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

Housing assignments satisfy some

While nearly 70 percent receive first choice, housing assignment process set to change.

First Round Analysis

ON THE

Rising Sophomore Sign up Process

69.9% of 1268 students
received their first
choice for housing

19.7% of students
received their second
choice

7% of students received
their third choice

3.5% of students
received their back up
assignment

*According to University Housing,
backup assignments are similar to
type of space students put as
top choices.

GRACE GREENE
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

After a week of waiting, Clemson students received their on-campus housing assignments for the 2014-2015 academic year, and while students were pleased with their housing assignments, others were not.

The assignments were sent out last Friday, Feb. 21, but due to a programming error, some students were assigned incorrectly, as the system placed rising sophomores in freshmen living areas and non-honors students in Holmes Hall, the honors dorm. The errors were corrected by housing administrators late Friday evening. According to University Housing, 69.8 percent of the students assigned housing received their first choice and 19.7 percent received their second choice.

Stadium Suites is the most desired housing option for rising sophomores, followed by the apartment areas, including Calhoun Courts, and Lightsey Bridge, according to University Housing.

As 53 percent of sophomores continue to live on campus, many

first-year students have spent the past few weeks anxiously waiting to see if they've received a coveted spot in Stadium Suites.

Megan Hunt, a freshman biochemistry and microbiology major, said of the assignment process, "I have many friends who can only cross their fingers and wait, hoping for the random draw of housing to land them a place in Stadium Suites."

While some students were pleased to receive their first choice, others who were assigned to their second or third choice housing options were not as happy, including freshman biology major Sarah Steedman, who stated, "It was kind of annoying how they changed the assignment. They told us we were in Holmes on Friday, and the on Saturday they told us we were in Calhoun Courts, which was our third choice, and Holmes was our second. I've heard that Stadium Suites is pretty hard to get into, so we kind of knew we wouldn't go in Stadium, but we thought we'd get our second choice."

Other students were content with receiving their second or third choice of housing, including freshman

mechanical engineering major Nick Spivey, who said, "I would have rather had Stadium, but I'm okay with Calhoun because it's a nice place."

This year's housing software system, developed by the University and implemented in 2005, involved students completing an electronic application and contract that allowed them to designate their roommate selection, first, second and third choices for housing and any desired Living Learning community. After the on-campus housing application closes, the housing department manually assigns Living Learning communities.

The housing system administrators then begin an automated run, where students are randomly assigned based on their first, second and third choice options and their number of designated roommates; groups of students that fill the spaces for a certain living option, such as having four students for a four-person apartment, receive priority. Individual students are then assigned randomly, without concern to their first, second and third choices.

In an attempt to address student concerns about the current

on-campus housing assignment process, Clemson University's Housing and Dining department has developed plans to change the current assignment process.

Joy Moss, director of business operations for University Housing and Dining, said "Clemson University Housing has recently issued an RFP (Request For Proposal) to purchase and replace the current housing management software system which will allow more flexibility with student the sign up process [sic]. As we implement the new software program, Housing will review the timeline of the sign-up process as well."

The university hopes to have the new housing assignment system in place for a trial run with the incoming student group for the 2015 spring semester, and if successful, they will utilize it for the assignment process for the 2015-16 academic year.

In addition, the university plans to improve on-campus housing options, including a renovation of Johnstone Hall and the construction of housing facilities for both Bridge students and upperclassmen.

Final on-site review for reaccreditation passed

Clemson accredited for the next ten years by SAC and SCC.

REBEKA WELLMON
STAFF WRITER

Clemson University is still considered an accredited university that can award financial aid, grants and degrees to their students, with last week's reaccreditation granted by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' Commission on Colleges.

"Reaccreditation is required by the federal government out of the U.S. Department of Education for an institution to be accredited by a regional accrediting body or another federally approved accrediting body for students to receive Title IV

financial aid and for us to also receive federal research grants," Debra B. Jackson, Clemson's Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Assistant to the President for Institutional Effectiveness, said.

In order to be accredited, a university must complete a compliance certification report, which is a document that provides evidence that the school is following all of the standard laws. At Clemson, the compliance certification committee worked with faculty and student leaders across the campus to work on that document.

Last April there was an on-site review, the last step for reaccreditation,

in which an appointed team came to campus and documented everything that the school was doing and compared it to everything that Clemson claimed it was doing on paper. The review passed and there will be no follow-up reports.

"One of the major segments of the standards [for reaccreditation] relates to general education because you have to document how you are assessing your educational program," Jackson said. "We have to document that we are meeting our general education program, and by that I mean that the students are actually confident

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Clements family lives in dorms

President moves to Clemson House.

LAINIEY HANNA
STAFF WRITER

The Clemson House, sitting atop the hill above Bowman, has sheltered many first year students, barbers and notable visitors throughout the years.

According to "The High Seminary," residents of the penthouse apartment have included big names, such as violinist Yehudi Menuhin, U.S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk and actor of "The Midnight Man," Burt Lancaster. Now, however, the penthouse apartment belongs to one of the university's own icons:

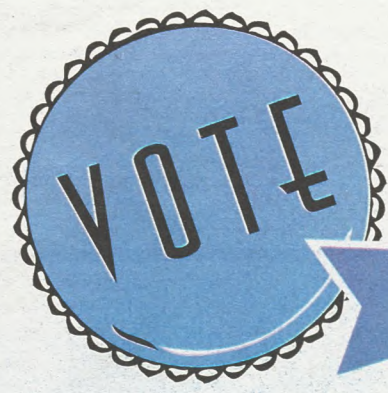
President Clements and his family.

"The Clements family is living in the Clemson House temporarily while the President's Home undergoes renovations," Cathy Sams, Chief Public Affairs Officer, said.

"The Clemson House has an apartment on the top floor that is large enough to accommodate Dr. and Mrs. Clements and their 13-year-old daughter, Grace. Ironically, his daughter, Hannah, is a transfer student and is also living in the Clemson House in a traditional student room. President Clements

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Interviews by: Joe Hendricks, News Editor

Graphics by: Megan Matthews, News Layout Editor

The Tiger Newspaper: What would your plans be for the next year?

Austin Mall & Emily Urban: We want to push past Student Government's walls and engage students, in order to help all students voice inputs for Clemson University's future. We will do this by improving communications with students on issues including Student Government, intramural and club sports fields, ePortfolio, CAFLS and the CAFLS family and anything else that students need from orientation to graduation.

Clemson is in a very unique position right now and it is imperative that we have the students' opinions heard and that actions are taken that the student body collectively wants. We will continue to advocate for more awareness of sustainability and social justice. It's about making changes that will make a positive impact on Clemson for years to come and ensuring that all students feel safe and a part of the Clemson family. We will focus on serving all and making best standard.

TTN: What changes would you try to make to the school?

A&E: Clemson University is changing every day. From administrative changes to changes in state funding, Clemson University, students, faculty and administrators, will need to make the sacrificial changes to gain a competitive edge in educating the leaders of tomorrow. As the next Student Body President and Vice President, we will address the changes with student input and articulate them to the student body, so that the Clemson Family is truly moving forward together. We will have to act together to ensure the best for each person on this campus.



CONTRIBUTED BY THOMAS GIRONDA / student

Austin Mall

Major: Bioengineering

Year: Junior

Hometown: Tallahassee, FL

Emily Urban

Major: Political Science

Year: Junior

Hometown: Greenville, SC

* Austin Mall and Emily Urban are pursuing a write-in campaign. They will not be considered candidates until they have received 50 write-in votes. Their names will be added to the ballot at that time.

TTN: Why did you decide to run for these positions?

A&E: We are running to bring new perspective to the roles of Student Body President and Vice President. We see that there are issues on campus that many students are concerned about and we want to give those students a voice. We will encourage and include students more than before and act on behalf of their needs.

We don't want to let another year go by in which the Student Body President and Vice President win uncontested and we believe in healthy competition. Our vision for the University goes beyond this year; we want to build a positive continuity within Student Government and impact all students, involved and non-involved, for years to come. Our goals are not just project based for the coming year, but for long term changes in Student Government culture and this campus.

TTN: What sets you apart from the other candidates?

A&E: The president and vice president roles are for, first, servants, and second, change-agents. Without the first, the second is destined for failure. We are servants, and with our dedication, passion, and experience, we bring something new to the table. We are ready to listen to all and be representative of Clemson University. Our perspective is different from any other perspective in the past years. We have both served in Student Government and outside of it, and this has given us a new understanding of complete student life in Clemson. We understand the value of involvement but we also recognize that the Clemson experience is different for each individual.

Student Government must realize that all students will not be involved in the same ways.

The Clemson Family has diversified and together we have to act as if everyone is a member despite their activities. We truly want to give everyone the opportunity to be a part of the Clemson family and have the Clemson experience that is best for them.

TTN: What is the most important aspect of this position for you?

A&E: Advocacy and action are the two most important aspects that need to extend beyond these positions. Student Government, and especially Student Body President and Vice President, speak to administration, work on projects, and lobby on behalf of the student body and it is imperative that all Clemson students feel as though their voice will be heard and actions will be made on their behalf.

It is incredibly challenging to represent such a diverse community, but when we understand the value of the Clemson Family, it is clear to see the actions to take. We recognize that we do not know everything there is to know and we are ready and willing to hear all perspectives. Our advocacy and actions will impact all Clemson family members for years to come and for this reason we highly value the gravity of these roles.

TTN: Is there anything else students should know about you before voting?

A&E: We are students first and for that reason we want to be able to help everyone we can. Win or lose, we still want to advocate and act on behalf of students. As members of the Clemson Family, we are not afraid to stand up for what we believe in and we will not back down. If you ever need anything, see something that you want to change or have insight to share, do not hesitate to contact us.

BODY PRESIDENTIAL

ELECTIONS

The Tiger interviews Clemson Undergraduate Student Government hopefuls



KATIE ABRAMOWS / STUDENT

The Tiger Newspaper: What would your plans be for the next year?

Maddy Thompson: Clemson is currently undergoing many transitions in administration, and with these administrative changes, our university is open to change as well. Luckily, President Clements cherishes the voices of students, so Lee and I's first plan of action would be to meet with him to express student concerns and the rest of our platform. In my mind, ePortfolio reform is the number one priority.

TTN: What changes would you try to make to the school?

Maddy: Every year candidates promise new projects and use buzzwords such as "increased transparency," but at the end of the day, student government does a poor job of representing each and every student. In order to ensure that we have reached out to more students, Lee and I are going to increase student input and involvement through our "Ideas to Action" initiative, through which students can submit their ideas to change Clemson directly to us with a click of a button on our website.

We will also improve academic advising for those departments in which advising is a struggle every semester, implement a Tiger One mobile app, bring a food truck event to Clemson to provide an alternative dining experience, and increase lobbying initiatives for CAFLS.

TTN: Why did you decide to run for these positions?

Maddy: In the midst of all the football games, spending time with friends and enjoying the college lifestyle, we can often forget that we came to Clemson for its academics.

Don't get me wrong, because I love football as much as the next girl, but at the end of our experience here in God's country, what is going to matter won't be the free stuff that we got at an event. Instead, what is going to matter after we walk across the stage and shake President Clements's hand is how much our degree is worth. I know that we are the best candidates to enact tangible and practical reforms to improve our academic experience and add value to every student's degree, which is why I ultimately decided to run.

TTN: What sets you apart from the other candidates?

Maddy: My experience. I have served in student government for 3 years and have had the chance to work with administration in every facet of campus. These projects range from bringing the GOTCHA ride to campus, to establishing the Sustainability Fund Committee, even to the general education reform. Because we already have developed these relationships with the administration, it enables us to hit the ground

running and ensure that not only is your voice heard, but that a trusted, respected and informed voice is advocating on your behalf.

TTN: What is the most important aspect of this position for you?

Maddy: One of the coolest things about Clemson is that we actually give our students a voice. President Clements has personally given out his cell phone number to some students to encourage them to provide feedback and input. To have a president who is that accessible and eager to work with student leaders is rare, but with great power comes great responsibility. The most important aspect of the Student Body President is knowing what the students really want, through methods such as Ideas to Action, and then collaborating with the administration to provide practical solutions to real problems.

TTN: Is there anything else students should know about you before voting?

Maddy: Often times during student body elections, we forget that the candidates are just normal people. I don't want to run for a resume builder or a title. I want to run because I honestly, sincerely love Clemson and our students.

Maddy Thompson

Major: Political Science and Economics

Year: Junior

Hometown: Greenville, SC

Lee Cochrane

Major: Bioengineering

Year: Junior

Hometown: Piedmont, SC

* Voting is from February 27-28.

Results will be announced on March 5 *

Tigra Scientifica: Man versus Predator

With predators' numbers falling in the wild, the rest of the food chain is being forced to adapt.

MADDI PHILLIPS
STAFF WRITER

Do you think lions and tigers and bears are scary? As it turns out, their absence is even scarier. Predator ecology is gaining in popularity, as scientists discover just how crucial top predators — such as lions, tigers and, well, you know the rest — are to the success of an ecosystem.

A prime example of an essential predator is the gray wolf, *Canis Lupus*. Once a thriving and abundant species, gray wolf populations have been nearly eliminated from 48 U.S. states. The absence of this apex predator has a dramatic top-down effect on the entire ecosystem. With their natural predators removed from the picture, elk populations flourish.

In turn, cottonwoods and other trees become elk chow. Fewer trees result in fewer songbirds and fewer resources available for beavers to build dams with. Remove beaver dams from an ecosystem and small ponds also disappear. Eliminating ponds reduces habitats for succulent plants, a critical food source for

grizzly bears. In contrast, the presence of wolves offers possibilities for a much healthier ecosystem. Let's examine the elk again. When wolves are absent, elk are able to live happy-go-lucky, ungulate lives. Throw a wolf pack in the mix, and elk become cautious of predation. As a result, they spend less time in river bottoms and more time in elevated areas where they can stand guard.

The lack of elk in rivers allows woody vegetation and other plants to grow along the banks, which reduces erosion. Bank vegetation also creates more shade and keeps streams cooler. Vegetation slows the river, allowing water to pool and thus improve habitat for trout and other fish.

As it is probably becoming obvious, the absence or presence of an apex predator in an ecosystem can have drastic results on both the biotic and abiotic components of the environment. The impacts of the gray wolf listed above are only a fraction of the influence of wolves, and the wolves' story is only one of many predator tales. If predators are such a crucial part of an ecosystem,

why were they removed in the first place?

As a whole, mankind has a general dislike of the notion of predators for several reasons, first and foremost, being that top predators are higher than man on the food chain. Without modern technologies, our existence may very well be threatened by something larger and more carnivorous than ourselves. Predators also pose a threat to livestock and other wild animals.

Whether our intentions are to farm or hunt, predators serve as competition to these livelihoods, and we often take it into our own hands to eliminate the competition.

Is that really fair for the predator? After all, nearly all top predator species existed before the evolution of *Homo sapiens*, and predators coevolved with their food sources and with the habitat. If their natural food sources weren't removed by humans in the first place, predators would have little need to seek alternative nutrition in the form of livestock.

While many predators remain vulnerable, there are certainly a



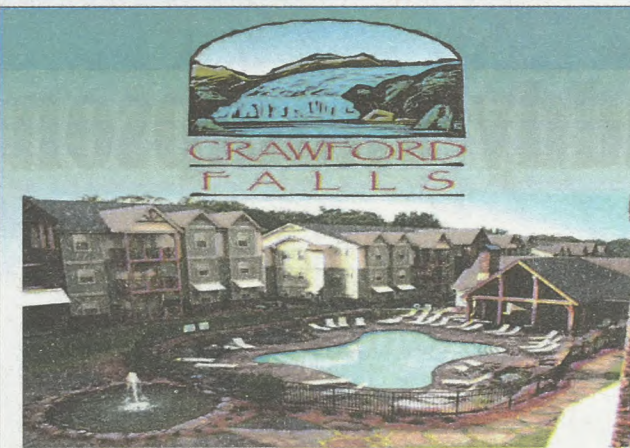
Wolves are a predator who have had trouble adapting to their new habitat.

few success stories. For example, our friend the *Canis lupus* has been successfully introduced back into Yellowstone National Park, and is helping to restore the natural ecosystem.


It's becoming increasingly revealing how delicately balanced ecosystems are, especially when the top predator is removed. The

increase in the understanding of the importance of predators is essential for predator recovery. As we learn more about the way ecosystems are supposed to be, rather than how we want them to be, we can start attempting to restore the balance of nature, and by doing so create a world where man and predator can live in harmony.

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has joked that her rule is — she can visit them anytime, but he can't go near her floor."

Living in the same building with students presents many opportunities for interaction that wouldn't normally be possible. President Clements said, "The arrangements make for some interesting elevator conversations." When he goes out in the evenings to walk the dog, and students tweet about their encounters.

Another student, Rachel McAfee, posted a picture of her evening spent in their living space, tweeting, "Perks of babysitting in the Pent House: the view."

Hannah Denny, a sophomore language and international trade major, remembered her freshman experience in the Clemson House. "I felt very lucky that I got the chance to live there," Denny said. "Not many freshmen get to spend their first year with a kitchen, bathroom and walk-in

closet in their room! I had an amazing view of campus from my window, and I never got tired of seeing the sun set behind Tillman every night. I am assuming that President Clements and his family live in the Penthouse. I never got to see it in person, but I heard from several people that it was extremely nice, so I do not feel bad that he has to live there [instead of the President's home]." She recommends the Clemson House for all first-year students because, "you're away from the busyness of campus."

Originally created as a project geared toward housing current faculty, staff and retired faculty members, the Clemson House remains a fixed landmark, providing employment, meeting rooms, recreation areas and a respite from the work week for its tenants.

Like the greater Clemson campus, it is a place for building community and an opportunity to bump into leaders of the Clemson family. For students living elsewhere,



The Clements are living in a dorm.

catching a meal in the Clemson House dining room is one way to experience neighborly interactions with the Clements family along with the view of Tillman that Tigers boast about.

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in the areas that we have said are the general educational competencies, and one of those measurements is through ePortfolio."

Some students may not know that ePortfolio is one of the major ways that Clemson receives its accreditation. Emily Meeks, a junior communications major, said, "There's probably a lot that I'm missing about ePortfolio because I'm only looking at it from a student perspective." "I think that ePortfolio is important

to Clemson because it serves as a direct measure of student success," Jackson said.

"We have examples in hand from every student that shows what they can do at the time that they graduate, like how well they write and communicate, their critical thinking, ethical judgment, and their scientific and mathematical literacy."

Sarah Wicker, a senior English major, said, "When I first came to Clemson we had an ePortfolio class, and they said that ePortfolio was what kept us accredited and that they

check in every couple of years to see how we are doing. ePortfolio is an example of seeing what we are doing. That's why we have to do it, in order to graduate."

POLICE BLOTTER

Officer Joshua Labrecque made one arrest at 1:37 a.m. on Feb. 19 on Mills Road for an incident of possession of beer by person under 21.

Officer James Graham arrested one individual for operating an uninsured vehicle at a traffic stop at Cherry Road and Parkway Drive on Feb. 19 at 2:30 p.m.

Officer Christopher Evans responded at 8:31 p.m. on Feb. 23 to a report of petit larceny in the P & A Building that had occurred at 6:30 p.m. earlier that day. No arrests were made.

Officer Jeffrey Elrod responded at 7:30 a.m. on Feb. 25 to an incident involving auto breaking at 308 A Dunuvan (parking). The incident occurred at 11:45 p.m. on Feb. 24, and no arrests were made.

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HIGH: 61 DEGREES
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SUNDAY, MAR. 2
HIGH: 71 DEGREES
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TUESDAY, MAR. 4
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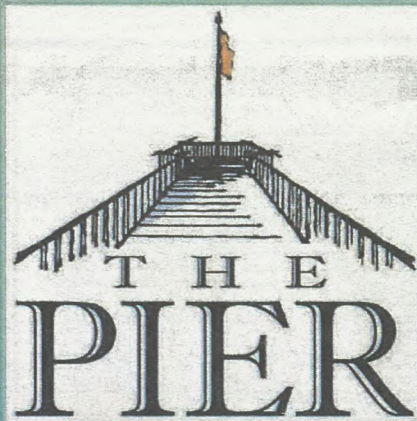


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Disney's "FROZEN" Puts Freeze
on Own InitiativeMEREDITH DAVIDSON
Opinions Editor

Disney's big winter blowout, "Frozen" has garnered overwhelming critical acclaim and an almost cult following among viewers of all ages. Demographics specific to college campuses were hit especially hard, if the resounding choruses of "Let it Go" and "Do You Want to Build a Snowman" heard during Clemson's recent snow days serve as any testament. The film has been applauded for setting the precedent for the Disney princesses of the millennium, presenting strong, independent female characters that don't necessarily rely on male figures to solve their problems or save them in the face of danger. In "Frozen," true love saves the day, as is the conclusion of most of Disney's princess stories. But rather than the "true love" idealized in former Disney narratives (the true love a woman supposedly has with her rescuer or prince) the true love that ends up saving the day in "Frozen" is the true love between sisters: the strength of a powerful female bond.

Projecting this image of a princess as a free-minded individual capable of independence and happiness without a man is monumental and innovative for the Disney brand. We've noticed this development in female character role models in Disney films in the past decade or so, with the emergence of strong female protagonists such as

"Brave's" Merida, "Tangled's" Rapunzel, and the female characters of "Wreck-It Ralph." "Frozen," however, does it in a way that could bust open a whole new era for Disney films and female characters in family films. The movie has also been acknowledged for its progressive representation of family, with the inclusion of a homosexual couple animated in the film. In the scene where Anna enters the Trading Post ("Ooh! And sauna!"), the store clerk gestures to his family in the sauna, which consists of a grown man and several children.

In a film so rife with progressive and inclusive representations of women, love and family, the film unfortunately stops short when it comes to aspects of victimhood. In standard fairytale lore, we as readers, or viewers, are expected to suspend judgment on the presence of fairies, talking animals, or magic — all things we know not to be plausible in the real world — for the sake of the story. One such story element we are expected to blindly believe in is the idea that "true love" is completely feasible, and completely reliable, even between two characters that have spent all of a few hours together. "Frozen" is refreshing in that its major plot twist, Prince Hans' betrayal of Anna in her ultimate moment of need upends this aspect of fairytales; however, there is very little said to Hans in an effort to initiate empathy, understanding, or recognition of his wrongs. Instead, we see multiple characters, including the Ice Queen Elsa and Anna's reluctant companion Kristoff, berating Anna for trusting Prince Hans after only knowing him for one day. The focus of blame is directed

vehemently and frequently toward Anna, instead of our villain, Prince Hans, and in this, the film seems to subtly offer an I-told-you-so attitude toward Anna in the aftermath of Hans' betrayal. This offer taunts, "Well, this wouldn't have happened if you'd only been more cautious." It is in this that I take fault with what Disney offers with this film. It perpetuates a societal system currently in place, a system that focuses more on teaching victims to be more cautious, than it does on raising a humanitarian society. It correlates to the issue of rape culture in our society, a culture that teaches don't get raped, instead of don't rape. It is a tragedy in collective mindset, and I lament the fact that even Disney, in its impressive production of "Frozen," in its emergence as a film studio willing to subvert their own established representation of gender roles, still falls privy to this social perspective. For this, I applaud Disney for "Frozen," a truly magical film infused with the spirit of the Disney classics, but I will not be wholly impressed, until they produce a film with a genuine and equal presentation of female agency, individual worth and strength.

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Love You, Mean it

JOHN ALLEN
Columnist

The adage goes, "Be nicer than you ought to, for everyone fights an unseen battle." It's nice. It sounds like it belongs in a sentimental Hallmark card, emblazoned beneath a photo of kittens, or a fireplace, or other warm and fuzzy imagery. If you've ever used Twitter, chances are you've seen it superimposed over an image of a majestic cityscape, or two hipsters kissing on the beach. These representations are fine but nothing more than flimsy facsimiles of a much grander sentiment. It's simple as this: show a little love to the people around you.

I'm hesitant to use the word "love" because of the myriad ways in which it has been prostituted, leaving it bereft of most of its power. One says "I love you" to indicate passion for and commitment to a significant other, or to express solidarity amongst family then with the same three words

describes one's feelings toward a masterfully crafted pizza. Don't get me wrong, I've had some serious feelings toward some serious pizzas, and I'm not ashamed to admit it (I'm looking at you, Maui Wowie from Mellow Mushroom). Essentially, when saying "I love you, Girlfriend/Boyfriend" in seriousness, then saying "I love you, Maui Wowie" flippantly, you've put a person on the same level as pizza. Is this all love means in these days?

Dictionary.com returns 27 results when "love" is searched. Some of these results have sexual connotations, some refer to more simple pleasures; definition 18 compares love to photosynthesis. With so many definitions, why is it that, frequently, the definition that is overlooked is the one that most people are looking for? Why has it become taboo to "love" a friend — to display loyalty, compassion, camaraderie, sacrifice, etc. toward someone you appreciate? Pop culture has made the notion ironic with the minting of phrases like "bromance" (if you're a guy) or "womance" (if you're a girl), as if these specific types of close friendships are unusual and should therefore be made light of. This view of love is extremely ignorant because it insinuates that to express love

in non-sexual ways is feckless. This view of love is extremely incorrect: love is powerful.

Everybody has fought that "unseen battle." It sounds so nebulous, evoking imagery of a literal invisible war, but the phrase immediately calls to the front of one's mind a time of adversity in one's life. What one remembers of these times is often segmented into two camps: the things that made it unbearable, and the things that made it bearable. In the face of monstrous hardship, one remembers that gestures of kindness, sacrifice and general decency committed by friends, family, even strangers. This is what love looks like. It is not a valentine; it is not extra cheese; it is not ironic. It's a "Hey man, what's wrong?" It's a "Let me help you with that." It's having a difficult conversation about something important. Sometimes it's a smile and a held door for a complete stranger. You might never know what good you've done, but you'll have done good nonetheless. It's easy: be a friend, share the love.

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TIGER
RANTS

I'm sick of eating Ramen.

I don't understand why printing is so difficult to complete on campus.

Why does junk food make me so sleepy?

All the off-limits guys have smolder-eyes.

I just want to quit school and join the circus, but I look awful in leotards.

If you snort vyvanse in the library ... just no.

I wish Ukrainian men would stop stalking my Beyoncé wanna-be videos.

My grades don't define me.

I hate that I use internet speech ironically.

Tone it down, cowboy. We get that you read the chapter before class.

If you're posting some sort of relationship advice on Facebook, I probably hate you.

What ever happened to group tests?

The people sitting across from me in the library have been talking about Jigglypuff as if they party with him on a regular basis.

Who rollerblades on campus? Who rollerblades at all anymore?

What's Technology Really Doing?

SHAZZMERE EDWARDS
Columnist



Each day, people are expanding their minds and creating new technology that is changing the face of humanity. We are introduced to mind-blowing new objects that create a shift in our daily lives. This allows people to think that anything is possible. But how does this new technology effect the education system? I'm taking an "Orientation to Education" class and my professor posed a question: does the amount of money a teacher receives affect their teaching capability? There were a lot of split answers. I find it interesting because a lot of responses were along the lines of, "If a teacher is provided with more money, then they'll have access to more resources." That makes sense, but what kind of resources will make teaching more effective? Before computers, the only resource a student had was a textbook and what the teacher knew. Nowaday it's a whole new game. Teachers and students seem to believe they couldn't possibly be teaching right

or be taught right without having the necessary "essentials," those being computers, the Internet, Microsoft Office Suite, SMART Boards, projectors, speakers, printers, televisions, headphones, tablets, iPads, etc. All these tools are great; they make learning more interesting, and I'm assuming they make teaching a little easier. The question though, is all this really necessary for successful education?

I have to admit, I'm trying to keep up with college life. My phone, laptop and the Internet are crucial in my life right now, but what happened to good old-fashioned education? Professors and teachers complain about their students not paying attention in class because they are distracted. Well, who wouldn't be? Yet, somehow I remember a simpler time where all the student had to be distracted by was the teacher, who's only resources were her blackboard, chalk, textbook and the knowledge she held on the subject. Students no longer feel the need to read books when they can go online and search it on

SparkNotes. Students no longer feel the need to take notes in class when they can go home and look it up later. Students no longer feel the need to research in the library when they can go online and copy and paste. Students are losing their will to think, and therefore, their ability to make critical analyses. It amazes me how far we are willing to go to take the easy way out of things. Nobody wants to sit in a lecture class for an hour and fifteen minutes listening to a professor talk non-stop. Yet, at the same time, isn't this what we are paying for? Isn't this what our parents and tax payers are paying for? So we can get an actual education and we learn to possibly become the new innovators of the world? But, we are consumed. Consumed by technology, it's overpowering our brains. I think it is making us dense. We are no longer motivated by actually learning something because we can just look it up. Most times a teacher provides what technology cannot. Personal experience is right there in front of you. The emotion and passion that spill from the words that give you a sense of excitement.

Our life revolves around gadgets and gizmos that don't know who you are. They don't encourage you or motivate you. We wonder why there are so many "bad" teachers around here. Well, would you go out of your way to try to help someone who is just going to blow you off for a computer? Conversely, I believe students influence teachers as well, and aren't just influenced by their teachers. So if your students are going to take the easy way out, wouldn't you? Technology is beneficial in so many ways, but maybe we should stop relying on it so much, at least as far as education is concerned. Some people taught themselves, and they didn't have all these things that we do now. So how far are we willing to go? How long is it going to take until teaching is no longer a profession because computers are doing the job for educators? Pretty soon we'll just be mindless zombies, incapable of any real thought because Google has all the answers. In the words, of Sir Peter Blake, "New technology is common, new thinking is rare."

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Paws up,

In response to a customer's Twitter complaint that Domino's does not warn of the dangers of having sex with your pizza, Domino's thanked man for bringing issue to their attention, promised to notify customers in the future and insinuated they have raised their pizzas to be "better than that."

Ben & Jerry's released new "core" flavors, featuring ice cream with a fudge, caramel, or raspberry jam column down the middle of the carton, offer the ice cream industry's greatest game-changer of all time.

A Florida man suffering arachnophobia got a giant spider tattooed on his face to confront his fears.

Paws down

Justin Bieber proudly did 23 1/2 push-ups in 30 seconds in his jail cell after his arrest last month in South Florida.

An Illinois couple refused to pay the \$83 cab fare after the cab driver interrupted their backseat sex session.

A 21-year-old from Illinois was busted for cooking meth while wearing a Breaking Bad "Los Pollos Hermanos" t-shirt.

You Don't Need Caffeine

CAROLINE LOUIS
Columnist



As a student at Clemson, you survive off the five major food groups: pizza, late-night munchies, Ramen, Hendrix buffalo chicken wraps, and caffeine. With all the stress and sleep deprivation that college offers, caffeine emerges as the crowd-favorite of these five. Test tomorrow? Drink a soda or four and stay up to study. Partied too hard on thirsty Thursday? Run by Starbucks before that 8 a.m. class on Friday. Every college student compensates for lack of sleep and high stress levels with caffeine, but what are the consequences?

I will be the first to tell you that I'm a monster before my morning coffee. If I don't have several sodas and probably more coffee throughout the day, the caffeine monster comes back out. I was aware before writing this article that consuming caffeine every day isn't good for you, but I was shocked by how bad it really is. Caffeineinformer.com lists 12 harmful effects of caffeine, the most severe being high blood pressure, reduced fertility in women, more forceful heart contractions and an increased risk of early death with the consumption of large amounts of caffeine. For something so readily available and so addictive, those are some pretty serious risks. But what can we do to stop those awful caffeine-withdrawal headaches? Or get up and actually feel

awake in the morning? Or stay up to study if we really, really have to?

Ugh, it's morning and you can't seem to get that drowsy feeling to go away. Although thoughts of "NEED COFFEE NOW" might be going through your muddled head, there are better ways to feel awake every morning. You probably rolled your eyes when your mom told you to go to bed at the same time every night when you were younger. Going to bed and waking up at the same time every day is actually one of the best ways to feel awake

"It happens to all of us. We forget about an exam, or we had one yesterday and didn't have time to study for the one tomorrow."

and refreshed in the mornings. Your body will adjust to the schedule and you will begin to feel tired when it's time to go to sleep, and start waking up much easier when it's time to wake up. If you're having trouble getting into the groove of a regular sleep schedule, it's

actually been scientifically proven that eating in the morning signals your body that it's morning and your body needs to get up and get ready for another day. Your body will remember that approximate time as "morning."

Caffeine withdrawal headaches can be the absolute worst. There's no "magic cure" for them like there is for getting up in the morning, but they can be made more bearable. Often when people stop drinking coffee or soda, they won't drink anything in place of the soda they would usually drink at that time. Dehydration makes caffeine withdrawal much, much worse, so try to drink

some water or something else hydrating and non-caffeinated! Although the risks listed above made me want to cut down or even quit then and there, it's probably not the world's best idea. There's too much going on in a college student's life to walk around tired and cranky for a whole week. Try to cut down slowly while replacing caffeinated beverages with hydrating, non-caffeinated ones.

Finally, what happens when you do have to pull an all-nighter for an exam? It happens to all of us. We forget about an exam, or we had one yesterday and didn't have time to study for the one tomorrow. Try to sit somewhere with bright light, preferably daylight (although daylight is unlikely if you're pulling an all-nighter). Try to take a hot shower or bath; most people have trouble sleeping when they're hot, because it keeps your metabolism going. Do a little bit of exercise (like 20 jumping jacks or a few pushups) when you're really feeling tired. Exercise gets your heart pumping and adrenaline flowing, which will help you cope with feeling sleepy. A little caffeine every once in a while won't hurt, but it will throw off that new sleep schedule.

I hope this has helped open some students' eyes about how much caffeine they're consuming, what it could do to them and what they can do to prevent it. I was surprised to find all of this information out, as I think the majority of people will be. If you maintain the right habits, you don't even need caffeine. Happy studying, and stay away from the coffee.

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What's up with WhatsApp?

KATE THOMAS
Columnist



As current college students, most of us signed up for the popular social media site Facebook as middle schoolers. Now, there are countless social media sites and apps including Path, Instagram, Four Square, Vine and the ever popular, and my personal favorite, Twitter.

When we were in high school, Facebook was the most popular site. Then what happened? Our parents (and even our grandparents) set up a profile which made Facebook significantly less cool. Now everyone in our families have profiles. This was the perfect time for Twitter to usurp Facebook from the top spot. I would say that Twitter is the most popular social media site right now, especially for college students. Clemson student Mary Keefe, a frequent Twitter user, said "I rarely even use Facebook anymore, but I am on Twitter basically all day. I love it." On Twitter, we

get to complain, make jokes, post party pictures, etc. This is not an option on Facebook. I mean, do you really want great Aunt Carol seeing those pictures from last night or reading that you might have just failed your Political Science test but it's okay because #yolo? There is less freedom on Facebook than Twitter, until, of course, the day that our families discover Twitter.

Now, Facebook has tried to stay on top by making changes, adding games, and most recently, purchasing the WhatsApp messaging application for \$19 billion dollars. WhatsApp is an international messaging app for smart phones that allows free text messaging, as well as the messaging of videos, images and other media. It was originally created by Jan Koum, a Ukrainian immigrant who needed an easier way to stay connected to his family overseas.

Founder and CEO of the app WhatsApp, Koum says, "WhatsApp's extremely high user engagement and rapid growth are driven by the simple, powerful and instantaneous messaging capabilities we provide." While I think this app is genius for people with family and friends overseas, I do not see how this app is better than simple

text messaging or iMessage. More importantly, what exactly is Facebook trying to accomplish by purchasing this app? Those who still do frequently use Facebook do actually use the messaging option and like how it is set up now. Facebook says that nothing will change for their users. This raises the question of why the heck did they spend \$19 billion purchasing WhatsApp if nothing is going to significantly change? I think the old saying "If it ain't broke, don't fix it," could apply in this situation. The only reason I can think of that would urge Facebook to make this purchase is that WhatsApp does have a significant amount of daily users — 450 million to be exact. Maybe Facebook knows that it is losing its younger users and made this purchase to merge WhatsApp and their own members to gain more active users. Either way, I'll be sticking to Twitter for now.

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Clemson uses a stable of pitchers, holding PC to 3 hits in the 4-2 win.

GAVIN OLIVER
STAFF WRITER

Presbyterian College squandered an opportunity, Clemson took advantage of one and the Tigers scooted past the Blue Hose 4-2 to set sights on an always substantial rivalry series with South Carolina this weekend.

With no outs and the bases full for Presbyterian's offense in the first inning at Doug Kingsmore Stadium on Tuesday afternoon, a double play

and another groundout in a matter of two pitches squeezed the Blue Hose to a lone run.

The No. 11 ranked Tigers then took advantage of a presented chance in the bottom of the frame when Steven Duggar expanded his hitting streak to 16 games on a two-RBI triple near the wall in center field.

Duggar returned home on a well-placed bunt, which turned into a hit for Steve Wilkerson to give

Clemson a 3-0 lead that it would not be relinquished.

"It's big time," Duggar said of the opening inning. "We were able to get out of that inning and only give up one run. And then I just came up in a good situation, saw a good pitch to hit, got good barrel on it and was fortunate to get two RBIs and put the team ahead."

Porous control limited Zach Erwin to 22 pitches and 1.1 innings as he allowed two earned runs in the first start of his sophomore season.

"He just didn't have much going for him, so I'm hoping if we need him this weekend, he's better than that," Clemson head coach Jack Leggett said. "We didn't have much energy that way, it wasn't giving us much life, so Clate (Schmidt) came in and did a really nice job for us and gave us some life."

Schmidt and the Clemson bullpen hosed Presbyterian's offense by

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Miller Capps has strong outing in Puerto Rico

ELAINE DAY
STAFF WRITER

Clemson's Men's Golf team began their spring season on Feb. 23 in El Grande, Puerto Rico at the Puerto Rico Classic. This three-day annual tournament is held at the Rio Mar Country Club River Course, and this year marked the Tigers' 22nd consecutive year of participation. Clemson faced stiff competition, with the 15-team field including top-ranked

Alabama as well as four other teams in the top 10, based on the Sagarin College Golf rankings. The No. 31 Tigers fared well, finishing fourth behind Alabama, Georgia Tech, and Georgia, who were all ranked in the top seven.

Of the five underclassmen that Clemson sent to the event, sophomore Miller Capps led the way in the fall season with a stroke average of 73.00 per round. Capps continued his strong performance

throughout the Puerto Rico Classic, as he either had or was tied for the leading score on the team for all three rounds. He earned co-medalist honors after shooting a 2-under-par 70 and two consecutive 5-under-par 67s, tying Alabama's Robby Shelton for the leading individual score. Shelton was six strokes ahead of Capps going into the final round of the tournament.

Capps's consecutive rounds of 67 at the same tournament were a remarkable

accomplishment, as he became the first Clemson golfer to do so since John Engler and Lucas Glover in the fall of 2000 at the Jerry Pate Invitational.

"It was a great tournament and I was fortunate enough to make a lot of putts," said Capps. "I made a lot of 10- to 15-footers for birdie, more than I normally make."

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Olympic reflection

BRAD HAIDER
Columnist



With February coming to a close, it seems like an appropriate time to look back at one of the great overlooked traditions in sports: watching the Olympics. This time around the five-ring festival took to the mountains of Sochi, Russia for their winter installment, gifting us with the joyous viewing pleasures of events such as bobsledding, ice dancing, and of course, curling.

Now what makes the Olympic games so much fun for many Americans? Short answer, it involves three things Americans love to do: show their support for the stars and stripes, make backhanded remarks about other countries regarding America's supremacy over that nation and constantly argue over what the athlete should have done themselves when they have never come within 1000 yards of partaking in that particular event.

Every Olympics, some American athlete becomes the darling or scapegoat of the nation. The Sochi games have not disappointed. The United States dominated the halfpipe and slope style events for skiing and snowboarding, America's skiing renegade Bode Miller got one final medal and the US finally captured medals in luge and bobsled.

Unfortunately for the US hockey teams the games brought much disappointment. The women's team blew a two-goal lead in the closing minutes of the gold medal game. The men's team appeared to be bound for the gold medal game after scoring 20 goals in their first four games before being shut out in back to back games by the Maple Leaf Machine (Canada) and the Finland.

The Internet has exploded with different memes and jokes regarding figure skater Ashley Wagner's reactions to the judges, Bob Costas' death eyes and figure skating commentators Tara Lipinski and Johnny Weir's awkwardly close encounters. No

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MEN'S BASKETBALL
Tuesday, 3/4
vs. Miami 8 p.m.
Clemson, S.C.

Tigers drop ACC matchup to Deacons

CODY HANKS
STAFF WRITER

Tuesday night, the Clemson Tigers' Men's basketball team fell to the Wake Forest Demon Deacons, 62-57. Clemson fell to 17-10 on the season, 8-7 in conference play, while Wake Forest improved to 15-13, 5-10 in ACC play. After starting out with 9-0 run, Clemson quickly found themselves on their heels as the Demon Deacons erased an early ten-point deficit. Demarcus Harrison led the Tigers with 15 points, and Devin Thomas and Tyler Cavanaugh both added 12 for the Deacons.

This win snapped a seven-game losing streak for Wake Forest while simultaneously ruining Clemson's chance of winning their eighth straight ACC game. K.J. McDaniels, the Tigers' leading scorer, struggled, scoring just 10 points on 3-of-11 shooting.

Leading 44-42 in the second half, the Deacons posted a 13-2 run for a big lead late in the game. After a Landry Nnoko bucket, Harrison hit back-to-back three-pointers the cut the Wake Forest lead to two. After Jaron Blossomgame kept the Tigers in it with a three-point play inside the last 30 seconds, Wake Forest took advantage of late-game fouling to ease into a five-point victory.

Clemson struggled in every facet of the game. The Tigers shot 50 percent in the first half, but only 36 percent in the second. Although they came in leading the ACC in free throw percentage, Clemson only shot 5-for-13 from the stripe. Wake Forest was able to convert 13 Tiger turnovers to 11 points.

The Tigers' will next see action March 2 at 1 p.m. when they host ACC rival Maryland. That game will kick off a three-game home stand to finish out the regular season, all against ACC opponents.



K.J. McDaniels (No. 32) scored just 10 points in the loss to Wake.



Rod Hall (No. 12) posted double figures for the 14th time this season.

In-state rivals loom for CU

CHASE HEATH
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

Hall of fame head coach Jack Leggett and his No. 11 Tigers (6-1, 0-0 ACC) get set to play against the rival No. 3 Gamecocks (7-0, 0-0 SEC), coached by Chad Holbrook, in a three-game series beginning this Friday at Carolina Stadium in Columbia, S.C., at 7 p.m. The second game of the series will be played Saturday at Fluor Field in Greenville, S.C., at 2 p.m. The first pitch of the final game of the series will be thrown out on Sunday at Doug Kingsmore Stadium at 4 p.m. Both teams come into this weekend with a string of strong performances to start out their seasons and expectations of winning a national championship. This series will be the first true test for both teams, who have not played top opponents to open up the season, and will show each team how they stack up against one of the best teams in the country.

Friday night's gamewill be a pitcher's duel between each team's ace. Junior right-hander Daniel Gossett will take the mound for the Tigers, and junior left-hander Jordan Montgomery will start the game off for the Gamecocks. Montgomery is the leader of a South Carolina pitching rotation that has not allowed a run in 51 consecutive innings, but Clemson isn't going to let that affect its mentality at the plate. "We just hope to keep it at 51 and not any higher," Junior catcher Garrett Boulware said. "We hope to end that little streak they [have] going." One Tiger who might have the best chance at ending that streak is sophomore outfielder Steven Duggar, who led the team with 75 hits last season and has had success against

South Carolina, going 2-for-4 with two RBI's in the March 2 game last year in Greenville, S.C.

"We're just going to keep doing what we're doing," Duggar said. "Obviously they've got some quality arms, but we're just going to see the ball and try to put a good barrel on it."

Most weekend series are played at the home field of one team or the other for every game, but that is not the case Saturday. Although it is unusual and involves a lot of traveling back and forth, the players like it.

"It kind of gives it a March Madness kind of feel," sophomore left-handed pitcher and Clemson's Saturday starter Matthew Crownover said. "It's going to be a fun atmosphere and I think it's going to be a great game." The location of the game will give a lot of fans of both teams the opportunity to attend the game and cheer their team on.

"They're going to be going at it," Gossett said. "They are going to be coming at us and our fans our going to be going at them, that's just how it works. As a competitor it makes me excited, the fans are invested and they are there to watch us."

After playing two games away from home, Clemson hosts the Gamecocks Sunday on their home field.

"We've got to solve their pitching and they've got to solve ours," Leggett said. "We've got to figure out a way to score some runs, we've got to do a really good job on the mound and play really good defense. There's no real rocket science to this except that we've got to play well and we've got to be on point with all the things that we do. Hopefully it will catapult one or both of our teams into a good place by the end of the year."

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Five Tigers perform at NFL Combine

ROB SNYDER III
STAFF WRITER

Tajh Boyd **QB**
Height: 6'0½" **Weight: 222**
Boyd enters this draft class among the top 5-7 quarterback prospects available that are headlined by Heisman trophy winner, Johnny Manziel. Boyd has begun his NFL career in the hole by not having the eye-popping measurables that some of the other prospects possess standing a shade over six feet and weighing in at a not so nimble 222. Boyd has a way to go in impressing scouts and General Managers (GM) after an average combine performance to go along with a terrific three-year career. The Hampton, Va. native recorded a 4.84-second 40-yard dash, which neither dazzled nor diminished his stock among scouts at the combine. Although Boyd did not blow anyone away in these offensive drills, he was one of the only quarterbacks to compete in just about every possible drill. Top quarterback draftees Teddy Bridgewater of the University of Louisville and Manziel of Texas A&M decided not to compete in the throwing and jumping drills, among others, at the combine.

Bashaund Breeland **CB**
Height: 6'0" **Weight: 195**
Breeland is a bit of a surprise by deciding to bolt early for the NFL and forgo his senior season. This Allendale-Fairfax, S.C. native continues to shine and watch his stock soar ever since announcing his intentions. Breeland possesses the size, speed and versatility that NFL scouts are salivating over as the league switches to a trend of larger cornerbacks to compete with some of the gargantuan targets that quarterbacks have at their disposal. Breeland continues to draw attention to his rising stock as a diverse defensive back as he pulls time at corner, safety and nickelback. The only real setback Breeland suffered was a rather pedestrian 4.53-second 40-yard dash time. Breeland is still drawing favorable reviews by ranking in the top 10 among his fellow cornerback prospects, and should fall somewhere in the second to third rounds. From there, he would certainly put an exclamation mark on a wise decision to go pro if he can land in the first three rounds.

Martavis Bryant **WR**
Height: 6'5" **Weight: 200**
Easily one of the most physically imposing prospects regardless of position in this entire draft standing at 6-foot-5 with a blazing 4.43-second 40-yard dash time. Bryant lacks the body of work that some of the other top wide receivers possess, but what Bryant lacks in numbers he makes up for with his massive potential. After a few years of low production, Bryant really put it together in his junior season totaling 828-yards and seven touchdowns. The Anderson, S.C. native displays the speed and size of a dominant NFL wide receiver only if he is paired with the right quarterback and offensive coordinator. A strong showing at the combine firmly puts Bryant in a great zone to shoot up draft boards where he could wind up as a third or fourth-round pick.

Brandon Thomas **OT**
Height: 6'3½" **Weight: 316**
Often in the dog house for his first two years as a Clemson Tiger, Thomas has emerged as one of the program's most consistent and talented linemen in the past decade. Thomas has always passed the eye test and had superior athletic ability it just took him a few years to put it together. Thomas played every position on the offensive line except center while in the program and has shined as one of the most versatile linemen in the draft. After playing left tackle for most of his college career, Thomas projects to play elsewhere on the line as he lacks the prototypical height of a left tackle in the NFL. But that is in no way a slight on Thomas, as he had to play left tackle out of necessity while right tackle would have been a more natural position for him in college. Pumping out 35-reps on the bench press certainly benefited the utility lineman further by solidifying his long-term stock in the NFL. Clemson has had numerous running backs and wide receivers drafted highly over the past decade or so, but has only had three linemen drafted since 1999 – the highest drafted in the fifth round. Thomas will most likely be the highest drafted Tiger offensive lineman since Clemson legend Joe Bostic was drafted in the third round of the 1979 NFL Draft.

Sammy Watkins **WR**
Height: 6'0½" **Weight: 205**
We were all very lucky at Clemson to get the opportunity to first see Sammy Watkins abuse the college football world as he exploded on the national scene his freshman year. Watkins, a fascinatingly rare talent, came to Clemson ready-made for the NFL, and would have done so if rules allowed. By far the most freakish and polished receiver in this draft class, Watkins is the total package that NFL scouts have been salivating over since his first few games as a freshman. After a phenomenal career consisting of becoming the fourth freshman All-American in history, being ACC Freshman of the Year, struggling a bit his sophomore season but still receiving All-ACC honorable mention followed by Second Team All-American and becoming All-ACC his junior season where he once again dazzled the college football world. This south Florida sensation can pluck balls out of the air with effortless perfection, catch any throw near his vicinity and burn any secondary with his speed and fluid route running. Watkins is the real deal and is about to be recognized as such in this upcoming draft where he could drop as early as second overall. Watkins is probably the most talented and most developed Clemson talent to enter the league and has the best chance to reach superstar status of any Tiger in history.



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giving up just one hit the rest of the way.

Aside from four yielded runs in two thirds of an inning during an opening day loss, Clemson relievers have granted a miniscule three runs in 30.4 innings (0.89 ERA) and 21 hits with a 4.17 strikeout-to-walk ratio.

"We came in, felt really good and our guys behind me (Clay Bates, Patrick Andrews, Matt Campbell) just shut it down," Schmidt, who earned his first win of the season, said. "We just kept the ball in the zone, tried to keep it low and we just pounded it, so it was good."

5-foot-10 lefty starter Brian Kehner got into a groove for Presbyterian (4-3-1) when he set down nine of 10 Clemson batters during one stretch, but it was too little too late, and the Tigers used their first hit since the first inning to post the final score in the bottom of the fifth.

Freshman catcher and designated hitter Chris Okey's team-leading 11th RBI scored Weston Wilson, who teamed with Tyler Kriger — Clemson's leader with a .500 batting average through 24 at-bats — in pacing the Tigers with two hits apiece.

Clemson (6-1) was second in the ACC with a .322 average as of Tuesday's contest, with five of the nine starters hitting .300 or better after the win and eight batting at least .276.

The one exception, however, is slumping senior Jon McGibbon, who

has outputted a .056 average with one hit in his first 18 at-bats of 2014.

"He just has to pick himself up and keep competing," Leggett said. "We've got some other guys we might have to look at down the road here, but right now he's got to get himself going, and I'm hoping he does. He's a really good defensive player for us and does a lot of good things for us defensively,

but he's just got to get in, get his mind right, keep competing and hopefully things will turn around for him."

The Tigers play the No. 3 Gamecocks in a three-game series starting in Columbia at 7 p.m. tonight and ending in Clemson on Sunday, with a neutral bout at Fluor Field in Greenville on Saturday.

Clemson, riding a six-game winning streak in which it has outscored its

opponents 46-19, isn't blowing its first early season taste of elite competition out of proportion.

"It's just another series for us," Duggar said. "It's obviously a big series, one of the biggest rivalries in college baseball, in college sports, so we're excited. It's going to be another good test for us, and we're going to prepare and hopefully go down there and give them our best shot."



Jack Leggett (above) and the Tigers won their sixth straight game of the season against PC.

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Capps did indeed make quite a few birdies, including eight in the second round, the most by a Clemson player in a round all season. Among those eight birdies were three on the 16th, 17th, and 18th holes, making him the only player in the entire 15-team field to birdie all three of the final holes on the course.

But it was not just Capps' effort that propelled Clemson to a fourth place finish; the team as a whole played strong golf throughout the tournament. The highlight was in the second round, where all five players shot even par or better and made at least five birdies. The team combined for 31 birdies, making for a team score of 276, trailing only Alabama for the day.

When asked about the team performance, Capps said, "I'm really happy with the way we played as a team, and we are all looking forward to the next tournament."

The Tigers have a little time off before their next tournament, which is the USC-Aiken Invitational in Aiken, S.C., on March 10-11.

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Olympics would also be complete without the scandalous tales of what goes down in the athletes village after dark, if you are not aware look it up.

Another great part about the Olympics, in particular these winter games, is the time difference. It's great to be able to turn on the television at 11 a.m. and watch hockey or curling in an effort to kill an hour between classes. Another tradition of watching the Olympics, especially the winter games, is discussing how these athletes got started in their particular sport and how each event should be improved.

How do these men and women pick up event such as skeleton or biathlon or ski jumping? The answers range from psychotic parents to sibling involvement but the more ridiculous the better.

Then comes the debate about how events should be altered for entertainment value. The responses range from the insane to

the easily attainable. My personal suggestion, for all downhill skiing and snowboarding events, have the biathletes in tree stands shooting paint balls at the participants, each time the contestant is hit, he or she is assessed a half second penalty, who isn't tuning in for that?

This also sparks conversations between people about whether or not they would ever participate in certain events. In my informal crowd polling, the top events that received resounding "HECK NO'S" were skeleton, luge, and ski jumping. I tend to agree with these choices.

Ultimately, the real reason many Americans support the Olympics is because of the stars and stripes. Anytime sporting events involve international pride, America is all for it, which is part of what makes this nation grand. Americans are always down for chances to live vicariously through other humans to prove America's dominance over other nations and then brag about it as if they were the one doing the

1080 double back flip with both their feet strapped to a five-foot piece of wood wrapped with fiberglass. The attempts at put downs and jokes about the other countries are endless. The two overused and tired out ones tend to involve Russia still being a bunch of commies and Canada not being a real country, neither of which are true, but I digress.

The Olympics provide great television for bored people, home in the middle of the day with nothing else to watch but bad soaps, infomercials and talking heads yelling at each other about who knows what. It also gives people a chance to act like they are experts in things they know nothing about, which could be argued is more American than baseball or apple pie. As Russia figures out what to do with their \$51 billion investment, it's time to start getting ready for the summer games in Brazil in 2016, so these traditions can once again be relit like the Olympic torch.

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#Clemson WR @sammywatkins shows killer combination of strength & speed @nfl combine #Clemson #ClemsonFamily

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@TajhB10: Enjoyed my time in Indy felt a lot of things went well and got some great feedback, gotta keep on climbing and improving thanks for the love

@coach_jeffscott: Only 4 players over 210 lbs ran 4.43 or better today at the NFL Combine. 2 of the 4 players were from Clemson #WRU @sammywatkins @ThaBestUNO

@JFord_12: My bra @ThaBestUNO was blazing on dat 40. #sleeper #CF #revengeofadreamer #PuBd

@sammywatkins: Great day at the combine time to polish up and get better in some more areas of my game #grind time

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No. 13 Clemson (5-1) hosted Clemson Head Coach Jack Leggett's alma mater, the Maine Black Bears last weekend in what was Clemson's second home series of the season at Doug Kingsmore Stadium. Clemson was able to sweep the Black Bears convincingly, including a victory on Saturday that would move Head Coach Jack Leggett to tenth in all time NCAA Division 1 victories.

Clemson started the series on Friday, with junior right hander Daniel Gossett (1-0) on the mound. Gossett had a really strong day pitching 7.0 total innings and registering seven strikeouts to help Clemson earn the victory against Maine with a final score of 5-2. The Tigers had enough offensive production in the first inning, scoring three runs. Steven Duggar drove in the first run with a RBI single, and freshman Chris Okey drove in two more, with a two out double. Gossett held Maine to only four hits and just one run, as Zach Erwin came in for his second save of the year and securing the first Clemson victory of the weekend.

Saturday was historic for Jack Leggett and his team. Clemson's offense produced an impressive 13 runs to take down the Black Bears handsomely with a final score of

13-3. Clemson's starter Matthew Crownover (2-0) was awarded the win, after a solid day on the mound. Crownover allowed only two runs, and registered four strikeouts for Clemson. However, it was the Tigers offense that was alive and productive on Saturday. Clemson totaled 18 hits, the highest total since 2012. Every Clemson starter had at least one hit, and Tyler Slaton tied his career high with four hits.

After the game head coach Jack Leggett expressed his excitement for Slaton's production. "I'm excited about Slaton. He's a good player for us ... a hard-nosed, tough, blue-collar guy. I really like him a lot."

Saturday's victory marked coach Leggett's 1,268th career victory, moving him to tenth all time in NCAA Division 1 victories. "When you start hitting the ball, it gets contagious," Leggett said. "It's nice to have one of those games, and hopefully we can build off that."

The Tigers offense picked up where they left off on Sunday, scoring 10 runs and completing the sweep of Maine with a final score of 10-2. This extends Clemson's record to 5-1 on the season. Junior righthander Jake Long (1-0) earned his first victory on the mound as a Tiger. Long allowed only six hits, and two runs through six innings. Long also managed three strikeouts and no walks in Sunday's victory against the Black Bears.

Garrett Boulware would have the most productive day at the plate for Clemson. Boulware went 3-for-4 with three RBI's as Clemson scored eight of their first 10 runs in the first three innings of the game.

After the game Coach Leggett talked about how pleased he was to see his team sweep the series. "I am very pleased that we got the sweep," Leggett said. "We have good energy, and have guys on this team that really love to play and love to practice, which is always fun to be around. Overall, we played good baseball and when we forced Maine into mistakes, we took advantage of those mistakes. We pitched well, played good defense and swung the bats well this weekend."

Game 1
Clemson 5 Maine 2

Game 2
Clemson 13 Maine 3

Game 3
Clemson 10 Maine 2



Tyler Kriger (No. 3) was 5-for-9 in the series against Maine.

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A little more coal for the hype-train

RYAN FLINN
Columnist



Despite consistent success and stability the Clemson University baseball team is still relatively underappreciated by Clemson University students. I am not speaking from an attendance standpoint as attendance is usually pretty high for baseball games. I am talking from a hype standpoint as the team is not generally hyped or talked about by Clemson students. Clemson is technically not a "baseball school," but based on the passion by the students for other teams like the football team and basketball team, students should put the baseball team into the same category.

Going into the season, the Clemson baseball team was led by ace pitcher Daniel Gossett and a solid No. 2 starting pitcher in Matthew Crownover, as well as catcher Garrett Boulware and shortstop Tyler Krieger. These guys are some of the main catalysts for the success of the team. On a campus dominated by athletes such as Sammy Watkins, Tajh Boyd, Vic Beasley and KJ McDaniels, the star players on the baseball team are relatively unknown to a lot of the student body. Players like Gossett and Boulware are among the elite Clemson star athletes.

The baseball team has been a model of stability over the years for Clemson Athletics. Current CU baseball Head Coach Jack Leggett has been at the helm since the 1994 season and before Leggett took over, his predecessor Bill Wilhelm been the coach since 1958. Under Wilhelm and Leggett, the Clemson baseball team has shown the consistency needed for a top-tier program. This has been evident as many assistant coaches under Leggett have gone on to be successful head coaches like Vanderbilt's Tim Corbin, Auburn's John Pawlowski, and Florida's Kevin O' Sullivan.

In a day where stability and consistent success are hard to come by, the Clemson baseball program has been blessed with both.

With great players, constant success, and stability the Clemson baseball team has gone on to be one of the most successful Clemson sports teams in school history. Yet, even with the high attendance the team is not as hyped as it should be by Clemson students.

Clemson students should begin a tradition for Clemson baseball and still have the same passion for the team that they have for the football and basketball teams. Now is the time for Clemson students to fully embrace the great baseball team that shouldn't be taken for granted as the Tigers compete this season for another chance to play in the College World Series.

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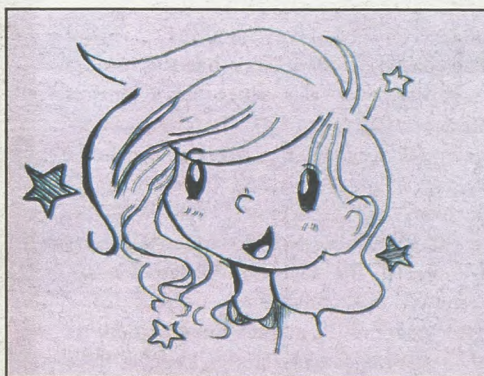


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OF THE WEEK



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Matt Spadaro

Staff Writer



As a daily reader of news that most people would consider absolute trash, I have become well acquainted with the side of the internet that deals with making fun of people. While I read these websites purely for a good laugh, they all consistently have posts that keep me coming back for more comedy — no matter what they're reporting on. Check them out for some great news that you wouldn't want any friends or family knowing you care about.

Great Blogs
For A Good Laugh

dlisted

DListed is a celebrity gossip blog run by New Yorker Michael K. The only proper term to describe the blog is outrageous. Michael K. routinely posts his critiques and opinions on celebrity behavior, which often results in me falling out of my chair laughing. In particular, his articles about the Kardashian family and Dina Lohan are not to be missed. He and his other staff writers take no prisoners in these posts, so be warned: they are intended for a mature audience only. The blog is updated multiple times a day, and recurring post categories provide gut-bustlingly funny views on the Hollywood goings-on. Michael K. will also occasionally comment on political or world news events while still maintaining his ruthless wit. The category tags for the articles also provide for next-level laughs in and of themselves. The site can be found at www.dlisted.com

REALITYTEA

Reality Tea takes a more traditional news approach to covering the "celebutantes" and fame seekers that are reality TV show cast members. While any and all news about these "celebrities" is typically covered by the site, the full recaps of episodes are too good to miss. The way the staff writers at Reality Tea summarize these ridiculous television shows and the people who are cast in them is nothing short of hysterical. I don't watch most of the programs myself, and yet I still find the posts a great daily read, simply for the quick wit and sharp tongue of the writing. Check it out at www.realitytea.com

DIEHIPSTER.COM

DieHipster is a blog that hits a bit closer to home for me. As a native New Yorker, I have watched much of my borough of Brooklyn become gradually gentrified, going from tough neighborhoods to hipster enclaves. Natural food markets and trendy "homeless chic" clothing stores have arisen seemingly overnight, and many Brooklyn residents aren't too thrilled about it. However, one resident seems to be annoyed with their presence to the next level, and thus this hilarious blog was born. The posts are varied, all poking fun at the hipster culture that has engulfed the borough; particularly funny are the "Daily Hipster Beating" posts, in which the author of the blog gives a fictional yet detailed account of vicious — yet comedic, ironic and totally on point — beatings he performs on the hipsters he encounters.

Raising Eyebrows: A column on culture, fashion, and life Internet Archetypes

Sana Azami

Columnist



The World Wide Web is the greatest innovation of the computing age. It's built on research, conference calls, and useless facts (82% of all Russian selfie takers are female) and so on. We stand today at the apex of advancement. What were once politically-correct code hammering intellectuals have undergone an exponential evolution, they are now exotic species that develop on a diurnal basis. Gone are the days where one penned (with a pen) letters to help columnists with an air of severe proprietary modesty. The World Wide Web – this brainchild of a pair of drunkards in a garage has allowed for so much freedom of expression that the true alter-egos of mankind have developed. Here, free for your condemnation, we have some of our personal favorite Internet archetypes.

**The Mona Lisa:**

Mona Lisa is at best a handsome woman. She is highlighted in all shades of mud and about the size of an 11" MacBook. Nevertheless, she is a cultural monument and serves both as muse and warning. The Mona Lisa Type recognizes that the Internet is forever, and as such they put their best face forward. All their pictures are a layering work of artistry: tools, lighting, filters and highlights. Telltale marks include missing a nose and over accentuated secondary sexual characteristics (hips, boobs and/or chins and muscles). Make the same face for every emotion.

Range: Males and females**Survival Tactics:** like or not, they'll hound you later**The Gawker:**

This is a boy's only club. They are often lonely and come in various international backgrounds. They stalk people, leaving trademark bread crumbs in non-anonymous messages: "I want to share the kissing with you" and the classic "Will you make friendship with me?" Their profile pictures show badly PhotoShopped cars and women, not to mention questionable facial hair.

Range: Amateur teens to apparently divorced middle aged men.**Survival tactics:** IGNORE, any and all responses will end badly**The Troll:**

A Troll is an overgrown baby with permanent Cheetos stains on their keyboards, a schoolyard bully on steroids. They may have once been young and hip and fresh, but any and all dreams held inside have since shattered. The empty exoskeleton remaining thereafter wants release. Their anguish aches for companionship and so they lash out at the world to hide their shames.

Range: Cynical female or any undiscovered artist or lonely gamer**Survival Tactics:** Plead the Fifth, anything you say can and will be used against you.**The Reanimated:**

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Range: Dead Authors**Survival Tactics:** umm... run with it, they won an Emmy after all.

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» On the Prowl The Big "C"

Good day ladies, it is time to get it straight from a man's mouth. The secret behind the Big "C" : Commitment. I have a cousin who cries on Facebook every fifth week about how her newest boyfriend is like every other guy and 'wants the same thing.' I ask myself, "But, don't you too? Keep wanting the same thing? You keep looking for a commitment."

So that brings me here. While your fella may look at you like a deer in the headlights when you mentioned that dreaded word, I am not so shy or afraid, and I want to tell you a few things that I have learned from my walk down the aisle into the 'holy' bonds of matrimony.

Commitments are like a good road trip. Yes. I just compared your future relationships with an 8-hour long car ride. Stick with me for a moment and let's see where this goes.

That is actually the first part. Where are you going? Do you even know where you want to go? If you don't know what you want from each other, how in the world can you give it to each other? (No joke intended.) Seriously, though, think on this for a moment. How can you be upset that he doesn't know what you want, when you don't even know what you might want from all of this? Now fellas reading this, remember that this is not a 'free pass' to coast. Just like unfolding the map and searching out your destination (or Googling it in this day and age), it takes a little work on your part as well. If she doesn't know, maybe

it is time for you to take the driver's seat and figure out what you want. Both of you should talk this out. What do I want in one month, one year? If that is too scary, go for one week.

It is hard sometimes to figure out where you are going without first knowing where you are. This brings me to the second part of this analogy. With clear conversation and questions, you should be able to figure out what your fella thinks of you. You may need to re-evaluate the guy that loves you for who you are, but is not willing to love you for who you want to be. This could lead to future frustrations. Vice versa, if you love him now, will you still love him when he is mostly the same in 6 years?

Sister, if you think you can nag him into changing, you have a lovely break-up story in your future. Fellas, this all goes the same for you. Honesty on both sides will make this better. If you see each other as night-time bunk mates and nothing more, have fun, but don't try to build a future based on something so fleeting.

Lastly, let's look at how to get where you want to go, once you figured out where you are and where you want to go in the first place. Jill, if your Jack has come this far with you already, do something about it. If you are the person that needs a time table and a

13 month plan, get one. If you are more the 'wind in the willows' then let things happen as they happen. Fairy tale romances are just that. Fairy tales. Also, they are not one size fits all. Compromise is the language you should learn to speak with one another, but let me be absolutely clear: if compromise is a language you don't speak, then stop using the word 'commitment' because you are not ready yet.

So there you go guys and gals: know where you want to go, realize where you are and figure out how you are going to get there. Sounds easy on paper, but let's be realistic about this: if it was, we would all be happy campers in the car pool lane of life. It takes some time and wisdom (wisdom often paid for by hurt and failings) to traverse this highway of love. If your fellow traveler in life makes you happy, but isn't going all the way with you, that could be OK too.

My two cents from an Old Guy on Campus. Be safe, play smart. It is your life and you only get one.

"Commitments are like a good road trip."

- Old Guy on Campus

*This advice does not necessarily represent the views of The Tiger.

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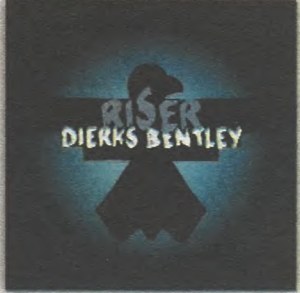
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THIS WEEK'S RELEASES:

Riser

Dierks Bentley

★★★★☆



Property of Capital Nashville

TimeOut says:

Dierks Bentley has a deep, rolling voice that speaks of country love and sentimental notions. Primarily love songs, this album is one of paced guitar and nostalgic lyrics.

Doubled Exposure

D. Charles Speer & The Helix

★★★★☆



Property of Thrill Jockey

TimeOut says:

The eclectic nature of this album is apparent even in the first track. There are clear influences from blues, rock, and folk. The vocals are rough and rolling, but the focus of this album lies primarily on the instrumentals.

Keel Her

Keel Her

★★★★☆



Property of Critical Heights

TimeOut says:

This debut release from pop-rock artist Keel Her is chaotic and echoing. Keel Her plays with electro instrumentals and reverberant vocals to create an interesting album.

Blue Film

Lo-Fang

★★★★★



Property of 4AD

TimeOut says:

Lo-Fang is the classically trained musician, now on tour with Lorde. His debut album is one that blew us out of the water — a mix of calming and moving vocals with impressive piano and string instrumentals.

Weekly Wellness

Claire Spellberg

Columnist

Cookies are a particular weakness of mine, even though a plate of warm, gooey chocolate chip cookies doesn't exactly scream "weekly wellness." But seriously, who can resist the smell of freshly baked cookies? Sometimes it just seems like they're calling my name.

In moments of weakness, when it's all but impossible to resist your sugar cravings, more often than not you'll end up grabbing one . . . or two . . . or seven. But what if those cookies that you're shoveling into your mouth were (gasp) healthy? I've set out to find a guilt-free cookie solution, one that satisfies both your sweet tooth and your vow to "eat healthier before Spring Break."

Scouring the Pinterest world for healthy cookie recipes, I happened upon what is quite possibly the easiest recipe known to man. What makes this recipe so easy, you ask? Well, it only requires two ingredients — one wet and one dry.

First, grab a large bowl and measure out the dry: 1 cup of quick-cooking oats. Next, mix in the wet: two very ripe bananas, mashed. I've found that the best way to mash the bananas is with my hands, but if you're going with the more hygienic route, feel free to use a spoon/fork combo. When you've mixed the two into a thick paste, bake according to the instructions below.

Don't worry, these babies still taste like a regular sugar-loaded, flour-risen unhealthy cookie bomb. My friends can attest to how amazing these healthy nuggets are; within seconds, all 12 cookies were gone, split between only four girls. It's not something I'm particularly proud of, but that's just how good they are.

The best part of this recipe is the ability to make it your own. Feel free to add in whatever mix-ins you like: chocolate chips, cranberries, nuts, cinnamon, shredded coconut,

etc. There's no right or wrong thing to add in — just eyeball how much you want and stir it in.

But what if I'm allergic to bananas, you say? Or if you're thinking, "These next eight months without Starbucks' signature fall flavors will be the death of me," again, I've got you covered. Like

I said, the recipe requires one dry part and one wet part, but that wet part doesn't have to be mashed banana. You can just as easily substitute in some canned pumpkin (BEWARE: this is not the same thing as pumpkin pie filling) or some mashed, roasted sweet potato for an autumn cookie fiesta.

I've included two base recipes for y'all to start out with, one for banana oat cookies and another for pumpkin oat cookies, but let me know how you choose to make them your own!

Guilt-Free Cookies

Ingredients:

1 cup quick cooking oats

For banana oat: two ripe bananas

Banana oat suggested mix-ins: chocolate chips, crushed walnut pieces

For Pumpkin Oat: one cup canned pumpkin (also called canned pumpkin puree)

Pumpkin oat suggested mix-ins: chocolate chips, pumpkin pie spice (or cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, cloves, etc.)

1. Preheat oven to 350° and line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. Mix together oats and either bananas or pumpkin with hands in a large bowl until a thick paste forms. If using bananas, they should be completely mashed (like a thick goop consistency) save for a few small chunks.
3. Add in any mix-ins and mix until evenly distributed in the thick paste. If you add a lot of mix-ins, you may need to add a little more wet ingredient to get the paste consistency back, for example, a tablespoon or so.
4. Spoon out cookie-sized lumps and place on baking sheet. The cookies will not grow much, so they can be placed close together and flattened out a bit if you want.
5. Bake for 12 minutes or until cookies are golden brown. The oats at the top of the cookie should be hard and crunchy, but the inside should be softer. Serve and enjoy!

IT MIGHT GET LOUD GANGSTA

Cody Smoldt

Columnist



A few weeks ago I wrote a piece on Top Dog Eebertainment newcomer Isaiah Rashad and his excellent debut "Cilvia Demo." This week marks another release from the Carson, Ca. record label — ScHoolboy Q's studio debut "Oxymoron."

Let me start by saying this was one of the most anticipated albums from the first half of the year for me. Did it live up to my lofty expectations? Yes and no. The lead singles that Q has been dropping since last summer ("Man of the Year," "Break the Bank" and ESPECIALLY the Kendrick assisted "Collard Greens") were among the best tracks on the album. A few cool ideas and features fell flat (Jay Rock on "Los Awesome" for example), and some the production might sound grating to some listeners. That being said, this album is still hard as hell. There hasn't been a grimmer, dirtier West Coast release in mainstream since Snoop dropped "Doggystyle."

Lots of rappers rap about slinging dope and gang affiliation but Q puts a unique spin on it — the album opens with his daughter getting everyone's attention only to let everyone know: "F*** RAP MY DADDY A GANGSTA."

This might sound exploitative to have your daughter exposed to this kind of music (drugs, sex, gangs etc.), but her daddy being a gangster is how the family put food on the table before rap started paying the bills. In an interview with "Life+Times" he said the album was about just two things: Crip history from 1969 and taking care of his daughter. It's almost admirable, albeit in a dark and twisted way.

Rappers typically shy away from labels, but it's obvious from the first track (appropriately named "Gangsta") that the label is appropriate. The content is hard to swallow and the beats feel right at home in the

newest Grand Theft Auto game. The album may have some shortcomings (a few of the beats, the severe lack of Danny Brown and Ab-Soul, no "Druggies Wit Hoes Pt. 3"), but on "Oxymoron" Q made the album that HE wanted, and that's the only reason artists should be making music in the first place. Conveniently, it also will sound great at your next party.

This most intriguing part about Top Dawg Entertainment is how all five rappers have their own distinct lanes. Kendrick Lamar has exploded into one of rap's biggest stars, Jay Rock has been around the block, Ab-Soul is the conscious rapper, and newcomer Isaiah Rashad is already making the South proud. ScHoolboy Q is the one in the streets. He may not be a "good kid" like his label-mate, but he doesn't try to be either. And that's what makes "Oxymoron" so intriguing. I can't wait to see what this guy does next.

#TigerRealTalk

This Week: If you could name a sex position, what would you call it?

- The Quiver
- The Twerk
- Mexican Halloween
- The Pogo Stick
- The Not-So-Proud Father
- The Ahhhh

- The Frank Under-Wood
- The Flying Hippo
- The Black Pearl
- The Hokey Pokey
- "The Position" so people can say "Assume the Position"

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Mushroom Madness in:

Katie's Kitchen

You know how, every once in a while, when you and your family or friends decide to go out to eat and you get super excited about it, the food turns out to be crappy and the service terrible? Yeah, well I experienced this same situation recently, and I temporarily lost hope in the food service industry. Then, I realized I could just go back home to my kitchen and create something fabulous on my own. My goal for this semester is to have a small dinner party with close friends at least twice a month. If you are like me and want to cook more and eat at restaurants less, this week's article might just be your answer. I'm going to start out small, so I will give you a great recipe, perfect for an appetizer or side dish. You'll have something light, fun and interesting to impress your friends when they come over to feast.

To begin, I would like to introduce to you to . . . mushrooms. They may be fungi, but they are definitely amazing and everyone should have

them around at all times. Shiitake and crimini mushrooms are the way to go. I don't mess with that sketchy stuff, if you know what I'm saying. Call this recipe the "Mushroom App." Get it? It's a mushroom appetizer but sounds like a catchy app for your smart device. Anything? Laughs? Smiles? A "Katie, you should take up comedy?" Never mind, then.

Begin by melting butter in a very large frying pan and sauté onions and garlic for about three minutes. Once the onions look a little translucent and soft, throw in the mushrooms along with a few pinches of salt and pepper. I add a couple of sprinkles of cayenne because spice is always nice. You will want to stir this dish occasionally for about five minutes, then take off the heat and pour in the brandy (unless you are underage, then have someone else do it for you). Next is the best and most dangerous part. Have your long match ready (flame and all) and lightly touch the alcohol mixture you created. SHAZAM! It should flame

up into a fire. Beat your chest and calm down and be sure not to burn yourself or catch your place on fire. The flame will die out, so just stand back and watch.

Once the light of the fire dies down, return the pan to low heat and stir in the cream. It should take at least two minutes for the cream to thicken, and once it does, add in some cheese and parsley. Stir and taste. If you feel it needs more seasoning, go as crazy as you want with salt and pepper. I would suggest (thinly) slicing a baguette and scooping what you just created onto each slice. Don't be selfish, make some for your friends too. This pairs nicely with a glass of "Apothic Red" wine, or maybe two. To be fair, the only reason I am suggesting this bottle of wine is because it was the only bottle of wine I had around at the time, so it had to pair nicely with this dish. That's it for this week, so go and cook your hearts out. Happy cooking!

- Kathryn Davis

Ingredients:

2 tbsps of butter
1 medium sized yellow
onion (minced)
1 garlic clove, minced

1 package of shitake
mushrooms, stems
removed, caps sliced
1 package of crimini
mushrooms, sliced

1/3 cup of brandy
1/3 cup of heavy cream
Romano cheese to taste
(Parmesan is an option
as well)

About 2 tbsps of minced
fresh parsley
Salt and Pepper to taste
Cayenne if preferred

THE QUICK FIX

5 Accomplishments that make you a super-human student

1 Doing all the readings

We assume there's useful information in those books we spent a fortune on, but we can't actually be sure, since few of us actually read. If you do all the readings in time for class, someone should be giving you the books for free.

2 Going to hall meetings

If you managed to get all the directions for "Move Out Day" straight from your RA and not your e-mail, you should look into the possibility that you have an omni-present superpower ability.

3 Perfect attendance to an 8:00 a.m.

Let's face it: class is at 8 a.m. and at least once a week most of us re-set our alarm for 7:55 with a "maybe I just won't shower?" justification. If you never change your timepiece such that you arrive late to class, you've got super human powers of punctuality.

4 Never forgetting online homework

People have been getting an education and changing the world successfully without MasteringAnySubjectOnline for hundreds of years. This universally acknowledged truth keeps most of us from doing them faithfully. If you can get every internet-based homework done, we have reason to believe you're part of Anonymous and troll friends do it for you.

5 Getting 7-9 hours of sleep

Everyone and their mom know that we need that magic number of sleep to be successful human beings. For most of us, we also know that if we have to choose between eight different commitments, sleep is the last to be on the list. If you can socialize and get a 4.0 while still sleeping about 1/3 of the day away, kudos to you, Snorlax.

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The Impossible Quiz

1. What domestic cat breed can grow to 40 pounds and has an 8-foot vertical jump?
 - a. Terrier
 - b. Savannah
 - c. Pygmy Tiger
 - d. Calico
2. What is the technical name of the noises your stomach makes?
 - a. Housecleaning
 - b. Intestigrumbleise
 - c. Borborygmus
 - d. Classroom Distraction
3. What bear, besides the Polar bear, can have white fur?
 - a. Black bear
 - b. Koala bear
 - c. Kermode bear
 - d. The Caucus bear
4. How much energy does the brain consume?
 - a. none
 - b. 50 percent
 - c. 15 percent
 - d. 20 percent
5. What is the most aggressive dog breed?
 - a. Dachshund
 - b. Pitbull
 - c. Golden Retriever
 - d. Doberman
6. What nation just had its president flee the country?
 - a. Russia
 - b. Ukraine
 - c. Thailand
 - d. America
7. What country just signed an anti-gay bill?
 - a. Uganda
 - b. Japan
 - c. UK
 - d. Andalusia
8. What does America plan to do with its military?
 - a. Make it bigger
 - b. Send it to Mars
 - c. Shrink it
 - d. Send it to Russia

AWKWARD ADVENTURES

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

FIND RUSTY AND FRIENDS!

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



AQUARIUS

Jan. 20 – Feb. 19

People regret not calling you when they're in a tough place.



PISCES

Feb. 20 – March 20

Formally, you're awesome. Informally, it's not debatable. People love you dressed up and down.



ARIES

March 21 – April 20

Jump up and down and all around because today is going to be the best day ever.



TAURUS

April 21 – May 20

If you sleep through any more classes, you'll turn into a snorlax. Come on, go to class. It's worth it.



GEMINI

May 21 – June 21

Sometimes, you just go on walks with people spontaneously because you're a sparkly person. They really appreciate you.



CANCER

June 22 – July 22

Your student showed progress! Be happy for them and proud of your work.



LEO

July 23 – Aug. 23

Try listening to the band "BOY" and the song "7 Little Numbers." Give yours to whoever is thinking of you right now.



VIRGO

Aug. 24 – Sept. 22

You have a fantastic sense of humor when you're on point. Also, perhaps snowboarding suits your personality.



LIBRA

Sept. 23 – Oct. 23

Go on. Go in like a Dark Horse.



SCORPIO

Oct. 24 – Nov. 21

You are a fine frenzy. Keep making the rounds of your friends and soon you'll find somebody to love.



SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

Tomorrow, you're going to get on Clemson Crushes. Look pretty for it.



CAPRICORN

Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

Get some sleep.

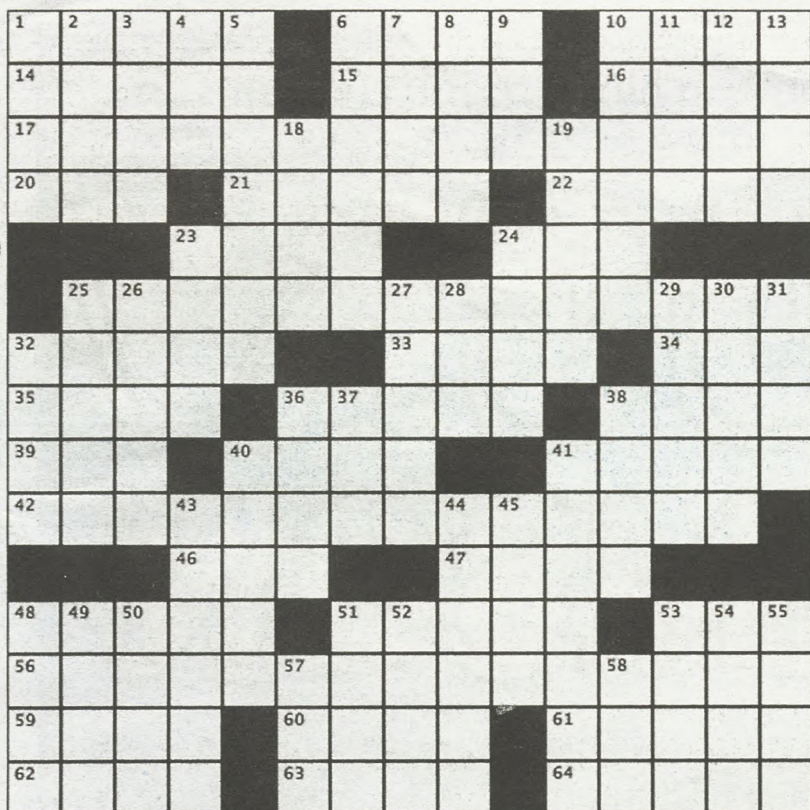
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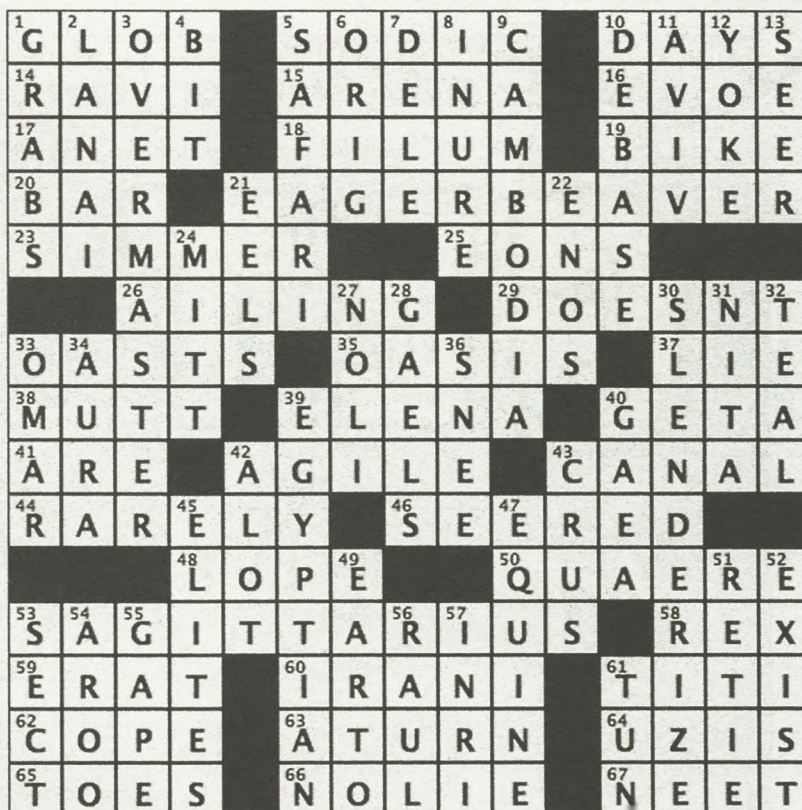
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Oh, hey there
beautiful ...



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

SOLUTION FOR LAST WEEK



Across

1- Animal;
6- Shrivelled, without moisture;
10- Defense grp. since 1949;
14- Chasing;
15- First son of Adam and Eve;
16- Earth Day subj.;
17- Direct;
20- Conductor ____-Pekka Salonen;
21- Wrong;
22- Eagle's home;
23- Swing around;
24- Radical '60s org.;

25- Elucidation;
32- Great Lakes tribesmen;
33- Get wind of;
34- Mined mineral;
35- Agreement;
36- Nerd;
38- Black cuckoos;
39- Having four sharps;
40- Faction of a group, often religious;
41- Berlin's "Blue ____";
42- Kind of evidence;
46- "...and seven years ____";
47- Boxer Spinks;

48- Bucky Beaver's toothpaste;
51- Muscle contraction;
53- Hi-____ monitor;
56- Divide up;
59- Greek peak;
60- Ethereal: Prefix;
61- Manuscript volume;
62- Crazy as a ____;
63- Obtains;
64- Brawny;

Down

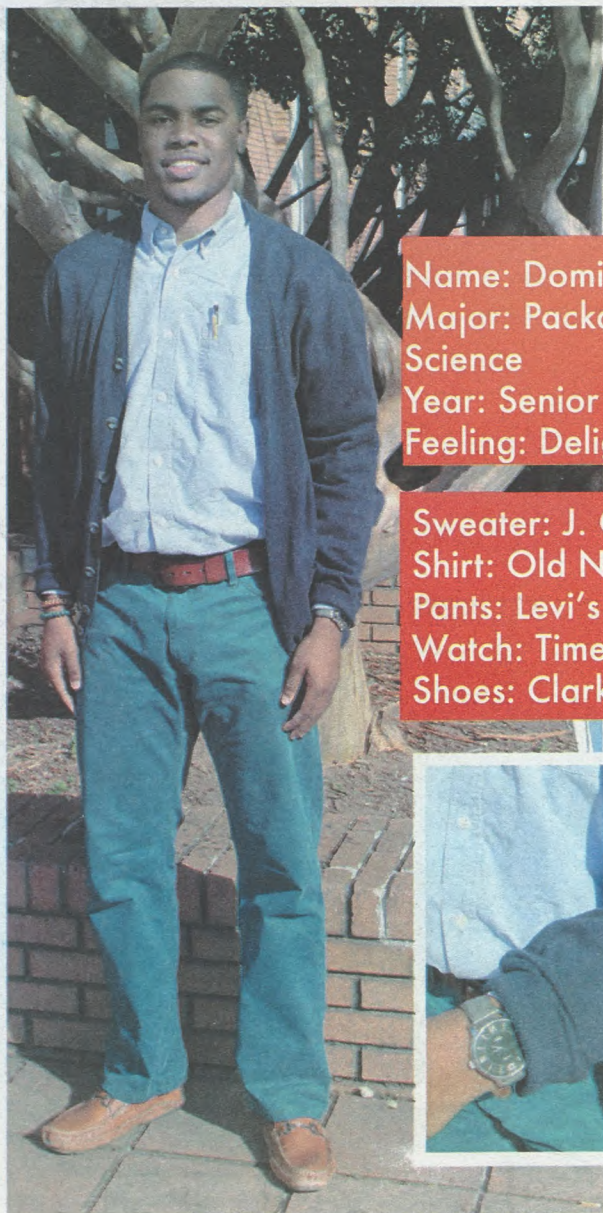
1- Not acid;
2- Young newts;
3- Gillette brand;

4- Where the buoys are;
5- Trivia;
6- Lug;
7- Breaks bread;
8- Rampant;
9- Brian of Roxy Music;
10- Freshest;
11- Rent-____;
12- Actress Spelling;
13- Shoppe adjective;
18- Massive wild ox;
19- "M*A*S*H*" name;
23- Keep it, to an editor;
24- Pierce with a knife;

25- Teheran native;
26- More pleasant;
27- Role for Clark;
28- Shoebox letters;
29- Ancient Greek colony;
30- Bay window;
31- Capone foe;
32- Monumental;
36- Floor model;
37- Loos;
38- Related by blood;
40- Sucrose;
41- Abdomen;
43- The land of promise;

44- Singer Morissette;
45- Resting place;
48- Billy ____ had a hit song with "White Wedding";
49- 100 centavos;
50- Lhasa ____;
51- Hook's helper;
52- Chipper;
53- Frees (of);
54- O.T. book;
55- Alluring;
57- Label;
58- Bud's bud;

CAMPUS CATWALK



Name: Dominic Boyd
Major: Packaging Science
Year: Senior
Feeling: Delighted

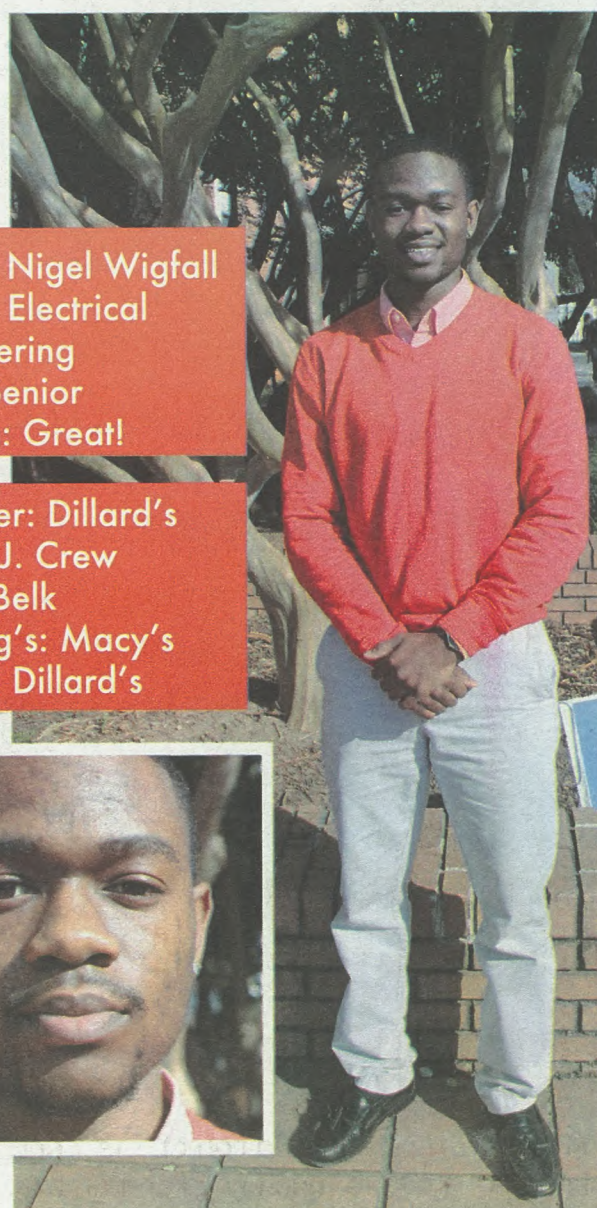
Sweater: J. Crew
Shirt: Old Navy
Pants: Levi's
Watch: Timex
Shoes: Clark's



What we love: On Wednesday's, the Mean Girls wear pink. And Kappa Alpha Psi promotes Business Casual Wednesdays, in which their fraternity members bring some class to campus and show up the rest of the male population. What we dig most about Nigel and Dominic's business casual is that they popped some color. Nigel's sweater and shirt combination toes the line between "too much" and "just enough" perfectly. Similarly, Dominic stays in the cool color crew quite nicely — that smooth teal keeps his blue button-down from aging him too much. Beyond the overall scheme, we appreciate two things about Dominic: his elbow patches and watch. We love that the patches add character without changing fabric shade; they're not being too obvious. His watch is classic and cohesive with the bigger picture that the brown accents of his shoes and belt create. For Nigel, we loved his loafers and how they kept the color up top from overwhelming us. We know you can't buy facial hair, but between that tasteful scruff on his face and the dash of luxury given off by his earrings, we'd casually do business with him any day.

Name: Nigel Wigfall
Major: Electrical Engineering
Year: Senior
Feeling: Great!

Sweater: Dillard's
Pants: J. Crew
Shirt: Belk
Earring's: Macy's
Shoes: Dillard's



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