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Gingrich takes South Carolina

An increase in voter turnout helped Gingrich push out Romney and other candidates in the S.C. primary.

BEN HINES
STAFF WRITER

This past Saturday, Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) won the pivotal South Carolina primary elections. At the end of the day, tallies showed Gingrich beating his chief competitor, Mitt Romney, by 12 points.

"Newt Gingrich has been on the national stage for more than 20 years," said David Woodard, a professor of political sciences at Clemson. "He is well-known in power circles for his expansive rhetoric, frank language and fierce determination. The Democrats, in their usual self-confident way, probably think Gingrich is so flawed they can easily defeat him — they're wrong."

Just a short time ago, Mitt Romney led by 12 points, coincidentally the same margin that Gingrich won by. When asked why Romney could have fallen behind Gingrich, Woodard said, "A turnaround of 24 points means a lot of things happened. The main catalyst for Gingrich was his debate performance in Myrtle Beach on Monday night."

Myrtle Beach was indeed a turning point for Gingrich's S.C. campaign, and boosted his campaign among members of the Tea Party. Romney's loss is also possibly attributed to voters' concerns about "Romneycare" and his moderate-leaning record.

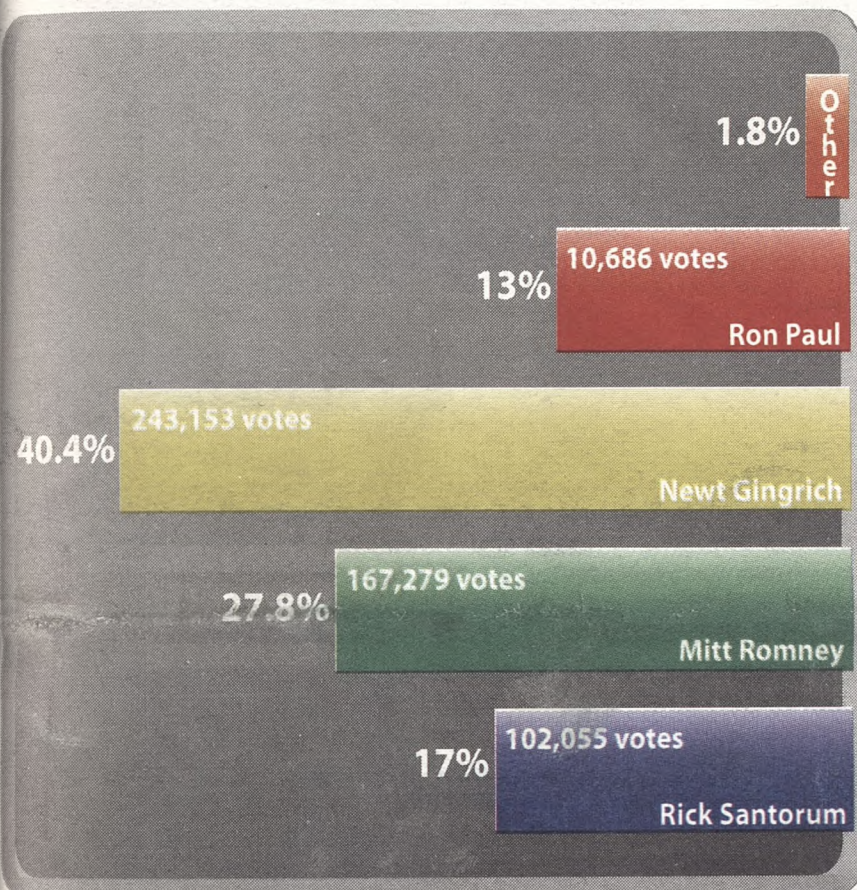
"Rick Santorum came in third and Ron Paul

at a distant fourth. For Santorum and Paul, their respective placing is not as big of a blow as it is to the Romney camp," said Daniel Bolton, a contributing writer to Yahoo News. Gingrich was very pleased with the victory and thanked everyone in South Carolina who came out and voted.

In this primary election, there was a 21 percent increase in voter turnout, which, according to Woodard, is not a huge increase, and could even have been greater had it not been for the rain and negative campaigning. This primary has added a new level to the debate. After this weekend, Mitt Romney himself said, "This race is getting to be even more interesting."

One major question that remains is can Newt Gingrich win the moderate states as well? "In 2008, the only reliable state to vote for the GOP was S.C.," Woodard said. Iowa, New Hampshire, and Florida all leaned towards Obama in 2008, but this year Santorum took Iowa while Romney won New Hampshire. It seems this year will be different from times past.

"... We're now three contests into a long primary season. This is a hard fight because there is so much worth fighting for," Romney said. This is the first time in modern primary election history that three different Republican candidates have won the first three primaries. After the third primary election, Santorum said, "Three states, three winners — what a great country."



CALEB BAILEY/art director

RecycleMania kicks off

Recycling competition aims to clean up local landfills, Clemson aims to clench the title.

KATE RIPLEY
STAFF WRITER

RecycleMania is back and bigger than ever at Clemson University. Recycling Services, along with University Housing and Student Government, has been hard at work to promote this sustainable competition among the Tigers and hopes to place first this year among other ACC universities.

RecycleMania is a nationwide competition between more than 600 universities across the nation to recover as much material from landfills as possible. Last year, more than 91 million pounds of organic and recyclable materials were recovered; Clemson contributed 255,687 pounds and placed second in the ACC, behind the University of Maryland. This year, Clemson students are back and ready to reach a recycling rate of 35 percent on campus and be number one in more than just football. Recycling Services will be partnering with Solid Green, Student Government and University Housing to host events, rallies and informational sessions throughout the Spring 2012 Semester.

"One unique aspect of RecycleMania is that everyone is a competitor," said Bill Rudy, recycling coordinator at Brigham



More than 600 universities compete to recycle the most.

Young University and chair of the RecycleMania Steering Committee. "No one sits on the sidelines. When a student recycles they add to their score and if they throw something away it hurts the school's ranking. With the whole campus in

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Dedicated to the dream

Weeklong events honor the life of MLK.

BRADY BROWN
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Last week marked the 30th anniversary of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration at Clemson University. January 1982 marked the first year a student-organized service was held in Clemson. Over the years the weeklong celebration has continually expanded and come to hold a significant place within the community. This year, the celebration lasted from Jan. 16-19.

The events kicked off Monday with a Day of Service inspired by the life of MLK. Faculty, staff and students spread all over the community to 13 different sites ranging from Walhalla, Seneca, Pendleton and Central, just to

name a few. Opportunities for service varied so people would have the choice of how they specifically wanted to better their community.

One of the highlights of the week, the Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Service occurred Tuesday in Tillman Hall, featuring the theme "Dedicated to the Dream." The service included multiple speakers, a presentation of the 2012 MLK Video Contest Winners and music by the Clemson University Gospel Choir.

The keynote address was provided by the highly respected Harry E. Johnson Sr., Esq., the president of the Washington D.C. Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial Project

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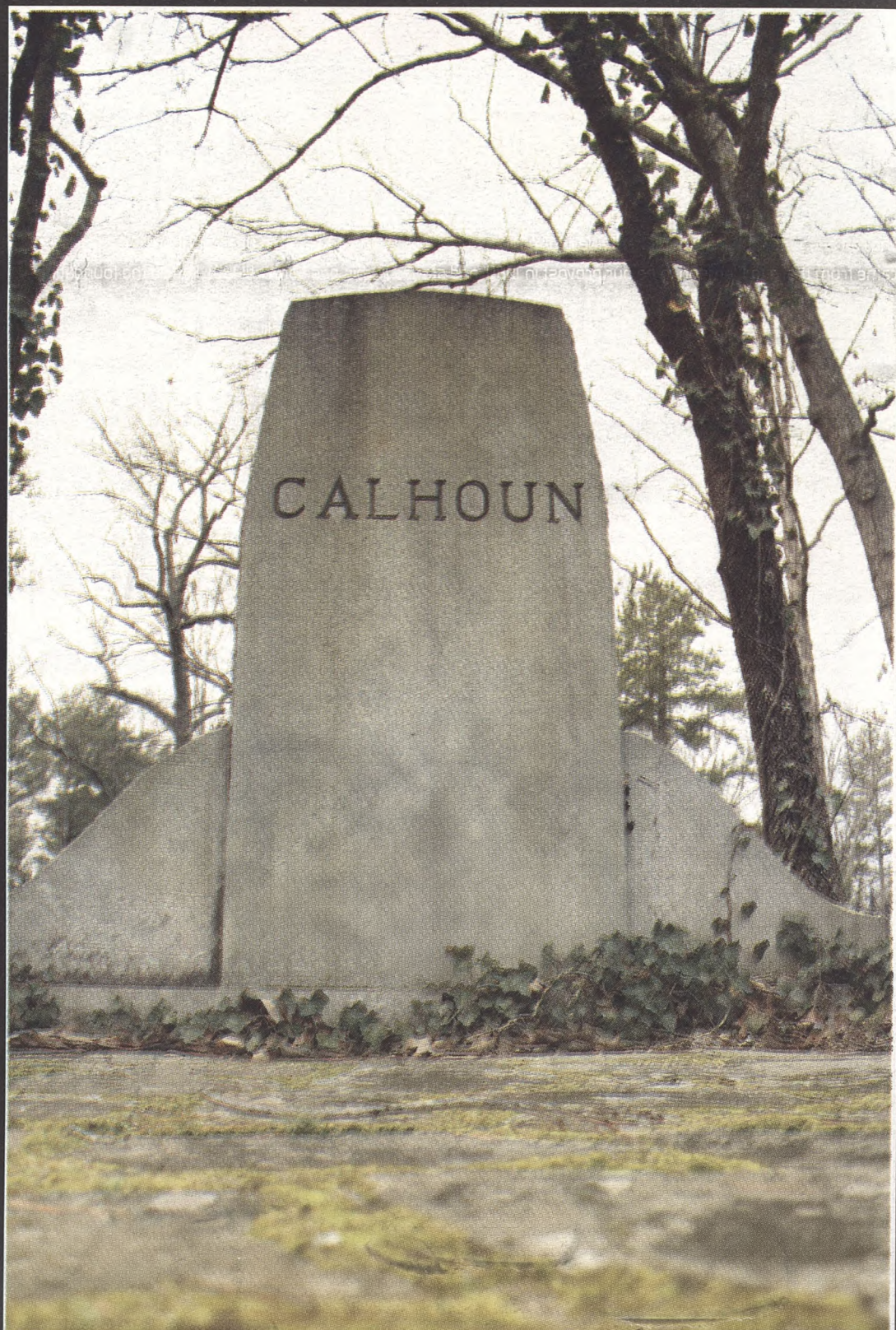
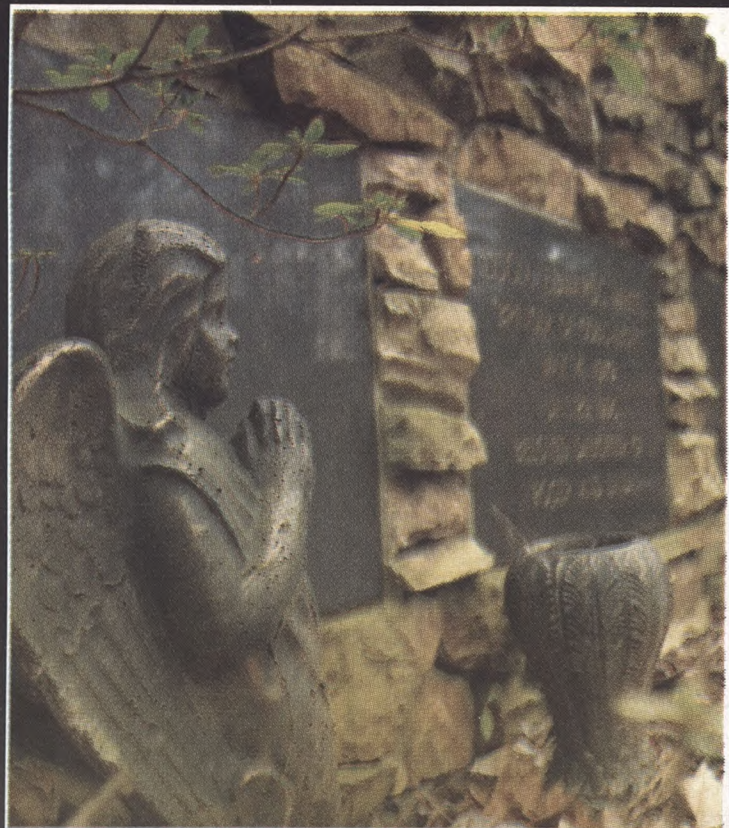
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THE STORIES OF CEMETERY HILL
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WIL BRASINGTON ON JOE SHERMAN

Joe Sherman was actually born and raised on Clemson's campus, and his boyhood home stood on the very site where the alumni and visitors center stands today, right beside Clemson House. Joe Sherman was a 1934 Clemson graduate, and he also came to work at Clemson as a member of the faculty for an extended period of time, at least 30 years. One of the things the student body should know about Joe Sherman is that he is nearly single-handedly responsible for bringing the idea of Tigerama to Clemson. Make no bones about it, the student organization Blue Key has been the champion, the driving force and critical factor behind Tigerama for 50 years now. Blue Key gets the credit for making Tigerama possible, but as Joe Sherman brought the idea to Clemson and to Blue Key in the 1950s, it would be appropriate to call him the "father" of Tigerama. Joe Sherman, by and large, started Clemson's public affairs office in the 1950s. Then he went on to serve as Clemson's Alumni Director from the late 1950s until the early 1980s. He is also the author of the essay "Something in These Hills," one of the most legendary pieces of writing related to Clemson. If you walk into the cemetery he's one of the very first gravestones you come into on the right. He passed away in 1990, and that has been his place of rest ever since.



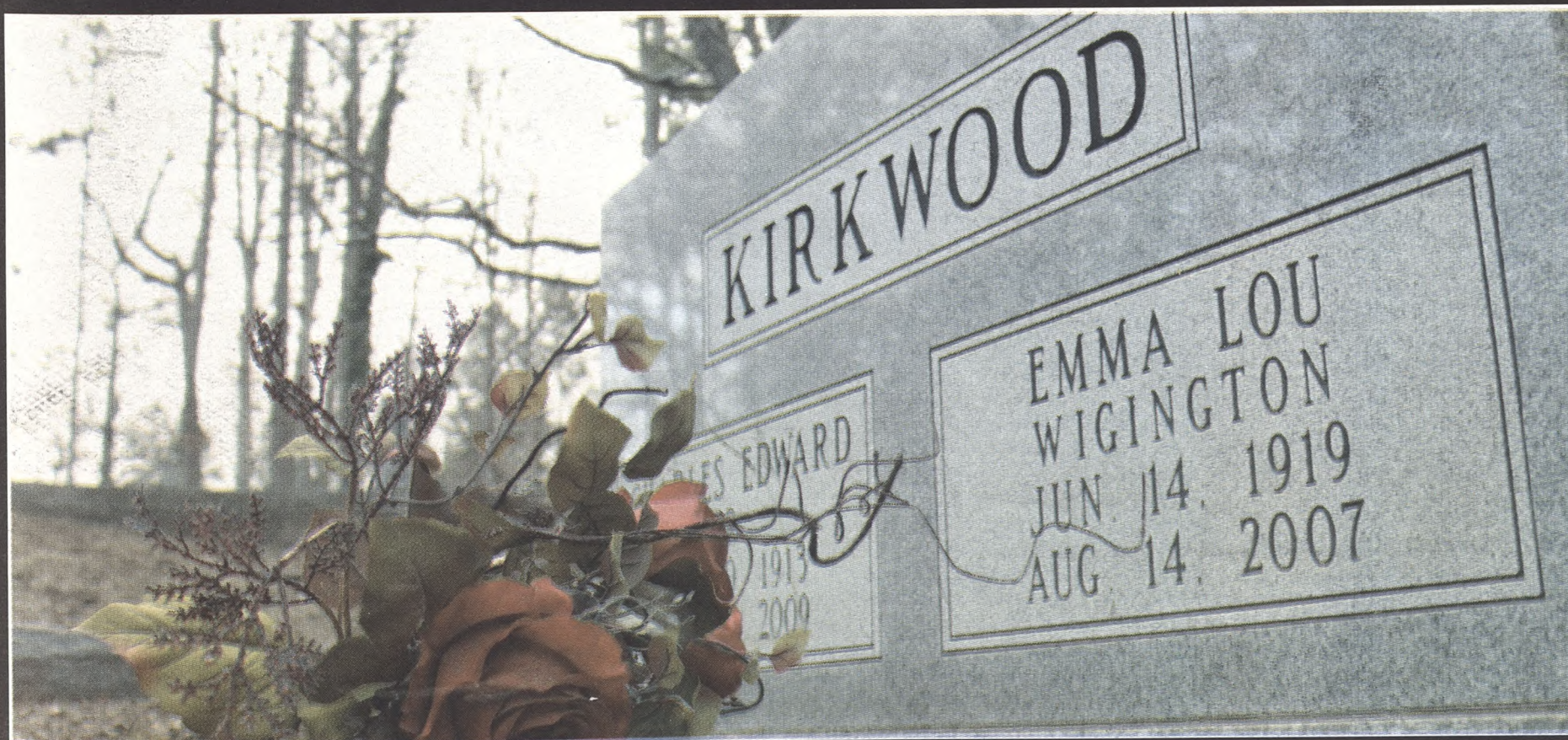
DR. JEROME V. REEL ON ROBERT WARDLAW MOORMAN

Robert's [Bob's] father graduated in the first class [at Clemson] and later came back to serve as commandant. The first brick house that you can see on the hill behind Clemson House is known as the Moorman house. Bob came to Clemson as a student in the 1930s and played basketball at Clemson. He then went to the State University of Iowa and earned his Ph.D. in engineering mechanics; he was highly mathematical and became famous for his lectures in free body structure. His host lectures were considered to be golden. He was always very interested in student life at Clemson, particularly the athletic programs because he had taken part in them. Bob was on the athletic council and took a lot of interest in athletics. He also served on a very important but not-much-noticed committee with several other faculty members and several members of the athletic department to lay out what is the now more modern Clemson athletic facilities. They're the ones that placed Littlejohn where it is today, placed the baseball field where it is today and developed the track. Part of their notion was to cluster them together around that big West End parking lot. They're responsible for the creation of all the tennis courts; from the very beginning they saw it as a shared facility between the tennis team, the students and faculty. That has been one of the great places where faculty and students accidentally mingle. It's been interesting, the long-term effect Bob had on the school. He was a supporter of everything the school was doing. When fraternities came to campus in 1970, he affiliated with Pi Kappa Alpha and was very active. When he developed cancer, his fraternity for a year and a half drove him every day to Greenville for his treatments. He was very well rounded: a good scholar, an excellent teacher, involved in the whole campus and very involved in student life. He was also very active in Tiger Brotherhood. Bob was one of the ideal faculty members in the classical sense, as he was committed to the institution and to the students but held the students to high standards — he was never an academic pushover.



DR. JEROME V. REEL ON WILLIAM DAVID MAXWELL

David was Clemson's fourth vice president for academic affairs and first to be titled provost. He was born in North Carolina and served in WWII and Korea in the Navy. He started college at North Carolina State University but then transferred to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. During this period of transfer, he found that calculus was his weak point, so he got himself a calculus textbook and taught himself. From his naval experience he gained a fluency in Spanish. He was a man of a very curious mind. After graduating from Chapel Hill, he went to John Hopkins and received his Ph.D. in political economics. He corresponded through his whole career with a number of outstanding Nobel economists and taught at John Hopkins for many years. He said, "Keep it somewhat quiet, but I did teach one year at the University of South Carolina." But he said, "Thank goodness, Tulane rescued me." He taught there for 10 years; during this time, he became fascinated with the New Orleans custom of Dixieland jazz funerals, and he loved gumbo and red beans and rice, all those really New Orleans foods. From Tulane he became Dean of Liberal Arts at Texas A&M, came from there to Clemson to be our provost in 1980, and stayed in this position until 1991. He laid the foundations for Clemson's tremendous and quick growth in academic reputation. Before him Clemson was thought of as a land-grant school that was only suitable for Southern boys and no one else. David eventually came to simultaneously be vice president for business and finance and vice president for academic affairs. Sometimes he would write himself letters from the business and finance department, go over to the provost office and think of it from the point of view of faculty and students. He moved academics into the primacy that it has today at Clemson, and the importance that it has; in fact, it was probably never so strong as it was under David Maxwell. He loved Clemson football; the other sports were just here. After he retired from Clemson, the state of South Carolina hired him to consult on higher education; that's how highly they thought of him. When Maxwell died, he was buried by his home church, the Methodist church in Clemson. The funeral was unusual and involved an African-American piece of Dixieland music entitled, "I'm glad you're dead, you rascal you." And he was buried over there on the hill.



Budgeting basics

Compiling past income and expenses can reduce financial stress.

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Budgeting is focused on a specific time period and shows an estimate of the income and expenses that you anticipate during that time period. Budgeting is fairly easy once you understand the process, but it requires discipline to stick to your budget.

The first step in creating a budget is to compile your past income and expenses. Past income would include any money that you received, including money from a job, parental support, or money from special occasions such as birthdays. For expenses, you want to compile a list of all your transactions, including money spent on debit cards, credit cards, cash or any other expenditure that you pay out.

A good place to start with gathering information on your past income is to look through bank statements, pay stubs or deposit receipts.

When attempting to gather information on your past expenditures, bank and credit card statements are a good place to start, followed by analyzing ATM cash withdrawals to more accurately

record where the withdrawn money was spent.

Looking back on your financials may be a good start, especially for analyzing where your money was spent, but the best practice is to record income and expenses daily. This can be done by writing income and expenses down in a notepad, or creating an Excel file to type out expenses. This will allow you to more accurately record when, where and for what reason you spent money.

Once you have a grasp on your past and current spending habits, you will be prepared to put together a forward-looking budget. This budget can be created on paper or on computer programs such as Microsoft Excel. The forward looking budget should take into account expected income, as well as expected expenditures with categorical amounts in areas that do not have fixed amounts each month. For example, your car payment would be a fixed expense that you can expect to occur each month, while a "Food — Eating Out" budget category may be an estimated amount that you can afford given your current income.

For categories that require an estimated amount, it would

be helpful to look back on past spending habits to see approximately how much you spent in each category on a monthly basis. Once you understand how your money was spent, you can analyze areas where you might be spending too much and budget less in those areas. Fixed payments will be made each month in certain categories (such as the car payment example), but you will want to closely monitor other categories that have estimated amounts, making sure you do not exceed the amount you have noted on your budget.

The key to a budget is making sure your income equals or exceeds your expenses. Checking the budget daily and updating it with your latest income and expenses will allow you to keep a close eye on your finances. With this information, you should be well on your way to creating a budget and becoming more financially responsible.

Should you need any help or advice on creating and managing a budget, please contact the Student Financial Education Service at SFES1@clemson.edu or (864) 656-7337 to set up a free, confidential appointment. The Student Financial Education Service is located on the 8th floor of The Union, Office 805.

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the game, the competitive spirit spreads and recycling increases."

To get students interested in RecycleMania, CU Recycling Services is partnering with Solid Green, University Housing and Student Government to plan fun events and competitions.

The Kick-off event will be held on Feb. 2, 2012 from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. in the Loggia in the Hendrix Center. Students can be on the lookout for more events as the semester goes on, such as movie screenings, an art show, and intra-University competitions.

Recycling Services and Clemson Video Productions produced a promotional video in the form of a silent film.

The storyline follows a villainous litter-bug throwing trash around campus instead of in a recycling bin.

A fearless detective and darling damsel in distress save the day, however, as they chase the nasty villain into The Tiger's arms.

Students can watch the mini-movie on Clemson's Recycling Web site or on their Facebook page, Clemson Recycles.

"Each year the RecycleMania Competition gives us the opportunity to showcase our recycling and sustainability efforts to other colleges and universities," said Dave VanDeventer, recycling manager at Clemson University.

"Based on the growth of the New Recycling Initiative and Waste Reduction we should see great results," he said. "Go Tigers!"

For more information about Clemson's participation in RecycleMania, visit their website at www.clemson.edu/facilities/recycling or their Facebook page, Clemson Recycles.



RecycleMania's goal is to eliminate recyclable materials from landfills.

CUPD calls for crosswalk caution

Pedestrian safety is threatened by carelessness at on- and off-campus crosswalks.

SCOTTIE WHITELEY
NEWS EDITOR

Chief of Police Johnson Link and the rest of the Clemson University Police Department want students to start the spring semester on a safe foot by adhering to crosswalk laws.

According to South Carolina State Law, a "crosswalk" is defined as "any portion of a roadway at an intersection or elsewhere distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines or other markings."

Also included in this section of the law are local regulations. Local authorities may prohibit pedestrians from crossing any roadway in a business district or any designated highways except in a crosswalk.

In crosswalks, pedestrians have the right of way. Drivers, in the absence of a traffic-control signal, must stop or slow down to yield to a pedestrian who is halfway through a crosswalk.

However, the pedestrian also has a responsibility to stay out of the path of an oncoming vehicle, and pedestrians crossing in non-crosswalk zones must yield to vehicles.

"We just want to inform if not mind folks, especially pedestrians and vehicles, about what the laws are," Link said. "While things move pretty slow around the core campus, around Brackett and those areas where we have a lot of pedestrians and vehicle conflict, the

law says a pedestrian must cross within a designated crosswalk. Some people will just step off a curb and outside of a crosswalk, and they really don't have any protection — the vehicle has the right of way in that situation."

"Some people think that pedestrians have the right of way everywhere, and that's not true," Link said. "A pedestrian has the right of way in a marked crosswalk within an intersection. A pedestrian can't just step off a curb in front of a car."

Link's main concern about pedestrian safety is in the Brackett Hall area.

"You have pedestrians, cars, delivery trucks, motorcycles and CAT buses coming together at that place, so it's a real opportunity for someone to be hurt," he said. "Drivers need to realize that if you're in a car around class change, you're not going to get anywhere quickly."

"We're also concerned about Highway 93, the crosswalks downtown and by Sikes Hall," Link said. "We see a lot of people crossing where there are no designated crosswalks, and that's dangerous."

Link acknowledged the fault of both pedestrians as well as vehicles in these situations.

"We have both ends of it," he said. "We have people who cross wherever they want to, and we have drivers who won't yield to pedestrians waiting at a crosswalk."

Although no police enforcement

has been put into effect, Link says it is always an option.

"The idea is to make folks aware of it," he said. "There will be enforcement to make sure that people come into compliance with it."

"It's not my desire to have police officers out there herding folks to where they need to walk," Link said. "We're all adults here, and we know what we need to do."

Link said if it comes to enforcement, there would be a combination of police officers in cars, on foot and even on bikes.

"But my desire is really not to go to the enforcement end of it," he said. "My desire is to educate and inform folks that this is what we need to do and for people to comply. But enforcement is always an option."

Link talked about the successful use of crosswalks located around commuter parking lots on campus, particularly the one on Williamson Road.

"Facilities has done a great job out there in terms of marking the crosswalks and putting up appropriate signs, and we've been watching that crosswalk through our speed reader," he said. "I feel that particular crosswalk is functioning very well; people are using the crosswalk and yielding to pedestrians."

So far there have not been any reported collisions between cars and pedestrians.

"We have not had any accidents or any incidents related to the crosswalks," Link said. "Which is good — but it's something that we need to think about."

"We don't want an accident; we don't want someone to be hurt," he said. "There are so many pedestrians — it's a walking campus, and there are people everywhere."

"The whole idea is just to get people thinking about it," Link said. "Though the CUPD has no events planned yet, they do plan to visit residence halls to spread awareness of pedestrian safety on and around Clemson's campus."

"The message is pretty simple," he said. "It's important that we keep folks as safe as we can."



Numerous signs downtown remind pedestrians to adhere to crosswalk laws.

World War II heroes honored

A two-month long Cooper lobby exhibit pays homage to the sacrifices of those involved in WWII.

KATE RIPLEY
STAFF WRITER

The new display on the fourth floor of Cooper entitled "And WE Talk About Sacrifice," features vintage posters from WWII promoting patriotism, women in the workplace, conservation of resources and much more.

While some may seem out of date, others reflect the current events of today, proving that history may in fact repeat itself.

Located in front of the circulation desk on the fourth floor of Cooper library, this exhibit will run until March 3, displaying posters, pamphlets and ration cards from the 1940s.

Some topics include upholding American values, guarding against careless talk, saving food, promoting job security and purchasing wartime bonds.

Ration cards are also found in the glass cases, allowing viewers to get a glimpse into the everyday life of a nation at war.

While walking between the displays, one can see a man registering for the army, a nurse becoming certified, pictures of a war torn European country and more moving images circulated by the War Information Office.

In the 40s, Clemson had its own War Information Center located in Sikes Hall.

It was here that the government sent more than 200 pieces of promotional materials to students, faculty and community members.

After the war was over, the Information Office also received ration cards to put in the University archives. Eventually all of the documents were moved to the Strom Thurmond Institute behind the library.

Susan Hiott, Curator at Special Collections, decided to exhibit this set of posters because many can relate to life in 2012.

Themes such as patriotism, securing jobs for Americans and conserving food and resources are still in the media every day.

A speech by President Roosevelt that promotes literacy and the importance of books in society is also included.

Similarly, reading and amelioration of literacy programs are still being stressed in our education system.

"Sometimes when you're thinking about today, it's good to look into the past," Hiott said. "A historic perspective is always important to bring into the present."

Some posters, however, show how much has changed since 1945.

Many Americans would not feel comfortable with the idea of ration cards or government telling them how much to

purchase at grocery stores.

With the change in technology, the government has also changed its mode of communication with citizens. Instead of flyers posted around a town square, information goes out on the Internet or television.

First Lady Roosevelt made radio announcements, while today Michelle Obama promotes healthy food in schools on T.V.

Special Collections usually displays various treasures from their archives on a semester basis; however, students, researchers and

professors are always welcome to visit in the Strom Thurmond Institute.

With a vast collection of rare books, local histories, genealogical records and university archives, Special Collections is able to aid anyone with their research on Clemson- or South Carolina-related artifacts.

For more information about Special Collections or the most recent exhibit, students can visit the Cooper Library or Strom Thurmond Institute or contact Susan Hiott at hiotts@clemson.edu.



Vintage posters are displayed at the exhibit, which reminisces about U.S. life in the 1940s.



These period pieces represent the roles of soldiers and women in the war effort.

Voices for the victims

Sorority hosts all-day event to raise awareness about the dangers of drunk driving on college campuses.

SCOTTIE WHITELEY
NEWS EDITOR

The Lambda Theta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. will be sponsoring a Drunk Driving Event on Monday, Jan. 30, to bring awareness to the dangers of drunk driving. To participate in the event, Clemson students can volunteer to wear a pink sash for the entire day on Jan. 30.

The point is to symbolize each victim of drunk driving who no longer has a voice by asking the volunteers to refrain from speaking for the entire day unless they are required to do so in class or at work.

"I feel honored to be the

committee chair of the drunk driving event because as a college student I see the temptation and the consequences of drunk driving," said Artashia Johnson.

"Drunk driving is a very serious matter," she said. "I don't think we as college students really understand the consequences of drinking while driving. It's all fun and games until someone dies because you wanted to drink and drive."

Johnson explained the goal of the event. "Through this program I hope to make an impact and empower students to make the right choice to not drink and drive," she said. "Because of how much we as college students think that alcohol is

relevant to our experience, I believe our drunk driving event is extremely important to every Clemson Tiger."

Johnson provided some grim statistics to remind of the severity of driving while intoxicated. "The number one cause of death on the highways of South Carolina is drunk driving," she said.

"Drunk driving is one of the most frequently committed violent crimes in the United States, killing 16,653 people last year, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration."

"Drunk driving is a leading cause of death for United States citizens ages 18 to 24. I remember in high school they drilled into our heads

'Be Alive at 25!' to raise awareness about the dangers of driving drunk and to help cut down on the number of drunk driving incidents."

"It never hurts to be reminded of the brutal effects of drinking and driving," Johnson said.

"Let's be cognizant and save some valuable lives by not drinking and driving," Johnson explained the importance of student participation in the event.

"The drunk driving event is an opportunity for students, faculty and staff to see, firsthand, how our community could be affected when people make the life changing decision to drink and get behind the wheel," she said.

"Even if this program hits home with a few individuals, we have accomplished our goal."

"On Jan. 30 we become the voices of the victims of drunk driving who can no longer speak for themselves," Johnson said.

"Hopefully this program will be the first step in ending a campus wide problem of drinking and driving. I encourage everyone to come out."

"To me, drunk driving is something that is taken too lightly by the young adults and teens," she said.

"We need to be educated on the effects drunk driving can have on us, our families and our friends. Drunk driving can affect anyone."

Tigri Scientifica: Relax, Take a Break, Breathe

IBTEHAL ALSALLAIY
STAFF WRITER

"John ... John! Why aren't you paying attention now, put down that ruler and pay attention to class," Mrs. White said. John was not paying attention, nor was he even trying. Students are often told to pay attention but are not told how. They are not taught how to clear their minds of distractions and focus on what is being said in class. Giving children a break between classes is necessary for them to reset their focus.

Taking a break from time to time is considered beneficial according to Lynne Ticknor, a certified parent educator and the author of "It's all in your mind," an article in the magazine "Scholastic: Parent and Child." At some schools in the U.S., children are taught to be better at handling pressure, frustration and stress, and they are told how to focus on their work with ease.

Students are taught to take a five-minute breather whenever they feel overwhelmed with something. During the exercise, children are told to take in deep breaths and release them slowly while calming themselves and balancing their thoughts.

This exercise gives children time to think about what stressed them and take a moment to relieve this stress in the best way. For example, if a child is being teased because of his shoes, he can start screaming to defend himself, or he can take deep breaths and avoid

such a distressing moment by simply walking away or saying something calmly.

The brain requires sufficient supplies of oxygen to function well. It helps improve the areas of the brain linked with learning, memory, emotions and also helps enhance the immune system. This exercise is generally referred to as "mindfulness," hence the mind being stimulated with the presence of sufficient oxygen.

Dr Tsabary, author of "The Conscious Parent: Transforming Ourselves, Empowering Our Children," described this breathing exercise as an "elegant tool." She states that it also helps us to be in the moment. This means that the children are taught to handle present issues and not worry about the past or the future.

Children are told to focus on the present classroom activities and not to agonize themselves with a past exam or think of an upcoming one. Schools around the U.S are beginning to practice this new exercise to relieve their students' tension and help them academically.

Children who regularly perform this exercise do better in their studies as well as their relationship with the teacher and their classmates. They pay more attention to detail, listen actively, control intense emotions and generally understand others better. This is not the only way the exercise is being used in schools.

Other exercises are being taught at schools



Studies show that children who engage in breathing exercises deal better in stressful situations.

alongside "mindfulness." These include movement such as dancing or just moving to music. Parents are suggested to practice with their children at home. Children are also told to keep a journal so that they can write about a situation that was bothering them and return to it later when they are ready to face it. They are also told to imagine themselves in a calm place, listening to the harmony of that place.

Personally, as a student and a mom, this exercise could benefit my son and me both physically and emotionally. Doing this exercise with my son from time to time would relieve my stress and help him improve his attention span.

I encourage parents, students and everyone else to try this exercise at least three times a week and see the benefit that they could get and bring to their families.

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Graduation changes in store

Additional ceremonies will be added to the 2012 graduation schedule in order to accommodate family and friends of both May and December graduates.

STAFF REPORTS

Clemson University will have three commencement ceremonies in May 2012 to accommodate more people. The additional ceremony is one of several changes in a 2012 commencement schedule approved by the university's board of trustees. Two ceremonies, rather than one, are scheduled for December 2012 graduates. The August 2012 commencement will remain a single ceremony, but will move from a Saturday to a Friday.

The additional ceremonies in May and December are needed because of an increase in the number of graduates and the

number of relatives and friends who attend the big event, said Associate Registrar Cal Becker. "We have a very high level of participation in the ceremony," Becker said.

"Well over 90 percent of our undergraduates participate, and they want their friends and families to come. We have simply run out of capacity in Littlejohn Coliseum, both on the floor and in the seats." A Graduation Review Committee looked at other options, including issuing a limited number of tickets per graduate, but recommended adding ceremonies instead.

Undergraduate and graduate students will continue to participate together, by college, as in the past.

The 2012 graduation schedule

May 2012 Graduations: Three ceremonies on Friday, May 11, 2012 — at 9:30 a.m. for graduates of the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences and the College of Engineering and Science; at 2 p.m. for the College of Architecture, Arts and Humanities and the College of Health, Education and Human Development; and at 6:30 p.m. for the College of Business and Behavioral Science.

August 2012 Graduation: One ceremony for all colleges, at 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 10, 2012. This is a change from the traditional Saturday ceremony.

December 2012 Graduation:

Two ceremonies on Thursday, Dec. 20, 2012—at 9:30 a.m. for graduates of the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences, the College of Architecture, Arts and Humanities and the College of Engineering and Science; and at 1:30 p.m. for the College of Business and Behavioral Science and the College of Health, Education and Human Development.

Honors criteria changing in 2013

Another graduation-related change takes effect in 2013: The standards for graduating with honors will rise to bring them into line with the standards at other similar universities.

Students graduating in May 2013 and afterward will be under the new criteria.

The grade point ratio required to graduate cum laude will be 3.7 (up from 3.4); to graduate magna cum laude will require a GPR of 3.85 (up from 3.7); and to graduate summa cum laude will require a GPR of 3.95 (up from 3.9).

The current standards were adopted in 1980, Becker said, and average student abilities as measured by SAT scores have increased substantially since then.

The new criteria were approved in December 2008 following a review that involved students, faculty and staff.

SAY WHAT?

quotes of the week

"IT'S SHOCKING AND FRUSTRATING AND VERY SADDENING THAT IN 2012 THIS IS STILL GOING ON." — RICHARD ROE, WHO CLAIMS IN A LAWSUIT THAT ATLANTA POLICE REJECTED HIS JOB APPLICATION SOLELY BECAUSE HE HAS HIV, A DECISION HE SAID BREAKS THE LAW AND PERPETUATES STEREOTYPES ABOUT PEOPLE WITH THE VIRUS.

"WHEN I UNDERSTOOD THAT THE SHIP WAS LISTING, I GOT ON WITH IT AND GOT OFF." — FRANCESCO SCHETTINO, CAPTAIN OF THE COSTA CONCORDIA, IN TRANSCRIPTS OF A REPORTED CONVERSATION WITH AN UNKNOWN PERSON PUBLISHED BY ITALIAN NEWSPAPER LA REPUBBLICA.

"NOW YOU CAN CALL THIS CLASS WARFARE ALL YOU WANT. BUT ASKING A BILLIONAIRE TO PAY AT LEAST AS MUCH AS HIS SECRETARY IN TAXES? MOST AMERICANS WOULD CALL THAT COMMON SENSE." — BARACK OBAMA, U.S. PRESIDENT, IN HIS STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS ON TUESDAY.

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BE RESPONSIBLE



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Inc. This organization produced the first memorial to honor an African American on the National Mall.

The Lila Holmes Ballroom hosted the Diversity Dialogues on Wednesday. The event included a panel comprised of members from differing backgrounds throughout the community followed by discussion, which was intended to be student-driven.

Thursday marked the end of the week's events with the Tunnel of Oppression. The Tunnel was intended to portray the prejudices and wrongdoings people continually deal with to this day. Afterward, counselors facilitated conversation to help people express how they felt about their experience during the event.

Kristin Goodenow, one of the organizers of the Day of Service, hopes the event will continue to prosper in coming years.

"It's a long celebration ... so I'm just encouraging folks to get involved wherever they can during the four days of events in the future," she said.

Edge out the competition

Bestselling author offers tips for finding work in a competitive job market.

RON MCGOWAN

PRESS RELEASE

Clean up your online presence.

The first thing employers will do is to see what they can find out about you on the Internet. Are you ready for that? They may look at your Facebook page during the interview. Are you ready for that?

Look for WORK, not a JOB.

Don't scare off employers by communicating that you're looking for a job and all the traditional benefits that go with it.

Make it easy for them to hire you by making it clear that you are happy to accept part-time, temporary, or contract work. If you are equipped to work from home, tell them that too. It may appeal to them.

Ditch the resume.

EVERYBODY is using a resume. In your initial contact with employers, make yourself stand out in a positive way with more creative tools that are marketing oriented and focused on the employer's needs. It's OK to have a resume to take to the interview. But first you have to get there.

Think.

Put yourself in the shoes of any employer you plan to contact. Why would they be interested in you? What exactly do you have to offer them? Show them in your first contact with them that you know about them, the type of work they do and the industry they are in. NEVER send out lots of resumes in a shotgun fashion.

Why should we hire you?

Assume you will be asked this question during the interview and be ready to answer it. Focus on the key points you made in the material you sent to them. Those are what got you the interview.

Bite your tongue.

Talking too much in the interview is among the biggest mistakes graduates make according to employers and recruiters. The more prepared you are for the interview, the less inclined you'll be to ramble on.

Do your homework.

There's a wealth of information available on the employer's web site. Amazingly, many graduates never take the time to thoroughly analyze this information and are unready to answer questions about it in the interview. It will also help if you can talk about some of the key issues going on in their industry.

Create your own job.

Instead of waiting for someone to offer you a job, consider what millions of graduates around the world have been doing for years — operate as a freelancer. The following website will give you an overview of the world of freelancing: <http://www.elance.com> <http://www.odesk.com> <http://www.vworker.com>.

Finally, you may get some business ideas at: <http://www.springwise.com>.

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OPINIONS

Joe Paterno Remembered



contributed by SARAH BOND/daily collegian, penn state university

On Jan. 22, former Penn State football coach Joe Paterno died of lung cancer at the age of 85. Paterno's 46 years as head coach of the Nittany Lions were marked with a plethora of outstanding achievements — two national championships, a record setting 409 wins as coach of a NCAA Division I football team and consistently above-average academic performances by his players compared to players at other Division I schools, to name a few — and one dark blot. Sadly, Paterno did not happily retire after his long and prosperous career; rather, he was fired amid criticism that he did not do enough when he was notified that Penn State defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky had apparently abused a 10-year-old boy in the football shower facilities.

How should we remember Paterno? As a legendary coach with a commitment to the academic success of his players? As an amiable philanthropist? As someone who through inaction allowed a pedophile to continue molesting children?

It is tempting to select the last option. As the most prominent figure involved in the scandal, Paterno makes an easy lightning rod for our outrage at the atrocities allegedly committed by Sandusky and allowed to continue by those in the Penn State community who knew about them. However, we at The Tiger feel this temptation should be resisted. Paterno made a mistake that had terrible consequences, but we do not feel this should overshadow all of the good that he did during his lifetime.

That Paterno reported Sandusky only to Athletic Director Tim Curley and director of business and finance Gary Schultz but not to the police does not make Paterno a monster; it just makes him human. We all would like to think that we would have acted differently, that we would have called the police or confronted Sandusky ourselves. However, we cannot know what we would actually do in such a situation unless we find ourselves in one. As the murder of Kitty Genovese (who was

brutally stabbed to death over the course of half an hour while 38 witnesses failed to intervene or call the police) shows, people have a deplorable tendency to stand idly by while others are in need of help. While this does not justify Paterno's inaction, it should remind us that the failings we deride in Paterno are common failings and do not warrant him our hate.

Does this mean we should forget all about Paterno's involvement in the Sandusky scandal? No, but it does affect the way we should remember his association with Sandusky's alleged crimes. We should not think of these events as a sign of what kind of man Paterno was. Instead, we should consider this tragedy a lesson to us all.

If a man like Paterno, who donated millions of dollars to Penn State and was named "Sportsman of the Year" by Sports Illustrated magazine, could make so grievous an error, then who can we count on to make the right decision in such a situation? It is unclear who would act and who would not, and as such we cannot count on others to act on our behalf. If we find ourselves in circumstances resembling those in which Paterno found himself, we cannot pass the buck — we must take personal responsibility for informing the police and intervening. We cannot leave it up to our heroes or our bosses to bear that burden, for they are only human and might let us down.

There is another lesson that we can learn from Paterno and the Sandusky scandal, although this lesson deals less with the events at Penn State than with the media and our responses to these events. What Sandusky allegedly did was abhorrent, and if true he is very deserving of a severe punishment. What Paterno and many other members of the Penn State community did was regrettable, but their shortcomings pale in comparison to Sandusky's crimes, and their penalties should reflect that. We at The Tiger question whether the media and the public were too hard on Paterno.

The public outcry stemming from the scandal cost Paterno his job and his reputation, leaving him with little comfort as he spent the last few months of his life battling with lung cancer. The barrage of unfavorable media attention inflicted on Paterno must have put a terrible strain on him. One has to wonder if his failing health resulted in part from a loss of the desire to live. Did he deserve this? Is an unhappy end befitting a man who, apart from one big mistake, led a productive and moral life?

Perhaps the public and the media were too quick in judging him. Maybe people got carried away and dealt unfair blows to the most prominent target they could see. By letting the fire of our indignation burn uncontrollably, we can do more damage than we originally intended. We should remember what happened to Paterno and make sure we do not make one tragedy lead to another through our rash, excessive responses.

While we should make note of these lessons, they should not define Paterno's legacy. We should remember him as one of the greatest and most successful college football coaches of all time. We should remember him as a philanthropist who cared deeply about Penn State University. We should remember him as the coach who conducted the "Grand Experiment" of bonding collegiate athletics with academics. We should remember him as a man much loved by his family, friends and community.

Paterno once said, "Believe deep down in your heart that you're destined to do great things." Paterno held this belief, and he proved it to be true. Paterno not only did great things, but also taught others to do likewise. It is for this reason that we should remember Joe Paterno.

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How should Joe Paterno be remembered?

Emily Moeller



PRISM
Sophomore

"He should be remembered as the face of Penn State."

Kevin Bouchillon



ACCOUNTING
Junior

"Sadly, the breach in integrity and evil acts that went on under his watch will constantly remind us of the sinfulness of human nature, redeemable only in the power and grace of Jesus Christ."

Kristin Echave



ACCOUNTING
Senior

"I think he leaves behind a legacy of winning, but he will always be remembered for this one incident."

Kristin Lofgren



ACCOUNTING
Junior

"A legend."

Kate McKamy



MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
Sophomore

"He should be remembered as one of the greatest coaches in college football history."



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Conditional and Unconditional

TREY MARTIN

Columnist



Every day we make decisions conditionally or unconditionally, but usually never think about it. A conditional decision is one we make based on some sort of requirement. It usually includes the words, "if he/she is (fill in the blank) enough, then I will ...". An example would be the decision of whether or not to lend someone a movie you love. A lot of people would make that decision based on the trustworthiness of the person to whom they are lending the movie. This makes a lot of sense. We want our movie back, so we would naturally want to give it only to those people whom we deem trustworthy enough.

This type of decision-making is just plain prudence, right? It depends on the perspective. Some people would always agree with that argument; we should base our interactions with other people on conditions (because, let's face it, they will base their decisions concerning us on conditions). However, some people would say that considering how we treat other people based on conditions can often be selfish. I am one of those people.

What do we all yearn for? Do people not always say they want "unconditional love"? It appears to me to be the deep desire of a large number of people, if not all of us. We want to be loved for who we are, not because of what we drive or what our paycheck looks like. Do you want a spouse who will hang

with you through the bad times, "in sickness and in health," or who will check out when things turn bad? The latter is what will happen to relationships that contain only conditional love.

Think about your worst heartaches and abuses. Were they not because someone thought you were not "enough"? How about the girl who is not popular enough to sit at the table at lunch? What about the boy who just wants to be accepted by his parents but feels like they are distant from him because they said his grades are not good enough? Or the girl who is dumped by her boyfriend who thinks he can do better and she is not enough for him?

These heartaches are all the result of being conditional. They result from conditional help, acceptance and love. Whether we say we act conditionally or not, we do. It is just natural for us. We have a desire to analyze and make choices by weighing the pros and cons for ourselves. That is all fine and dandy when deciding on which toothpaste to buy, but the pain comes in when we apply this same process to the people who care about us. We become the heartbreakers.

I am guilty of this, quite recently actually. Without thinking about it I was shutting out my friends because I was judging them by my standards. They were not cool or fun enough. I was annoyed, but more importantly I was very, very wrong. As much as it hurts to say, because of the desire of each of us to build up a sparkling reputation, I feel like I must say it to make a point. We do it naturally, all of us. We blame the bullies in the world when we ourselves are to blame for much of the pain people experience.

Conditional relationships come naturally for us as people, but also cause a lot of harm. The only solution appears to be unconditional love. But how can we love people unconditionally when it is so unnatural? Forgiveness is a huge part of unconditional love. Maybe that is why it seems so hard, because forgiving is one of the hardest things to do. Period.

In fact, forgiveness is such a foreign idea to us that I believe it must be divine. Where else could we get the idea that we should put ourselves after others, when all we think about is ourselves? God, as I know him, is in part characterized by his forgiveness. It is a quality that is uniquely his, and when we display forgiveness among ourselves we are experiencing a pure gift. Forgiveness is a gift because it works. If people are devoted to forgiving each other, they heal many wounds. As we move from loving conditionally to unconditionally, the world around us becomes the world as it should be.

The difficult part comes in realizing that we are not perfect as we are, that this is not the way things are meant to be. A lot of us already have. We have seen how we have hurt others, how they have hurt us, how love based on conditions fails to do the best things that love can do.

To change the world each of us needs only have one simple realization — that this is not the way life was meant to be. I have to do the unnatural thing and love others as I have loved myself: unconditionally.

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Vote, damn it

NICK ROTH

Columnist



I know that we have run quite a few stories regarding the Occupy Wall Street movement, but that event has become topical again as we move toward the 2012 elections. The derivative issue that remains, other than the fecal stains on Wall Streets across the country, is our unsettling misunderstanding of what it means to have free speech.

These hooligans took to the streets in tent cities living in a world of decrepit filth, unwashed canvas and super-loud synthetic tent material. Seriously, can you imagine the sounds of hundreds of tents and bodies rubbing and mashing up against the polyester and nylon shelters? I am currently hearing a hundred large-thighed morning walkers wish-washing their way down a neighborhood in a cacophonous symphony of friction.

People think that to voice their displeasure they need to take to the streets with beards and signs. Whenever I see these ignorant drones parading through the streets, a bit of my American soul leaves my body. As a system, as a democracy, we have been given a means to voice our opinions that is not misguided or plain stupid. We have the right to vote.

To those hipsters that meddle in coffee shops, complaining about the neo-conservative Fourth Reich and their single-gear bikes, or the camouflage-clad hillbillies screaming "mericuh and staytes raghts," or "keep your goberment haynds off mah meducare, Hussein Obama," all of you can take the picket fence post that you are considering stapling a grammatically heinous quip written with magic marker on, and you can shove it into a dark place, the details of which I cannot elaborate.

2010 saw one of the most dynamic changes in the makeup of our legislative branch of government. Regardless

of your political ideology or mine, it ushered the Tea Party to the forefront of political discussion and showed the country that those passionate groups of individuals, as misguided as they may be, can have a potent voice in determining how this country is run (or not run as it were).

Yet such a dynamic change was wrought by a staggeringly low percentage of voting participants. Approximately 35 percent of eligible voting-age citizens in the United States participated in the 2010 mid-term elections. I hope you comprehend the significance of that. Common social discourse wants to put the onus on Congress for doing nothing when we are the ones who did not go to the polls. We are the ones who allowed 35 percent of the country to vote into office a bunch of racists and religious extremists to determine our trajectory. That is not democracy.

People do not understand the true meaning of irony, mostly because it is not a firmly defined device. It is like pornography; you know it when you see it. For example, Newt Gingrich led the charge against Clinton's impeachment for his infidelity and argues for the sanctity of marriage in his anti-gay marriage position. This from the same guy who has had three wives. You can't script this stuff. I love it. The irony, that is, not the pornography. Alanis Morissette would be proud.

By that same token, the English major in me giggles when I see people in the streets demanding a voice. You have one. I would tell you to shut up, but you have already done that to yourself.

We as young people are the ones harming ourselves. There are so many bright people on this campus and across the country with the unbelievably potent power to vote, and we simply do not do it. We wonder why entitlement programs persist and our budget cannot get solved. Old people vote and we do not. Why would a congressman alienate the senior citizens when they are the ones who vote?

There is an incredible opportunity coming up in 2012 — both in the presidential election and in congressional elections — to make voices heard. I implore you to consider

registering and casting a ballot because, despite what some would have you believe, it actually counts. So kindly remove the picket from your bodily orifices, return it to the fence in your front yard and take 15 minutes to cast your ballot. Because even if things stay in the crapper, at least you can drink your soy latte in a post-consumer cup, lean back in your chair and complain all you want because you will know that at least you tried.

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Old holidays and New Understandings

MILES ATKINSON

Columnist



Jan. 19 is a holiday in the Orthodox tradition that commemorates the baptism of Jesus. On this day all of the waters become holy and believers wade out naked into the rivers and lakes in a ritualistic freezing bath. Many of them then proceed to drink copiously to warm themselves and become stumblingly drunk.

Here in Kiev, the city was abuzz with talk of the holiday. Every Ukrainian I knew was asking me if I had heard of the holiday and if I would swim. My host mother had told me the night before that she would be staying up until midnight so that she could fill a few water bottles from her sink, which she usually does not drink from without first filtering. She said that at midnight, the earth would bloom as the water became blessed. Of course, she must have been speaking metaphorically, because nothing blooms in the sub-zero temperatures this time of year.

One of the guys working at the school I am studying at told me that he had gone swimming that morning, and he seemed awfully proud of it. The teachers were all discussing the holiday in class and I heard once again how all of the waters were indeed sacrosanct today. I also learned that it was impossible to get sick from swimming in the freezing water — literally impossible. I did not know if people were just kidding around about all of this, like maybe how we pretend to believe in ghosts on Halloween and Santa Claus at Christmas. But

the more I asked about it the more I came to understand that this was not a holiday story for fun; people were under the real impression that the water possessed some holy quality.

Something I have noticed here in Eastern Europe is that mysticism and superstition are still very much alive. The same holiday traditions that we take as entertaining remnants and observe as a matter of convention are taken seriously here. People are more superstitious even in daily life.

Ever the skeptic, I was on the lookout for any signs of the divine all day and decided to join up with some friends to go swim that evening.

After my morning shower in the blessed water I felt like my usual self. I washed down my breakfast of hotdogs and pickles with tea, which should have been blessed as well I assume. With an excessively full day ahead of me, an edge of stress was mounting. By mid-afternoon I was fully flustered as I rushed to get to class, arriving thirty minutes late and then having leave early to meet with the swimming group.

A large group had assembled in the computer room of the language school. I put on my bathing suit under my boxers, long johns and pants and we set off. I had forgotten to bring a towel and had also forgotten my slippers. I had walked around earlier trying to buy a pair but I decided against paying \$6 for them — big mistake.

The 12 of us set off on the metro and arrived at Gidropark. By this time the sun had set and the temperature had dropped to about -10 degrees Celsius. We walked down towards the river where a large crowd had amassed. As we came

closer, I had the unpleasant sight of several grown men running out of the water completely naked.

Down on the bank, I started to undress. I did not realize how biting the cold was until I took off my shirt and felt the wind blow right through the tissue, fat and muscle of my chest. I took off one shoe and put my foot down on the snow-covered sand. In the time it took to take off the other shoe, my toes had gone completely numb. Everyone else was undressing, and we gathered together for a group photo.

Two others guys and I were set to go on the count of three. Running to the water, one of the other guys slipped on the ice and slid in on his back. I ran in and submerged myself, too numb already to feel much additional shock from the cold.

I did not feel like spending too much time in the freezing filthy water of the Dnieper River, so I hopped back out. It was probably warmer in the water, and I was jumping up and down trying to swish all of the water off of me with my hands. I begged for a towel from one of the other guys after he had already dried off, though it did not do much good.

Toes and feet had become painfully cold, legs were too numb to feel, and everything else felt like it had just experienced an electric shock. The hair on my head had already frozen into little hedgehog needles. Although they were covered in sand and wet, I shoved my feet down into my boots without my socks on to try to get some relief. The buttons on my shirt were difficult to work, as my fingers had become arthritic with the frost.

I had to get my wet bathing suit off but was in no position to amble about in the dark looking for a good spot to change. So, I grabbed a towel — which was abnormally small — and tried to cover myself up. There simply was not enough fabric, so I turned around, covered my front and pulled the suit down. There I was in all of my pride, standing naked on the frozen banks of the Dnieper.

Dressed again and filthy from the sand, we made our way back to the metro. My bathing suit had frozen completely in the form of my legs. We ran into a number of other swimmers on the sidewalk, and they were now stumbling so drunkenly that one of them fell right into one of the girls in my group.

Back on the subway, I was feeling anything but blessed. Sensation was starting to circulate back into my extremities. My toes were painfully sore, and I thought I may have gotten some mild frostbite. My hair started to thaw under my hat.

At the bar afterwards we all sat and merrily passed around the cameras looking at pictures from the swim. After a few rounds of drinks I think I started to feel the holiness of the day flowing down deep into my tummy, filling me with a radiant and blooming glow.

With new friends and big anticipation for new and wonderful adventures, I think I began to understand what made this holiday so special.

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Guy who stole my bike, I'm out for you. It's red and shiny. How dare you.

I'm tired of professors complaining about how much work they have to do.

You can't drink alcohol in class. Damnit.

Whoever says that beer tastes like urine is a filthy liar. Trust me.

I'm really sick of people screaming while they're on the telephone. I can hear your whole conversation across the quad.

I have a boyfriend and am disgustingly happy. I have no rants. First-world problems.

Note to mean people: saying "your enthusiasm is nauseating" is mean.

Eportfolio.

Why did Pierre Tong not win the Clemson Icon category for Best of Clemson? He was robbed.

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Different Takes:

Take 1:

The intoxicatingly poignant discourse surrounding the discussion of the Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA) and the PROTECT IP Act (PIPA) reached a climax this past week when Wikipedia and other online giants decided to politely remind Congress that the Internet is an uncommonly powerful tool when it comes to organizing dissent and large scale movements (see also Egypt and Syria). However, unlike the foolish Egyptian government, which decided to "shut down" the Internet in the face of growing unrest (and probably made the problem worse, because once you take away a 20-something single male's Internet and Netflix, revolt is obviously the next best option for entertainment), Congress did the smart thing and listened. They took notice and killed the bill.

So what exactly made SOPA so remarkably awful? Some argued that it infringed on the First Amendment and denied citizens the

right to free speech. Others argued that it would be an extension of the government when the government is already too large. For me, the biggest deal-breaker with SOPA was that it would absolutely stifle innovation and crush the ingenuity and free enterprise that the Internet has been so terrific in sponsoring and promoting.

Imagine you are the proprietor of a Web-based enterprise that allows users some sort of upload (say, for example's sake, a mini "YouTube") of video, music or images. Now imagine that you are responsible for all content posted on your website, regardless of whether you post it, have terms of service, etc. Now imagine that should the government, with an extremely broad jurisdiction, deem some of your material to infringe upon copyright and piracy standards, your business could be shut down without due process.

Naturally any businessman worth their

salt is going to ensure that their business is free from any federal entanglements. Thus, you would step up your monitoring, your enforcement and your barriers to entry. Here we have arrived at the underlying problem. These new steps represent a tremendous increase in cost to the proprietor.

All the freedom that the Internet provided, all that incubation for new ideas and new platforms of thought are absolutely toast.

The regulation that SOPA provides would put a stranglehold on innovation. No proprietor is going to take a risk that would involve their business going under without due process. No innovator is going to openly share ideas because of the intellectual property entanglements. SOPA places a federally mandated chokehold on all that the Internet has ever known and ever done. Congress did the right thing. They killed the bill ... for now.

Paws up,

The Walt Disney Co. announced that on Feb. 3 it will lift its nearly 60-year ban on beards for employees of Walt Disney World and Disneyland.

An Air Canada flight from Halifax, Nova Scotia, to Toronto was delayed by four hours when an escaped cat hid in the cockpit wiring.

A 15-year-old girl in Panama City, Fla., called 911 and requested that she be placed in a children's shelter after she overheard her mother having sex.

In Hanover Elementary School in Meriden, Conn., a 4-year-old boy pulled out and offered to share nine bags of marijuana during snack time.

Managers are contemplating placing a hive of honey bees in the Valley Heritage Park in England to protect historic buildings from vandals.

In South Africa, a law has been proposed that would institute jail time and fines as penalties for unauthorized weather forecasts.



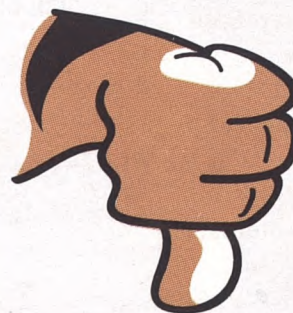
Paws down

In Flagstaff, Ariz., an inmate was arrested for trespassing after refusing to leave the Coconino County lockup on the day of his scheduled release.

Authorities seized an alligator and five snakes, including a red-spitting cobra, from a man's apartment in Boca Raton, Fla.

A woman in Boynton Beach, Fla., reported that another woman stole her purse from the back of a restaurant toilet by reaching over from a neighboring stall.

Anheuser-Busch InBev, the company that produces such beer brands as Budweiser and Beck's, announced that it is lowering its alcohol content in order to save in taxes.



Would passing SOPA benefit our country?

Take 2:

What is it that makes a country great? Innovation? Freedom? These are certainly important, but freedom and innovation are only truly beneficial when tempered with responsibility. When people are free to do whatever they want, they will abuse and victimize one another unless they feel a moral obligation to avoid harming others. If an innovative man disregards the negative effects his action will have on other people, there are a plethora of clever scams that he could perpetrate to make himself wealthy while being a detriment to society. A successful country needs its citizens to take personal responsibility for their actions.

The Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA) encourages people to do exactly that. The Internet has become a haven for irresponsible action — people post anonymous comments designed to incite others to anger, pirates illegally download songs and movies, and Internet companies like YouTube allow for illegal content to be posted on their servers. By holding such companies accountable for the content on their servers, SOPA makes a statement that irresponsibility on the Internet is unacceptable. SOPA lets companies and the public know that the time has come for people to consider the effects of their online activities and work to ensure that these effects are positive.

Opponents of SOPA have asserted that the act would stifle innovation or let the government impinge on free speech. But would it? SOPA would make it harder for Internet companies that rely on content posted or uploaded by users to flourish, which could be interpreted as a blow to online innovation. However, another way to look at it is that companies would have an obstacle to overcome through the application of creativity.

If innovators figure out a way to screen such user-provided content efficiently for pirated material, then companies would continue to flourish and the negative impacts of piracy could be avoided. But, unless a bill such as SOPA is passed, there is little incentive for such innovation to occur.

SOPA would give the government increased power over the internet, but power is only as dangerous as the people who wield it. Happily, in the United States, we the people control who wields the power in government. If we take responsibility for our government and carefully evaluate all of the candidates before voting, then we can put politicians in office who are unlikely to abuse the power SOPA grants them. Thus, passing SOPA would encourage responsibility in this way as well.

Take 3:

Before you choose sides on this issue, consider a third view. Some, including Wikipedia and Google, oppose the bill flatly. Others, like the Motion Picture Association of America and record labels, support the bill. Yet, there is middle ground worthy of discussion.

Most anyone would agree that it is both wrong and illegal to steal. It is equally agreeable that our right to free speech needs to be protected. If someone creates a website, or a webpage on another website (like a Facebook profile or blog), then it follows that they should be able to say what they want as long as they do not violate laws in doing so (libel, for example, is still illegal).

The opposing sides in this argument claim either that SOPA protects the creators of original media from theft or that SOPA is so broad and aggressive that free speech could be muzzled by the government or powerful Internet service providers. Both sides have reasonable arguments about what they would like to have happen, but their concerns are not necessarily at odds with one another.

The Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) already exists for the purpose of quelling pirated material (this is the law responsible when a YouTube video is replaced with a “video removed” message). However, it only applies in the United States.

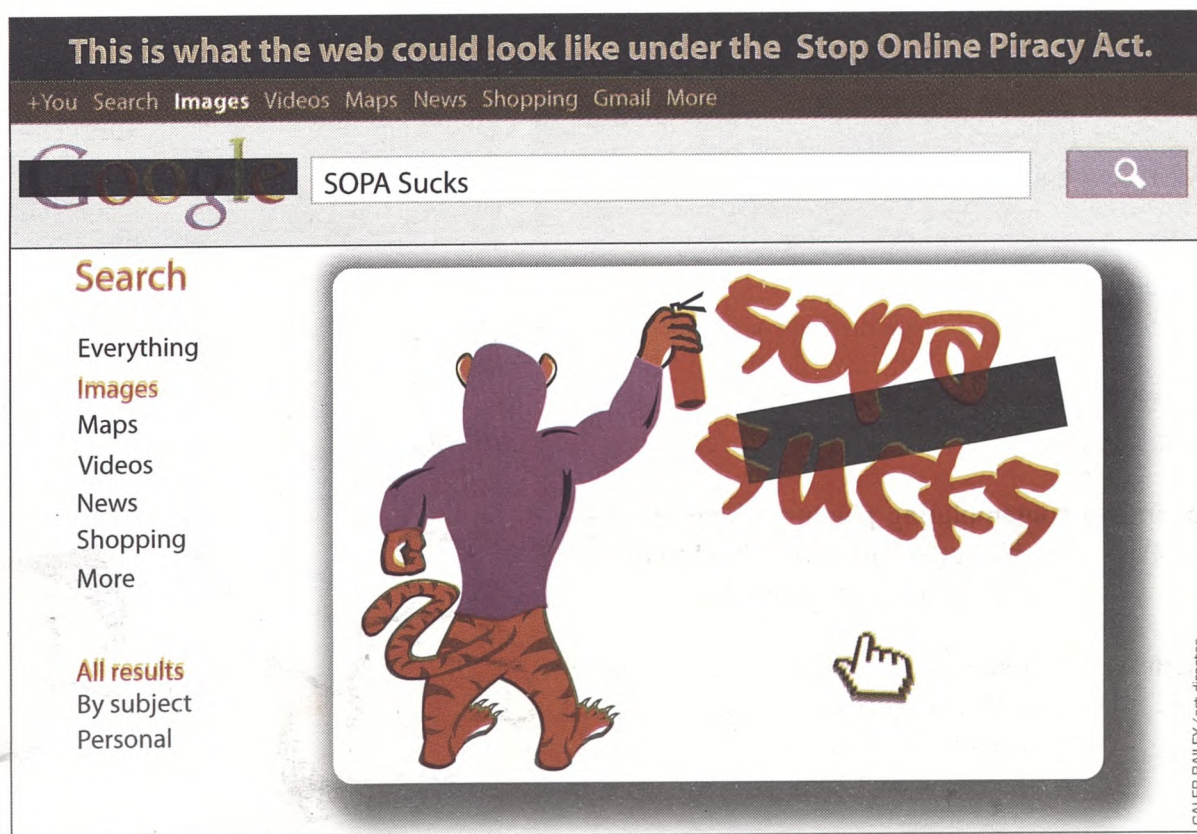
Protected media is still being stolen by foreign sites like Pirate Bay, which fall outside of this law’s jurisdiction. It is sensible to assert that these activities are damaging to US interests and that they should be stopped if possible.

Rep. Lamar Smith (the bill’s author and

ironically would-be SOPA violator for using a photograph — which has since been removed — on his campaign website without crediting its owner) has a clear alternate course of action. It begins with drastically reducing the breadth of the bill and ends with cutting out anything that could be used to prevent free speech of a law-abiding citizen.

The bill was written to crack down on foreign websites distributing pirated materials

at the cost of American companies. Rep. Smith should write a new bill that does so more specifically by stating that the website must be foreign and could be dealt with only after due process, speeding up the review process and prioritizing based on impact of the violation. A bill that accomplishes these objectives would indeed, as Rep. Smith intended, promote internet entrepreneurship and investment instead of stifling it.



From the Editor's Desk...

KARL LYKKEN

Columnist



It is 8:05 a.m. and your professor still has not arrived for your 8 a.m. class. A feeling of excitement begins to creep up inside you. Maybe she will not show up at all. Maybe class will be cancelled. Maybe you can go back to bed. Five minutes pass and you are trembling with anticipation. Just five more minutes and you are free to go. Just five more minutes and – the door opens and your professor walks in, apologizing for her tardiness as the class releases a collective sigh.

Does this sound familiar? I know I have seen plenty of my peers staring longingly at the clock as they expressed their hopes that the professor would not show up for class. I will admit, there have been days when I have walked to class with my fingers crossed, praying that I would arrive to find a note on the door saying class is cancelled.

This wish to not sit through class does not always stop when the professor starts teaching. I frequently notice students sitting through lectures in a bored stupor, gazing dreamingly out of the windows. Indeed, you might be reading this article in class right now in an expression of your desire to be elsewhere.

Yet while such an attitude toward classes may be common, it is far from desirable. When we take the outlook that we would prefer not to have to go to class, we reduce both our current level of happiness and our chances for future achievement.

For most students at Clemson, regularly attending class is a necessary step in succeeding academically, whether this success is defined in terms of knowledge gained or merely grades earned. As tuition is not cheap, the majority of students are hopefully striving to achieve at least one of these forms of success (preferably the former) and thus choose to go to class, whether they enjoy it or not.

So, given the choice, why should we elect to think of class as something we have to suffer through? If we assume that a lecture will be dull and uninteresting, odds are we will find it to be exactly that. On the other hand, if we take a positive attitude toward our classes and we make an effort to enjoy lectures and discussions, then we are likely to find the time we spend in class each week to be pleasant.

Furthermore, if we make a point of taking an interest in our classes, then we will probably learn more in them. After all, when we are interested in a subject we pay more attention to it and think about it more, increasing the probability that we will remember a lot about that subject come test time or later in our careers. Since the point of going to class is to learn, this would seem to make going to class more worthwhile.

Now, you may be wondering how you can change your attitude toward classes. We cannot fully control what we like or dislike, can we? Perhaps we cannot, but we can certainly influence and alter our tastes. Activities are not intrinsically boring or exciting; rather, they are as entertaining as we perceive them to be. If we avoid contemplating the negative aspects of something and focus instead on its positive qualities, then we can make ourselves look more favorably upon it.

So, pay attention to the intriguing parts of your classes, and do not spend your time wishing that you did not have to go to class or that your professor would not show up. Acknowledge that learning can actually be fun (if you are reading this section of The Tiger, you clearly have some interest in learning about and contemplating issues). Next time your professor shows up 14 minutes late for class, make your sigh be a sigh of relief.

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Letter to the Editor



Dear Editor:

Recently, the total U.S. debt soared past 100 percent of our national gross domestic product. Over the past two years alone, \$3.6 trillion has been added to the national debt, bringing the total to more than \$15 trillion. This is not systematic and will lead to our nation's self-implosion if not addressed.

This past fall, the U.S. Congress had an opportunity with the Deficit Reduction Committee, or "super committee," to come together and begin reducing our deficits and national debt. If they had agreed to set aside partisan bickering and compromise on important issues, they could have implemented serious change and assured the world that our nation was serious about bringing order to our fiscal house. It is highly disappointing that they failed.

In the coming weeks and months before the general election, I hope the candidates for the presidency will remain focused on this

important issue and present to the American people a detailed plan as to how they would tackle our mounting debt crisis. We are college students. We are going to be the ones having to deal with this now and in the future. America remains the greatest nation in the world, and I know that if our elected leaders work together, they can overcome this looming catastrophe.

Sincerely,

Gray Welborn
Clemson '14

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OPEN TO ALL CLEMSON UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

What about the 7 percent?

CLARISSA WILLIAMS

Columnist



I am sure every Clemson student has heard of the legendary Harvey B. Gantt, the first African-American student to be admitted to Clemson. It is not a surprise that it took many years for Clemson, or any college for that matter, to even think about enrolling a black student. However, there were trailblazers like Gantt who paved the way for change.

Since then, Clemson has admitted many African-American students and become more diverse. However, Clemson is and probably will remain a predominately white institution. As a minority, black students at Clemson face a number of challenges. Despite this, those challenges do not outweigh their triumphs.

African Americans have come a long way from sitting in the back of the bus or using "colored only" restrooms and water fountains. For black students, attending a predominately white university is not as hard as it was in the past. However, it does require some adjustment. Several black students here are the only black faces in a sea of white in the classroom, especially in small classes. Being the only one of your race in any place can make a person feel extremely uncomfortable.

For black students here at Clemson, this is not uncommon and can be extremely challenging. However, from my experience, it only makes black students work harder to prove their worth. Clemson seems to offer a variety of programs for members of the black student population on campus, such as Call Me Mister, Peer and NSBE. These programs do offer a great deal of opportunities and assistance for black students. However,

are these programs enough, seeing that they only cater to a portion of the black student body here at Clemson? Some black students believe that Clemson could implement more academically and socially based programs for black students that cater to more than a portion of the black student body.

When enrolling students, it is obvious that Clemson does not focus on race. They focus on how qualified a student is to succeed at the university. Despite this, the number of black students here at Clemson is still low. As of 2010, black enrollment at Clemson was stagnant at a mere 7 percent, despite the programs available.

I often find myself questioning why there are so few minority students here at Clemson. I came to the conclusion that it is not because Clemson refuses to admit black students or because the programs offered are insufficient. It is because

many black teens choose to attend predominantly black institutions or two-year establishments. It is clear that any person may want to be around other people that look or act like them. However, the saving grace is that not every person feels this way. Several black students may agree that it is a challenge being in the minority at a university, which it is. However, with challenges come triumphs.

Being in the minority forces a person to step out of their "comfort zone" and learn how to adjust in a place that is much like the world. It is apparent that some black students chose Clemson so that they could do just that. It does not matter if they are the minority, as long as they work hard and make sure that no one forgets about the 7 percent.

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The Continued Case for Mitt Romney

MATT KOFOED

Columnist



After a firm defeat in the South Carolina Republican Primary on Jan. 21, Mitt Romney and company may be feeling rather sore. Indeed, Newt Gingrich's rebound in the Palmetto State impressed many political pundits on both the local and national stages. Gingrich effectively appealed to our state's strong conservative base and painted Romney as a New England outsider who is out for your jobs, not your best interests. Many South Carolinians may have entered the polls on Saturday thinking of Romney as a flip-flopping, job-killing, corporate titan. This rebranding is even more impressive given the state of polling just one week earlier.

Let me jog your memory. During the week of Jan. 8, Romney was widely albeit reluctantly accepted as the responsible du rigeur choice for Republicans interested in reclaiming the White House and moving the federal government back to the right of center. He was seen as a clean, conscientious, non-alarming individual whose main flaws included worshipping in a slightly different way than you or me and being too wealthy to drink a beer with.

His fall from grace in South Carolina can be explained by relatively poor debate performances in the week leading up to the election, relentless attack ads run by the combined opposition and the simple fact that many voters simply want anyone other than Romney. Indeed, for the past few weeks Rush Limbaugh has been reminding his listeners to vote for absolutely anyone other than Romney. Rush cannot have Bachmann anymore, so he has turned instead to Gingrich, the man he sees as "able to articulate conservatism."

Regardless of who you voted for in the primary, be proud of your participation. Everyone who turned out last Saturday despite the rain deserves commendation. But despite the historical trends, do not be too surprised if the Republican Party chooses not to go the way of South Carolina for the first time since 1980. If the GOP hopes to win the presidency in the fall, I think Romney is still the better choice. Romney's money and organization will be essential, as will his ability to draw in moderates and independents. An ideologically charged Republican nominee will

only serve to polarize the situation in Washington more. Gingrich will not be accepted by independents uninterested in voting for yet another Washington insider, and an ethically challenged one at that.

Romney's record of non-ideological, results-driven government may not incite the kind of fervor that many Tea Party Republicans were hoping for in this election cycle, but it will attract independent voters in key states like Ohio and Florida. The importance of appealing to the swing states should be on the front of every Republican strategist's mind and should be edging out desires for an ideological opposite to President Obama. Romney's middle-of-the-road stances and history of compromise on many issues such as a Massachusetts health insurance mandate will help him draw voters who are looking for a president who is willing and able to stabilize our tumultuous economy and jobs market. On both fronts, Romney's record will speak for itself. On Jan. 19 the Boston Globe reported that Massachusetts' unemployment rate had fallen to 6.8 percent. Similar impressive turnarounds at the Salt Lake City Winter Olympics and Bain Capital will prove effective fodder in future debates with Obama.

Additionally, Romney's demeanor will appeal far more to the typical voter than Gingrich's fiery rhetoric. Tent revival anger and venom may have helped Gingrich win a primary in a state where more than 64 percent of voters self-identify as evangelical Christians, but when compared to the cool, collected and prepared demeanor that Obama will present in upcoming debates, Gingrich will simply come off looking like a bully.

If we want to see positive change for our country we should not look to the far left or the far right. I feel that a more conservative small government approach is better for the long term health of our country. But I would much rather have the conservative leader of that government looking across the aisle to find compromise rather than turning to a fringe base at every point along the way. Most polls still project Romney as the future Republican nominee. I hope they are right. If not, the presidential election may be less about the economy, jobs and results and more about food-stamps, mistresses and flag pins. Here's hoping we see Romney on the ticket again in November.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Saturday 01/28
Wake Forest @ Noon
Clemson, S.C.

Tuesday 01/31
Virginia @ 7 p.m.
Charlottesville, Va.

Saturday 02/04
Virginia Tech @ 4 p.m.
Blacksburg, Va.

Tuesday 02/07
Maryland @ 7 p.m.
Clemson, S.C.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Friday 01/27
Duke @ 8:30 p.m.
Clemson, S.C.

Sunday 01/29
Georgia Tech @ 4 p.m.
Clemson, S.C.

Friday 02/03
Virginia Tech @ 6:30 p.m.
Blacksburg, Va.

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Tigers 33-70 Mountaineers

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Tigers 73-76 Hurricanes

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Tigers 64-62 Yellow Jackets

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

01/12 • North Carolina
Tigers 52-47 Tar Heels

01/22 • Wake Forest
Tigers 65-94 Demon Deacons

ORANGE CRUSHED

Clemson allowed a bowl-record 70 points as the Mountaineers embarrassed the Tigers in the Orange Bowl.

SPENCER POWELL
STAFF WRITER

Clemson was the hot pick going into the Orange Bowl after dominating Virginia Tech in the ACC Championship game. However, the Tigers received a beating of their own as the Mountaineers scored a record-setting 70 points and won 70-33.

West Virginia quarterback Geno Smith threw for 401 yards and six touchdown passes and was named the Orange Bowl MVP.

Clemson defensive coordinator Kevin Steele described the game as being "about as ugly as it gets." He said one of their biggest mistakes was underestimating the speed of wide receivers Tavon Austin and Stedman Bailey. The two receivers combined for 199 yards on 16 catches.

"We still haven't tackled number one (Austin)," Clemson head coach Swinney said. "He's as good a skilled player with the ball in his hands as I've seen all year, and we were having a hard time stopping him."

On the offensive side of the ball,

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Clemson's DeAndre Hopkins (6) is tackled by two West Virginia defenders.

TIGERS HOLD OFF JACKETS

Andre Young's 29 points helped Clemson stave off a late Georgia Tech rally to notch its second ACC win.

AUSTIN FINLEY
STAFF WRITER

When the lights came back on in Littlejohn Coliseum, the lights came on for Andre Young.

Clemson's game against Georgia Tech was delayed for more than 20 minutes following a power surge that temporarily knocked out the lights in Littlejohn Coliseum. When play resumed, Young put together one of the more impressive scoring runs ever by

a Clemson player, scoring 15 straight points in about three minutes of play. The senior guard finished the game with a career-high 29 points, including seven 3-pointers, as he led the Tigers to a win over ACC foe Georgia Tech, 64-62.

"To be honest, I thought Andre was going to have more games like this — maybe not with 29 points, but games like today where he really shot it well from the three," Clemson coach Brad Brownell said. "He's been fighting it a little bit, but as you can see we needed

it, and with only 64 points, he had 29 of them. Andre carried us."

The lights didn't go out until 14 minutes into the game, but the level of play from both teams was so poor for those 14 minutes, they might as well have been playing in the dark. The Jackets and Tigers combined for just 23 points (Clemson led 13-10), Georgia Tech turned the ball over fourteen times and the Tigers shot just 25 percent from the field.

Brownell has tinkered with the starting lineup throughout the season, but junior center Devin Booker had started in all 18 games before Saturday. Impressed with the recently improved play of Catalin "Bobo" Baci, Brownell decided to start the seven-foot Romanian alongside fellow seniors Bryan Narcisse, Tanner Smith and Andre Young, with junior Milton Jennings rounding out the starting five. It was the first time ever that all four players in the current senior class started in the same game.

Baci struggled in his starting role, and in the first 90 seconds of the game, he missed two shots, committed a foul, and turned the ball over. But Baci wasn't the only one who struggled in the early stages of the



Tanner Smith had six rebounds, five assists and four steals in Clemson's win.

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Playoff
Potential

Bryan Doherty
columnist

If you are like me and hate the BCS, the past two weeks were pretty good to you. Despite staunch disputes against a college football playoff in the past, we're moving a step closer to getting one. Now don't get overly joyous. We're not getting a college football playoff definitively. NCAA President Mark Emmert came out and made it known he would support a small four-team playoff if that were what university presidents wanted to do. The biggest question in this scenario is how to set up the playoff. In a four-teamer, we would likely be presented with one of two scenarios:

1) The top four teams are seeded 1 through 4. The No. 1 and No. 4 seeds face off in one national semifinal while the No. 2 and No. 3 teams face off in the other with the winners advancing to the national title.

2) Teams would play their BCS games through conference tie-ins and at-large bids. After those games, the two highest-ranked teams would play in the national championship game. This would be more of a true plus-one model than the first, which would be more of a true four-team playoff.

Is it concrete? No. Nothing is sure yet and there is a possibility, with the BCS not set to expire until 2014, that we could somehow still end up with the disastrous system we've been using since 1999. Nonetheless, we may have reached the boiling point this season with two SEC teams playing for the title after a recent string of dominance. Alabama was able to avenge its regular-season loss to LSU and claim its second BCS title under Nick Saban.

Frankly, I had no issue with this season's national title game, but there have been more than enough seasons in the past in which I have shared the disgust. This season, outrage ran throughout the nation that two teams from one conference could play for the national title. Hopefully league presidents were thinking the same thing, and this will get the sport a system to determine a champion that is long overdue.

Of the two possibilities, I would prefer the first one. If we're going to have a playoff, I would rather it be one that teams have to qualify for. Under the other system, I still think there are too many questionable factors that would be determined by

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Demon Deacons dominate Lady Tigers

ROBBIE TINSLEY
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

A Sunday trip to Wake Forest ended in a 94-65 defeat for the Lady Tigers as they dropped to 5-12 overall, and 1-5 in the conference. Despite forwards Quinyotta Pettaway and Lindsey Mason combining for 41 points, Clemson could not overcome its 25 turnovers, which led to 34 Demon Deacon points.

The Tigers trailed by 17 late in the first half, but looked to be making their way back into the game when Nikki Dixon cut the lead to 11 shortly after intermission. The quick spurt caused Wake Forest coach Mike Peterson to burn a timeout 50 seconds into the second half, but the timeout proved worthwhile when the Deacons responded with a 15-3 run to kick-start the rout.

Pettaway led the Tigers in scoring with 24 points, while the Demon Deacons were led by junior guard Lakevia Boykin's 21 points and junior center Sandra Garcia's double-double with 19 points and 10 rebounds.

Lindsay Mason and Kelly Gramlich added 17 and 13 points for the Tigers, respectively.

Wake Forest used its bench effectively, as the reserves scored 41 of the Deacons' 94 points, while Ito Coleman's starting five accounted for all 65 of Clemson's points.

The Tigers take on nationally-ranked Duke in Littlejohn Coliseum on Friday at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale for one dollar in an effort to "Pack the House."



TRACK TEAMS STEP UP IN ALABAMA

AARON RANSDALL
STAFF WRITER

Clemson's track and field teams traveled to Birmingham, Ala., this past weekend to compete in the Auburn Invitational.

Lawrence Johnson, Clemson's director of track and field, called the day "productive" and added, "We had a number of kids step up today." One of those was Spencer Adams, who qualified for the NCAA Indoor Championships in the 60-meter hurdles. Adams ran a 7.68 in the 60 hurdles marking it as the second-best time in Clemson history. Adams was coming off a week in which he failed to finish the hurdles at the Virginia Tech invitational but rebounded exceptionally by breaking a career best time. Adams finished runner-up followed by Marcus Maxey in third with a 7.88.

Lawrence Johnson was proud of not only Adams, but the team as a whole and how hard they worked all weekend.

"Dezerea (Bryant) had a great weekend," Johnson said. "She's finally putting some things together. She's anxious to run fast

and conquer the world, all in one weekend. Marlena (Wesh) ran the 200 as well and had a good time too. Shai Carpenter upped his game this weekend. I was proud of his performance as well. Everything was moving in the right direction today, so that was good to see. It's good to see us perform with some consistency across a bunch of events."

Dezerea Bryant just missed out on an automatic qualifying time in the 60-meter dash but was able to finish third in the event with a 7.25. She also claimed first place in the 200 with a time of 23.51. Bryant finished two spots ahead of Stormy Kendrick in the 60 with a time of 7.33. Bryant outran Wesh in the 200 by two-hundredths of a second with a 23.502.

Brianna Rollins, Clemson's only other NCAA qualifier, was runner-up in the women's 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.11. Bridgette Owens finished in third place with a personal-best 8.19, and Keni Harrison, a freshman, was sixth with an 8.37.

Clemson had numerous par-

ticipants in the 400 and 800 events. Nia Fluker, a freshman, was Clemson's best finisher in the quarter-mile with a time of 55.18, good for seventh place. Chris Slate and Nathan Hendershot were second and third respectively in the 800, and Brianna Blanton finished fourth in the women's 800 with a time of 2:13.21.

In the men's mile, Aaron Ramirez ran a 4:12.02 and finished runner-up in one of the best races of his career.

The women's 4x400 relay secured a victory for the second straight week with a time of 3:34.97. The team of Harrison, Rollins, Fluker and Wesh ran a season-best time just shy of an automatic qualifying run.

The team was also successful in field events, as Marcus Brown finished fifth in the men's shot put with a 56'3.75", a season-best for him.

In the women's weight throw, Brittney Waller recorded a throw of 62'3.25" to finish fourth. In the women's vault, Lauren Terstappen was third with a clearance of 12'11.5", and Christy Gasparino was fifth with a 12'7.5".

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the Tigers got off to an excellent start as running back Andre Ellington scored on a 68-yard run on the team's second drive. Sammy Watkins followed a few minutes later with a 27-yard touchdown catch.

All seemed well for the Tigers, as they found themselves leading 17-14 after the first quarter in what seemed to be an evenly-matched game. The second quarter, however, proved to be one that Tiger fans will want to forget.

With Clemson trailing 21-17, Ellington carried the ball toward the goal line, and it appeared that Clemson had yet again taken the lead. However, as Ellington was being tackled the ball popped out and West Virginia defensive back Darwin Cook returned the ball 99 yards to give the Mountaineers a 28-17 lead.

The game got even worse for the Tigers when Quarterback Tajh Boyd committed two turnovers late in the first half that led to Mountaineer touchdowns. Clemson found itself trailing 49-20 going into halftime.

Swinney said the Ellington turnover was the play that swung all the momentum in West Virginia's favor.

"It was a pretty big moment," he said. "They hadn't really stopped us. We were scoring. That was going to be a huge swing for us. It was going to put us up 24-21. Now all of a sudden it was 28-17, and it just snowballed quickly."

Bailey and Austin continued their dominance in the third quarter

with a touchdown each, putting the game out of reach for the Tigers.

Boyd described the game as a case of Clemson losing momentum and never being able to regain it.

"When the momentum shifts, it's hard to come back," he said. "I've never been down in a deficit like that before."

When asked about how the team would respond, Boyd said that he is not going to dwell on the game and is looking forward to next year.

"I have to step up and lead," he said. "I'm going to do everything in my power to be the best quarterback I can be. There have been a lot of good things this year. I'm excited about opportunities for the future."

This year's Orange Bowl was Clemson's first trip back since the 1981 National Championship season and the team's first trip to a BCS bowl.

"We got a taste of it tonight, and we'll be back," Swinney said. "We'll be back. It won't be 30 years. We'll be back, and hopefully these guys will play better next time. Simple as that."

The Tigers finished the season with a 10-4 record, giving them their first 10-win season since 1990.

The team returns most of its starters going into next season, with the primary concern being the loss of three offensive linemen and three defensive linemen.

Clemson may not have ended the 2011-2012 season the way it planned, but the team is already being talked about as a potential national championship contender for next season.

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game. The Tigers looked out of sync for much of the first 14 minutes.

Brownell explained his decision to start Baciuc after the game.

"Devin didn't have a great game in Miami and Bobo has played better, not only in games but in practice," he said. "Bobo's confidence still comes and goes way too quickly but I felt like he had earned an opportunity to start. I don't know if he will next game, but that will depend on how he practices this week. To be honest, some people have been down on Devin and have been upset with him a little bit but when I asked him at halftime if he wanted to start or come off the bench he said, 'Let Bobo start.' That's a pretty mature response from a young man, so I thought that was pretty good on his part."

Brownell was frustrated with his team's poor play in the early going, and he subbed out the entire team on two separate occasions. The Tigers' fortunes were reversed dramatically, however, following the 22-minute delay.

Young was nearly unstoppable, converting four straight 3-point attempts and picking up an old-school three-point play as well. His stellar play helped the Tigers build a 34-19 halftime lead.

After shooting 5 of 6 from beyond the arc in the first half, Young continued his great shooting performance by converting 2 of 3 long-range attempts in the second half. The rest of the team also played good basketball for most of the second half.

The Tigers started the half slow on offense, but their shooting improved as the half progressed, and Young's seventh three of the game put the Tigers up 56-40 with just 3:34 left in the game.

Baciuc made up for his first half woes by scoring four points and picking up three rebounds in the second half. Jennings also had a good half, as seven of his nine points came after the break. The Tigers played great defense too, holding the Jackets to just 14 points in the first 12 minutes of the second half. The defensive play was highlighted by a rare five-second call forced by Bryan Narcisse.

The Tigers were up 16 with just over three-and-a-half minutes left, but a mad rally that saw Georgia Tech score 22 points in the final 3:34 almost gave the Jackets a miracle victory. Fifteen of those points came from Tech's Glenn Rice Jr., who came off the bench to lead the Jackets with 19. Tech rained down a barrage of threes in the game's closing moments, making four threes in the final 80 seconds of the game. The threes brought Tech back into the game, but the contest was ultimately decided at the free-throw line.

The Tigers have struggled mightily from the line recently, shooting just 50 percent against Duke and 65 percent against Miami. They struggled at the line again against Tech, as they shot 50 percent at the line in the first 58 minutes of the game. But Devin Booker and Andre Young combined to go 6-for-8 in the game's final two minutes, giving the Tigers their second ACC win of the year.

"I'm really happy for our guys," Brownell said. "We've had a couple days of tough practice after not playing as well as we wanted to in Miami ... I thought our guys played really well. I thought we handled the power outage, halftime and all the strangeness of the game very well."

The win leaves the Tigers sitting at 10-9 (2-3 ACC). The lights will come back on in Littlejohn for a noon tip tomorrow against Wake Forest.

**PLAYOFF** *from page C1*

the polls. Last bowl season, Stanford would have benefited greatly from that system because they would have had a shot at a national title instead of having to face an overmatched Virginia Tech team. Meanwhile, a team like Wisconsin would have been hosed by having to play TCU and would have been less likely to have a title shot. We would have had an Auburn-TCU plus-one game last year, but in seasons where we aren't left with two unbeaten teams after the first set of games, it can get messy.

Before we get to my thoughts on how I would run the four-team playoff, let me state that I'm all for an eight-teamer. A lot of people are against the notion of an eight-team playoff because they feel it diminishes the regular season, and many would have a problem with a 9-3 team winning the title. My response: Beat them.

This myth that the best teams are the ones who go 11-1 or 12-0 each year is nauseating. For the most part, teams play crappy non-conference schedules and their conference schedules. If there is a year where a strong team plays in a weak league, they're going to win 10-11 games. That doesn't make them better than a nine-win team in another league, per se. They simply had an easier road to an inflated record. One such example is Virginia Tech this season. Their non-conference schedule plus a down ACC had them as high as No. 3 in the nation heading into the ACC championship game. It's pretty apparent that Virginia Tech was not a top-five team this season. Until I see more inter-conference games between the nation's top teams, I will be in favor of an eight-team playoff. However, that is a pipe dream at this point and frankly not worth discussing.

So how could a four-team playoff with semifinals work? First of all, there would be no limits on conference bids. I'm tired of these Little League rules people want to make for every statute. The BCS as it stands now has these rules. I understand the reason (money), but it's still a crock to me. Either you're a playoff team or you're not. I'm not interested in giving out a bid to a three-loss conference champ while a one-loss conference runner-up like Alabama this season has to sit out and watch. I'm also not interested in giving an 11-1 team that beat nobody a bid over an elite 10-2 team. The top four is the top four. If that means there are three teams from one league, so be it. The national champ should be forced to beat the best of the best en route to a title, not a watered-down bracket to make it "fair" for everybody.

Secondly, I'd like the three games to take place at the same venue. I don't foresee this happening as the NCAA will want to spread the wealth, but one of my favorite parts about the Final Four is its single venue. A steady rotation of Cowboys Stadium and the four BCS locations could easily provide the same feeling the Final Four has.

Which system will we end up with? Only time will tell. There is still plenty to be decided and a lot of people who have to sit down and create a plan that appeases all.

Just get rid of this horrendous system, please.

Clemson hires Venables as new defensive coordinator

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After two seasons of great defense under Kevin Steele, a poor defensive year for Clemson cost the Tigers' defensive coordinator his job.

Clemson's 10-4 season, in which its mediocre defense kept it from being a national title contender, ended with a thud as the Tigers allowed a bowl-record 70 points to West Virginia's high-powered spread offense in a 70-33 drubbing at the hands of the Mountaineers in the Orange Bowl.

Steele likely would have maintained his position despite his defense allowing 27.5 points per game during the regular sea-

son after Clemson's performance against Virginia Tech in the ACC Championship Game. In that game, Clemson held the Hokies to 10 points and cruised to a 28-point win.

But the Orange Bowl debacle may have been too much to overcome, and Clemson and Steele parted ways a week after the Tigers' blowout loss.

Eight days later, Clemson head coach Dabo Swinney had found his man.

Swinney managed to lure longtime Oklahoma defensive coordinator Brent Venables away from Norman, Okla., to become the defensive coordinator at Clemson.

Venables, 41, spent the past 13 years directing the Sooners defense and helped

the team win a national championship in 2000 and make three other BCS appearances.

Swinney managed to coax Venables into taking a visit to Clemson after speaking with him on the phone after Steele's departure. Venables said he knew after his visit that coming to Clemson was the right move, although it was tough to leave longtime colleague and friend Bob Stoops.

"The needle (at Clemson) to me is pointing in one direction, and that's up," Venables said.

It surely helped that Clemson offered Venables a notable increase from his yearly salary at Oklahoma. The parties agreed to a four-year deal that will pay the coordinator \$800,000 a season. Oklahoma was

reportedly willing to match any Clemson offer, but Venables chose to make the move to Clemson.

Former Miami head coach Randy Shannon and South Alabama defensive coordinator Bill Clark were reportedly also candidates for the jobs.

Venables' deal, coupled with offensive coordinator Chad Morris' revamped contract that will pay him \$1.3 million annually, gives Clemson the highest-paid coordinator tandem in college football.

Venables is known as an excellent recruiter as well as a great linebacker coach.

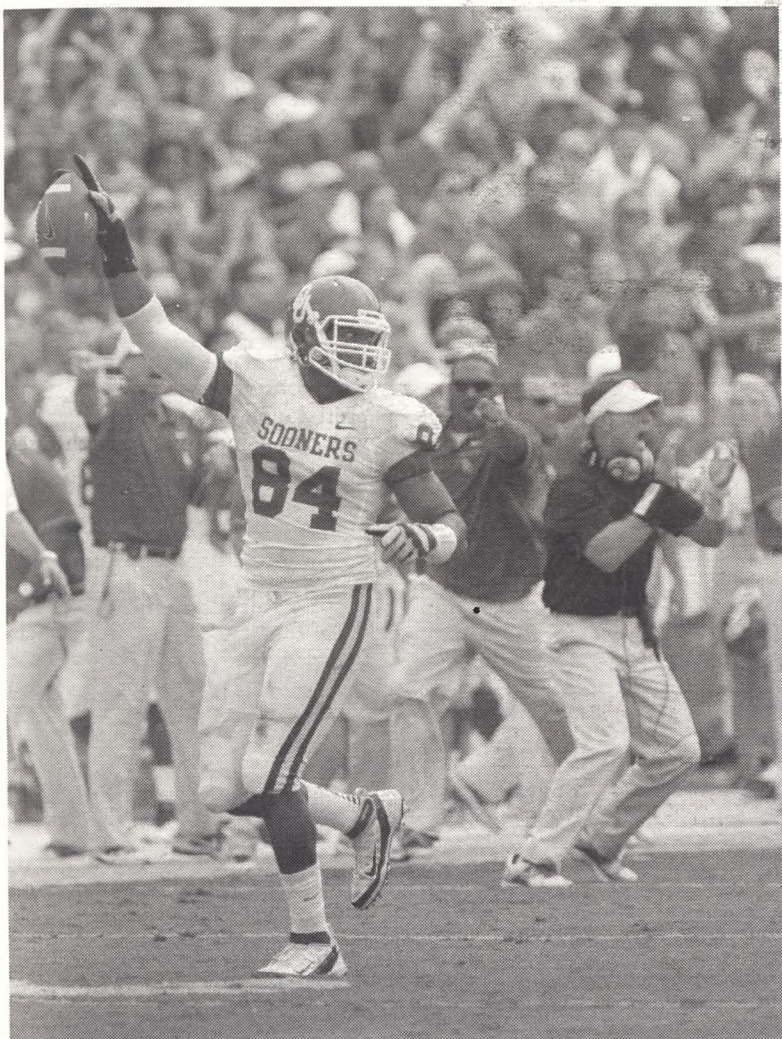
Although he didn't watch Clemson's embarrassing loss to West Virginia, Venables wants to make sure that nothing like that ever happens again at Clemson.

"They have nothing to be ashamed of around here. They just won the ACC and they're going in the right direction," Venables said. "I've been on both sides of it, and sometimes that happens."

The Sooners led the Big 12 in points allowed per game in 2011, surrendering just 22.8 points a game in a conference loaded with high-powered offenses. They registered that number despite suffering injuries to key defensive players and the death of a starting linebacker prior to the season.

Venables said he believes Clemson has the same potential to achieve the consistent success Oklahoma had during his tenure.

"Absolutely we'll win," he said. "I've got great confidence."



Brent Venables (black) spent 13 seasons as the defensive coordinator at Oklahoma. Photo courtesy of Kingsley Burns/The Oklahoma Daily

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NFC CHAMPIONSHIP Manning leads Giants back to big game

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On a rain-soaked field at Candlestick Park in San Francisco, Calif., the New York Giants and the San Francisco 49ers faced off for the NFC Championship and a trip to Indianapolis to play in Super Bowl XLVI. The rain remained persistent throughout most of the game, and the play on the field was clearly affected as both teams struggled to hold onto the football. The Giants and 49ers traded points throughout the course of the afternoon, and the teams needed extra time to decide the game. After a backbreaking turnover by the 49ers, the Giants gained possession of the ball in great field position and ultimately kicked a field goal to capture the NFC title, 20-17.

Last Sunday's game was not the first time the Giants and 49ers had met with a chance to go to the Super Bowl on the line. The teams faced off in the 1990 NFC Championship game in San Francisco, a game the Giants won. A week later, they went on to win Super Bowl XXV in Tampa. That particular season, San Francisco and New York were both the class of the conference (The 49ers were the top seed while the Giants were the second seed). Twenty-one years later, both teams took much different paths to last Sunday's matchup.

A first-year head coach and a quarterback who was widely considered one of the biggest draft busts in NFL history are not common denominators amongst 13-3 teams in the history of the NFL. San Francisco shocked the pro football world this season by coming out of nowhere to earn the No. 2 seed in the NFC, winning the West division with tough, hard-nosed defense and quarterback Alex Smith, who regained the form that made him the No. 1 overall pick in the 2005 NFL draft. After having a bye in the wild-card round, the 49ers hosted the surging New Orleans Saints in the divisional round. Despite being the higher-seeded team, the 49ers upset the Saints in one of the most exciting playoff games in recent years, punching their ticket to the NFC title game.

The 49ers' opposition in the NFC championship game, the New York Giants, had been fighting for their playoff lives until the final week of the regular season. By defeating the Dallas Cowboys in Week 17, the Giants won the NFC

East, pitting them against the Atlanta Falcons in New York in the wild-card round. After eliminating the Falcons, the Giants headed to Green Bay to play the Packers in Lambeau Field, the site of the Giants' last NFC Championship victory. The Giants went into Green Bay and defeated the top-seeded Packers by 17 points to set the matchup with the 49ers.

The weather was unusually bad for California, and a downpour that started earlier in the week remained throughout the duration of the game. The 49ers got the ball first but were unable to get in sync on their first offensive possession and punted. The Giants followed suit, gaining only 27 yards on their first offensive possession and punted as well. After an incompletion on first down, the 49ers scored the first points of the game. Smith connected with tight end Vernon Davis for a 73-yard catch and run for a touchdown.

In the second quarter, New York put together a 10-play, 69-yard drive ending in a touchdown pass from quarterback Eli Manning to tight end Bear Pascoe. The touchdown was Pascoe's first of the season and the teams were tied at 7-7. The San Francisco offense sputtered in the second quarter, but the Giants were unable to capitalize. The Giants kicked a field goal with less than a minute left in the first half, taking a 10-7 lead into the locker room at halftime.

The Giants' first possession of the second half consisted of three plays and a punt. When San Francisco got the ball for their first possession, it looked like they were beginning to put together a drive. An illegal contact penalty on Giants cornerback Aaron Ross gave the 49ers a first down after failing to convert on third-and-19. The next play, San Francisco's Kendall Hunter ripped off a 14-yard run and San Francisco had the Giants on their heels. The Giants defense buckled down and forced the 49ers to punt.

The next scoring play of the game came on a touchdown pass from Alex Smith to Vernon Davis for 28 yards that put San Francisco in the lead 14-10. This was the second time in the game Smith had connected with Davis for a touchdown. Smith ended the game 12 of 26 passing for 196 yards and two touchdowns.

The Giants got a huge break halfway through the fourth quarter. After losing five yards on three offensive plays, the Giants were forced to punt. San Francisco

return man Kyle Williams, who was returning punts because regular returner Ted Ginn Jr. was out with an injury, called for a fair catch but at the last moment decided not to catch the ball. The ball hit the ground and as Williams tried to evade the bouncing football it appeared to touch his knee, making the ball live. Devin Thomas of the Giants picked up the ball and ran it into the end zone. The officials awarded San Francisco possession of the ball at their 29-yard line, claiming Williams didn't make contact with the ball. Giants' head coach Tom Coughlin challenged the call, and after looking at several reviews, referee Ed Hochuli determined that the ball did in fact graze Williams' knee as he attempted to evade it.

The Giants now had possession of the ball just inside San Francisco's 30-yard line. Seven plays later, Manning threw his second touchdown pass of the day to Mario Manningham to give New York a 17-14 lead. Manning completed 32 of 58 passes for 316 yards and two touchdowns.

After the miscue on special teams, San Francisco tied the game up on its next offensive series. Williams returned the kickoff 40 yards and the 49ers had the ball at their 45-yard line. On the second play of the series, Smith scrambled for 17

yards and Hunter had an 18-yard scamper to move San Francisco to the New York 15-yard line. The drive stalled, and David Akers knocked through a 25-yard field goal to tie the game at 17 with a little more than five minutes left to play.

Neither team was able to take the lead in regulation and the game headed to overtime. This game was the second time that overtime would be played under the NFL's new playoff overtime rules.

The Giants won the coin toss and elected to go on offense. After picking up a first down on the first play of overtime, the Giants ran three plays and punted the ball. With the 49ers facing a third-and-12, Alex Smith's pass to Vernon Davis came up one yard short of the line to gain, and San Francisco punted the ball.

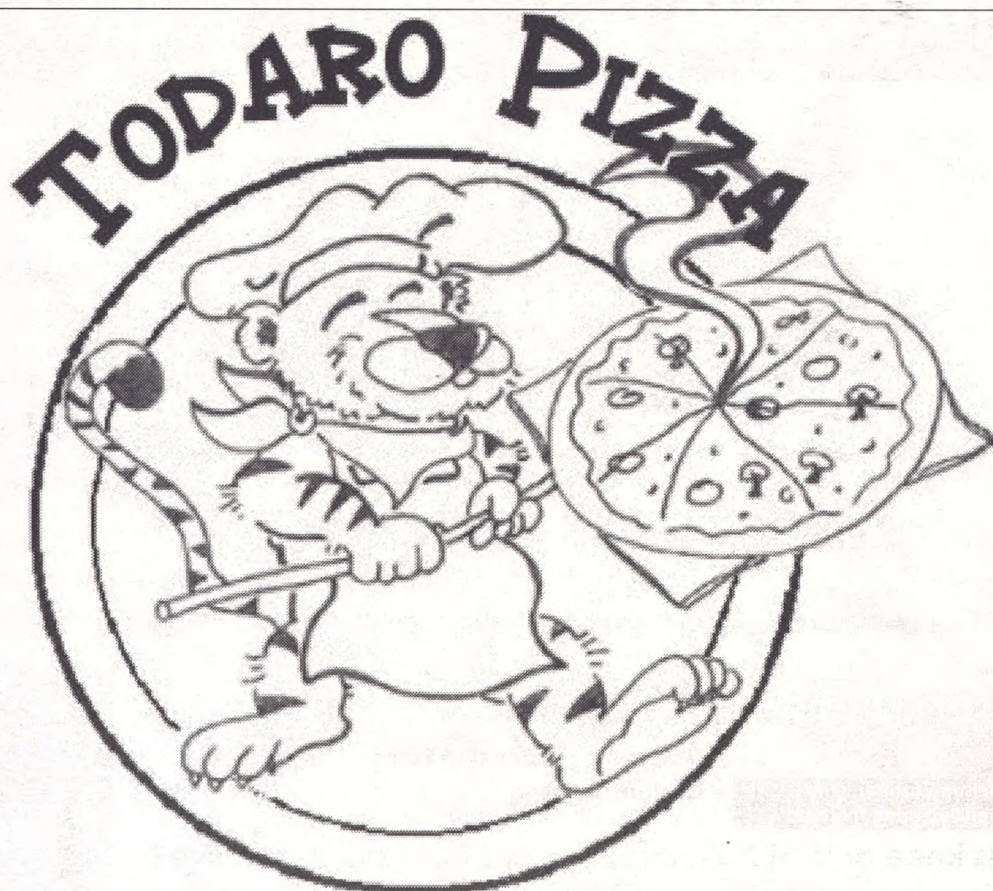
Since both teams had had an offensive possession, under the new rules, the next team to score would win the game. The Giants started with the ball at their 36-yard line. They managed to pick up a first down, but San Francisco defensive end Justin Smith sacked New York's Eli Manning for a 10-yard loss on a third-and-3, forcing another punt by the Giants.

Williams fielded the punt on the 49ers' nineteen-yard line. After five yards, New York's Jacquian Williams stripped the ball away from Williams and Thomas once again recovered the loose ball — this time

at the San Francisco 24-yard line.

The Giants ran the ball three times with running back Ahmad Bradshaw moving it down to the San Francisco 8-yard line. After a delay-of-game penalty on the Giants moved the ball back to the 13-yard line, New York set up to attempt the game winning, 31-yard field goal attempt. Giants' kicker Lawrence Tynes made the kick, winning the Giants their second NFC Championship in the last five years.

All season, the Giants and their fans questioned whether or not the team would make the playoffs. After getting off to a good start, the Giants faced a grueling stretch that included games against the Saints and Packers. Many wondered if head coach Tom Coughlin would be fired before the end of the season, but he managed to refocus his team and lead them to the playoffs, practically securing his job for next season. Once again, Coughlin has managed to lead the Giants on a post season run, similar to the journey they experienced in the 2007 postseason. As if it were meant to be, the New England Patriots await the Giants in Super Bowl XLVI, a rematch of the unforgettable Super Bowl XLII when the Giants upset New England, which ended the Patriots' bid for only the second undefeated season in NFL history.



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Missed field goal sends Patriots to Super Bowl

SEAN HANS
STAFF WRITER

"Someone was smiling, we had an angel."

New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft's postgame quote tells you everything you need to know about his team's victory over the Baltimore Ravens in Sunday's AFC Championship Game. Yes, it was homage to his late wife Myra, to whom the team chose to dedicate its season following the philanthropic First Lady of Foxboro's tragic submission to cancer in August. What Kraft's quote really showed, however, was that it took something special to send the Patriots to their fifth Super Bowl in 11 years.

This game was a clash of styles to the highest degree. The offense-oriented, pass-happy, up-tempo Patriots win because of their quarterback. The defense-dominant, grind-it-out Ravens win in spite of their quarterback. I thought this game would be a definitive look at who really owned the era of football my generation has grown up with.

It was the best offensive player, the golden-boy Casanova who oozes clutch and owns a precision to his game that few ever had.

It was the best defensive player, the once-accused-of-murder football preacher, whose maniacal motivational tactics and fiery

emotional outbursts make Tim Tebow look like a mute.

Brady's Pats versus Lewis's Ravens; offense versus defense; speed versus strength; precision versus emotion.

And you saw what happened: no definitive outcome.

The Patriots outlasted the Ravens 23-20 but gave a blurry answer to who was the "better team." It came down to a fluky missed field goal, which is part of the game. But it was a field goal that is made more often than not. If Billy Cundiff didn't have his "laces out" moment then they would have gone into overtime, where just two weeks ago, the Broncos showed the world anything could happen. If Sterling Moore didn't knock Joe Flacco's touchdown pass out of Lee Evans' hands, this column could be about the long-awaited breakthrough of the much-maligned Ravens' signal-caller. But that's not the way it went, and the Patriots, just like their Super Bowl opponent from New York, can breathe a huge sigh of relief as they board their jet to Indianapolis, Ind. Here's how the angelically-aided Pats booked that flight.

The Patriots entered Sunday's game with a plan — stop Ray Rice and see if Joe "I don't care what anyone thinks of me or my Fu Manchu" Flacco can beat us. It seemed to be working early, as the defense caused a three-and-out on Baltimore's first three se-

ries. Yet Brady couldn't get it going on the other side of the ball either, managing just three points in the first quarter. He seemed off, missing throws he always makes, such as an overthrown should-be-touchdown to Rob Gronkowski and an underthrown seam route to Julian Edelman that Lardarius Webb intercepted.

Flacco came out after the pick with 3:42 left in the first quarter and ran a nice play-action that pulled the safeties up and left Torrey Smith wide open behind the defense. But a badly underthrown ball gained them 42 yards on a play that should've been a 70-yard touchdown. Down in the red zone a few plays later, the Ravens faced fourth-and-inches from the 5. Had they gone for it, gotten it, and eventually punched it in, they would have made up for Flacco's mistake and taken a four-point lead. Had they gone for it and failed, they had the Pats inside their own five on a day when Tom Brady was not himself. But John Harbaugh feared the Patriots' front seven and took the field goal to tie it up.

On the broadcast, Phil Simms called the field goal 'positive reinforcement' for the offense — which I guess is the new term for when your coach doesn't trust the best fullback-running back combination in the NFL to get three feet against an average run defense.

The Patriots' next possession was high-

lighted by BenJarvus Green-Ellis, who took the team down the field and into the end zone with a few solid runs. The Ravens tied it right back up, driving down the field for a Dennis Pitta touchdown catch despite their continued inability to get the run going against the Wilfork-led front seven of New England. Brady looked like he was starting to get comfortable on the next possession, completing his first five passes for an average of 12 yards-per-play. Yet he missed the next three, leading to a Stephen Gostkowski field goal to put New England up 13-10 with three minutes left in the half. That was the score as they entered halftime, as Flacco overthrew an open Torrey Smith for a would-be touchdown and the Patriots uncharacteristically ate two timeouts and kneeled away the last 58 seconds of the half.

The two offenses entered the half atypically: Flacco was playing better than usual but the Ravens' running game was nonexistent; Brady was a little off, but the Patriots' running game was working.

New England started the second half with a 14-play drive that featured Brady getting in the face of both Ray Lewis and Terrell Suggs after he sneaked it for a first down, but the Patriots had to settle for another field goal. Like the Ravens before, the Patriots could have (and probably should have) gone for it on fourth-and-short, but Belichick made another unaggressive, un-Belichickian decision to take the points. The Ravens responded, rattling off ten points in the next three minutes thanks to a Torrey Smith catch-and-run touchdown, a Danny Woodhead fumble on the ensuing kickoff, and a Billy Cundiff field goal to put the Ravens up 20-16.

Brady responded right away with a 23-yard pass to Gronkowski to get the drive going, but the play provided a scare to Patriot fans. Bernard Pollard — the same man who was involved in both Tom Brady's 2008 and Wes Welker's 2009 season-ending knee surgeries — rolled up on Gronkowski's ankle during the tackle, sending the big tight end to the locker room and taking the air right out of Gillette Stadium. Brady kept his focus though, leading his offense down the field without their All-Pro weapon and scoring on another seemingly unstoppable quarterback sneak (which they should've run the previous fourth down) to put his team back on top.

Flacco brought his team to midfield on the next drive, only to toss the inevitable devastating pick to remind us all that he's still Joe Flacco. To everyone's surprise, however, Brady returned the favor, launching a ball to Matt Slater that was picked by Jimmy Smith after an unbelievably athletic play to tip it by Pollard. Brady was going for the jugular — which wouldn't have been a bad decision if he weren't throwing into double coverage for a receiver with one career catch. The Ravens took it down to the Patriots' 30 and faced a third-and-3 with 3:36 left in the game. Wilfork stuffed Rice for a three-yard loss. Now out of Cundiff's range, Harbaugh had to burn a valuable timeout before going for it and failing on fourth-and-6.

Lewis and the Ravens defense held strong, just as they had done all day with their confusing formations, and got their offense the ball back with a chance to win

or tie with 1:44 left. Flacco finally realized the Patriots were covering Anquan Boldin with wide receiver-turned-defensive back Julian Edelman and hit his top target four times on the final drive to put them in the red zone.

The next play will forever live in infamy, alongside the play it eventually led to. On second-and-1 with 27 seconds left from the Patriots 14, Flacco threw a perfect strike to Lee Evans in the end zone that Sterling Moore, an undrafted rookie, slapped away. It looked very close to a catch — Evans got both feet down and seemed very close to possessing the ball — and at the very least was worth a review in an era where refs review everything. Regardless, it was ruled incomplete and the Ravens faced third-and-1 with 22 seconds left. Because they had burned their second timeout and wanted to save the last one in case something went wrong, the Ravens were forced to pass, and Moore batted Flacco's throw down once again. It was now fourth down, and the Ravens were a 32-yard chip shot from overtime.

Nobody really knows why Cundiff seemed rushed getting onto the field for the field goal, or why Harbaugh chose not to call a timeout to get his field goal unit completely set. It seemed like we were destined for overtime, but Cundiff chose to show us his inner Scott Norwood instead. The kick sailed wide left, and Tom Brady took the final knee breathing a sigh of relief.

"Well, I sucked pretty bad today," Brady said on the podium after the game. "But our defense saved us."

Brady promised Kraft he would be better in two weeks, and Kraft backed his all-world quarterback with the reassurance that he'd still take him over any other quarterback.

Neither team can truly claim they outplayed the other. It was a battle of warriors that ended with an unfortunate gaffe. Brady wasn't good, but wasn't bad considering the defense he was facing. Flacco was good, but a little overrated considering the Patriots' commitment to stopping the run and their No. 31-ranked pass defense.

Wilfork shined, playing his best game in years by clogging the middle in a way that a select few in this league can. Lewis was his usual self, making 12 tackles as the heart of the defense. Moore made a name for himself with two of the biggest pass deflections in Patriots history. Webb locked down Welker like few have this year, holding him to six catches for 53 yards and showing off his athleticism with the first-quarter pick of Brady that led to a Ravens score. Gronkowski was lucky to leave healthy. Cundiff was lucky to leave alive.

Jackie MacMullen of ESPN said it best: "On a night when their franchise player was shockingly ordinary, when their inexperienced secondary was alternately exposed then redeemed, when their seemingly indestructible tight end glumly limped to the locker room with a gruesome-looking foot injury, the New England Patriots desperately tried to survive."

They did, and they're headed to Indianapolis for the rematch of the century against the New York Giants. They seemed to truly have an angel looking over them on Sunday. We'll see if she makes it to Indy.

He'll have you texting in no time.



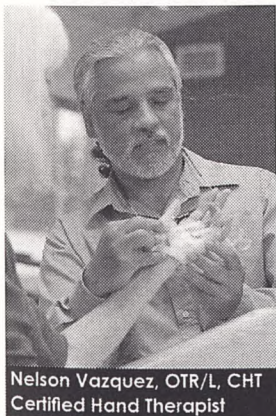
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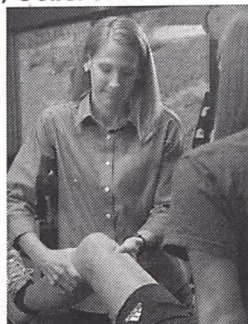


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The Tiger's Andre Friedman spoke with Clemson's football stars about football and their daily lives.

AF: What is a typical day like during the week?

DA: Wake up, come in and get some treatment around 6 a.m. Then it's off to class around 9. I go from around 9 till 11 or so, then when I get out I come over here (West End Zone) and start watching film. Film rolls into meetings, meetings roll into practice, and all of a sudden I look up and I'm leaving around 7 or 8 o'clock.

TB: Similar. Treatment, then I usually go to Vickery for some tutoring, especially on Mondays. Head off to class. I go to history of country music, definitely one of my favorite classes. Then me and a couple guys will grab some lunch. Whether it's Smittie's or Zaxby's, it just depends on the day. After that, you can either take a quick nap or come to the stadium. I usually come to the stadium. Go through meetings and practice, and after that try to figure out where to have dinner.

AF: Outside of football, is there another sport you follow or like to play?

DA: I always played basketball and have always been a big basketball fan and player. I really love playing the game. I probably will end up coaching it one day.

Whenever intramural basketball is starting, it's one of those things where the coaches say you can play, but if someone gets hurt, no one was supposed to be playing. I play, but I try to stay safe and just have fun.

TB: Basketball was always a favorite before my skills started to diminish a little bit. Intramurals didn't go so well for me. I've started to peak a new interest, especially in soccer, me and Dwayne actually played FIFA a couple times over the summer. My roommates are definitely big soccer fans so it's something I enjoy.

AF: A lot of people see you as role models and look up to you. Being better known now, do you sometimes find it difficult to maintain a certain constant image?

TB: You want to be normal to an extent, but you can't. People put you on a pedestal where you get judged for a lot of things. In the back of your mind, you want to think you're a normal college student, but at the same time you do get looked differently for the actions that you take so you have to be cautious.

DA: It's kind of that glass house effect. It comes with the job. You want to play college football, and hopefully you want

to be successful, and with success comes scrutiny. People are going to watch everything that you do and it's just one of those things coach talks to us about all the time. After a while, it just builds into your character. Coach Swinney does a great job of recruiting guys with great character, so watching what you do isn't one of your priorities because we are doing the right thing most of the time.

AF: What is your favorite part of the college experience aside from football?

DA: Interacting with the fans. We talk about that glass house effect and how people put student-athletes up on a pedestal, that's the way it is. Most guys don't realize the positive impact and influence they have on a community around them until it's too late, so every chance I get to interact with the community or fans I try to – whether it's a smile, a hand shake or an autograph.

TB: I agree with that as well, probably the tradition of the school. Sometimes you forget how pretty the campus is actually, because you go through it so much. If you're ever here, well we are here when there are no students sometimes so we just ride through. Whether it's Tillman or Bowman Field, it's definitely a nice place to be. I wouldn't trade it for anything.

To see the entire video interview, visit thetigernews.com.



Clemson to start boxing club

BRAD HAIDER
STAFF WRITER

There comes a point in our lives when we need to step out of our comfort zones and embrace something new. As cliché as it sounds, the roads we never thought we'd travel always end up changing us for the better.

This past summer, I stayed in Clemson to take classes. They kept me busy, but I still found stretched-out moments where I had nothing to do. Inevitably, my restlessness guided me up the steps of Fike. A good run on a treadmill, the steady back-and-forth motion of rowing, or riding one of the stationary bikes was all that was needed to cure my pent up energy ... for a while.

Unfortunately, it all became too

much of a routine, and the restlessness returned. I had to find a new outlet. I was already three-fourths of the way through the summer, and while searching for "the next big thing," I recalled thinking one constant thought: "Man, I really want to punch something!"

Fike has a punching bag and speedball-stand fixture, and every day I would pass right by it. Ninety percent of the time, it stood silent. The forceful thud of blood, bone and tissue smacking against tightly packed sand cased in leather could only be heard in my head as my longing to experience its reality grew. I knew I had found my "something new." The last month of the summer was spent paying attention to the boxing movements my body seemed to naturally teach

me. Two weeks of repeated cuts in my knuckles did not deter my interest. Instead, I gained a respect and love for boxing.

Now, thanks to a small push from my brother, I am currently in the process of starting an official boxing club at Clemson University. It has become quite an undertaking with all the steps involved to generate a sports organization, from writing up a constitution to meeting with the right people. These are all the technical aspects.

The tough part is accumulating interest, raising awareness and forming contacts, but I believe a boxing club has a lot to offer Clemson University. First, the sport is a form of character building that can be applied to all avenues of one's life. In a sense, what

you learn through boxing affects your overall confidence, determination and self-efficacy in your day-to-day life.

Second, it harbors amazing health benefits. Taking that first swing at someone is what everyone wants to jump right into. However, boxing requires just as rigorous, if not more so, a training and conditioning schedule as any other sport. Tackling sore arm muscles from the push-ups and planks and sore abs from the variety of sit-ups is just the immediate feedback from a boxing workout. Pushing through all the tough exercises gets you in your best athletic form, which is worth fighting for.

Finally, boxing provides a chance for real success. Although we are training on an amateur level, work

hard enough and you could have the chance to go to the Olympics or win titles worth millions of dollars. These are just a couple goals that can be reached through the sport of boxing.

This club is about staying humble in light of the power you are being taught. Every moment of anger or day of stress can be overcome by the controlled power behind boxing. That is why I want to extend an invitation to any guy or girl to at least give the sport a try. My time at Clemson is rapidly coming to an end. To say I entered without much confidence in myself and then left with two major leadership roles, one encompassing starting an entire organization, says a lot about the roads we never thought we'd travel.

GEORGIA HOLDS SERVE AGAINST CLEMSON

BRAD HAIDER
STAFF WRITER

This past weekend, the men's tennis team faced off against No. 4 Georgia. Clemson entered into the match coming off of a 4-3 win over College of Charleston.

This matchup was the 61st meeting between the two teams. Their first meeting was in 1937. The Bulldogs led the series 47-13.

On Saturday, Georgia beat Clemson 7-0 to open its season with a victory. Clemson fell to 1-1 with the loss. The Tigers were ranked No. 66 nationally in the last ITA poll.

However, Clemson's No. 1 doubles team, juniors Zachary Rigsby and Yannick Maden, upset the Bulldogs' No. 1 doubles team, 8-4. The Georgia duo was ranked No. 8 in the country. In number-one singles, No. 3 Will Spencer defeated No. 59 Maden 6-1, 6-0.

Clemson will be on the road for the next three matches. They will play at LSU on Feb. 2, Louisville on Feb. 11 and Furman on Feb. 15. The Tigers' next home match will be on Feb. 18 against Wisconsin.

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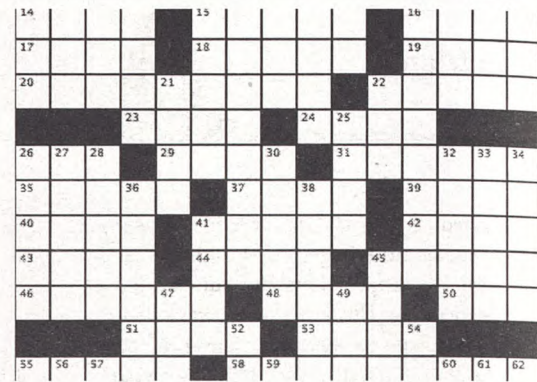
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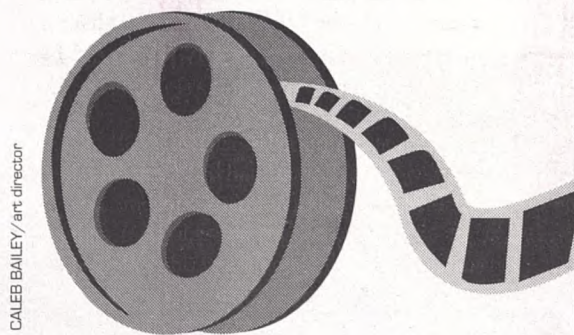
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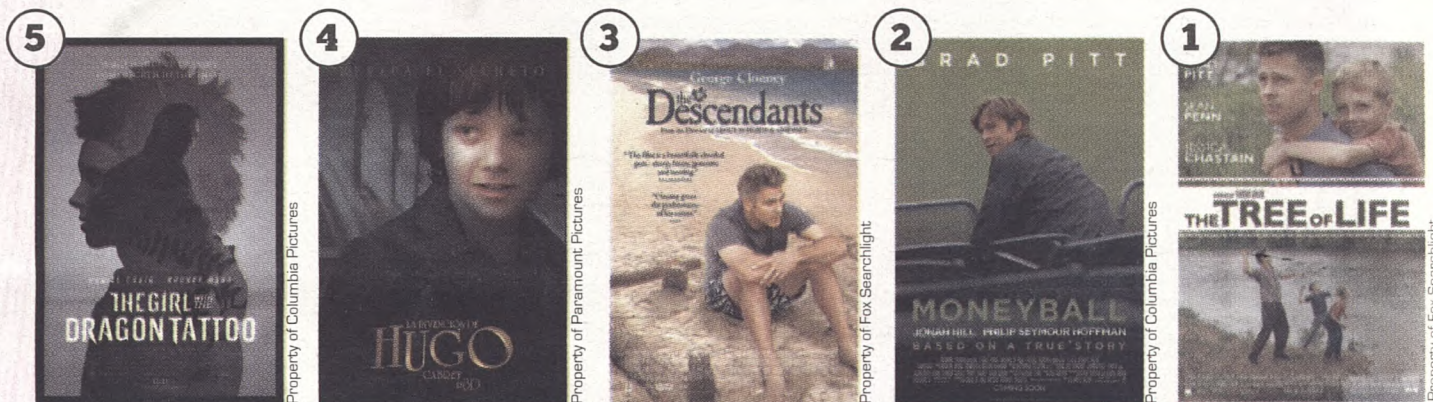
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With award season in full swing, it's about time for The Whoopie to pick its top movies of 2011. Admittedly, this list was no easy task with a solid year of cinema behind us. I wasn't able to see every movie I would have liked to this past year (two which immediately come to mind include "Drive" and "Shame"), but the five films that made this list definitely impress. And yes, I did see "The Artist," the silent film the Academy will most likely grant Best Picture — it shouldn't. It wasn't bad, but by no means does it deserve such accolades. The idea of a black-and-white film winning Best Picture has its appeal, but this one just fell short for me.



CALEB BAILEY / art director



5. The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo

David Fincher establishes a perfect mood for this thriller. The film's plot continually adds on itself and becomes increasingly complicated, forcing the viewer to remain focused (even in the most disturbing of times, and this movie gets disturbing). The final product is a very smart mystery that leaves the viewer taken aback but all the more satisfied.

4. Hugo

Acclaimed director Martin Scorsese's period piece set in 1930s Paris did a better job than "The Artist" in capturing the magic and ambiance of the silent period of film. The movie's nostalgia works, and even those with no interest whatsoever in the period will walk away entertained and moved.

3. The Descendants

Alexander Payne's George Clooney vehicle deals with some pretty dark subject matter. Still, the film plays more as a comedy — albeit quite a dark comedy. The cast (as with most Payne films) is tremendous and excels in the hilarious and the most depressing of moments. Payne asks some difficult questions about family, morality and the larger scheme of life. Few could have pulled it off the way he does.

2. Moneyball

Bennet Miller's film about math and baseball does not appear to be the most appealing of films on paper. This movie was definitely my sleeper of the year and perhaps one of 2011's most watchable. With some solid acting, a great use of stock footage placing the film in historic perspective, and a spot-on script, Miller knocks this one out of the park. (Sorry, I had to.)

1. The Tree of Life

Terrence Malick's explanation of the meaning of life was undoubtedly the boldest film of the past year. In turn, it was also the best. It truly is a brilliant work of art. See it.

Honorable Mentions:



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Play Festival
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SATURDAY
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JANUARY

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Band
The Georgia Theatre

8:30 p.m.
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LICKING DOORKNOBS

Who is Anita Johnson?

Ellen Meny

Columnist



I waited, hands shaking and face smiling, at our monthly Tiger staff meeting, sitting with the other writers and editors of the TimeOut section. This was it. This was actually happening. I expected her to appear at any moment, gracing our feeble eyes in her trademark orange bathing suit-thing, tiger ears and tail perfectly coifed. I had a notebook on my lap, ready to ask for her autograph the moment I met her, as well as to write down what shampoo she used on her luscious curly hair. Minutes passed and we began the meeting, yet she never appeared. I realized then that my quest to meet this elusive person would be a long and arduous one. But it would be worth it: this one question has plagued me since when I first visited Clemson and my mother said, "Ellen, I know you want to write for The Tiger, but please don't write the sex column." I couldn't go on any longer in my sea of ignorance. I had to find the answer. I had to

know the truth. Who is Anita Johnson?

In preparation for My Search for Anita Johnson (Copyright Ellen Meny), I laid out all of the material and evidence I had, and right from the start I knew that I was at a disadvantage. Not only did I not know her age, place of residence or connection to Clemson, but I was beginning to understand that she did not always wear a sexy tiger outfit, no matter how she was portrayed in her illustration. I made a mental note to write to my editor about the false portrayal of writers after I found Anita Johnson and made her my BFF4EVER. I was also beginning to wonder if she was even necessarily female. Shrouded by secrecy and never appearing at meetings; what stopped Anita from actually being a hairy, overweight, 40 year-old male virgin?

At that point in my realization, I knew that I had to consider all options for Anita's identity. Was my editor Anita Johnson? I looked him up on Facebook. Probably not. Was my elderly political science professor Anita Johnson? I checked his name as a "Maybe" because he is a Republican. Was Parking Services Anita Johnson, working together as a strange vindication for the plague they set upon students? I doubted it. Was I Anita Johnson? In order to test this hy-

pothesis I took some time to brainstorm a sex article. After seeing my result, "How to Do Sex," I concluded that I was not Anita Johnson.

By then it seemed that I was at a dead-end. I had exhausted many of my hypotheses, and if neither my political science professor nor I was not Anita Johnson, who was?

There are thousands of Clemson students, and many of them are sexually active, or at least like to say that they are. It seemed, at that moment, that I would never be able to meet the elusive columnist, someone who helps people to see my column, as when they are reading hers their eyes sometimes inadvertently sweep over my writing (and I consider that a read).

Yet, during that moment of desperation, I realized something. What does it matter who Anita Johnson is? Or what she is? Male, female, asexual? Anita Johnson is a person, and yet she is not just a living being. She is an ideal, a way of thought, a state of being. Anita Johnson is a staple at Clemson, something that answers questions and titillates dozens of lonely Clemson boys.

But if anyone ever finds out what shampoo she uses, please tell me.



CALEB BAILEY/art director

Worst Trends of 2011

Caroline Stec

Staff Writer



There were a lot of great things that happened in 2011. Maybe it was the year you were accepted into this great institution of higher learning. Maybe it was the first year you spent Valentine's Day with a special someone instead of dripping tears into a chocolate box to the tune of Seal's "Kiss from a Rose." Heck, maybe 2011 was the year you finally mustered up enough

testosterone to grow that Tom Selleck-esque mustache you've been yearning for since the sixth grade. No matter what personal victory you snagged in the past 12 months, there were undoubtedly some serious mishaps and failures in the realm of pop culture which, for the sake of 2012 having any hope of success, need not continue circulating. Here are the top four:

[The term "winning"]

O.K., the whole Charlie Sheen meltdown provided some pretty entertaining celebrity news over the last half of the year, but for the love of God, can we please move on? His ill-conceived self-praising coinage, "winning," ironically made him more of a loser than before, so unless you want to continue in Sheen fashion annoying your Twitter friends with the overused hashtag, it must end now.

[Rewording the lyrics to]
Taio Cruz' "Dynamite"

This one certainly had its heyday, and I'm hoping that when the clock struck midnight thrusting us all into 2012 that we had it all out of our systems. Much like "winning," shouting "I throw my sandwich in the air sometimes screaming ayo where's the mayo" in the middle of TD's was only funny the first few times. No matter how creative you think your version of the song is, just take a deep breath, share it with your closest confidant if you have to (preferably a pet with no ability to slap you for it), and lock it away.

[Justin Bieber]

I know I'm going to get some flak for this one, but seriously JBiebs, I'm over you. While the whole Usher bromance kept you in good graces with me for a while, and yours and Selena Gomez's pseudo-power couple status is keeping you afloat for the time being, it's only a matter of time before you slowly disintegrate into has-been status. I hope. Sure, the whole side swooped hair was cute for a while and I can't deny the likeability of "Baby," but according to my books, that was so 2011. So, in the words of Chris Brown (whose career, in my mind, will last well into 2013) ... deuces JBiebs!

[Kris Jenner]

I say this year after year and somehow the famous head of the Kardashian empire still persists to haunt me with her Scout Finch bowl haircut, not to mention her awkwardly spelled first name. I can handle the incessant popularity of her daughters just fine; I'll proudly admit that I'm one of the million who tunes in religiously to see which city the girls are "taking" that week, but the Armenian mother is just too much for me to handle. So, I'll make one final plea for 2012's sake. Please, Kris Jenner, go away.

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BEER SNOBBERY 101

Eden Armstrong

Columnist



As vast as the world of beer can be, most people think of Budweiser, Natty Light, PBR, Corona, Coors and others common beers when they hear the word "beer," but nearly every week, all I talk about is unusual beers that most people have never heard of and may never even find. That is why I decided to review a few of the classics, if you will.

When you make your way to the back freezer aisle at the grocery store, your eyes are bombarded with 12-packs of all the aforementioned brews. All of

these fit into that traditional American lager category of beer. Each American lager is your typical pale ale with a decent amount of hops. Despite this lovely description, I find every American lager not worth the few dollars they cost. If I have no other good choices though, I would have to say that Pabst Blue Ribbon, more commonly called PBR, is my "cheap" beer of choice. It has more flavor than the other watered-down choices and the cans and bottle caps are decorated to look like cool American collectables.

Whenever I'm at a restaurant or bar that doesn't carry any unusual beers, I have a fallback or two to depend on. My warm-weather beer that is available almost everywhere is Corona. Whether or not it's a Corona Extra or Corona Light, I can enjoy this Mexican beer with a

nice lime slice any summer day. Its yellow color is characteristic of any Pilsner, but Corona has taken this color and made it a signature. Every year when I go to Edisto to enjoy a good book on the beach, I always make sure to grab a 12-pack of Corona.

My cool-weather fallback is Yuengling traditional lager. Yuengling Brewery can be found in Pennsylvania and is America's oldest brewing company. It tends to be more amber in color than other American lagers, which is due to the caramel malt added during the processing. It is a common, popular beer that lends to an unusual flavor and it's much better than its affordable price tag suggests. If your friends want to go to TTT's this weekend, try a Yuengling until you can make it to somewhere with a better beer selection.

Finally, there's a beer that was always my choice before I discovered the world of great beer. Michelob Ultra comes in many flavors: lime, cranberry, amber, peach or original. Personally I just stick to the original Michelob Ultra, a lighter American lager. It's a bit pricier than the other American lagers, but for good reason. It has more flavor than PBR or Bud probably due to its special blend of European and American malts and hops.

To all of those who refuse to drink "weird" beers, there are still good choices among the more popular beers. And for those of you who feel that liquor is the only option when your unusual beers aren't available, now you can try a few other options. Go out this weekend, try something new and find a new favorite brew (or fallback).

ON THE PROWL

By: Anita Johnson

The worlds of sex and relationships collide naturally. Whether or not your relationship arose from sex or sex was just a part of the evolution of your relationship, you probably will get it on with your significant other sooner or later. But how important should sex be within a relationship?

In order to answer this question, you must first determine the speed in which each person wants the relationship to progress and the wants and desires of each individual. A few of us are lucky and are on the same pace with their boyfriend or girlfriend. However, the more likely scenario is that one will want to move faster than the other. My solution to this is to talk it out and decide on a happy medium. As horrifying and awkward as talking through your sex life may seem, everyone will be satisfied in the end, if you know what I'm saying.

While you're at it (wink wink), you can figure out the exact wants

and desires of your bed buddy. Does he or she want to wait for marriage to have sex, but is O.K. with oral or digital foreplay? Or do they like to be tied up and spanked? These types of things are important to discuss before each partner can thoroughly enjoy each other in the sack.

Now once the guidelines and rules have been established, the next thing is to figure out the frequency and importance of sex within your relationship. For example, some women want it exactly once a week, while others can go for three times a week to every day. Men usually want it every day, but you never know and it wouldn't hurt to figure out how much he does think about sex. If these things are known by both parties it could lead to fighting or arguing and then you're letting sex bring more bad than good into the relationship. Nobody wants that.

The role of sex within the relationship will depend on the couple. Sex

shouldn't rule the relationship — talking and sharing interests should be at least half of what the couple does together. But please don't think that sex isn't important because without it, some people don't feel bonded or that they can satisfy their partner. Just remember: sex shouldn't rule a relationship, but it is necessary. Now go play Dr. Ruth and have that sex chat. Happy coitus!



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TIPS FOR DRESSING ON A BUDGET

EVAN DUGGAR

I have heard that part of being in college is having no money. This is especially horrible because the first thing to suffer is your closet. I mean, there's no law against wearing the same boho blouse for the fourth year in a row, but it starts to suck after round five. With this in mind, I have compiled a list of tricks that I have learned over the years to allow you a little more wiggle room with your clothing budget.

My number-one trick is to becoming close personal friends with the clearance rack. The clothes on there were once the clothes you could not afford, so don't ignore them now! If something costs more money than you are willing to shell out, but you love it, wait for a sale. If you can't find your size in the store after it has gone on sale, then ask the sales associate to look it up for you and order it from another store. If you still can't get it, look online. If you still can't find it, it was not meant to be and you should get over it.

Outlet stores are God's gift to college girls who crave BCBG but can only afford Old Navy. Go to the Gaffney outlet mall — their prices are worth the sketchiness (but bring a friend).

Know the difference between cheap clothes and well-made clothes that are inexpensive. Check the lining of the article of clothing to see if it is good quality and will actually last, and look at the seams to make sure it won't fall apart when you wash it. Buttons will also give you away quicker than you can lie about where you got that new coat. Take the time to switch out those nasty plastic buttons and it will instantly upgrade your thrifty piece.

Borrow, borrow, borrow! This is one of the biggest benefits to being in college. I live with five other girls and am constantly scouring their closets for something new to wear so that I don't go out and buy something new every time I am impatient with my own clothes. If you don't have roommates that let you borrow their clothes, then pick better roommates next year.

Mix and match what you already own. The first step to being able to do this well is to actually know what you own. That way when you see an outfit you like on some rando walking across the street, you can think about whether or not you could emulate her style with what you already have. When all else fails, drag your most stylish friend to your closet and ask what she would wear.

Invest in classic pieces. Spending more on one piece than you are used to spending is not always a bad thing. Just make sure it is something that won't go out of style quickly. It's okay to spend money on things like boots, pencil skirts or LBDs (little black dresses) because you will absolutely wear them forever.

Make sure it fits. Nothing is worse than a cheap pair of pants except a cheap pair of pants that doesn't fit. Hem your pants according to the shoe you will wear with them. Tailor dresses that fit on the bottom and are a little too big on top. Trust me — you will feel better about wearing it around in the light of day.

If you only have \$20 to spend, spend it on accessories. You can always wear a necklace more than a shirt. And you should never underestimate the power of a good scarf. You can also recast jewelry by slipping a brooch on a chain to make it a necklace or add some clip-on earrings to a pair of flats and voila — magic.

The biggest tip I can give, though, is do not buy it just because it's cheap. \$8 spent on a shirt you never wear still means you are \$8 poorer for no reason at all. You could have bought a sandwich with that!

Field Guide to Belgian Grocery Stores

Jessica Lau

Staff Writer



During my first week as a study abroad student in Belgium, the majority of my time awake has been spent doing three things: attending class, being held hostage by the astoundingly inefficient train system and browsing through no less than five different grocery stores.

While perusing the various Belgian supermarkets that I have encountered so far, I have noticed a number of key differences between Belgian grocery stores and their American counterparts.

Some are minor differences: one is more likely to find jarred vegetables than canned vegetables here in Belgium, and soup tends to come in boxes rather than cans. On the other hand, there are differences practically life-threatening in nature. Most notably, there is an appalling absence of instant ramen in Belgium. Here, college students seem to live off pasta instead.

Here are a few more characteristics of Belgian supermarkets:

1. An astonishingly universal disregard for peanut butter

In the United States, peanut butter is considered to be a humble food of great importance — particularly, in the form of the quintessentially American peanut butter and jelly sandwich. In Belgium, it is virtually impossible to find a jar of peanut butter at the supermarket. I made my way through four stores before managing to find a jar of the elusive stuff.

In Belgium, Nutella is king. Half of the shelf space occupied by the category of sweet sandwich spreads belongs to Nutella and its relatives: chocolate spread, chocolate hazelnut spread, chocolate spread with Hello Kitty on the jar label, spread made with brand-name Belgian chocolate and even banana chocolate spread.

The rest of the shelf space is taken up by a rainbow range of fruit jams and marmalades, as well as a couple of unique items. It appears that honey is a popular sandwich condiment in Belgium. And then there's Speculoos, an intensely sweet spread that looks like peanut butter but is instead based on

the traditional Belgian biscuit speculoos. I have it on good authority that Speculoos tastes like gingerbread. Here in Belgium, it's all about the overly sugary bread accompaniments.

2. On the matter of shopping bags

In supermarkets all around the U.S., one of the most commonly heard phrases is, "Paper or plastic?" On the other side of the ocean, Belgium is one of the many European countries that has effectively instated a levy on plastic bags in order to be more environmentally friendly. One is expected to bring reusable shopping bags to the grocery stores; should a customer find himself woefully bag-less, there are shopping bags for sale at the checkout line.

3. The refrigeration of dairy products, or the lack thereof

Eggs, milk and cheese are always diligently kept cold in the U.S. In Belgian supermarkets, however, dairy products can be found in the non-refrigerated sections of the store.

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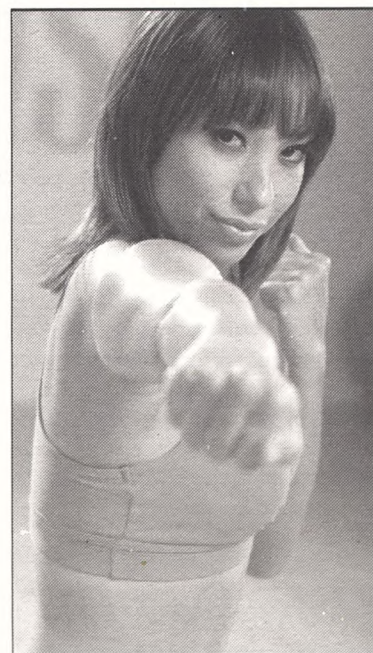
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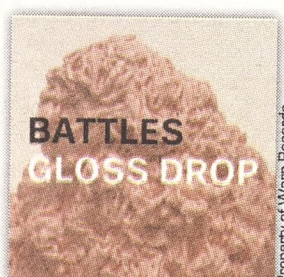
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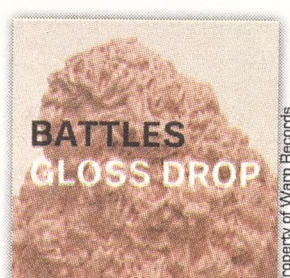
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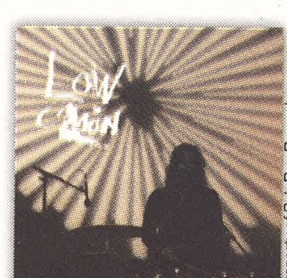
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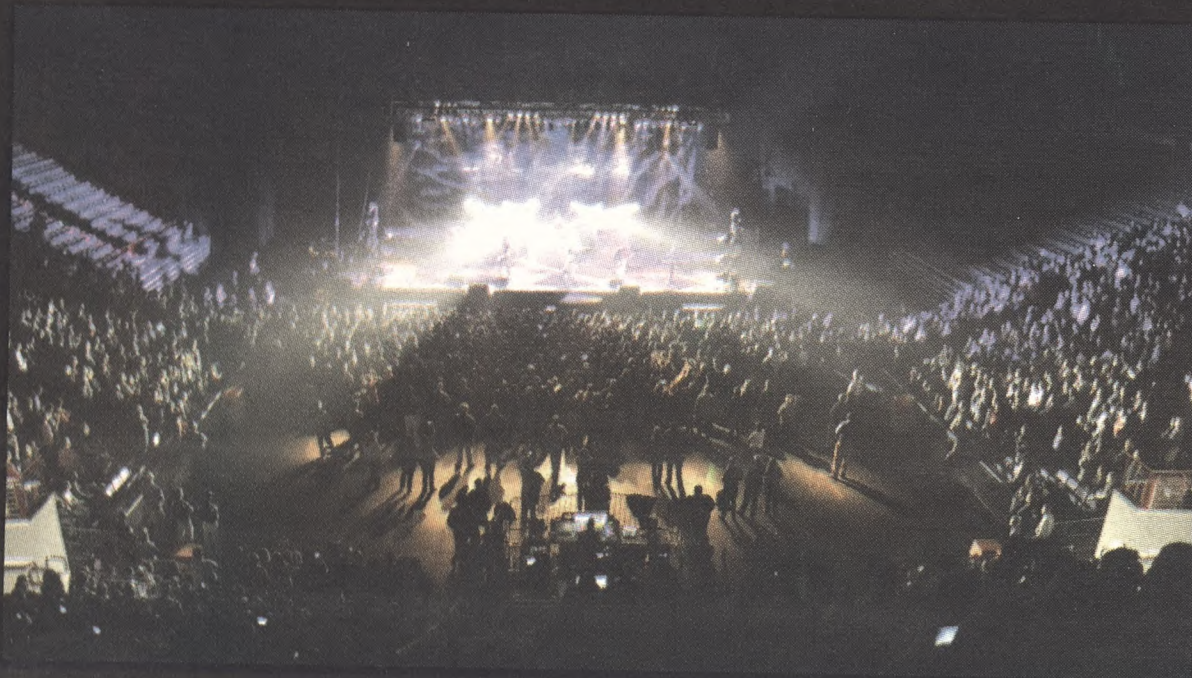
Opening with current single “What You Want,” Evanescence played a set heavy on songs from their newest, self-titled album mixed in with a few older cuts from their catalogue. Although every other member of the original lineup has left, Amy Lee is still as fresh as she was in 2003,

and her onstage energy has certainly not dwindled either.

Although she occasionally stepped behind a keyboard or piano to supplement her bandmates, Lee often stepped out onto the catwalk or onto the monitors to engage the crowd, and aside from the brief moments in between songs where Lee would graciously thank the crowd, she was a captivating sight. Throughout the show, she led the crowd through a series of fist-pumping singalongs with an intensity that Littlejohn hasn't seen in quite some time.

Believe it or not, Evanescence have nearly been on the

forefront of the American modern rock scene for ten years. (For some perspective, I was in elementary school when their 2003 debut “Fallen” was released and a freshman in high school when its successor, 2006’s “The Open Door,” came out) Their career has been intermittent, but it has also allowed them to survive the musical trends rock has weathered in the past decade, but it's only after seeing one of their concerts that one can see why they're still around: They boast one of the greatest frontwomen in rock, a surprisingly strong light show and a unique brand of post-grunge that appeals to a wide and devoted audience.



Setlist

What You Want
Going Under
The Other Side
Weight of the World
The Change
My Last Breath
Made of Stone
Lost in Paradise

My Heart is Broken
Lithium
Erase This
Sick
Call Me When You're Sober
Imaginary
Bring Me to Life

Encore

Never Go Back
Swimming Home
Your Star
My Immortal



BLOWING SMOKE

Joshua S. Kelly
Columnist



My first experience with smoking hookah was in March 2009. I was in a little two-story café across from a movie theater not far from the market district of Cairo, Egypt. I don't remember a whole lot from that night mainly because I was pretty caught up with actually being in Egypt, something I had dreamed about since I was a young kid, but I remember seeing a variety of people at the café. There were some businessmen having a meeting downstairs, and upstairs (where our small group was) there were teenagers just hanging out after school; smoking hookah was an activity for everyone, and that image has always stuck with me.

That was my only experience with hookah during my time in Egypt, and I didn't try it again until last year, when a friend brought their hookah over to the apartment. However, now it is something that we do several times a week and one of my favorite ways to relax and just hangout. And that is what motivated me to start writing this column. I will never claim to be an expert on the subject, but I have learned a few tricks over

my numerous sessions and I hope to share those tips with y'all. This first column is really just an introduction to me and my “panel” (roommate Travis Netherton and friend who wishes to stay “Anonymous” for personal reasons), but in the coming weeks we will be reviewing the local hookah bars and giving product reviews on brands of hookahs, coals and shisha flavors, among other things.

First, however, here is a little info and history on hookah for those that may not already know. Hookahs are large water pipes used for smoking flavored tobacco (called shisha). The tobacco is packed into a bowl (usually made of ceramic) and then placed on a metal stem, which in turn sits on a glass base filled with water. To smoke a hookah, one simply pulls from a hose attached to the side of the stem, which draws the smoke from the tobacco down through the stem and through the water (which functions to cool the smoke) and then out of the hose.

Smoking tobacco through this method has been around since at least the 16th century and is believed to have originated somewhere in the Middle East or India, although today is popular in all parts of the world.

In next week's column, we will be reviewing the local hookah bars

down town, The Friends Café and The Hangout. But as a little treat, or just as a way to learn a little more about the people behind writing this column, here is a profile of each of our favorite hookah session setups:

Joshua: I currently own three hookahs, but my favorite at the moment is the Egyptian-brand Sphinx hookah with the Genie glass base. I use a Vortex brand bowl, a Nammor hose, and Coco Nara coals. It is hard to pick a favorite flavor of shisha, but I really enjoy Fantasia's “Lucky” flavor; I don't really know how to describe the taste, but I am always sad when the bowl is dead.

Travis: Travis's favorite setup is the Vortex bowl, Nammor hose and Coco Nara coals, but on his Comet rotating hookah with Social Smoke “Tigers Blood” flavor.

Anon: “I like any hookah session really, but my favorite experience comes from a Nammor hose, Vortex bowl, Coco Nara coals, on a Mya hookah. I really don't care for the newer ‘western’ flavors, so my favorite shisha is any traditional flavor preferably from the Jordanian brand Roman.”

That's it for this week, but be sure to follow our blog at tigerhookah.tumblr.com for more tips, tricks and photos!

PASATIEMPOS
HOROSCOPES

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ACROSS

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- 10- Free from
- 14- Chapter
- 15- Miscella
- 16- Uncount
- 17- At the a
- 18- Checkin
- 19- Plains n
- 20- German
- 22- Striped,
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- 25- Willows
- 26- Back pa
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- 35- Implore
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- 61- Express

PASATIEMPOS

HOROSCOPES

Scorpio

Oct. 24 – Nov. 21



Stop eating a nightly bucket of Häagen-Dazs and listening to Adele at full volume. You're better off without them.

Sagittarius

Nov. 22 – Dec. 21



Your self-conscious suspicions are correct – it's definitely time for a new Facebook profile picture.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 – Jan. 19



Be careful when Tweeting in class this week – you don't want your professor to catch you sharing their hilarious mangling of the English language with all of your friends.

Aquarius

Jan. 20 – Feb. 19



This is a week where it's probably a bad idea to do your own stunts.

Pisces

Feb. 20 – March 20



Don't watch "Inception" this weekend unless you want to have weird dreams featuring Leonardo DiCaprio all week.

Aries

March 21 – April 20



Call into a radio station competition this week. You won't win those Justin Bieber tickets you've always wanted, but a new iPod is a pretty good consolation prize.

Taurus

April 21 – May 20



If you go out on Thursday night, be sure to rage straight into your 8 a.m. class the next day. Your classmates will appreciate it.

Gemini

May 21 – June 21



You're going to accidentally skip class this week, but you won't mind because it's a horrible class.

Cancer

June 22 – July 22



Do yourself a favor this weekend and watch something starring Ryan Gosling.

Leo

July 23 – Aug. 23



The cops are coming out hard this week. Just sayin'.

Virgo

Aug. 24 – Sept. 22



You'll have some spare time this week. Piggyback on someone's Netflix account and watch some Arrested Development.

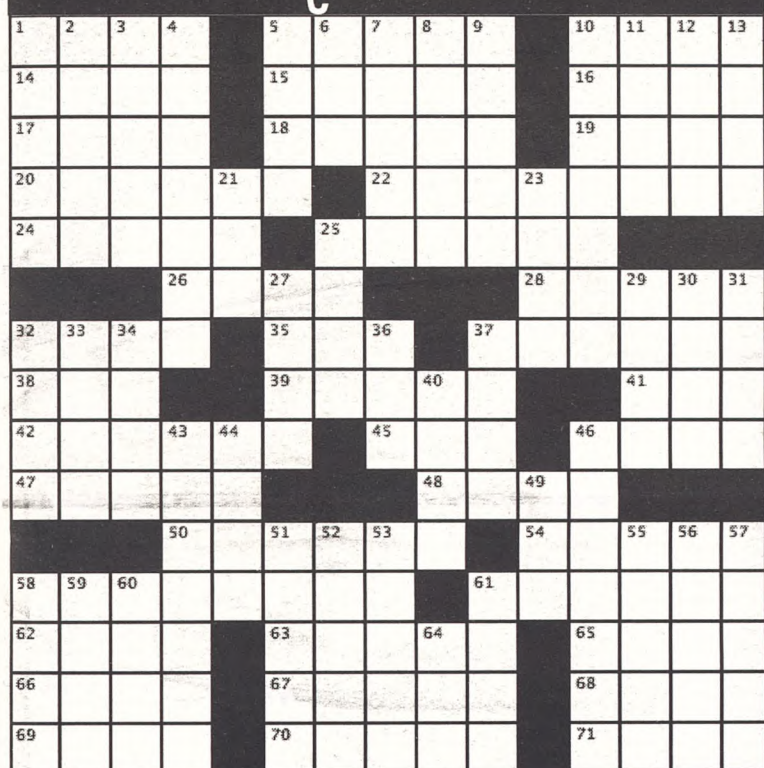
Libra

Sept. 23 – Oct. 23



This weekend, your date will order fish fillet, and yes, it will be cray.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

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5- Clear the board
10- Free from bias
14- Chapter of the Koran
15- Miscellany
16- Uncouth
17- At the apex of
18- Checking out
19- Plains native
20- German composer
22- Striped, hyenalike mammal
24- Magna ____
25- Willows
26- Back part of the foot
28- Chopin composition
32- Spanish snack
35- Implore
37- Inner shrine
38- Altar in the sky
39- Me too
41- Where some vets served
42- Sterile
45- Damage
46- Boxer Oscar ____
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48- Hot
50- Vast
54- Japanese form of fencing
58- Maternal or paternal
61- Express differently

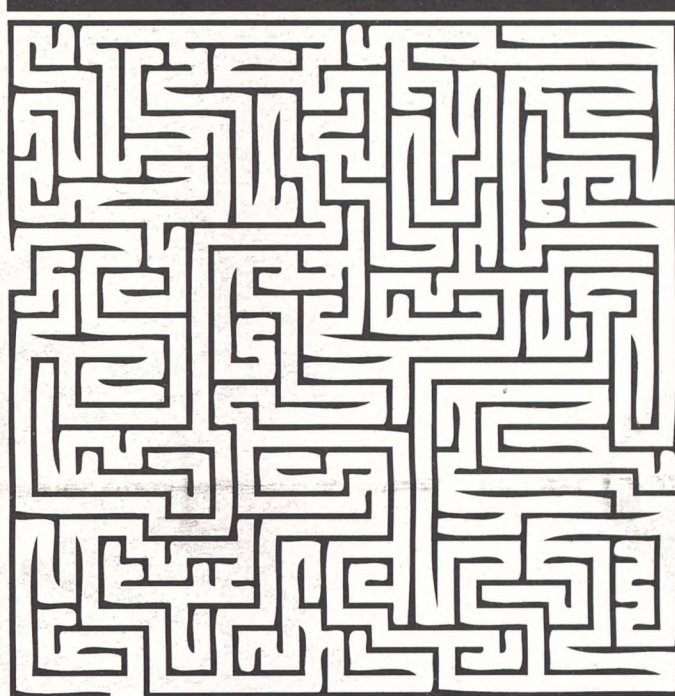
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63- Exclude, remove
65- Black-and-white treat
66- Leaf of a book
67- Maker of Pong
68- Actor Epps
69- Ladies of Sp.
70- Burdened
71- Pops
1- Easy ____
2- Collection of Hindu aphorisms
3- Bellowing
4- Volatile petroleum distillate
5- Nights before
6- 2004 biopic
7- Met highlights
8- Biblical mount
9- Large wave caused by tidal flow
10- Musty
11- Car
12- Billy ____ had a hit song with "White Wedding"
13- Ridge of rock
21- Fannie ____
23- Historic Scott
25- Corrida cries
27- Abba of Israel
29- Magazine founder

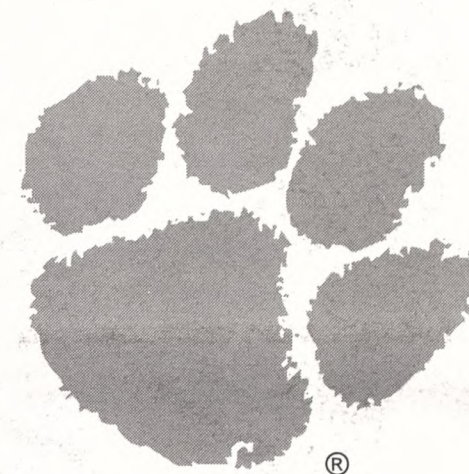
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31- Anarchist Goldman
32- Bar bills
33- I smell ____!
34- Trim
36- Leg
37- Leeds's river
40- Not fem.
43- Slopes backward;
44- North Carolina college
46- Tree matter that yields a coloring matter
49- Classic Jaguar
51- Pilfer
52- Island near Sicily
53- Greek epic poem
55- Bellini opera
56- Fear greatly
57- Smells
58- Enlivens, with "up"
59- Culture medium
60- Hindu music
61- Bridle strap
64- Dr. of rap

MAZE



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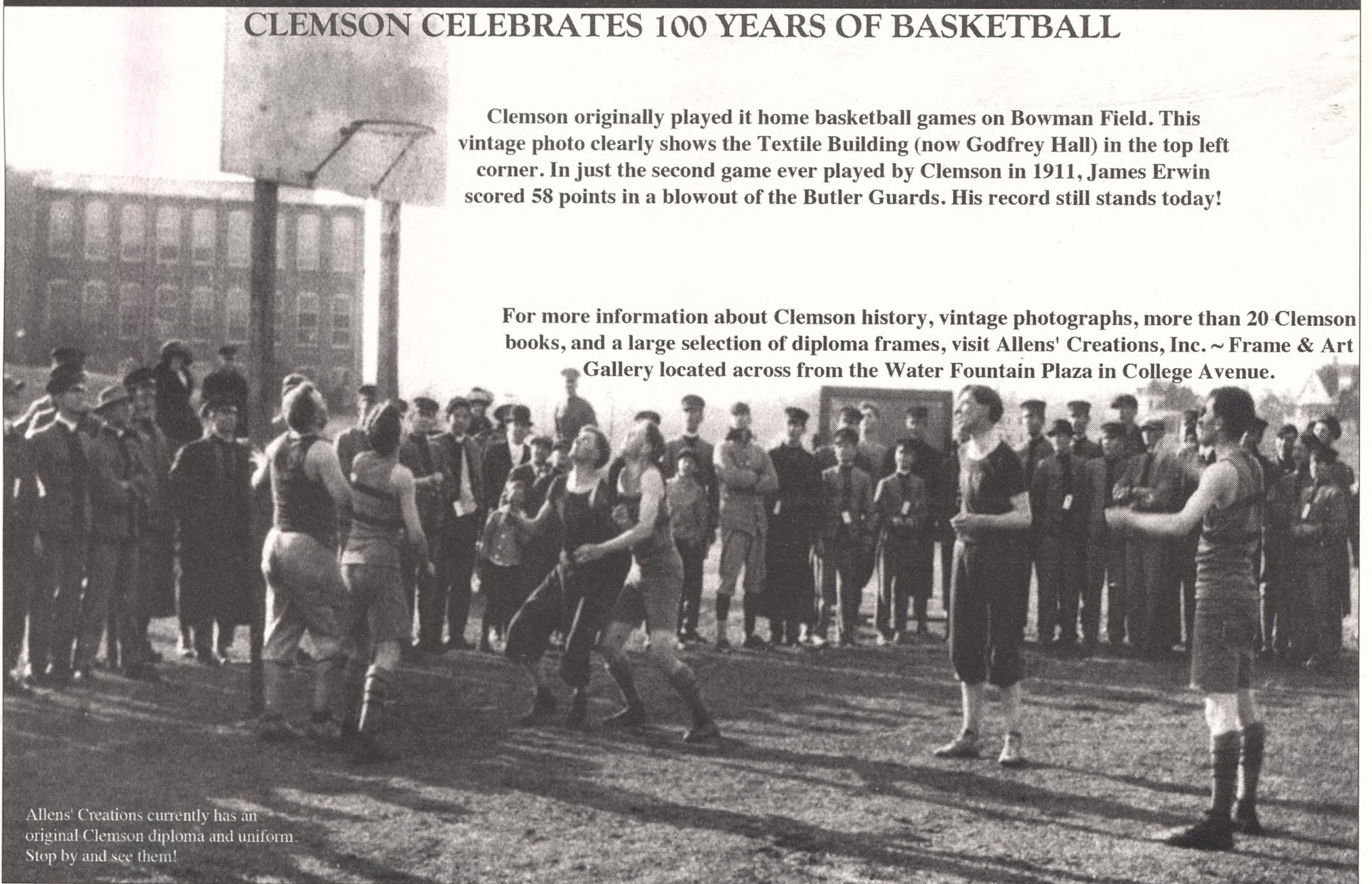
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