher resolution screens, up to 70 percent longer battery lives, higher resolution front and rear-facing cameras and two times the RAM (better multitasking and faster running of apps).

All of these features are beneficial, but the most important feature is the processor. In an online GizMag article comparing the iPhone 5S to the Samsung Galaxy S4, the author explains that the GS4 offers a 1.9

gigahertz quad-core processor while the iPhone 5S only has a 1.7 gigahertz dual-core processor. The software these processors run also have huge differences. iOS 7 is pretty limited while the Galaxy and Windows operating systems are more compatible with different file types and are more compatible with expanding memory or external devices.

Phones get tons of use nowadays, as they are carried around constantly and are bound to be dropped at some point in their lives. Almost every iPhone user you see has a LifeProof or Otter Box case on their phone. Why? Because iPhones break easily. Broken iPhone screens are not an uncommon sight. I've heard countless stories about people who have barely dropped their iPhones, only to have their screens shattered. Even though they have much smaller screens compared to their larger-screened competitors, they seem to break more often.

So after looking at all of this, my opinion about iPhones is supported. They cost a lot more, but you're buying the brand and not the features of the phone. Is that what's actually important? Maybe it wouldn't be so bad if every iPhone user ever didn't brag about how great they are and weren't so annoying about what kind of phone they have.

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# Random Roommates: A Good or Bad Idea?

**STEPHANIE FUTRELL**  
Columnist



A lot of students came to Clemson not knowing the person they would be rooming with. Whether it's because they don't know anyone at Clemson beforehand or they just want to try it out, having a random roommate is a decision made that could potentially make or break someone's entire year. Should someone coming to Clemson select the random roommate option? My answer is absolutely.

When I attended orientation this past summer, I was told multiple times over the course of a two day period how terrible of an idea it was to room with a friend. I questioned it, but I decided to listen to countless advisors and do a random search. After being in school for a semester, I have learned that the orientation advisors were absolutely correct. I know many people who have come to Clemson and decided to room with their friends from high school. Initially, almost all of them were thrilled at the thought of a "permanent sleepover" with their BFF. However, as of the start of the second semester, most of them have started to become annoyed, angry and frustrated with their "best friends." Two of my friends have gone as far as to switch out of their rooms because of an argument. One simple argument revealed months of tension, caused simply by sharing the same sleeping space. I

have tried to understand why such an environment can be so explosive, and my reasoning for an angry outcome is this: living with someone and being their friend are two things that should be polar opposites. Let's face it: everyone gets mad at their friends every now and again. Everyone gets mad when they live with their family and share space with them. If all of the sudden you go from friendship to sharing a space with that person, then the chance of staying friends with that person drastically decreases.

As I said earlier, I chose to have a random roommate this year. At the beginning of the year, prior to move-in day, I wasn't sure how the experience would turn out. However, I am a strong believer that you should never judge someone before you actually talk to him or her and see his or her point of view on the world. It takes a while to get to know someone. Next year's freshmen class from my high school have asked me about my experiences living with a random person and if I've enjoyed it or not. I must admit, at the beginning, I was worried we would hate each other. I thought it would be strange to live with someone I didn't know. However, after "researching" her Facebook page, I realized we had some things in common, and even though we never met each other before our Clemson lives, we ended up enjoying each other's company. Today, we have adjusted to each other's schedules, friends and habits of living. We talk about our days and our respective "college experiences." She has become a great friend and "roomie" of mine, and I have loved getting to know

someone from a different area of the country than myself. We didn't know each other's pasts, and we got the chance to know one another at our own pace. We knew not to expect to spend all of our time together like other pairs of friends might, and we give each other space when we need it. I am pleasantly surprised with this experience.

I understand not every random roommate story turns out like mine does. I'm typically a more quiet and accepting person who is open to any idea, so that might have something to do with my housing success. But the odds of rooming with someone you can still like at the end of the year and someone you can't are definitely much better with a random. You need to be open to living with someone you may not know. They may not agree with your opinions, but be open to new ideas. Even if you don't want to be BFF's, you can still enjoy living with them. It's a great way to meet new people, and it teaches you important life lessons that you will need in the future. I have heard horror stories of random living and that not every friendship fails as a result of living together, but I have seen way too many friendships destroyed as a result of becoming roommates. You shouldn't lose friends over living situations. Give yourself the first year to get adjusted to the college life of being on your own and decide from there. So to anyone seeking advice for housing next year or to incoming freshman, finding a random roomie is the way to go.

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## MACKLEMORE SUCKS

**KASHYAP YECHURI**  
Columnist



Ben Haggerty has made leaps and bounds in the past year after the release of his breakout song "Thrift Shop" and his album "The Heist," showing the world he is capable of producing catchy songs with a message unlike many other mainstream artists. Despite his success, there is one thing he has kept "under wraps" for a while now that people have yet to realize: he's actually not that great. Purely, in terms of technicality, I believe his flow, rhyme patterns and tone are nothing special. However, he gets away with not being as technically gifted as other rappers because he simply does social commentary rap.

Although it may seem like he displays versatility through the huge differences between his songs, like the obvious differences between "Thrift Shop" and "Same Love," this "versatility" reveals his main problem. Where in the world does the man actually show what he cares about? Macklemore uses his producer Ryan Lewis to make indie hip-hop beats, and then he raps about a random topic. This topic is simply something somewhat relatable that people could listen to. It shows his ability to market his songs, but in no way does it show that he produces inspired music that displays value and integrity.

Macklemore is that guy who will figure out what some hot topics are around the world and will suddenly become a passionate person, concerned about the issue. From his song about drug addiction to his song about gay marriage to his multiple songs

against consumerism, his dedication to these topics becomes questionable. It's hard to believe the stark contrast between his songs without realizing they were written to be attention grabbers in order to make you believe that you are in tune with the issues of the time while appealing to easy emotions. Once people look at the wide array of topics he covers in his songs, it is extremely hard to not hear his music and realize how gimmicky he really does sound. Rapping solely about money and women is more respectable than jumping all over the place because at least those people actually care about what they are rapping about. However, I do think Macklemore has proven he is a legitimate indie success story. But, it is important to remember that the way these rappers are promoted and marketed isn't random.

Macklemore is a very obvious sellout, which became evident after the release of the NBA commercial that featured "Wings," a song of his that critiqued the obsession of shoes and Nike. The related lyrics were just spat out and used for a commercial about shoes. Those that loved him for his supposedly "socially conscious lyrics" were thrown completely off guard. Young Ben revealed that he probably doesn't care too much about what he's rapping about and that he is really in it for the money. By rapping about an obsession with shoes and then later using that song to hype up the shoe industry, you've become a hypocrite.

As it was revealed a few days ago that Macklemore and Ryan Lewis are back in the works on the follow-up to "The Heist," I ask people to take a better look at this next album and realize the obvious truth: Macklemore sucks.

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It's not even a month into 2014, and I've already broken my resolution.

Please. Stop wearing riding boots.

Well sh\*t ...



# The Real State of US Poverty

**ADAM MILLSAP**  
Columnist



Jan. 8th marked the 50th anniversary of President Lyndon Johnson's declaration of war on poverty. So what has the war accomplished? A U.S. census report issued this month showed the annual poverty rate for 2011 was 14 percent. It was only 11.3 percent in 2007, the year before the last recession. In 1964, when President Johnson declared war, the poverty rate was 19 percent. That doesn't seem like much progress. Luckily, the official statistic doesn't tell the whole story. It is an outdated measure that ignores the duration of people who actually live in poverty as well as the real living standards of Americans.

Jordan Weissmann of The Atlantic, recently called the official poverty measure "the shag carpet of economic indicators, a poorly aged 1960s throwback." He points out that when calculating people's incomes to see if they are below the poverty threshold the U.S. census official poverty measure does not include things like food stamps, housing subsidies or the earned income tax credit. So essentially, the poverty rate disregards the anti-poverty programs the war on poverty created. According to the National Poverty Center, when these programs are taken into account, the poverty rate decreases roughly 3 percent.

The official poverty rate is also a snapshot at a given time. It doesn't reflect the fact that people's incomes and wealth fluctuate. Just because you are in living in poverty one month or one year does not mean that you will be living

in poverty the next. Out of the people who lived in poverty in 2009, 26.9 percent of them were not in poverty in 2010 and 35.4 percent of them were not in poverty in 2011. Only 3.5 percent of the population lived in poverty over the entire three-year period from 2009 until 2011. Despite what you may have heard, there is income mobility in this country. People, unlike statistics, are dynamic; most don't just accept their place in life and remain poor. They are constantly seeking out new opportunities and responding to those that are presented to them. The official poverty rate ignores this.

"People, unlike statistics, are dynamic; most don't just accept their place in life and remain poor."

I think it is also necessary to remind people that poverty is a relative state; what we consider poverty in this country is middle class or even wealthy in many parts of the world. According to water.org, 345 million people in Africa and 196 million people in Central Asia lack access to clean water. A recent online statistic states that over 3 billion people around the world live on less than \$2.50 per day. The poverty in this country pales in comparison to the poverty present in many parts of the world. A 2007 report from the Heritage Foundation stated

that 97 percent of poor people in the U.S. had a color television, 88 percent had a microwave, 62 percent had cable or satellite TV, 64 percent had their own washer, 57 percent had their own dryer, 36 percent had a computer, 73 percent had a car or a truck and 42 percent owned their own home. This is a remarkably different level of poverty than lacking access to clean water or living on \$2.50 per day. To be clear, I am not saying there aren't some truly poor people in this country. However, I am saying we should keep U.S. poverty in perspective when implementing policy solutions intended to help the poor. People who ignore the mobility and actual living standards of Americans make the claim that the U.S. still has a poverty problem. There are certainly people in the U.S. who are relatively poor; however, to use the term "poverty" is, in my opinion, an insult to those around the world living in true poverty. If we want the relatively poor people in this country to have the ability to live a better life, we need to focus our policy solutions on creating more opportunities for them. This means focusing on economic growth and job creation.

A good place to start would be to eliminate much of the burdensome and unnecessary regulation that prevents small businesses from starting and expanding. The prosperity of this country is largely the result of risk-taking entrepreneurs who not only create products and services that make our lives better but create jobs for all skill levels. They are the people who truly raise the living standards of the poor, not the government, and it would be wise of us to remember that.

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# Child Star Slip-Ups: No Longer Princesses

**FABIANA LOPEZ**  
Columnist



Back in August, Miley Cyrus shocked the world by putting her new, more adult, persona out on display at the VMAs. While Cyrus' twerking and grinding spread shock and controversy around the world, the idea of a former Disney child star "gone bad" isn't a new one. You may remember stars like Lindsay Lohan and Shia LaBeouf, Lohan originating from "The Parent Trap" and LaBeouf from "Even Stevens," being charged with DUIs in recent years. Even lesser-known stars like "Lizzie McGuire" actor Lalaine, and Orlando Brown from "That's So Raven" have been arrested on drug-related charges. What is it about the Disney Channel that causes these child actors to cross into controversy?

In a tell-all article for New York Magazine written by Joe Jonas, entitled "Joe Jonas: My Life as a Jonas Brother," the former Jonas Brothers front man spoke out about Disney, explaining that "Being a part of the Disney thing for so long will make you not want to be this perfect little


puppet forever." Jonas then describes his first experience with marijuana, further supporting the Disney falling star stereotype. It seems that the environment Disney creates is harmful to the children they employ. At such a young age, the actors and singers produced by the "family friendly" company are encouraged to maintain a public profile, which Jonas described as Disney expecting them "to be perfect." This level of expectation and mental stress being placed on children at such a young age is bound to be the cause of their "explosions" in later life.

While Cyrus' VMA performance was astonishing, there has already been a new member added to the club of "Disney hoodlums." Dylan Sprouse, from "The Suite Life of Zack and Cody" was the subject of criticism when pictures of him in his birthday suit turned up on the Internet. According to a TMZ article entitled "Hey That's My Exposed Junk ... A Naked Selfie Mystery," Sprouse's ex-girlfriend "leaked" his nude pictures on the Internet for profit. However, unlike most celebrity scandals of this kind, Sprouse never appeared devastated, at least publicly. In fact, Sprouse has taken the criticism quite well. According to a lengthy post on Sprouse's personal Tumblr blog, the young actor admitted, "I don't think what I did was wrong ... There is an odd taboo with the human form (especially in the USA), and I don't particularly think it's a good thing to teach people that

you should 'hide yourself.'" Plenty of parents may not be in agreement with his statements, but I have to wonder why we're even surprised anymore. Certainly, Dylan Sprouse's behavior didn't cause the ripples Miley Cyrus' did. Is it because Sprouse has yet to reach the level of fame that Cyrus has, or hasn't had as much — pardon the pun — exposure as Miley? Does the lack of concern for the leak stem from it being accidental rather than Miley's drastic break from her former persona? Sprouse has attempted to clear up the situation through humor and while taking responsibility for his own actions, also criticizing the person who leaked the photos, saying that they used to be a person he trusted.

What is it about the Disney stars who have 'gone wrong' that cuts the American public so deeply? Perhaps the better question would be why do we trust an entertainment and media corporation to set up role models for our children? Granted, Disney is known for family friendly material, but perhaps somewhere along the line we forgot that unlike Disney princesses, child actors move on and become adults in an industry that thrives on sexually charged performances. Disney stars may grow old and become adults, but hey, you'll probably never see Snow White twerking.

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## Tigers drop Virginia Tech on the road



K. J. McDaniels has guided Clemson to a 3-1 record in the ACC.

**GAVIN OLIVER**  
STAFF WRITER

With 1:24 remaining in a game tied at 49, Clemson sophomore guard Adonis Filer made sure there would be no overtime against Virginia Tech at Cassell Coliseum in Blacksburg on Wednesday night.

Standing behind the arc after four passes on a possession in which the shot clock ticked down to seven seconds, Filer penetrated the lane, hop-stepped to the right and made

a layup, while getting fouled before sinking a free throw to give Clemson a three-point lead and eventual 56-49 victory.

Clemson is 3-1 in ACC play through four games for the first time since the 2009-10 season and will aim for its first 4-1 or better start since the 1996-97 campaign against Wake Forest on Saturday.

The Tigers (12-4) scored the final seven points of the contest in which the two teams posted nearly identical stat-lines across the board, with

Clemson making one less shot on one less attempt but one more 3-pointer while grabbing three more rebounds.

The difference was at the charity stripe, where the Tigers drilled 12-20 (60 percent) to Virginia Tech's 4-14 (28.6 percent) behind a game-high five for K.J. McDaniels, who also notched a team-high 14 points on 4-9 shooting.

Devin Williams led three Hokies double-figure scorers with 14 points, while Rod Hall added 11 for Clemson and Filer finished with nine.

The two squads traded baskets and early leads prior to a layup by Ben Emelogu that put Virginia Tech (8-8, 1-3 ACC) ahead 10-7, but Clemson proceeded on a 9-0 over the next 6:24 with four points from Damarcus Harrison.

Joey van Zegeren's dunk halted Clemson's splurge, but neither team would connect on another field goal over the next few minutes until van

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## Orange Bowl means big things to Clemson

**BRAD HAIDER**  
COLUMNIST

With the New Year only three days old, the Clemson football team had what will arguably be their greatest moment of 2014. As the confetti rained down on the field of Sun Life Stadium, the Clemson Tigers celebrated their victory over the Ohio State Buckeyes in the 2014 Discover Orange Bowl. Waiting until the last year of the BCS to win their first BCS bowl game, the Tigers erased the sour memories of their

last trip to Miami and mounted themselves upon a wave of momentum heading into the future.

The victory in the Orange Bowl extends beyond the scoreboard and the history books. A win over a top-flight program in a BCS game can do wonders for a program off the field, particularly when it comes to recruiting. Clemson's win in the Orange Bowl gives the program a boost as the calendar heads towards national signing day. The exposure that Clemson received from their victory in the Orange

Bowl showed off the program to the entire nation. Beating a team like Ohio State, with their national appeal and brand recognition, could help propel Clemson into the current elite tier of teams in college football in the minds of future recruiting prospects.

For the Tigers to sustain the level of success experienced over the last several years — making a trip to the newly formed playoffs an expectation — Clemson needs to continue getting the best possible players to head to Tiger Town. Recruits

sitting in their homes watching the game saw what Clemson has to offer and saw how this program is trending upward. This could help sway potential recruits to considering Clemson more than they would have initially planned to. Although it is still important to recruit the best local talent, being able to attract top prospects from outside the Southeast builds up the program's talent base, providing it with the depth it needs to compete year after year.

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## Holding my breath

**AARON RANDELL**  
Sports Editor



Having experienced the ups and downs of Clemson basketball over the past five or six years, I would say that the men's team has most likely taken several years off of my life with their antics.

I've experienced the highs of beating top-25 teams, and I've experienced the lows of losing to South Carolina. From the NCAA tournament trips to the early exits of those very trips. Despite my knowledge of prior events, my fandom towards Clemson basketball remains on that of a yo-yo.

Saturday was no different.

Going up against a Duke team that usually dominates the Tigers, I can honestly say the pitiful performance Clemson put on against Florida State the Thursday before made me extremely pessimistic about Saturday's ball game.

Nevertheless, I braved the element and stood in the winding student ticket line that wrapped around Littlejohn Coliseum for not only a chance to watch my Tigers compete against Duke, but also to get a glimpse of Jabari Parker, the likely No. 1 overall pick in this year's NBA draft.

Parker gave me little hope that Clemson would pull off the upset, but it might have been worth it to tell my kids one day that I saw him play in person. So even if Clemson didn't win, I'd still be content with my choice to attend the game. It was a really a win-win for me.

Fast forward to one minute before halftime, and Clemson is down 10 points. To that point, the Clemson faithful had not really been much of a presence, until a K.J. McDaniels three and a Damarcus Harrison layup brought the crowd to life and gave the home team fans a little bit of hope heading into halftime.

The most interesting thing that I saw happen during Clemson's victory against Duke was the crowd's reluctance to

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Saturday, 1/11  
Duke 59 - Clemson 72  
Clemson, S.C.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**  
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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**  
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**MEN'S TENNIS**  
Sunday, 1/19  
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Clemson, S.C.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**  
Monday, 1/20  
vs. Wake Forest 7 p.m.  
Clemson, S.C.



# Wildcats No. 1 in the rankings?

**CODY SMOLDT**  
STAFF WRITER

## 10. Kansas

Like Kentucky, Bill Self's roster is chock full of talented yet inexperienced players. Freshman phenoms Andrew Wiggins and Joel Embiid both have NBA scouts salivating over next year's draft, and the young duo seem to be putting it together after some early growing pains. The Jayhawks have four losses, but all of them came against quality teams, and the team also can boast quality wins against Duke and Iowa State. This team could be amazing if the young guns continue to improve.

## 9. Oklahoma State

OK State's backcourt of Marcus Smart and Markel Brown is one of the best in the country. When these two guys are both on, the Cowboys are hard to beat. Smart is a surefire top-10 pick in next year's draft, and Brown just hit a huge game, winning three against West Virginia to push the Cowboys to 14-2.

## 8. Kentucky

Come March, John Calapari's team could be the best in the country. The Wildcats are surging after a weak performance on opening night against Michigan State behind the play of freshmen Julius Randle and James Young. If the inexperienced roster continues to get it together, then this is the last team I'd want to play come tournament time.

## 7. Villanova

Jay Wright's teams often start off hot before flaming out during the tournament but something about this team just feels a bit different. For one thing, this team actually plays defense and the squad has quality wins over Kansas and Iowa, which help a team that plays in a weaker conference stand out amongst the pack.

## 6. Wichita State

After "shocking" (I'm sorry, that joke was terrible) the world during March Madness last year, the Shockers are the most likely team at this point to run the table to an undefeated record heading into the tournament. It's tempting to deride this team for having a cupcake schedule in an easy conference, but I think the Shockers are for real.

## 5. Florida

Florida has two national championships in the past decade, and consistently do well in the tournament and are still somehow ignored and underrated by the media. Billy Donovan's experienced roster has battle injuries all season and still are holding strong with a 13-2 record. They will be even better with a full strength roster and the team is still waiting on All-American Chris Walker to be cleared by the NCAA.

## 4. Michigan State

Tom Izzo's Spartans are a strong 15-1 and with the lone loss coming to a strange UNC team that also scored wins over Louisville and Kentucky but dropped ugly losses to Belmont and UAB. Let's call it a fluke. Michigan State has the talent and experience to succeed for the rest of the year heading into March Madness

## 3. Wisconsin

Bo Ryan's team is still undefeated this year and has been especially impressive at limiting turnovers and hitting the 3-point shot. Don't expect the Badgers to carry an undefeated record into the tournament, but a low turnover rate and efficient shooting will certainly help in a talented Big Ten conference.

## 2. Syracuse

Syracuse has already had some close calls early on in conference play but Jim Boeheim's Orange still boast an undefeated record, and their stout zone defense will continue to bail them out of games when the offense isn't clicking. Syracuse may not have any huge prospects, but they are a solid team and the favorites to win the ACC right now.

## 1. Arizona

Like the Orange, Arizona has had a few close calls against weak teams, but also like the Orange, they have jumped out to an undefeated record. The team recently held Washington to 25 (yes, 25!) points. The squad has quality wins over Duke, San Diego State, and UCLA and are the deserved AP No. 1 team in the country. The Wildcats are the most complete team in college basketball, and right now (though a lot could change over the next few months) and they're my pick as the favorites to take home the trophy in March.



Sophomore Brandon Ashley (No. 21) is averaging 12.2 points per game.



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**CHASE HEATH**  
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# Dixon leads the way in ACC win against Pittsburgh

**CHASE HEATH**  
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First year Clemson women's basketball Head Coach Audra Smith and her team (9-8, 1-2 ACC) claimed their first conference win of the season by beating the Pittsburgh Panthers (9-8, 1-2 ACC), a new addition to the Atlantic Coast Conference, 77-67 Sunday in Littlejohn Coliseum. Smith, after playing basketball for the University of Virginia for four years, served as an assistant on the coaching staff for 10 years before getting her first head coaching opportunity in 2004 for the University of Alabama Birmingham.

She revitalized the UAB women's basketball program, helping them to become one of the best teams in Conference USA and gain national recognition. Clemson women's basketball, which has not had a winning season since 2003-04, hired Smith this season in the hopes that she will be able to do the same thing with this team.

Clemson started the game with a point guard and four wing players in order to pressure Pittsburgh into playing faster and making mistakes. "We knew that their tallest player was going to be about 6 feet tall, so that's why we went with the smaller lineup," Smith said. "We tried to jump out and press, and we thought that would rattle them."

However, that strategy did not work in the early stages of the game, as the Panthers made seven out of their first 10 shots and jumped out to an 18-11 lead. Coach Smith then made the proper adjustments to her game plan, and the Tigers stormed back to take a 28-26 lead near the end of the first half and never gave it back.

"I was surprised we were able to rattle Georgia Tech and not Pitt," Smith said. "But we tried to go court-to-court and that didn't work, so then we settled down and mixed it up with some zone and some man." Pittsburgh, led by Head Coach Suzie



Nikki Dixon (No. 21) was named ACC Women's Basketball Player of the Week.

McConnell-Serio, who is also in her first year as head coach for the Panthers, missed seven of its last eight shots in the first half and trailed 32-28 at halftime.

The second half belonged to the Tigers. They scored 45 points, hitting six out of their first 10 shots, to extend the lead to nine points by the 13-minute mark. Clemson's defense also came up big in the second half, holding Pittsburgh to just 30 percent shooting and increasing

their rebounding advantage over the Panthers in the game to 46-30.

Smith and her team shot 46 percent from the field for the game, including 43 percent from long range. Cora McManus tried to keep her team in it by scoring all nine of her points consecutively for Pittsburgh, cutting the deficit to five with nine minutes left to play, but Clemson's Kelly Gramlich stopped the bleeding by hitting her fourth 3-pointer of the game on the team's next possession.



Kelly Gramlich (No. 5) scored her 100th career 3-pointer against Pitt.

Gramlich finished the game with 14 points. The Tigers scored their final 13 points in the game from the free throw line to seal the 77-67 victory over the Panthers in the first ever conference matchup between the two teams.

Brianna Kiesel, the reigning ACC player of the week, led Pittsburgh in scoring with 29, while Nikki Dixon had a career day for Clemson, leading her team with 29 points and 11 rebounds. Coach Smith praised

the performance of her players after the game: "It was a great effort all the way around ... I'm really proud of the ways the kids played ... and of course, I know y'all are going to ask about Nikki. She continues to do the things we ask her to do. Which is what? Attack the basket. When she does that, we are really hard to stop." The Lady Tigers will face off against the Wake Forest Demon Deacons, another ACC foe, Monday night at 7 p.m. in Littlejohn Coliseum.

## Will they redshirt? Looking at the early enrollees

**ROBERT SNYDER III**  
STAFF WRITER

**Artavis Scott (Tarpon Springs, Fla.)** – WR, 5-11, 180 – The latest offensive weapon snagged from South Florida, Artavis Scott, will amaze some people next season at wide receiver with his blazing speed and big play ability. Scott could be a factor on special teams right away on a team that has lacked game changing plays on special teams. Part of Scott's spectacular playmaking is his effortless change of direction, he reminds me of a more polished, bigger Jacoby Ford. Scott is an elusive speedster, who played a lot of running back in high school, so he should be more durable than some would think. Scott is part of yet another outstanding receiving class at Clemson, this group looks like the second coming of the 2011 class. Look for Scott to have a solid chance of avoiding a redshirt due to the departures of Sammy Watkins and Martavis Bryant. Percent he avoids redshirt: 75 percent

**Chris Register (Greensboro, N.C.)** – LB, 6-4, 240 – This blend of size, speed and closing ability makes Chris Register a very dynamic linebacker prospect with a possible destination of defensive end. Register is an old school, hard-hitting linebacker who could get in the mix right away with the departure of Quandon Christian and Spencer Shuey. But he honestly looks like he could end up at defensive end where the Tigers need more help on defense than linebacker after next season. In his state championship game, Register lined up at defensive end for most of the contest although, he is unfamiliar at the position. He seems more natural around the line and has a nose for the quarterback so here's to seeing Register at defensive end. Register could end up with his hand in the dirt getting after the quarterback or dropping back in coverage and stuffing running lanes but either way Register will be a big deal on this defense in a few years. Percent he avoids redshirt: 40 percent

**Demarre Kitt (Tyrone, Ga.)** – WR, 6-1, 195 – The most "Nuk"-like wide receiver in the class in terms of crisp route running, dependable hands and solid size to go along with quick game speed. Kitt possesses incredible ball skills that landed him in the cross hairs of some of the biggest schools in the country. Once committed to the University of Georgia, this Peach State product has all the tools to be the next premier wide receiver to come through Clemson. Kitt comes in as the most ready to perform of the group in terms of talent, size and speed, and has a great shot to come into the mix at wide receiver early. Kitt is part of the outstanding crop out of Georgia that Dabo Swinney has in his 2014 class that looks to reload the talent on offense. Percent he avoids redshirt: 75 percent

**Deshaun Watson (Gainesville, Ga.)** – QB, 6-3, 190 – Watson is the chosen one of Clemson football, much like Willy Korn was years ago, except Watson is ranked much higher nationally, and Watson will have a fighting chance in his first spring with the exit of Tiger great, Tajh Boyd. The accolades have rained on Watson this year, winning the Gatorade State Player of the Year in the loaded state of Georgia. Watson may not end up winning the starting job this year, but he is definitely the future of Clemson football much like Tajh Boyd was upon his arrival in Tigertown. Watson is the prized recruit for offensive coordinator Chad Morris going into his fourth season at Clemson. Morris gets a quarterback that's tailor made for his read option passing attack offense that is subject to shift more towards the run. Percent he avoids redshirt: 60 percent

**Kyrin Priester (Snellville, Ga.)** – WR, 6-1, 185 – Coming out of Fork Union Prep Kyrin Priester is the forgotten man out of Georgia due to serving a year in prep school as opposed to coming in last year with the 2013 class. But Priester is another polished talent out of the Peach State, and he comes in with a leg up so to speak with an extra year of football lifting, practice, maturity, etc. Priester was thought to be the most college ready of the 2013 class, and that's promising if true based on what we saw out of Mike Williams this season. Priester's size, physicality, and maturity could land him some reps offensively and on special teams his freshman year if he can grasp the playbook quickly. All of these incoming wide receivers have a legitimate shot at significant playing time if they can make big plays because this offense lost so much speed and play making ability in its receiving corps. Percent he avoids redshirt: 75 percent



# Three games remain for the National Football League

**RYAN FLINN**  
SPORTS WRITER

In a matchup between the best quarterbacks of the last decade, the AFC Championship between the New England Patriots and the Denver Broncos figures to be a matchup for the ages. Future Hall-of-Fame quarterback Peyton Manning leads the Denver Broncos against another future Hall-of-Famer in three-time Super Bowl winning quarterback Tom Brady. Many expect for this game to be as advertised as these quarterbacks have been known for memorable games against each other over the last decade plus.

## Offense:

Both teams feature pass heavy attacks as they are both led by two future Hall-of-Fame quarterbacks. Both have solid offense lines that give their quarterbacks time to pass to their receivers. Denver features solid receivers Demaryius Thomas, Eric Decker, and former Patriot Wes Welker in the top-ranked passing attack in the NFL during the 2013

season. They also have an emerging tight end Julius Thomas in their attack as well.

Tom Brady of the Patriots has to do more with less this season at receiver and tight end. The Patriots feature Julian Edelman, Danny Amendola, and rookies Aaron Dobson and Kenbrell Thompkins at wide receiver. These receivers had to make up for the loss of former Patriots top receiver Wes Welker after he was signed by the Denver Broncos during the 2013 offseason. They also have to make up for the loss of a favorite Brady target, Rob Gronkowski, who was lost for the season due to an injury, and tight end Aaron Hernandez who was arrested during the 2013 offseason on murder charges.

Both teams feature running back by committee approaches. The Denver Broncos feature lead back Knowshon Moreno in their backfield along with Ronnie Hillman and Montee Ball. The Patriots feature lead backs Stevan Ridley and Legarette Blount in their backfield along with backups Shane Vereen and Branden Bolden.

## Defense:

Both teams, while led by strong defensive-minded head coaches in John Fox (Broncos) and Bill Belichick (Patriots), struggle at times on defense. The Denver Broncos feature a defense that was ranked No. 19 in total defense at the end of the regular season.

The Broncos will be without their top defender, linebacker Von Miller who was injured towards the end of the season. They will also be without one of their top cornerbacks in Chris Harris, who tore his ACL during the Divisional Playoff win against the San Diego Chargers. The Broncos defense will have their work cut out for them against the Patriots' No. 7 ranked offense.

The Patriots finished the 2013 regular season ranked No. 26 in total defense. Like the Broncos defense, the Patriots defense will have their work cut out for them against the top-ranked offense in the NFL during the 2013 regular season.

## Prediction:

This game will be as advertised. It will be a shootout between two future Hall-of-Fame quarterbacks and both defenses will struggle throughout the game. In the end the Broncos win at home by a score of 45-42 in Denver.

NFC Championship — San Francisco 49ers vs. Seattle Seahawks

In contrast to the AFC Championship, the NFC Championship figures to be a defensive battle between the top overall ranked defense from the 2013 regular season in the Seattle Seahawks against the No. 5 ranked defense from the 2013 regular season in the San Francisco 49ers.

## Offense:

Both teams feature read-option heavy attacks led by mobile quarterbacks in Russell Wilson (Seahawks) and Colin Kaepernick (49ers). Both feature pedestrian passing attacks, but both also feature strong running games. Frank Gore leads the San Francisco 49ers' third ranked rushing

attack, while Marshawn Lynch leads the Seattle Seahawks' 4th ranked rushing attack. This game figures to get a heavy dose of running from both Gore and Lynch.

## Defense:

Both teams feature elite defensive units. The Seattle Seahawks feature the top-ranked defense, led by middle linebacker Bobby Wagner and a strong secondary, led by cornerback Richard Sherman.

The San Francisco 49ers feature the fifth ranked defense, led by inside linebackers Navarro Bowman and Patrick Willis, outside linebacker Aldon Smith and 13-year veteran defensive tackle Justin Smith. This game figures to be entertaining for those who love watching a hard hitting and physical game.

## Prediction:

In a strong defensive game, the underdog San Francisco 49ers will come out on top by a score of 17-14 in Seattle and play the Denver Broncos at MetLife Stadium in Super Bowl XLVII.

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## AFC Championship Game



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The bowl victory also provides job security for the coaching staff. A victory in a BCS game is a giant feather in the cap for a football coach. Instability in the coaching staff can set programs back years. It hurts the relationships formed with recruits and the current players. Minimizing turnover on the coaching staff is critical for sustaining success in college football. Winning bowl games and having 11-win seasons are proof that the players and coaches are in sync with one another and working in harmony. It is inevitable that some of Clemson's assistant coaches

will leave for promotions at other schools, but having the BCS victory on Clemson's and Dabo Swinney's resume will help attract bright, up-and-coming coaches to Coach Swinney's staff to replace those who have moved on.

Of course the bowl game victory improves fan morale. It provided a much-needed exclamation point on the 2013 season after the Tigers suffered losses in their biggest games against Florida State and South Carolina. It also gives fans hope going into the offseason that the program is on the right track. This type of confidence in the program could translate into upgrades in facilities and

more investments in the program from both the university and the fans, which is essential to keep up in the arms race that has become college football.

A bowl victory affects a program in so many different areas that extend beyond the field. Clemson's victory in the Orange Bowl has a trickle-down effect on the rest of the program that positively impact the programs momentum both on and off the field going forward. As Coach Swinney mentioned in his post-game interview, Clemson become the first program from the state of South Carolina to win a BCS bowl game, and they will forever be the last.



Tajh Boyd's (No. 10) Orange Bowl victory will pave the way for future success at Clemson.



Dabo Swinney's bowl win will pay dividends on the recruiting department.



Martavis Bryant's (No. 1) early departure opens up a roster spot for Clemson.

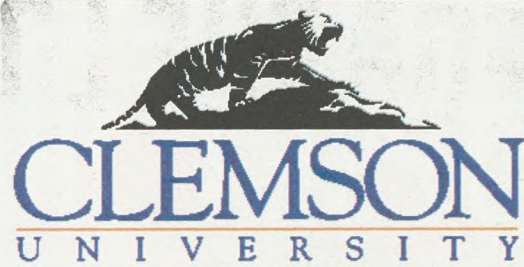


## DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR MAY 2014 GRADUATION IS JANUARY 29, 2014

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## MAY 2014 COMMENCEMENT THREE SEPARATE CEREMONIES

The University will hold three commencement ceremonies on Friday, May 9, 2014 as follows:

### COMMENCEMENT SCHEDULE FOR MAY 9, 2014

**9:30 a.m.**

Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences  
Engineering and Science  
Library  
Staff

**2:30 p.m.**

Architecture, Arts and Humanities  
Health, Education and Human Development  
Staff

**6:30 p.m.**

Business and Behavioral Science  
Staff

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really get into the game, including the student sections. You could tell that even as Duke's lead got closer and closer, there were still quite a few fans who thought that the game would have the same ending as usual, despite a different script.

Until Clemson finally tied the game with a little over five minutes left in the game, the crowd finally started making consistent noise and cheers, which essentially means that it took about three-quarters of the game to pass before Tiger fans really started to believe.

Of course Head Coach Brad Brownell and his Clemson basketball team always knew they had a chance to win, but the fans were much more reluctant to concede to those thoughts given the rollercoaster ride that has been Brownell's tenure.

If Brownell can get a more consistent performance out of his basketball team, it wouldn't take over half the game for the crowd to get excited. Even Duke's Head Coach Mike Krzyzewski commended the Clemson crowd and their support after the game.

"They came out and they were great," Krzyzewski said. "When we see a team on tape, it's not necessarily the team or the crowd that's going to show up for our game. Again, they were outstanding. Their crowd, everything. They were obviously the most deserving of winning."

The thing is, Brownell knows that having a crowd is as important as having a good performance on the court, but he has to do a better job with convincing "Tiger Nation" that Clemson will have more games and moments like the one against Duke, rather than the blunder that was played against Florida State.





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# CLEMSON "STORMS" BACK TO UPSET DUKE

**AARON RANDELL**  
SPORTS EDITOR

In his fourth year, Clemson's Head Coach Brad Brownell had yet to experience a home win that resulted in Tiger fans storming the court.

On a rainy Saturday afternoon in Littlejohn Coliseum, it seemed fitting that the student sections poured onto the court after beating then-ranked No. 16 Duke, 72-59.

"This was certainly a great team win," Brownell said. "I'm really proud of our players for showing a lot of resiliency, not only with the quick turnaround but also from halftime. I thought we played exceptionally well in the second half and gained confidence throughout the game on both sides."

The Tigers started their first half out with a 5-0 lead on the Blue Devils, not allowing a Duke field goal until nearly threeminutes of the game had passed. Duke came into the game averaging 82 points per game, mainly led by Jabari Parker and Rodney Hood, a freshman and sophomore respectively.

Clemson was able to force contested 3-pointers throughout the first half, often resulting in defensive rebounds, helping them to stay in the game up into the half, where they trailed 37-31. The Tigers were able to close the gap late in the first half thanks to a 3-pointer by K.J. McDaniels followed by a Damaracus Harrison dunk.

McDaniels finished with a game-high 24 points, 17 of which came in the first half of action.

After shooting 44 percent from the field in the first half, Duke shot a dismal 25 percent in the second and went cold from behind the arc, making just three of their 14 attempted 3-pointers.

Ultimately, Duke's poor shooting from downtown led to several Clemson rebounds, as the Tigers ended up out-rebounding the Blue Devils 48-30.

With 9:28 remaining in the game, Clemson's Jaron Blossomgame received a pass from Adonis Filer, that Blossomgame shot from 3-point-land to give Clemson a 52-50 lead, their first since early in the second half.

Blossomgame, a red-shirt freshman, finished the game with his first career double-double with 14 points and 14 rebounds.

The Tigers would never trail again in the game and even held Duke without a field goal in the remaining 6:28 in the game.

"As the game wore on and we gained confidence, I think we did a good job of keeping Duke from making a big run," Brownell said. "Our defense was terrific after halftime and that was what enabled us to [win]. We're known for our defense and I think every good program stands for something. If you don't have something that your program stands for, you're going to struggle."

"If you don't have something that your program stands for, you're going to struggle."  
-Brad Brownell

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# NFL mock draft: Pre-combine picks

**DALLAS CHILDERS**  
STAFF WRITER

The 2013 college football season has come to an end, and after an exciting year, many elite graduating seniors and declaring juniors have set themselves up to enter their name into the NFL draft on May 8-10.

Here are my projected picks for 1-11

**1.) Houston Texans — Jadeveon Clowney, Defensive End, South Carolina**

It's easy to have the Texans drafting a quarterback with the first overall pick, but with all the pieces Houston already has, they can afford to draft a quarterback in a later round or sign a veteran. Adding Clowney to the Texans alongside pro bowler J.J. Watt, would instantly make the Texans defense one of the more feared defenses in the National Football League.

**2.) St Louis Rams — Jake Matthews, Offensive Tackle, Texas A&M**

With the addition of Tavon Austin from last years draft and the emergence of running back Zac Stacy, the Rams are improving under new head coach Jeff Fisher. It's prudent to take the best offensive lineman available here in order to protect Sam Bradford who will be coming off an injury next year.

**3.) Jacksonville Jaguars — Teddy Bridgewater, Quarterback, Louisville**

Bridgewater is talked about as the most likely candidate from this year's class of quarterbacks to be selected first. The Jaguars lack a franchise quarterback and Bridgewater would be a very respectable reboot for the franchise.

**4.) Cleveland Browns — Johnny Manziel, Quarterback, Texas A&M**

Johnny Cleveland. You heard it here first. Brandon Weeden is far from the answer for the Browns.

**5.) Oakland Raiders — Blake Bortles Quarterback, UCF**

Oakland should be looking to draft a quarterback here, and Blake Bortles could likely be the pick. A big quarterback with tremendous arm strength, Bortles shot up the board with a great season and performance in the Fiesta bowl against Baylor.

**6.) Atlanta Falcons — Anthony Barr, Linebacker, UCLA**

The Falcons suffered from many injuries last season, and should be looking to draft a player to improve their pass rush. If Clowney somehow falls, anticipate him to be the sure fire Falcons selection. Otherwise, Anthony Barr would be a great selection to improve the questionable Falcons defense.

**6.) Tampa Bay Buccaneers — Sammy Watkins, Receiver, Clemson**

He is a pretty easy pick here, so don't be surprised if Watkins is picked earlier in the draft or if someone trades up to acquire his services. Watkins will walk into the league ready to make a significant impact with his playmaking ability on the field.

**7.) Minnesota Vikings — Tajh Boyd, Quarterback, Clemson**

Some people have Boyd going in the first round, and some people have him falling into the third. It's hard to see a team like the Vikings not fall for the prolific Tajh Boyd. After a six touchdown performance in the Orange Bowl, and over 100



Jadeveon Clowney (No. 7) has spent most of this season as main stay top-5 pick in numerous mock drafts.

yards rushing, Boyd proved once again that he possesses all the necessary skills for a quarterback in the NFL. In a quarterback league, teams will draft anyone they feel can help their team, and they will not hesitate to do it in the first round. For example: Tim Tebow, Blaine Gabbert, Christian Ponder, Jake Locker, EJ Manuel, Brandon Weeden, etc. The Vikings need a quarterback, and Boyd would be an excellent fit.

**8.) Buffalo Bills — Khalil Mack, Linebacker, Buffalo**

Buffalo should look to improve their defense going into year two of the EJ Manuel project.

**9.) Detroit Lions — Darqueze Dennard, Cornerback, Michigan State**

At the time of this mock draft, Detroit has yet to sign a new coach. Nevertheless, the Lions have a need in pass defense. Dennard would be a significant improvement to one of the weaker pass defenses in the league.

**10.) Tennessee Titans — Derek Carr, Quarterback, Fresno State**

Another quarterback taken in the first round, the Titans, with a new head coach, could be looking to hit

the reset button on their offense. Jake Locker has been questionable with injuries and Ryan Fitzpatrick is over 30. Carr could be the pick as he looks to have a more successful career than his brother.

**11.) New York Giants — Greg Robinson, Offensive Tackle, Auburn**

The Giants should put a real emphasis on protecting Eli Manning in this draft and also look for a tackle that can reestablish their run game. Robinson was an excellent run blocker at Auburn and could be a real improvement for the Giants offensive line.

## Beasley to return for senior season

**AARON RANSDELL**  
SPORTS EDITOR

The ACC sack leader announced on Wednesday that he will be returning for his senior season at Clemson University. Vic Beasley, who has made a prominent name for himself during his tenure as a Tiger, had contemplated his decision on whether to turn pro or not up until the day of the deadline — Jan 15.

Beasley finished as a first-team All-American selection by USA Today and was selected as a second-team All-American by the Associated Press.


During the Clemson's Discover Orange Bowl game against Ohio State, Beasley recorded four tackles for loss and a sack.

The Adairsville, Ga. native has only notched one season as a starter in his career but is eight sacks shy of the school record of 28 set by Michael Dean Perry and Gaines Adams.

Beasley helped Clemson to their highest final season ranking at No. 7.



Vic Beasley (No. 3) led the ACC in total sacks in his first year as a starter.

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**HOKIES** *from page C1*

Zegeren's jumper and Christian Beyer's layup for the Hokies induced a Brad Brownell timeout with the game even at 17.

The Tigers trekked into halftime with a 25-24 lead that lasted until Jarrell Eddie's 3-pointer three minutes into the second half, which signaled an 8-2 run over another three minutes for the Hokies' largest lead of the game at 36-30.

A pair of layups from Devin Wilson were sandwiched around a 5:06 field goal-less drought for Virginia Tech, as the Tigers took advantage with a 10-0 run on the back of 3-pointers from Harrison and Filer, respectively, for a 40-36 lead midway through the half.

After McDaniels guided a 3-pointer into the hoop for a 49-43 Clemson lead with four minutes to play, the Hokies clawed back to tie it before the pivotal

possession and three-point play from Filer.

The Tigers improved to 25-2 under Brownell when holding an opponent to 50 points or less, and Virginia Tech's season-low 49 points marked the second straight opponent Clemson has stifled to its lowest point total this year (Duke).

Starting 2-0 on the road in ACC for just the fifth time in history, Clemson travels home to host Wake Forest at 4 p.m. on Saturday in Clemson, S.C.



Damarcus Harrison (No. 21) has settled nicely into his role as a bench player.



Jaron Blossomgame (No. 5) has hit a hot-streak heading into ACC play.

# ACROSS THE DESK

Aaron Ransdell  
Sports Editor

It's that time of the year again when playoff dreams are broken or fulfilled. Both games feature equal battles, and both are not devoid of their storylines.

In the AFC matchup between the Broncos and the Patriots, I really can't see Denver losing twice to the Patriots, especially with this matchup at home. I know the Broncos are struggling right now on defense, but when their offense clicks, it doesn't need much help from the defensive side of the ball. New England behind the leadership of Tom Brady has somehow emerged as a running offense in the wake of their receiving weapons underperforming. What the difference is in this game is not the Patriots can run the ball on the Broncos, but whether they will take advantage of the holes in Denver's secondary. In the end though, this one for me comes down to the one guy who seems to want this the most — Peyton Manning.

With Manning at home, I find it hard to believe that the Patriots are going to be able to overcome the No. 1 seed in the AFC.

Broncos 31 — Patriots 24

The NFC matchup between the Seahawks and 49ers for me has entirely different storylines, with two younger quarterbacks with two extremely talented defenses. Everyone talks about how hard it is to beat Seattle at home and while this may be true, I don't find it as true as most would have you believe. The 49ers have an out-of-this world line backing corp. and they know how to shut down talented quarterbacks. Just ask Aaron Rodgers and Cam Newton. Russell Wilson has the talent to break open games, but they have been inconsistent down the stretch. Alternating wins and losses to end the last five games of the season (including one loss at home,) this team is far from playing their best football. At the end of this game, I think we're going to see 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick lifting the NFC Championship trophy on his way to his second straight Super Bowl.

49ers 20 — Seahawks 17

Chase Heath  
Asst. Sports Editor

The top-seeded Denver Broncos will host the second-seeded New England Patriots in the AFC Championship Game. Denver will come in as a six point favorite, and rightly so, after finishing the regular season tied with the Seattle Seahawks for the best record in the NFL at 13-3, and having arguably the best quarterback in NFL history in Peyton Manning. The Broncos have broken multiple NFL records this season with their league leading offense and solid defense. The New England Patriots, led by quarterback Tom Brady, have been plagued with injuries on both sides of the ball all season. The Patriots have still managed to have success with Brady throwing the ball and armed with a trio of running backs they have had much success over the past few games. However, New England's defense ranks in the bottom half

of the league, and will be unable to stop Peyton Manning and his high-flying offense. The Broncos punch their ticket to the Super Bowl first with a win over the Patriots.

Broncos 31 — Patriots 24

The NFC Championship game will follow with the top-seeded Seattle Seahawks playing host to the No. 5 seed San Francisco 49ers. Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson and his team enters this game as a three and a half point favorite over the 49ers. Both teams have less than stellar offenses but top-five defenses — the Seahawks having the best in the league. This game will be a low-scoring affair and will be decided by who can make the most plays on offense. Crowd noise will also be a factor as the fans will be as loud as they can get helping Seattle uphold their reputation as having the loudest stadium in the league. The Seahawks will defeat the 49ers and meet Denver in Super Bowl XLVIII at MetLife Stadium in New York.

Seahawks 17 — 49ers 14



# NBA FIRST HALF POWER RANKINGS

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STAFF WRITER

Let's rank the NBA teams from worst to best, giving each team a suggestion on a Resolution we'd like to see them make in the New Year.

## 30. MILWAUKEE BUCKS

**GIVE US MORE GREEK FREAK.**

We need more Greek Freak. Rookie, Giannis Antetokounmpo is a 19-year-old Greek import with a physical frame and raw athleticism that doesn't even make sense. He's like Paul George mixed with Kevin Durant, except he's not even done growing. He's 6-foot-10 now but is expected to hit 7-foot-1, all with the athletic ability of a guard. He's still very, very, raw but provides a few "wow" plays every game and is literally the only reason to watch the bucks.

## 29. LOS ANGELES LAKERS

**SIT HOME.**

Did Kobe come back too early? Probably. But who knows with injuries nowadays? They don't matter now; all that matters is that he's 35 and coming off two injuries, and even in 2006, Kobe couldn't carry this pieced-together Lakers roster to a playoff spot in the loaded Western Conference. Sit Kobe, tank, draft your next franchise player and try again next year.

## 28. ORLANDO MAGIC

## 27. BOSTON CELTICS

## 26. PHILADELPHIA 76ERS

## 25. UTAH JAZZ

**KEEP IT UP.**

These four teams have done as remarkable a job setting themselves up for this year's draft as anyone. They've spent the past year dumping bad salaries and veterans who don't want to stick around for the rebuilding process. They've gotten back draft picks and trade assets while still keeping and developing their young talent. They're losing while still playing hard, giving fans great hope for the future. Orlando (Victor Oladipo and Nikola Vucevic) and Philly (Michael Carter-Williams and Nerleans Noel) both have two great young players to build around. Utah finally has a point guard in Trey Burke, and Boston has one of the best young coaches in the league in Brad Stevens, who has his guys buying into his system and playing very hard. Philly, Boston and Utah each have two first round picks this year, and Orlando could join them if they trade All-Star caliber guard Arron Afflalo before the trade deadline. All three have done a remarkable job positioning for his years loaded draft — we'll just have to see which way the balls bounce on lottery night.

## 24. CLEVELAND CAVALIERS

## 23. CHARLOTTE BOBCATS

**DRAFT BETTER.**

The Bobcats seem to have finally found their coach in Steve Clifford, who had the team third in defensive efficiency before some crippling injuries. The Cavs on the other hand brought back Mike Brown. Surprise, it hasn't worked. Other than Kyrie Irving (Cleveland) and Kemba Walker (Charlotte), these teams have been abysmal in drafting recently. If they hit on just one or two more of the countless picks they've had over the past five years, they could be sitting in a position like the Thunder were a few years ago. Instead, each is stuck building around one borderline-franchise player with underwhelming role players in a city where big free agents won't sign. Do better Cleveland and Charlotte, do better.

## 22. DETROIT PISTONS

**CHANGE IT UP.**

This team has a ton of talent, but none of it fits together. When playing together, the trio of big men — Andre Drummond, Greg Monroe, and Josh Smith — has been great offensively but abysmally defensively. The Pistons are expected to move Monroe, a free agent this year, by the break, so we'll see how that helps. In the meantime, coach Mo Cheek's seat is very hot right now.

## 21. NEW ORLEANS PELICANS

**GET HEALTHY.**

They have a future superstar franchise player in Anthony Davis. They have a group of talented sidekicks with Jrue Holiday, Tyreke Evans, and Ryan Anderson. They have a good young coach in Monty Williams. What they don't have is health. They're set for the next decade, but have been unable to avoid the injury bug thus far, seeing Davis, Holiday, Evans, and Anderson all miss extended time. Get well soon NOLA.

## 20. SACRAMENTO

**GET VETS.**

This team needs veteran leadership in the worst way. And I'm not talking about Rudy Gay who in the last 12 months has seen two teams improve significantly after his departure. I'm talking about guys who have been around the league and played secondary roles to young superstars. The Kings need a true mentor for Demarcus Cousins as well as their promising young point guard and Most Improved Player candidate Isaiah Thomas Jr., to teach them what it really means to represent an NBA team as the franchise player. Cousins's antics on and off the court bring us endless entertainment, but they aren't exactly what you want from the guy you want to lead you to a title.

## 19. WASHINGTON

**SHOOT MORE THREES.**

The NBA as a whole has been gravitating towards this for the past few years. Washington is fifth in the league as a team, hitting 38 percent of their threes, but only attempt the 16th most. If they can spread the floor more, that only provides John Wall, already playing at an All Star level, with more opportunities to penetrate.

## 18. BROOKLYN NETS

## 17. NEW YORK KNICKS

**WIN.**

That may seem kind of obvious, but it holds truer for the New York teams than maybe any team in the league. Both teams paid well above the salary cap for pricy veterans and traded away all of their picks for the foreseeable future. There is no lottery pick awaiting either team if they fail to make the playoffs this year, and fans are not shy about voicing their displeasure.

## 16. CHICAGO BULLS

**CHOOSE A DIRECTION.**

After losing Derrick Rose for the season a second straight year, the Bulls are at a real crossroads. The front office just traded away franchise stalwart Luol Deng in hopes of tanking for a chance at the lottery this year. That would seem to be the smart play, but is the furthest thing from the minds of coach Tom Thibodeau and what's left of a very proud group of veterans. Those guys will do all they can to make the playoffs, which could result in Thibodeau and the team parting ways this offseason. It's a messy situation in Chicago.

Check back next Friday for part two, where we rank 15 through one.



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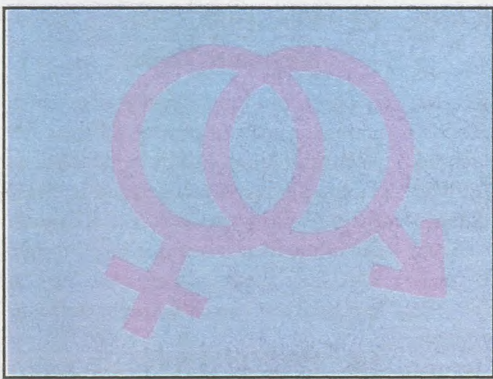
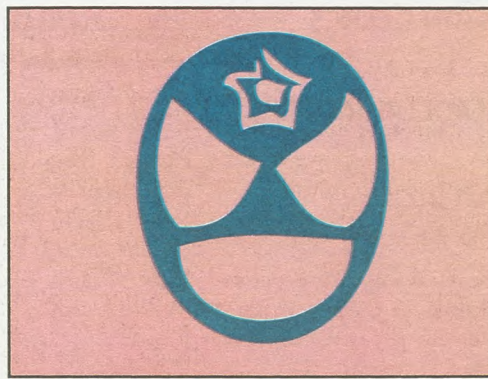


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# PENDEMONIUM IN THE CLASSROOM

## I, of the Tiger

There is an epidemic sweeping across college classes. A pox so vicious, it threatens to destroy the very foundation of education — the foundation of overpriced textbooks and underpaid professors.

### The pox is pen and paper.

When students originally began using pen and paper in class, it seemed like a revolutionary way to change education. Students could take notes quickly and efficiently and organize them in a notebook. However, it took a turn for the worse when pen and paper slowly began disrupting class. The problem being, many students' hamster brains cannot manage under the duress of both class plans and the infinite temptation of pen and paper.

While the idea of pen and paper is well meaning and can be used for decent purposes, it creates unnecessary distractions and limits class discussion. Pen and paper allow students to access a multitude of distractions, such as doodling and writing, which eventually lead to a class full of students staring down at their sheets of paper, completely taken away from the world. I, myself, am even guilty of being distracted by pen and paper. When I had to take several calculus classes that would have absolutely no bearing on my life and were a complete waste of my time, I wrote a heavy-handed satire with pen and paper.

This problem is growing worse every day. We need to do away with pen and paper. We need to eradicate them from higher learning. We need to toss them into the dumpster with abandon.

### We need to use the stone tablet and chisel.

Yes. I believe that by using the tablet and chisel, higher learning will return to its former glory days, when men were strong and women weren't allowed to vote. Pen and paper breeds distraction — doodles, bad fan fiction, love notes slipped between hands — and attention is taken away from the true star of the show.

Ellen Meny  
Columnist



The lesson itself? No, of course not — the professor. Don't be stupid. This is what happens when students use pen and paper too much.

Of course, when this grand plan is in its first stages, students may grumble or complain. While their hamster brains may be too puny to realize that this is in their benefit, they will learn eventually. Pen and paper have corrupted them, and the absolute only remedy is to return to the good old pre-Gutenberg days. Those with learning disorders will be cast aside to rot, but wouldn't Darwin have wanted it that way?

Actually, even Aristotle had something to say about youth and their distractions. As the wise man once said, "I be the body dropper, the heartbeat stopper/Child educator plus head amputator."

Actually, I'm not sure if Aristotle said that. I can't really fact-check because I'm carving this article on a stone tablet. In conclusion, ban the notebook and pen! Embrace the tablet and chisel! And remember, always restrict the free flow of knowledge.



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# Let's Take a Walk

**Claire Spellberg**  
Staff Writer

With the New Year comes new resolutions, and it's no secret those resolutions often involve becoming a healthier version of our 2013 selves. Clemson students have taken to their resolutions to lose weight, get toned or log some cardio time with gusto — just go to Fike anywhere between 2 to 8 p.m. and try to find a free treadmill (you won't).

While it may feel like it'll take months of going to the gym in order to even come close to accomplishing your New Year's goals, I'm here to offer you a glimmer of hope as you head into 2014 at a speed of 6.5 and an incline of 3.0.

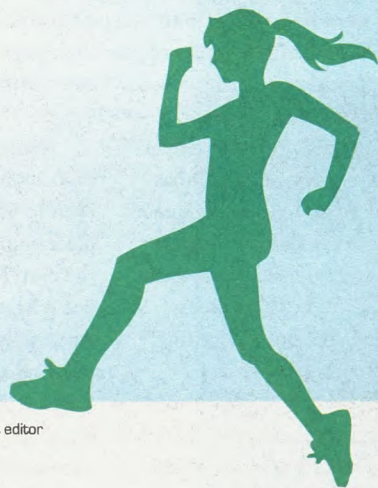
## You're already doing better than you think!

But how's that possible? Every time I get to Fike it's so packed that I have no choice but to turn around and head home! Here's how it's possible: because you made the effort to walk to the gym (and unfortunately, right back home), you've found a way to get those steps in and still remain active even though that activity may not be the most strenuous or sweat-inducing. In fact, just by coming back to campus and starting classes, I bet you're moving around more than you did over break because let's face it: you sat in bed watching Netflix until it was time to walk to the car to get Chipotle.

As college students, walking is our only means to get around campus. Even if you drive, we all know how disastrous Clemson's parking situation

is, so from time to time, you're more than likely find yourself trudging from the depths of C-02 across campus to class. All this walking does a body good — even if that walking is in the general direction of Wendy's before it closes at 2 a.m. (well, that may be a stretch).

What I'm trying to say is this: by being a Clemson student, you are moving positively towards whatever your New Year's resolution may be. Now, that doesn't mean just because you walk to and from class all the time you can park yourself in Harcombe at the dessert station, but it does mean that you are consistently staying active throughout the day, a key to achieving any health-related goal. So lace up those sneakers and resist the urge to call Tiger Transit — the healthier, 2014 edition you embraces the walk.



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# TOPPING IT OFF

**Matthew Castello**  
Staff Writer



Recently, my roommate decided he would like to purchase a hat. You know, for his head. The only problem was he didn't think he could pull off wearing a hat. Meanwhile, another of my roommates can pull off wearing any cap that graces the top of his majestic, hat-touting noggin. So what distinguishes those who are able to top off their outer appearance and those who cannot? And when might be the appropriate time to don such articles of outerwear?

First off, nothing, except perhaps a strong will and desire to bravely brandish such an asset, distinguishes those who can from those who cannot "pull off" wearing a hat. The thing is some people simply look better wearing a hat. Like Johnny Depp. That dude loves sporting hats. Just ask Google Images. I think there needs to be some kind of recognition on the part of the wearer about whether he or she feels they can look fresh in a cap. For me personally, I used to have a buzz cut, and I slipped on a hat quite frequently. Nowadays, my hair's longer, and I don't go to the cap-closet as much. It's all about feel. So for roommate A, who wanted a new hat, we eventually found him one that he really dug, and we convinced him it looked good on his particular head.

Now you might be asking yourself, but when can I wear a hat? It is this writer's belief that a gentlemen should look to avoid wearing hats indoors (unless he is having a horrendous hair day. Then we don't want to see his Chewbacca-nly misplaced hair either). It's a courtesy thing. Granted our society may not be

as chivalrous as in decades past, but it's still a noble thought. It's also an act of professionalism and who doesn't want to be professionally professional?!

Girls seem to have more leeway. It's almost as if they've developed a greater sense of self when it comes to hats because females appear to differentiate better between the cap and T-shirt look and the fancier, dressed-up look. As for when hats can and should be worn — sporting events. No one looks out of place wearing a hat to a game. It's a sign of fandom and team support.

I should have prefaced this all by mentioning that I am in no way, shape or form a fashion expert. But I do like hats. And I have lots of them from when I was younger. I can't pinpoint exactly when hats lost some of their luster, but these days they just don't seem as prevalent. There are certain types of hats that people still choose to don; snapbacks seem to be the preferred option, as I see it, around this college campus. Although, I do see what I call "crush" hats frequently as well. Whether it's a Clemson hat or a cowboy hat, top hat or the snapback, use your thinking cap to find the perfect hat for your head.



## WHAT'S going ON

**Those Darlins**  
The EARL

Atlanta, Ga.

9 p.m.  
\$10



FRIDAY  
17  
JANUARY

**Of Montreal**  
The Grey Eagle

Asheville, N.C.

8 p.m.  
\$18



FRIDAY  
17  
JANUARY

**Mood Rings**  
The EARL

Atlanta, Ga.

10:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.  
\$8



SATURDAY  
18  
JANUARY

**Black Lips Concert**  
The Georgia Theater

Athens, Ga.

9 p.m.  
\$15



SATURDAY  
18  
JANUARY

**Contra Dance**  
River Falls Lodge

River Falls Lodge, S.C.

8 p.m. - 11 p.m.  
\$8 Adults/\$5 kids



SATURDAY  
18  
JANUARY

**Against Me!**  
40 Watt Theatre

Athens, Ga.

8 p.m.  
\$14-16



TUESDAY  
21  
JANUARY

**SHINE - A singer/  
songwriter competition**  
The Handlebar

Greenville, S.C.

6:30 p.m.  
\$10



WEDNESDAY  
22  
JANUARY

**Disclosure with Vic Mensa  
and Samo Sound Boy**  
The Tabernacle

Atlanta, Ga.

8 p.m.  
\$28



WEDNESDAY  
22  
JANUARY

**Rock n' Roll Gold**  
Centre Stage

Greenville, S.C.

8 p.m.  
\$20-30



THURSDAY  
24  
JANUARY

**New/Favorites: Full Radius  
Dance in Concert**  
7 Stages Theatre

Atlanta, Ga.

8 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
\$20



THURSDAY  
24  
JANUARY



## THIS WEEK'S RELEASES:

Forever  
**Painted Palms**  
★★★★☆



Property of label Polyvinyl

TimeOut says:

This is the first album for San Francisco cousins Reese Donohue and Christopher Prudhomme. Their music has a heavy electric vibe and an indie feel with a consistent beat. Overall the duet feels familiar yet unique – no small feat.

The River & The Thread  
**Rosanne Cash**  
★★★★☆



Property of label Blue Note

TimeOut says:

Rosanne Cash's album is a country-folk tribute to a slow paced restful south. The tracks seem minimalist. Each song is purely Cash's sultry smooth voice against a backdrop of paced, pizzicato guitar and percussion.

Grassed Inn  
**Blank Realm**  
★★★★☆



Property of label Fire Records

TimeOut says:

This is the fourth release from the Australian indie quartet and has been hailed as the group's tightest performance. Warbling harmonies overlay heavy guitar chords that are often surprisingly catchy. The album is worth a listen for indie-lovers.

High Hopes  
**Bruce Springsteen**  
★★★★☆



Property of label Columbia

TimeOut says:

Bruce Springsteen's newest album has gotten a lot of positive press. Springsteen's gravelly rock and roll voice is backed by upbeat, lighter guitar. It's catchy yet soulful.

## Rising to the Challenge in:

# Katie's Kitchen

Welcome back, my food-lovin' readers! Over break I found myself gorging more and more on those fantastic carbohydrates, which led me to make more breads, cakes and pastries etc. The easiest recipe I have "mastered" is a crusty loaf of bread, and I guarantee it is easy for those who do not bake.

As most of you know, bread has been around for centuries, and we are so accustomed to having it with almost every meal that the beauty of creating it is almost forgotten. I would prefer fresh baked bread to a loaf found in the grocery store any day of the week. I often wonder why it has taken me so long to realize how quick and easy bread is to make. Whenever you feel the need to make some bread, just remember the key ingredients are flour, salt, water and a leavening agent. Woo-hoo!

Leavening agents are used to add volume to the bread and come from any of the three categories: chemical, physical or biological. Chemical leavening agents include baking soda and baking powder, which are mainly used in quick breads such as banana bread. Physical leavening can be provided by air or steam to incorporate more volume. Lastly, the biological agent, yeast, is used in simple breads like the one I'm discussing in this article.

Before we begin, I would just like to note that I use a covered cast iron pot, but any pot that can withstand the heat of an oven will work just fine. Begin by grabbing a fairly large mixing bowl and a spatula. Then measure and whisk together all-purpose flour, salt and instant yeast. Add the water and mix until a nice dough mixture forms. Now you're done for the day. Give yourself a pat on the back after covering and placing the dough aside. I used plastic wrap to cover and let the dough sit between 12 and 18 hours to proof.

Ready for some of that crispy, crunchy bread, now? Pre-heat your oven to 450 degrees. Once pre-heated, place your covered pot of choice into the oven for half an hour. While the pot is heating, pour the dough onto a heavy flour coated surface. You will be using a lot of flour for this process. I used a pastry cloth for this step, but if you don't have one, any clean surface will do. Knead and fold the dough and shape into a ball-like form. Cover the dough and set it aside until the pot has heated and you're ready to bake.

Now it is time, ladies and gentlemen! Place your dough into the pot, cover and put in the oven. I sprinkled my dough with flour before placing it in the oven because it makes the final product look dusted and

pretty. Set your timers for 30 minutes and watch your favorite sitcom or do homework while waiting. Hint: it's probably a better idea to do your homework.

After 30 minutes, take the lid off (put an oven glove on before you do so, please) and bake for 10 more minutes. I know the suspense is killing you, but I promise slicing through that wonderfully toasted, perfectly golden crust is worth the wait. The kitchen will have a sweet and all-things-wonderful aroma during this entire experience.

The bread should look and taste divine after that last 10 minutes of baking. The best part is tearing off the end of the loaf, hearing the crunchy texture of the crust and relishing the fact that you have created bread. I hope that you will "loaf" this quick and easy bread as much as I do! If you feel like you mastered the simpler version of the recipe, feel free to add other ingredients to the bread that you think will spice it up, such as rosemary, lemon and Gruyere (and I do mean for those to be together). Or try adding cranberry, orange and almond to the mix. It's fun to try different things in bread. Experiment! And as always, happy cooking!

—Kathryn Davis, Columnist

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## Ingredients:

3 cups of  
all-purpose flour  
1 ¾ teaspoons of salt  
½ teaspoon of Instant  
or Rapid-rise yeast  
1 ½ cups of water



## On the Prowl Crush the Crush

As another semester dawns bright and cold on Clemson's campus, the @ClemsonCrushes Twitter account is gearing up for a spring full of delightfully dirty word play, a healthy dose of creeping and plenty missed connections. For those of you who are unaware of this Twitter phenomenon on campus, allow me to explain. @ClemsonCrushes is a Twitter handle, ran by an anonymous Tweeter, that lets Clemson students namelessly announce their crushes to the Twittersphere. Some of the tweets are very specific and call out the hottie by name. Others are more along the lines of "To the hot girl wearing leggings and a Patagonia jacket on the Catbus today, damn you fine. Favorite this," which, let's face it, could be about anyone.

In theory, @ClemsonCrushes is supposed to be a fun, flirty account that might allow for a Romeo to find his lost Juliet after a drunken party make-out where names were forgotten, but the feeling of her lips was not. However, lately it seems like we, Clemson students, are using the account purely to creep on people at Fike. On one hand, the thought of being mentioned as someone's crush on Twitter is motivation enough to get some people to the gym way more than they would have otherwise (and certainly dressed a whole lot sexier than their usual old T-shirt and gym shorts combo).

And hey, if that's what it takes to motivate you to reach your New Year's resolutions, then it sounds like a pretty great system. But on the other hand, don't let this put too much pressure on you when you go to work out. I mean, with that mentality, if you work your biceps at Fike and no one gives you a shout out on @ClemsonCrushes, were you even there? Try not to let the goal of having an anonymous stranger tell the universe you're looking good today drive how you feel your day has gone.

The real downside with @ClemsonCrushes is that it serves as a substitute for talking to each other directly. If you think a girl or a guy is looking good, why is such a bad or scary thing to go up to that person and let them know? When did it become socially unacceptable to give someone a compliment? Let me put it to you this way: if someone came up to you and was like, "You are looking hawt today," would you hate it? No. The answer is always no. Seriously, who doesn't like being complimented? Also, I have to wonder just how likely it is that the supposedly specific yet still rather vague tweet about the hot guy in the plaid shirt riding the Catbus at 2:18 p.m. ever reaches the intended person. Using @ClemsonCrushes is like putting your hookup or relationship destiny in the

hands of fate, even when you have the exponentially more effective option of um, hello, GOING UP TO SOMEONE AND ASKING THEM OUT.

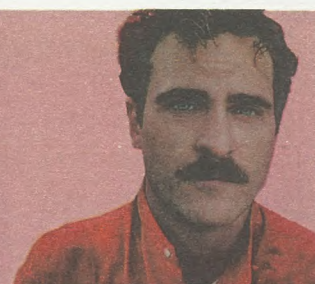
Maybe I'm just bitter because as of yet, no one has tweeted about how sexy Mona Wild is and how they'd give away their favorite pair of Sperrys for a chance to meet her. Regardless, I would encourage y'all to make a New Year's resolution to tell people face-to-face when you're into them. It'd definitely make their day, and hey, maybe they'll end up being the love of your life. I know it can seem scary, but there's really nothing to lose. Either they'll accept the compliment with a thank you, and it will lead to a pleasant conversation or a hangout sesh, or they'll think you're really weird, which is okay because you may actually never see them again. I can't help but think we'd all be having more frequent hookups, relationships and compliments coming our way if we'd put our phones down, and, instead of anonymously emailing our feelings to be broadcast in a tweet that will likely never reach the intended person, actually go up to someone who we think is hot and give them a wink in real life, not an emoticon online.

—Mona Wild

\*This advice is brought to you on behalf of Mona Wild and does not necessarily represent the views of The Tiger.



# It's All About "her"



**Parker Essick**  
Staff Writer



Writer and director Spike Jonze has often presented films entrenched in the slightly absurd ("Being John Malkovich," "Adaptation," "Where the Wild Things Are") and then amazingly inserted a core of heart, wit and imaginative observations of how we connect to one another on a daily basis. His latest film, "her," uses this same wit and heartbreaking observation to analyze what he calls "the slight future" of love and human relationships when our connection to technology has become something constant, intuitive and strangely non-obstructive to daily life.

Joaquin Phoenix brilliantly enacts Theodore Twombly, who lives underneath the only shadow Jonze allows in his futuristic Los Angeles. Having recently gone through a divorce, Theodore spends his free time engaging in strange, late-night sex chatrooms and working for BeautifulHandwrittenLetters.com, where he artificially creates lovely and loving letters for clients—clearly juxtaposing the actual lack of human contact and affection present in his own life. However, on a somber walk around the city, he eyes an advertisement for a new, extremely intuitive, learning, artificially intelligent operating system called "One." Upon downloading the new software, he encounters Samantha (voiced by Scarlett Johansson), whose witty sense of humor and child-like sense of wonder at the

physical world soon draw Theodore out of himself and allow him to see the world in that same, new light.

Inevitably, but strangely, they fall in love: man and semi-technological, incredibly human OS. Jonze takes his audience on a journey that navigates the strangeness of an inter-digital relationship and shows the transformative power of connection, relationships and love. The film treads the line between what is real and what is artificial in the relationships we make, forcing the viewer to re-establish his or her understanding of "real" love in a brilliant (if uncomfortable) sex scene between Theodore and Samantha. As the two talk through Theodore's earpiece, the conversation becomes heated and visceral, with Samantha envisioning herself with a body under his sheets. As the screen fades to black Samantha moans, "I can feel you. I can actually feel you." For her the experience, as she explains the next morning, "woke her up." Undoubtedly, for Theodore, their growing affection has the same effect as he begins to see the world in brighter color, to travel and to spend more time with the friends he had previously come to reject.

Phoenix delivers a powerful performance, presenting a character plagued by melancholy yet inspirationally full of life and curiosity. Together, Jonze and Phoenix create a wonderful Everyman who struggles internally through the same issues we fight against each day, while offering up a solution (e.g. affectionate relationships) in just the slight future and even with the affection of an OS.

Johansson's vocal portrayal of that OS – grittily feminine, inquisitive, and so real – gives the relationship a real pop and dimension when it could so easily confuse (or distract or offend) the audience. Jonze then surrounds the two protagonists with a cast of endearing friends and counterparts, each representing different relationships from which Theodore finds connection: his good friend Amy (Amy Adams), his coworker Paul (Chris Pratt), his ex-wife Catherine (Rooney Mara), a blind date (Olivia Wilde) and even a chatroom partner who wants him to choke her with a dead cat (voiced by Kristen Wiig).

To complement the film's themes of isolation and connection, "her" features brilliant aerial shots of Los Angeles. However, at times, lengthy, artistic shots of settling dusts, falling snow and Theodore's moustache cause the plot to drag and disrupt the flow of an otherwise beautiful love story. Regardless, Jonze's Golden Globe win for Best Screenplay in a Motion Picture this past Sunday affirms his newest film's ingenuity, heart and clever character. It shouldn't be overlooked as a favorite for the Oscars in March.

"Jonze takes his audience on a journey that navigates the strangeness of an inter-digital relationship and shows the transformative power of connection, relationships and love."

## IN THEATERS TODAY:

**Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit**  
☆☆☆☆



TimeOut says:

It's a CIA-spy action flick based on a character by Tom Clancy. There will be fighting, explosions, maverick-ing, Chris Pine and Keira Knightly, but an original plot? Probably not. We're fighting Russians again to save the world.

**Ride Along**  
☆☆☆☆



TimeOut says:

In order to prove himself to his finance's tough cop brother, a tough cop played by Ice Cube, a man spends a day on a ride along patrolling Atlanta, but things get a bit crazy when a notorious criminal gets involved. It's Ice Cube, so expect some outrageousness.

**Devil's Due**  
☆☆☆☆



TimeOut says:

Happy newlyweds have to deal with the most horrifying pregnancy imaginable. Maybe it's the fact that pregnancy is inherently scary or maybe it's the fact that this is horror movie about the birth of the Antichrist. Either way, no need to bring any expectant mothers to this film.



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# HERO-or-VILLAIN?



How do you eat your eggs?

Fried and hard like  
your ripped abs

Scrambled like your  
brains after that  
accident with the  
nuclear generator

Sunny side up like  
your general  
disposition

Raw and eight at a  
time... like Rocky

What do you read?

Fairy Tales

Dickens

Paranormal Romance

Do you read?

Yes

Machiavelli:  
'dat prince knows things.

No

Do you like sports?

ew, no

Yes!!

How do you feel  
about Bella Swan  
and Pip?

Whatevs

KILL THEM

They're holding out  
for my heroics

I prefer:

Eating

Dangerous  
Science

Helping the  
Homeless

Do you...

Fight no  
matter what

Save it  
for the gym

## LAME BYSTANDER

You've got the talent and the vision, but for some reason you've let yourself become the blob-eaten, joker-played, Gaston swayed, and Darth Vader force choked lame bystander. No wonder so few of you survive.



## CHILLIN' VILLAIN

Sauron has his eye on you because he thinks you could bring the house down at Maleficent's next shindig. Be careful: still standing lairs are preferred.



## GOOD GUY GONE ... BETTER

You're a white knight upon a fiery steed. Saint Joan is rooting for you from above and even Loki is happy you're alive.





## IT MIGHT GET LOUD

ANTICIPATED ALBUMS OF THE NEW YEAR

## CLOUD NOTHINGS

Spring 2014

Cloud Nothings' last album, the Steve Albini-produced "Attack on Memory," was one of my favorite releases of 2012. Frontman Dylan Baldi promised that the new album is "noisier, less melodic and less straightforward" than the already hyper and chaotic "Attack on Memory." In late 2013, the band released a teaser video for the new album, indicating an early 2014 release. I can't wait.

Cody Smoldt

Columnist

RUN THE JEWELS:  
RUN THE JEWELS 2

To Be Announced

Last year, Killer Mike and El-P teamed up to release a free collaborative mixtape under the moniker Run the Jewels. The result was an album that aims straight for the jugular. The two rappers possess an astonishing chemistry, considering their differing backgrounds (El-P hails from Brooklyn, and Killer Mike is a bonafide ATLien.). It makes the collaboration between Kanye and Jay on "Watch the Throne" feel fake and lazy. Both rap with super-villain vitriol and a competitive desire to outdo the other. The result is phenomenal. The rappers have already promised a RTJ sequel, and if it is anything like the first, you can count me in.

SCHOOLBOY Q:  
OXYMORON

February 25, 2014

After numerous delays in 2013, the TDE label-mate of Kendrick Lamar has finally released a date for his major label debut, "Oxymoron." After the release of Kendrick's "good kid, m.A.A.d. city," Q said, "Kendrick left me no choice but to drop a classic." If the rest of the album sounds as awesome as lead singles "Collard Greens" and "Man of the Year," and the star studded feature list (Kendrick, 2 Chainz, Danny Brown, Raekwon as well as production from Pharrell, The Alchemist, and Boi-1-da) is accurate, then we might actually get that classic. The album's February release date is just around the corner, so we're about to find out one way or the other.

## FRANK OCEAN

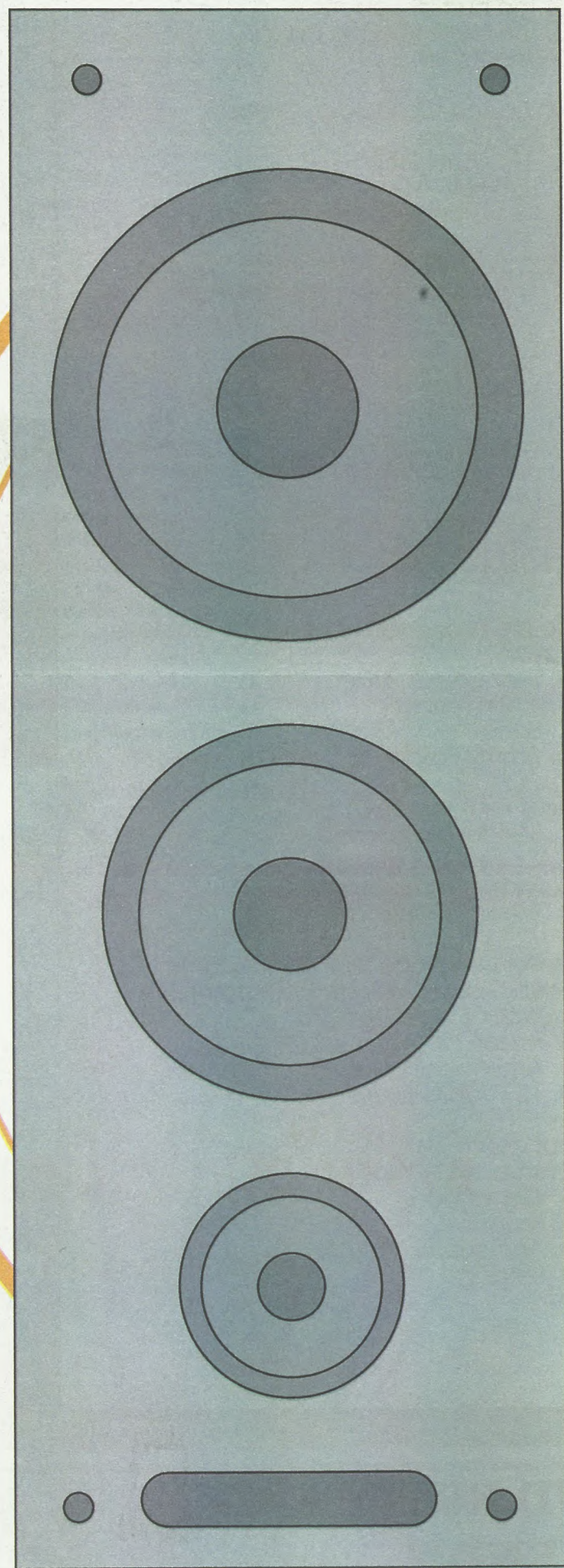
Summer 2014

Frank Ocean's debut "Channel Orange" was one of the most critically acclaimed albums of 2012, but after its release, there were reports that an overwhelmed Frank was considering calling it quits. Thankfully, that didn't happen, and the artist has said on Tumblr he has more music coming in 2014. If it's anything like the post-"Channel Orange" rap track "Blue Whale," it should be a perfect fit for summer. Frank is a supremely talented singer, but he has also shown his rapping chops on the aforementioned "Blue Whale" as well as fellow Odd Future member Earl Sweatshirt's "Sunday." Will Frank rap more on his newest effort? One can only hope.

## KENDRICK LAMAR

To Be Announced

Kendrick Lamar's "good kid, m.A.A.d. city" was my favorite album from 2012, and its competition wasn't even remotely close. The Compton rapper spent much of last year doing shows and ruining other rappers' lives (see Big Sean-Control) but is likely to find time to release the wildly anticipated follow up to his major label debut in 2014. Kendrick was recently featured in a Beats by Dre commercial centered on what sounds like new music. And it sounds awesome as hell. It already felt like Kendrick was running things in 2013, and he didn't even drop an album. Things might get out of hand in 2014.





# Pasatiempos

## The Impossible Quiz

### Beat the Editor

**Tyler Pagliarini**  
Opinions Editor

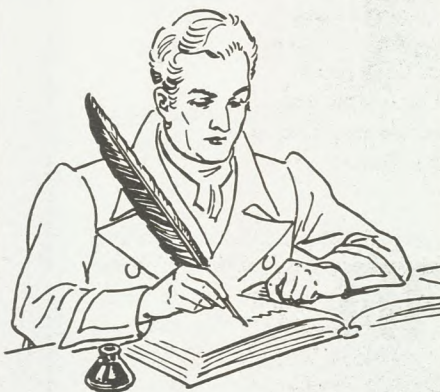
Tyler's answers:

1. The CD/DVD/Disc Drive
2. Amy Poehler AND Tina Fey
3. Philippines
4. 1940s
5. Justin Timberlake
6. Leader of Hamas
7. American Hustle
8. Brazil

Compare your answers with Tyler's by checking below.

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things you can't be:

President  
An astronaut  
Perfect



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You can be a writer  
for TimeOut!

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**AQUARIUS**

Jan. 20 – Feb. 19

Just because you've always done something the same way doesn't mean you always have to. Forget what your friends expect you to do — do what you want to do!



**PISCES**

Feb. 20 – March 20

Your pocket is full of sunshine — share!



**ARIES**

March 21 – April 20

Watch out! If it thunders in January, it will snow within 10 days. Be prepared and make the most of it.



**TAURUS**

April 21 – May 20

Don't be afraid of what is coming. It may seem like a roadblock, but it will only open more doors for a better future.



**GEMINI**

May 21 – June 21

Take the time to sit down, calm down and breathe. Eating chocolate would probably be good for you too.



**CANCER**

June 22 – July 22

Have the courage to hold eye contact - it will only get you what you want.



**LEO**

July 23 – Aug. 23

You've been stuck in a rut, and it's time to step out; try something new even though you think you'll hate it. Like... Jimmy Johns instead of Moe's.



**VIRGO**

Aug. 24 – Sept. 22

If you're constantly afraid of missing out, you should think about what you're afraid of missing and put it in your life yourself.



**LIBRA**

Sept. 23 – Oct. 23

Time is running out. It may not seem like it, but deadlines are important, so make sure you get everything done.



**SCORPIO**

Oct. 24 – Nov. 21

Stop going to All In and check out Moe Joe's coffee. There's opportunity for you there.



**SAGITTARIUS**

Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

Don't be intimidated by age or class. You can rock out with whoever you want to.



**CAPRICORN**

Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

Yes, you should call.

## SUDOKU

Skill Level: ♦♦♦♦♦

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## FIND RUSTY AND FRIENDS!

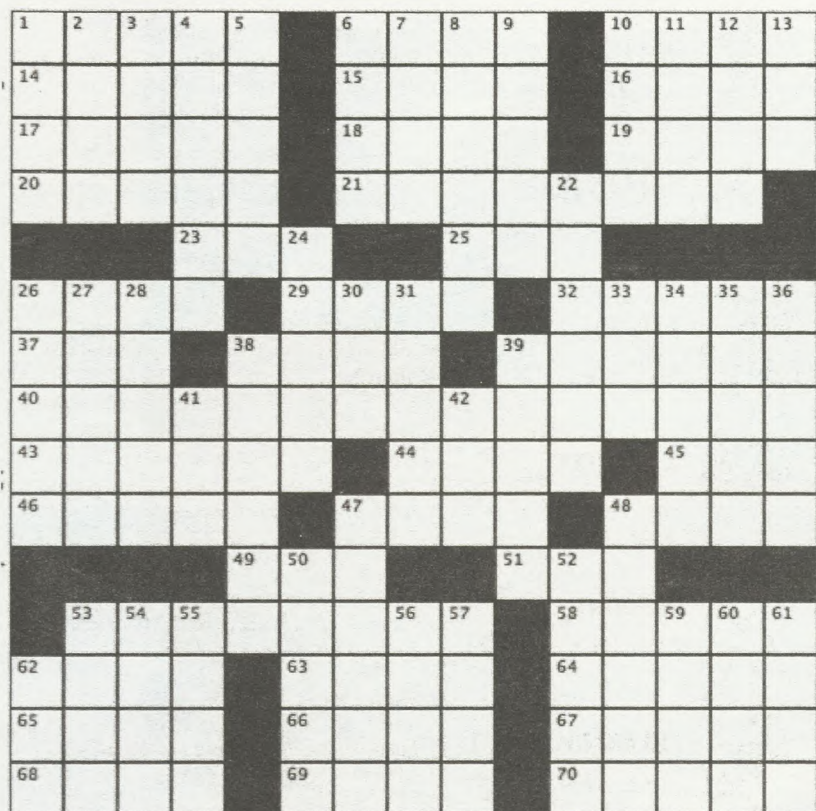
Rusty the Bear and his friends are hidden somewhere inside this edition of The Tiger. Of course, they are much smaller than this. Good luck!



Answers: 1-C, 2-D, 3-D, 4-D, 5-C, 6-C, 7-C, 8-D



## CROSSWORD



## Across

1- Poker declaration;  
6- 11th letter of the Hebrew alphabet;  
10- Waterfall;  
14- Navigators Islands, today;  
15- Understanding words;  
16- Notion;  
17- Eastern;  
18- I did it!  
19- \_\_\_\_ Blanc;  
20- Seed covering;  
21- Cobbler's nail;  
23- Get a move on;  
25- NFL scores;  
26- Be bold;  
29- Nerve network;  
32- Mild cigar;  
37- Zeta follower;  
38- Overdue;  
39- Closer;  
40- In spite of;  
43- Entirely;  
44- Put down;  
45- RR stop;  
46- Gangster Lansky;  
47- \_\_\_\_ California;  
48- Incline;  
49- Wind dir;

51- Rapping Dr.;

53- Common insect;  
58- Words on a Wonderland cake;  
62- Jamaican exports;  
63- Courts;  
64- Nonsense;  
65- End in \_\_\_\_ (draw);  
66- Author \_\_\_\_ Stanley Gardner;  
67- Early Peruvian;  
68- Cornerstone abbr.;  
69- The back end of something;  
70- Composition;

## Down

1- The wolf \_\_\_\_ the door;  
2- Beer buy;  
3- French friends;  
4- Feel intense aversion;  
5- Polynesian porch;  
6- Sets of equipment;  
7- Quickly, quickly;  
8- Resembling a foot;  
9- Got wind of;  
10- Leg or arm;  
11- Image of a deity;

12- Hawaiian goose;

13- Writer Hentoff;  
22- Rise;  
24- Muse of love poetry;  
26- Fabric of jeans;  
27- Make up for wrongdoing;  
28- In bad shape;  
30- Biblical verb ending;  
31- Inventor Nikola;  
33- Young fellow;  
34- Come up;  
35- \_\_\_\_-car;  
36- Church instrument; 38- Petrol units;  
39- Water nymph;  
41- Trouble;  
42- \_\_\_\_ Mahal;  
47- Previous to;  
48- Discovers;  
50- More current;  
52- Knot again;  
53- Rude dwellings;  
54- Skip over;  
55- Second hand, took advantage of;  
56- "Damn Yankees" role;

57- River of Flanders;  
59- Nervous twitches;  
60- Movie-rating org.;  
61- Start of a counting rhyme;  
62- Actress Charlotte;

Oh, hey there beautiful ...



Never you fear –  
the answers will  
soon be here!  
Check back next  
week for the  
answers.

CAMPUS  
CATWALK

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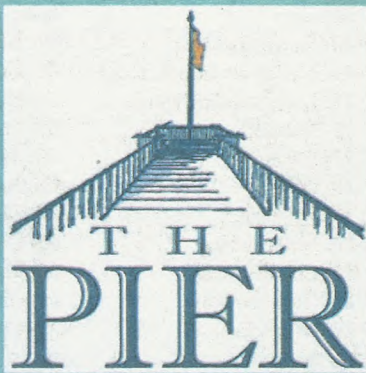
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