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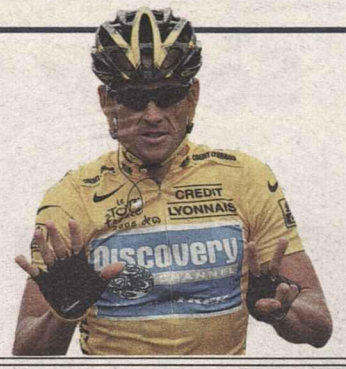

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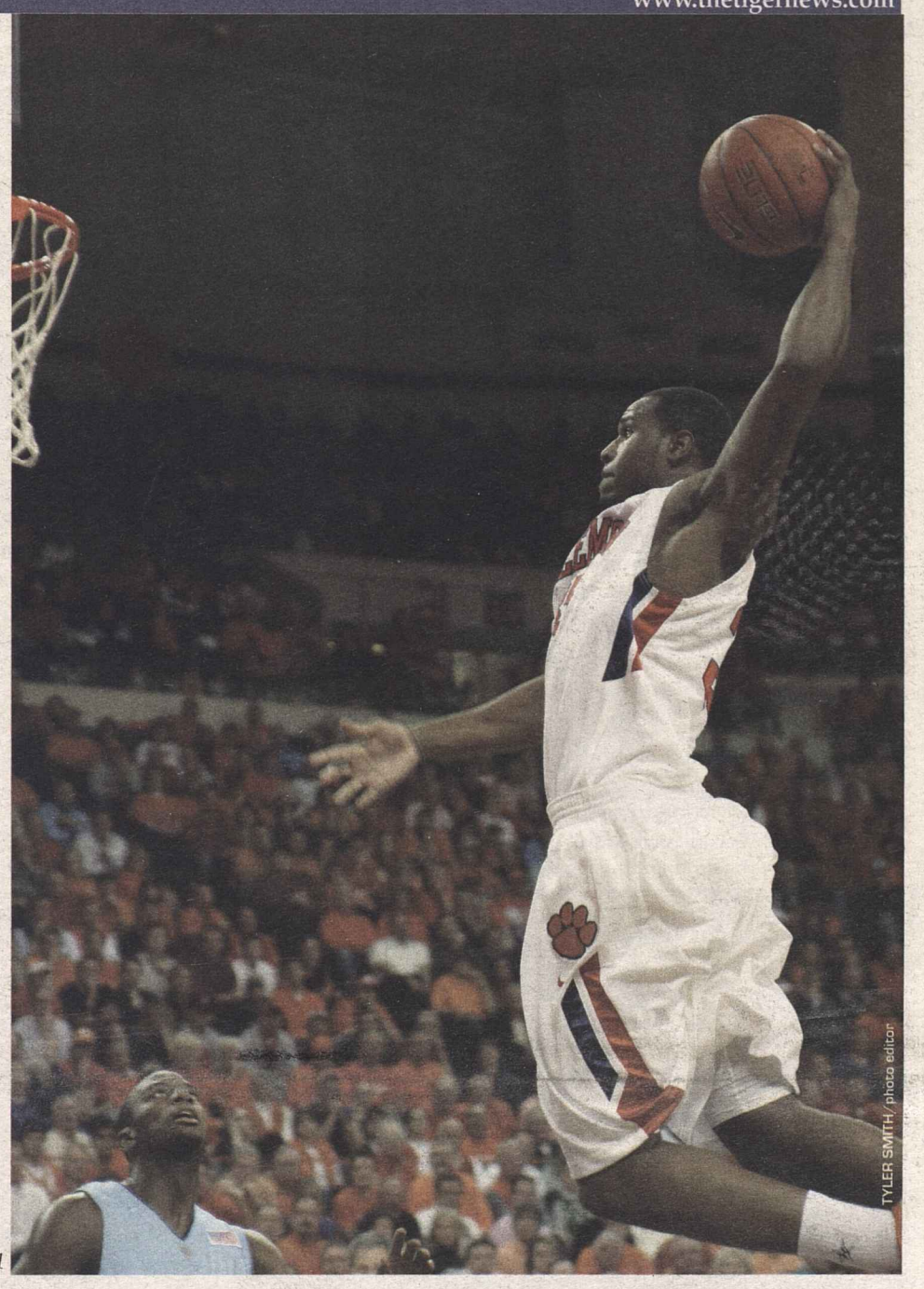
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Senator's visit sparks tough questions

Students and Clemson community members met for town meeting with Sen. Lindsay Graham.

WIL BARNES
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

When U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham took center stage at the Brooks Center on Tuesday, you could sense the tension and curiosity among the anxiety-filled audience. Senator Graham's appearance prompted a unique, but expected, blend of audience members eager to have their concerns addressed by the locally-raised senator. Graham grew up in nearby Central, S.C., where his dad owned a liquor store. "This is home," Graham said. But he made it clear that he was here to answer questions, to not feed us his biography. Sen. Graham opened with brief summaries of the three main points he wanted to cover: health care, national security and our dependence on foreign oil.

Graham was quick to establish health care as his number one concern, and the audience's incisive response reassured you why it was. "I am disappointed in the fashion in which health care was handled," Graham said. "The cap and trade system is dead, and both bills are bad for business."

The audience jeered, most of it inaudible, some agreed, some didn't. Graham was direct and handled the audience with intricacy, respectfully engaging the audience and addressing their concerns.

Moving towards the recent Christmas Day terrorism scare, in discussion over trying Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab as a common criminal, Graham sternly expressed that a huge mistake had been made and that following Abdulmutallab's failed attempt, he should have been immediately placed in military courts. The audience agreed amicably. Thirdly, Graham addressed our dependence on foreign oil and that he was a proponent of offshore drilling. This met the audience with acceptance.

Following these three topics, Graham quickly began taking questions from the diverse audience. When asked about creating jobs, Graham responded that American manufacturing needs more demand and referenced China as a reason to why we're lacking demand for American products. "China owns all of our debt," Graham said. "We need to pressure the Chinese to revalue their currency."

China keeps the value of their currency low so that they can manufacture at a lower cost, and enforcing a tariff on Chinese imports would force them to revalue their currency, increasing the value of their currency and increasing the demand for American manufacturing, Graham proposed.

In taking his next question, Graham was asked about tax-code reformation, and striking a chord among the audience, several individuals from the 30 to 40-year-old range felt compelled to shout and demonstrate their disagreements rudely from the rear of the auditorium, demonstrating virtually the same town hall behavior seen late last summer.

In stereotypical fashion, these flustered individuals were removed from their seats and escorted out of the auditorium by men in black suits with ear pieces.

In response to the tax-code question, "If I were king for a day, there would be a flat tax tomorrow," Graham said. While this scratched the surface and satisfied the audience's curiosity, there was still some contempt within the audience about how realistic such a policy would be. And while unable to provide concrete explanations to some of the questions asked, Sen. Graham was very open with the audience and addressed audience feedback. Graham made his way through a balanced barrage of questions, briefly answering each question in an equal timely manner.

RYAN BOURY/ staff

Sen. Graham answers questions at the meeting in the Brooks Center Tuesday, Jan. 12.

In a question that seemed to be on a few people's minds, Sen. Graham was asked why he voted for nominee Supreme Court Justice Sotomayor. "Just about every George W. Bush nominee was filibustered by a Democratic minority," Graham said.

He explained further to the audience that to promote bipartisanship, he wasn't going attempt a filibuster unless he had a significant enough reason to, and that despite the controversy among Sotomayor's nomination, he pointed out that she was a qualified candidate for the position. Likewise, the audience applauded Sen. Graham for his bipartisan stance in Congress.

After addressing the top concerns of people who had waited patiently, Sen. Graham began to wrap up his last few questions, and he tailored them among what he believed was most important for America. Graham, while voicing his position on illegal immigration, he made his stance clear that he was not for amnesty and referenced that the 9/11 hijackers came as students, but stayed stateside much longer after their visa had expired. "We need to come up with documentation to make it where it is hard to hire illegal immigrants," Graham said. "Nobody should be allowed to live here legally unless you can hold the weight you bear."

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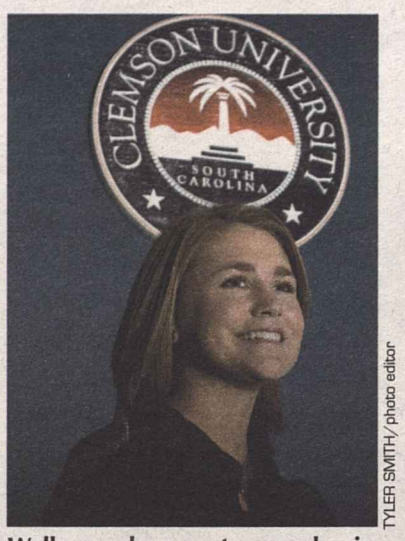
Senior Spotlight:

Katie Welborn plans for politics.



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Welborn hopes to work in Washington, D.C., upon graduation.

BETHANY IRWIN
STAFF WRITER

Senior Katie Welborn's passion for politics and nonprofit organizations has led her to participate in a variety of organizations, including state chairman of South Carolina's College Republicans Federation and a Washington D.C. internship.

The political science major, nonprofit leadership minor transferred to Clemson after spending her freshman year at Presbyterian College. She said, "PC was a great experience that I wouldn't trade for anything, but Clemson was exactly what I needed in a college." As a result of her transfer experience, Welborn became involved in Clemson's first transfer council.

Other activities Welborn has enjoyed while at Clemson includes running the dykes at Hartwell, and a member of Alpha Delta Pi and her FCA small group. She said, "I love to be involved and am super independent, and there is so much to do here."

When Welborn came to Clemson there was no College Republican Federation on campus; therefore, she, along with some other students, started the first College Republicans at Clemson. Welborn is currently chairman of the state's College Republicans Federation and is working to develop college Republicans in South Carolina. She helped campaign, along with College Republican's, for Virginia's governor-elect Bob McDonnell. She is also volunteering to work on two political races this semester. Welborn believes that it is important "to give college students opportunities to converse with leaders and work on political races that inevitably affect our daily lives and the future of our generation."

As part of her passion for nonprofit organizations, Welborn spent the summer before her junior year in Washington D.C. with the Center for Student Missions. She calls it "'Real World D.C.' minus the hot tub, plus Jesus." Welborn and other participants worked with nonprofit organizations in order to help orient volunteers from other nonprofits to the city and help them with their ministries. "Most of the nonprofit organizations dealt with people in financial, spiritual or mental poverty," said Welborn. Welborn said that as a result of her work in Washington she learned that "meeting physical needs without addressing relational/spiritual needs only solves the temporary problems."

Welborn plans to graduate in May and would like to work on campaigns after she graduates. Her ultimate dream is to run a nonprofit organization in an inner city that meets not only the physical needs of people but also the spiritual ones. She said, "It would be great to work to organize volunteer and outreach ministries at a church that seeks to glorify God by practicing the Gospel." She would also like to teach English in Korea or go back to school for a law degree. She said, "It is so exciting to start to see where we will all be after graduation and what lies ahead after Clemson in this crazy thing called life."

Med students prevail

Despite survey, CU students still apply to grad programs.

KEVIN KEITH
STAFF WRITER

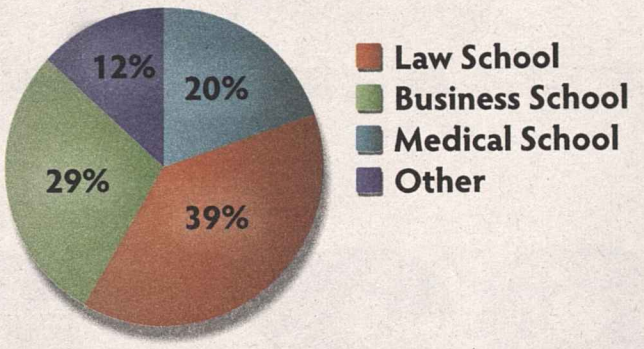
Each year, hundreds of Clemson University students send out applications and prepare for interviews, in hopes of landing a shot at attending the medical school of their choice. And despite recent economic turmoil, as well as looming changes to the country's healthcare system, it seems undergraduates are undeterred about the prospects of medicine and how to finance their schooling.

A recent Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions survey found that only 20 percent of medical school admissions officers report that more applicants declined admissions for financial reasons in 2009 than in 2008. This figure is the lowest among all other post-graduate programs — 28 percent for business schools and 39 percent for law school.

"While med school is more expensive than law school and business school, and definitely more of a time commitment, the vast majority of med school students have been focused on this type of career from high school or even earlier — they've prepared, saved money, know what's involved and are ready to face it," said Dr. Jeff Koetje, director of pre-health programs, Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions. "That said, those who are considering declining admissions because of financial hardship should know that nearly a quarter of medical schools have actually increased financial aid in the past year."

Denny Smith, a Health Professions advisor at Clemson, says he notices that during times of economic decline, the number of medical school applicants actually tend to go up. "In the late '90's and early 2000's, during the dotcom boom, everyone wanted to go to business school. But over the past couple of years, as the economy has dipped, more people seem to want to get into medicine," Smith said.

Percentage of students who declined admissions to graduate school



The numbers support Smith too. According to Association of the American Medical Colleges, the number of overall undergraduates who applied to medical school has risen almost 9 percent from 2005 to 2009.

Smith, who also teaches a class containing primarily pre-med students, states that most of his students, and the students he advises, also don't seem too deterred or intimidated about the future of medicine, even in midst of large structural changes to the healthcare system.

"We talk in class about issues surrounding the health insurance bill, but the students don't seem bothered or concerned," Smith said. "Healthcare has always been highly valued in our country, so students tend to believe that being a doctor will remain a stable, well-paying career."

Though Smith advises pre-med and pre-dental students, there are other advisors for individuals looking to get into physical therapy, pharmacy and most other post-graduate health schools.

The application process for med school generally begins during the summer in between the junior and senior years for most undergraduates, and may last from a couple weeks to a month to complete. Most medical schools require multiple letters of recommendation and personal statements. Of particular interest to most schools is not only overall GPA and MCAT scores, the standardized entry exam for medical school, but also leadership experiences and community service. However, extensive clinical and laboratory experience is what Smith calls the "unspoken requirement for medical school."

The Association of the American Medical Colleges reports that on average, 43 percent of applicants get accepted into medical school. The average debt due to med school loans is between $140,00 to $230,000.

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Staff Writer

January 1st, the marking of a New Year, isn't just any ordinary day. It's upcoming brought excitement for many, giving them a chance for a clean slate. One of the most prominent highlights of its impending beginning was, for countless individuals, a New Year's resolution.

A resolution, in other words known as the resolving of a problem or a determination, gives everyone a chance for a new start.

Some typical college students' resolutions include getting involved, exploring other majors and watching their health.

But, why not make an "off the map" resolution and think outside the box? Freshman Brittany Smyth hopes to improve her golf game and to start getting out on the course more than the previous year. Unfortunately, a not so low-key golfer, Tiger Woods, is going to need a little more than luck this year fixing his currently disastrous life.

Did you forget to make one? It's never too late to consider a change in your lifestyle and New Year's is only a reminder. Drastic changes obviously don't happen overnight, so do yourself a favor and think of ways to start off this new year right.

Rachel Olshine, a grad student in communication studies, has a different slant on New Year's. She is a strong believer in the essence of a New Year's resolution, but also the significance of every day. Oshine said, "I think that each day is a blessing—you don't have to put all the importance on one day."

Smyth agrees with this statement but also presents a new case. She said, "It's always exciting when you realize you actually made it through a new year."

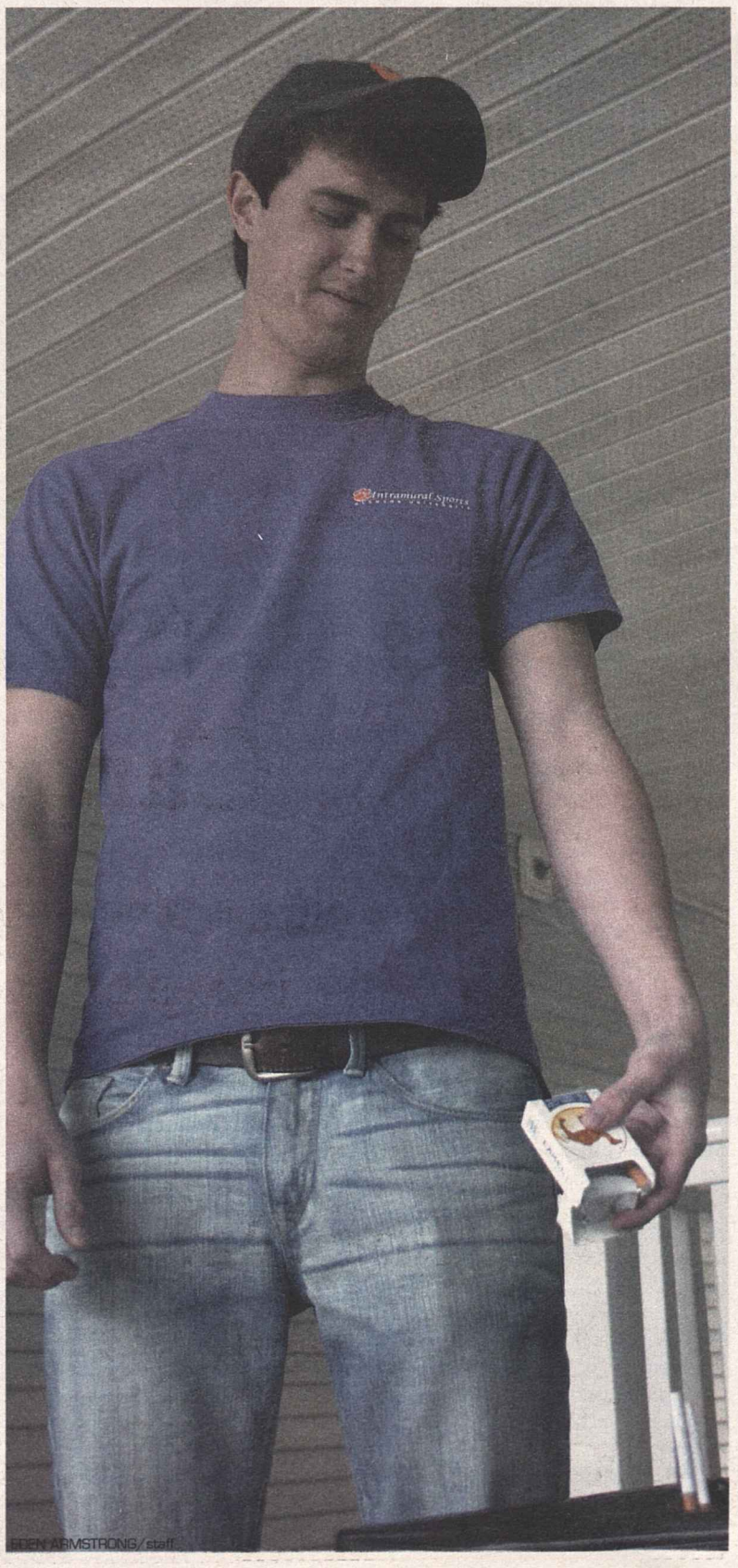
What's so exciting about the new year to you?

Freshman business major Alex Simmons reflects on her previous year at Clemson: having gone through one semester of college, she said, "It's the second stage, so I know how to average my sleep time, party time and study time."

New Year's is a time of celebration, which includes the traditional party filled with champagne bottles, funky glasses and plastic hats.

At midnight, when the ball is dropped from the flagpole atop One Times Square, a new beginning is created for the world.

Don't just wish it, but make it happen. Always remember the old school saying—actions speak louder than words.



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Weekly News Update

World News

Los Angeles Times

Valdes Espinosa, a 28-year-old newspaper publisher, is the third journalist slain or kidnapped in Mexico within the past two and a half weeks.

Espinosa had just left work when two trucks picked him and two reporters up.

Espinosa was shot five times and was found Friday morning with a note attached.

Espinosa is believed to have been murdered by drug traffickers. Earlier on Dec. 30, Jose Luis Romero, an experienced crime reporter was abducted by similar gunmen in Los Mochis.

Within hours of Romero's disappearance, the lead detective investigating his case was found slain.

BBC

Peter Robinson, First Minister of Northern Ireland, to step aside for six weeks in wake of private life scandal.

Enterprise Minister Arlene Foster designated to temporarily fill in for Robinson.

This decision is the result of a fire storm of controversy related to the private life and finances of his wife.

However, Mr. Robinson will not be stepping away from politics completely during this time.

"Throughout this period I will continue to work on the outstanding issues relating to policing and justice and some other matters," he said.

Robinson's conduct will be up for review by the House of Commons and the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Chicago Tribune

Chinese system of dealing with complaints found to be inhumane; Human Rights Watch reports that detainees face rape and other abuse.

Shi Yaping, a 59-year-old Chinese citizen, has been victim of China's clandestine ring of "black jails."

Black jails are unlawful prison facilities that function to deter and discourage petitioners from peacefully protesting the government.

The "black jail" system is no stranger to China, and it is believed that these prison systems began to spring up sometime around 2003.

The Human Rights Watch, an international non-government organization, compiled and released a 51-page report called "An Alleyway in Hell: China's Abusive Black Jails" which cites rape, beatings, intimidation and extortion with prominent use.

Christian Science Monitor

Haiti struck by 7.0 magnitude earthquake shortly before 5 p.m. Tuesday.

The earthquake happened just 10 miles away from Port-au-Prince, the nation's capital.

Several major buildings were damaged in the earthquake, the headquarters of the Haiti peacekeeping mission and the National Palace a major hospital in the area, are among the most detrimental.

Following the quake, all scheduled flights in and out of Port-au-Prince were canceled and communication via phone was weak and sporadic.

However, Twitter and Facebook proved to be a reliable tool in the emergency, and people were able to post images and messages of the quake in real time.

The earthquake was the largest in the area since the 6.7 magnitude earthquake that shook Haiti in 1984.

Wyclef Jean, a native Haitian, has been active in helping provide aid to the area.

"We must think ahead for the aftershock, the people will need food, medicine, shelter, etc.," he said.

National News

CNN

Two Georgia teenagers died Saturday after falling through the ice of a frozen pond.

Jacob Bullock, 15, and Marven Mathurin, 14, of Gwinnett County, Ga, died after falling through the ice near the middle of a small pond.

Fifteen-year-old Alex Paul, a third teenager, also fell in but was able to climb out of the water and back onto the ice.

Paul was brought back to shore while divers searched the waters for the two boys, who had been submerged for nearly an hour.

Despite CPR and several other life-saving techniques, the two teenagers were later pronounced dead at Gwinnett Medical Center in Georgia.

CNN

Power was fully restored after a 6.5-magnitude earthquake hit the northern California coast Saturday, leaving many thousands without power.

The earthquake, which registered a 6.5 on the Richter scale, was followed by almost a dozen aftershocks.

It is estimated that around 28,000 Pacific Gas and Electric customers were without power.

Luckily, no reports of serious damage or injury came from the natural disaster.

"We are used to feeling small ones," Chris Durant, a reporter for the Eureka Times-Standard said. "But after the first few seconds, we looked at each other and said, 'this is not a small one.'"

Wall Street Journal

The United States aims to resolve the urgency and sense of 'crisis' between the Japan Alliance.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and her Japanese counterpart meet in Hawaii on Tuesday in collaboration to handle the tensions between the United States and Japanese government's disagreements about the location of an American military base.

U.S. spokesmen and officials are citing the meeting as an effort to move the disagreement into calmer and broader means.

Many officials are noting that Hatoyama, the leader of the Democratic Party of Japan, is lacking experience and given that he follows up on the U.S. demands, he may lose his governing majority despite winning a landslide victory just over four months earlier.

Christian Science Monitor

Chinese Hackers attacking Google and targeting other U.S. companies, leading U.S. officials to believe that the Chinese government may be at the bottom of the attacks.

On Tuesday, one of the most popular search engines Google reported that "intellectual property" had been stolen in a series of cyber attacks originating out of China.

This is not the first series of attacks emanating from China in the last few years, but the cyber attacks have becoming increasingly more frequent in the last weeks.

Google is not the only target of these cyber attacks, their investigations have revealed that over 20 other similar companies have been targeted as well.

Further evidence has suggested that these cyber attacks are much too sophisticated to have come from amateur hackers.

"These types of operational techniques are not characteristic of amateur hackers operating in widely dispersed geographic areas," a recent study for the U.S.-China economic commission reports.

Many U.S. officials have said that these cyber attacks are originating from the Chinese government.

No graduate left behind

Entire December class fulfills ePortfolio requirements.

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STAFF WRITER

Clemson University undergraduates can breathe a sigh of relief. At the December graduation ceremony, all undergraduates received their degrees, with none being held back to complete the ePortfolio requirements.

"It went phenomenal, in that, everybody made it," said Dr. Gail Ring, director of the ePortfolio. "Everybody got through, everybody submitted, everybody had artifacts scored…100 percent success."

With the first crop of students under the ePortfolio graduating, there was talk throughout campus of students being detained until the requirements were met.

There was also widespread confusion, and even panic, over who had to complete a portfolio.

Kristin Bridgmon, who graduated in December with a degree in business management, wasn't certain she had to complete a portfolio until her last semester.

She said the ePortfolio would've been easier to complete if the requirements were more relevant to her field of study.

"That would be very beneficial to me, and it would also be like a motivator for me to get it done," she said.

Bridgmon added that the ePortfolio hasn't helped her in finding a job.

"All the jobs that I'm looking for have no relation to any of the requirements for the ePortfolio," she said. "I didn't really see where it benefited me at all."

Ring doesn't know what's causing all the misunderstandings, but said she heard rumors of professors and advisors telling students not to complete a portfolio. "That fear of the unknown, that fear of getting started, has contributed to their procrastination," she said. "Once they get started, they realize it's not that difficult."

Ring urges students to read the e-mails she sends out regarding the ePortfolio, especially changes made to the system. For example, students who store their work in BlackBoard can keep it there, but still must go to the ePortfolio Web site to tag their work.

"We don't want anybody to have to reinvent the wheel or do their work over again," said Ring. "We don't want to punish people that did the right thing and got started early — it just seems mean."

"However," she adds, "students think that they had a portfolio in BlackBoard and that meant that they had tagged their work to the competencies — they didn't. That's a completely different thing."

Senior Anna Levan is double majoring in psychology and sociology, and is not worried about the requirements. "I haven't really started it yet," she said, "so finding the motivation to start has been my biggest problem."

To receive her degree in psychology, Levan has to take a senior lab class, the purpose of which, she said, "has kind of shifted from being a capstone of psychology to putting together your ePortfolio and getting it ready."

Despite graduation being months away and having yet to begin her portfolio, Levan said she is not concerned, mainly because of the time spent in class on putting the portfolio together, as well as the other help outlets available to students.

Like Bridgmon, Levan thinks there are good intentions behind the ePortfolio, but poor execution, adding that students dislike "not necessarily the concept of the ePortfolio, but the fact that no one really knows what's going on."

Levan would like to see more emphasis on the requirements from freshman year. "Everyone needs to be on the same page," she said, "instead of everyone being confused about who has to do it and who doesn't."

Ring said that in the future, the competencies will be more relevant to a student's course of study, but stressed that she has no control over the curriculum for each major or college. "The faculty control the curriculum," she said. "What Gail Ring does is get 100 percent graduation of students with their portfolios."

Ring said completing the portfolio ahead of time would enable students to get feedback and make necessary adjustments to their artifacts. "If you wait 'till the last minute, you're going to miss out on getting that feedback," she said.

Bridgmon also warns students about the dangers of procrastinating. "Do them as quickly as you can," she said. "This is not what you need to be worrying about during exam week."

Levan agrees. "It would be helpful for students to keep up with their work through all four years of school," she said. "It's easy to forget about it until your last semester of college."

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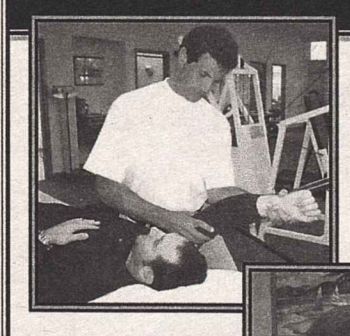

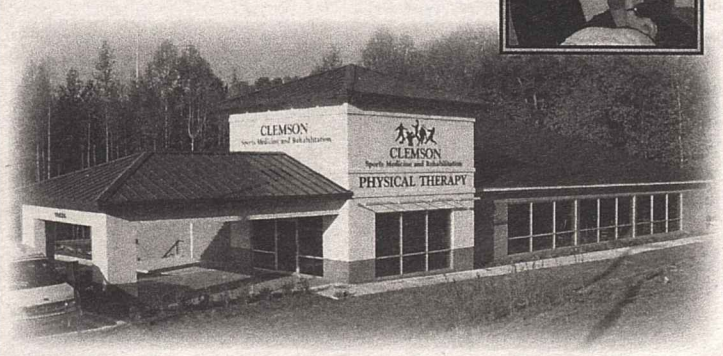

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Sexual assault reviewed

SAFER argues for reformed university assault policies.

KATE RIPLEY
News Editor

In years past, students have noticed a lack of information published about what to do concerning sexual violence on U.S. college campuses. As a result, two organizations have joined hand-in-hand to promote the awareness of sexual assault and change universities' policies that may not provide students with prevalent prevention and post-assault services.

Students Active for Ending Rape, or SAFER and V-day started the Campus Accountability Project (CAPS) to help prevent these events from occurring and to help students reform their campus's procedures in handling these cases.

The CAPS campaign asks students to enter in their universities' policies into the CAPS Database. After various questions and videos that the student are led through, an analyzed report is gathered and shown to the viewer. With the advantages of the online survey, students can see their school's report as well as trends across the country in sexual violence policies.

"We hope that by going through the process of analyzing their schools' sexual assault policies, students will see what their administrations are or aren't doing to keep the campus safe and support survivors of sexual violence," said Sarah Martino, communications coordinator for SAFER. "If they find they aren't happy, we're hoping this prompts them to take action and try and make changes!"

While some universities have their work cut out for them, Clemson's policies and programs in place cover many of the criteria SAFER promotes in its database. In the last three years, there is only one report of any type of sexual violence on campus according to the Security and Fire Safety Report. The University's policy offers around-the-clock crises services for anyone, female or male, in need of immediate help as well as free counseling to survivors and the option to report the incident anonymously.

As far as prevention is concerned, Clemson University Police Department (CUPD) offers many educational sessions to help prevent becoming a victim through self-defense and safety presentations. Clemson also offers the escort service to take faculty, staff and students across campus from 7 p.m. until 7 a.m.

"We try to work with everyone in the community to promote crime techniques as a whole. We do this by speaking engagements; any persons or groups can request programs on safety tips, there is link on our Web site with links and information and Powerpoints that we will offer and do," said Sergeant Karl Kaylor, CUPD crime prevention officer. "Can be anything from alcohol awareness to safety and self defense."

Emergency phones are also placed around campus to provide another way for students to contact Clemson's Police dispatcher.

Kaylor also recommended putting CUPD's phone number, (864)656-2222 into personal cell phones. Dialing 911 on campus may connect to dispatchers in Pickens County or City of Clemson's police department, which are farther away.

For more information about SAFER and the CAPS campaign, visit www.safercampus.org, or for Clemson's policy, see the Security and Fire Safety Report link online. "Any steps that they (Clemson students) make to help prevent themselves from being a victim is well worth it," Kaylor said.

Tips on staying safe

1. **Don't carry or store large sums of cash.**
2. **Use campus escort services.**
3. **Avoid unlit areas. Whenever possible, walk and park in well-lit public areas.**
4. **If you drink, drink responsibly and don't leave your drink unattended.**
5. **Vary your routine. Do not walk the same route night after night.**
6. **When driving, try to always have at least a half tank of gas in your car.**
7. **Do not hold the doors for anyone you do not know in the residence halls.**
8. **Report suspicious persons to the police immediately.**

Information Provided by the 2009 Security and Fire Safety Report

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Then, as quickly as he had begun answering questions, he began to make his conclusion. "If I had one thing to tell you tonight, it is that an Iranian nuclear power would be a mistake," Graham said, "and the only way to stop them is for the world to stand against a nuclear armed Iran." His words were terse, pressing, and met the audience like a cold front. "It would be better to use military force before Iran develops nuclear power and not after," Graham said crisply.

Sen. Lindsey Graham's visit to Clemson was well received by most, and his interaction with the audience was positively accepted. "I reckon he had a good interaction with the audience. I know that he is one to work both ways. I like how he explained the problem to fix the Iranian threat now before it is too late," said Ben Teal, a senior in agricultural education, said.

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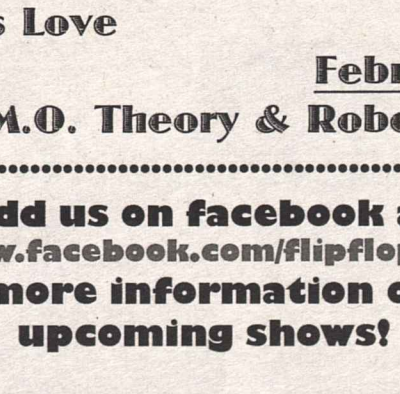

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PERSPECTIVES

Weighing in on beautifulpeople

Two scantily-clad, genetically blessed individuals prance down a beach at sunset holding hands and gazing longingly into one another's eyes. Across the screen flash words like "love" and "forever." Finally, a deep-voiced and seemingly reliable narrator tells you that you, yes you, can find beach-walking, rose-sniffing romance too at X or Y dating Web site. But don't take his word for it, there are hundreds of love-struck testimonials to show you just how happy you could be. You can't get to your computer fast enough.

Dating sites are some of the most exceedingly popular sites on the Web. People seem to flock to the idea of meaningful relationships being only a click away. The reason for such public acclaim? It would seem that Web sites such as "Eharmony.com" and "Match.com" are foolproof. The thorough personality tests that members undergo ensure they will be paired with someone of like interests. But is that the only requirement for a couple to be matched: like interests? While they may be the foundation for a sound relationship, sites such as "Beautifulpeople.com" would answer with a resounding no.

Recently this dating site, which boasts itself as the most attractive of such venues online, booted 5,000 members for gaining weight over the holidays. After receiving complaints from other beautiful members about their apparently curvaceous counterparts, Beautifulpeople.com notified those members, whom they referred to as "festive fatties," saying that they would be moved back to the "rating stage" of the site where current members rank the attractiveness of would be beauties. A majority of the shunned non-beauties were not readmitted.

For many, the initial reaction to this tale of modern romantic tragedy is one of shock or even outrage. How can such a superficial Web site actually exist? Are people really that shallow? The answer to the latter question is an obvious "yes." One need not even venture far from Clemson's own campus to know that indeed, the world has its fair share of cursory individuals. But the purpose and popularity of such a site may be more difficult to stamp with "wrong" or "right."

Dating is largely based on initial attractiveness. Whether we want to admit it or not, physical appearance holds some degree of importance when it comes to first impressions. If this weren't true, why would the cosmetics industry be worth billions of dollars and getting richer by the day? People are obsessed with beauty for a reason, and that reason isn't solely the inner satisfaction one may get from gazing into a mirror.

Beautifulpeople.com, then, could be seen as a slightly discriminatory but nonetheless accurate manifestation of what already occurs in the dating world: a physical sizing up.

However, the chilly reception with which this particular site is met may owe itself to the fact that the standard and definition of what constitutes a beautiful person differs by individual. Even in the physical arena, preferences vary from person to person. Some people like blonde hair, some brunette. Some people like short, some like tall. Add this to the fact that the term "beauty" may also encompass admirable character traits and authentic personalities, and an actual standard is impossibly reached. Assigning a certain formula for prototypical beauty and putting that formula to work in an exclusive and elite class of beautiful people smacks of a Stepford-like mentality that often doesn't sit well with the masses. It's acceptable to call something beautiful and something ugly, but it seems to be understood that such a judgment is subjective.

Also, the ideals of Beautifulpeople.com may seem strikingly similar to the preached-against standard of excellence upheld by stick-thin Hollywood starlets whose latest rehab stints grace the covers of tabloids and other reputable journalistic sources such as E! News. The criterion that are force-fed to us by the lifestyles of the rich and famous are hardly genuine, and feed into a culture that has become obsessed with plastic surgery, eating disorders and looking good at all costs. Projects such as Dove's "Campaign for Real Beauty" attempt to abate the negative influence that Hollywood may give to young people because such an influence, such an exclusive and superficial standard of what is beautiful and therefore what is good, is deemed unhealthy.

So, to the question of whether or not Beautifulpeople.com is a reputable and admirable site based on moral principle, the answer would have to be "no." But, was the site justified in kicking off the unfortunate "fatties" who succumbed to holiday hunger?

In answering this, it's important to remember that these voluptuous victims were former beautiful people. They may seem sympathetic in that they have been discriminated against based on weight, a red-button taboo in American culture, but didn't they, at one time, choose to join the site in search of fellow beautiful people? Didn't they subscribe to the superficial doctrine that their "oppressors" are now turning against them? It appears that they are caught on the wrong end of their own system.

The site, however amorally, advertises itself as a place for people who think that outward appearance is of the utmost importance. To uphold this standard of excellence, it seems that the owners had no choice but to deny membership to "un-beautiful" people. Perhaps after standing dejectedly on the other side, the former site members, turned beautiful people rejects, will think twice before reapplying for beautiful status.

Beautifulpeople.com may be a kick in the face to many oblivious Web surfers who didn't realize what the world has come to, what our culture has come to and for that it may serve a purpose far more important than the eventual production of really cute babies. The site and the controversy it has spurred simply give a voice to an already pervasive belief about beauty in our society, a belief that many former beautiful people are realizing they don't necessarily subscribe to anymore. The Web site will remain beautiful and thriving, as will many similar dating sites that qualify members based on certain criteria. In response to the controversy of Beautifulpeople's 5,000 fatty boot, Curvyblackbook.com, a dating site that claims to focus on romance between "real" men and women, has offered a year's free membership to scorned former beauties. While this revelation does offer a silver lining to the story, the battle of the dating sites is of little consequence. What does matter is the examination of an often used but seldom pondered term and a serious consideration of the stigma that term holds in society.

In any event, to those 5,000 "festive fatties," a rejection from Beautifulpeople.com may feel like the end of the world, but it's important to remember that beauty is only skin deep, in the eye of the beholder and surprisingly easy to fake on the World Wide Web.

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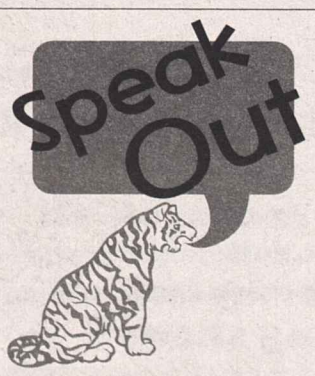


Should dating Web sites based on appearance discriminate against people that do not meet the site's definition of beauty?

Amy Chen

Biology/freshman

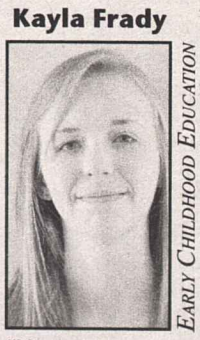
"No, because whether that person is attractive to others should not be judged by a dating Web site."

Samantha Hart

Environment and Natural Resources Management freshman

"No, because normal people's weight fluctuates."

Kayla Frady



Early Childhood Education junior

"No, because everyone should be allowed on dating Web sites."

Corinne Kennealy

Education/junior

"No; dating Web sites should not be able to define beauty."

Shane Hilton

Marketing/junior

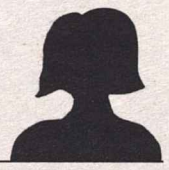
"No, because there is somebody for everybody, no matter what they look like."

COMMENTARY

Freshman DO's and DON'Ts

A few tips to get through the next semester...

KATIE SPECTOR
Guest Columnist



DO:

A definite do is calling the relatives from back home. Ten minutes away or a thousand miles afar, you're not with them every day like normal. Are you the last child to go or the only child? Imagine how much time you would spend together after school days...parents get bored too! Oh, and make sure to answer their calls too.

Try to get a job. It's definitely not time for that everlasting, lucrative job you've been hoping for, but for now, why not add another token to your resume for when that dream job does come along?

Thirdly, put a calendar up on your wall. If you don't have one already, it's a great way to map out your next month and that hell week you already knew was coming. It's a great idea to plan ahead for family and friends birthdays, too!

And relax. College gets to everybody at some point, so don't pass up a Thirsty Thursday invite (unless you have a huge test on Friday). Pick a day to go out with just the girls, or even stay in. Even the hardest workers take a 'chill pill' once every new moon.

After that relaxation, remember that studies should always come first. On your new calendar, plan out studying time and time for TV.

It's time for the gym! Since guys are good at taking over the weight room at Fike, the girls need somewhere to go. Look at the class calendar and find something you'll enjoy, there are plenty to go around. "Tone and Trim" is a tough class that will leave an after burn as well as morning soreness. "Calorie Killer" is exactly how it sounds, burning every possible calorie in the hour you're present. Lastly, "Abs and Gluts" is a slower class, but the whole way through, you definitely feel it.

Take advice from your superiors about how to study for exams. As you've seen in the first semester, exams in college are far more difficult than high school exams. Also keep in mind, a few classes base grades solely on exams! Start studying a few days or a week beforehand and go get help if necessary. There's no reason to get a low grade in a class if you bomb the first big test.

A good optional "do" is sending letters. This one is mainly for girls, but there's nothing wrong with a guy sending a letter home! Stay in touch with your friends from home who are probably all over the map now.

Now that you know a great deal of things to start doing during the current semester, here's a list of things that don't bode well.

DON'T:

A definite don't is leaving your razor in the dorm showers. Everyone's broke; you just saved someone a shopping trip.

Assume it's OK to eat your roommate's food.Three months have gone by, and everyone's wallets are tight. You barely even know this person, and you probably just ticked them off.

(For girls) Online shop! It helped me clear out my debit account. Yours is next.

(For guys) Out- video game yourself. I have stacks of games in my room and have already played hours upon hours each night. Studying, well, it's not going so well.

For all the fortunate freshmen out there who own cars, from Clemson to Colorado, do NOT keep your spare key in your car! It will be the worst decision you could ever make. A friend of mine recently lost her actual keys, in which case her spares were in her car. Therefore, tip to the wise: keep your spare key somewhere in your room where you won't lose it.

Facebook is a drug. From Fishville to Farmville and beyond: it's trouble. I hear of so many students spending countless hours on it, and less hours on studying and homework. It helps to pull out your books first, and then walk over to the computer. Another good tip is to get one of your reliable friends to change your password, and have them type it in later. I tried this during finals week, and it worked wonders!

Eat every piece of food in your room in five minutes. It's definitely possible, but there are three meal times for a reason. If you get extremely hungry, get a snack. Fruit is a simple, healthy food item that is very filling.

Put extremely tall cups in the microwave. Just like you shouldn't put aluminum foil in the microwave, cups barely below the top of it are dangerous. In a previous experiment, my microwave had a 'lightning bolt' reaction.

After one semester of studying, partying and working my butt off, I've learned how to manage my time. Everyone has his or her own strategies, so I'm only suggesting a few. I try to take my advice as much as possible, but no one's perfect and we all need breaks.

My biggest piece of advice is to remember that you're here at Clemson for a reason, so don't do something unintelligent that could jeopardize your place here. Stay on top of your work and make this semester your best yet!

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COMMENTARY

Intramural intervention

BRANDON BOATWRIGHT
Columnist

For many people here at Clemson a new semester brings new hope of accomplishing something that they've always wanted to do. After years of hard work, determination and perseverance, some will finally reach the top of their collegiate careers and go out with a bang. Yes, some lucky few will be crowned intramural champions.

Intramural sports at Clemson have become almost as serious as NCAA athletics; at least to some people. And the truth of the matter is that there are many great athletes at Clemson who could have easily gone on to play a sport at the collegiate level but decided to attend our great institution instead. More often than not, they're the ones who claim top honors with the intramural program of their choosing.

The beautiful thing about intramurals, though, is you can absolutely suck at sports in general and still play the game regardless of your ability to shoot a basketball, catch a football, hit a racquetball or save a goal. I'll be the first to admit, you'll likely never see me walking around campus with an intramural champion shirt.

Some people, however, take intramural sports far too seriously. Last semester, there was an intramural soccer game in which one particular player was far too spirited — to be as vague and sarcastic as possible. In Layman's terms, this person was a genuine jackass.

No one who plays intramural soccer at Clemson could ever match up against Cristiano Ronaldo. But I'll be damned if this arrogant moron didn't think he deserved a multi-year deal with Real Madrid, too. Now, granted, the kid was talented. There's no denying that for being an intramural soccer "star," he is very athletic and knows how to handle the ball. The only problem is he didn't know how to handle himself.

The referees actually warned our team before the start of the game that this particular individual was a dirty player. We brushed it off because we thought, "how bad could he be?" When the game started, he not so subtly started shoving other players. Again, we didn't really think much of it because it's soccer and there's plenty of pushing and shoving and jostling for position. Then the proverbial straw broke the camel's back. This kid showed his true colors by calling a girl on our team by a few names that raised everyone's eyebrows completely unprovoked. From then on things got ugly. The game went on with several incidents arising on both sides and refs continually had to step in to make sure nothing escalated into anything more than a few verbal altercations. I regret that I got involved into a war of words with someone who was not worth losing the breath over, but this individual's poor character validated our reaction to him. At the end of the game, the goalie from the opposing team had to apologize for his poor behavior.

It's such a shame when someone ruins a game for anyone else. When you take a game too seriously, at any level, you destroy your integrity and any opportunity at enjoying the friendly competitive nature of sport. Not to mention you annihilate your respectability as a person.

My point is, you're playing an intramural sport — not the Final Four or the National Championship. Relax. Whatever success you had in high school or whatever dreams you have of playing in Pasadena is null and void in and around Fike. Seriously, no one cares. The key is to remember that you are playing for fun and to enjoy some competition with your peers. For most of us, this is the last chance that we'll have to play in an actual organized sports league until we all turn 50 and start bowling on Thursday nights. Let's enjoy it while we can.

So, this intramural season, if you see someone acting like a spoiled brat who has been repeatedly told by their parents that they're perfect and their farts smell like cinnamon rolls, just laugh. Just take pride in the fact that your best days are ahead of you and not left on the muddy fields in front of Fike.

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COMMENTARY

Kill that commercial

BRYAN COCKFIELD

Columnist

The past football season has left a bitter taste in every Clemson fan's mouth. Perhaps this is because Clemson's football team has an uncanny ability to win only the meaningless football games like the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl while losing real games like the ACC Championship. The more likely culprit, however, is the promotional video for Clemson University.

After all, the only thing worse than watching Clemson play Georgia Tech and South Carolina this past year was watching this commercial during every televised football game Clemson played in. Clemson's commercial is one of many that are shown for various schools, and normally there is a commercial about each of the schools involved in any given football game. These videos tend to focus on academic, rather than athletic, achievements.

The latest Clemson promotional commercial, however, was embarrassing to anyone who considers it a reputable university. Not only that, but past commercials have been as well. The promotional videos tend to change every year, but the past two have been nothing more than slideshows dabbled with dramatic background music.

The current video shows images from various Clemson-oriented activities such as stereotypical scientists with test tubes, obscure Clemson athletic teams like rugby and women's crew (interspersed with the football team, of course) and the occasional politically correct minority student. It is shoddily produced and conveyed no message other than, "We took some pictures."

The end of the video has Clemson's current and rather meaningless catch phrase as well. "Determined Spirit" is about as useful at describing life at Clemson as the commercial's slide show is at showing it. And that's why the commercial itself looks like nothing more than a slide show with unnecessarily dramatic and cliché music in the background.

The video from the year before was basically the same epic slideshow as this year's, only with slightly better slide transitions and the equally meaningless slogan "The Paw Says it All." The only impressive fact about it is that Clemson managed to make a worse video for the following year.

Actually, from the look of either of these videos, any of the effects could be reproduced by anyone using PowerPoint as long as a handful of pictures were available. Apparently, though, the hard part is finding some overly dramatic music to dub over the presentation.

Maybe Clemson shouldn't have to waste any more money on these embarrassing and cheap-looking promotional videos. For next year, the best way to pick a video would be to hold a contest among the student body at Clemson and pick a winner. This video would be featured as the commercial that would be shown during football games, and if this doesn't work, Clemson can always fall back on using PowerPoint.

Maybe if the contest idea catches on here, other schools will implement it as well, and at least two of the schools that Clemson played in football look like they have. The first one that comes to mind is the University of Maryland, which somehow found a way to make a turtle more impressive than Clemson's entire University. After watching both Clemson's and Maryland's videos, it seemed that if anything feared the turtle it was the tiger.

And, if it was even possible for Clemson's promotional video to look any worse than it already did, having it run side-by-side with Georgia Tech's promotional video was, ironically, like running up the score in a football game. If Maryland did well to make a turtle look impressive, Georgia Tech did an even better job with a much less intimidating object: a miniature tricycle.

For a school which tries entirely too hard to do almost everything like Georgia Tech (a notable exception being Clemson's choice to grant admission to a much larger number of attractive women), Clemson could sure use some pointers from the Yellow Jackets on this one. After all, if Georgia Tech can successfully show off its academic and technological prowess using a tricycle and a rocket, maybe Clemson has a thing or two to learn.

Georgia Tech even has a catchy slogan at the end of their video, but unlike Clemson's, theirs is thought-out and meaningful. "Legendary Heritage, Limitless Future" actually fits its video depicting a celebrated and respected Georgia Tech tradition and, most importantly, ends in a space shuttle launch that they imply their students were a critical part of.

While we can only muster up some "determined spirit," whatever that is, Georgia Tech is using its technological prowess to build advanced tricycles and launch huge rockets. At least one Clemson student is jealous of Georgia Tech for that.

But hopefully Clemson treats its latest two shameful promotional videos like a football team at a hard practice after an unnecessary loss, and if this is the case, the brainstorming around campus for next year's video will begin. But it certainly should not have anything to do with the pathetic cannon at the football games. (Actually, it makes sense that the same people involved in embarrassing our school with the promotional videos are also in charge of keeping that cannon around).

Either way, to get the ball rolling, maybe Clemson could use something from an epic motion picture. The current video already has the overly dramatic music in the background, so perhaps that can be reused and something involving the movie "300" could be done. Think about it.

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The bar was set extremely low.

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COMMENTARY

In the arms of Jay-Z

NICK ROTH

Columnist

When I got into my car this past Friday, the first Friday of the semester, I knew that this day would have all of the quirks and eccentricities of Friday's past, partly because I can see the future and partly because when I was pulling out of the apartment complex, I noticed the ice crystals forming rapidly on my windshield every time I wiped them away. By marveling at this occurrence that I had only previously been aware of through "Bill Nye the Science Guy," I failed to notice the kid toting a wheeled backpack in the middle of the road and nearly struck him with my vehicle. Adrenaline pumping and nerves a flurry, I turned left towards campus and refocused myself. I waved at him in passing as if to say, "Sorry for almost killing you, but we're cool now, chief."

My drive to class is a time of reflection and contemplation, and I often lose myself in thought until something grabs my attention and retrieves my head from the clouds. With a crunch, someone to my left plowed into someone else also on my left as we waited at the light. It should have awakened my philanthropy but instead it made me realize "Run This Town" by Rihanna was on the radio. I guess the world works in mysterious ways because I was psyched. It was a little odd to hear the song and then sing Rihanna's parts loudly at 8:30 a.m. but I made sure no one could see me and it jolted me better than any cup of coffee could. My commute is only four or five minutes, so commercials streamed through the speakers by the time I parked and boarded the CAT bus.

The CAT bus is a bit of a wild card when it comes to what music will await you there but on this morning I was surprised. I'm going to use the adjective surreal to describe the song that was playing because it was "Angel" by Sarah McLachlan. Boarding the bus is a loud and boisterous affair in the early hours, but after the dust settles you can finally piece together what is playing. As we snaked past the stadium in a bus packed with puffy coats and stale coffee, skipping the lifeless cold faces that could no longer fit, I either felt A.) like Russell Crowe in "Gladiator" before he enters the Coliseum or B.) like Tom Hanks from "Saving Private Ryan" when they storm the beaches at Normandy. I think highly of myself.

Getting off of the bus, the silence was uncomfortable and the rest of the day meandered on in a world devoid of music and the ringing haunting of Sarah. I kept going back and forth between the "…gonna run this town tonight, hey hey hey" and "In the arms of the angels may you find some comfort here."

In a funky daze of perplex brought on by hip hop and adult contemporary, I made my way to Spanish class where the teacher put on some sort of ridiculous pop music that can only be described as the Backstreet Boys in Spanish.

At this point, the English major in me thought it would be a good idea to track the songs that I heard around me and piece together the story that I heard, but I slowly realized that there was no linearity or connectivity to those different sounds.

Other tracks that made their way into my day included "Let Her Cry" by Hootie and "Thunder Road" by Springsteen, neither of which had anything to do with the others and all of which supported the fact that trying to develop something transcendental from those tracks was contrived and fruitless.

I did make a few conclusions from this experiment though. Music can be many things — sad, happy, uplifting, inspiring, sweet, hard or soft. But today, music was just confusing, at times making the mundane exciting, or a bagel an adventure or making me not like pop Spanish music. I guess there isn't really anything concrete to read into with music, only the abstractions that affect the way that we feel. But there is a difference between what we choose to listen to and what is spontaneously placed around us. When we have agency over what enters our ears, music becomes introspective and emblematic. But when music is played for us, it is the world imposing. Choosing our own music creates a bubble where what we want is what we get, but when we have to respond to external stimulus it can be uncomfortable and surprising and sometimes rewarding. I did go home and download a lot more Rihanna.

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Paws up, paws down

Investigators in Marathon Fla., say they lured a suspected marijuana grower into turning himself in by leaving a ransom note in place of six seized pot plants.

An Italian man stole candy and chewing gum from a local tobacco store to purposely get arrested in order to avoid spending New Year's Eve with his wife and relatives.

Hundreds of New Yorkers teamed up on Sunday to participate in the ninth annual No Pants Subway Ride for which, as the name implies, participants shed their pants after boarding random subways across the city.

A 12-year-old boy has been arrested in Florida for holding up a convenience store with what turned out to be a toy gun.

Fire crews responding to a trailer fire in an RV park in southern Utah were forced to contend with 19 pet pythons, some up to 18 feet long, that occupied the residence.

Extreme weather in London has boosted Web site hits for an extra-marital dating site which provides a platform for married people to conduct affairs. The Web site claimed that most new registries are taking place in areas hit hardest by snow and ice.

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Worth the wait!

Booker and the seniors get their first win against UNC.

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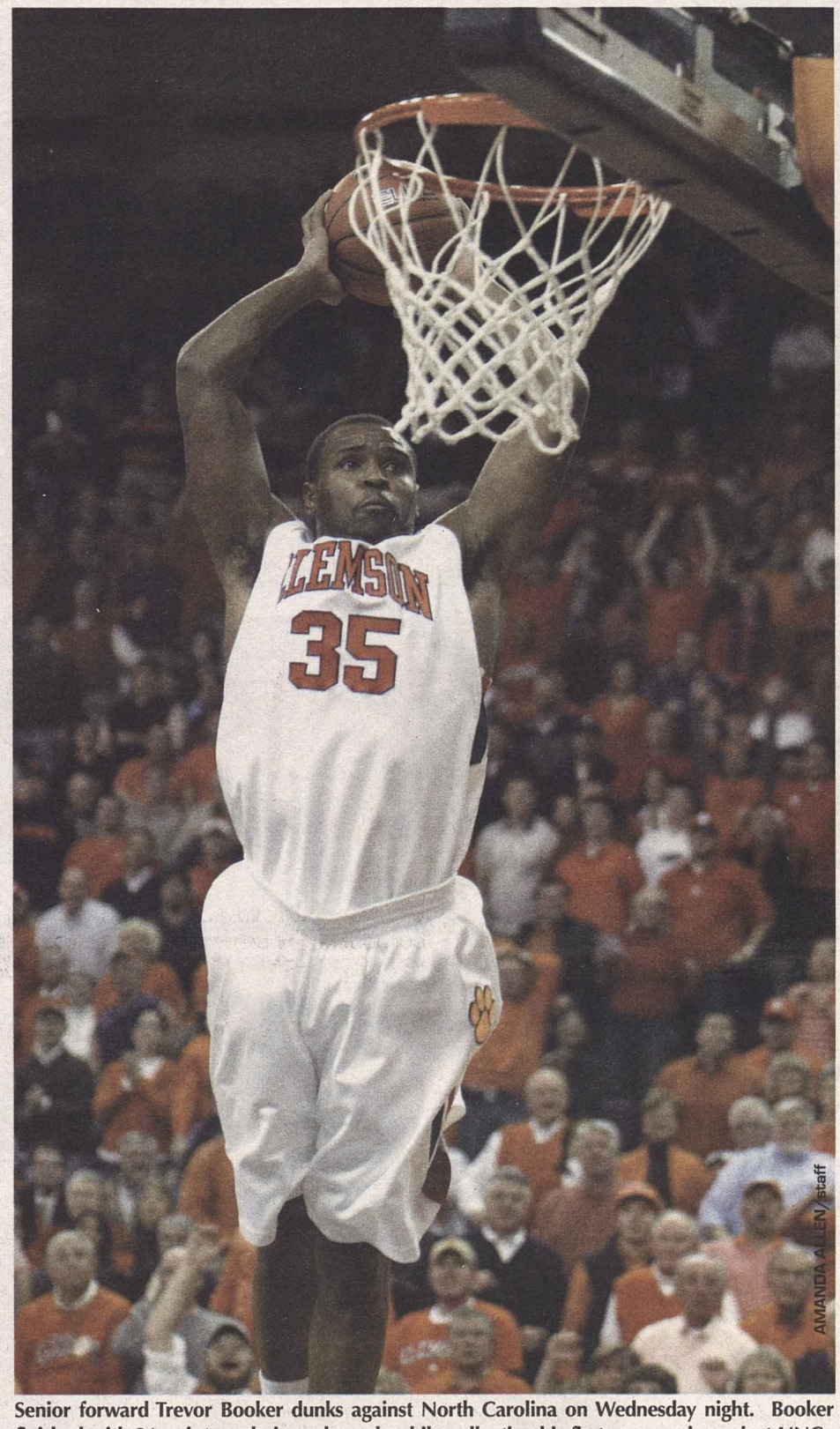

Senior forward Trevor Booker dunks against North Carolina on Wednesday night. Booker finished with 21 points and nine rebounds while collecting his first career win against UNC.

Trevor Booker and the Clemson seniors had never beaten a North Carolina team in their four years at Clemson. He was all smiles following an 83-64 win over the Tar Heels (12-5, 1-1) on Wednesday night as the Tigers ended a 10-game skid to UNC.

The Tigers wasted no time jumping out to a 23-point lead against the No. 13 Tar Heels in the first 10 minutes of the nationally televised matchup in a sold-out and raucous Littlejohn Coliseum. Sloppy play from the Tar Heels and a stingy Clemson defensive effort contributed to a dominant performance for Oliver Purnell's 14-3, 2-1 Tiger team.

Freshman Noel Johnson set the tone early, draining two quick three-pointers to put the Tigers up 14-6 with just over four minutes elapsed time in the first half. Andre Young, Tanner Smith and David Potter followed suit with threes of their own, giving the Tigers a 50-32 lead at the intermission.

But it was the defense that stole the show in the first half. In the first 10 minutes of the game, the Tar Heels had 11 turnovers compared to Clemson's two. Roy Williams' team couldn't seem to get a handle on the ball as the Tar Heels couldn't control the boards or establish a presence inside the paint. Marcus Ginyard and Larry Drew each threw passes into the Clemson student section on several instances. Potter led the Tigers with five steals in the first half alone.

The Tar Heels came out in the second half with a renewed vigor and had chances to make the game close but couldn't convert as Williams, at one point, brought all five starters back to the bench in favor of nearly his entire freshman class. The Tar Heels went on a 7-0 run midway through the second half that cut the Clemson lead to 14, but the Tigers maintained their steady play and put the game out of reach with Demontez Stitt's three-point play with about six minutes left.

Senior forward Trevor Booker, who exchanged "trash-talking" text messages with North Carolina's Deon Thompson, silenced critics who feared the Tar Heels size would be too much to handle for a much smaller Clemson squad. Booker, at 6'7", dominated a sizeable opponent in Thompson, 6'9", all night long. He finished with 21 points and nine rebounds.

Stitt continued his stellar play with a 20-point performance, adding four assists. Smith finished with 14 points while Potter and Jerai Grant each finished with six.

Despite North Carolina's size advantage, the speed and athleticism of Purnell's Tigers was too much to handle. Clemson's full-court pressure forced UNC's big men to run the court much more than they wanted to, effectively wearing down the tired Tar Heels.

North Carolina has averaged around 16 turnovers per game so far this season. Wednesday night, the Tar Heels posted 25 turnovers marking the second highest total since Williams' tenure in Chapel Hill.

As well as the Tigers ran the court, they shot just as well from the field. Clemson shot 47.5 percent and finished with seven three pointers. North Carolina went 44 percent from the field and only converted on three of 12 three-point attempts.

Dexter Strickland was the one bright spot for an otherwise stagnant UNC offense. The freshman guard played just 20 minutes, but led the Tar Heels off the bench with 17 points. Strickland went seven of eight from the field and three steals, three assists and four rebounds.

Drew and Will Graves each finished with nine points, while Ginyard and Ed Davis added four apiece.

The Tigers, who rank 11th in free-throw shooting in the ACC, posted a season-high 90 percent from the charity stripe on Wednesday night converting on 18 of 20 attempts from the line.

The loss was North Carolina's most lopsided defeat since losing to Maryland by 40 on Feb. 22, 2003.

Last week, the Tigers dismantled a Boston College team 72-56, backed by one of their most outstanding shooting performances of the season. The week before at Cameron Indoor Stadium in Durham N.C., the Tigers struggled mightily from the field, scoring only 12 points at halftime. Saturday proved to be a polar opposite first-half performance for Clemson as they turned it around and shot almost 59 percent during the first half of play.

"I thought it was a nice bounce back game for us," Clemson Head Coach Oliver Purnell said. "It was nice to get that first ACC win, because they are so tough to come by. I thought the guys did a good job of executing the game plan, which was to push the tempo and not let them get comfortable, and then do a good job on the backboards."

Perhaps the biggest success story of this year's team has been the drastic improvement of Stitt's three-point shooting. Coming into this season, it was known that he was a great driver of the ball, but his beyond the arc shooting is what was subject. Already this season, Stitt has as many three-pointers made as all of last year. Surely his perimeter shooting will be a huge key for the success of the team during conference play this season, as well as during the tournament in March. Stitt finished the game with 14 points on 5-8 shooting including 2-2 from three point range.

> *"It's always satisfying when you beat a Duke or a North Carolina or any team like that with a storied program, but I don't look at it that way. This is an early ACC win, which is good for our team, but you don't see me smiling yet."*
>
> **- Clemson Head Coach Oliver Purnell**

"Demontez Stitt slicing and slashing to the basket in the first half was big for us," Purnell said. "The entire team did a good job of touch-

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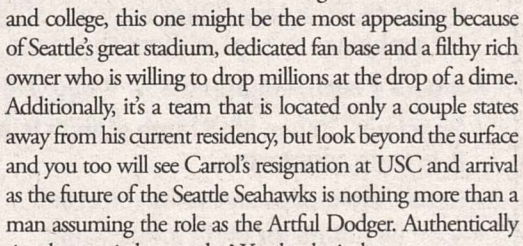
Carroll creates coaching chaos in California



Without more than a flick of a wrist and a simple verbal agreement, college coaches are able to change schools more often than 8-year-olds change their underwear, yet athletes face strict penalities for even daring to follow in their respective coaches footsteps. Forget healthcare, the NCAA's restriction of the rights of its plantation of players with no penalty for its coaches are what need the real reform. This double standard is hypocrisy of the worst kind that leaves the student athlete getting the sharp end of the sword, while the coaches get to scuttle away laughing all the way to the bank, with their pockets getting the gift that keeps on giving with contract buyouts and clauses that become their own form of "insurance." The latest injustice of NCAA blasphemy is the coaching carousel out West in the form of the USC merry-go-round that has spun itself into a tizzy this past week with Pete Carroll's abrupt departure and Lane Kiffin bolting from Tennesee like the city of Knoxville was on fire.

He calls it "continuing to compete at the highest level of competition." I call it deceit by design. Pete Carroll's sudden, abrupt and left field-like departure from the City of Angels and his mighty USC Trojans dynasty is seen by most as a coach who is simply taking the chance to return to the NFL and pursue his dreams. Some will say, sure it makes sense to take a job with a team in a struggling division such as the NFC West. A team with a high draft pick, solid core players and room for an immediate turn around are all positive factors in the equation of chomp-to-champ NFL turnarounds with the addition of some fresh blood in the front office. In fact, out of all the recent coaching vacancies in the NFL and college, this one might be the most appeasing because of Seattle's great stadium, dedicated fan base and a filthy rich owner who is willing to drop millions at the drop of a dime. Additionally, it's a team that is located only a couple states away from his current residency, but look beyond the surface and you too will see Carrol's resignation at USC and arrival as the future of the Seattle Seahawks is nothing more than a man assuming the role as the Artful Dodger. Authentically simple or quietly complex? You be the judge.

Once the darling of college football, Pete Carroll held the reigns of quite possibly the most successful team of the 2000's since his 2001 arrival. Consider the fact that this past season, where his team finished the season with an Emerald Bowl win over Boston College while suffering devastatingly embarassing losses to Oregon and Stanford during the course of an overall 9-4 record was considered his worst since his first season in which he stepped in as head coach mid-way through the year, finishing his career with a record of 97-19. During his nine-year tenure as Head Trojan, his program has produced seven PAC-10 conference championships, two national championships, two Heisman trophy winners and more than 50 players drafted by NFL teams who are all for the most part doing well. Carroll knows how to breed champions. His players both past and present will carry on the USC tradition that Carroll helped to establish, the brand name he helped to make undisputable, yet there is something that still does not smell right.

It is the turmoil and murmurs of NCAA sanctions and accusations that will be what carries the scent of Carroll's memory in Hollywood. There have been more NCAA investigators roaming the streets of Los Angeles in recent months than members of the Crips and Bloods. The NCAA has questions, lots of them that Carroll will no longer be accountable for answering. Did Reggie Bush have a secret back channel of funds flowing into his pockets during his playing days? Joe McKnight was seen driving away from practice in a tricked out Land Rover that he said he never drove, where'd that come from? The NCAA had folded two investigations into one, as the USC men's basketball team is still feeling an OJ Mayo hangover due to his "extracurricular funds and resources." This was done so it can review the entire athletic department's culpability in any possible infractions. That is par for the course in investigations since a failure to monitor can be applied to the entire department. Now, with the depature of Carroll, came a search by USC's AD that seemed more like a last-minute-prom-date-list more so than a true coaching search. Jack Del Rio, Steve Marriuchi and many

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Recruiting campaign cruising

Talented class looks to be one of the best in Clemson history.

BRETT MILLS
STAFF WRITER

Clemson football's recruiting season is in full swing, and that could not have been more apparent than this past weekend when the Tigers welcomed in 13 high school players from all over the Southeast. Although 10 of those players came into the weekend already committed to suit up in orange for the next four years, that certainly did not make their official visit time any less important. For players like Bashaud Breeland (DB; Allendale, S.C.), Demont Buice (RB; Gadsden, Ala.), Desmond Brown (DB; Centre, Ala.), DeAndre Hopkins (WR; Central, S.C.), Martin Jenkins (DB; Roswell, Ga.), Garry Peters (DB; Conyers, Ga.), Tra Thomas (DT; Wadesboro, N.C.), Reid Webster (OL; Woodstock, Ga.), Darius Robinson (DB; Atlanta, Ga.) and Corey Crawford, (DE; Columbus, Ga.), the weekend was a time to not only reaffirm their commitments, but also a time to work the three uncommitted prospects that were also visiting.

Justin Parker, an uncommitted linebacker from Beaufort, S.C., thoroughly enjoyed his visit. He has been to South Carolina and still has LSU and Georgia Tech coming up in the next few weeks. The Gamecocks have long been his leader, dating back to his official visit to Columbia in November, but the recent visit to Tiger Town impressed Parker so much that he now claims Clemson as his leader.

Darius Lipford, a linebacker from Lenior, N.C., has long been committed to the home state Tarheels, and with a visit to Chapel Hill still upcoming, it is unlikely that Clemson will be able to turn him from UNC.

However, the news was much more positive for Clemson with Tavaris Barnes, a defensive lineman from Jacksonville, Fla. Barnes, a longtime commitment to Florida State, was so blown away by the weekend that he immediately dropped the Seminoles and pledged to Head Coach Dabo Swinney before leaving campus on Sunday.

Clemson will still have to hold off FSU and maybe others for Barnes' signature in February, but at this point, the blue-chip lineman says he is done with official visits. If things remain that way, then Clemson is a getting a versatile player that could play defensive end early in his career and potentially grow into a defensive tackle later on down the line.

Barnes is the 21st commitment for the Class of 2010, which gives the Tigers room for only one or two more players for this class. This coming weekend Clemson is scheduled to entertain eight prospects. Six of the eight are already committed to the Tigers and they include David Beasley (OL; Columbus, Ga.), Victor Beasley (TE; Adairsville, Ga.), Martavis Bryant (WR; Anderson, S.C.), Joe Craig (WR; Gaffney, S.C.), Sam Cooper (TE; Nashville, Tenn.), and Ricky Chaney (LB; Beaufort, S.C.).

RECRUITS LIST

Josh Watson • DT	Martavis Bryant • WR	Kalon Davis • OL
Tavaris Barnes • DT	Desmont Buice • RB	DeAndre Hopkins • ATH
David Beasley • OL	Ricky Chaney • LB	Martin Jenkins • DB
Victor Beasley • ATH	Sam Cooper • TE	Jake Nicolopulos • LB
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Swimming sinks in N.C.

Swimming and diving falter in ACC meet.

BECCA CARTER
STAFF WRITER

The Clemson swimming and diving teams traveled to Chapel Hill, N.C., on Saturday to face the North Carolina Tar Heels in its first ACC meet of the year. The nationally-ranked Tar Heels defeated both Tiger men's and women's teams. The Clemson men lost 110-181, while the women's team suffered a similar loss of 106-187 North Carolina. The men's team still boasts an overall winning record of 5-2 but an 0-2 ACC record for the season, and the Lady Tigers have a 8-2 record overall and are 2-1 in ACC competition.

Clemson seniors had a solid performance on the day. Thomas Racko not only captured the win the in the 200 backstroke, but also finished second in the 100 back. Fellow senior Katrina Obas finished first in the 200 IM and third in both the 100 and 200 breast.

Sophomore Christ Dart won the 200 IM, placed second the 500 freestyle and took third in the 200 free, while teammate Harry Foster won the 100 fly for the Tigers. Also for Clemson, Seth Broster added a second place finish in the 100 free and third place in the 100 butterfly.

For the Lady Tigers swim team, freshman Meg Anderson finished second in the 50 free and third in the 100 free. Also securing two top five finishes was Maddie Tarantolo, who won second place in the 100 fly and took third in the 50 free.

The Clemson women's diving team almost overcame the top-ranked Tar Heels. Sophomores Brooke George and Cassie Self and freshman Elizabeth Tatum all took top finishes in diving. George placed third on both the one and three-meter boards. Finishing second on the three-meter, Self also took fourth on the one-meter. Tatum finished third on the three and fifth on the one-meter to wrap up the Lady Tiger's top performances.

For the men's diving team, Patrick Chamberlain took fourth place on the both the three and one-meter events.

In the relay races, Clemson won both of the 400 free relays over North Carolina. The women's collaboration of Meg Anderson, Maddie Tarantolo, Heather Savage and Tori Cervone were the winning group of the 400 free relay. As for the men's group, Chris Reinke, Eric Bruck, Marcus Elliot and Harry Foster won the 400 free relay for the Tigers.

Clemson swimming and diving will prepare to relinquish this North Carolina loss on Jan. 16 when they host another ACC rival, the Florida State Seminoles.

The Tiger and Seminole brawl will begin at 11 a.m. in McHugh Natatorium, as Clemson seeks to establish their powerful presence in the Atlantic Coastal Conference swimming and diving competitions.

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MEET YOUR TIGERS: DEANDRE McDANIEL

Tigers' leading defensive back speaks with Assistant Sports Editor Ryan Launius.

RL: What were the major factors that convinced you to opt out of the NFL draft and return for your senior season?

DM: I want a championship. I want to come back and go for the Thorpe this year, and I wanted to set a good example for my little sister and little brother. I just wanted to come back and do bigger things.

RL: How tough is it to balance football and classes in your everyday schedule?

DM: It's pretty tough, but it's something that I've pretty much gotten used to. I've been doing it since high school, and now coming into college and doing it is just normal. It is something that I have gotten real comfortable with.

RL: Is there any special reason why you wear the number two?

DM: I used to wear it because of Deion. Charles Woodson was always one of my favorites also. Now I just wear it because of myself now that I've got the name to say it is just for me. But originally I wore it for Deion Sanders because he wore number two in college.

RL: What was going through your head before you lit up Christian Ponder at the end of the FSU game?

DM: I basically was just saying to myself, "It's man on man, and may the best man win." When I saw him coming towards me, I don't know what went through my head to make me point, but I was just trying to have a little fun out there.

RL: Do you think that you could have scored on that play?

DM: I think I could have, but he had a good angle already anyways. I really didn't think he was even going to come at me. I thought it was going to be a walk-in touchdown, but then when I saw him it slowed me up and my focus just went on him and I wasn't really paying attention to the end zone.

RL: Besides that, what was your favorite memory from the 2009 football season?

DM: I guess the turnaround. When we beat Miami down there in Miami, that was when everybody really started feeling it like this was really about to be a good season and we could turn it all around. That was the biggest part for me because everyone kind of felt and knew that we could make plays and change the season around. Then we ended up in the ACC Championship with a chance to go to a BCS bowl after starting 2-3, so that was probably the biggest part of the season.

RL: What was the toughest part about preparing for the Wildcat offenses Clemson faced at the end of the season?

DM: You just got to be able to do your job. It's kind of like the option. If everyone does their job, it's easy to stop. But if one person messes up, it's going to leave a big gap and they can score just like that. In a Wildcat, you've got to do your job. If everyone does their job, then you're good. We pretty much stopped it at the Kentucky game because everyone did their job, and that's what we just need to continue to do.

RL: Who was the toughest player you had to prepare for and compete against in 2009?

DM: There wasn't really any specific player because we don't just point out players. If you were just to ask what team we had to prepare for the most offensively, I would say Miami because they have so much talent on their offense. Anyone is capable of scoring on you at any time. They've got a great tight end, great receivers, great running backs and their quarterback is elite, too.

RL: What does winning Clemson's Defensive MVP honors mean to you right now and going into your senior season?

DM: It meant a lot, getting that award. Now it's just time for me to get ready for it again. It's the off season, so it's time for me to get a little better and lead this team. It's basically a momentum push. It's time for me to lead this team and guide everyone in the right direction and push everyone to try to go for the defensive MVP so we can be a good team altogether. Winning that award meant a lot, though. It was an honor.

RL: At the beginning of the 2009 season, you lacked the sufficient national attention to be placed on the Thorpe watch list. That will be very different next season. How exciting is it to have the chance to compete for such a prestigious award?

DM: It means a lot. I remember C.J. last year being up for the Heisman. Just being on his team felt good for me. Now I'm up for a good award like that and it's a lot better. I have a bigger smile on my face, and it's not just for Spiller but now it can be for myself. This is what I've wanted, and now I have a chance to go get it. It just makes me work that much harder.

RL: Who do you think is the best safety in the NFL right now?

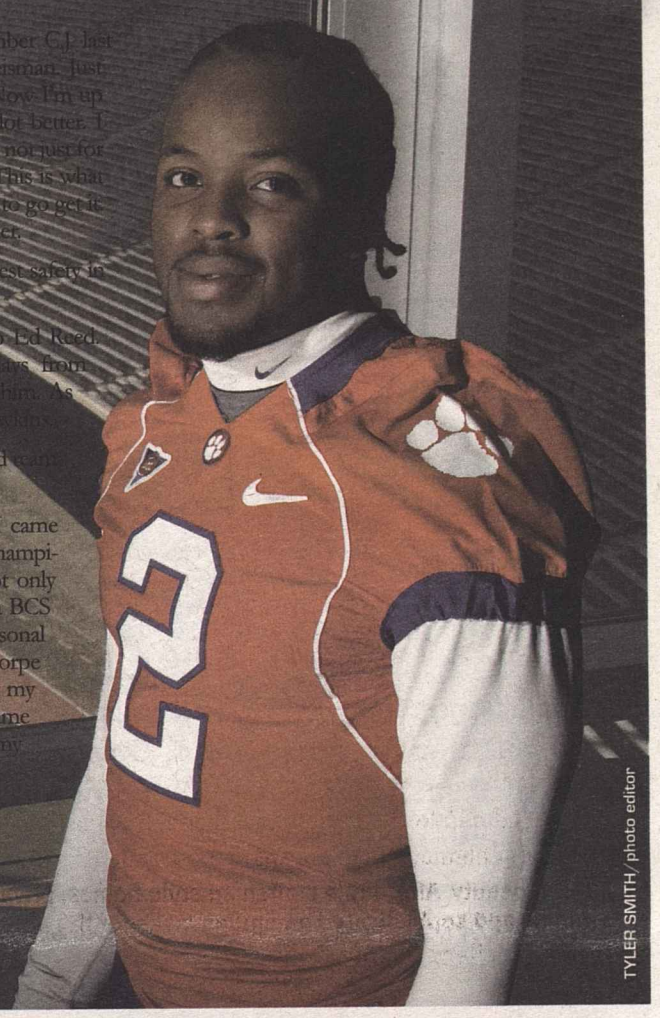
DM: You've got to give it to Ed Reed. That dude can make plays from anywhere, so as of now I would say him. As far as my favorite, it's always Brian Dawkins.

RL: What are your personal and team goals for next season?

DM: The team goal is what I came back for, and that's a championship. I want to be in the BCS, not only an ACC Championship, but I want a BCS Championship also. As far as personal goals, I kind of want to get this Thorpe award and I need to make sure I get my degree also because that's what I came back for, too. Those are basically my main focuses right now.

RL: You already have your name in Clemson's record books in a tie for most interceptions in a single season with eight. Do you think nine is a possibility next season?

DM: I'm going to go for it, but I don't think too many teams are going to try to throw my way. But if they do, that's a good goal. I would love to have the record by myself because there are three of us with eight right now. I don't think too many people are going to try to throw my way, but if they don't they're going to have to throw Rashard's way, so they're going to have to pick their poison.



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Lady Tigers come up short against Yellow Jackets

APRIL WADE
STAFF WRITER

The Lady Tigers fought hard against Georgia Tech Monday evening but it just was not enough to overcome the Lady Yellow Jackets.

Georgia Tech finished the Lady Tigers off, 72-58, bringing Clemson to 9-9 overall season and 0-2 in the ACC. Ranked Georgia Tech moves to a 14-3 season. Georgia Tech was the third ranked team Clemson has faced so far in conference play.

Lindsey Mason tried to rally the team and lead scoring by 14 points. Lele Hardy and Shaniqua Pauldo each had 11 of their own, but it was not enough for them to pull out a win. None of the other team members were able to break double figures.

Clemson kept it close and only allowed the Jackets a six-point lead going into the half. They attempted their comeback in the second half. The Lady Jackets pulled ahead but Clemson came back to within nine in the final two minutes of game.

Clemson's defense was what held them in the game. Except for excessive fouls, the Lady Tigers were consistent in their defensive play.

Clemson forced Georgia Tech to commit 20 turnovers. They had 10 steals and five blocks. Hardy led with three steals and teammate Mason denied Georgia Tech with three solid blocks.

The number of fouls for Clemson's big inside players hurt them on the defensive end. Pauldo left the game with four fouls of her own. Teammates April Parker and Christy Brown followed close behind with four fouls each.

TYLER SMITH/photo editor

Lady Tigers Head Coach Cristy McKinney looks on as her team competes against Duke in Littlejohn earlier this season. Clemson is 9-9 on the year.

With so many fouls, Clemson allowed Georgia Tech to expand on their lead with many converted free throws. Georgia Tech completed 25 of its 36 attempted shots from the line while Clemson went eight of 14 from the charity stripe.

It was not just the Lady Tigers foul shots that fell short Monday night but their field goal attempts were far from accurate. Hardy had an unusual shooting slump, only making four out of 18. Other players that also suffered from a poor shooting game included Sthefany Thomas, who made just three of her 10 attempts.

Georgia Tech really showed up and showed out. Yellow Jacket Bridgette Ardrossi lead her team with 19 points. Pair that with her teammate Mo Bennett's 15 points. Georgia Tech proved to be too much for the Lady Tigers to handle.

Clemson looks for its next chance to get a jumpstart and turn its season around when the team will face ranked Florida State. Florida State will come to Littlejohn Coliseum Thursday night with game time set at 7 p.m. This will be Florida State's second conference game on the road after its recent loss at Miami Sunday night giving Clemson fans hope that they can get their season on the right track.

Men's soccer welcomes new coach

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STAFF WRITER

The Clemson University Men's Soccer Program took a bold step towards regaining its national prestige with the hiring of veteran soccer coach Mike Noonan from Brown University. This is Clemson's third head soccer coach in as many years as the Tigers have failed to execute on the pitch. However, Mike Noonan seems to be a clear move in the right direction for the Tigers as they try to push back into the national picture.

Mike Noonan

Noonan has led Brown to nine at-large berths into the NCAA tournament but also during his spell at Brown, he took the Bears to two Elite Eight finishes in the tournament. His tenure at Brown included six Ivy League Titles with two teams going undefeated in Ivy League play. The two undefeated seasons in Ivy League play were the first two teams to do so in over a quarter of a century. Over the course of his previous 21 seasons as a head coach at not only Brown but also New Hampshire and Wheaton, Noonan has amassed an all-time record of 224-116-1.

Noonan is known for quick turnarounds at every school he has been at and has only had two losing seasons in his long career. One of the losing seasons came in his first year as coach at the Wheaton College during the first season that the school offered a men's soccer program. Noonan currently holds "A" coaching licenses from both UEFA as well as the USSF and should be ready to take the Tigers back to the top of the ACC.

This looks to be a great move for both Noonan as well as Clemson as the Tigers will look to recuperate some of the dominance that was seen in the early part of the decade. For Noonan, it is a chance to coach in the toughest conference in the nation. Noonan has left his previous programs in much better situations and hopefully he can lead Clemson's Men Soccer Team to success as the Tigers will look to bounce back from their 2-6 ACC record of the previous season.

Coach Noonan Year-by-Year

Year	Record	School
1989	4-11-0	Wheaton College
1990	12-5-1	Wheaton College
1991	10-6-4	New Hampshire
1992	9-7-3	New Hampshire
1993	14-5-0	New Hampshire
1994	15-5-2	*New Hampshire
1995	16-4-0	**Brown
1996	8-5-4	Brown
1997	11-6-1	*Brown
1998	12-3-2	*Brown
1999	13-5-0	*Brown
2000	13-6-1	**Brown
2001	7-7-2	Brown
2002	5-8-4	Brown
2003	10-4-3	*Brown
2004	8-7-2	Brown
2005	11-5-2	*Brown
2006	11-5-3	*Brown
2007	15-2-1	*Brown
2008	9-7-1	Brown
2009	11-3-5	*Brown

*NCAA Tournament appearance
** Reached Elite Eight
Career Record: 224-116-41 (21 Years)

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ing the ball in paint, which is where we really hurt them, and not getting three-point shot happy and making sure we got the ball inside and then looking for the open shot outside when it was there."

Of course though, where would this team be without the model of consistency in All-American candidate Trevor Booker. Booker finished Saturday's game with 19 points on 8-14 shooting, to go along with five rebounds and four blocked shots. Booker also moved into 11th place on the Clemson all-time points list ahead of Clemson great Tree Rollins.

"It is a big confidence booster," Booker said. "We were probably a little down after the Duke game, so to come back and win pretty big against this team is a big confidence booster."

With a couple of early conference wins over teams like Boston College and North Carolina, the Tigers are sitting pretty at third place in the ACC standings just behind Duke and Virginia. The momentum Clemson gained during the past week will serve them well going into a two-game road trip starting with N.C. State on Saturday at noon and Georgia Tech the following Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Atlanta, Ga.

TOP 25 STANDINGS

ESPN/ USA Today

1. Texas
2. Kentucky
3. Kansas
4. Villanova
5. Syracuse
6. Purdue
7. Duke
8. Michigan State
9. West Virginia
10. Tennessee
11. Georgetown
12. Kansas State
13. North Carolina
14. Gonzaga
15. Connecticut
16. Wisconsin
17. Brigham Young
18. Georgia Tech
19. **Clemson**
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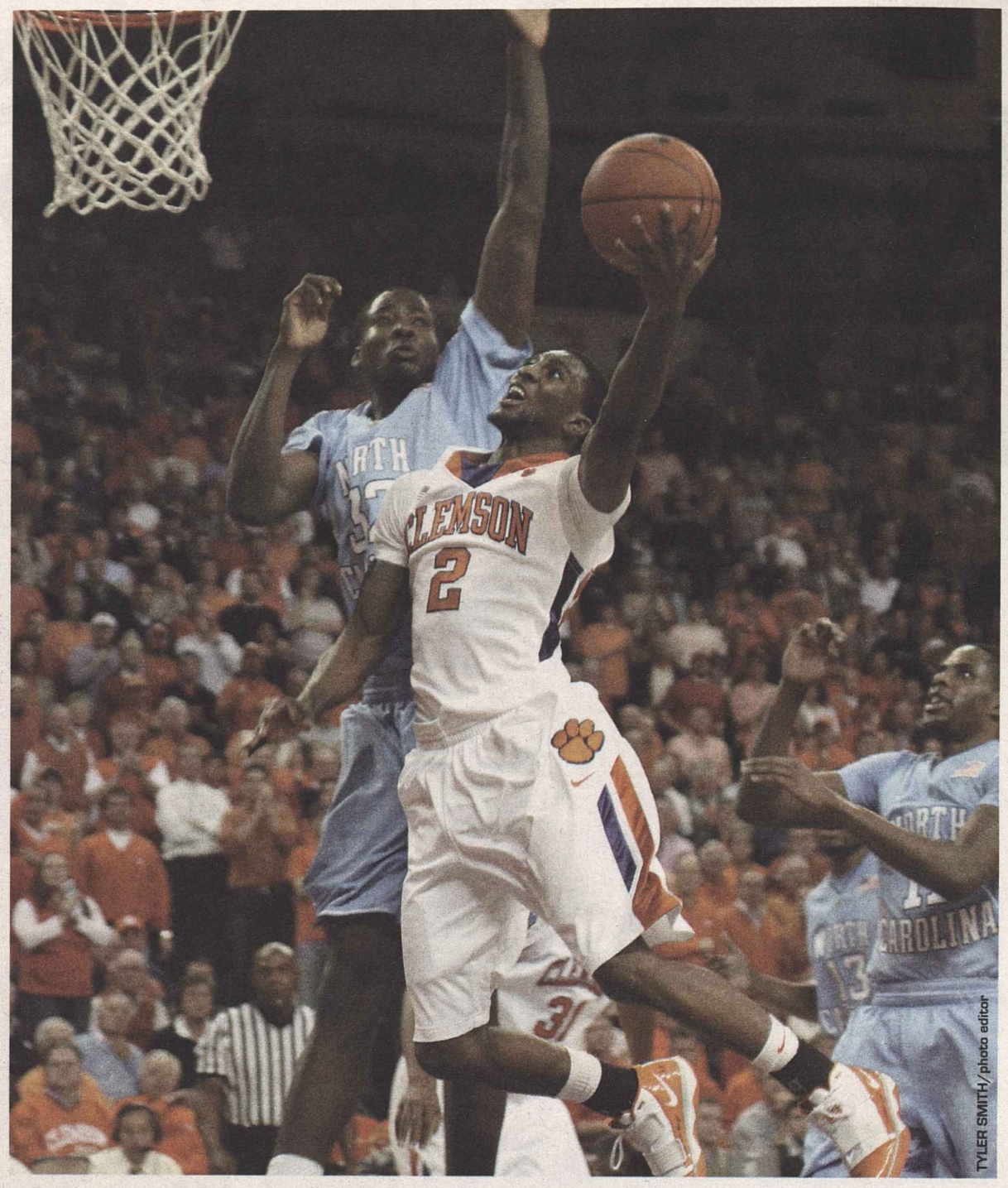
21. Temple
22. Butler
23. Mississippi
24. Baylor
25. Florida State



Demontez Stitt drives to the basket during the first half of Wednesday night's matchup. Stitt scored the first four points of the Tigers dominant performance over the Tar Heels.

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2009 FOOTBALL REVIEW ALL IN

ALEX URBAN
STAFF WRITER

The Clemson Tiger football team came up with four goals to start this football season: to win the Atlantic Division, to win the ACC, to beat South Carolina and to win a bowl game. When the dust settled on the 2009 season, Swinney and the Tigers were able to accomplish half of these goals.

When Dabo Swinney took the reigns of the Clemson football program this past off-season, he knew that there was much work to be done. Clemson had just finished a tumultuous season that resulted in the loss of head coach Tommy Bowden after its disastrous start.

Swinney guided the Tigers to an unlikely bowl appearance and earned the right to be called the head football coach at Clemson University (the youngest coach in Division I college football). But the whirlwind circumstances that put Swinney at the top also gave him his greatest challenge; he wanted to change the very culture of the team.

Under Bowden, Clemson was known as a zone-based team (both on defense and in blocking techniques on the offensive line). This style was finesse and didn't pack the punch of the Danny Ford squads of the 1980's that so many fans have clamored for over the years.

Bowden's teams were also notorious for losing very close games in the most important situations, often being "one play away" from getting to the ACC championship.

It is exactly this culture that Swinney hoped to change when he took over the job as head coach. Swinney believes winning starts with confidence; you have to learn to win, as well as learn the fundamentals of the game.

Swinney hired defensive coordinator, Kevin Steele, who had been co-defensive coordinator for Alabama under Nick Saban. Steele brought a man-based defense that promised to be more aggressive, thus causing more turnovers than the soft zone defense Clemson ran under Bowden.

Billy Napier was named the nation's youngest coordinator; he was in charge of an offense that looked to utilize playmakers, and come up with more in-game adjustments than previous coaches.

But nobody would know how the new Tigers would look until the season started.

The 2009 season started with a bang, and a glimpse of what was to come when C.J. Spiller returned the opening kickoff of the season to the house against Middle Tennessee State. Redshirt freshman Kyle Parker started his first game, and the Tigers won in a fairly uneventful game. The biggest story of the night was the injury to Spiller's toe, which would prove to be a season-long battle.

The Tigers quickly entered ACC play in the second week of the season at Georgia Tech on a Thursday night. The first half was disastrous; special teams mishaps, blown tackles and an illegal fake field goal that wasn't caught by the refs had the Tigers looking at a 24-0 deficit in the second quarter. Unlike previous Clemson squads, this team didn't even think about throwing in the towel.

Parker fired a rocket on a wheel route to Spiller for a score that energized the Tigers. With the defense stopping the vaunted Tech offense drive after drive, and the offense scoring at will, Clemson climbed on top 27-24 in the fourth quarter. Parker and Jacoby Ford connected on a 38-yard pass with the game tied 27-27, but it was called back due to a questionable holding call on Thomas Austin. Clemson was forced to punt, and the Yellow Jackets drove and kicked the winning field goal.

Then the rain started. In one of the strangest Clemson games in recent memory, the Tigers defeated Boston College 25-7 in a contest that was delayed twice for lightning. The defense clamped down and held the Eagles to negative four yards in the first half. The offense was largely unspectacular, and struggled to score in the red zone, leading to six Richard Jackson field goals.

The following week saw even more rain. Top-10 Texas Christian University rolled into Clemson ready for a defense struggle, and the game was exactly that, save for a fluke tipped pass that TCU was able to turn into a score several plays later, and a long pass to Spiller. Both defenses locked down in the rain, though Spiller was able to rush for 112 yards. Parker and the Tigers once again were not able to come from behind at the end of the game, and several missed field goals also helped cost the Tigers a win against a ranked opponent, losing 14-10.

The next week, it didn't rain, but it sure felt like it. Clemson traveled to College Park, Md., to play the Terrapins, who were having their worst season in recent memory. Clemson started strong, but the momentum wore off. The offense could not move the ball; and despite a spectacular shoeless kickoff return for a touchdown by Spiller, the Tigers fell to the Terrapins 24-21.

The bye week was not a pleasant one on the practice fields near Jervey Gym. Swinney had his team working extremely hard on fundamentals after the embarrassing loss. It was in this week that the team found its identity; they finally started to change their culture. Swinney had them close, all they needed to do now was learn to win. And win they did.

Starting with a 38-3 drubbing of Wake Forrest at home, the Tigers won six games in a row, building on their fundamentals and a new attitude of never giving up on the field.

The defining moment for Swinney and the Tigers came against then No. 3 Miami the week after the Wake Forest game. Clemson wasn't expected to be able to hang with the resurgent hurricanes, who had a hot start behind Jacory Harris' confidence at quarterback.

But Spiller had other things on his mind. To say he exploded in this game would even be an understatement. Spiller finished the game with 310 all-purpose yards. In a game that seemed like whoever held the ball last would win, Clemson and Miami traded score after score, ending regulation tied 34-34.

After a Miami field goal, it was Clemson's turn to answer. They moved backwards on two straight plays and faced a long third down, when Ford told Swinney he knew a play that would win the game; he knew he would beat his defender. And he did; Parker connected with Ford for the touchdown, and gave Clemson a huge win on the road; it tied the school record for the highest ranked opponent ever beaten on the road.

The Coastal Carolina game on Halloween proved to be nothing more than a tune up for the rest of the season, as most of the starters sat. But all of Clemson was looking forward to the match up against Florida State the following week.

The Florida State game was another triumphant moment for Swinney and the Tigers, whom appeared to be on a freight train towards the ACC championship game for the first time. After going down 17-6 in the first quarter of game, the Tiger offense and C.J. Spiller took over. Spiller once again broke 300 all-purpose yards.

With the game still in reach in the fourth quarter, outstanding safety Deandre McDaniel intercepted FSU quarterback Christian Ponder deep in FSU's territory. The play sent Tiger fans into a frenzy; fans belted "We Will Rock You" by Queen in unison, and they could see the ACC championship game getting closer every second.

Wins like these are what separated this season from the last few at Clemson. When goals were on the line, the Tigers fought hard and made plays. Swinney hopes to build on this in the future.

The Virginia game was rainy yet again and was also fairly uneventful. The Tigers locked up their trip to Tampa with a win and began to prepare for the South Carolina game the following week.

Clemson was hot going into the Carolina game, having won six straight games. But aside from the opening kickoff return for a touchdown by Spiller, the Tigers never got it going, losing to their rivals 34-17 in a game that was never very close. The Tigers looked like they were looking ahead to the ACC championship game in Tampa against Georgia Tech.

The ACC championship game was the first for Clemson, and it didn't end the way Swinney, Spiller and the Tigers would have hoped. Spiller, however, had a Herculean performance in perhaps the best rushing performance of his career. But the option offense of Georgia Tech proved to be too much for a Clemson defense that struggled with the run late in the season.

In a game that featured no punts, the Tigers lost 39-34 in a heartbreaker that saw Tech score in the final two minutes to take the lead.

With the loss of the championship game and Bobby Bowden's retirement from Florida State, Clemson fell to the Music City Bowl in Nashville where it would match up against Kentucky from the SEC.

Spiller would not be denied his first bowl win in his last game as a Clemson Tiger, however. The entire Clemson team stepped up, including young running backs Jamie Harper and Andre Ellington giving a lot of hope to the future of the Tigers after Spiller. Clemson powered its way to a 21-13 victory on a freezing night, giving the senior class, and Swinney, their first bowl victory.

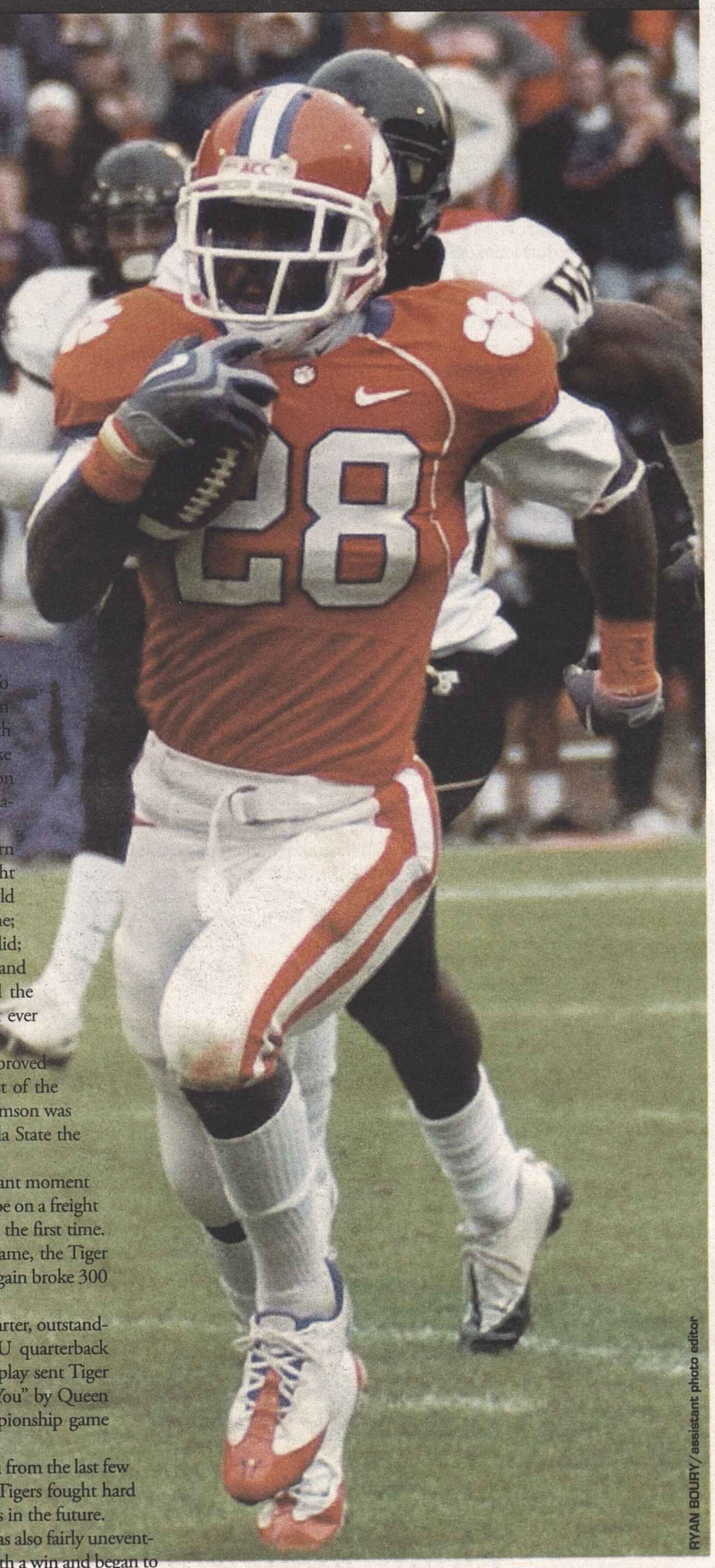
The Tigers finished 24th in the final AP poll. Swinney was only one of two first year coaches to finish in the top 25.

Clemson scored more points this season than any other team in its history.

While Spiller was ridiculously not invited to the Heisman trophy ceremony in New York, he was honored as a unanimous first team All-American, and Clemson is retiring his jersey as well as inducting him into the Ring of Honor.

The season did not completely go in Clemson's direction all year, but the groundwork is now laid for Dabo Swinney. The team this season felt more like a cohesive unit; they seemed like they would never give up, and they never did.

Dabo set out to accomplish something in his first season, and he did it. And personally, I can't wait to see what he does next.



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COACHING *from page C1*

others in such a short time span but alas, the Trojans settled on hiring one of their former golden boys: Lane Kiffin.

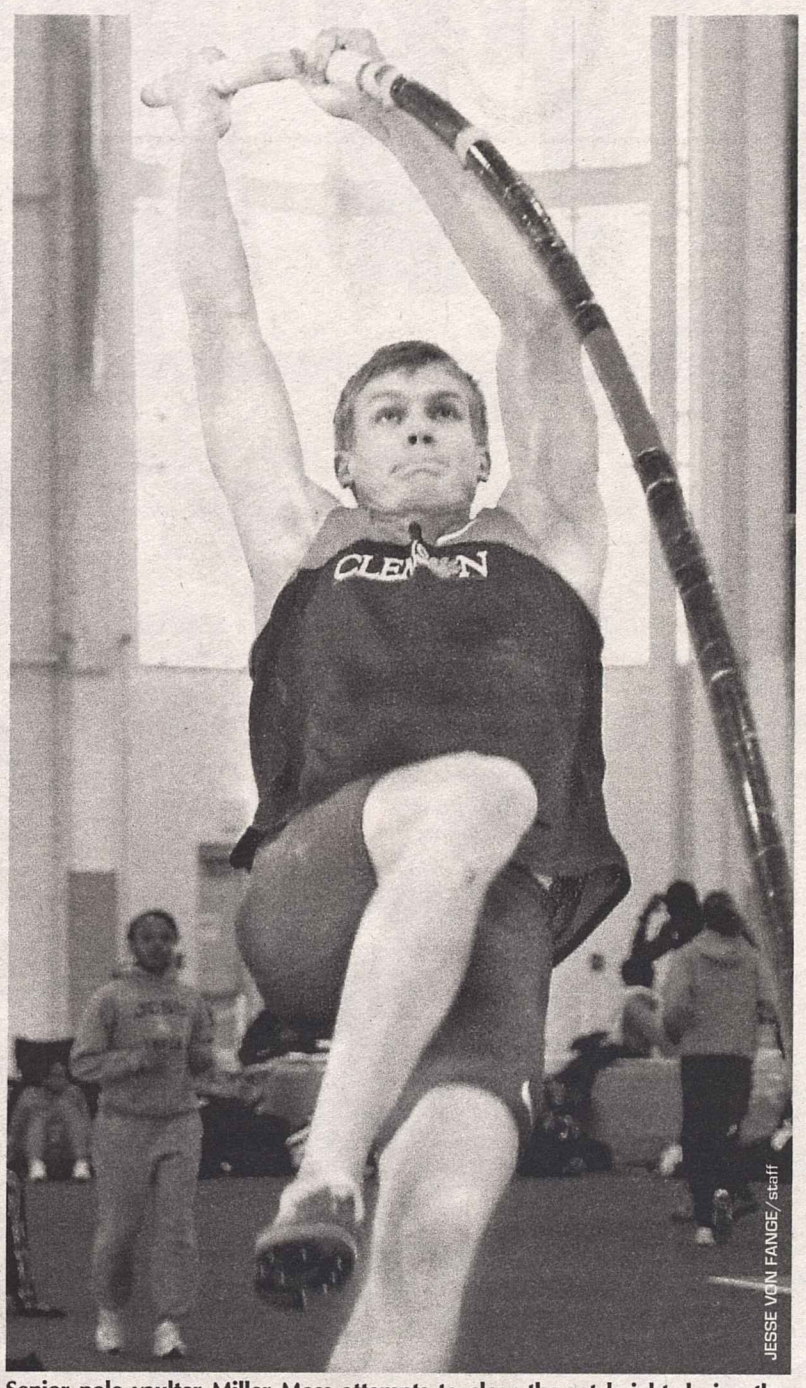
"Why all the fuss about Lane Kiffin," some are inquiring. I mean, yes this is America where everyone has a right to better their situation but there is a small thing called loyalty. Four hundred and eight days after proclaiming UT would be singing "Rocky Top" all night long after they beat the Gators, Kiffin accepted a job at his previous stomping grounds. Kiffin was already somewhat of a villain, in a kind of playful and harmless, "I poach recruits, I've been reprimanded by the conference on multiple occasions" sort of way. He is a young, arrogant guy who managed to parlay one of the most coveted coaching gigs in America despite a resumé worthy of nothing more than a scoff, and was handed the keys to the castle immediately upon his arrival. Maybe Oakland Raiders owner Al Davis wasn't as crazy as he looked when he called Kiffin "a flat-out liar" in the process of kicking the youngest head coach in NFL history to the curb less than a month into the 2008 season.

And now the homecoming parade begins, while the death march out of Knoxville ensues. Fans in the south are that of a different breed with those at UT being no exception to the rule. Upon hearing of the Kiffin's departure, the campus went into an absolute riot complete with mattress burnings, car flippings and a march towards Kiffin's office like that of the Salem Witch Hunt. If I'm Kiffin, I'm hiring a bodyguard, mail opener, stunt double and any other means of protection that will prevent Kiffin from leaving in a body bag.

Kiffin and Carroll have many things to be ashamed of, but this coaching carousel catastrophe is simply a reflection of the flawed system that is the NCAA. Blame Kiffin, blame Carroll, blame whoever you want to, but at the end of the day, it is the NCAA that deserves the most heat for letting these shenanigans occur on a consistent basis.

The Clemson Invitational

Early results from Tiger's Track and Field forecast strong season ahead.



JESSE VON FANGE/ staff

Senior pole vaulter Miller Moss attempts to clear the set height during the Clemson Invitational this past weekend. Both men's and women's teams won.

KEVIN THOMAS
STAFF WRITER

The Clemson Invitational was held this past Friday and Saturday at the Clemson Indoor Track Facility and featured nine teams from across the Southeast. On the first day of the event, the Tigers won eight events and produced four NCAA provisional times.

In the men's 60-meter dash, freshman Warren Fraser tied for first with a time of 6.77 while sophomore Justin Murdock finished in third with a time of 6.81.

In the women's 60-meter dash, freshman Stormy Kendrick placed first with a time of 7.41, which was also good enough for a NCAA provisional time. Kristine Scott, a senior, came in second with a time of 7.54.

There was plenty of controversy in the men's 60-meter hurdles that led to the Clemson runners slowing up due to what they thought was a violation. However, the violation was not called, and the Tigers top performer was freshman Dailyn Moore, who came in third with a time of 8.29.

Freshman Briana Rollins won the women's 60-meter hurdles with a NCAA provisional time of 8.25, which was the second best time in school history. Junior Michaylin Golladay came in second with a time of 8.42. Patricia Mamona, a junior, placed third with a time of 8.64.

In the women's pole vault, senior Caroline Kennedy won the event by clearing 12'5.5".

April Sinkler, a sophomore, won the women's high jump with a jump of 5'9.25".

The men's distance medley relay team brought home first place with a time of 10:25.42. The team consisted of junior Jasen Turnbull, sophomore Bobby Smith, sophomore Chris Slate and junior Tyler Morey.

The women's distance medley team of junior Stephanie Buffo, freshman Karine Farias, sophomore Candace Sapp and sophomore Kim Ruck brought home a victory as well with a time of 12:07.05.

Junior Alex Padgett won the men's shot put with a distance of 55'11.75". Sophomore Stephen White was third with a distance of 49'2.25".

The Tigers won 12 event titles on Saturday, the second day of the Clemson Invitational.

In the men's 500-meter, freshman Jordan Rispress was the runner-up with a time of 1:05.22.

In the women's 500-meter, Rollins, who was named ACC Performer of the Week for Track & Field, claimed her second title of the invitational with a time of 1:14.47, holding off fellow freshman Sonni Austin, who was the runner-up with a time of 1:14.70. Freshman Brittany Pringley was third with a time of 1:17.02.

Fraser claimed his second title of the weekend in the men's 300-meter by posting a time of 34.75. Murdock finished second with a time of 35.33.

With a time of 39.41, Scott was able to win the women's 300-meter. Freshman Jasmine Edgerson was runner-up with a time of 39.80, while Golladay was third with a time of 39.94.

In the men's mile, Morey claimed the title with a time of 4:26.03.

Buffo did the same on the women's side, winning the women's mile with a time of 5:16.04.

Slate brought home the title for the Tigers in the men's 800-meter with a time of 1:54.57. Fellow Tiger Turnbull was the runner-up with a time of 1:54.72.

In the women's 800-meter, Sapp was the runner-up after posting a time of 2:24.91.

In the men's 4x400-meter relay, the Clemson team consisting of freshmen Marcus Maxey, Rispress, La'Mont Jackson and junior Miller Moss came in first place with a time of 3:17.89.

Austin, Farias, Mamona and Pringley combined to win the women's 4x400-meter relay by finishing with a time of 3:47.68.

Sophomore Alyssa Kulick took home first place in the women's 3K with a time of 10:09.18.

In the women's long jump, Sinkler brought home her second title of the invitational by posting a jump of 19'4.75". Jasmine Brunson, a freshman, was second with a distance of 18'10".

Padgett won his second event of the weekend by hitting a mark of 59'11" in the 35-pound weight throw. Freshman Brittany Waller was the runner-up in the women's 20-pound weight throw with a throw of 50'3.5".

In the men's high jump, Moss came in second with a jump of 6'2.75". Xavier Tromp, a senior, won the men's pole vault with a mark of 16'4.75".

Clemson track & field athletes won a total of 20 events over the two-day Clemson Invitational.

The Tiger track & field teams return to action on Jan.15 and 16 at the Virginia Tech Invitational in Blacksburg, Va.

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SECTION D

AVATAR

Hollywood turns to technology for big screen visuals but skimps on film's original story.

GREG BLANTON

If the 21st century demonstrated anything, it's that the future of film will be dictated by money and technology. The trend began taking hold in the late '90s, but by the time '09 came to an end, films like "Transformers" and "The Dark Knight" became status quo in the cinema.

The entire career of writer and director James Cameron, the man behind "Avatar" (and "Titanic"), is based on high-tech films with nine-figure budgets. Avatar demanded a $300 million budget of its own in order to pioneer Cameron's 3D technology and needed to gross $700 million just to break even! Used to be, if a film reached a fraction of that sum, studio execs were popping champagne. Now, if movies don't make it to half a billion they're failures.

Lost in the fray of money and technology is the art of film. A common concern voiced during the months of hype leading up to "Avatar's" unveiling was whether the film would be a technological masturbation at the expense of a story. While there is a well-constructed storyline present (with sci-fi, you can get away with just about anything), Cameron has clearly not spent as much time on plot and character as he has the technology.

Look through the history of Hollywood, and it is obvious where Cameron has drawn his ideas; each character, storyline and plot twist are all clichés and stereotypes that have been repeated and recycled for decades.

The binary of good versus evil is the most rudimentary of conflicts, and the musical and visual cues give the viewer no room to decide for himself who and who not to like. And in a film as political as Avatar, these cues become offensive authorial bias.

It may come as a surprise, but yes — politics. Yep, it's pretty clear which eight years were the influence for Avatar. In the not-so-distant future, the Earth has expended all of its natural resources, so the American government has enlisted a team of trigger-happy Marines and enlightened scientists to invade another planet to exploit its resources at the expense of the indigenous people and culture, all under the pretext of offering medicine and education. Sound familiar? Throw in lingo like 'tree-huggers' and 'military meat-heads' (these are actual terms used in the film) and you begin to feel like your skull bashed in with a 2x4 of fanatical liberal propaganda.

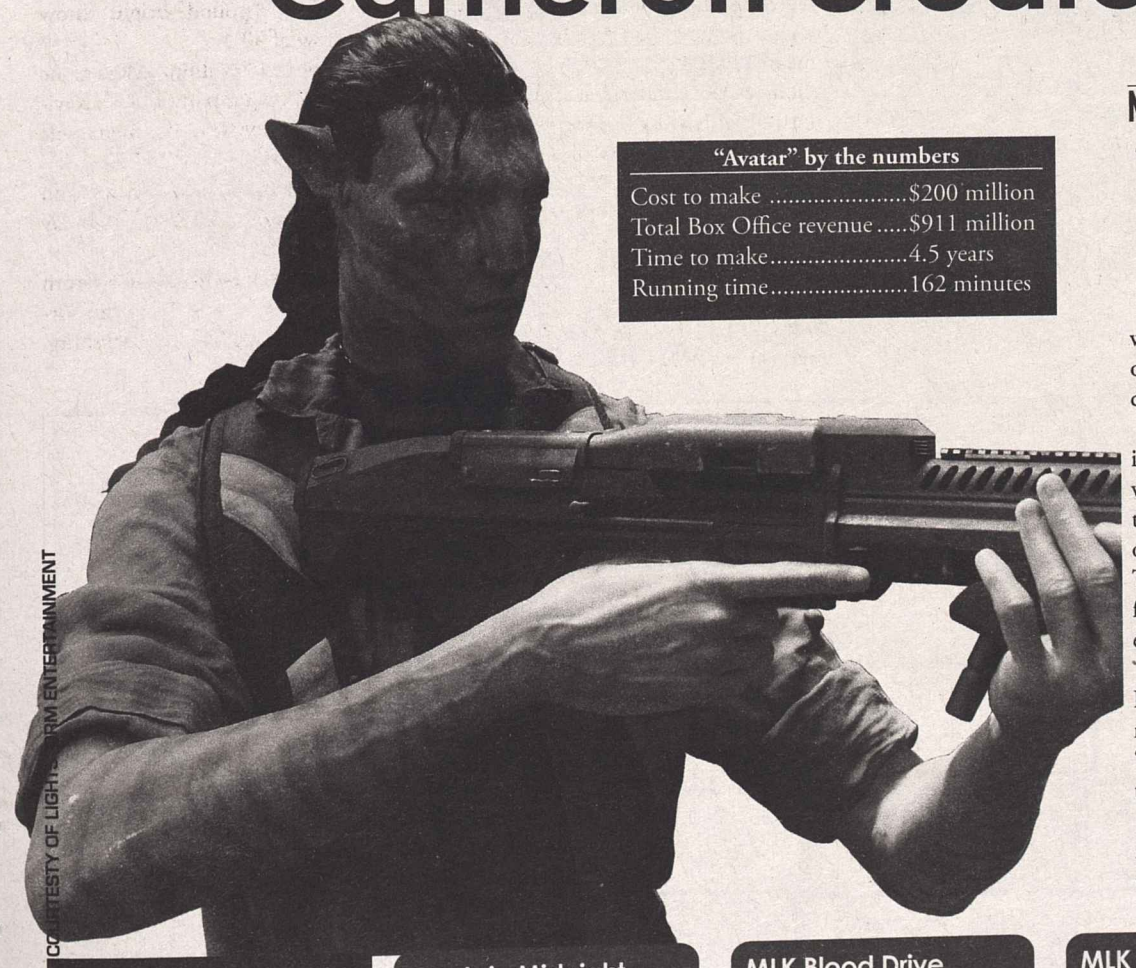
To Cameron's credit, the visuals are incredible. He has taken 3D technology and computer-generated effects to a whole new level. However, at what point does technology transcend — and ultimately replace — the artistic value of cerebral film?

Is Hollywood really only good for bludgeoning audiences with computer-generated thrills? And with the bloated price tags of these technology-heavy films, Hollywood will always be preoccupied with financial rather than artistic success.

The century's first decade has offered a bleak outlook on the fate of film. Expect more nine-digit budgets, and expect those films to recycle and rehash the characters and stories of all the cliché films that came before them. Expect to keep paying 10 dollars for two hours of computer effects masturbation, and expect to keep left feeling as empty as the artistically hollow movies of modern times.

COURTESTY OF LIGHTSTORM ENTERTAINMENT

Cameron creates sci-fi spectacle



COURTESTY OF LIGHTSTORM ENTERTAINMENT

"Avatar" by the numbers

Cost to make	$200 million
Total Box Office revenue	$911 million
Time to make	4.5 years
Running time	162 minutes

MOLLY CARPENTER

Heading into a James Cameron blockbuster, it's hard not to have incredibly high expectations. I mean, the man made "Titanic."

However, I have come to find that often, when your standards are this high, you often leave the theater disappointed. This is definitely NOT the case with "Avatar."

Cameron started developing the story in 1995, but realized the current technology would not have done his vision justice. Since then, he has been working alongside 2,000 other people to make his dream a reality. The result: a jaw-dropping, awe-inspiring film that blows away even the highest of expectations.

Throughout the movie's 160 minutes, I found myself having to actively remind myself that what I was watching wasn't real. "Avatar's" plot takes us to the year 2154, to the moon of Pandora.

The land possesses a resource of great monitorial value to humans, so naturally they set up camp in an army base. Besides the few scientists who are fascinated by Pandora's natural creatures, the base is occupied by military men who want to take the land by force.

Luckily, former marine and paraplegic, Jake Sully, ends up in Pandora and uses the advanced technology to become an avatar — a native look alike. Through adventures with the people, he learns of their intertwining bond with the forest, the animals and nature as a whole.

Logically, this leads to quite the conflict between the humans and the natives, and epic battle scenes light up the 3-D screen.

While "Avatar's" plot and character development may be superficial at times, the magic seen on the screen is well worth the price of your ticket. James Cameron has truly changed movie technology, especially when it comes to the increasing number of 3-D films.

"Avatar" is a film for everyone — young and old, girls and guys, those who love sci-fi and those who don't. It is something remarkable, something that will be talked about for years.

Go see "Avatar." You will not be disappointed.

WHAT'S going ON

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ROCKIN' OUT IN 2010

Albums to look forward to this year

DAVID BALLOU

Liars | "Sisterworld"
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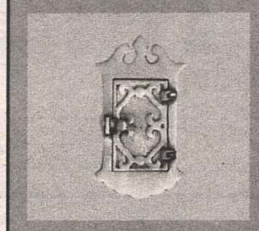

Why you should care: Liars is a tricky band to put your finger on. As soon as it seems like Liars established a sound it says "screw it" and ditched its previous ideas for a new direction. Advance single "Scissor" might have been my favorite song of the past year, blending the ethereal quality of "Drums Not Dead" with the brash noise assault of its self-titled first album.

10 words or less: If you don't like it, you'll love to hate it.

Yeasayer | "Odd Blood"
Secretly Canadian | Feb. 9

Why You Should Care: A band I would describe as a more tribal Talking Heads are back with its sophomore album. "Odd Blood" is much more electronic than its debut "All Hour Cymbals," and its has fully indulged its pop sensibilities. A review I read jokingly (or not?) stated that these songs could be played at our children's prom 30 years from now.

10 words or less: Dance-funk-electro-grooves for the new decade.

Foals | "TBA"
Sub Pop | TBD

Why you should care: The dance-punk-math rock Oxford quintet has been working on its follow up to 2008's "Antidotes" since August. In an interview it described the album as "a dream of an eagle dying." Whatever that means. But seriously, this stuff is so catchy you can't help but want to move, and it's heady enough to satisfy the music snobs. Everybody wins.

10 words or less: The lead singer looks like Prince.

Arcade Fire | "TBA"
Merge | May

Why you should care: The masters of the modern anthem-sing along return with their orchestra squeezed into a pop band. There is no official title or release date, but second-hand accounts of the recording process have described frontman Win Butler's songs as "better." Given the group's previous body of work that is extremely high praise.

10 words or less: Indie band most likely to make the "leap."

Battles | "TBA"
Warp | TBD

Why you should care: Battles 2007 debut "Mirrored" was perhaps one of the most creative and unique releases of the last decade. Combining innovative use of loops and technology with seemingly infinite musical chops, the group created a sound that was totally weird and equally awesome. There isn't a lot of info about its upcoming release, other than that there will in fact be a new Battles album out in 2010. Stay tuned.

10 Words or less: They'll be our ambassadors when robots take over.

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El Quiz

1. Which major world city became the first to reach a population of one million?

2. Both the United States and what European country have mountain ranges called Sierra Nevada?

3. How long did the 100 Years War last?

4. What fast food restaurant is credited with introducing the "drive-thru" window?

5. Which sport causes the most eye injuries in the United States?

Recipe

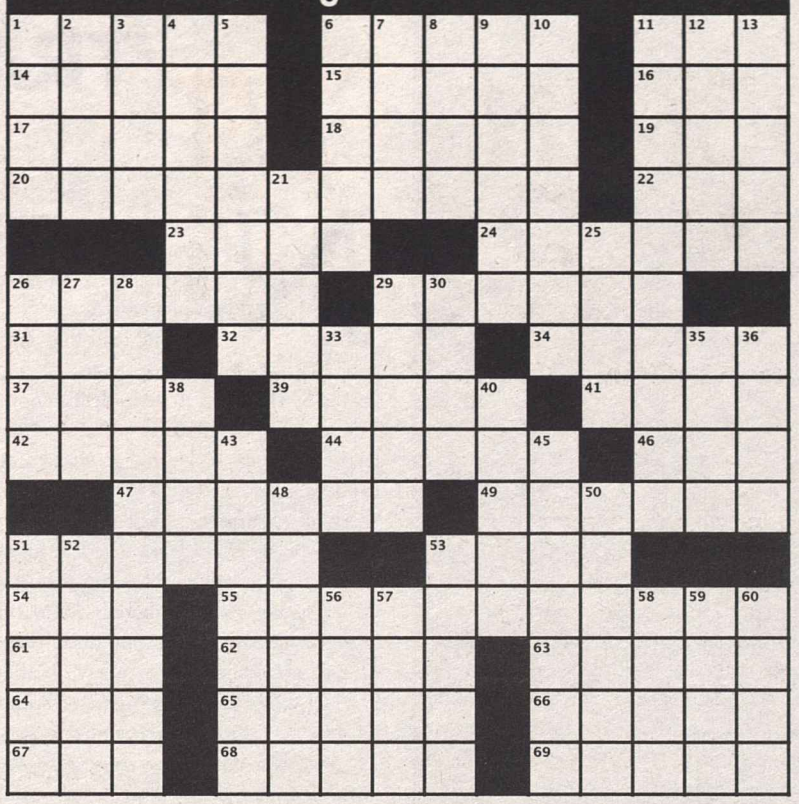
Ritzy Thin Mints

Yield: About 24 cookies

1 package Ritz Low Sodium Crackers
1/2 package dark chocolate chips
1/2 package milk chocolate chips
2-3 teaspoons peppermint extract/flavoring
wax paper

1. In a glass bowl, melt all chocolate chips by microwaving them for two minutes. Stir and microwave in 30-second increments until smooth.
2. Add peppermint flavoring and stir.
3. Dip crackers in the chocolate to cover completely and place on wax paper to dry.
4. Chill in fridge before serving.

Crossword



ACROSS
1. Ski lifts
6. Large ray
11. Born with the name
14. Tropical greeting
15. Made in China
16. Paramedic letters
17. They're verboten
18. Operating system choice
19. "__ bin ein Berliner" (JFK quote)
20. "Hollaback Girl" singer (2001)
22. "Inside Man" director Spike
23. Stops running
24. Movie trailer, e.g.
26. Educated show-off
29. "There's no other explanation"
31. Stage actress Hagen
32. Pun follower, at times
34. Song from on high?
37. Work on a roadway
39. PC character representation
41. Harvard rival
42. Loses weight
44. River of oblivion
46. "The Wizard of Oz" locale (abbr.)
47. Plays copycat
49. Still around
51. Lettered man's letters
53. Mama's mate
54. Pitcher's stat
55. "Brown Eyed Girl" singer (1967)
61. Portable bed
62. Fencing weapons
63. School at the Sorbonne
64. "__ on a Grecian Urn"
65. Roberto Duran's 1980 surrender
66. Flinches
67. Happy resonse to a marriage proposal
68. Mink wrap
69. Fodder figures?

DOWN
1. Drink in space
2. Explode, as a volcano
3. Top shelf
4. Actress Fleming
5. Talking back
6. Y chromosome carriers
7. "Dream on!"
8. Fashion designer Ricci
9. Jeers
10. Butterflies in the stomach
11. "Calendar Girl" singer (1961)
12. One who runs the show
13. Bygone anesthetic
21. Brightly colored aquarium fish
25. "__Named Sue" (Johnny Cash song)
26. Litter members
27. Latin abbr. used in lists
28. "Goodbye Girl" singer (1978)
29. Clubbing weapons
30. Part of ICU
33. City where Nobel Peace Prizes are awarded
35. Zip
36. Post-Mardi Gras observance
38. Dubai VIP
40. "__ a Symphony" (Supremes hit)
43. Supreme Court Justice John Paul
45. Put into words
48. Tempest locale?
50. Slow movement exercises
51. Wooden duck
52. Eat into
53. Deputized party
56. Jules Verne's sub captain
57. Lunch, e.g.
58. Get dirty
59. Muffin spread
60. The Untouchables' leader

Word o' the Week

resolutionary | rezəˈloō sh əˌnerē | adjective

Engaged in the January fad of vowing to make unrealistic changes or accomplish the impossible, most often involving absurd dieting or exercising regiments that will be abandoned by March.

Solutions

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El Quiz Answers

1. Rome
2. Spain
3. 116 years (1337-1453 A.D.)
4. Wendy's
5. baseball

Horoscopes

Aries
March 21 – April 20

For you, there is nothing better than being back at Clemson for another semester. Except, maybe, three more weeks of vacation. Sorry, but there's not much of the latter in sight.

Taurus
April 21 – May 20

You will fail to keep your new year's resolution to keep your new year's resolutions. But that's okay; you didn't have anything to resolve. You're lucky you're pretty much perfect already.

Gemini
May 21 – June 21

Don't be afraid to stick it to the man this week. Just be sure to figure out what "it" is first.

Cancer
June 22 – July 22

No matter how loudly and painfully the depths of your bowels protest, you know you'll be back at Taco Bell, satisfying your craving for the cheap, cheesy gift from God that it is.

Libra
Sept. 23 – Oct. 23

As of today, you are to devote a considerable amount of your time, money and energy to emulating Lady Gaga. It'll totally be worth it.

Leo
July 23 – Aug. 23

Though you will fancy yourself quite the experienced and cultured traveler after this weekend's road trip, everyone knows you just went to Alabama.

Scorpio
Oct. 24 – Nov. 21

Go ahead, eat away your feelings. They taste delicious and contain zero calories!

Virgo
Aug. 24 – Sept. 22

You're going to accomplish some great things in your life, but as you will soon discover, escaping from a plummeting elevator is not one of them.

Sagittarius
Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

This week, start to put your money towards something that will impress your friends and destroy your enemies. Think big. Like a circus elephant.

Capricorn
Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

Judging from the frostbite and hypothermia you sustained last time, running in little more than shorts after the sun goes down is probably not a good idea.

Aquarius
Jan. 20 – Feb. 19

Just because Harcombe and Schilletter offer all-you-can-eat dining, you are not required to eat all you can. Consider this advice before dinner tonight and you'll thank the stars you did.

Pisces
Feb. 20 – March 20

Somewhere in the world there is a kitten that needs you. Go find it.

Jersey Shore Puppet Pals

Ross Kucsera

Step 1: Cut out your favorite Jersey Shore character.

Step 2: Attach popsicle stick to back of each cast member's head.

Step 3: Fist pump.

Step 4: Repeat Step 3.

TOP FIVE

New Year's Resolutions

BEKAH WILSON

5 **Become involved.** This new season of your life opens doors of opportunity to involve yourself in more activities. Take this time to join an organization. A great way to use this resolution for the benefit of others would be to volunteer your time for the community. To benefit yourself, you could join an intramural team or try out for a club team. Making a difference and being a part of something gives a sense of worth and has rewards. You can meet new people, improve skills or gain new ones. Be sure to not just think about joining a group. Actually go through with it this semester, instead of just speculating about the possibilities.

4 **Increase knowledge.** Toward the end of last semester, if you are honest with yourself, you began to slack in school. Exam week may have reinforced old study habits, but otherwise school slipped down your list of priorities. With the start of this new semester, last fall's grades are fresh in your mind. For a resolution, you have intentions to study more and improve your GPA for the second semester. It's an admirable goal, but try to keep it. You may actually read your books and take notes the first few weeks. However, like most students it's easy to get caught up in work, activities and your social life. Even if you don't keep up this resolution, at least your grades will be excellent for the first two weeks of the semester.

3 **Live life.** New Year means new life. With the years ticking away, a realization comes that you want to live your life and live it to the fullest. It is time to be daring. Do something spontaneous and unusual. Try new sports like rock climbing or lacrosse. Make a trip to an ethnic restaurant or have a girl's night out at a dance club. It is time to face your fears and try the new things you avoided last year. A brand new year is a great excuse to forget inhibitions and enjoy life. This resolution is the best excuse to be young, be foolish and be happy.

2 **Get organized.** After a year of misplaced important papers and cluttered living space, it is time to clean up. No more scrambling to find the perfect outfit or wondering where your iPod is hidden. What better time to finally use the file folders you bought before school began? With the start of the year, it is time to get it together and stop being lazy. After cleaning and organizing, you feel more prepared for each day. This habit usually slows down after a few months, so if you have a roommate that transformed from slob to neat freak, be warned that their new behavior is unlikely to be permanent.

1 **Shape up.** Every year, this tops the majority of resolution lists. After Jan.1, it's a guarantee that the gym will be loaded with those trying to slim and trim. With bikini season only a few months away, everybody's wanting to get in shape to look their best for the summer. In addition to exercise, a healthy and balanced diet becomes another part of the new self for the New Year. The line for the salad and bar becomes insanely crowded, and the pizza and dessert trays are barely touched. It may be bothersome to wait in line for the treadmill or a healthy meal, but not to worry...the craze will fade away by the end of February.

TRAVIS TRAMPLES THROUGH THE TRENDS

TRAVIS ANDERSON

Now that you have your Snuggie from Christmas, and you can buy sex dolls that have a personality (it's true, Google it, perverts), here we are in 2010.

Wait, read that aloud again: we are in the year 2010. As it came to my attention at a recent party, some people STILL seem to be in deliberation about how to say this delicate number: 2010. Two-thousand-ten? Twenty-ten? Two-o-ten? Twenty-one-o? Let me go ahead and solve this problem of the decade for you: IT DOESN'T MATTER.

Unless you're figuring out rhymes for your wicked raps for your next poetry battle, or deciding in your death bed, gasping for breath with few syllables left in you, that your last words will be "when I was a kid, I thought in 2010 I'd be sleeping with androids, not fishes," do you need to worry about how you say "2010." If it is not for maintaining rhyme or limiting syllables, then it's without rhyme or reason.

So where does this consciousness of pronunciation come from? Of course! The bloody Internet. Laughing becomes "L-O-L," New Year's Eve becomes "N-Y-E," and we becomes annoyed. People seem to think that text translates perfectly to verbal conversation, and vice versa. It doesn't, and that's why most every paper you turn in will have comma splices and people sarcastically reiterate "I-D-K, my B-F-F Jill."

Keep the texting jargon to text conversations. Some people try to argue that abbreviations and saying things a certain way are done so out of "efficiency." That's total BS. (See what I did there?) The abbreviations are efficient in text, but when you're saying "T-T-Y-L," you may have spared yourself one mighty syllable, but you've also induced five more pauses because of how awkwardly the letters connect.

Back to thinking about our self-consciousness of how we sound, it has nothing to do with sounding proper, it becomes about fitting in; caring about how we sound comes down to our painful attachment to self-consciousness. One does not want to say "the year two-thousand-ten" if it makes them sound like a stuffy professor and for those that remember, certain TV shows were called "T-R-L" and "one-o-six-and-park" for a reason. It's all about sounding fresh.

Is there anything wrong about that? No, not really. A lot of how you're perceived is based upon how you sound in your speech. But if you're seriously in the middle of speaking to someone, thinking "oh geez, should I say 'twenty-ten' or 'two-thousand-ten?'" then take that question to a therapist so you can get put away where you belong, an asylum. Yes, how you sound will affect your "style" and how people receive you, but that doesn't mean you need to arbitrate a supposedly cool, verbal style. Let yourself be who you are and let the words come out from you. Still, think before you speak; there's enough verbal diarrhea going around. Just don't "think how you speak."

> **"But if you're... thinking "oh geez, should I say 'twenty-ten' or 'two-thousand-ten?'" then take that question to a therapist...."**

So yes, we care about our appearances, so we care about how we sound. But there's no need to take it so far. Here are three brilliant words to think about: NO ONE CARES. Sure, President Barack Obama's skills as an orator helped him win his title, but he claimed it from a George W. Bush who was the first president ever elected who did not speak the English language.

However relevant or not, I will close with a line I heard from a black guy at a slam poetry contest where he spoke about the difficulty of speaking "proper English" as a black man: Just because I know how to speak JIVE and JOB INTERVIEW does not make me any less "black."

But no, I could not forget an imploration! Let's get the year started out right. I implore you to purposefully mispronounce something for the sake of humor. It should evoke a response in between "what did he just say" and "what the hell did he just say." If you're feeling extremely bold, the next time you get pulled over by a cop, say "what's the problem, Ociffer?"

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DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR MAY 2010 GRADUATION IS JANUARY 27, 2010

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2) Deadline to apply electronically is **January 27, 2010**. After this, you must obtain a diploma application from Enrolled Student Services, 104 Sikes Hall for undergraduate students and 104D Sikes Hall for graduate students.

   a) Then, make all fee payment(s) in Bursar's Office.

   b) **Return completed application** to Enrolled Student Services, 104 Sikes Hall for undergraduate students and 104D Sikes Hall for graduate students.

Note: Providing the information requested on the application, paying any fees, and returning the completed application to Enrolled Student Services properly notifies the University that you desire to be a candidate for graduation.

Additional Notes

- **The May ceremonies will be held on Friday, May 7 in Littlejohn Coliseum.**
- **Anyone applying after January 27, 2010 will be charged an initial fee of $25 with an additional charge of $5 each day thereafter.**

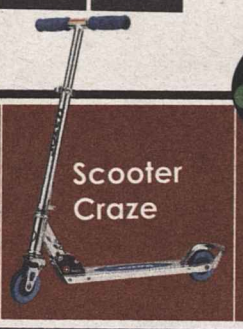
Decade in Review

Melissa Whitson
Ross Kucsera

00

Y2K: The so-called millennium bug never lives up to its hype: computers don't crash, clocks don't explode and the world doesn't end.

Six-year-old Elián González captures the attention of the world as a custody battle takes place between the boy's father in Cuba and relatives in the U.S.



Scooter Craze

"Survivor" premieres, spawning America's unhealthy obsession with watching people do ridiculous, often humiliating things on TV.

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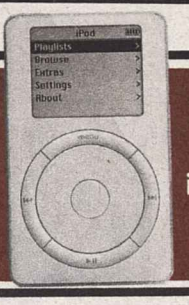
"Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring" is released.

American patriotism revived: Following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, U.S. flags are seen everywhere in the spirit of unity.



Original iPod hits the market.

Microsoft's Xbox and Nintendo's GameCube are released, stealing sales from Sony's PlayStation 2.

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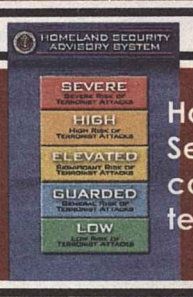
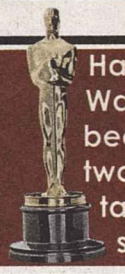
Kelly Clarkson becomes the first winner of popular reality TV show "American Idol."



Homeland Security unveils color-coded terrorism alerts.

Ten people are shot and killed and three others injured in the Washington, D.C. area and along Interstate 95 in Virginia. John Allen Muhammad and Lee Boyd Malvo are later arrested.



Halle Berry and Denzel Washington's Oscar win becomes the first time two African Americans take top honors in the same year.

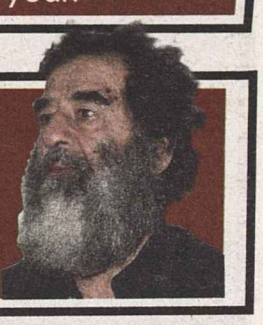
03

Martha Stewart spends five months in jail after being convicted of insider trading.

Apple launches iTunes Music Store.

SARS reaches pandemic proportions as it spreads to 37 countries. People everywhere don surgical masks to prevent infection.

Saddam Hussein is captured in Iraq.



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Janet Jackson has a "wardrobe malfunction" at the Super Bowl halftime performance.

The ringtone industry is valued at $4 billion.

Facebook launches.

The day after Christmas, a massive earthquake occurrs off the west coast of Indonesia, triggering numerous tsunamis and subsequent flooding. More than 200,000 people are killed in 14 countries.

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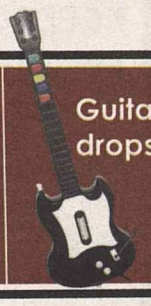
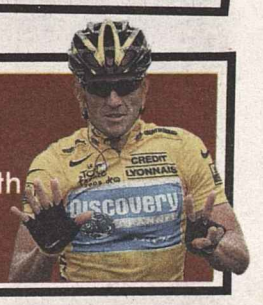
YouTube debuts with "Me at the Zoo" video.



Guitar Hero drops.

Attacks on London's transport system leaves 56 dead.

Katrina becomes the costliest hurricane to hit American soil after it inundates the Gulf Coast, causing flooding from Texas to central Florida.



Lance Armstrong wins seventh Tour de France.

06

Social networking gets all the more annoying with the introduction of microblogging site Twitter.

Italy wins World Cup.

Vista arrives.

U2 takes home five Grammys, including Album of the Year with "How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb."

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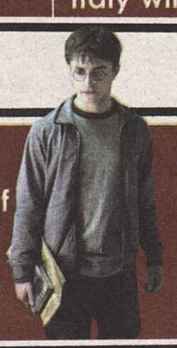
iPhone is released.

The seventh and final installment of the "Harry Potter" books is published.



Popular TV show "The Sopranos" ends in a cliffhanger after six seasons, leaving audience members wondering what really happened to main Mob man Tony.

The nation is saddened and shocked when a student kills 32 people at Virginia Tech University.

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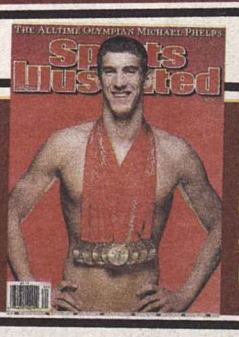
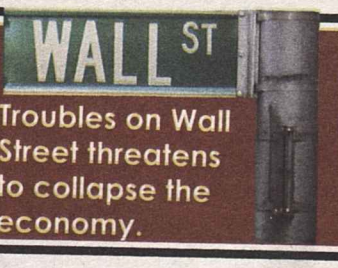
A 7.9-magnitude earthquake hits the Sichuan Province of China, killing 70,000 people.



Swimmer Michael Phelps wins a record-setting eight gold medals in the Beijing Olympics.



Troubles on Wall Street threatens to collapse the economy.

Barack Obama is elected.

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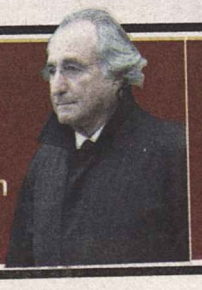
Bernie Madoff, former Chairman of the NASDAQ stock exchange, is convicted for his role in an elaborate Ponzi Scheme.



Michael Jackson dies at age 50.

The new H1N1 virus, nicknamed the swine flu, makes its way around the world.

Tiger Woods admits to infidelity and retires from professional golf indefinitely.

CLEMSON MAJOR EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS ON SALE THIS FRIDAY, 1-15-10

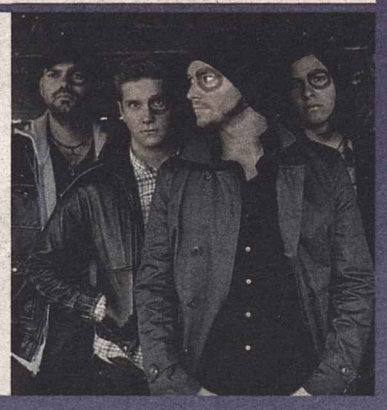
MARCH 5, 2010
LEWIS BLACK
IN GOD WE RUST

For Mature Audiences Only — DOORS AT 7 p.m.

APRIL 23, 2010
with Will Hoge and Matt Hires

DOORS AT 7:30 p.m.

NEEDTOBREATHE
-WON'T TURN BACK TOUR-



IN ANCIENT ROME, CROWDS CHEERED

WHILE ANGRY TIGERS MAULED THEIR OPPONENTS.

THE MORE THINGS CHANGE, THE MORE THEY STAY THE SAME.

College Basketball on ESPN
The Middle of the Frying Pan.

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Will you be picked?

Hey clemson!

As you get back into your busy schedule, we, too, are shifting into full gear finalizing your spring concert line up.

Diversity is critical to the booking process. Over the past couple of years we have hit every genre from Hip Hop to Country from Christian to Modern Rock from Indie to Classic Rock from Jam Bands to Kid's Shows. We listen first to our students and we also work with outside promoters to bring in shows that work for our community.

The first two shows we have to announce for this semester couldn't be more different but they both go on sale today, January 15! Get your discount tickets at Hendrix Student Center starting at 10a.m.

Lewis Black is coming with his mad brand of comedy to Littlejohn Coliseum on Friday, March 5. You will recognize him from his appearances on The Daily Show and his Comedy Central specials. Tickets are $32 for floor seats and $22 for bowl tickets with a $5 discount with CUID.

NEEDTOBREATHE brings the Won't Turn Back Tour to Littlejohn Coliseum on Friday, April 23, with special guests Matt Hires and Will Hoge. Last fall they played the Handlebar in Greenville and sold out three nights in a row! Seats are general admission and are only $22 with a $5 discount for students with CUID. www.needtobreathe.net

These are the first two shows we're announcing. Keep on the look out for more breaking concert alerts via the TPP twitter account or the LJC twitter account. You can visit our website for the links.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please let me know at lcogles@clemson.edu.

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