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Tigers bring the pain in Lane

Clemson dominates Virginia Tech to notch its third straight win over a ranked opponent.

BRAD HAIDER
STAFF WRITER

All week, all the Clemson football team heard was how analysts and writers from across the country were discounting their wins. After beating defending national champion Auburn, all the media outlets said that Auburn was not as good of a team as their record indicated. After defeating Florida State two Saturdays ago, they claimed Clemson caught a break when they didn't have to face quarterback E.J. Manuel. Even though the Tigers had defeated two previously unbeaten and nationally-ranked teams, many felt the Tigers had yet to be challenged. The first road game for Clemson — against Virginia Tech at vaunted Lane Stadium — figured to be the first real test for this team. The Tigers aced the test by beating the Hokies Saturday night, 22-3.

On a cold, rainy night in Blacksburg, Va., the Tigers took the field ranked No. 13 in the nation and squared off against No. 11 Virginia Tech. The conditions were not favorable for the Tigers' spread passing attack, and they were going to have to rely heavily on their ability to run the ball in order to score. The first quarter was a low-scoring affair, with both teams exchanging possessions without much offensive success.



see VT page C4 Clemson's Sammy Watkins runs past Virginia Tech safety Antone Exum in Clemson's 23-3 win over the Hokies in Blacksburg, Va.

Homecoming Pageant selects finalists

Student votes are in; winner to be announced at Tigerama.

BRADY BROWN
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

This past Monday, Oct. 3, the annual Miss Homecoming Pageant, sponsored by Clemson University Student Government (CUSG), was held in Tillman Hall.

Twenty-two ladies, each representing their respective organization, competed in the contest, which consisted of two parts. The competition included a preliminary interview stage, which considered Clemson involvement, ultimately followed by the beauty pageant, which judged the participants in both casual and evening wear.

The four people granted the difficult task of participating on the judges' panel included Kathleen Swinney, Colonel Sandy Edge, Susannah Wiksell and Kenyatta Shamburger.

Seniors Collin Sarvis and Tanner Smith took on the roles of Masters of Ceremony, lending

the occasion a much-welcomed touch of humor.

The festivities kicked off with a well-choreographed dance performance by the contestants. Next up was Clemson's own Tigeroar, serenading the zealous crowd to much applause.

The casual wear portion of the contest followed as the ladies each took their turn on stage. Soon after, the ladies — each accompanied by their personal escorts — wowed the crowd, displaying their elegant selections of eveningwear.

Crowd favorite Clay Swinney, the son of Head Coach Dabo Swinney and his wife Kathleen, received perhaps the warmest welcome as a special guest and escort.

After the judgment portion of the ceremony, Clemson's Rally Cats impressed the crowd with an impressive dance number. Not to be topped,

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10-day sacrifice

Students around the country give up all unnecessary beverages to raise money for needy.

SCOTTIE WHITELEY
NEWS EDITOR

The 10 Days campaign is coming to Clemson and other universities around the nation from Monday, Oct. 10-Wednesday, Oct. 19. The whole idea behind the 10 Days is this: participants give up every beverage but water for 10 days and use the money saved to provide someone else with clean water.

The idea for the 10 Days started at Texas A&M University in 2007. "The first 10 Days ... was longer and called 'the two weeks of sacrifice,'" said Henry Proegler, co-founder of the campaign and director of advocacy for Living Water International. "It was a really small effort and pretty much a simple Facebook event at Texas A&M where we raised about \$1,300."

Living Water is an organization that combines spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ and providing desperate communities with clean water. After the inaugural campaign

at Texas A&M, it started The Wells Project (TWP), which is a student organization that puts on the 10 Days. In 2010, TWP shortened the Two Weeks, and the first national 10 Days was held last October.

To date, The Wells Project has spread to 50 other schools and has raised over \$100,000 for clean water projects.

In a letter publicizing the campaign, Proegler shared his passion for the movement.

"Two friends and I sat in my room and shared our frustration with the fact that almost a billion people lack access to water," he said. "We felt challenged, but more importantly we felt enabled by our faith in Jesus to do something about it."

"Living Water's hope for the 10 Days is that our leaders at schools like Clemson would run the campaign in a way where anyone feels welcome to participate, whatever their world

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"This, my ring ..."

Colonel Ben Skardon tells his profound story of the Clemson ring that saved his life.

Colonel Ben Skardon is a Clemson graduate of the class of 1938 — during his four years at Clemson, he served as managing editor for *The Tiger* from '37-38 and was a member of Tiger Brotherhood. While at a Japanese prison camp during World War II, Skardon's Clemson class ring played a critical role in his survival, and he shares this heartfelt story at every Ring Ceremony.

"I was in very, very bad health in a [Japanese] prison camp and there was no medicine, no way of improving your health," Skardon said. "And mine deteriorated to the extent that I had my eyes glued shut with a yellow discharge, the soles of my feet were covered with little pustules, I had Beriberi (which is a malnutrition disease), diarrhea, and I was losing my appetite. I was teamed up with Henry Leitner and Otis Morgan. Henry was the class of '37, and Otis was the class of '38.

"Almost everyone had been stripped of all their personal possessions, especially things like watches, rings, shoes, things of that nature. But I managed to keep my ring hidden. I never pulled it out, and I always had it tied up in little pieces of rag put some place or another.

"And then when it got to where I was going to have to be put over in what they called the 'hospital area' in the Zero Ward, because that's where they took people who couldn't do anything for us. No one ever returned from there, with one or two exceptions. Henry and Otis took care of me personally. Otis learned a little bit of Japanese, and he became what we call an 'in charge.' The Japanese overseer or lead guard would tell him what the workers were supposed to do, and all of us of course were barefooted and had on a minimum of raggedy clothing.

"Otis was able to let it be known that he knew of a gold ring for trade for food, and then one evening came in from the farm where we worked with a small can of potted meat and a small chicken. Henry got a pail, boiled the chicken, and then they would take the rice that was issued and mixed up chicken and rice and then spoon-feed me because I couldn't see very well ... the little can of potted meat was used to make rice balls, and they were absolutely delectable.

"Now because I couldn't see and I couldn't walk, they had to take me piggy-back to an open latrine, and afterwards they would wash me off with buckets of water, and then bring me back down deep in the shack and put me on my pallet. I responded to that so well that my appetite was restored, my eyes cleared up, my feet cleared up, and I was whole again, so to speak.

"Well I've often thought about my little gold ring, which I'd hidden for so long, and I had no qualms about

turning it over to Otis for this exchange because there was nothing else that could be done. But I've always thought about that ring, and when I was married in 1947, my wife, as an engagement present, had my brother who was a Clemson graduate replace the ring. Well at that time, my fingers were very slender and small, and I wore it very briefly. But soon I couldn't get it on, so I wore it around my neck. But that was tacky, so I put it aside. And then the Representative Mr. Waters, a graduate of Duke University who is the contract person for the makers of the Clemson ring, at a very great surprise to me at the ring ceremony, presented me with this ring [his current ring], and I've had it ever since and take great pride and glory in having a ring that fits.

"The ring takes on an almost sacred thing. I know where it is at all times. I don't wear it all the time for fear of sometimes losing it; I don't want to have it on my finger unnecessarily. But when I go out, I like the recognition when people see the ring.

"I was at a funeral the other day and a lady from the hospice came up and put her ring by mine and said, 'We're buddies,' and I said, 'We sure are.'"

"With the Clemson ring, it generates friendship; it generates association; and of course because of my age, the Clemson I knew is so starkly different and contrasts so much with Clemson University; however I think that there is a sameness of spirit."

"Within our family, my three brothers and I are graduates of Clemson; my son is a graduate of Clemson; my wife is a graduate of Clemson; I have nieces who are graduates of Clemson; I have nephews who are graduates of Clemson. I make a lot of a very trivial term: a rich heritage. When I think of that, I think of everyone I know who went to Clemson. So Clemson is a part of our household.

"That's what's so remarkable about this story. I love to tell it because it makes me feel good, and also I feel like I'm relating something of importance with regard to faith and to the very fact that I had saved the ring for so long. And then when it went for that [food], I have never had one regret, naturally, because then I describe this turnaround from the benefits of the ring. It saved my life. People, I think, sometimes don't realize how serious I am when I say that. It saved my life.

"Most people know that long poem by Coleridge, about the teller of the tale [who] is a survivor of the ship that floundered at sea. When he got back alive, he felt a compulsion to stop a stranger on the street and tell him his story. That was part of an obligation, and sometimes I think of myself as the Ancient Mariner, having to tell my story to whomever will listen."

Story as told by Colonel Ben Skardon,
compiled by Scottie Whiteley and Brett Mills.
Photo illustration by Scottie Whiteley.

The Clemson Class Ring



“... no matter where you go or what you do after graduation, you are always a part of the Clemson family.”

Written by: Scottie Whiteley, news editor
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The Clemson ring has been a symbol of graduation since 1896, when the University celebrated its first graduating class. In that year, the gold ring had an unmarked stone with chasing on the shank.

By 1901, the “C,” palmetto and year appeared; in 1906, the student ring committee added the eagle with a blank shield to the shanks. F. Raymone Sweeny, a former committee member and electrical engineer at Clemson, is credited with the design of the ring. The men’s version of the ring has changed very little since 1927, when the school’s name first appeared on it; the only update has been to the name changes of the school. On July 1, 1940, thanks to Clemson’s Board of Trustees, the final version of the graduation ring became official.

On Sept. 29, 2011, Clemson celebrated one of its most cherished traditional ceremonies, the Class Ring Ceremony, in Owen Pavilion. Although it is a relatively recent tradition, the event is very meaningful for Clemson graduates.

Brittany Clinton, president of the Student Alumni Council (SAC), gave insight into its history.

“The Ring Ceremony began in the 2001-2002 academic year, and the first ceremony had only a handful of students,” Clinton said. “The first ceremony was held in the lobby of the Alumni Center with alumni guest speakers who talked about the importance of the ring.”

An SAC committee of created the event.

“It has always been an event of this organization,” Clinton said.

The ceremony has experienced tremendous growth in the past 10 years.

“Today, students participate in the ceremony because they are knowledgeable of the legacy and tradition of the Clemson ring,” Clinton said. “For many students, receiving their Clemson ring is a rite of passage. The ceremony celebrates their accomplishments and helps to transition them to the next stage of their life.”

The ring ceremony carries an impact after graduation as well.

“It instills the idea that no matter where you go or what you do after graduation, you are always a part of the Clemson family,” Clinton said.

“The Clemson ring is easily distinguishable because it never changes and also has a unique face. For those

reasons, one can be secure with the fact that while wearing the ring they will be identified as a Clemson alumni,” she said.

One of the ring’s notable traditions is how it is worn.

“I have never heard of actual historical documentation of this tradition, but so many students do it,” Clinton said. “Before graduation, you wear the ring with the ‘C’ facing towards you. Once you graduate, you then turn the ring around so that the ‘C’ can be displayed to the world.”

Although the ceremony is fairly new, it is quickly gaining status as an important rite of passage for Clemson students.

“In my personal opinion, the Ring Ceremony is one of the best up-and-coming traditions at Clemson,” said Rhett Ricard, treasurer of Clemson Undergraduate Student Government (CUSG). “It is a fairly new tradition, but it’s one where you can hear from Dr. Reel, the Clemson University historian, on all the changes that the Clemson ring has undergone as well as what all the symbols on the ring mean, and you get to receive your ring from President Barker himself.”

“An interesting fact is that Clemson is ranked 10th in the nation for most rings sold, and we are also in the top ten for percentages of rings sold as well,” Ricard said.

Around 55-60 percent of Clemson students purchase class rings, well above the national average of 5 percent.

“The Clemson ring is widely worn by almost all 120,000 alumni – and since it hasn’t changed since the 1940s, it is one of the most recognizable rings in the nation,” Ricard said.

“There are countless stories of Clemson alumni finding each other in airports or elsewhere by the ring on their finger, and great friends have been made because of recognizing these rings. In fact, President Barker requests that anyone who has one of these ring stories should contact him with the story, because he wants to hear about them and tell others in the Clemson family about them too.”

Clinton has attended four ring ceremonies and encourages all seniors to attend as well.

“I truly believe that it is a special tradition that everyone should take part in – it’s a tradition that well represents what Clemson is all about,” she said.

Ricard said the new ring provider is Balfour and that ring purchases can now be made at the Alumni Center instead of the Hendrix bookstore as in the past.

Passion Tour 2012

University tour looks to unite students across denominations.

SCOTTIE WHITELEY
NEWS EDITOR

The Passion 2012 University Tour will be stopping at Clemson on Oct. 13 at 8 p.m. in the Brooks Performing Arts Center. The tour is visiting 12 universities nationwide in preparation for Passion 2012, a gathering of more than 35,000 university-aged adults at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta on Jan. 2-5, 2011.

The goal of Passion is to gather college students from campuses and churches around the country and to unite them across denominational lines.

Passion's stop at Clemson is a precursor to the bigger Passion 2012 event in January.

"It's a way to point people towards the Dome and tell people about it and encourage them to be a part," said Brad Jones, event coordinator for the Passion 2012 University Tour. He also serves as navigator to Louie Giglio, founder of Passion Conferences. He said he's very excited the tour is making a stop here at our campus.

"We're pumped — we love Clemson," he said.

Jones anticipates a large crowd at Clemson's Passion event.

"There are students coming from Clemson and a bunch of different churches, and then there are people driving in from around the area as well," he said. "So it should not only be a good advertisement for Passion 2012, but it should be a really awesome night."

The event will feature two

special guests.

"We've got two of the best worship leaders in the country," Jones said. "Kristian Stanfill and Charlie Hall are both part of Six Step Records, which is a record label that is part of the Passion family. Their songs are sung in churches all over the place."

"They're incredible worship leaders," he said. "They're a part of Passion 2012 as well, so they'll be leading at the Georgia Dome."

Although Giglio will not be able to attend the Clemson Passion event in person, a video message of his will be displayed.

Jones elaborated on the Passion 2012 event in Atlanta.

"There will be tens of thousands of college students from all over the country and all over the world," he said. "Several nations will be represented and students from every state will be there."

"I have been a part of both Passion 2010 and Passion 2011 and have personally grown and been challenged by my involvement," said Evan Yates, a Clemson senior and director of services with Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). "Passion is an incredible way to join with thousands of college students from not only the U.S. but thousands from around the world ... all for one purpose."

"Clemson FCA established a relationship with Passion a few years ago and has had the privilege to host Louie Giglio multiple times," Yates said. "I was contacted by Passion about a University Tour they were

planning — I immediately jumped at the idea, knowing that because of Clemson's huge involvement with Passion Conference, a chance to bring it to our college town would see a great response."

"As a worship leader myself, I feel that people should attend the event because they have the opportunity to be led in worship by two of the most influential contemporary worship leaders around," said Josh Downey, who serves as worship leader for Clemson FCA. "Kristian Stanfill and Charlie Hall have teamed together to provide an event that not many college students will ever have access to. It will be an entertaining, encouraging and refreshing night that students won't forget."

"Oct. 13 is going to be a great night for 1,000 Clemson students and students from all over the Upstate to join together in something so much bigger than ourselves," Yates said. "We are the rising generation that will become the leaders of this world and it is important for us to gather together for a night of worship and encouragement."

Jones echoed Downey's statement.

"It's going to be a really great concert and a really great night of worship," he said.

Tickets to the event are \$5, available at the Brooks Center box office or online at <http://passion2012tour.com>.

For more information about Passion Conferences, students can check out their website at 268generation.com/passion2012.

Ice cream with a heart

Organizations offered the chance to create a new flavor for their charity of choice.

SCOTTIE WHITELEY
NEWS EDITOR

Clemson's '55 Exchange is sponsoring a contest, called "Ice Cream with a Heart," to help student organizations raise money in support of their favorite charity by creating and selling new ice cream flavors. Students will have all semester to brainstorm and submit flavor ideas, and the winner will be announced in February 2012.

"Since I've been co-oping here, we've been looking for something that would tie more into the community," said Amanda Spatharos, retail operations manager at '55 Exchange. "And we wanted to figure out a way that we could work with charities somehow. We just kind of stumbled into this and thought it tied everything together really well."

"It's all student organizations that can participate," Spatharos said. Individuals inside the organizations are allowed to submit as many flavors as they like starting Oct. 10; submissions will close Dec. 1. Submissions should include the name of your unique flavor, the name of your organization, the name of your favorite charity and a brief description of what your flavor will look and taste like.

At the end of the semester, the top 15 flavors with the most "likes" on the shop's Facebook page will be narrowed down into the final four by the contest's committee, and will be announced at the beginning of next semester. Although each organization may submit an unlimited amount of flavors, only one flavor from each organization is eligible to be in the final four.

The final four organizations will join the shop's production development team during the month of January to help design and create their flavors.

In February, all of the final four's flavors will be offered for sale in '55 Exchange. Twenty percent of all sales of each organization's flavor will go to support their selected charity. At the end

of the month, the most purchased flavor of the final four — in the form of cups, cones, shakes, etc. — will be named the winner, and the organization will be treated to a free ice cream party at '55 Exchange.

Selection will be based on creativity, market potential and ease of manufacture.

The shop's employees are excited about the idea.

"We decided to go with it because we thought it would definitely be a good way to get everybody around campus involved in something different that would go towards a good cause," Spatharos said.

Right now, the contest committee is encouraging organizations to start signing up for the charity fundraiser.

"We just want to get the word out to organizations to start thinking about flavor ideas," Spatharos said. "We want to get people excited."

Another incentive to join in the contest is that the first 40 people to enter will receive a free T-shirt from the shop.

For more information, students can visit the shop's Facebook page, accessed through Clemson's website at www.clemson.edu/icecream.



The organization that sells the most of their flavor will win an ice cream party.

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view might be," Proegler said. "The 10 Days is a community-based campaign and it doesn't work unless we realize that everyone from the leaders at a school to the freshman who randomly decides to participate are equally important."

Organizers of the Clemson chapter of 10 Days have certain hopes for the event.

"The goal for the 10 Days event here at Clemson is simply to raise awareness for the global water crisis," said Ann Bynum, a Clemson senior who heads up the team for the campaign here on campus. "Our goal is to raise \$5,000 here on our campus."

Bynum provided some concerning figures.

"It's a pretty staggering statistic that 884 million people lack access to clean water, but what's even more staggering than that is that it takes \$1 to provide clean water for one person for one year," she said. "We, along with the 50-plus universities across the nation that are

participating in the event, are really excited to see the impact we could have on the country of Rwanda."

Proegler reiterated Bynum's point.

"The 10 Days is important because people need safe, clean water, and we have the ability to provide it," he said. "This idea was especially significant to me and the two other founders of [what is now] the 10 Days when we started everything because [of] our faith in Jesus. We believed, and still believe, [that] Jesus calls us to take care of our neighbor, and almost a billion of our neighbors are suffering because they lack one of life's most basic necessities: clean water."

"This campaign is not about one person, one school, one cause, but the basic idea that we can change the world," Proegler said. "I'm encouraged by the growth of the 10 Days because it just re-affirms the fact that our generation wants to change the world, and we can."

For more information about the event, students can visit the 10 Days full site at <http://10days.cc>.

Tigri Scientifica: Tonight's Dinner Special Test Tube Tartar

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STAFF WRITER

Meat grown in a petri dish may sound like the stuff of science fiction, but it may be on your plate sooner than you think. Scientists at a conference held last month in Goteborg, Sweden, by the European Science Foundation, discussed the future of in-vitro, "test tube" meat as an alternative food source. The technology to create cultured meat has been in development for more than 10 years, but the environmental and population issues of the future have recently prompted researchers and ethicists to evaluate the future of meat production.

Before your imagination starts running wild, here is a brief explanation of how the meat is made. The culturing of meat uses techniques similar to those used in cell biology research. First, animal stem cells must be grown in a nutrient solution. Then, certain signaling molecules prompt their maturation into muscle cells. In addition, the cells must be electrically "exercised" in order to grow efficiently. The end product — at this stage — resembles minced meat rather than the structure of normal meat. However, growing fully formed muscles is another goal of these researchers.

The world's demand for meat is increasing. According to a study by the U.N.'s Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), meat consumption is expected to double between the years

2000 and 2050. More meat means more land for raising cattle, and this causes great harm to ecosystems like the rainforest. In addition, the FAO reported that the production of meat is one of the major contributors to greenhouse gas emissions — even more than transportation emissions.

A 2011 study published by Dr. Hanna Tuomisto and colleagues in "Environmental Science and Technology" claims that cultured meat would produce roughly 5 percent of the greenhouse emissions created by conventional meat production and use 99 percent less land. Not only does it yield environmental benefits, meat culturing also eliminates animal welfare issues since there is no need to raise animals for food. Because bacteria like *E. coli* and salmonella contaminate meat as a result of imperfect slaughtering, in-vitro meat prevents the spread of food-borne pathogens.

So what's not to love? Despite the potential benefits of in-vitro meat, there is still the public opinion to sway. Cultured meat contains a creepy factor that most people have yet to overcome. If we can culture cow cells, what is to stop us from culturing dog meat, rat meat — or even human meat — for consumption?

Nothing is certain, and these horrifying ideas are far from becoming a reality, especially since a lack of funding is slowing research. There are still some issues with the culturing methods, and before it can be marketed, the product must undergo



Scientists consider a future of test tube meat as an alternative food source but much research is still needed.

extensive testing to be approved for sale.

At this point in time, don't have a cow if you're worried about the prospect of eating bioreactor bacon. The technology still isn't perfect, and the public still needs to let the idea marinate for a few more years.

However, environmentalists, animal rights activists and many scientists have a "steak" in the future of in-vitro meat. Watch out — you might be having it for dinner.

Clemson students go Solid Green

A free eco-friendly t-shirt will be available for volunteers.

KATE RIPLEY
STAFF WRITER

Homecoming is an exciting time of year at Clemson University, with floats, pep rallies and a (hopefully) victorious football game. But who is left to clean up campus when the party has ended? Anti-litter organization Solid Green is here to the rescue with the fifth annual Solid Green Day on Oct. 12 to promote recycling with an environmentally friendly incentive.

Students who want to participate in cleaning up campus should meet in front of Mell Hall for registration and plan to commit at least one hour on Wednesday, Oct. 12 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. to picking up trash around campus. After completing one hour of service, students can receive, on a first come, first serve

basis, a free t-shirt made with 100 percent recycled materials by Earthspun Apparel.

"There will be tables set up where students can come out in their free time," said Dave VanDeventer, the University's Recycling Manager. "We ask that they work for at least an hour and go around campus cleaning up and picking up things that can be either trash or recycling. There will be an option for them to put it in either plastic, aluminum or glass [containers]."

Earthspun t-shirts are made with recycled polyester from plastic bottles, known as polyethylene terephthalate, or RPET, and recycled cotton. Earthspun Apparel shirts are also made almost completely in the Carolinas. Patrick Yarn Mills in Kings Mountain, N.C., spins and knits the recycled fibers together using solar power. Then the shirts are washed, cut and sewn, and sent to their distribution warehouse in Greenville, S.C.

In order to save the normal amounts of water and energy that go into dyeing t-shirts, the company's four signature colors come from the materials used: blue, green and brown from plastic bottles and the gray from X-rays.

Earthspun t-shirts are also incredibly soft and come in a variety of sizes and styles that will appeal to students. In addition, each shirt comes with a story about the Carolinas and sustainability. Much of Earthspun's client base includes companies and groups looking to promote their organization on an eco-friendly platform.

One of the company's goals is to promote sustainability while boosting the domestic economy. Earthspun also has employed workers from the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation

Department and has begun making shirts that are completely knit, cut and sewn in the Carolinas.

Founder Jack Miller started the company after many years in the textiles industry. A graduate of Clemson University and past employee of Milliken, Miller first encountered the idea of Earthspun while working with Patrick Yarn Mills during a different recycled textile venture.

"I do laugh because I remember seeing the products in another mill a year, year and a half ago and I thought that it was the coolest thing I've ever seen," Miller said. Soon after, Mills asked Miller to start making 100 percent recycled knitted t-shirts.

"I would have been crazy not to; that was a great opportunity," Miller said.

As the recycling industry grows and people become more and more aware of recycled products, it's important to remember where your bottle of 7-Up or can of Campbell's Soup ends up after placing it in the recycling bin.

"People take the time and energy to throw plastic bottles, beer cans and all that other stuff into recycling bins," Miller said. "They go out of their way to do it. But do they ever see it again? People look for recycled paper, but do they ever look for stuff with other recycled content? And that's one of the [great] things about Earthspun. [We] let them know that there is recycled apparel out there."

Students can come out and clean up the campus, as well as support a company that is revolutionizing the green movement, by participating in Solid Green Day. For more information about Earthspun, students can check out their Facebook page or Web site at www.earthspunapparel.com.

For more information on Solid Green Day, students can visit www.clemson.edu/solidgreen.

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the escorts followed suit with their own choreographed dance, and Tillman Hall rocked out to the men's electric performance.

At last arrived the announcement of the judges' top 10 finalists. The lucky ladies, with respect to their representative organizations, included Katie Fairbanks of Chi Omega; Hannah Lea Caviness of the American Society of Civil Engineering; Susie Cheser of Alpha Delta Pi; Macy Lee Driggers of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity; Olivia Page Jenkins of Alpha Omega Epsilon; Dominique Jacques Jordan of Delta Sigma Theta; Jayme Looper of Mortar Board; Caitlin Quinn of Zeta Tau Alpha; Lauren Malihe Semsar of Kappa Kappa Gamma; and Tracy Elizabeth Smith of Delta Zeta.

Voting ended this past Wednesday at midnight, and the lady chosen to be crowned Homecoming Queen will be announced today at Tigerama, which will take place in Littlejohn Coliseum at 7 p.m.

To willingly put themselves in the public eye by competing in such a contest, the ladies felt a strong emotional bond to their organizations and ultimately to Clemson University.

Finalist Susie Cheser gave some insight into her time at Clemson.

"I take so much pride in Clemson University and have been forever changed, not only from the experiences I have had, but from the people I have met along the way," she said.

Fellow finalist Caitlin Quinn also shared warm feelings about being a part of the Clemson community. "Being a member of this university has given me the resources and determination to know that I can accomplish my goals, and my experiences here have shaped the person who I am today," she said. "As a Clemson student, I have had so many doors of opportunity open up that I know are unique to being a part of the Tiger Family."



The ten finalists were chosen based on a pre-interview process and their casual and evening wear



Students are encouraged to dedicate one hour to cleaning up campus after Homecoming weekend.

CUSG hosts Student Tailgate

Located on Fike's outdoor patio, the event promotes responsible tailgating for every home game.

CAROLINE BARBEE

COLUMNIST

Tailgating is an institution almost as necessary and vital to Clemson students and alumni as Clemson football itself. In the spirit of the Tigers' outstanding football season, this week's column showcases how Clemson Undergraduate Student Government (CUSG) gets its "Solid Orange" on for game day.

The Palmetto State Tailgate is CUSG's premiere tailgating event, hosted biannually at Clemson for the Clemson-Carolina game. The idea was conceived by Kyle Roedersheimer, the Campus Community Development (CCD) director for CUSG in 2008. He wanted an event that would rally school spirit, promote good sportsmanship between Clemson and South Carolina patrons, and

encourage responsibility and alcohol safety among those attending. Roedersheimer worked together with TigerPaw Productions and ARAMARK to provide students with a live band for entertainment, Mighty McFly and all of the essential tailgating snacks. Dabo Swinney committed to making an appearance, and the event allowed for a "BYOB" policy for those attendees of age; CUSG funded the rest. The Palmetto State Tailgate was a success, and plans were made to continue the tailgate at USC the following year. However, later in 2009 USC's Student Government announced that they would not be able to host the event.

Despite the setback, CUSG hosted the tailgate again in 2010. This time under CCD Director Jesse Ofendo Reyes, the event was held in the Carillon Gardens and partnered with numerous student organizations. "We had a DJ, CLEMSONLIVE

provided lawn games, Central Spirit face-painted, and we had a bigger turn turnout of students both from Clemson and USC than at the 2008 tailgate," Reyes said. "It was a huge success and I hope we can continue to make it a tradition." The current CCD director, Kimberly Ingram, is in talks with USC's Student Government about whether or not they will be able to host the Palmetto Tailgate at this year's rivalry game. Like Reyes, Ingram is hopeful that CUSG can produce a consistently successful tailgate for students' enjoyment and establish a tradition for generations of Clemson and USC students to come.

In addition to the Palmetto State Tailgate, this year's Undergraduate Student Government, under the direction of President Carlisle Kennedy and Vice President Ryan Gillespie, has worked to establish a regular tailgating spot for students on home football game weekends. Originally one of Kennedy and

Gillespie's platform points on the campaign trail, the goal was to give Clemson students a place on campus to have fun while simultaneously promoting responsible tailgating before, during and after home football games. "Tailgating is a great tradition here at Clemson, and our goal is to make sure every student has that opportunity," Gillespie said.

The tailgate found a home on Fike's outdoor patio, a spacious area overlooking the Tiger Band parade route and conveniently located across the street from Death Valley. Successfully implemented at the Troy and Wofford games, the tailgate will be open to students for this week's Boston College game and will have food, games and free giveaways from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Student tailgates are also scheduled for the Oct. 22 game against the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the Wake Forest game on Nov. 12.

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Is church the new PRISON?

As children, many of you may have likened having to attend church to being incarcerated. Now that you have grown, you probably consider such comments to be flagrant hyperbole. However, in Bay Minette, Ala., church is closer to prison than you would suspect.

With the prison system plagued by overcrowding and the cost of jailing an offender in Bay Minette standing at \$75 per day, the city is implementing a plan to give misdemeanor offenders a choice between serving jail time and paying fines or going to church every week for a year. So far, 56 churches have agreed to participate in this program, which is called Operation Restore Our Community (ROC). Offenders will be able to select which of these churches they want to attend and will have to meet with the police and the pastor of their chosen house of worship weekly.

City officials hope the ROC program will reform offenders and encourage them to become productive members of society. Bay Minette Police Chief Mike Rowland points out that ROC is a long-term program which will render it more effective than more traditional 30-day rehab programs used as substitutes for prison time. It takes a long time for habits to change, and having convicts go to church is a far more cost-effective long-term program than having a prolonged, intensive rehab session.

Nevertheless, we at The Tiger are none too optimistic about Operation ROC. Weekly church attendance is simply not sufficient to ensure that convicts either learn the error of their ways or repay their debts to society. It is all too common for churchgoers to simply go through the motions in religious services without deriving any true meaning from the sermons, and it only makes sense that criminals attending church on a court order would be especially likely to exhibit such behaviors. Offenders who go to church without a sincere interest in becoming more ethical people will probably not be transformed into model citizens.

Aside from being ineffective in its primary function of reforming criminals, the ROC program would weaken several key components of the penal system. For starters, Operation ROC reduces the discouragement factor of our penal codes. Immoral people can be prevented from committing criminal acts by stiff penalties for illegal action — the prospect of undergoing a severe punishment can be quite intimidating. However, when the penalties for crimes are light, people are not especially afraid of being punished and those undeterred by their consciences will likely commit crimes. Frankly, the threat of having to attend church once a week for a year is not very frightening and will not scare potential criminals into behaving.

What about offenders who already attend church regularly? Surely they exist, since even prominent religious leaders such as Jim Bakker have been known to commit crimes. Why should the justice system offer to let them pay for their crimes by simply continuing to do what they already do? People who go to church every Sunday will not find the risk of being sentenced to continue going to church every Sunday threatening in the least, and they

can hardly be expected to change their ways as a result of such a sentence. Consequently, it would be ridiculous to extend church-going criminals the offer presented by the ROC program.

Could we make an exception in these cases, letting criminals who do not already attend religious services regularly opt to begin going to church while forcing churchgoing crooks to serve prison time? Doing so would constitute religious discrimination, as those who are not religious would have the option to obtain an arguably lighter penalty than their more religious peers. On the other hand, letting both churchgoers and non-churchgoers choose to attend religious services instead of going to jail qualifies as religious discrimination, for having to attend a religious service is naturally less of a punishment to someone who already willingly does so.

The justice system is supposed to be fair and unbiased. All citizens should be treated equally under the law. Instituting a program which discriminates against offenders on the basis of religion violates these principles, and Operation ROC is just such a program.

While the ROC program is deeply flawed, its roots are still worthy of examination. The problems that the program intends to fix are very real. Prisons are overcrowded and unduly expensive, and misdemeanor offenders are not always rehabilitated by jail time. Indeed, spending several months with only other lawbreakers for company could transform a petty thug into a hardened criminal. Since there are no clear signs that the prison system will be substantially reformed in the near future or that these incredibly challenging problems will be solved, we would do well to look at possible alternatives to jail time for misdemeanor offenders.

But what should be done with these criminals? Perhaps sentencing them to complete large amounts of community service would prove a better system. After all, making offenders serve the community should at the very least prove beneficial to the citizens they help, and the positive feelings the criminals might experience as a result of helping others may point them in a more moral direction.

Furthermore, one would imagine there are a good number less offenders who devote the majority of their time to community service than there are who devote an hour a week to attending church, meaning criminals are more likely to view being sentenced to community service as a major, unwanted change to their lives than to look at being required to attend church in the same way.

Religious services play a large role in our society, but that role should not extend into the realm of criminal punishment. While individual offenders might improve their character by adopting faith, the penal system cannot ensure that most convicts will do this, so it would be inappropriate to make churchgoing an alternative to more traditional punishments. As the justice system does not possess divine power, it must respond to secular transgressions with secular penalties.



STEPHANE REY/art director

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Speak Out



How do you feel about the government offering weekly church attendance as an alternative to jail time?

Billy Rutherford



MANAGEMENT
Junior

"I think offering it is a great alternative to our overcrowded jails."

Aaron Ogrodnin



MATERIAL SCIENCE &
ENGINEERING
Sophomore

"I feel church attendance could help instill morals in certain incarcerated persons. It would also provide people other than inmates to talk to on a regular basis."

Alec Houghton



ECONOMICS
Junior

"I think it's a good idea, but the government has to be careful not to offend others that might not be religious. It could be a very good alternative."

Blaire Veronee



PARKS, RECREATION, AND
TOURISM MANAGEMENT
Sophomore

"I disagree; if you can't do the time, don't do the crime."

Sara Comer



DOCTORATE STUDENT
Chemistry

"I don't think it is a good idea because people will not consider it a real punishment."

Food stamps: Discounts on obesity?

JESSICA LAU

Columnist



Money—and the shortage thereof—is a very prominent subject on the collective American mind today. Of course, the U.S. government is at the epicenter of the current economic situation and is working to ameliorate the predicament as best possible.

Due to the poor economy and high unemployment rates, more and more people have turned to federal aid programs. One such program is SNAP, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (more commonly known by its former name, the Food Stamps Program).

Benefits from the program can be used to purchase foods such as fruits, vegetables, meat, dairy and bread. Alcohol and tobacco are appropriately excluded from the program, but there is a good deal of controversy over certain items that are indeed allowed by SNAP: as quoted from the USDA website, such food products as “soft drinks, candy, cookies, snack crackers and ice cream.” Further, because processed foods such as junk food and soda are cheaper than healthier options like fruits and vegetables, the former make up a good portion of the groceries bought using SNAP benefits.

One might expect that the weak economy and the less-than-optimal health of the general population are two concerns that would intersect on the government’s radar in the form of SNAP. This is not so, however.

Earlier this year, federal officials shot down a proposal by the mayor of New York City. The mayor sought to prohibit SNAP users in his district from using their benefits to buy sodas and other sugary drinks. The motivation behind the proposal was to curb the widespread consumption of unhealthy foods and help to reduce the prevalence of diabetes and obesity.

The USDA justified its decision by citing various logistical issues that could arise when attempting to ban the purchase of unhealthy foods—mainly, that implementing such food restrictions across the board would be too complex of a task, and that it would take too many resources to fairly determine the line between “healthy” and “unhealthy” foods and beverages.

Naturally, the processed foods industry also responded negatively towards the proposal. The idea was condemned on the grounds that it would be unfair to low-income families to deny them the same choices in food products as the more financially well-off sector of the population. (The USDA’s decision was reached in no small part due to the politics between the federal government and the processed foods industries, no doubt—but that’s another matter altogether.)

On one hand, the argument to limit the purchase of junk food is certainly valid. However, that method might not be the best way to go. SNAP provides the government the unique opportunity to help struggling citizens while promoting healthful diets, but targeting the low-income population and restricting their purchases does not exactly seem fair.

Instead of implementing restrictions, incentives may be a more viable alternative. Fresh produce is more expensive than processed goods—so why not offer a monetary incentive to buy more of the good stuff?

Indeed, the USDA is taking what could be a promising step in this direction. Later this year, the Healthy Incentives Pilot will be tested out in Hampden County, Massachusetts. For every dollar of eligible fruit and vegetable purchases, an extra thirty cents of SNAP benefits will be given out.

The combination of financial assistance and the promotion of better health is a potent one indeed. While the USDA may have done the right thing in denying the implementation of junk food restrictions in the food stamps program, only time will tell if an opposite strategy of incentives will be effective in promoting the purchase of more healthy foods.

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A House Divided

EDUARDO HERNÁNDEZ

Columnist



In the past few months, there has been much emphasis on next year’s presidential election, and with good reason. There are debates between candidates and political articles being published, and the news is constantly filled with talk of who will be the Republican candidate, how Obama and the Democrats will respond to the Republicans and how voters will perceive them in the next year. It is an interesting situation to find the country, with our economy needing help and supervision, the issue of health care and a kajillion other issues the president has to tackle. I have one question though: Who are we supposed to root for?

I do not mean this as a question of political parties. I

“The party’s platforms are not about their values; they are about doing the opposite of the other guy.”

mean, is there a clear answer as to who the best politician is and who has the interests of the people of the United States in mind when they run? From what I gather, no one does—they only care about their party. The party’s platforms are not about their values; they are about doing the opposite of the other guy. It does not get anywhere. As I do not associate myself with a political party, I find the entire affair baffling because I cannot simply pick a side out of some sort of naïve

loyalty to one group or another.

From what I gather, the only plan the political left has is to do everything possible to prevent the right from screwing everything up, while the conservatives want to do anything they can to not have a Democrat in office. What is worse is that I honestly do not know if there is a source from which I can find information on different politicians that is not biased in one way or another, which leads to even more confusion.

I want someone to step up and do their best to come up with a compromise, but I realize that this hypothetical Galahad of politicians would end up a failure because no one would vote for him. Most people would rather pick one side or another and spend their time getting nowhere, comparing their opponent to Hitler (see what I did there?) instead of voting for an unknown who actually wants to make things work through cooperation.

I would compare this to a rivalry between universities, but the analogy would fall flat because even the competitions between schools are not this petty. On subjects that actually matter, such as academics, USC and Clemson work together sometimes. Politicians? Not so much. Conservatives refuse to see liberals as anything more than deluded, self-righteous pseudo-intellectuals, and liberals always paint conservatives as raving extremists blind to the world around them. Things are not that simple, and I am sure that if politicians compromised, the country would actually get somewhere. Yet as things currently stand, there seems to be no chance that the country’s problems will get solved since no one is actually trying to do so.

I would argue that this is an inherent problem with representative government, but I do not think that is the case. I believe that most politicians need to remember what their duty is in the first place: to serve the people.

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Paws up,

Residents of Cullman, Ala., are being permitted to drink beer at their local Oktoberfest for the first time since 1977.

In Abington, Mass., the chairman of the local school board resigned after pretending to remove a fellow board member's bra in a magic trick during a televised board meeting.

German police were pleasantly surprised that only 58 fights involving the use of liter beer mugs as weapons occurred during Oktoberfest, despite a record 7.5 million liters of beer being consumed by revelers.

A British researcher reports that swearing increases people's tolerance for pain.

A new company in Stockton, Ala., will turn the cremated remains of gun lovers and hunters into ammunition which the deceased's loved ones can use.

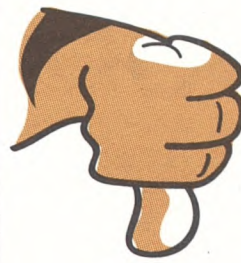
In Austria, Nestle Purina launched the first ever television commercial to use high-frequency tones to appeal to dogs to market its Beneful dog food.

A police chief in Lodi, N.J., ordered his own wife to be ticketed for double-parking.

A man in Spartanburg, S.C., was shot after his cat knocked his .32-caliber pistol to the floor.



Paws down



Animal cruelty charges have been dropped against a Salt Lake City man who filmed himself eating a live baby rat.

A bus driver in Portland, Ore., berated a mother with a crying baby into getting off the bus. The driver complained the infant's bawling was distracting.

Edible insects are becoming popular fare in Australia. Vendors note the nutritional benefits of eating bugs.

An Atlantic City casino is offering \$25,000 toward a plastic surgery procedure as a jackpot to gamblers.

Will books become obsolete?

DEVLEENA KOLE

Columnist



In today's world of smartphones and Skype, the way people communicate is not the only thing that has changed. The art of reading has been revolutionized since the invention of such e-readers as the Amazon Kindle. The Kindle rids readers of a number of inconveniences. E-readers are lightweight and more environmentally friendly than paper books, they can carry more texts than I can in my backpack, and they allow easy access to books without the hassle of going to a bookstore or library.

However, real books come with a feeling that cannot be replicated on a screen. This is the same reason why a majority of people would much rather surf the Web or watch a movie than sit down to read a book. Reading does not come with the instant gratification that people can get from the Internet. Books test your patience, but reading has never been about convenience. If it were, a 7-year-old could read the "Iliad" and analyze its motifs. With every flip of the page, a story is built — one that in some corner of your brain is yours to keep because no other person can imagine a story like you do. This experience is solely associated with reading, but in a world where emails and Facebook updates are one touch away, no one has the time or patience for books. For this reason, I fear that books may someday become obsolete, or at least be irrevocably replaced by e-readers.

I don't own a Kindle, but I have used a friend's, and it would be ridiculous to deny that the Kindle is a far more practical option for the girl who can barely fit a week's

worth of clothes in a suitcase when going on vacation. Still, the reason that I like reading is not because it is practical. I like it for the nostalgia that my battered copy of "Philosopher's Stone" evokes and for the sense of déjà-vu I get every time I re-read a book and remember exactly where I was at that point in my life.

Although an e-reader keeps track of all of the books you've ever read or want to read, it is nothing like walking in and out of rows of bookshelves at Barnes & Noble and making a mental note of the books you want to read. It is incomparable to the bond you create with a good book and wanting to lend it to all of your friends to share what you've just felt. These intangible moments do not come with a pricetag and cannot be incorporated in the sleekest of Kindles. Of course, you can recommend the title of a book to your friend, but unless you are very generous, you will probably be reluctant to lend someone your Kindle. This brings up the point that the value of books comes at a relatively cheaper price. When you lose a book or when your friend hasn't returned your copy of "The Road" since freshman year, you only lose one book. The same cannot be said for an e-reader.

E-books will never truly replicate the essence of paper books. Just like wearing leggings as a replacement for pants doesn't actually make them pants, tapping a screen to get to the next page is not the same as flipping through the pages of a real book. An e-book may tell the same story in the same words as a paperback, but the screen will always act as a barrier, keeping the reader at a distance and cutting off the bond that one builds with a bound book. At the end of the day, an e-reader is just a cold, hard piece of metal. I don't usually make "Twilight" references, but to be

honest, it is a little like choosing Edward over Jacob.

As I did some research on the sales of e-books, I came across a title that read, "When will books become outdated?" as if it was more a question of when than if. While many books are written every year, most of them are left neglected in favor of immediate entertainment.

Our lives seem to run on battery now. In the free time that we have, reading is not how most people want to spend it. I don't deny that change is good, but I also think we need some constants in our lives. Books have been with us for centuries, through all of the change that humanity has seen. Take that Kindle on your next vacation, but when you have time, give yourself a break from these electronics.

Cell phones, laptops and e-readers are constant reminders of the busy lives we lead. Every waking hour is the equivalent of rush hour, and although these devices keep us in touch with the ones we care about, they also make it impossible to stay in touch with ourselves.

So, the next time you're at a loss for what to do and consider watching YouTube videos for hours, put the laptop away and pick up a book. Whoever you are and no matter what's going on in your life, chances are there are plenty of books for you out there. You just have to find them.

Neil Gaiman says it best: "Google can bring you back 100,000 answers, a librarian can bring you back the right one." Things come and go, but books are timeless. Books are made of color and magic, and it's about time that we preserve the classic art of reading.

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You Can't Always Get What You Want

ROSS BEPLER

Columnist



Let me begin in a bit of an unorthodox manner by saying that it's a good thing I did not write this column two weeks ago. At the time, I was feeling particularly hot and bothered — and not in the creepy Anita Johnson's On the Prowl kind of way. I was extremely frustrated with housing. When I proposed the story to the Opinions editor, I anticipated writing a biting, sarcastic column, but time has a way of putting things in perspective. Without further ado, I will set the scene.

When one gets in the shower, one generally expects the water to come out of the showerhead; however, that was not always the case in my bathroom. When our upstairs neighbors took a shower, so did we. Despite having reported a leak at the beginning of the semester and maintenance "fixing" the situation by re-caulking the shower above us, the drizzle continued from the ceiling. To go along with it, an ominous patch of mold was slowly expanding. Having recently gotten out of the shower might help explain my bad mood when I read my email and saw a note from my RA alerting our suite that we would need to do some rearranging.

We were among those crazy people who had decided putting all four beds in one room was a good idea. And it was — great pillow talk. Apparently, though, this violated housing policy. I found this surprising considering how widespread an idea it is in dorm folklore and how many people I knew who had previously executed this tactic. To be fair, we had been warned at the beginning of the semester that it might be an issue and through a

combination of defiance, laziness and willingness to gamble declined to remove two beds from the "sleep" room. Six weeks into the semester, we thought we had made the right call. However, we were once again called out during fire inspections, and this time they meant business.

I was pretty infuriated initially. Confused, frustrated and still lazy, I had no desire to spend several hours moving around furniture in a full and broken-in room. Determined to fight this oppression, I sent back a retort asking for an explanation as to why two beds were required to be in each room. After all, the two rooms were connected by a common front door. After hearing things such as fire hazard, culpability concerns, breach of housing contract and issue in case of an emergency while moving my way up the housing hierarchy, I cooled off and gave in. Two beds now reside in what was formerly the "study room" (the euphemism I adopted to discuss the situation with housing). Remarkably, people still hang out in that room, and we only have to pay them in small quantities of food.

So this is not a story of beating the system, I'm afraid, but it does have a moral. Despite my enduring lack of clarity, when I step back I must say the way in which the whole situation was handled impressed me. The shower — albeit a completely separate issue — now has a brand-new, leak-free ceiling. The maintenance men were as apologetic and cordial as everyone I talked to concerning the furniture situation. What I'm getting at is that everyone was as polite and friendly as I would expect from a member of the Clemson community. Having reevaluated, I am left with a sense of pride for where I live and learn and a feeling that maybe I was being the irrational one.

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Trekking from Sonoco to Hendrix is the longest walk of my life.

I don't appreciate you lecturing for two hours about nothing and then giving your class 30 minutes to complete all assignments due that day.

Don't call me girl. That's not my name.

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From the Editor's Desk...

During my time here at The Tiger, I have amassed a modest collection of emails complaining about specific Opinions columns or the section in general. As most of these emails share a few common themes, I would like to take this opportunity to address two popular complaints.

First off, the Opinions section is not purposefully slanted to the left and does not engage in "brainwashing and liberal indoctrination." Political ideology does not factor into my decision making with regards to which articles I will publish; if a columnist sends me a well-written piece on a pertinent issue, I will publish it regardless of the political stance taken in the article. However, if a large portion of my active columnists are liberal, then I will publish a fair number of articles presenting liberal viewpoints. If any of you feel that your perspectives are not being represented, I encourage you to consider becoming an Opinions columnist so that you can make your voice heard.

Secondly, an Opinions column is not meant to be the final word on the issue it examines. Rather, it represents the outlook of the columnist who wrote it and is designed to get readers to consider the topic discussed in a way they may not have previously. The Opinions section is an impetus for thought on the part of the reader, not a list of views for readers to simply memorize and adopt.


As such, you should not be shocked and appalled when you read an Opinions column that offers a standpoint that you believe is incorrect. The Tiger is not trying to tell you that what you believe is wrong; we are simply providing you insight into someone else's beliefs so that you can mull over issues in a more informed manner. Feel free to disagree with every word a columnist writes and not budge an inch from your initial position. I ask only that you use and open your mind, not change it.

The opinions of my columnists are not the only ones that interest me — I am always happy to hear from readers, whether they want to express satisfaction or dissatisfaction with my section. If there is something you dislike about Opinions, please let me know so I can change it. If there is something you love about Opinions, let me know and I can ensure that it stays that way. It is my objective to appeal to and educate readers, but I will not know if I am accomplishing this goal unless you send me feedback. So please keep the emails coming, and I will keep working to make the Opinions section everything you want it to be.

Go Tigers!

Karl Lykken,
Opinions Editor







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Cavaliers drop Tigers

Virginia's Brian Span proves too much for Clemson to handle.

ROBBIE TINSLEY
STAFF WRITER

Clemson coach Mike Noonan said one of his goals for the season was to be better in October than in September. Knowing his competitive spirit, he left the field very disappointed after suffering a 2-0 defeat to the visiting Virginia Cavaliers, but his team was at least better at the end of the game than it was at the beginning.

Virginia's Brian Span assisted the opener and then dazzled the crowd to

double the visitors' lead just when the Tigers appeared to be building momentum for a possible late equalizer. The Tigers were outshot 15-2, but were kept in the game by Virginia's inability to challenge Clemson goalie Cody Mizell with most of its shots.

Right from the kickoff, the visitors dominated possession against the young Tigers squad that featured only two upperclassmen starters; Bo Godwin and Keegan Priest. For the opening 15 minutes, Virginia peppered the Clemson half of the field but could only manage

one shot on target.

Shortly after the quarter-hour mark, the Cavaliers found their cutting edge. Span played teammate Ryan Zinkhan into the penalty box, where he fired a diagonal shot past Mizell into the net to open the scoring.

That was still the score at the half as the Tigers slowly garnered more and more possession, but struggled to keep the ball in a meaningful way. Thankfully for the Tigers, the Cavaliers continued

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Mills notches first collegiate win

WYATT STEPHENS
STAFF WRITER

Corbin Mills produced a record-low 54-hole score this past week to help Clemson clinch a second-place finish at the Jerry Pate Classic.

The 12th-ranked Tigers competed against a field that included top-ranked Auburn, as well as four other top-20 teams.

Mills, a junior, shot a nine under par with collective rounds of 65, 69 and 67, earning medalist honors by two strokes over Texas' Dylan Frittelli. Mills' collective score of 201 put him in the Clemson record books next to 2009 U.S. Open Champion Lucas Glover and PGA TOUR player D.J. Trahan. Mills is coming off of a successful offseason that has him playing in next year's Masters. The junior has now posted four consecutive rounds in the 60s, another statistic that has him in the record books next to many Clemson greats.

"He is one of the best players in the country, there is no doubt about it," said Clemson head coach Larry Penley.

Mills, who is currently ranked

No. 13 in the world amateur rankings, won both the U.S. Amateur Public Links and the Players Amateur tournaments over the summer.

"He established himself this past summer, but it's carried over into the fall," Penley said. "He works real hard, and it is just a matter of time before he wins again."

Mills played alongside University of Texas standout Jordan Spieth on the final day of play. Spieth, a freshman, is one of two players in history to have won multiple United States Junior Amateur Championships. The other player is Tiger Woods. Spieth, however, was no competition for Mills, as Mills carded a 67 while Spieth shot a 76.

"He (Mills) was highly motivated and went out there and played with confidence," Penley said of the pairing. "He didn't let his emotions get to him and really took it one shot at a time."

The Tigers' second-best score came from veteran McCuen Elmore. Elmore, a senior, carded rounds of 71, 70 and 75 for a score of 216 — good enough for a 13th-place finish.

Clemson freshman Billy Kennerly also played well, carding a 69 in the final round. Kennerly was a top-

25 performer, finishing 24th with scores of 72, 79 and 69.

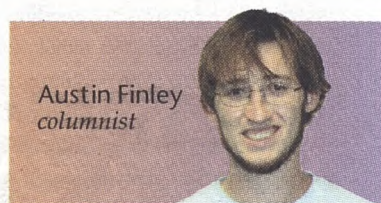
Sophomore Thomas Bradshaw also posted a 69, notching scores of 69, 76 and 81 for a score of 226 and a 42nd-place finish. Senior Jacob Burger was one shot back of Bradshaw, finishing 46th with rounds of 74, 72 and 81 for a score of 227.

Junior Crawford Reeves was not in the lineup for this tournament or the previous one due to an injury. Reeves, a standout from Greenville, S.C., is questionable for the remainder of the fall season after suffering a stress fracture and a bulging disc.

"Once we get [Reeves] back and the other four playing the way they can we can very easily be a factor," Penley said.

Texas won the tournament with a team score of 836, while Clemson and Alabama finished in a two-way tie for second with scores of 856. No. 1 Auburn finished eight shots behind Clemson with a score of 864.

Clemson will travel to Johnson City, Tenn., on Oct. 14 to compete in the three-day Ridges Tournament. Clemson has not played in this event since the 2004-2005 season, when they finished third.

A New
ClemsonAustin Finley
columnist

Over the past few years, the Clemson football program has teased its fans with potential greatness only to inevitably sink back into mediocrity. Every year, the Tigers would receive some sort of hype in the preseason polls or after winning one or two big games. Yet every year, they would fail to live up to the expectations, always finding a way to lose to a clearly inferior opponent.

In 2006, the Tigers climbed their way to a No. 11 national ranking. Even after a road loss to Virginia Tech, the Tigers should have handled a mediocre Maryland team at home, but Clemson lost the game and went on to lose four of its last five contests.

In 2009, the Tigers somehow managed to lose to an even worse Maryland team, whose only other win that season came in overtime against James Madison.

The 2010 Clemson football team lost a lot of games, but the loss to a Boston College team that was 2-5 at the time was especially egregious and yet another example of a game in which Clemson just wasn't mentally prepared.

Now that the Tigers have gotten through the toughest portion of their schedule, some fans may worry about potential letdowns in the coming weeks against Boston College and Maryland. But those fans don't have to worry about the letdowns anymore. This team is different.

I could spend my time here talking about how Sammy Watkins is having one of the greatest seasons Clemson has ever seen out of a freshman wide receiver. I could talk about the stellar play of Tajh Boyd. I could talk about the career day that Andre Branch had against Virginia Tech.

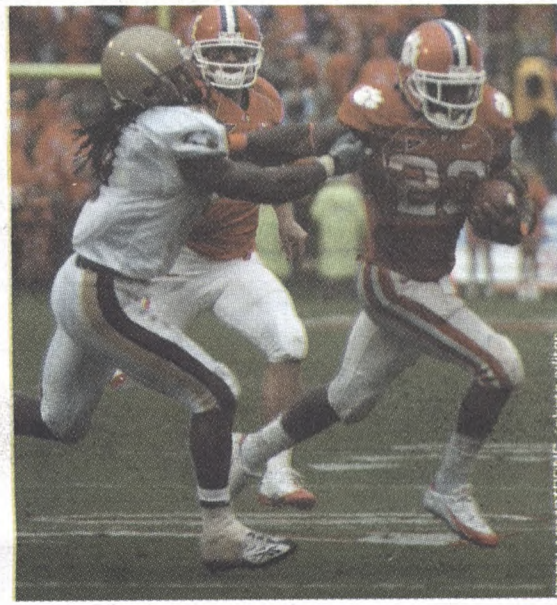
But the stellar play of these stars is not the only reason for this team's success. Many of the Clemson teams of the past few years that have had disappointing seasons were arguably more talented than this year's squad. This year's team doesn't have C.J. Spiller... or Jacoby Ford... or Da'Quan Bowers.

But this team has the mental toughness the Clemson teams of years past have lacked. This team doesn't give up. It didn't get discouraged after being booed off of the field by its own fans at halftime against Troy. It didn't give up following a close game against an inferior Wofford team. It didn't quit after trailing Auburn by two touchdowns after the first quarter.

This team could have let those difficulties define them. Instead they overcame them and improved

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CLEMSON TAKES ON BOSTON COLLEGE FOR O'ROURKE-McFADDEN TROPHY



BRYAN DOHERTY
STAFF WRITER

The Tigers are coming off an enormous win on Saturday night over Virginia Tech that put them firmly in the driver's seat to reach the ACC Championship Game in Charlotte, N.C. Now they turn their attention to Boston College and the annual battle for the O'Rourke-McFadden Trophy, which Clemson has won two of the last three years. The season has been a surprise to many in both fanbases for the fast and sluggish starts of Clemson and Boston College, respectively.

Entering the season, Boston College and Clemson were lumped in with N.C. State and Maryland in the majority of publicized preseason predictions, with those four teams expected to compete for the second through fifth slots in the ACC's Atlantic Division. Yet the Tigers have surprised perhaps everyone but themselves with a 5-0 start that has them ranked No. 8 in the nation, the first time since 2006 that they've been ranked this high this late in the season.

The Tigers have been dominant offensively early in the year with just five turnovers to date, including a tremendous 14-2 touchdown to interception ratio for Tajh Boyd. While Clemson has racked up three straight wins over ranked teams to propel itself to the top of the Atlantic Division and up the national polls, Boston College has been stuck in a tailspin that has a berth in a bowl game looking all but impossible at this point.

A proud program that had been to

12 straight bowl games entering this season, including eight bowl wins, the Eagles were thought to be a six- or seven-win team by most, but a left lateral meniscus tear late in the season last year to star running back Montel Harris really hampered this team in the early weeks as they suffered losses while he was still recovering.

The Eagles' all-time leading rusher has appeared in just two of the team's first five games, and for all the talk about the importance of running backs such as South Carolina's Marcus Lattimore and Oregon's LaMichael James to their offenses, Harris' importance was noticeable for an Eagles team that ranks last in the ACC in scoring offense, total offense and passing efficiency. While Northwestern and Central Florida weren't certain wins without him, home conference losses to Duke and Wake Forest have the Eagles' chances for a bowl game looking miniscule at this point with a daunting schedule (specifically road games) still remaining.

Clemson should play to its passing game that has been its bread and butter all season. The Eagles are much better against the run and those who follow the ACC closely need no introduction to linebacker Luke Kuechly, a unanimous first-team All-American a year ago. For years the Eagles have built their teams around the offensive and defensive lines and have never been overly talented at the skill positions. For the most part, that is the case again in 2011.

After the Tigers' win on Saturday,

Virginia Tech coaches compared Clemson's team speed to that of the early 2000s Miami Hurricanes. To put it delicately, Boston College does not possess the secondary talent to account for the variety of offensive weapons Clemson has on the outside as well as Dwayne Allen at tight end. It would be surprising if Clemson tried to run the ball against the Eagles' front seven.

Boston College has yet to show they can do anything in the passing game that suggests it can keep up with Clemson if the Tigers score in the high 20s or 30s. Part of that is the youth at quarterback with sophomore Chase Rettig. Rettig had an ineffective 2010 season that saw him start nine games and throw six touchdowns and nine interceptions, and early results in 2011 show that not much has changed. In the first five games, he has accounted for five touchdowns and four interceptions with just a 52-percent completion rate. Against an offense as prolific as Clemson's, it's going to take a coming out party for Rettig for the Eagles to have a chance.

For that reason, expect a heavy dose of Harris early in the game as the Eagles try to control game tempo. Harris has admitted he hasn't been in 100-percent game shape yet but feels he is getting back to it and says his knee is continuously improving. Against Virginia Tech, Clemson's defense was so unafraid of Logan Thomas throwing the ball in the second half that they were able to get after him more and focus on stopping the run. That will likely be the case this weekend against the

Eagles as well. Clemson isn't foolish enough to let Montel Harris beat them and will go out of its way to make Boston College prove it can throw the ball before adjusting defensively.

Last season, an Eagles team that had no business beating Clemson upset the Tigers in Chestnut Hill, Mass., and at the time put a real damper on Clemson's chances to contend for the Atlantic Division title. Two seasons ago, Boston College came to Clemson and, when the game wasn't in one of its countless lightning delays, the Eagles could hardly move the ball on offense in a 25-7 loss.

A lot of things will have to go right this weekend for the Eagles to have any sort of shot at an upset win. Clemson has been playing with great energy the last two home games, and the only concern would be that they don't get up for the 3 p.m. kickoff against the Atlantic Division's last-place team.

It is hard to imagine a team that has already lost home games to Duke and Wake Forest coming into to Death Valley and knocking off a top-10 team. However, given the improbability that the Eagles will play for a bowl game, they will certainly look to treat upcoming road games against the likes of Clemson and Florida State as bowl-caliber games and bring an effort that will push the Tigers.

With that said, Clemson shouldn't be in much danger of dropping this game with the decided talent advantage they have on both sides of the ball and the consistent reminder from the coaching staff to not look ahead.

Tri Tigers prep for conference championships

SEAN HANS
STAFF WRITER

This Sunday, the Revolution 3 Triathlon will take place in nearby Anderson, S.C. Within the event, the Clemson Triathlon Club will compete in the Southeast Collegiate Conference Championships.

Nineteen schools from Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina and Tennessee make up the Southeastern Collegiate Triathlon Conference (SECTC). This Sunday is the biggest event of the year, as all 19 teams will take part in the event.

The members of Clemson's Triathlon Club — better known as the Tri Tigers — have prepared vigorously for the competition. This tight-knit group, which features experienced triathletes as well as newcomers specific to one of the three disciplines, has been practicing together through weekly team workouts.

The Tigers have high hopes, but as Vice President Brady Thomas explains, expectations do not win these grueling races.

"Triathlons are all about working hard and not much about natural talent," Thomas said.

On the men's side, graduate student Justin 'Tron' Arnosky and junior Carl Eichert expect to stand on the podium Sunday as leaders of the team. This deep and experienced group could put two others, Thomas and graduate student Tim Sattler, in the top 10 as well if all goes as planned.

The toughest competition for a team that is without one of its five fastest members will be a group of rival Tigers.

"Despite missing a key asset in Nathan Weaver due to injury, we should still be very competitive for the men's title against Auburn," said President Nick Sykes, who will run the Boston Marathon in April.

Although not as strong as in the past, this year's women's team is made up of a few experienced veterans and some talented new recruits. Thomas still has great faith in the ladies despite their youth and inexperience.

"It is still a bit of a rebuilding year for the women's team, but there's no reason why they can't get a top-three team finish," he said.

Leading the ladies are Ph.D. student Heather Chenette and senior Leah McMillion, who both expect to finish in the top three Sunday. They hope their recruits, including former varsity athletes Kristen Bender (swimming), Karli Hosged (rowing) and Jackie Lauer (track and field), can provide depth to a team that lost many of its fastest competitors.

The host of the event, Revolution 3 — Rev3 for short — has emerged as one of the premier race production companies in the country and the biggest competition to the Ironman brand. Their goal as a company is to make the experience as memorable and compelling as possible for competitors as well as volunteers and spectators. Helping aid that process, the volunteers for the event will be run by a recent Clemson alumnus and former president of the Tri Tigers. Jefferson Nicholson, when recommended by Thomas for the position, jumped at the opportunity enthusiastically.

"It doesn't get any better than being a proud Clemson University alumnus that gets to work within the industry I love and on a project that supports and showcases both the Clemson Triathlon Club and our amazing community," Nicholson said.

The Tri Tigers have noted how accommodating and considerate Rev3 has been for their collegiate competitors.

"At no other race are athletes treated with such individual attention and courtesy," Sykes said.

As per their quality production methods, Rev3 has provided a formidable course taking racers through the picturesque landscape of Anderson County. The Tri Tigers will have a distinct advantage Sunday, having had ample time to prepare and become accustomed to the terrain. The course looks to run fairly fast, and the team hopes their experience in this environment will give them an edge.

"It's what we're used to, the hilly terrain is very good for the

team. We're very happy to be on our home course," Eichert said.

The race will commence at the City of Anderson Recreation Center, as contestants in the Conference Championships will begin by swimming 0.9 miles through Lake Hartwell around the peninsula.

Following the swim is an arduous bike ride spanning 25 miles through the hills of Anderson. There are a few steep climbs and hairpin turns that riders will have to navigate on their way back to the Anderson County Civic Center, where they will begin the final leg of the race.

That final leg consists of a 6.2-mile footrace through the woods, on pavement and around the balloon field.

"The compact run, and a lengthy out-and-back section will allow athletes to see their competition, a sure guarantee of fast times," Sykes said.

The race ends with a sprint down Johnny Mathes Boulevard back into the Civic Center and across the finish line. Competitors will receive individual points for placement, ranging from 200 points for a win to one point for last place. The Tri Tigers hope to cross in their tiger-striped uniforms the earliest, as the team with the most total points wins the event.

Those attending the event will surely notice the team, as Thomas said, "We're the loudest, most spirited tri team out there. We do the cadence count before every race. Our uniforms are orange spandex with black tiger stripes and white bellies, so when we race we look just like the Tiger (mascot)."

The race will not only be host to the SECTC Championships, but more than 80 professional triathletes and dozens of amateurs will also take part in the event in hopes of winning the \$50,000 purse. The event kicks off at the City of Anderson Recreation Center Sunday at 7:30 a.m. for the pros and 9:15 a.m. for the SECTC Championships.

"It's all right in our backyard," said Treasurer Heather Chenette. "And we're excited to see others realizing the beauty of the upstate for the sport of triathlon."



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because of them. Boyd is far more confident than he was when the season began. Andre Branch and the rest of the Clemson defense have improved drastically as well. The game on Saturday was the first at Lane Stadium since 1995 in which the Hokies failed to score a touchdown.

If Clemson had played Boston College or Maryland back in Week One, Tiger fans would have had reason to worry.

But this Clemson team is not the same team that started the season. This Clemson team is no longer the perennial underachiever. It has shed its old identity, and now it's looking to create a new one.



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to be wasteful, managing just as many shots on goal as they did on the camera-man who was positioned high above the goal they were supposed to be attacking.

The Tigers carved out more possession to start the second half, but did not manage to turn it into pressure until Ara Amirkhanian played an overhead ball to Smith at 60 minutes. The Tiger forward should have done more with the chance, failing to challenge Cavalier goalkeeper Spencer LaKavita with anything more than a poorly hit right-footed shot.

With the Tigers still vying for a goal, Span showed how class can undo mo-

mentum. Span danced through the Tiger backline and clipped the ball past Mizell to stun the hopeful crowd of 1,471. It was Span's third goal of the year, and most likely his best.

Noonan's players continued to press for a consolation, but the young team could not unlock the Cavalier back four and succumbed to their first goalless outing of the year.

After the game, Noonan did not fail to praise the winners.

"I give credit to Virginia," he said. "They kept us from doing what we wanted to do in the final one-third of the field. We had two deep penetrations into their end of the field and could not do

anything with them."

Noonan worries about his side as it enters a tough stretch in the schedule.

"We have a young team, and we are continuing to learn and gain experience," he said. "Defensively, we did not play bad. I would say we were sound defensively. We lacked a competitive toughness tonight — that was definitely missing. We have to move forward and continue to work hard, as our schedule does not get any easier."

The Tigers travel to North Carolina for both their next two matches, first going to Chapel Hill, N.C., for a conference matchup tonight and then to Elon for a midweek clash next Tuesday.

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Clemson's defense forced a turnover on Virginia Tech's first two offensive possessions. On the Hokies' first series, Clemson cornerback Xavier Brewer intercepted quarterback Logan Thomas after his pass slipped through the intended receiver's hands.

The next time Virginia Tech had the ball, Clemson safety Carlton Lewis forced Tech running back David Wilson to fumble and Clemson's Jonathan Meeks returned the ball inside the Virginia Tech 10-yard line. The return was negated by a holding penalty on Clemson, but the Tigers were still able to get on the scoreboard first as Chandler Catanzaro connected on a 31-yard field goal with 2:12 left in the first quarter.

The back-and-forth affair continued in the second quarter. Virginia Tech made a field goal with 4:35 to go in the first half, but Clemson responded on its next offensive series thanks to an Andre Ellington touchdown run. Ellington carried the ball 16 times for 40 yards.

As the teams headed to the locker room at halftime, the Tigers led the Hokies 10-3. The Clemson offense

came out of the locker room and wasted no time in adding to its lead. On Clemson's third offensive play of the second half, quarterback Tajh Boyd rolled out to his right to avoid a Virginia Tech blitz and found tight end Dwayne Allen over the middle for a 32-yard touchdown pass that pushed the Clemson lead to 14 points. The touchdown pass was Boyd's only one of the night, and he finished the game 13 of 32 passing for 204 yards with one touchdown and an interception.

Allen was the Tigers' leading receiver, hauling in four passes totaling 75 yards and scoring one touchdown. Jaron Brown and Sammy Watkins had three catches apiece and DeAndre Hopkins had one reception for 15 yards.

Virginia Tech's offensive struggles continued in the second half. The Clemson defensive line and linebackers constantly pressured Logan Thomas, and he never appeared comfortable in the pocket. Thomas finished the game with just 125 passing yards, no touchdowns and an interception.

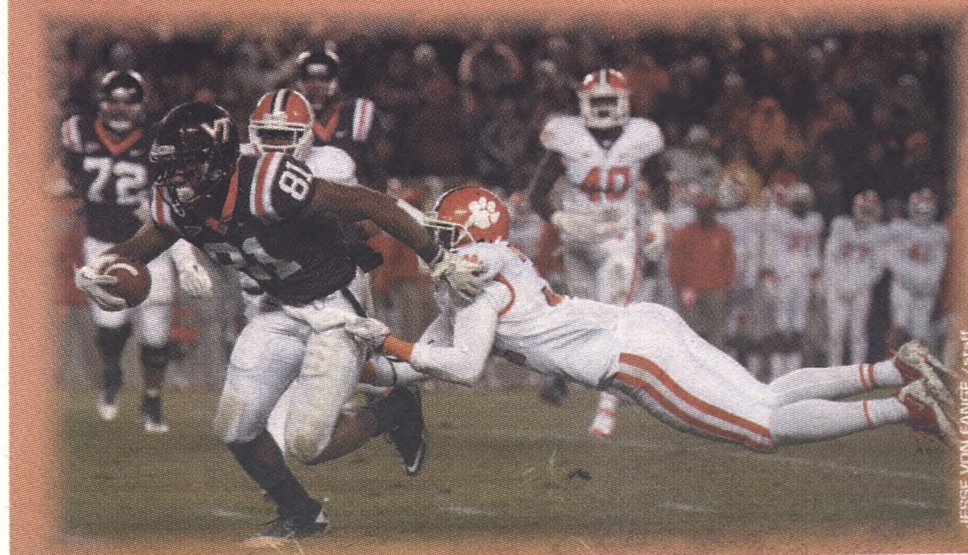
Clemson defensive end and Virginia native Andre Branch was all over the field, contributing 11 tackles including five tackles for loss and three sacks. When

asked about Branch's performance after the game, all Clemson coach Dabo Swinney said was, "Andre Branch was a man on a mission." The Tigers recorded four sacks in the game, equaling their total from the previous four games combined.

With 6:12 left in the game, Clemson running back Mike Bellamy put the game out of reach with a 31-yard touchdown scamper. Bellamy finished the night with 47 yards on six carries and one touchdown. Clemson failed to convert the point after attempt and the Tigers led Virginia Tech 23-3.

Clemson's win last Saturday night was a milestone victory in many ways. The win over Virginia Tech was the Tigers' first victory over the Hokies since 1989. The loss ended a 12-game ACC winning streak for Virginia Tech as well as a 14-game regular season winning streak. They also failed to score a touchdown in Lane Stadium for the first time since 1995. By defeating Virginia Tech, Clemson became the first ACC team ever to record three straight wins over AP Top-25 teams.

The Tigers return home for a matchup against the Boston College Eagles in Death Valley on Homecoming weekend.



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The "Iceman" Cometh

ROBBIE TINSLEY
STAFF WRITER

One of the toughest transitions in life is leaving home to go to college, regardless of the situation. Now, imagine that your new home away from home was an ocean away. This is the transition that Brynjar Benediktsson has gone through while bursting onto the scene as one of the numerous freshmen starters on Coach Mike Noonan's soccer team.

Benediktsson hails from Hafnarfjörður, Iceland, which is 10 minutes outside the nation's capital of Reykjavík. The second of four children and the oldest of three boys, Benediktsson has been a part of the world's most-played sport since the age of six.

"Soccer is my whole life, ever since I started playing," Benediktsson said. "Even when we moved to Germany for my father's work, I kept focusing on soccer. Iceland doesn't have a true professional league, but I was part of the best youth team in Iceland, called FH, in my hometown. When Jóna started being recruited to Clemson, I contacted Mike (Noonan) and sent him some of my film."

Jóna Kristín Hauksdóttir is Benediktsson's girlfriend, and her abilities were brought to the attention of women's soccer coach Eddie Radwanski through a friend who coaches soccer in Iceland. When Clemson came calling for Hauksdóttir, Benediktsson became interested in the idea of playing overseas at Clemson as well. Luckily, Mike Noonan had a contact who had witnessed Benediktsson's trial at Everton FC and convinced the Tigers' coach to fly to Portugal to scout the forward in training camp.

After the Gardner-Webb game, Noonan talked about the trip. "When I watched him, I noticed that he didn't do anything great, but he did a lot of things really well," he said. "The one thing that really sold me on him was his ability to put the ball on target. You can have all the technical ability in the world, but you have to have an end product, and that's what he brings us."

There were a few nervous moments when paperwork to bring both Benediktsson and Hauksdóttir to Clemson was held up, causing them to arrive right as the semester began and well into both fall camps. This demanded that an already difficult transition for

both be made much quicker, but Benediktsson downplays most cultural and language differences.

"For the most part, the cultures between the countries are very similar," he said. "There are Icelandic texts, but most of the media is in English, and everyone learns English from a very young age because it is a more universal language. In many ways, Iceland is like a small U.S.A. One of the biggest differences is the amount of choices you have over here. We went to the grocery store and there were like a 1,000 types of milk. Back home there were like two."

"Another big difference has been the heat. I love playing in the sun over here, but the heat and the humidity were really tough to get used to. Luckily, the weather is getting perfect now with the sun still out but a little more of a chill in the air."

Benediktsson had a slow start to the season, gradually earning more minutes as he built his fitness up and adjusted to the new team and climate. His first goal equalized the match against Charlotte early in the second half, only to see the 49ers score twice late to win 3-1. The Tigers had lost three in a row since their season-opening win over South Carolina.

Their next game was a conference showdown against North Carolina State in Raleigh, N.C. Fellow freshmen Ara Amirkhanian's immediate reply to Nazmi Albadawi's opener tallied the only goals in the match going into extra time. Benediktsson, not used to playing more than 90 minutes, scored with nine seconds left in double overtime to put the Tigers back in the win column.

Four days later, at home against Gardner-Webb, Benediktsson struck again in double overtime. He got the Tigers' opener in the first half, only to see Denzel Clarke tie the game in the last minute. With time winding down again, he ran onto Jack Metcalf's long ball over the middle and slipped it past the onrushing Bulldog goalie to give the Tigers another win, this time with 10 seconds left.

"I've done it before in cup finals with my youth team," Benediktsson said when asked about his flair for the dramatic. "I scored with three minutes left in that, but I definitely like this golden goal rule. I like being able to end it with one shot."

Benediktsson is one of many freshmen to earn significant playing time this season, which could be used as an excuse if the team



RYLAN TERRY / Staff

was known for issuing them. Instead they have been instilled with Noonan's belief that they should win every game.

"I like his drive," Benediktsson said of Noonan. "There is so much work that goes into every game with practice during the week and scouting what the other team plans to do. Coach expects us to win. He's given us his ambition to strive for more, and he does everything he can to put us in position to win every game. It's not only him, it's (John) Murphy, (Phillip) Jones and (Alex) Prostko, the assistants who have us ready for every game, every week."

Benediktsson admits that he did not know what to expect when it came to the standard of Clemson and its opponents in the ACC when he started playing in late August, even stating that he underestimated both the Tigers and their foes.

When asked about his goals for the season and beyond, he said that his main goal for the season is improvement.

"You have everything you need to improve at Clemson," he said. "The trainers and the med staff make sure you are at full health and in the best shape. I agree with Mike, I try to win every game, no matter the opponent. I'm a forward, so I'd like to get a goal along the way, but whatever it takes to get the win. As for after college, you never know, you just need to keep improving and then we'll see."

"The best thing about Clemson is that you get a chance to improve your soccer skills and you get an education along the way in case things happen."

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FAST AND FURIOUS

Speed is the key to Clemson's new offense.

JAY INGLES
SPORTS EDITOR

After a 6-7 season with an offense that sorely lacked any sort of identity, Clemson coach Dabo Swinney knew he needed to make a change.

After parting ways with offensive coordinator Billy Napier and interviewing several candidates, Swinney decided to put his offense in the hands of a man who was just one year removed from coaching at the high school level.

Chad Morris, long-time Texas high school coach and winner of multiple state championships, left the prep ranks to take the offensive coordinator job at Tulsa last season. What the Golden Hurricane offense accomplished in just one season under Morris was astounding.

Tulsa was the only team in the nation to rank in the top 15 nationally in both passing and rushing. The Golden Hurricane scored 41.4 points per game and finished the season 10-3 after going 5-7 the year before.

Clemson fans are already seeing the same kind of turnaround for the Tigers this season. After a 6-7 season in 2010, Clemson is just one win away from matching that win total this year. And with the way Morris' offense has performed thus far, there's no reason to believe the Tigers won't get their sixth win Saturday against Boston College.

But what makes Morris' scheme so effective? One word: speed.

Every facet of Clemson's new spread attack focuses on speed. Morris' goal is to run at least 90 offensive plays per game. To attain this goal (which Clemson actually achieved against Auburn), the Tigers can waste little time between plays. While the ability to minimize time between plays is still a work in progress, the offense is not.

Quarterback Tajh Boyd has exceeded all expectations and thrived in Morris' offense, throwing for nearly 1500 yards and tossing 14 touchdowns and just two interceptions. Boyd has looked increasingly comfortable in the pocket even as the quality of defense he has faced has improved. He has made good decisions and, most importantly, hasn't forced throws when there wasn't an open receiver. He's even beginning to pick up yards running the ball, which is an unexpected bonus.

With all due respect to Boyd's performance this year, he has a great arsenal of weapons at his disposal.

Running back Andre Ellington is the quintessential spread back, and while he doesn't appear to be fully recovered from his injury, he has been good enough to keep defenses honest and open up the passing game.

And, oh, what a passing game. Clemson knew it had reliable wide receivers DeAndre Hopkins and Jaron Brown returning, as well as talented tight end Dwayne Allen. What fans didn't see coming was the impact true freshman Sammy Watkins would have on the Clemson offense. The Florida native looks and plays like anything but a freshman. At 6 feet 1 inch tall and nearly 200 pounds with 4.3-40 speed, Watkins has run over, around and through defensive players with years more experience.

As incredible as Watkins is physically, his mental approach to the game may be even more impressive. A student of the game that earned a starting spot just three days into fall practice, he may know Clemson's offense better than any other player.

Morris has done a great job of utilizing the particular skill sets of each of his players. He has gotten Watkins the ball in space and down the field. He has gotten Hopkins into the jump ball situations in which he thrives. He has gotten Brown open over the middle. He has gotten Dwayne Allen matched up with people who can't cover him. It all adds up to an attack that simply has too many weapons to account for. That's not even including other freshmen like Mike Bellamy, Charone Peake, Martavis Bryant and D.J. Howard, who have all made significant contributions to the offense.

The speed of Clemson's offensive players is stifling. Watkins' speed was addressed earlier, and Clemson fans knew how deadly Ellington was in the open field. But Bellamy, Bryant and others also bring speed that opponents struggle, and usually fail, to contain.

After starting 3-3 last year, Tulsa won its last seven games with Morris guiding the offense. With Clemson already sitting at 5-0, a similar improvement could mean there are even better things to come from Morris' unit. This is good news for the Tigers and bad news for the rest of the Atlantic Coast Conference.

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- Kellen Moore (Boise State): 1,137 yards, 14 TD, 4 INT
- Brandon Weeden (Ok. State): 1,592 yards, 10 TD, 6 INT
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Top 5 Places to Eat During Homecoming Weekend

KATIE QUEEN

Returning to your alma mater for homecoming weekend most likely begins a three-day montage of the glory days that were your undergraduate years at Clemson. Included in this walk down memory lane is visiting the restaurants that kept you going during the best four (or five or six or seven) years of your life:



5.) Super Taco – Homemade tortillas. Two magical words that separate this restaurant from any other Mexican cuisine

in the area. Offering fresh chips and salsa that promise to be addicting, Super Taco is a great place for a quick, authentic meal on a Friday afternoon.

4.) Jughead's – What could be a more Clemson-related restaurant than one run and owned by a Clemson alum? With a broad selection of specially-topped hot dogs named after famous Clemson athletes and coaches, you are sure to find one



that suits your fancy and your tastebuds. (I recommend the Dawkins and the Clemson blue cheese chips.)

3.) Backstreet's Pub – Often overlooked for places on the main downtown street, Backstreet's has a large lunch selection that you really shouldn't miss. Besides, do you really need a better excuse for a lunch-time glass of beer to kick off your return to Tigertown?



2.) Pixie and Bill's – This is probably the most upscale option for a home game Friday, but it is also a delicious one. If you feel the need to treat yourself to a steak to celebrate your return, this is definitely the place to go.



1.) Esso – The quintessential Friday lunch spot in Clemson. Nothing quite hits the spot like a traditional Southern meat-and-three option with some sweet tea. Be prepared to make your lunch a long one to enjoy the full experience. Esso? Yesso.

blueberryfrog

KATIE QUEEN

Desserts and ice creams have always been one of my favorite parts of being a foodie. There's absolutely nothing better than finding a deliciously sweet treat that hits the spot. So when Blueberry Frog opened up a few weeks ago, I knew I had to see how their frozen treats tasted.

The first thing I noticed when I walked in was how modern and clean the store appeared. The décor was very simple, allowing the toppings bar and flavors to be fea-



tured, which was really nice to see as a new customer. The next thing I realized was this place was going to be really different than other frozen yogurt stores like 3 Spoons and Yogurt Mountain because it was not self-serve.

I was surprised to see that there were only six flavors, including flavors like tart, Key lime, and pomegranate. Typically, I was used to seeing a broad selection of unique flavors like snickerdoodle and red velvet cake at other places, so this small of a selection took me off guard. Eventually, I decided I wanted to try the chocolate yogurt with peanut butter chips and almonds. The employee working was extremely nice, and really made an effort to give great customer service, which was really the highlight of my entire trip.

However, when they were ringing me up, I had a little bit of "sticker shock," if you will, because a small cup with two toppings, plus a 20 percent-off coupon was \$4.20. I immediately flashed to the other ice cream places in town and thought how much I would get for that price. It seemed hard, and at this point, I was expecting that this fro-yo must be the best in town for such a high price.

But, alas, the chocolate yogurt was not as strong a chocolate flavor as I had hoped. It was such a light flavor, that it was almost hard to distinguish the taste. I knew going into the store that they featured organic, natural flavors, but I had really hoped it wouldn't compromise the flavor of the yogurt. The toppings, though, were extremely fresh and the almonds added a great crunch, while the peanut butter chips were a unique addition compared to other fro-yo topping bars.

At the end of the day, I will most likely head to other places in town when I have a hankering for something sweet, but for those who prefer lighter desserts or snacks, Blueberry Frog should be your fro-yo of choice.



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WOODSTONE PITA

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Although the piece of paper that is Henri Darazi's college degree reads "Accounting," his real passion lies in the kitchen. After losing everything to the poor economy back in Michigan — his business, his house — Darazi followed his wife to Clemson, where she had found successful employment. But he couldn't, wouldn't give up on his dream. In a gutsy move, he decided to partner with Abe Habboub, previously an electrical engineer, in an attempt to break into the food business here in Clemson. Much deliberation and one well-calculated down payment later, the two friends were able to fire up the kitchen in 405 College Ave. and breathe life into Woodstone Pita.

The venue is a work in progress, but a patron pays little attention to décor when they have to guard their falafel from friends. With their soft opening only a week behind them, Darazi and Habboub have wasted no time in trying to bring in the customers. They already boast a small following of loyal diners who come in anywhere from twice a week to twice a day. After sampling Woodstone's fare, it isn't difficult to imagine why. The menu is essentially an accumulation of items that can be mixed and matched to no abound. Baba ghanouge's strong eggplant tones work seamlessly with the chickpeas and spices of the falafel just as the subtle effects of lemon from the hummus bring out the sweeter flavors of the kibbeh balls. It was the goal of the owners to make dishes that were the equivalent of the comfort foods they'd had as little boys, a dream that was certainly realized. Lemon, garlic and olive oil are the backbone for almost every dish just like salt and pepper hold together the gravy for every Southern Sunday meal.

For starters, we had the hummus and baba ghanouge, a dip made from tahini, garlic, lemon and eggplant, grilled to give it an overall smoky taste. We went back to these again and again over the course of the meal, each time with a different item that begged to be dipped. Next came the salads. The parsley and soumak sauce in the tabbouli had a cleansing effect on the palate. Fattoush, with its strangely sweet tang, was harder to break down. It appears to have all of the ingredients of a mixed vegetable salad but something in the vinaigrette left us wondering. It was in fact a mixture of pomegranate syrup that Woodstone has specially imported from an overseas supplier. What followed was a meal fit for a Mediterranean king: stuffed grape leaves made with a combination of lively spices; surprisingly light fried falafels; kibbeh balls that contained ground beef and a blend of onions and pine nuts; and the crowning platter of beef and chicken kafta and chicken tawook. The meats had all soaked in marinade for hours and combined with different herbs and the elusive taste of soumak sauce. Dipping the bits of meat into the olive oil, lemon, and garlic paste combination rounded out the culinary experience. Yet full as we felt, there was none of the niggling guilt that normally comes when you know the meal you just ate was about to destroy your body. So with that in mind, we did the American thing and ordered dessert.

Dessert consisted of lady finger, halfmoon, baklava, bourma, bird's nest and basmma all delicious variations of phyllo dough and nut fillings that satisfy the sweet tooth without giving us a toothache.

There is not a better place to eat in Clemson for adventurous culinary enthusiasts. Everything is remarkably fresh and executed in a home-fare style that will draw you back again and again.



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How Pokemon Changed My Life

ELLEN MENY

When I first arrived at Clemson, I had absolutely no friends. Girls on my hall avoided me and boys looked at me as they would look at a festering wound or some kind of exotic fungus. I was saddened by this and hugged my Unicorn Pillow Pet close to my heart at night, wishing and hoping that there was some way I could become instantly popular.

One Friday night, as I was plucking my unibrow, the answer suddenly emerged in my head with the heralding of several thousand fat baby cherubs. The key to popularity wasn't beauty, personality, money or all of the above. It was something from within the heart, something that exists deep within all of us. The answer to popularity was Pokémon.

Much like jeggings and male haircare, Pokémon is something that is always in style. The 1990s remain the heyday for the series of games, movies and trading cards, but our generation continues to uphold a love of the series. Many Clemson students, most of whom will not admit it and will instead use the codename C.O.D., continue to purchase Pokémon games. I too was overcome by the Pokémon craze, although my experience took a turn into darkness after a certain event.

I wasn't as avid a card trader as I was a gamer, but my most prized possession in my childhood was a magnificent Charizard card. It depicted the dragon roaring up at the sky, as if saying, "I am a badass and no one can stop me." I loved that card, but one summer's day at the pool, a boy we will refer to as "Fat Child" gave me a trading offer that I couldn't refuse.

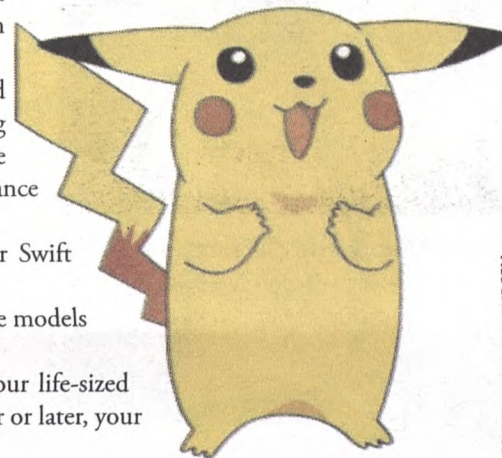
Fat Child held the card in front of my face, revealing the godly, sparkling holographic Charizard card that was coveted by all. Many people would still sell their souls and bodies for it today. I was amazed that he wanted my measly normal card for such beauty. I traded with him, feeling as though I had swagger, when I realized with horror that this new Pokémon card I held was fake. I imagine that this now probably overweight twenty-year-old will have his own special level of hell, aptly named "The Level of Hell Where People Go Who Cheat at Pokémon Trading Cards."

However, that is all in the past. Ever since I fully embraced Pokémon at college, carrying around my Gameboy and trying to trade Pokémon with frat boys at parties, I can't keep people away from me. My dorm room is like a miniature Turkish dance club. Each and every night goes something like this:

"Ellen, do you want to go to the Luke Bryan or Taylor Swift concert with me?"

"I would, but there are too many football players and male models in my room for me to leave. I'm stuck. Sorry."

So, if you're ever feeling alone or friendless, whip out your life-sized Pikachu cardboard cutout and stand on Bowman field. Sooner or later, your friends will be as plentiful as Pokémon.



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"The Good"

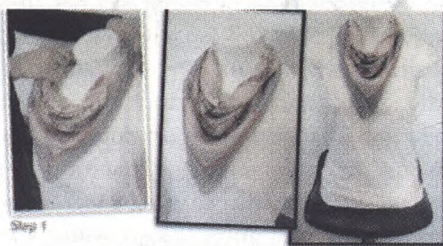
So after a LOT of heartbreaking losses, our incredible Clemson Tigers are finally doing what we believed they always could — win. The only problem with having so many football games that we will actually want to remember going to is that we have to come up with enough orange clothing that we will not end up regretting by the third quarter. So the job that we now face is how to make the orange we do have go further.

For example, take this dress:



1. When it's warmer outside, you can wear this breezy little dress with some gladiator sandals and a long necklace and call it a day. Yet with October already here it is sure to get a little too chilly for sandals, so

I recommend throwing on some stockings, rocking your cowgirl boots and putting a cute scarf around your neck like so: (see picture). I might also put on some simple hoop earrings too for good measure, but that's just me.



2. I also love long cardigans over dresses if you think you may be cold at the game.

3. If you like a dress so much that you are dying to wear it one more time, then put on a turtleneck under that cute dress and belt it at your waist and no one will even notice that it's the third time you've worn it. (Believe me: Been there, done that.)

And one more thing that I have really liked this season ...

4. I love those backless dresses and shirts. When I am sitting in Death Valley and just pouring sweat, I keep thinking how nice it would feel to have a breeze on my back every once in a while and get really jealous. But I really want to know how you would wear a bra. What in the world do you do? Please let me know! I am running out of time to be able to try it out.

"The Bad"

Things I hate seeing people wear to the Clemson games ...

1. People that wear yellow ... or green or blue or any other totally neutral color to a Clemson football game. Just don't come! I doubt we want you there anyways.

2. Heels. Who are you kidding? You probably hate wearing them as much as I hate seeing it. They don't belong at a football game. Could you leave your satin, over-the-top dresses at home too please?

3. Ties, bow-ties and sports coats ... mainly because it makes me feel sorry for the people wearing them. Isn't it constricting during zombie nation?

4. Girls that think that tiger pattern counts as orange or purple. Brown is not orange. I don't care if it is made to look like tiger fur in fabric form. I think that sounds kind of wrong anyway.

5. Those clothes they sell downtown that are not T-shirts but the other clothes. Like the shirts they put those awful white ribbons with the little orange tiger paws on and call it cute. Awful. I'm sorry, but it is bad.



And a list of other random assortment of things I also hate at games: mullets, middle fingers, vomit, passing out, parents sitting in the student section, people who think they have the right to take up the whole bench and when people raise their hand too early during the Alma Mater. (Do it on "O'er" people and not a second before!)

"The Ugly"

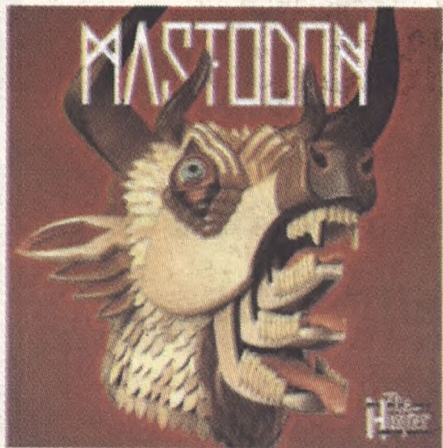
I think Boston College will be showing us what ugly is this Saturday, so I won't even go into that.

Keep in mind that this is Homecoming weekend, so I hope to see all of you tigers looking your best! See you in Death Valley!

Under Review:

Mastodon

"The Hunter"



KYLE SWEARINGEN

Mastodon is a thinking man's band if there ever was one — there's no other way to describe a group that can make progressive metal palatable to hipsters — but their greatest strength is their fearless-

ness. It's not just their melodies or their chops that set them head and shoulders above their peers (really, what metal band isn't technically proficient?), but the fact that they have the cojones to pull off some of the most audacious metal songs ever written. Case in point: 2009's "Crack the Skye" (probably the best metal record of the late '00s) was a concept album about a paraplegic boy who astral-travels through a wormhole and winds up reincarnated in the body of Rasputin, with not one, but two songs over the 10-minute mark — and they were the best ones. Avenged Sevenfold would have to snort a lethal dose of Charlie Sheen to even think of something like that, and then they'd die before they even plugged in their amps. But I digress.

All this to say that Mastodon are at their best when they're at their most far out. So a lot of their fans must have been pretty scared when "The Hunter" was announced with only two songs barely breaking the 5-minute mark, no unifying concept (a first for the band), and production by Mike Elizondo (Maroon 5 and 50 Cent; no, seriously) — in short, what looked to be a textbook case of "dumbing down for a new audience." While it is likely that "The Hunter" was meant to expand their fanbase, it thankfully deserves all the attention it gets. Elizondo's production is surpris-

ingly complimentary, boosting the low end of sludgy lead single "Curl of the Burl" while striking just the right balance of rawness and clarity for Brent Hinds' solos and Troy Sanders' vocals. Their more prog-minded fans may be disappointed by the short runtimes and lack of theme, but in dispensing these two hallmarks of their sound, Mastodon actually sound more sprawling than ever. "The Hunter" is bursting with ideas — "Spectrelight" is charging thrash, "Bedazzled Fingernails" overflows with complex riffing, and "Blasteroid" may be the most upbeat, melodic song they've written.

Neither does the album's simplicity (relative to their own discography, of course) eliminate any of the insanity that makes Mastodon amazing — I mean, come on, just look at that cover. There's a math-metal song here called "Bedazzled Fingernails," for God's sake. "Stargasm" somehow condenses the epic space-prog of "Crack the Skye" into 5 minutes, as do the haunting harmonies and acoustic melody of centerpiece "The Hunter." The ambient intro of "Dry Bone Valley" is practically Brian Eno, but the explosion of guitar and drums that follows hits you like a linebacker. And then there's "Creature Lives," without a doubt the most far-out thing they've ever done: an extended intro of warping synthesizers and looped laughter that gives way to an almost a-capella verse,

cut open by an epic chanted chorus. In creating their simplest album yet, Mastodon have inexplicably managed to outdo themselves. "The Hunter" raises a giant middle finger to anyone who thinks that courting a mainstream fanbase is equivalent to selling out and places Mastodon squarely within that elite inner circle of bands that manage to both win a new audience and make old fans love them more.





On the Prowl

BY: ANITA JOHNSON

Everyday great sexual acts are performed and go unacknowledged. Well, not today. Here are some of the greatest sex stories that I have heard or have experienced. Now to qualify as a great sex story, it doesn't have to be super raunchy or full of great orgasms, it just needs to be unusual and awesome enough to make you jealous and horny.

The first involves one of the most interesting and fun positions I have stumbled on thus far in my 21 years. A super good friend relived an amazing sexual moment yesterday by describing an athletic feat performed by her boyfriend. They were midway through a hot lay when he picked her up and continued the sex while standing and holding her. Can you say yes please? She said it wasn't necessarily the best orgasm, but it was the most fun.

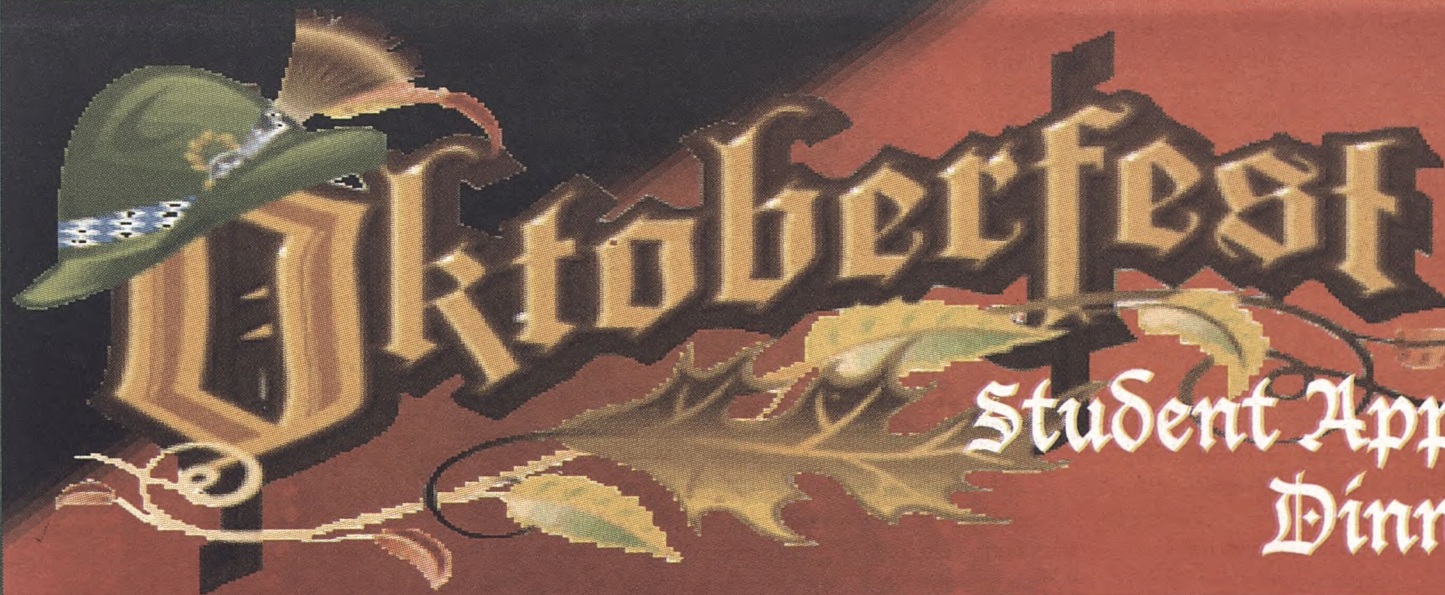
Who doesn't wish that amazing few seconds of intense pleasure could last and last and last? I know I do. Another one of my gal pals had an orgasm that lasted 10 minutes. Unlike a guy who is done when his hose taps out, a girl can have an orgasm for more than just a few seconds so long as the guy is left to his work. My friend was tied up and her boyfriend wasn't stopping — kinky and

über satisfying.

The most unusual yet amazing story I have heard involved a guy being able to go for round two within seconds of finishing. "Want to go again?" he asked. That lucky lady was confused and inquired, "Are you ready again so soon?" The guy chuckled, "All I need is long enough to put on another condom." I have never experienced a guy who could get hard within seconds of blowing his load. He is every sexually active girl's dream.

Now when I asked a guy what his greatest lovemaking experience was he replied with something that shocked me. "Having sex while in a relationship trumps any one-night stand," he said. "I didn't know what a huge difference adding emotion to the mix ..." I know what you're thinking: CORNY! But emotion and feelings have the same influence as drugs or alcohol. They cloud your mind and rid it of any distracting thoughts. All you see is red, if you will. It makes sex worth every second even if it's for just a few.

Therefore, think about your favorite or greatest experience and share it with the world. If you don't have one, go make one! Happy fornicating!



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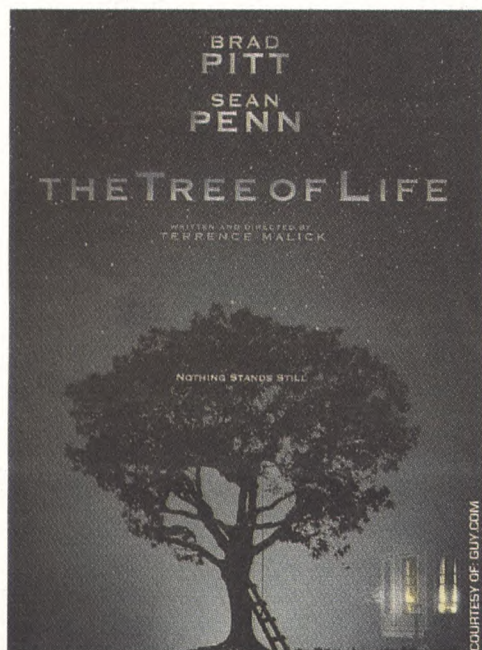
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The Tree of Life

BRADY BROWN

Few films have the capacity to change lives, alter perspectives. Terrence Malick's "The Tree of Life" accomplishes all of this and more. Winner of the Cannes Films Festival's highest honor, the Palm d'Or, the film which only received a limited release this past summer is at last coming to DVD and Blue-ray on Oct. 11.

The movie attempts perhaps the most audacious feat within the medium of film (or for that matter any medium): It endeavors to explain the meaning of life. Not many films have attempted such an ambitious objective, and for the few that have, subsequent success has not been the norm. One of the few movies which

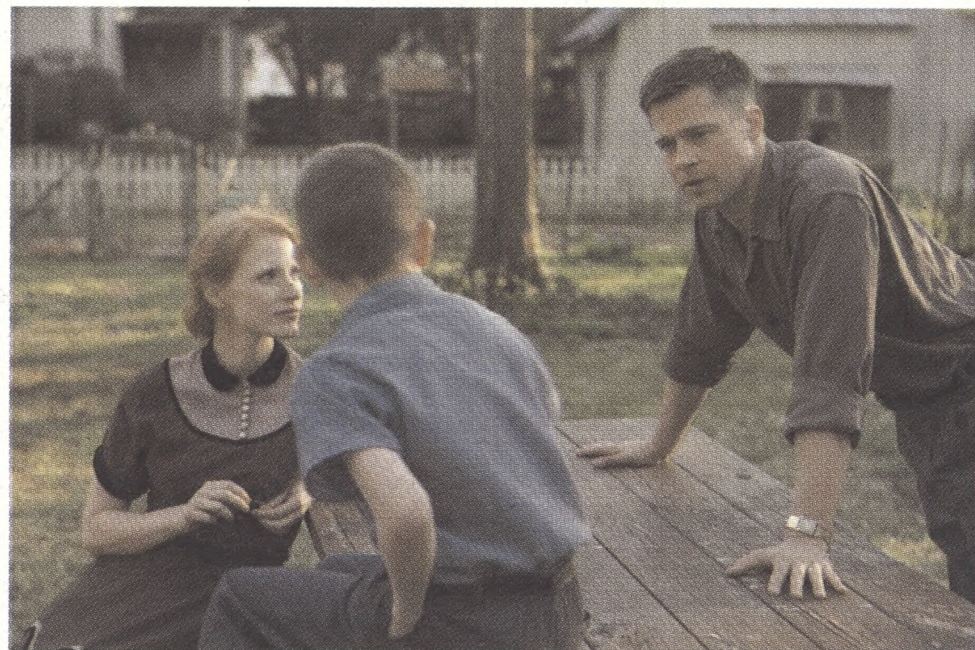


immediately comes to mind that perhaps has found this elusive success is Stanley Kubrick's classic, "2001: A Space Odyssey".

Malick definitely risks entering the realm of pretention (and many believe he in fact does). To put it bluntly, this film is not for everyone. And that's not to say you have to be of a certain intellectual stature to find value in this picture. There are surely the geniuses out there who will most definitely find this film to be lacking and ultimately pretentious in the worst kind of way. But for this columnist, the film walked a fine line deftly, and come conclusion the film was (pardon the cliché) a stroke of pure genius.

Although the scope of the questions the film raises is vast, the actual story is quite specific — albeit there is no real concrete plot. Malick puts no restriction on where he wants his vision to go. From the creation of the universe to the time of dinosaurs to the present, Malick utilizes a terrific soundtrack of classical music to take the viewer on an emotional journey. The central story takes place in a small Texas town during the 1950s. The film focuses on a boy's youth, in particular the relationship between the boy (Hunter McCracken) and his father (Brad Pitt). The relationship is tense to say the least, but one never loses the sense of unconditional love the father holds for the boy. We are also given a view into the future, as the boy is shown to be a man (Sean Penn) and has difficulties dealing with his past. Though his character lacks nearly any dialogue, there is something about Penn's performance which is simply captivating. (It should be noted that Penn has been one of the detractors of the film.)

There is much to be said about the film's technical achievement. In simplest terms, the film is beautifully shot — not to mention the



closing scene which is astonishing. Left completely open to the viewer's personal interpretation, the possible explanations for not only the significance of the scenario but most simply what it even means are infinite. The film challenges the viewer in ways unexplainable.

It is no secret that Malick is selective in choosing his projects. (This film is his fifth directorial effort in a career spanning nearly 30 years.) With the way Hollywood has been going, it probably would not be a bad idea for fellow directors to take note. This is a guarantee: You will not see another film like this for some time — perhaps ever again.

The movie puts life in perspective, and in modern times of globalization and perpetual technological advancement, our society needs

accomplishments such as this movie more than ever. Film is an art form, and with what's been popping up in theatres as of late, this seems to be a notion lost in the shuffle. "The Tree of Life" is a premiere example of this art and represents not just what movies can be, but rather what they should be. It has not necessarily received universal acclaim, but art is by nature subjective. Rather than take the opinion of others around you (or myself for that matter) you should seek out this film and form your own judgment. It may be the single most important thing you do all semester — or perhaps not. Still, it is undeniable; that there is something intangible about this film which makes it stand out among others. Perhaps it is not perfect but then again, neither is life.

Beer Snobbery 101

EDEN ARMSTRONG

What to do if you want something other than just a regular old ale or lager? Spice it up with some flavored beers. Here are some amazing fruity beers that I hope will strike your fancy.

Abita Purple Haze is a raspberry flavored beer brewed in New Orleans, Louisiana. Purple Haze is a decent example of a correctly flavored fruity beer. It has the wheat beer taste with an aftertaste of raspberry. Even though the raspberry taste slightly is overdone, it does not completely mask that lager taste. Raspberry pulp is added for flavoring and can even be seen floating in the beer. Purple Haze is best served with fruit, certain cheese (like brie) or as a dessert beer. The only place I've been able to find this on tap, so far, is at the Orange Peel in Asheville, N.C.

Blueberry is a popular flavor for almost anything and everything, including beer. There are two blueberry beers I would like to discuss: Wild Blue and Sweetwater Blue. Both of these have a blueberry after taste, but only one is worth being called a beer. Don't get me wrong, Wild Blue tastes alright but it is sickly sweet. I personally would never want to drink more than one in a row. Sweetwater Blue however is a perfect example of how a fruit flavored beer should taste. It tastes like a beer with an aftertaste of blueberry. Magical. Both Overtime and Backstreets have Sweetwater Blue on tap.

RJ Rockers Son of a Peach is probably the best beer they brew out in Spartanburg. Son of a Peach can be slightly overwhelming in the peach department, but it has a subtle underlying spice that makes it worth drinking. Not only do you get that peachy spice taste, but it's a wheat beer, which allows it to satisfy that sweet tooth. Son of a Peach is usually only available during late spring and summer months; however, the beer snobs' hidden treasure of Clemson has it on tap in the beginning of its offseason. When visited any time other than Saturday night, Overtime is a great beer snob hangout. It has a chill environment with an amazing draft selection.

With it being fall and all, I must mention a wonderfully flavored beer served just in this chilly weather. Catawba Brewing Company is located in Glen Alpine, N.C. near Salem. They make a pumpkin seasonal beer that is to die for, granted I am partial to pumpkin-flavored things, but it is made to perfection. King Don's Pumpkin Ale is a mix of five separate barley styles and "an artistic" touch of hops. In order to achieve that amazing pumpkin pie taste that matches perfectly with the hoppy flavor, they add a caramel spice and real pumpkin. If you're ever in Asheville, you must check out their Barley's Taproom to find King Don and other Catawba beers on tap.

Flavored beers, when done correctly, are not as girly as one may think. Now go out, be a good beer snob, and get yourself a great flavored beer to enjoy as our Tigers demolish those Eagles.



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EL QUIZ

- What did the Romanian government ban in 1935, saying that it frightened children?
- What did Winston Churchill describe as "an ineffectual attempt to direct an uncontrollable object into an inaccessible hole with instruments ill-adapted for the purpose"?
- Which literary personality's last work was "The Phoenix and the Turtle"?
- Locals affectionately refer to it as "Bobby." It is 90 feet long, has a sinuous body, tail, snake-like head and a long neck. What is this?
- Who is the patron saint of ecology?

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QUIZ ANSWERS

- Mickey Mouse
- Golf
- William Shakespeare
- The Loch Ness Monster
- St. Francis

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- Sturdy wool fiber
- Impetuous
- Biblical birthright seller
- Baseball manager Joe
- Netman Nastase
- Seed of the castor-oil plant
- Henry VIII's sixth
- Native Hawaiian priest
- Atrophied
- Frighten
- Big fiddle?
- Salinger girl
- Pitch tents
- Afflict
- Coarsely ground corn
- Noble, in a way
- Make a trade?
- At full speed
- French 101 verb
- Ball girl
- Stroll
- Cabbagelike plant
- Prolonged pain
- Exalt
- Leap by a ballet

Down

- Ship floors
- Designer Mizrahi
- Turkish title
- Seam where two bones are fused
- Hold up
- ___ there yet?
- Chalice
- Kind
- Mature
- Banned apple spray
- Beget
- Cattle group
- Song syllable
- Addition column
- Accord maker
- Break off
- Ed.'s pile
- ___-de-sac
- Biting
- Labyrinth
- Commoner
- On ___ with
- "The Joy of Cooking" author Rombauer
- Rich soil
- Cambridge sch.
- Daffy's pal
- Minor falsehood
- China's Zhou ___
- PBS benefactor
- Self-centered person
- Filmmaker Riefenstahl
- Bury
- More mature
- Destitute
- Biblical mount
- Hot-dog topping
- Shouts
- Carbonized fuel
- Aleutian island
- ___-a-brac
- Social standing
- Hot time in Paris
- Turkish title

HOROSCOPES

Libra

Sept. 23 – Oct. 23



With Uranus on an axis across from Mercury in your partnership sector, you will feel a surge of passion that is at odds with the cooling of the weather. Mars will be your social sector, so keep your weekends pretty open as more invitations and events get thrown your way.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 – Nov. 21



Venus enters Scorpio on the 5th, so don't be afraid when you notice an increase in your academic calendar. In fact, you might want to reserve a cubby in Cooper at least two or three times a week.

Sagittarius

Nov. 22 – Dec. 21



Harmonious interplay between Jupiter and Pluto on the 20th is going to bring much-needed spontaneity into your relationships with friends and significant others.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 – Jan. 19



The new moon on the 26th could bring about an unexplainable urge to delve into some serious soul-searching. Find your center before the chills of fall cut off Venus' positive influence.

Aquarius

Jan. 20 – Feb. 19



If you find yourself taking trips, it will be with a club or organization you're involved with on campus. Because Jupiter is linking to Pluto, use the connection to inspire you to reach out and make friends with new people.

Pisces

Feb. 20 – March 20



Rarely do you have to worry about your health, but as Mars moves into an angle to the new moon, you'll need to be careful. Stars in your western hemisphere will be glowing brightly, so there's also reason to be wary of new relationships; take things slow until Mars is aligned with Venus at the end of the month.

Aries

March 21 – April 20



At the full moon on the 11th, romantic endeavors might be a little strained. Once you come to a decision. However, expect optimism and joy to return at an even greater level than before.

Taurus

April 21 – May 20



With four planets, including Pluto, in your house of work, you'll undoubtedly find homework and projects piling up. Manage your time wisely so that by the time late October arrives you'll be open to new opportunities whether in the houses of finance, family or romance.

Gemini

May 21 – June 21



A commitment to a new health and exercise routine is likely to succeed this month. With the moon lighting up your house of friendship, it would also be a good idea to ask someone to join you on your path.

Cancer

June 22 – July 22



Many will turn to you for help this month as the light from the Sun shines strongly into your house of wisdom. Tread warily or although the questions will sound familiar, the answers might not be so easily found.

Leo

July 23 – Aug. 23



With Jupiter, your ruling planet, orbiting close be wary of making large expenditures. Any positive energy that you send out this month will be returned to you tenfold on the 25th when Cancer aligns with the Sun.

Virgo

Aug. 24 – Sept. 22



Scorpio, a water sign that blends with your own, is currently close to Virgo, so when it comes to passion leave something to the imagination and everything will go better than expected.

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KEENAN MUSSEY

As fall sets its autumn colors and decreasing temperatures into place on Clemson's campus, it also reminds us of the endless library hours and crucial midterms which lay ahead. For most of us, the escape that next weekend's fall break provides comes to rescue us with perfect, heroic timing. However, not all Clemson students are preparing for break with heavy jackets and thermoses. Those lucky enough to have the opportunity are traveling to warm-weathered Pensacola, Fla. for DeLuna Fest 2011.

Staged as America's first settlement and possibly America's first beach party, in 1559, after surviving a treacherous voyage across the seas, Spanish conquistador Tristán De Luna and his shipmates made their landing on what is now known as Pensacola. Of course in true American style, De Luna found no better way to celebrate than to throw a party. Apparently however, De Luna's attempt to blow away all other beach parties ended in a literal sense (by a hurricane) shortly after. In its second year, DeLuna Fest is set and ready to deliver

audiences of all ages with an escape from all thoughts concerning any actual end to summer and fun. Providing a change of scenery, DeLuna Fest replaces falling leaves with rushing waves, as the event is held entirely on the white sand beaches of Pensacola. As thousands flocked to the uniquely beachfront-placed stages last year, the turnout for next weekend's festival is expected to be yet another large one. As last year's premier event set a huge precedent, this year is sure to surpass expectations. In its second year, DeLuna Fest will nearly double to six stages, more national acts and a dizzying array of food and drinks all promising a complete weekend getaway in the sun and sand. Also new this year, audiences can expect a much more diverse lineup, expanding the list of genres represented last year. DeLuna Fest this year seems to be taking on a new feel, reminiscent of larger festivals, while shaping its own name and identity.

Just as the festival takes care of all other senses, audiences this year can expect not only to feel, smell and taste the Pensacola essence of party, but will be far from disappointed with the musical lineup as well. Though Linkin Park, one of this year's headliners



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has recently decided to drop out of the festival (due to lead singer Chester Bennington's upcoming shoulder surgery), the remaining musical acts contain a ridiculous amount of talent and entertainment appeal. Current headliners include Jane's Addiction, Weezer, The Shins, Girl Talk, Cake, MUTEMATH and The Dirty Heads, to name a few of the nearly fifty bands in attendance. To make the three day event even more appealing, this year the festival's committee has revealed that after the scheduled acts are finished each night (around midnight) the party will continue to rage on the beach with beat blasting DJs playing into the early morning hours.

As the festival continues to grow, so does the party. This year, find out what it is like to have spring break come nearly five months before you are used to, and join the thousands ready to party on like its 1559, with music in their ears and sand between their toes at DeLuna Fest 2011. Tickets are still available and can be found, along with any other information, at www.delunafest.com.



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Reasons I'm Glad I Don't Have a TV

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Most of my favorite shows have all jumped the shark. I'll admit that most of my favorite shows are a little old at this point, but I can't justify why some of them are still on the air. "The Office" lost its best character when Steve Carell left last season, "Weeds" turned into a dramedy based in Mexico, and there is a plethora of reasons why "The Simpsons" should have left the airwaves years ago. I can't even imagine what would happen to "30 Rock" if Alec Baldwin ever went through with his oft-rumored retirement.

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I have no money. My last television was from 1987, and I would have to squint just to watch anything from my couch. I don't have the money to buy a decent television, so I might as well not do further damage to my already terrible eyesight.

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My shows are never on when I want them to be. "Saturday Night Live" is on whenever I'm out on Saturday, "How I Met Your Mother" is on Monday (the worst day of the week), and "Modern Family" is on Wednesdays, when I'm at The Tiger office writing stories like this.

2

I don't have to watch commercials. Nobody likes commercials anyway, but I don't ever have to sit through another Head On, Shake Weight, or creepy Burger King ad. Which brings me to my next point...

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They still air that Sarah McLachlan ASPCA commercial. This really doesn't need any elaboration.

Photo of the Week



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