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Students lobby for higher education

A group of Clemson representatives traveled to Columbia to gain fiscal support.

TAYLOR REEVES
News Editor

A group of Clemson students traveled to Columbia on Tuesday, Feb. 17 to lobby for higher education at the State House. Led by Undergraduate Student Body President Callie Boyd, this group was joined by students and representatives from USC, College of Charleston and Coastal Carolina University. The trip was planned in response to the budgetary crisis that the University is now facing. Attending students spoke to groups of legislators in minority caucus meetings as well as to individual senators and representatives about their views concerning the financial blows that have been dealt to Clemson.

The endeavor not only made student voices heard to law makers but also boosted student morale and confidence in the University's ability to rise against pressing economic times. As one student in attendance, Josh Kelly said, "Whether or not the state legislators intentionally turned a blind eye to students today or not, they heard and felt our presence on the steps of the state capital, and it's not the last they will see of us."



Students interact with state senators and representatives to promote higher education funding.

Housing promotes diversity

CEC enables participants to engage with various cultures.

KATE RIPLEY
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

It's the question on everybody's mind this time of year: "Where am I going to live next semester?" Before signing those housing contracts, consider a more exotic option by applying for Clemson's Cultural Exchange Community program.

The Cultural Exchange Community (CEC) is a living-learning community in which American students and international students live together in a common area to help those coming from foreign countries adjust to college life in America. Through living in these arrangements, students are exposed to different cultures and are able to expand their horizons of the world without leaving their on-campus apartment.

CEC is located in Calhoun Courts, on campus apartments that allow students to enjoy the excitement of living on campus while having the luxury of a kitchen and living room. Each apartment holds four students, usually two American and two international students.

The program was put into place essentially to allow students to connect to the world around them and bridge the cultural gap that many colleges struggle to fill. Resident Cultural Assistants often hold events to make learning about other ways



Ashley Bjerregaard, Yuki Kihara, Caroline Jans and William Dalrymple are involved with the CEC housing program in Calhoun Courts.

of life fun and exciting by holding events like Japanese Sushi Night and "Aussi's are In."

For an American student, the experience will allow one to show hospitality to someone who may be homesick in a foreign country and need a friend. The program also allows for reciprocal learning about interesting traditions and getting help on an upcoming French test.

For Emily Whyte, a freshman political science major, living in CEC sounded like a new experience she couldn't wait to be a part of. "CEC was the first option I saw on my

housing application," she said. "I looked it up on the Clemson Web page and it sounded like something I wanted to do."

Whyte was originally from Chapin, S.C., but after her sophomore year of high school decided to live with her dad who works with the United States Army in Germany. This was also a deciding factor in living in CEC.

"I wanted to live in the CEC because I was coming from Germany and a little sad about leaving what

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FCA threatened

Clause may impact religious groups.

KATIE WELBORN
STAFF WRITER

President Barack Obama signed a \$787 billion stimulus package into law on February 14. The bill contains language that caused concern on Capitol Hill and among campus religious leaders.

The stimulus bill prevents colleges and universities from using stimulus funds on facilities that are utilized for religious purposes.

Specifically the bill states that no stimulus funding should be used to renovation or repair facilities “(i) used for sectarian instruction, religious worship, or school department of divination, or (ii) in which a substantial portion of functions of the facility are subsumed in a religious mission.”

On Feb. 13, the House voted 246-183 to pass the stimulus package with opposition from every House Republican and seven Democrats. The package received its 60 votes to pass in the Senate where three out of 41 Senate Republicans voted in support.

Section 805 of the House of Representatives' version of the bill caused fear that it might

limit or bar religious activity inside campus buildings.

Sen. Jim DeMint (S.C.) drew attention to this section as it appeared in the House bill. "This provision is a clear attack on people of faith and it must be removed," said DeMint's spokesman, Wesley Denton.

"Why is an economic stimulus bill being used to kick religious groups off college campuses? It is a clear violation of students' constitutional rights and it should disturb Americans that they are trying to slip this through while people are concerned about the economy. The real question is who inserted this discrimination into the bill, and why," Denton said.

Jay Sekulow, an attorney with the American Center for Law and Justice agreed. Sekulow wrote, "This provision would, in fact, prohibit universities that allow student groups to use facilities for Bible studies or worship services from receiving federal funds under the stimulus package."

Clemson Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) leader, Justin Lambert, was in Washington and witnessed the bill's protest. Lambert went to D.C. with the National Leadership Program and

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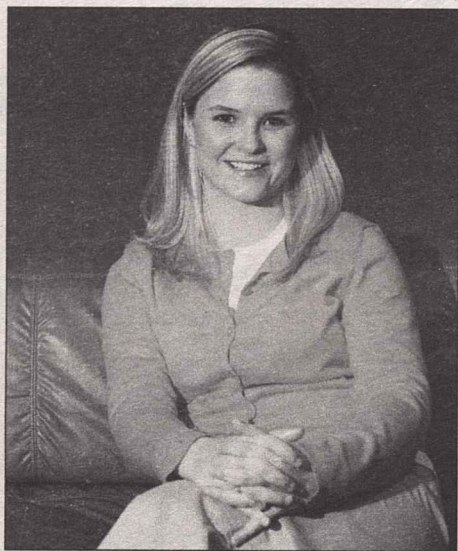
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By Taylor Reeves

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UNDERGRADUATE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

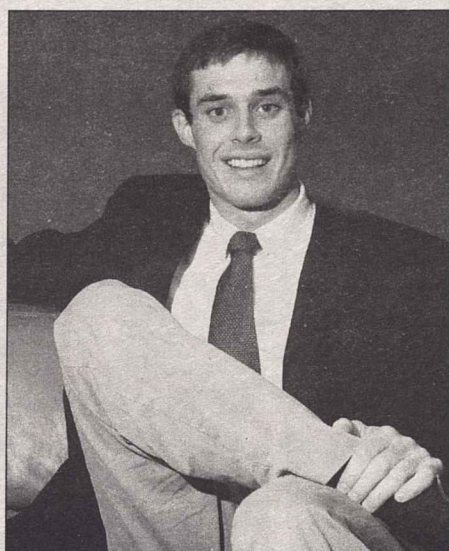
ABBY DANIEL

**Junior, Biological Sciences**www.abbyforpresident.com

"My goal in serving as your next student body president would be to use my experience and background to best represent students effectively in the coming year. I look forward to meeting you in the coming week! Go Tigers!"

Abby Daniel hopes to help students make Clemson "their" school. She plans to do this by increasing student employment and streamlining some academic services so they serve the student body more easily. She would afford students every opportunity for input and make members of Clemson University Student Government (CUSG) more accessible. Maintaining Clemson experience is very important to Daniel. Students will have to get involved in decisions since a lot is going to be changing due to budget cuts.

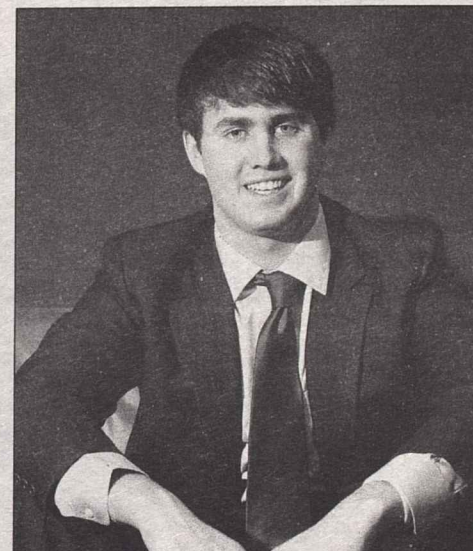
RICHARD MAGRATH

**Junior, Accounting**www.richardforpresident.com

"Clemson University is my passion. I will not let this university down; it means too much to me. I would love to serve you as your next student body president."

Richard Magrath's platform largely concerns student prosecution. Off campus, first-time misdemeanor offenses are prosecuted by the University. If a student is found in violation of the code of conduct, this violation goes on said student's record for six years. While this misdemeanor may be expunged from a student's criminal record, it remains on his or her Clemson record and could have a possible effect on graduate school admittance or career hiring. Magrath proposes a two-year probationary period for first-time misdemeanor offense. Further policies may be found on Magrath's Web site.

TREY ROBINSON

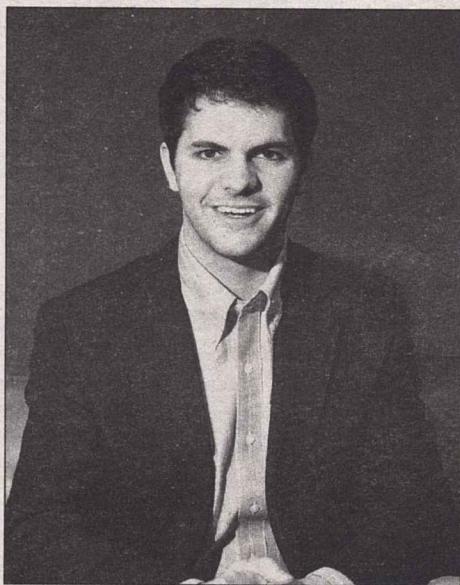
**Junior, Financial Management**www.treyforpresident.com

"Clemson is not just where I go to school. It is a part of me. The reason I want to be your student body president is to make sure that not only you have that same type of experience at Clemson, but that even in the hard times that Clemson is going to face in the future, we continue to give our students that same experience."

First and foremost on Trey Robinson's agenda is making sure that students' voices are heard. He hopes to implement technology on more campus and allow students more accessibility to CUSG activities. When changes in student life are in question, Robinson believes that students themselves, and not just student leaders, should be at the table to make important decisions.

UNDERGRADUATE VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

RYAN DUANE

**Sophomore, Bioengineering**www.ryanduane.com

"I am very excited about the possibility of serving as your next student body vice president. I have a real desire to serve Clemson students and make sure that our Clemson experience gets better and better every day."

Ryan Duane's platform is divided into two sections: Clemson Work and Clemson Play. As a part of Clemson Work, Duane would like to implement a book rental system to reduce textbooks costs. He also hopes to introduce a peer advising system which would afford students a more personal outlet for guidance. As a part of Clemson Play, Duane hopes to bring red boxes (movie rental machines) that are cheaper than other forms of rental, into Hendrix Center and the Student Union. This would generate revenue for the University. He also plans to reevaluate underutilized student services.

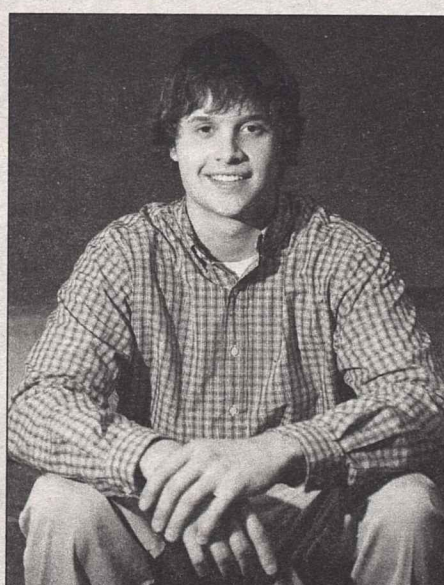
DANIELLE ELHAGE

**Senior, Political Science**

"I would like to serve as your next student body vice president in order to ensure that each student's voice is heard. My goal is to help each Clemson student have a rewarding and memorable Clemson experience."

Danielle Elhage's main goal is to ensure that the University is raising standards while preserving tradition. She hopes to improve aspects of academics by unifying academic advising, reworking the ePortfolio and establishing a reading period, a one to three day span of time between the last day of class and first day of exams for students to prepare. She aims to promote diversity on campus through the promotion of organizations and activities that allow students to leave Clemson as more diverse individuals. She would also like to encourage a connection between CUSG and the students.

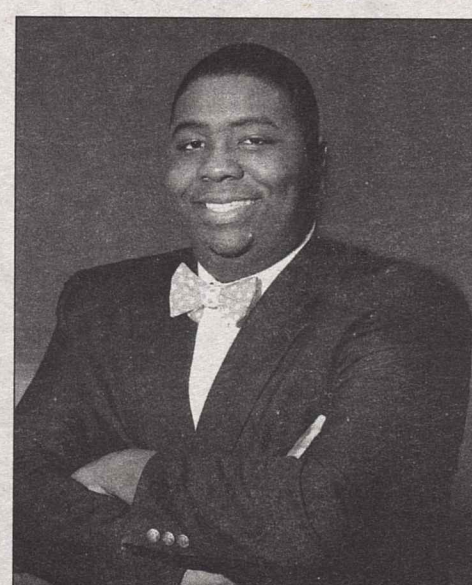
RYAN SHANK

**Junior, Financial Management**

"Serving as the student body vice-president, I will be able to be directly involved with the students of Clemson. This position will allow me to voice the concerns of students and implement new ideas that will better the experience for everyone."

Ryan Shank hopes to create a savings bond for increases in student tuition so that students may have financial confidence. He also hopes to promote philanthropy events by providing incentives for the Greek community. More philanthropy will give Greek organizations more tailgating hours and will provide for the betterment of the community and University. Shank would also like to start a "green" committee within CUSG to work with and for student organizations and to promote environmental awareness among students.

JONATHAN SPEAR

**Senior, Architecture**www.spearforvp.com

"The foundation of my campaign was derived from a quote from President Woodrow Wilson that says: 'The ears of the leader must ring with the voices of the people.' I am here to tell you that I'm listening, I am concerned, and I will fight every issue that is important to you. Let your voice be heard!"

As vice president, Jonathan Spear would focus on streamlining information flow from CUSG to students by increasing online form usage. He plans on educating students on their rights, increasing awareness about CUSG and increasing service and philanthropy activities. Spear wishes to hold advisors accountable by implementing a campus-wide advisor evaluation. He also wants to address and renegotiate the one-year contract with athletics, which eliminates student tailgating on campus.

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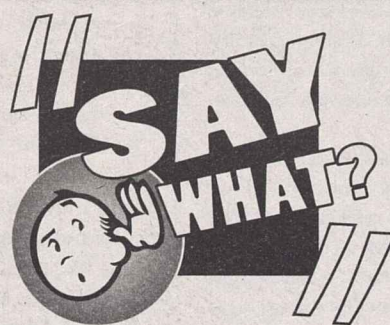
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Taken from a Shakespeare comedy, this play modernizes the old by combining Shakespearian poetry with pop music to create a new kind of musical. The story line is one of friendship between two men who venture from their hometown of Verona to urban Milan. The musical will run Thursday, Feb. 26 through Saturday, Feb. 28 at 8 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

Sabah Al-Tememy, an Iraqi polit-

Bristol Palin, 18-year-old daughter of former vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin.

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News by Numbers

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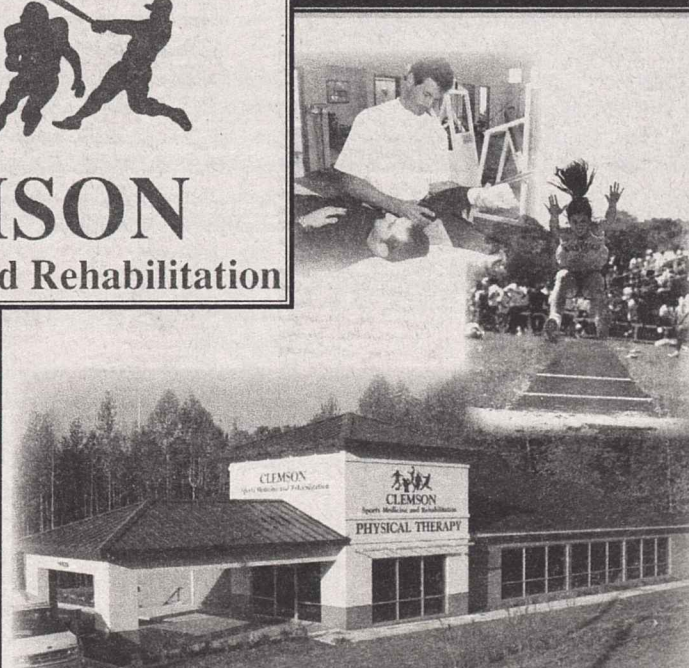
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World in Review

The New York Times

Japanese finance minister resigns after unprofessional behavior.

Shoichi Nakagawa, the minister of Japanese finances, resigned on Tuesday after his embarrassing behavior at a news conference at a Group 7 meeting in Rome. His resignation has posed a number of extra setbacks for Taro Aso, the current Prime Minister of Japan.

Currently, approval ratings of Aso have dropped to a meager 10 percent along with an economic drop as well. This sudden decline is the fastest recession Japan has tumbled into since 1974. While Nakagawa's actions do not directly impact the coming Parliament elections in September, "What it does underscore is how unprofessional the Aso government is," said Jesper Koll, the chief executive of Tantalum Research in Tokyo told the New York Times.

For the time being, Kaoru Yosano, the minister in charge of economic and fiscal policy, will take on the position of financial minister until further notice. As required in the position, Yosano will now be in charge of aid to Japan in their worst economic downturn in a very long time.

During the conference in Rome, Nakagawa responded to all questions asked with jumbled answers and seemed to fall asleep. Nakagawa did however deny drinking and blames his actions on cold medication.

CNN

Doctors Without Borders say the cholera epidemic continues to worsen in Zimbabwe.

The newly formed cabinet of Zimbabwe met to discuss their plan of action against the spreading epidemic. Reports from Doctors Without Borders recently released a warning that the outbreak shows no sign of slowing, and that it could be a "stepping stone" for other diseases.

Approximately 3,650 people in Zimbabwe have died from the cholera epidemic since August and the water borne illness has infected more than 17,000 people. The disease causes severe stomach sickness and dehydration that can lead to death if not caught and treated immediately.

Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF), as Doctors Without Borders is also called, has reported to have treated new cholera patients every minute since the beginning of February. "The reasons for the [cholera] outbreak are clear: lack of access to clean water, burst and blocked sewage systems and uncollected refuse overflowing in the streets," the MSF report said.

Part of the deficiency has been due to the political unrest that has tormented Zimbabwe for almost one year. Many hospitals and clinics have been shut down due to lack of funding for medical equipment and supplies. The MSF has called for doctors and politicians alike to stop arguing over politics and focus on the issue at hand.

BBC

A large amount of explosives have disappeared from Gaza.

Israel has accused the Hama's of stealing the explosives, however the United Nations has not found the arms and is seeking the whereabouts of the stockpile urgently. All of the missing arms are extremely dangerous.

The United Nations (UN) have also called for the return of the missiles in order to dispose of them in a "safe manner." Since the attacks on Gaza, the UN has sent a Mines Action Team on site to locate and dispose of unexploded Israeli arms.

Recently, the UN team was given access to a warehouse that stored 7,000 kg of explosives and finally, after a meeting with Israeli leaders on Thursday, Feb. 12, the UN was given access to two safe areas to dispose of unexploded arms.

However, when UN officials returned to the warehouse where the explosives were being stored on Sunday, most of the arms were found missing. Richard Miron, the senior UN spokesman in Jerusalem, told the BBC, "We are anxious to get the return of this ordnance. It's clearly extremely dangerous and needs to be disposed of in a safe manner."

Nation on Point

Breitbart.com

California senators need only one more vote to pass important budget plan.

State leaders are searching for one more vote in order to pass a \$42 billion budget plan. Many say that if the bill is not voted on in the next few days, California could enter into a state of fiscal disaster.

Sunday night, Assembly Speaker Kim Bass locked down the assembly chamber, forcing lawmakers to stay the night in hopes of passing the bill in question. The session lasted a record breaking 30 hours. The shortage in votes is due in part to Republicans who have refused to accept the \$14.4 billion raise in taxes.

As promised in an earlier in his term, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger began the long process of laying off thousands of state employees. Letters were to have been sent Tuesday to 20,000 workers in many departments including corrections, health and human services and other agencies that receive money from the general fund.

Some have blamed Senate Minority Leader Dave Cogdill for failure to check the correct number of votes in his caucus. "I think the responsibility here falls on the shoulder of Dave Cogdill," Maldonado, R-Santa Maria, told reporters on Monday. "He still has to put up three votes. He's the leader of the party."

The New York Times

General Motors to file a reconstruction plan to their retirement health care.

Since GM is on shaky ground with legislative funding, executives of the automobile company plan to negotiate with United Automobile Workers (UAW) for ways to cut its bills for the retirement health care program. The plan is 900 pages long and is the largest restructuring plan GM has ever seen in its 100 years in business.

Cuts will further impact the work force and reduce the brands from eight to four. Only Chevrolet, Cadillac, GMC and Buick will remain as the core brands of GM. While all of this is going on, the process will be meaningless without the consent of UAW.

Talks have already taken place between GM and UAW concerning the cuts. The Monday meeting in Detroit settled a contract that GM financed in order to provide and pay for health care for the costs of hundreds of thousands of retired hourly workers and their surviving spouses.

The plan also hopes to prove to President Obama's new cabinet level task force their ability to lower costs by their March 31 deadline. "We're anxious to take a look at the plans, understanding that it is extremely important to have a strong and viable auto industry," the press secretary, Robert Gibbs, told reporters on an Air Force One flight. "Obviously that is going to require some restructuring to ensure its viability."

CNN

Islamic television program accused of be-heading wife.

Muzzammil Hassan was arrested Thursday, Feb. 12 after confessing to the murder of his wife, Aasiya Hassan. Muzzammil was charged with second-degree murder after the decapitate body was found. The crime was committed at the Bridges TV station in a suburb of Buffalo, N.Y.

His wife had filed for a divorce in early January and police had responded to multiple domestic violence calls from the couple's residence. Hassan had two children with Aasiya and two other children from a previous marriage. None of his family returned his phone calls once he had been arrested.

Immediately after his wife's death, Hassan turned himself in to the local police and confessed to killing her. Hassan was the founder of a television program targeting Muslims living inside the United States. When it was first launched, Hassan told reporters he hoped the network would portray Muslims in a better light after the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

The station broadcasted their surprise at the event by saying, "[We are] deeply shocked and saddened by the murder of Aasiya Hassan and the subsequent arrest of Muzzammil Hassan." The station also sent out condolences to the family of the victim.

CEC from page A1

was familiar in Europe," Whyte said. "I thought that the CEC would remind me of home in Baumholder, Germany and it's really fun to live in a little Europe!"

From living with roommates all over the globe, Whyte has learned many new and exciting things about cultures that were unfamiliar before this year. "Sean was my roommate last semester. She was from Australia. She was one of the most inspiring people I have ever met because she has seen so much of the world and makes friends everywhere she goes. Sean changed the way I see life a lot," she said.

"My other roommate, Sayaka, is from Japan and has really shown me another side of life as well. The customs in Japan are so different, and it's cool to hear about things they do differently throughout the year. My roommate this semester is named Christina and is from Guadeloupe. She is so sweet and a great French tutor!"

Christina Albert, Whyte's roommate, has a different perspective from living in CEC, but nevertheless is beneficial. "It's my last year of school and I decided that I would like to travel and improve my English. Since my university in France has an agreement with Clemson, I decided to go there!"

Albert was born in Guadeloupe, a French state in the West Indies, but

attended university in France. She finds that one of the great benefits of living with CEC is being around people who are in the same circumstances being far from home and sometimes lonely.

"The best thing is living with other people," Albert said. "As an international student, sometimes you miss your family and friends. It's easy to become nostalgic but not good to be alone. In CEC, there is always someone at home, someone to talk with, people to go out with. You know your neighbors and can share your culture and discover other's."

Anyone can apply for this housing option for next year by contacting Darlene Mahaffey by email at darlene@clemson.edu or by calling 864-656-4663.

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had the opportunity, along with six other student leaders, to accompany DeMint to the Senate when the amendment was proposed.

"He [DeMint] mentioned to us that he was going to speak in front of the Senate about getting rid of that language and asked us if we would like to go. Of course we were not going to miss an opportunity like this," said Lambert.

DeMint's amendment to change the bill failed 43-54. The Senate did remove the prohibition, but then it was put back in during conference.

Federal law protects people of faith from discrimination by

stating: "It shall be unlawful for any public secondary school which receives federal financial assistance and which has a limited open forum to deny equal access or a fair opportunity to, or discriminate against, any students who wish to conduct a meeting within that limited open forum on the basis of the religious, political, philosophical or other content of the speech at such meetings."

Even so, many, like Robert Alt, the deputy director of the Center for Legal and Judicial Studies at the Heritage Foundation, fears that language of this kind will bring "needless litigation."

In pertaining to FCA and other campus organizations, Lambert

said this "is definitely an issue that religious organizations need to, at the minimum, be aware of."

Lambert said, "I understand their stand point of 'separation of church and state' but putting a clause like this in this certain type of package is ridiculous."

On Feb. 18, when asked what this might mean on college campuses, a DeMint staffer said, "The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) could theoretically come and sue that college campus [that allows worship in a stimulus-funded building]. We're trying to make sure our colleges have enough money to upkeep things, but we did not want any of these stipulations in the bill."

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"Science as Art" exhibition appeals to both eyes and brain

Department of engineering and science education promotes scientific literacy.

JENNA SHELTON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Sometimes, science and art meet in the middle. According to the department of engineering and science education's Web site, a visual representation of science or technology that has an unexpected aesthetic appeal can become a connection for scientists, artists and the general public.

This connection inspired the "Science as Art" exhibit, where Clemson University and high school students are challenged to share visual images produced in laboratories and workspaces.

"The event promotes scientific literacy and communicates what we do to a broad audience," Lisa Benson, assistant professor in the department of engineering and science education, said. "It also truly embodies the idea of 'One Clemson,' crossing every discipline and college and providing a real opportunity for interdisciplinary collaboration and discussion."

Benson created the "Science as Art" idea in Spring 2006 when she worked for the Center for Advanced Engineering Fibers and Films (CAEFF).

"I was going through some of the images of materials and processes that the researchers in the Center were producing to promote and communicate their work," she said. "These images were really intriguing, and I thought it would be fun to create a visualization competition not only for the CAEFF

researchers but for the entire campus to promote scientific literacy and visual communication of technical information."

"Science as Art" contestants are encouraged to form interdisciplinary teams to produce their artwork. "We are hopeful that students especially will be willing to form teams with others outside their discipline, biology students teaming with art students, for example," Benson said.

The Department of Engineering and Science Education hosts the exhibit. The newly formed department, established in Fall 2006, does not currently offer degrees.

According to Benson, the department has many graduate students who are actively conducting education research while pursuing graduate degrees in engineering and science disciplines such as mechanical engineering, bioengineering, civil engineering, mathematics and chemistry. Many are seeking academic careers in order to teach and conduct research at a college or university.

The department does, however, offer a series of courses that lead up to a Certificate in Engineering and Science Education.

The vision of the department is to offer both Master's and Doctorate degrees within the next two years according to Benson. Currently, there are approximately 15 graduate students enrolled in courses for the Certificate in

Engineering and Science Education.

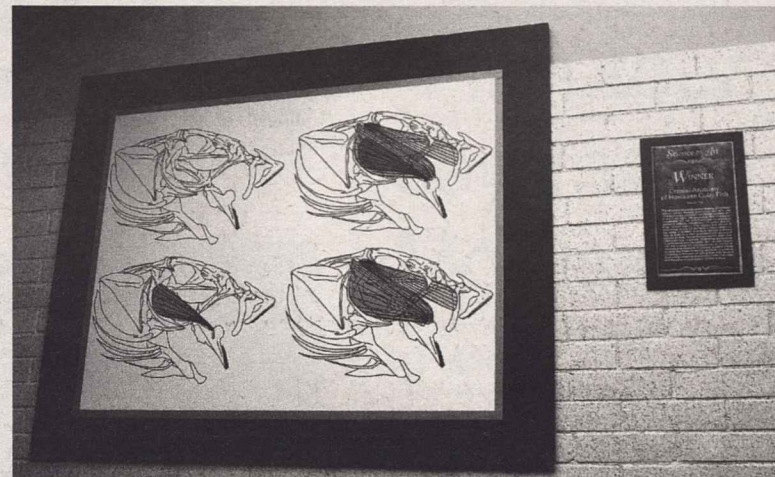
Ph.D. student in electrical engineering Apoorva Kapadia is a contestant in "Science as Art 2009" as well as a student pursuing the Certificate. Kapadia said that "Science as Art" provided an alternate forum to showcase the scientific research being done at Clemson.

"As an engineer, I have noted that science has a reputation for being all math and horrible equations with people recounting (true) horror stories of staying up all night trying to figure out what it all means," Kapadia said. "What many people forget is that these equations are actually simply mathematical representations of physical entities and structures, which when transformed into its physically equivalent, can be a sight for sore eyes."

Sanborn Chase, graduate student in digital production arts, is entering the "Science as Art" competition as well.

"After viewing the beautiful and stunning past entries, I think the competition is an extraordinary example of the creative spirit that conveys a sense of awe and gratitude for our world," Chase said. He said he first learned of the contest through e-mail.

"It struck a strong chord in me as this is my area of study and the subject of my thesis," Chase said. "I think we have a wonderful opportunity to facilitate the education of students in complex technical and scientific subjects with the powerful 3-D software and



3rd Place 2007: Cranial Anatomy of Hawaiian Goby Fish. Submitted by Takashi Maie

hardware tools we now possess."

As last year's third place recipient at "Science as Art 2008," Ph.D. student in the department of entomology, soils, and plant sciences Ian Stocks is entering the competition again.

"It has been an excellent opportunity for me to see my work in a different light," he said. "Also, since the goal is to link art and science, I can share with a non-technical or non-specialist audience, through a visual medium, aspects of my scientific or technical work."

Stocks said he recommends the competition to all Clemson students and faculty. "Look around and let your creativity help you find something that is visually compelling to you," he said. "The entry I will submit this year popped into my mind as I was look-

ing at a slide through my microscope."

Entries for "Science as Art 2009" are due by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 6. Clemson students, faculty and staff from all disciplines, as well as South Carolina high school students, are invited to submit original works that are scientifically significant and artistically appealing.

The exhibit will be during the month of April through mid-May. Judging will take place on April 1, followed by a "Meet the Artist" reception at the Advanced Materials Research Laboratory in Pendleton.

Winners will be honored at Sigma Xi's spring banquet on Tuesday, April 14. A virtual exhibit is available at <http://www.clemson.edu/ese/cp/saa/2009.php>.

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A litter of fourteen

Congratulations, American taxpayers. Along with the largest government stimulus plan in history, you're also paying for the 14 children of an unemployed, single mother in California. Yes, Nadya Suleman has \$50,000 in student loans, no job and claims she hasn't had sex in eight years.

She also claims she only wanted to have lots of children after growing up an only child, but 14 sounds a little extreme. How can one unemployed woman raise 14 children effectively, especially since most of the 14 are special needs kids, meaning they require more time and attention? And without a job? Well, it's stimulus package time, and everyone's hands are out! Why work when one can have a bunch of children and be set for life?

Now, before anyone begins questioning the morals of this lovely mother, being her baby daddy does not hold the duties one may think from a father of 14 children. All of the children do have the same father: sperm donor David Solomon — who has never actually seen any of the 14 children. Suleman met Solomon in a nightclub and decided against dating him; she only wanted him to get her pregnant and only by the latest technology.

And the latest technologies in the ever-growing, over-crowded reproduction industry are fertility drugs and the transferring of embryos. However, since these are such new practices, there is little government regulation or scrutiny from insurance companies. Transferring embryos is like a private agreement between doctors and their patients. Like anything else, this practice could get out of control without regulations, because the interests of eager mothers and ambitious fertility doctors could have dangerous consequences.

Patients may push for extreme treatments, and doctors could push the boundaries of safe pregnancies while striving for success in a competitive medical field. There are no federal regulations for fertility treatments yet, and politicians are weary to begin the controversial battle. Opponents of regulations claim legislation would interfere with doctors' flexibility of indi-

vidual patients and their rights, but without regulations these practices could cause more scandals, such as during the mid-1990s when fertility doctors at UC Irvine stole eggs and embryos and impregnated other women. Not many know about the risks, so due to a lack of awareness, public interests have not forced politicians to create the necessary regulations. Yet.

However, the public had much to say when the identity of Suleman's fertility doctor came out on the Internet. Many angry dissenters called for Dr. Michael Kamrava's medical license to be revoked or worse, because he is responsible for the fertility treatments that led to Suleman's 14 children.

Medical professionals consider it bad practice to transfer more than two embryos due to the health risks for the mothers and babies involved. Kamrava transferred six embryos into Suleman where all took and two split, bringing the fetus count to eight. Despite hearing how dangerous "high-order" pregnancies (involving three or more fetuses) are, Suleman declined reducing the number and accepted the risk.

After the octuplets' births, Kamrava sought the media and academia spotlight, claiming to be a pioneer in this field, while Suleman told NBC news she wanted all six of her remaining embryos frozen and transferred into her to maximize her pregnancy chances next time — just what a mother of 14 children needs: more children.

Children in a "high-order," multiple birth "litter" are almost always born prematurely and have more developmental disabilities and problems than children born in normal birthing circumstances. If the mother is an unemployed, single mother, it costs taxpayers even more.

Suleman's six other children were born of in vitro fertilization (IVF), and they all receive food stamps and governmental assistance. Women can save up for the IVF procedures, but once they are pregnant, Medi-Cal pays the rest; Medi-Cal is California's Medicaid program. So how did an unemployed single mother pay for IVF? Since 2000, Suleman has been receiving disabilities pay-

ments for a back injury she received while working at a California State Hospital. This money also pays to get her nails done each week.

In the state of California, a low-income family can receive Social Security payments up to \$793 per disabled child. The Suleman octuplets' medical costs have not been released, but back in 2006, the average cost of a premature baby's hospital stay was \$164,273, and the cost of one cesarean birth was \$22,762; eight times that amount comes to around \$1.3 million. This doesn't count the costs of raising 14 children from birth until age 17. Also, did you know California is struggling to close a \$42 billion budget gap right now?

No one person should be able to decide who can have children and who cannot and how many, but if a woman on food stamps already has six kids, then why give her the medical treatments to have eight more? Fertility drugs should be regulated by the government to people who cannot have children or to parents who have the financial means and resources to raise more children.

Not a single mother with \$50,000 in student loans and six children already. Plus, People magazine just confirmed that Suleman's house, where she lives with her 14 children, is in default because she hasn't paid the mortgage for 10 months. She can't pay her mortgage, but she thinks she can afford fertility treatments and eight more children? Something just isn't adding up with Suleman.

And isn't it ironic that couples have such a difficult time adopting children, but if a woman wants to give birth to octuplets scientifically and hazardedly, all she has to do is talk to the right doctor? Those looking to adopt must go through background tests, financial checks, paperwork, adoption agencies, government agencies, et cetera to find a child they can legally adopt. If they want multiple children, they must work even harder. Then you have the Nadya Sulemans of the world who aren't happy with just two kids or even six but 14, without regard for who's paying for them or taking care of them. Suleman is just in with the latest California fad. If Suleman is creating this

huge family for attention, well it has worked. Most of America has heard of the 33-year-old mother, her 14 children and her obsession with Angelina Jolie. We have plenty of American families who become famous due to their massive quantities; it's cool to have a big family!

Look at famous families like "Jon and Kate Plus 8" and the Duggars who are only well-known because viewers are curious about how they raise that many children. Shouldn't people worry about how these children are going to turn out? If they're going to receive a decent upbringing and education? If the parent(s) have enough money for their proper nutrition?

However, this is more seriously than Suleman's desperate attempt for attention. Her former Brentwood publicists stopped representing Suleman last Saturday due to the mass of threatening e-mails and letters they received. Joann Killeen and her husband began representing the Sulemans and creating their Web site for free immediately following the octuplets' births, but after receiving 55,000 negative e-mails from angry American taxpayers, they had to drop Suleman.

Killeen reported that some of the e-mails claimed they wanted Killeen's business to "go under," and they "want to rip [Suleman's] uterus out."

Americans are in a desperate time, cutting funds for anything completely unnecessary, and when taxpayers must pay for irresponsible citizens, they do become angry. Suleman does not have the money, time or resources to raise 14 children, and because of her decisions and her fertility doctor, Californian and American taxpayers will pay. And in a time when everyone has his or her hand out for government money, Suleman does too... and she's receiving plenty of it. As for Suleman's claim of not having had sex for eight years, if she's had 14 children come out of her uterus, is it even still possible?

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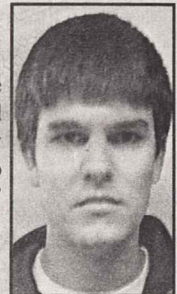
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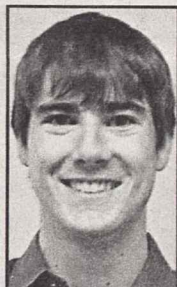
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"Yes, because people take advantage and have children they can't afford that other people have to pay for."

"Yes, because the unregulated use of fertility drugs can add to overpopulation."

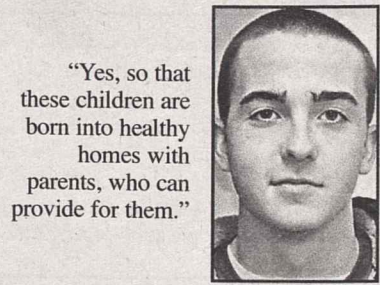


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Carson Snipes
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"No, I think everyone has the right to a family."



Pierce Roberts
political science
freshmen

"Yes, so that these children are born into healthy homes with parents, who can provide for them."



Deanna Piper
nursing
freshmen

"No, because birth control isn't regulated, so why should fertility be?"

"Yes, because it is tough for the parents to afford that many children and make sure every child is given enough care if so many children are born at once."



Jonathon Herr
electrical engineer
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COMMENTARY

A comedic career

JULIE GERDES

Columnist



As a senior graduating in May, I should be weighing my options, looking into various sectors of the job market, considering traveling abroad and comparing graduate school programs.

As a senior graduating in May of 2009, I find myself, mid-February, glancing down each path, wincing, throwing a blanket over my head and vowing not to peek out until pine trees are dropping hundred-dollar bills and gold-plated "help wanted" signs are in demand.

While I may not have picked the most marketable majors (English and Spanish), in a time of developing technologies and advancing medical fields, I always thought that with enough hard work throughout college, I would be able to compete for an exciting job that I would love slaving over upon graduation.

I may be no engineer, but the world always needs communicators. I've just assumed that come May 2009, I would be happily on my way, having found something that somewhat satisfied me or would at least lead to some sort of life-directing epiphany.

What I didn't anticipate was a practical joke. I didn't anticipate that businesses and other sectors of industry would be cutting their employment or closing shop altogether, leav-

ing little opportunity for engineers and businesspeople, much less for their writers. I didn't anticipate the entire country deciding that this would be the worst May for college graduates in more than 70 years. Call me naïve.

Sure, there's hope to be had. Obama's now in office, but until he can afford to hire someone to fix his broken superpowers, the news media keeps telling us to persevere, to beef up those résumés and expand those social nets. They give us lists of skills and majors that are marketable during hard times.

These reporters, as elders who have had steady employment for mentionable spans of time and have managed to hold onto them, sympathize with us.

While our degree-holding elders may realize how difficult it was for them to get out and enter the working world, adjusting to moving out and comparing career options, they generally had the opportunity to use their degrees as a good starting place for a sustainable career. They realize that we might not be in the same position. So what do they do? Offer tips from the outside of how we too can join the ranks of nine-to-fivers.

But rather than uplift me, these "insider's tips" just deflate me — there are too many of us to fill so few positions available out there. So what do we do? Go to grad school? By the time we're out, we will have more advanced degrees, and the market will have picked up.

But assistantship offers across the board are down; programs cannot afford to pay for new students when they can't even find the money for their own equipment and faculty members. Without financial aid, the prospect

of taking out more student loans, just when we should start paying off our undergraduate loans, and especially when we are not sure if we will ever begin to start making money, is not appealing.

Not to mention, many undergraduates are turning to grad school programs as an alternative to the ugly market, and increased application numbers mean more competition for spots and decreased opportunities to receive funding for more school.

Graduate applicants have increased by some 12 percent for this fall as compared to last year, but the number of available positions has not increased; if anything, it has decreased.

Similarly, Teach for America, the Peace Corps and other prestigious volunteer programs have been flooded with applicants looking to wait out the recession for two years while doing something good for the world. I'm grateful that these programs are able to select highly qualified students to educate the children of otherwise-abandoned neighborhoods, but once again, they can't accept and hire us all.

It seems that rather than feeling proud and happy for our friends landing jobs, we are beginning to feel a mixture of jealousy and pure awe. It's easy for young employment-seekers to ask "Why me? Why us?"

Why do we have to enter this job market now, just as our own parents and older friends are getting laid off left and right? But the recession that has hit this nation hard is showing little mercy on anyone, and it is we, the cheap laborers of tomorrow, who have the capacity to

show resiliency.

Young, eager to work and often free from major restraints, many collegiate students graduating in the next few months may find that they have suddenly hit the jackpot. We can move, or we can stay put where we are — we're equally doomed no matter where we are. We can slack off doing literally anything we want to do, so long as it doesn't involve harming someone else.

If we can make ends meet, be it by living off of Ramen noodles and sleeping eight roommates to a crappy apartment, we will beat this crummy job market, and we might just make some stories in the battle.

Sure, some of us (particularly in the humanities) might have to take on a retail or food services job that we didn't previously envision for a while, but we just might find that performing menial labor beachside or in the mountains, where we always dreamed of living, might be a nice respite from research and exams.

And we'll be appreciative. When we do land jobs in our fields once the economy improves, we will do them with the satisfaction that our work will be rewarded with a monthly paycheck (and hopefully a health insurance package).

So, how does all of this recession and job market talk leave me feeling? Scared, excited, unsure, but not hopeless. I'll leave that feeling for dogmatic analog TV users.

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COMMENTARY

Where is the love?

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Columnist



So last week was Valentine's Day, that magical day that comes once every February when we gather around a groundhog hole in Pennsylvania and... oh, wait, wrong holiday. (sigh) February's going by too fast.

Anyway, Valentine's Day. Love is in the air, or at least in your checkbook, and Cupid has stocked up on his special "One-Night Stand" arrows for all the lonely people looking to change their situation for at least one weekend. It's that time of year when we celebrate the beautiful couples and ignore the ugly singles, or at least make them drive us home from the bar.

Really, on the one day a single person would love to get completely soused, they're stuck designated-driving their hot, drunken friends to God knows where while the friends slobber on insignificant others in the backseat.

Honestly, the only thing that sets Valentine's Day apart from just about every other day is that

there's more red, and Hallmark turns a profit.

But for the people who are truly in love, Valentine's Day is the worst possible embodiment of their feelings. Why should we set aside just one day for "love," when every day gives you opportunities to approach a love interest or make a special moment between you and your partner?

What's the sense in shelling out hundreds of dollars for a tiny, useless, sparkly rock to make up for months of a general lack of passion? Sure, at least you can put any relationship troubles aside for a day, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't try that hard to work on them at any other time. Why can't every day be as loving as Valentine's Day?

Answer: because it's not love. "Love" is a word we throw around so often nowadays, yet we have little or no clue as to what it means. Is it really love when you break up three months later? No, but we call it that all the time.

Is it really love when you can't get past date number three without making "the beast with two backs?" Sounds more like lust to

me. Is it really love when you declare it to two different guys on the same night?

Is it really love when you walk out on the morning of Feb. 15 with a headache, trying not to wake up the girl you met yesterday? Absolutely not — but you made the point to tell her it was last night. Last I checked, "love" doesn't include random hookups or one-night stands. Is it a coincidence that the initials of Valentine's Day are "VD?" Well... yeah, actually. But it still fits.

Anyone who's ever truly been in love (which excludes 95 percent of all people under 22) wouldn't be satisfied with any of those scenarios. "Love" is not just a blanket term to legitimize any sort of romantic relationship, no matter how impersonal it may actually be.

Love requires commitment — commitment to putting someone else's life before yours, no matter what the cost, without expecting anything at all in return. A commitment to show someone you're willing to care more about them than you do yourself. But nowadays? Admit it; the guy who shells out \$500 dollars at Zales usually isn't

thinking about how great she'll look in the earrings — he just wants some action tonight. That goes triple for the moron who gives his lady lingerie for Valentine's Day; it's obviously more for the enjoyment of the person who gets to see her wearing it (or not).

Even on our nation's day of love, we can't go without thinking about ourselves before others. And if we've lost the plot that much, what exactly are we celebrating? And what exactly is love supposed to be?

Love doesn't mind waiting for that which it desires. Love will always go that extra mile to simply do something nice for someone. Love doesn't care about how good someone else's relationship is, or even brag about how well it's going in his or her own relationship. Love only cares about the person to whom it is directed.

Love doesn't find pleasure in being offensive. Love doesn't wish to simply satisfy the desires of the person who feels it. Love doesn't take umbrage at trivial imperfections and never remembers if the person to whom it is directed fails to return the favor. Love is

neither perverted nor deviant but instead is innocent and pure. Love will go to any length to keep its loved one safe from harm and will never question their integrity, but always try to see the good in them. And most of all, love refuses to let anything at all stop it from being expressed.

Now after reading that paragraph, I hope you understand that love is not and was never meant to be, easy. It's no big deal to sweat the small stuff, but how far are you willing to go for the person you say you love?

Think about it — how strong would love be if everything were easy? And if some sort of difficulty suddenly arose in the relationship, would you be willing to stick around and deal with it? If that answer (whether you'll admit it or not) is "No," then I would encourage you to reevaluate your approach to relationships, because you just can't satisfy Love with sex or gifts or self-gratification — but on every Feb. 14, we try...

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Tiger Rants

Pizza shops should know that no one wants to eat 12 pizzas at 10:30 in the morning.

Back in my day, we had to get up half an hour after we went to sleep.

Art classes need to be open for people who are not art majors.

I don't like it when juice wears tights.

Watermelon is the only good Jolly Rancher flavor.

I hate when teachers only use part of the grading scale, because they don't give 100s.

I hate when people drive really slow in front of me. I mean seriously, when I am driving up on your ass, that means move, bitch.

I hate rain on Wednesdays, because Wednesdays already suck.

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COMMENTARY

The return of the kings

JORDAN BOHINC

Guest Columnist



Recently, it was announced that Blink-182 would be reuniting for a tour, highlighted by an appearance at the Grammy's. For those of you who don't know, Blink-182 is a punk rock band that spawned such '90s goodness as "All The Small Things."

And for those of you who religiously watch MTV, "Meet the Barkers" star, Travis Barker, is the drummer for the band. So Blink, as the band is called for short, is back. But do we want them back?

There has seemingly been a recent trend of old things coming back or being re-imagined — comic books turned into movies, remakes, reunion tours, et cetera.

Some of it has been good; some of it has been bad. Most of us saw Bruce Springsteen perform at the Superbowl, and although he put on a good performance, I couldn't help but feel that it just wasn't the same. Maybe we should "let sleeping legends lie."

Why come back and tarnish a great musical career with a poor effort on a new album? I hope the answer is that they just want to make music again, not that they need a source of income. Pray that the former is the case.

There have been successful albums by seemingly outdated performers, such as Bob Dylan's "Modern Times," but for the most part, these comeback efforts have been just alright at best.

Someone very long ago said that timing is everything. Musicians need to realize this: times change. Can you imagine listening to Britney

Spears' new "hit" single on the radio and having the next song be by Springsteen?

I can't, because times change, and more importantly, people change. The record companies will take these once-fabled acts and put them in a studio with some producer who will try and adjust their sound to make it sell to today's generation.

We might not want to see (or hear) the result of that marriage. Part of the magic that surrounds these bands is the nostalgia that they provide.

I can't imagine how many fans these bands will actually lose for not being able to emulate the sound and attitude, in the case of Blink-182, that they used to. As far as Blink-182 is concerned, a tour has been confirmed while a new album is only a rumor.

But Blink isn't the biggest reuniting that could be occurring in 2009. Rock legends Led Zeppelin have been rumored reuniting, but with only two of the original four band members intact. I cannot decide if it's even okay to call this a reuniting of Led Zeppelin.

It's one thing to come back after a hiatus and record new material, but with one member, Robert Plant, being the lead singer and the other, Jon Bonham, passing more than 25 years ago, it's hard to see this as a good idea.

When the main vocalist of what many called "the greatest band in the world" won't be the one belting out the lyrics to "Stairway to Heaven"...bad idea.

Replacing Plant and Bonham is rumored to be Dave Grohl, front man for the Foo Fighters and the fairly obscure Taylor Hawkins.

I am guessing Grohl would be the main substitute for Plant. If that is the case, I can't help but think that this will be an utterly disappointing reunion for what should be a group

that defined a decade. If any of you have heard Grohl sing, you would know that he sounds nothing like Plant. But then again, no one has heard Plant perform anything from his Zeppelin days in a while.

So going back to the original question: Are we okay with this? I guess in the long run, it doesn't really affect the status of the band in question, but I think it shows a lack of respect for the current legacy and reputation held by the band. If Jimmy Paige wants to tour again, it should be under a different name, not "Led Zeppelin," because it isn't Led Zeppelin.

It's the equivalent of wanting to play Rock Band with your friends, but Timmy has to go to work, and Johnny moved away two decades ago, so you go online and play with random people. Wait for Robert Plant to return, and then you can truly call it Zeppelin.

This is the one thing that acts like Bruce Springsteen and Blink-182 have going for them; they at least could put the original members on the same stage.

They can offer a legitimate experience to those of us who never had a chance to see the act live. All is not lost, however. All this negative speculation that hangs in the air for these legends of their time could be nothing.

Maybe the "new" Zeppelin will completely rock and be something that adds to the legacy, reaching new listeners and creating new fans.

Maybe Blink-182 will come out with a solid album, one that doesn't stray from the addictive punk-rock that the late '90s and early 2000s were known for.

This is all entirely possible, but you can't help but be nervous for the return of kings.

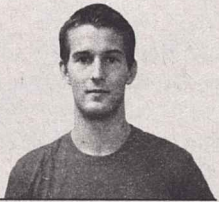
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COMMENTARY

Perfectly imperfect

MICHAEL MANION

Columnist



I forgot what I was going to write about. I'm pretty sure it had something to do with schizophrenia, for I had a tab open about it in Firefox. I just forgot what I was going to write this sentence about.

My mind is a pasta strainer and my thoughts are angel hair made from inferior grade Chinese grain — grain made with 100 percent methanol, or whatever they put in their breast milk nowadays. If I ever go to China, make damn sure that I don't drink the breast milk.

In fact, now that I think about it, that's a good rule to have no matter where you go. You have no idea where that breast has been. I feel weird just putting a nipple in my mouth for sexual purposes, nevermind feeding.

It has a legit purpose, but I can't help but feel like Freud is standing behind me screaming "I KNEW IT; YOU WANT TO SCREW MOM." And he may be right on the money; what kind of crazy bastard would have an imaginary Freud who shares his mother? That may be a point of contention between the both of us if things progress. I'll have to kill him. I can't

go on that train of thought any longer; in fact it went too long as it is. It's the Vietnam War of minds.

No one knows where the hell it is, but they're damn sure it's being blown the hell up. The left hemisphere is inflicting 95 percent casualty rates on the right.

Excellent, we'll break their supply lines any day now! We attack the grey matter at dawn. We're deep in the grey matter right now. I find it quite humorous that the spelling of grey has shades of gray. It can be grey, gray, or you can have an unfortunate typo and Freud will pop up behind you, screaming "I KNEW IT; YOU WANT TO SCREW MOM."

Which, all things considered inside this weird-ass hypothetical, doesn't really make sense or have any continuity other than not having any sense or continuity. So in that sense it's perfect. Perfectly imperfect, important, impotent.

One in five adults has a personality disorder. If you have OCD, would you be driven nuts whenever someone refers to your "disorder"? Shouldn't it be a personality in-order of increasing color combinations only on Sunday at Kmart? If we're going to be politically correct about everything else, we might as well go for it on that one.

Eggs are absolutely ridiculous. I would like to meet the man responsible for eating the first thing he saw fall out of a chickens butt and smack him. He probably learned his lesson already though,

courtesy of salmonella. We should eliminate the term "Nelly" as a term of endearment and replace it with "salmoNelly." It's sickening. All pet names are. Instead of pet names, you should give a lover comic book names.

Not only is calling your girlfriend "SHEERA-QUEEN OF THE HIGHLANDS" fulfilling all your childhood fantasies, it opens a lot of doors ... sexually. I'd imagine that being ruler of the highlands would open a lot of things sexually.

Pretty much all things being opened are opened ... sexually. The trick is the pause; it replicates that point where you realize that you have no idea what's in there. You do it anyway, because she is Sheera ... Queen of the Highlands.

I don't know what displeasing a highlands queen entails, but I'd imagine that it involves a lot of elevation changes. I wonder if she has a cousin Bob, Duke of the Trailer Park/Denny's Manager. If beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy, Denny's is proof that our intestines are melting and drastically reducing the viable habitat for our tapeworms.

I say this with hypocrisy, for I would gladly eat Denny's right now. I'm starving. I wonder if Sheera has a sister Gladis, Sous chef/General wench. Wench. I bet that would bring people to Denny's.

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PAWS UP, PAWS DOWN

In Cape Haze, Fla., authorities said they arrested a man who apparently forgot to fill up when he was robbing a gas station.



Police in Columbia, S.C. gave out roses on Valentine's Day — all you had to do was turn in a gun during the "Guns for Roses" event.



A man in Washington state made sure a pair of burglars didn't get away with his three flat-screen televisions — he moved their getaway car.



In Switzerland, naked mountain hikers in the Swiss canton of Appenzell-Innerrhoden will face on-the-spot fines of 200 Swiss francs (\$170) in the future.



A 19-year-old woman accused of seven blazes and arson was caught on a surveillance camera singing, "The fire department is going to be mad at me," police in a Philadelphia suburb reported.



Thousands of Indians, fuming over an assault on women, vowed to fill bars on Valentine's Day and send pink panties to a radical Hindu group that says outgoing females are immoral.



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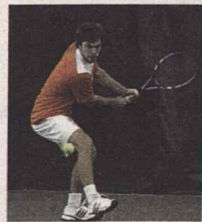
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Track teams tangle

BRANDON BOATWRIGHT
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Tiger track teams were busy again this weekend, hosting the Tiger Paw Invitational here in Clemson. Several Tigers had particularly impressive individual performances over the weekend, helping the team as a whole.

Two-sport star C.J. Spiller electrified the field with some "lightning" quick speed in the 60-meter on Friday night. His 6.74 second dash put Spiller atop the podium for the Tigers. Not only was this enough to clinch the top-spot in the meet for the Clemson sprinter, but also earned him an NCAA qualifying time.

Spiller was one of four athletes on Friday to earn a first-place finish for the Tigers. Junior Caroline Kennedy won the pole vault, clearing 12'8.25" to claim the top spot. That mark now ranks as Kennedy's personal best and puts her at second-place in Clemson's all-time indoor pole vault performer behind Beth Jordan's 12'9.5" mark set in 2006.

Junior sprinter Kristine Scott also wowed the Tiger faithful Friday night. Scott, an Orlando native outpaced Charlotte sprinter Pat Springs to win the women's 60-meter sprint with a time of 7.66 seconds.

A day later, Scott took control of the women's 200-meter sprint, winning the event in a time of 24.62 seconds.

Senior Candice Johnson of Duncan, S.C., posted a career best time while winning the women's 800-meter race. Her 2:13.87 time in the opening section bested her previous personal record by a full two seconds. Jasen Turnbull finished sixth in the men's 800, posting a respectable 1:56.21.

Saturday saw much of the same for the Tigers.

Pole Vaulter Chris Spear cleared a height of 17'2.25," his personal best and an NCAA provisional qualifying height. Had he not cramped on his next attempt, that mark could have been even better. Regardless, Spear won the event handily. Spear is now third on Clemson's all time indoor pole vault list behind Eric Lander (17'5.75" in 1995) and Mitch Greeley (18'1" in 2008).

The men's 4x400m relay team, which consisted of Miller Moss, Travis Swaggard, Will Noble and Trenton Guy, came in second with a time of 3:18 — their fastest time this season.

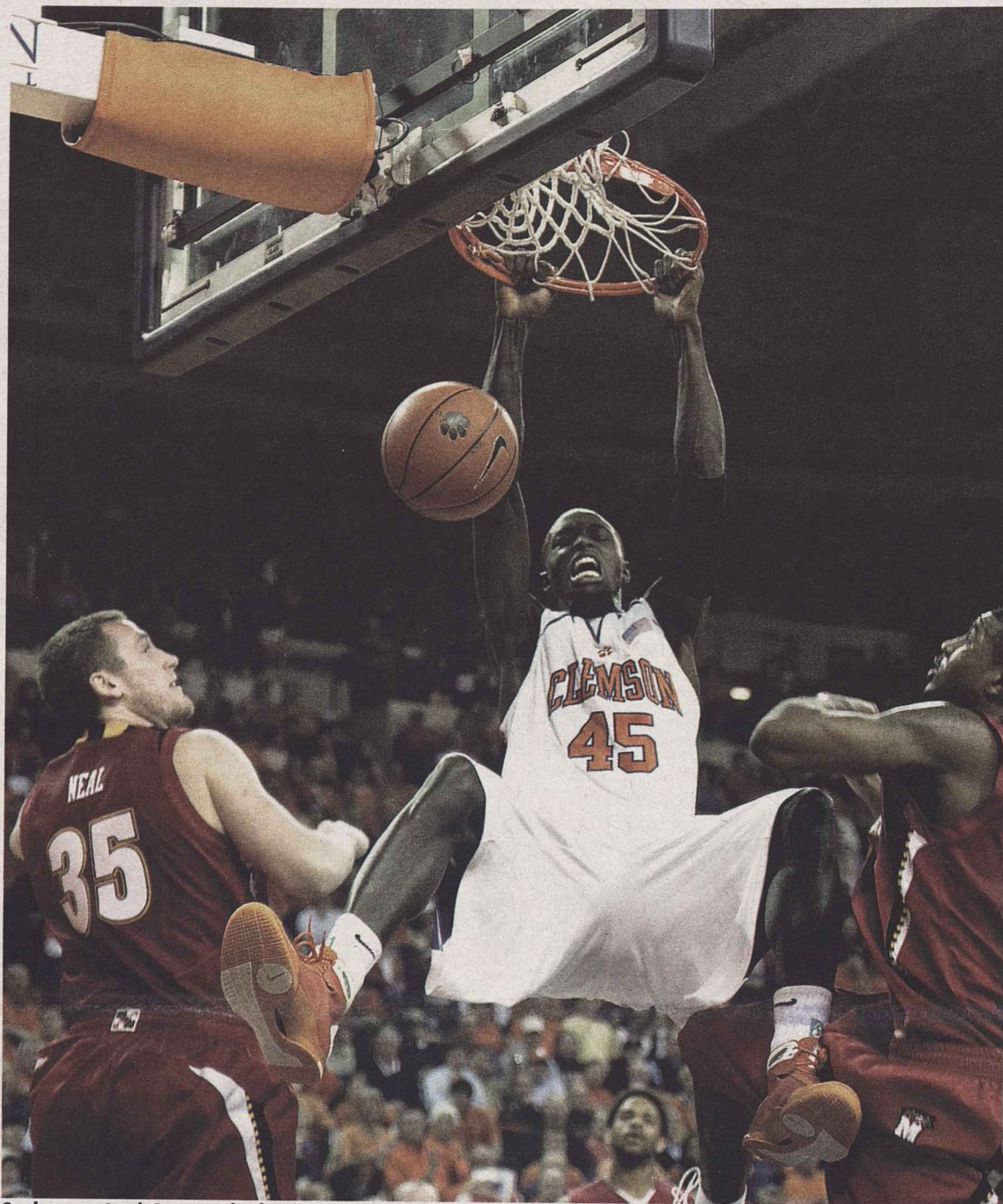
The Clemson distance team was in top form on Saturday, with many posting personal bests. Jonathon Sunde, a sophomore from Charlotte, N.C., ran a personal best in the 3,000 meter with a time of 8:39.24. Fellow sophomore Chad Hold finished fourth behind Sunde with an 8:41.44. The mile run was a very fast heat, and Clemson's Chris Slate benefited by posting a personal best 4:16.52.

On the women's side, Jenna

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Tigers throttle Terps after loss to UVA

Setback against UVA sparks vengeance as Tigers massacre Maryland.



Sophomore Jerai Grant rocks the rim against Maryland this past Tuesday. Grant was 100 percent from the field.

ANDREW BAKER
STAFF WRITER

The Tigers have a bad habit of starting games cold. In Charlottesville, they not only started cold but also finished cold in an 85-81 overtime loss. Fortunately, they came out of their shooting slump in time to win in Oliver Purnell's 100th ACC game, 93-64, against Maryland in Littlejohn.

Contributing to the loss against Virginia were the 21 Tiger turnovers, the ineffectiveness of the Clemson press defense and continuing offensive struggles in the half-court.

In the first half, three pointers just wouldn't fall for the Tigers. Terrence Oglesby's three with 1:28 remaining snapped a 0-10 start from behind the line. The normally poor shooting Cavaliers were five of eight from behind the arc in the first half. Turnovers came more easily for the Tigers.

In the first six minutes of the game, the Tigers committed five turnovers. The turnovers allowed Virginia to go on an 11-0 run for a 16-5 lead, their largest of the game.

The Tigers were able to cut the lead to three with 3:10 remaining in the half on a dunk by Raymond Sykes, but came no closer. The Cavs led 33-25 at intermission.

K.C. Rivers provided a spark early in the second half. Rivers made a quick layup and was fouled on the way up. Rivers converted on the free throw attempt to reduce the deficit to five.

A turnover led to a long three by Oglesby, and River's three gave the Tigers the lead, 34-33. Clemson's

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Lady Tigers fall to No. 10 Duke on the road

Devils' defense too much for Tigers to take.

JORDAN BOHINC
STAFF WRITER

Last Friday, the Lady Tigers continued to struggle in ACC play against No. 10 Duke. In the only meeting between the teams this season, Clemson fell to the Blue Devils 77-53 after a poor first half put the Lady Tigers in a tough position in Durham. The Blue Devils are undefeated at home at 12-0.

The Tigers (13-13, 2-9 in conference play) were outscored 44-19 in the first half of the contest, shooting only 36 percent from the field and failing to make it to the charity stripe at all. The story of the first half, however, was the Blue Devil's defense. The Blue Devils (20-3, 8-2) managed to shut down Clemson's top scorer Lele Hardy, who averaged 17 points per game prior to the contest. The Blue Devils forced Hardy into four turnovers while keeping Hardy from connecting from the field in the first half. Hardy finished with five points, shooting 1-8 from the field.

The Devil's defense also blocked six shots while holding the Tigers to 36.5 percent shooting and forcing 23 turnovers throughout the contest. These statistics reveal that Duke played up to their top 10 ranking.

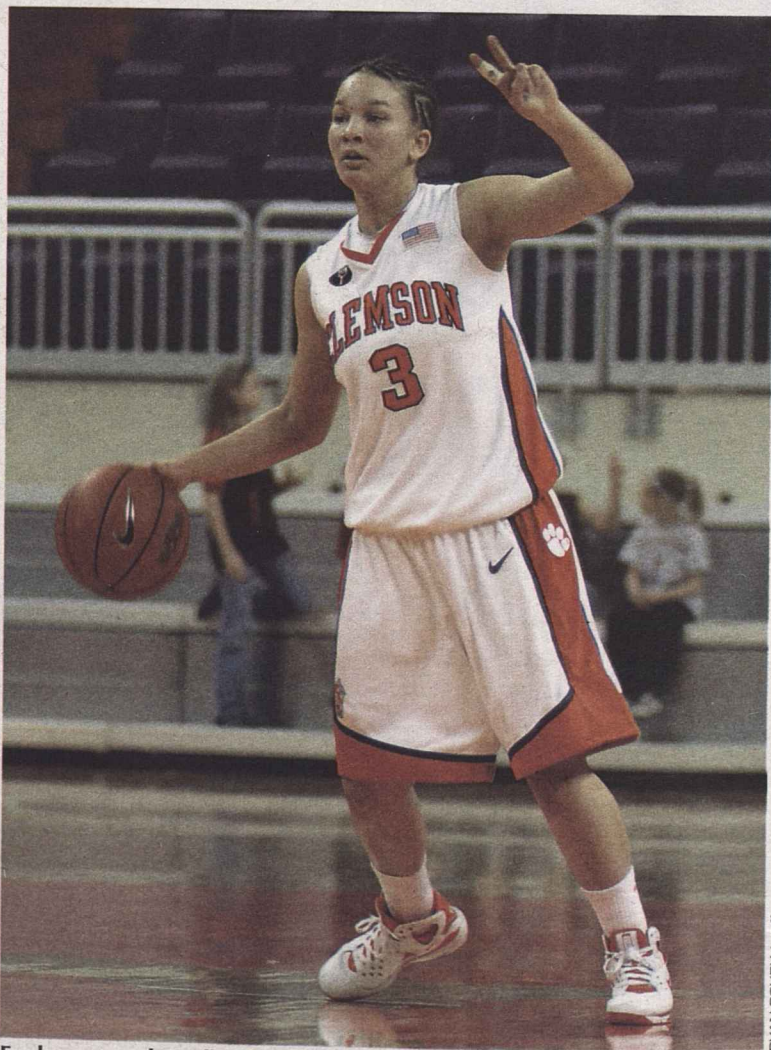
The Blue Devils had 11 steals and scored 20 points off turnovers in the first half, setting the tone by jumping out to a 44-14 lead. Duke's biggest lead was by 31 points, and the Tigers never got closer than 20 points in the second half.

Stefany Thomas was the lone bright spot for the Tigers, scoring 18 points. Thomas went 7-11 from the field, including two of three from three-point range, while pulling down four boards, one shy for the team lead. Thomas was the lone Tiger to reach double digits scoring.

The Tigers were out-rebounded 44-27 in the game, allowing for 15 offensive rebounds for the Blue Devils.

The Blue Devils played without Karima Christmas who suffered a concussion against UNC. Even without Christmas, three Blue Devils were in double digits including Kyrstal Thomas putting up 16 points off the bench. Thomas also had three blocks.

The Tigers only have one more game on the road this season against North Carolina State. The Tigers have two more games at home, where they are 7-7 on the season. However, they must face the ACC leader in Florida State on Thursday.



Freshman guard Bryelle Smith calls in a play.

Dust off the plate; Tigers set for 49ers

The Clemson baseball team will begin their annual run to Omaha this weekend.

RONNIE KRANKOWSKI
STAFF WRITER

The Clemson Tigers' baseball team will face off against the Charlotte 49ers for a three-game series starting today at 2:30 p.m. Expectations are flying high for both teams.

After missing the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1986 in the previous season, the Tiger's have 21 returnees from last year's squad and a top ten recruiting class. Coach Jack Leggett believes that with the amount of talent possessed on this team and the battles for playing time in the offseason, everyone's game has risen to the next level. "I think we'll be a team with more depth at every position than we've had in the past. We have a lot more intra-team competition, which will help move everyone to another level," said Leggett.

Last season, Charlotte finished with a pair of losses at the Raleigh, N.C. Regional to South Carolina and James Madison, to finish 43-16, along with a second consecutive Atlantic 10 League and Tournament Title. Charlotte is striv-

ing for its third-straight Atlantic 10 Conference title, which has never been accomplished in league history.

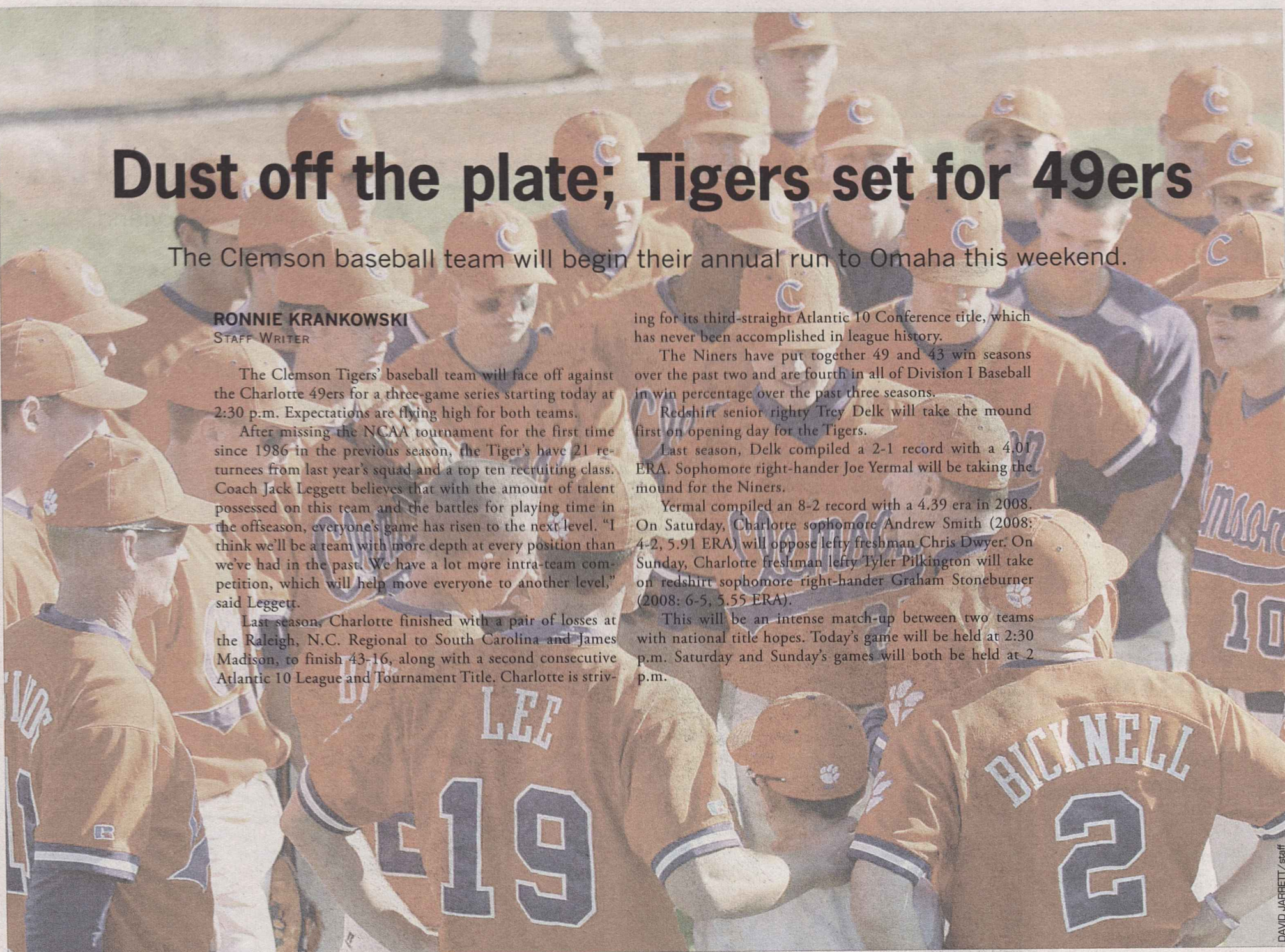
The Niners have put together 49 and 43 win seasons over the past two and are fourth in all of Division I Baseball in win percentage over the past three seasons.

Redshirt senior righty Trey Delk will take the mound first on opening day for the Tigers.

Last season, Delk compiled a 2-1 record with a 4.01 ERA. Sophomore right-hander Joe Yermal will be taking the mound for the Niners.

Yermal compiled an 8-2 record with a 4.39 era in 2008. On Saturday, Charlotte sophomore Andrew Smith (2008: 4-2, 5.91 ERA) will oppose lefty freshman Chris Dwyer. On Sunday, Charlotte freshman lefty Tyler Pilkington will take on redshirt sophomore right-hander Graham Stoneburner (2008: 6-5, 5.55 ERA).

This will be an intense match-up between two teams with national title hopes. Today's game will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday's games will both be held at 2 p.m.



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Georgia Tech
2 p.m.
Clemson, S.C.

Thursday 2/26
N.C. State
7 p.m.
Raleigh, N.C.

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Charlotte
4 p.m. (Fri.)
2 p.m. (Sat.)
1 p.m. (Sun.)
Madison, Wis.

Wednesday 2/25
Wofford
4 p.m.
Clemson, S.C.

WOMEN'S ROWING

Saturday 2/21
Brock Scrimmage
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Clemson, S.C.

SWIMMING & DIVING

Friday-Saturday 2/20-21
ACC Championships
(Women)
All Day
College Park, Md.

Clemson to take on Georgia Tech

BRETT MILLS
STAFF WRITER

The Clemson Tigers (21-4, 7-4) travel to Atlanta, Ga., on Sunday to take on the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets (10-14, 1-10) at Alexander Memorial Coliseum in a late-season ACC road test. The 1 p.m. tipoff marks the second of two regular season contests between the teams, Clemson having taken the first one 73-69.

With an NCAA tournament bid a virtual lock at this point, Clemson can focus its attention solely on finishing in the top four in the conference standings and earning the all-important first round bye in the ACC Tournament. North Carolina, possessing a stellar 9-2 conference record, has essentially clinched the top seed in the tournament, but the other three coveted bye spots are all still up for grabs. Jockeying for those three slots are six teams — Duke, Clemson, Wake Forest, Florida State, Virginia Tech and Boston College — which all boast nearly identical conference records.

A top four finish is surely doable for Clemson with its relatively manageable remaining schedule, but if the Tigers want to succeed, they cannot afford any more slip ups against should-be easy wins like Virginia last week and like Georgia Tech this week.

Georgia Tech, while far more dangerous than their abysmal

1-10 conference record might indicate (as evidenced by their shocking upset of then-undefeated Wake Forest a few weeks ago), is — to put it bluntly — just not a very good team. Several of their losses were very close, yes, but they simply do not have the horses to run with Clemson when the Tigers show up to play. In their first matchup in Littlejohn Coliseum back in late January, Clemson allowed the Jackets to hang around for much of the first half thanks to sloppy play on offense and lackluster effort on defense.

However, when the Tigers finally poured it on in the second half, they ran Tech out of the gym, cruising to an easy 73-59 victory on the power of 18 Terrance Oglesby points and 18 Tech turnovers.

For Clemson to be successful in Atlanta on Sunday, they must come out and play the way they did against the Jackets in the second half of their last meeting. Tech's greatest weakness lies in their backcourt at the point guard position, and they struggle mightily every time they face a high intensity full-court press. Given that the Jackets are very solid in half court defense, look for most of Clemson's points to come in transition and off of turnovers forced by their press. In half court sets, Trevor Booker must

establish himself down in the post at both the offensive and defensive ends. He leads the league in blocked shots in addition to averaging 15.2 points per game. Jay Bilas put it best, saying that whenever the Tigers feed Booker the ball down low, "good things happen."

If Georgia Tech hopes to pull off the upset, they will need a monster game from their star forward Gani Lawal. Easily Tech's best player, Lawal averages a double double (including 14 points and 10 rebounds against Clemson last time) and was huge in their upset of Wake Forest, scoring 25 points and pulling down 10 rebounds. Forward Alade Aminu (11.9ppg) and freshman guard Iman Shumpert (11.6ppg) also need big games as the second- and third-leading scorers on the team, respectively.

The ACC basketball season is a marathon, and every game counts. For Clemson, it is overlooked games like this, against lackluster teams like Georgia Tech, that will decide whether this basketball season is a good one or a great one. If Clemson truly wants to be a great team, a serious contender for the ACC crown, they have to win games like this, as they are clearly a deeper, more experienced and more well-rounded team than Georgia Tech. The question is, will they play like it?



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14-0 run gave them a 39-33 lead, but the Cavaliers answered the Tigers every time they were challenged.

The lead changed nine times in the second half. In the final 16 minutes, neither team led by more than five at any point.

The Tigers had the lead last. River's jumper with 1:20 left pushed the Tigers ahead 73-72. With half a minute remaining, Rivers went to the line with a chance to give the Tigers a three-point lead but missed the first shot.

UVA's Sylven Landisberg's layup on the other end tied the game 74-74. As time ran out, Rivers, Stitt and Potter couldn't tip it in from under the basket.

In the overtime period, both teams committed three turnovers in the first minute before Oglesby hit from three for a 77-74 lead.

The Cav's 6-0 scoring run in just over a minute gave Virginia an 80-77 lead. Landesberg made two baskets, and Mike Scott's free throw sealed the victory. The Tigers were unable to convert any further attempts from the floor.

The Tigers were led by Oglesby's 17 points. Booker and Rivers added 16 and 15, respectively. Virginia's Landesberg scored 23 to lead the Cavaliers. The win snapped an eight-game ACC losing streak for Virginia.

If losing to Virginia was a cause for soul searching, the Tigers found theirs in the second half against Maryland with an offense in rhythm and a defense that caused chaos for the Terrapins and nice contributions from the bench.

The 93-64 victory was the sixth double-digit ACC win this season, tying a record set in 1997-1998.

In the first half, the Tigers struggled in the opening minutes. The lead changed four times in five minutes. But with 14:40 remaining, Stitt's three fell to make it 10-8 and the Tigers never trailed again.

Maryland threatened as the half wound down, narrowing the lead to two with 1:23 left. Oglesby's two made free throws brought the lead back to four and the Terrapins came down court to take the last shot.

K.C. Rivers stole a pass near midcourt and dunked on the other end for a 34-28 lead at half-time and gained momentum.

The opening of the second half did not foretell the scoring explosion that was to come.

On the inbound, Maryland's defense confused Stitt into calling a timeout.

It was one of the few mistakes the Tigers would make.

At the 17:40 mark, Oglesby missed a three but Booker grabbed the ball at its peak and dunked with one hand.

He said after the game it would go down as one of his favorites.

The Tigers dominated in the paint for the game, 44-30 but perhaps their most impressive performance was from long range in the second half.

Six Tigers hit from beyond the arc.

Booker among them as he proved again he can hurt an opponent from long range when he stretched the lead to 10 about four minutes into the second half in a sequence of three consecutive threes.

Andre Young who had the last three pointer, scored 10 points in just 15 minutes of play to go with three steals. The Tigers' reserves scored 34 in the game.

The shooting rhythm the Tigers found was evident when off of a missed shot by Potter, Booker rebounded and the ball was passed through three Tigers around the key before an open Tanner Smith buried a three from the corner.

In his post-game interview, Purnell had praise for Booker.

"Book was kind of the initiator tonight," Purnell said. "He had what we call the Gretzky, the pass to the guy who makes the assist." Gary Williams of Maryland also spoke highly of the offensive effort.

"They have a good combo with their three point shooters and inside presence," Williams said. "They are very hard to defend."

Not just the offense was in rhythm but defensively, the Tigers had nine steals and kept Maryland off the free throw line in the second half after they attempted 15 first half free-throws.

Oglesby, who was the Tigers' leading scorer with 16 points and six assists, attributed the second half offensive explosion to "defensive intensity."

Perhaps the happiest Tigers were Stitt who scored nearly twice his per-game average with 15 and Catalin "Bobo" Baciuc whose tip-in in the closing seconds were his first points in over a month.

Next, the Tigers will try to defeat Georgia Tech for the second time this year in Atlanta on Sunday.

"Tonight, I think we took a big step forward," Stitt said after the game. In Atlanta, the Tigers will have to keep moving forward if they intend to stay in the tight ACC race.

Clemson tennis responds to increasing competition

Tigers take on top-ranked opponents.

BECCA CARTER
STAFF WRITER

As the Clemson tennis teams progress into their season with increasing competition, the Tigers have collided with ranked opponents. Facing second-ranked California, 13th Fresno State, and ninth Southern California consecutively at the ITA National Team Indoor Championships in Madison, Wis., the No. 12 women's tennis team finished the prestigious tournament at 1-2. This shifts the Lady Tiger's record to 6-3 on the season.

Back in Clemson, the men's tennis team topped their old foe Furman last Wednesday, 4-3. But this past Sunday, No. 19 Alabama arrived to challenge the Tigers. The Crimson Tide rolled over the Tigers to capture a 5-2 win, resulting in the Tigers' 4-4 record this season.

The Lady Tigers predicted a tough first round matchup on Friday in Wisconsin against the undefeated No. 2 California Golden Bears. The Golden Bears managed to barely skid by Clemson 4-3.

Right off the bat, the Lady Tigers picked up two of the three doubles matches and therefore, the doubles point. First seed doubles partners Ani Mijacika and Keri Wong won 8-3, while teammates Estefania Balda and Alexandra Luc recorded an 8-2 win. But at the singles contests, only fourth-ranked Ani Mijacika at the top flight and Alexandra Luc at line six secured victories. The loss placed Clemson against another California powerhouse, Fresno State, the next morning.

On Saturday, Clemson standout junior Mijacika doused Fresno State's Melanie Gloria at the top singles position, winning her eight straight singles match to lead the Tigers to success. After three prior losses to Fresno State, the Lady Tigers redeemed themselves Saturday, 5-2.

Clemson captured wins at doubles flights two and three, and then eased into singles play. At the top seed, Mijacika downed Gloria 6-1, 7-5. Then fueling the Tigers to a 2-0 lead over the Bulldogs was No. 10 Josipa Bek at the second position. At the sixth seed, Luc secured a three-set match, while Ina Hadziselimovic also contributed another big win, 6-1, 6-4.

After the Fresno State victory, Clemson took on Southern California on Sunday, the final day of tournament play. The Lady Tigers recorded the doubles point, but it wasn't enough to overcome the Trojans, who edged Clemson 4-3. Obligated to retire early in her singles match, Clemson's top player Mijacika suffered her first loss. Bek won both straight singles sets 6-3, 6-4, and Luc also posted a singles win.

On Wednesday evening, the men's matchup against Furman came down to the number five singles game, where Kevin Fleck clinched the victory 7-6, 6-2 over Jordan Walters and locked in the win for his team.

"It was a hard-fought 4-3 match today. Going into the match we knew it was going to be tough," said Clemson Head Coach Chuck McCuen. "I was very pleased with the play of Kevin Fleck and Carlos Alvarez."

In doubles, a marginal 9-8 win by

third flight duo Kevin Galloway and Robert Pietrucha allowed Clemson the doubles point against Furman. Individually, Alvarez swept his Paladin opponent 6-3, 6-3 at the top flight. Rok Bizjak and Fleck also captured singles contests at the third and fifth positions, respectively.

Ultimately, the Tigers triumphed over Furman in a compelling match for all present.

Ranked 61st nationally, the Tigers challenged high-ranked No. 19 Alabama at the Hoke Sloan Tennis Center this past Sunday. This was the fifteenth meeting between the two southern powerhouses, as Alabama leads the series 11-4 with the win Sunday.

The Crimson Tide jumped to a 1-0 lead by picking up the doubles point over the Tigers, but Clemson responded when Alvarez defeated Alabama's Saketh Myneni 6-3, 6-2 at the first seed singles.

The match continued switching leads, as Clemson's Gera Boryachinskiy lost, but Bizjak regained momentum with his win over Alabama at the third position (6-1, 6-2). Tiger struggles in the fourth, fifth, and sixth spots boosted Alabama to take the match, 5-2.

Playing host to Dartmouth and Navy this Saturday, the Men's tennis team can steer themselves back to victory road.

They first battle Navy at 9 a.m., then proceed to face Dartmouth at 2:30 p.m.

As for the Lady Tigers, they take on in-state rival, the USC Gamecocks. The showdown unfolds Sunday at Clemson's Hoke Sloan Center.

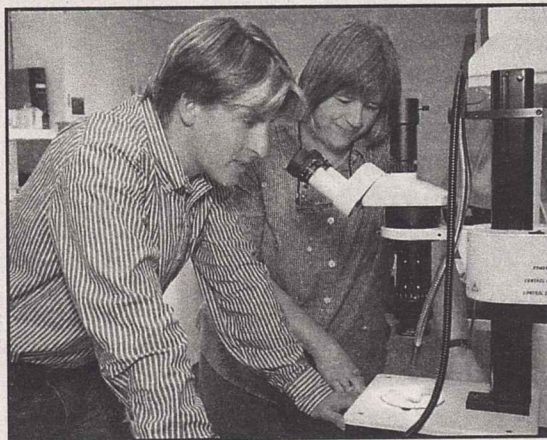


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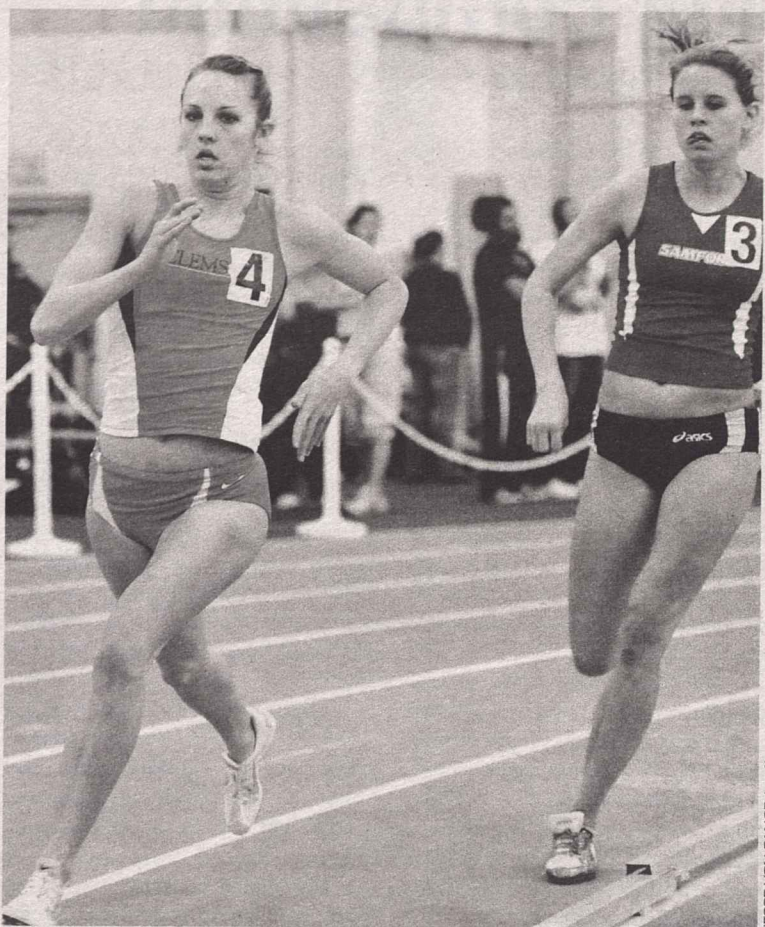
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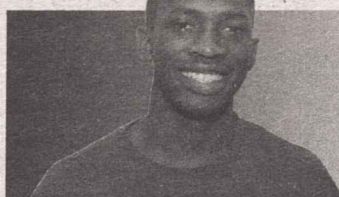
This Saturday the Tigers will host their final home indoor meet of the season in the Tiger Invitational.



A Clemson runner holds off an opponent during a race.

JESSE VON FANGE/staff

Views on the basketball season



TYRONE GAYLE

staff writer

Being a Clemson basketball fan this season has kind of been like being a sponsor for a good friend who keeps going in and out of rehab; you want to believe that they've changed, things will be different now, and things are looking up — then bam, there goes the relapse.

Don't get me wrong, blowing out Duke and Maryland, two programs that have both won national championships in the last eight years (2001 and 2002, respectively), by a combined 56 points is as sweet as it gets; but it's the disturbing and unfathomable losses at home to Florida State and on the road to the former ACC-champs-to-chumps Virginia Cavaliers that keep me up at night and haunt my dreams.

Heading into the ACC schedule this year, the nation was highly skeptical of our Tigers and our 16-0 start for the third straight year. And with the Chernobyl-like meltdown in 2007 and the embarrassing one-and-done tournament exit last year, who could blame them?

"This year will be different," we boastfully proclaimed to all the negative Nancies out there; and to date, it has been. Well, almost. We've played a significantly stronger out-of-conference schedule this year, as the road win at No. 16 Illinois will look especially delicious when it comes to the serving up of seed pairings on Selection Sunday.

It will also help that the ACC is arguably the toughest conference this season alongside the Big East, as it has a real chance to send 7 to 8 teams to the Big Dance. Clemson is ranked is the top-25 in terms of strength of schedule, and is 10th in the Ratings Percentage Index (RPI), which are two key factors that go into the formula that will determine Clemson's seed in the NCAA Tournament.

Analysts have us projected as a fourth or a dreaded fifth seed (again), but a late season run and quality performance in the ACC Tournament could close the gap on obtaining a three seed.

Twenty-five games into the season, and despite the up-and-down play since conference games began, it's been entertaining watching this squad everytime they lace up their Nikes and step onto the court.

Is it me, or does Trevor Booker have an NBA Jam-worthy dunk or two nearly every game? This man deserves his own ESPN Top 10 Countdown, especially after that rim-rattling put-back Wednesday night against Maryland. Flawless victory. Terrence "T.O." Oglesey continues to make it rain from the land of three, sometimes looking like he's taking shots from his home state of Tennessee. His sometimes streaky play, however, will need to be settled and become a constant come March if tickets are hoped to be booked for the second weekend and beyond of play in the NCAA Tournament.

Point guard Demontez Stitt has continued to be a rock of stability, as is needed with his position. Remaining neutral and composed, he often looks like the most enthusiastic player on the court when the lights are on.

And then, of course, there's Mr. Everything, K.C. Rivers, who has paid his dues over his stellar four-year career here in Tigertown. When the chips are down, Rivers always seems to be one step ahead of everyone else, displaying the leadership that will be needed if a deep run is to be completed. Our second team is just as capable of controlling a game as the first team, as we go ten-deep with the likes of breakout stars in the making such as Jerai Grant, Tanner Smith and Andre Young.

I'm not sure where this team is exactly headed, but I know it won't be boring come March. If the stars align just right, I smell revenge in the ACC Tournament and candles being blown out for what could certainly be at least a Sweet Sixteen appearance.

With only five conference games remaining, every game is vital with none more potentially important than the season finale in Winston-Salem against the Demon Deacons of Wake Forest. Let's applaud our Tigers for the season they have had until this point, but complacency is certainly not, and will never be, an option. Let's keep Oliver Purnell's Posse strong and keep our "good friend" out of rehab.

DANIEL TAYLOR

sports editor



I should thank Oliver Purnell for extending my life. He didn't save me from choking on a Buffalo chicken sandwich from Schilleter or push me out of the way of a Parking Services golf cart (although I kinda wish he had — it would make for a better column). Instead, Oliver Purnell has changed the way that I watch basketball. While that might not appear to be life saving, my former attitude was a serious risk to my health.

For most conference games, I used to be an extreme pessimist. We rarely competed against the upper echelon of the ACC, and the lack of success put me in a sour mood. I would be so dejected before the game that I could never enjoy watching and I'm sure I brought down others around me.

For any close game, I was a nervous wreck. Even if we were killing the other team on field goal percentages, rebounding and defense play, I could not watch peacefully. I just knew the game would come down to free throws, and we'd find a way to lose. Basketball used to affect my heart, temperament and other aspects of my life. I have nearly lost friendships due to close losses in Clemson sporting events.

Yet this year, my unhealthy attitude has completely changed. Outside of North Carolina, I have expected to win every game. I am not a delusional fan, nor have not suddenly lost my mind this season, but I no longer worry before basketball games. My attitude has completely changed due to the confidence I have in Oliver Purnell's system.

Against South Carolina on Dec. 30, Clemson quickly fell into an 11-point deficit. Carolina clearly had all the momentum evidenced by their 14-3 lead, which came not five minutes into the game. After Coach Purnell called timeout, I said to my dad, "You know, if this was some other sport, I would be going crazy right now. Eleven points is a big lead, but I'm not worried."

"No, me neither," said my dad. Sure enough, within six minutes, the Tigers had eliminated the lead and tied the game at 24. By halftime, Clemson was on top 58-43, a reversal of 26 points.

I am not the only one that has this confidence. The entire team plays as if they are never out of a game. Against Virginia Tech on Jan. 29, the Tigers closed a 15-point second half deficit in just five minutes to defeat the Hokies 86-82. Most basketball teams would have given up. However, resiliency characterizes this team like no other Clemson team before.

Last weekend my overconfidence got me in a bit of trouble. As we continued to trail against Virginia last Saturday, I never questioned the eventual outcome of the game. Even though my friends were upset that the worst ACC team was keeping the game close, I never wavered in my faith for victory.

When we were forced into overtime, my instinct told me I should start throwing my remote at the television, but instead I calmly waited for Coach Purnell to bring home the victory. When the game ended with an unexpected 85-81 loss, I discovered that I wasn't angry the way conditioned behavior told me to be. For some reason, I wasn't crushed by the defeat.

In a peculiar way, it was nice to be upset by someone. By being upset, Clemson has clearly changed. Beating No. 12 Clemson will be the highlight to Virginia's season. For so many years, it was an upset if Clemson had an ACC victory at all. Suddenly, another ACC team considers Clemson their best win of the year. That transformation is pretty remarkable. Of course, I would have rather won the game, but Oliver Purnell has brought respect to our program.

I can recall when we were the underdogs. In 2001, Clemson shocked No. 1 North Carolina in Littlejohn 75-65. As thrilling as that win was, it meant nothing to the season. The team finished 12-19 and didn't even receive a bid to the NIT tournament. What good did the UNC win do for us? When I look back at this year, I don't want to have just one upset win to remember; I want an entire season to be proud of.

Clemson has never been a basketball school. Although we are the only traditional ACC power in football, we have typically served as the conference doormat on the hardwood. Clemson failed to win a game in its first two seasons of ACC play. After the ACC's third year, Clemson had a combined conference record of 1-36. Although the Tigers improved, they have never been a constant player in the ACC until now.

With the crushing win against Maryland, Clemson has won more than 20 games for three straight seasons — a first in school history. At 7-4 in the conference, Clemson is only two wins away from assuring a winning conference record. If Coach Purnell can win two of the next five games, Clemson will have a winning ACC record in back-to-back years — possibly another first in school history.

Clemson fans need to realize what they are witnessing this season. The program is on the verge of entering its golden era under the leadership of Oliver Purnell.

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Springsteen has a new sound

"The Boss" reworks his sound in his new album, "Working on a Dream."

CAITLIN BAKER

STAFF WRITER

Following 2007's album entitled "Magic," Bruce Springsteen recently released his 24th album, "Working on a Dream." Throughout decades of rock 'n' roll's most influential moments, Springsteen has worked hard to paint a vivid picture of himself through his musical mantras. Whether they were about loneliness, blue collar jobs or whatever else hindered the Jersey boy throughout life, his lyrics always promised to spill anger and frustration.

"The Boss" is definitely back, but he's had a makeover; he's happy, he's hopeful and he's a romantic. It's unlike anything we've heard from Springsteen before, but the songs are just as good as the unintended message they send.

"Working on a Dream" is Springsteen's third album since he and the E Street Band reunited in 1999.

"The Rising" (2002) and "Magic" (2007) were albums of agony and angst due largely to the sorrow caused by the 9/11 attacks.

It is a well-known fact that Springsteen has done some of his best songwriting as a result of emotional discomfort; his rise to fame took place during one of the worst years in American history, 1968.

It was during the '70s that he began to define himself through his music and win the hearts of Americans every-

where. So, following two well-received albums and decades of popular, predictable tunes, "Working on a Dream" has some big shoes to fill.

Essentially, Springsteen has created his self-image based upon the political messages underlying the silver linings of his melodies.

But sometimes, it's what is left out that sends the most important message. "Working on a Dream" is different; it is not political at all, despite the fact that his political candidate turned out all right.

Critics have shown distaste for "Working on a Dream," giving Springsteen half of the ratings he usually receives, but his new album is sending the exact message that he wants — music is forever changing, just like the times.

Springsteen is optimistic and sees the light at the end of the tunnel. He has written a different set of lyrics that bleed love in "Queen of the Supermarket" as he swoons over a cashier.

"My Lucky Day" is an upbeat pop anthem that hints at romance, but don't worry; it's nothing sappy. Springsteen makes romance look manly and cool, nonetheless.

However, just because a few songs are full of eloquent hopefulness, Springsteen's lyrics will always remain subtly haunted. "Life Itself" is the most



desolate of all, as he tries to hang onto a lost lover.

His concern for humanity is showcased through "What Love Can Do," a paradoxical song that recognizes sadness in a dark world but looks to love for answers. This goes to show that even in his most poignant stride of hope, he's just a dark and twisted boy deep inside.

This could be his attempt at a

pop album, and if so, don't accuse Springsteen of messing up. He's turned over a new leaf and "Working on a Dream" is guaranteed to sound great on tour.

If anyone needs hope right now, it'd be America. It's no coincidence that "Working on a Dream" sends a cheerful message; that's just what The Boss intended.

New musical to open at Brooks

Clemson Players to perform pseudo-Shakespearean musical.

CORRINA MILLER

STAFF WRITER

The Clemson Players are giving new life to Shakespeare's age old works with a rambunctious, racy rendition of "The Two Gentlemen of Verona." It's a production that combines the traditional iambic pentameter prose of the bard with riotous modern lyrics and tunes.

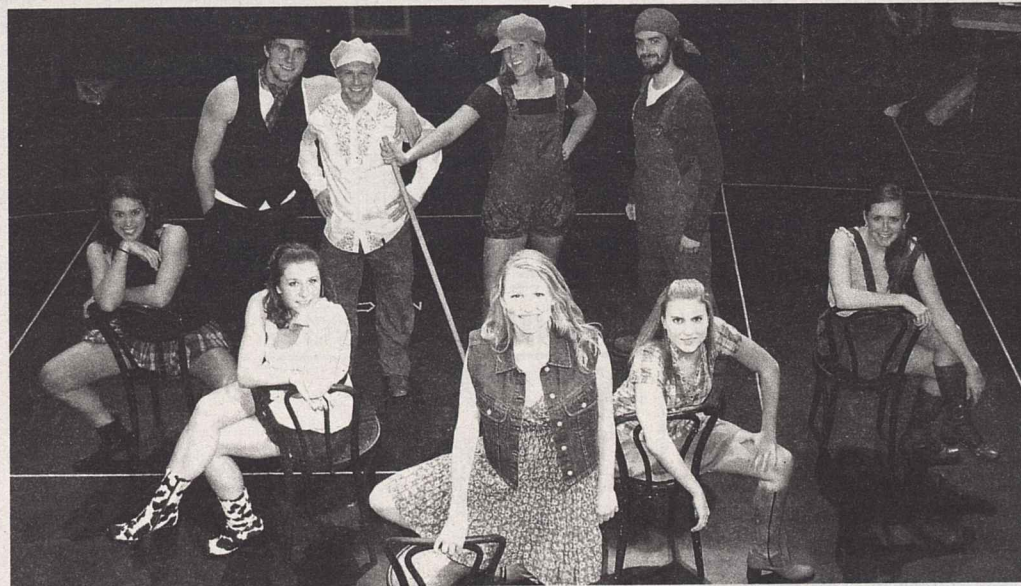
For those of you not familiar with the bard's tale, here's a quick run-through: lifelong friends Proteus and Valentine, two men verging on adulthood, decide to pursue adventure. Proteus falls in love with Julia, a beautiful farm girl.

However, immediately after swearing his undying love to her, Proteus abandons Julia to join Valentine in the exciting metropolis of Milan. When Julia's best friend, Lucetta, hears that Proteus has left town, she suggests to Julia that the two women don men's attire and follow Julia's lover to surprise him with the news that he is going to be a father.

Love becomes a fickle thing when everyone arrives in Milan. Upon arrival, Valentine falls in love with the stunningly beautiful and sassy Sylvia, the daughter of the Duke of Milan. Sylvia is in love with Eglamour, her lover who was sent off to war, but she has been betrothed to the wealthy Thurio by her father, the Duke.

However, the minute Proteus sets eyes on Sylvia, he forgets all about Julia and his brotherly love for Valentine, and begins to plot to win the Duke's daughter. Madness and mayhem ensue with the arrival of Julia, Lucetta and Eglamour. It's a vigorous musical journey of mistaken identities, cross dressing, multiple lovers, perilous travels, sparkly, catchy tunes and one old unreliable dog named Crab.

This version of Shakespeare's classic comedy boasts a score by "Hair" composer Galt MacDermot, with lyrics and book by John Guare. The songs are a scram-



The Clemson Players at a rehearsal for their upcoming musical, "The Two Gentlemen of Verona."

ble of musical styles including rock, Spanish, Italian and Motown while the book and lyrics veer between Shakespearean poetry and pop verse.

The original Broadway production in 1971 won the Tony Awards for Best Book and beat out "Grease" for Best Musical. A London production followed in 1973.

"Two Gentlemen" can boast having cast such well known faces such as Raul Julian, Rosario Dawson, Clifton Davis, Stockard Channing and Jeff Goldblum. Their track record includes eight Tony nominations (two wins), seven Drama Desk wins and one Theatre World win.

"This adaptation of the play is a full-blown 'rock' musical," Production Director Mark Charney said. "The story is every bit the same, but this version is based in the 1970s and features music and fashion not only from that

era, but from subsequent decades as well. The original production emphasized cultural diversity, and we're trying to embrace that as much as possible, especially through design."

This whimsical, farcical affair has brought the sex of Shakespeare's play out into the open, creating a pregnant Julia, added some racy dancing, couture-esque costumes and inserted a few anti-war messages in the form of the Duke of Milan. This ode to love and bromance has been called a "riotously funny entertainment that will engulf your senses."

Come rock out and enjoy this high-voltage, fun and sassy Tony award-winning musical! "The Two Gentlemen of Verona" runs Feb. 26, 27, 28 at 8 p.m. and March 1 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

Film tour coming to McKissick

LIZ HUNTER

STAFF WRITER

The department of English and English Majors Organization will be showing "Member of the Club: A New Orleans Cinderella Story" on Feb. 25 as part of the Southern Arts Federation's Southern Circuit Tour of Independent Filmmakers.

The documentary tells the story of a debutante, Marisa Arianne Mitchell, who has been groomed to be a New Orleans Mardi Gras Queen since she was an infant. Surrounded by her mother, Adrienne Mitchell, and her grandmother, Lorraine Petit, Marisa is prepared to ascend to royal status and gain her crown as Queen.

Using an observational, cinema verité approach, the film follows the Mitchell family through the 2003-2004 debutante season. We watch as the matriarchs and the debutante experience a flurry of interviews, dress fittings, rehearsals, academic challenges and ball practices. Each event brings with it excitement and anxiety. The film portrays these three vibrant women intimately, witnessing their hopes, struggles and determination as they try to make this crowning dream a reality.

"Member of the Club" is a dramatic coming-of-age story that explores black social clubs of the South, as well as issues of race, class and the powerful desire of an American family to belong.

A native of New Orleans and a 1978 Mardi Gras debutante, Director Phoebe Ferguson currently resides in New Orleans where she produces and directs documentary projects. With a B.A. from the Art Center College of Design, Ferguson worked for 20 years as a professional photographer in New York. She began working in documentary journalism and then moved to advertising.

Ferguson ran a commercial studio for 15 years, shooting for major ad agencies around the country. In 2000, she made a short documentary film which sparked a career change. Later in 2003, she completed an M.A. in film at NYU, studying with Marco Williams and George Stoney. "Member of the Club" is her first feature film.

The Southern Circuit Tour of Independent Filmmakers is a program of the Southern Arts Federation, a non-profit regional arts organization making a positive difference in the arts throughout the South since 1975.

Following the screening of her documentary at 7:30 p.m. at McKissick Theater in the Hendrix Center, "Member of the Club" Ferguson will engage the audience in a discussion about the film and her work as a filmmaker. The event is free.

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LEGO League State Finals. Watch as kids ages nine to 14 maneuver LEGO robots through an obstacle course. Littlejohn Coliseum. 7:30 a.m. Free.

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Supermarkets and the Idea of Technological Progress in the American Century. Lecture on the American supermarket and how it was one of the strongest tools in the U.S. arsenal in the Cold War. Speaker Shane Hamilton. Strom Thurmond Institute, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Free.

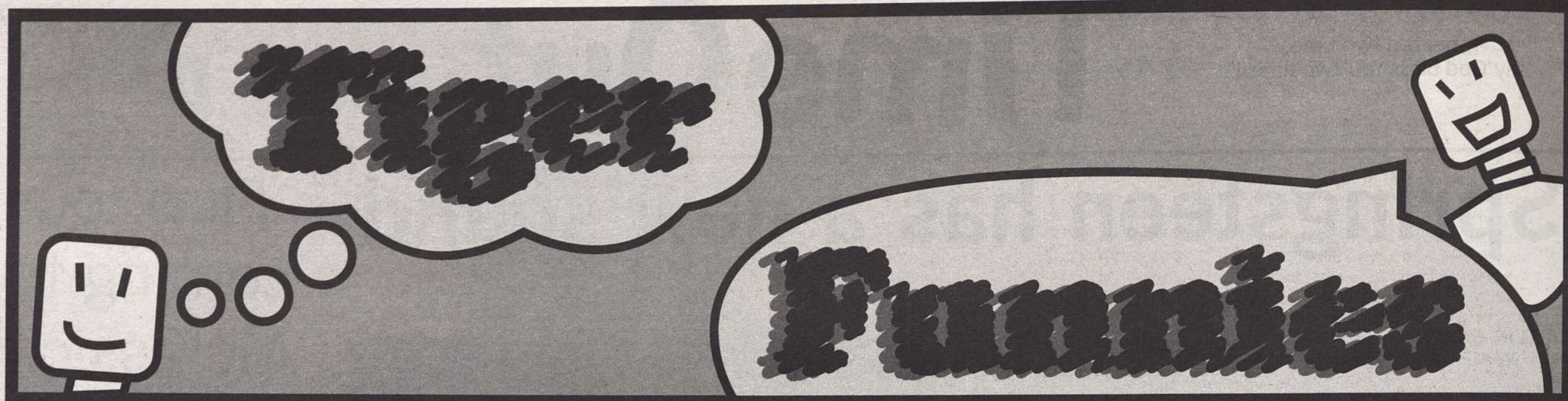
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Test-Taking Strategies. Unlock the secrets to effective test preparation. Learn why not to cram for tests and what to do if cramming is all you can do. 309 Cooper Library. 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Free.





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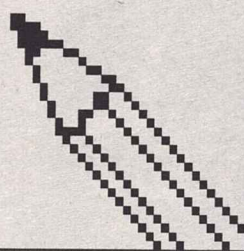
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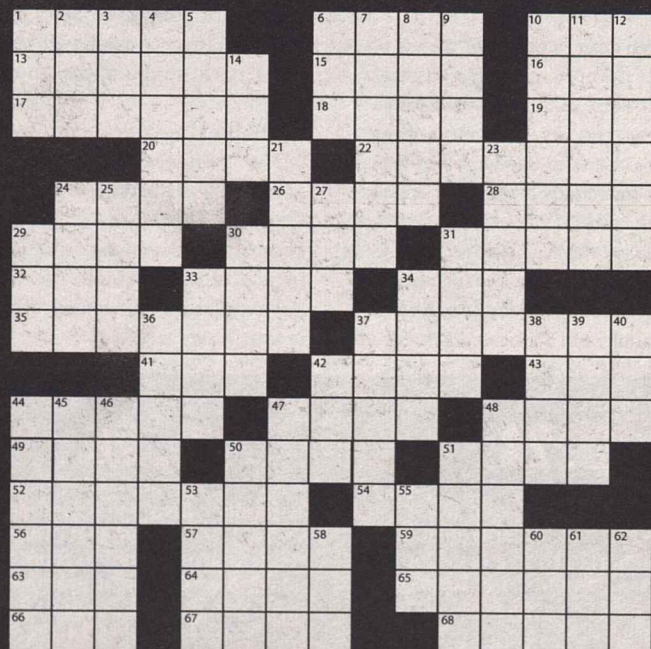


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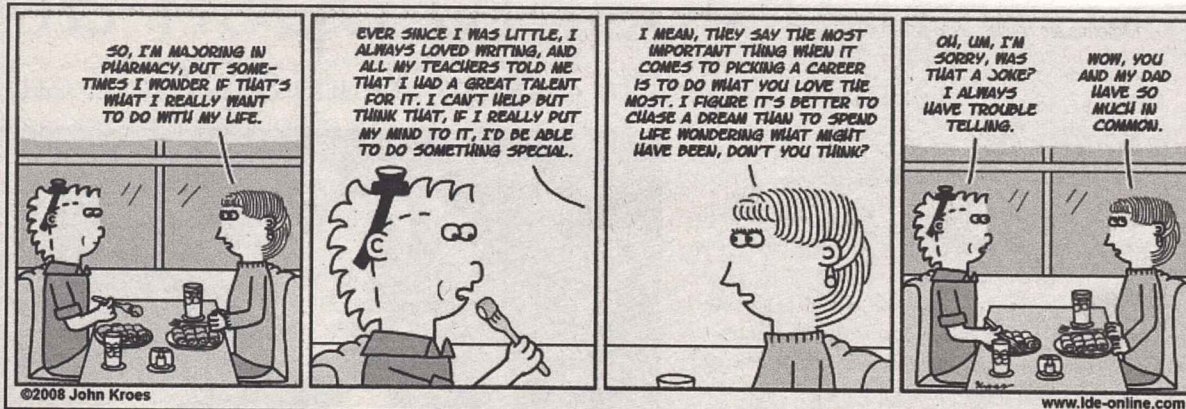
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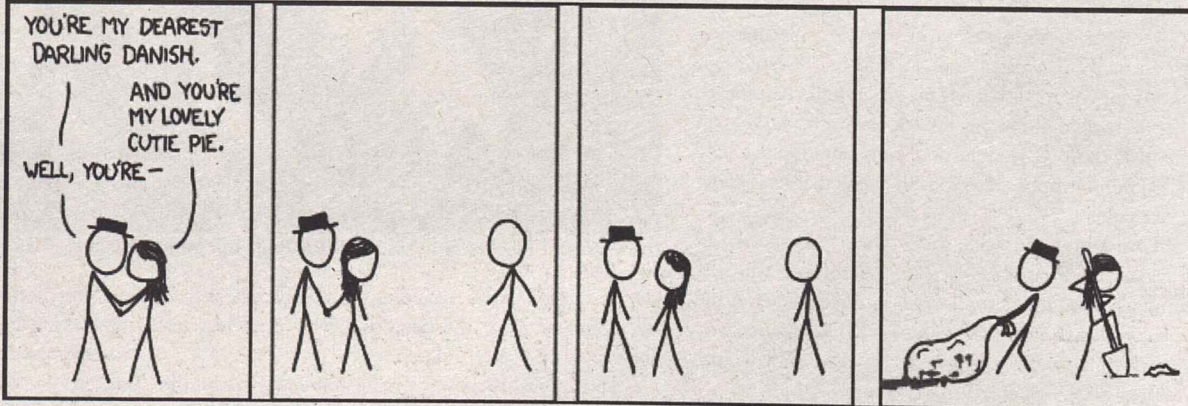
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Predictions by: David Williams

Best Picture

Will win: "Slumdog Millionaire"
Should win: "Slumdog Millionaire"
Should've been nominated: "The Wrestler"

I'm going with "Slumdog Millionaire" to take home the top prize and not just because it was my favorite film of the year. Claiming top prizes from the Golden Globes, SAG Awards, and Producers Guild, "Slumdog" has dominated the pre-Oscar honors and looks poised to continue its reign on Feb. 22. Godspeed.

Best Director

Will win: Danny Boyle, "Slumdog Millionaire"
Should win: Danny Boyle
Should've been nominated: Christopher Nolan, "The Dark Knight"

Danny Boyle. Hands down. End of story, folks. How great it is that the man who made "Trainspotting," "28 Days Later" and "Millions" is finally going to get the recognition he deserves? Boyle recently won the Directors Guild of America Award; in 60 years, almost every one of its recipients has brought home the gold. Still, where's the love for Chris Nolan, the man responsible for the second biggest blockbuster of all time?

Best Actress

Will win: Kate Winslet, "The Reader"
Should win: Melissa Leo, "Frozen River"
Should've been nominated: Sally Hawkins, "Happy Go-Lucky"

I'm narrowly choosing Kate Winslet over Meryl Streep ("Doubt") for Best Actress. I say so only because Winslet currently has an Oscar record of 0-5, and with another stellar performance in Sam Mendes' "Revolutionary Road" (also '08), I don't see how the Academy can ignore her. The sixth time may be the charm. Nevertheless, my heart is with Melissa Leo as a desperate mother who takes up smuggling Chinese illegals in "Frozen River."

Best Actor

Will win: Mickey Rourke, "The Wrestler"
Should win: Mickey Rourke
Should've been nominated: Clint Eastwood, "Gran Torino"

Sean Penn is marvelous as a murdered gay rights activist in "Milk," but my vote still goes to Mickey Rourke. His performance as a broken down ex-superstar with one last shot at immortality in "The Wrestler" is a combination of physical intensity and somber, intimate moments. To watch Randy "The Ram" Robinson pummel his way through opponents, heartache and loneliness to see Rourke telling us that after years of self-destruction and missed opportunities, he's still not quite ready to go gently into that good night. Inspiring.

Best Supporting Actor

Will win: Heath Ledger, "The Dark Knight"
Should win: Heath Ledger
Should've been nominated: Like it matters....

Is this a serious question? Uh... Heath Ledger! There has not been a posthumous Oscar awarded since Peter Finch picked one up for "Network" 32 years ago. That'll change this Sunday. Bet the farm on it. We miss you, Heath. You were one in a million.

Best Supporting Actress

Will win: Viola Davis, "Doubt"
Should win: Viola Davis
Should've been nominated: No complaints here!

Viola Davis, for sure. She has just 10 minutes of screen time in "Doubt" as the conflicted mother of a possibly molested Catholic schoolboy, but that's all she needs to deliver one of the most emotionally charged scenes of the year. And stealing the spotlight, if only for a moment, from her legendary co-star Meryl Streep is not exactly a walk in the park. No doubt!

Predictions by: Liz Hunter

Best Picture

Who will win: "Slumdog Millionaire"
Who should win: "Milk"
Should've been nominated: Hannah Montana & Miley Cyrus: "The Best of Both Worlds 3D Concert"

It's official; Americans go ga-ga for self-reflecting fairytales from afar of rags-to-riches rises from poverty, across-the-worldly beauty, and true love. And not to say that "Slumdog Millionaire" is not in its own right a delightful little fairytale, but I can't help but feel like the bandwagon has gotten so big so fast this year, that it will mostly likely be the case that the idea and feelings surrounding the film will carry it to victory instead of the merits of the film itself. The film is certainly worthy of the nomination, but I can't help but insist that "Milk" should win based on the chances it takes and its uniqueness against the crowd. And as for Miley and Hannah? Consider that my sad, pathetic retaliation against Hollywood for producing so few Oscar-worthy films this year that I'd consider a Hannah Montana concert superior entertainment.

Best Director

Who will win: Danny Boyle
Who should win: Gus Van Sant
Should've have been nominated: Darren Aronofsky

This category just echoes my thoughts on the "Best Picture" category. I think that this just might be Danny Boyle's year. And I'm not too mad about it. Even though I'm not always his biggest fan, I will admit that he probably deserves it. He's got a bit of a random resume, with films ranging from the cult-classic "Trainspotting," the whimsically magical feel-good film "Millions" and the catastrophic "28 Days Later." Giving Boyle, who has proven he can do good work in a variety of subjects and styles, the Oscar would be like voting him "Best All Around" for high school superlatives, and there's nothing wrong with that. Again, though, I think that, on its own, "Milk" is a film directed with more ingenuity, and that's why it would be my vote if I had one. And Darren Aronofsky probably deserved a nod for "The Wrestler."

Best Actor

Who will win: Sean Penn
Who should win: Sean Penn
Should've have been nominated: Christian Bale

The fact that Sean Penn should and will win this award is a hard pill for me to swallow — I can't stand the guy. But I love what he did with this film. And I'd like to take this opportunity to warn those of you planning on tuning in to the show of the inevitable d-baggery that will almost certainly dictate Penn's acceptance speech. Whereas the character Penn is nominated for portraying is an interpretation of a man filled with humble conviction and humanistic light, Penn himself tends towards tedious self-inflation and seriousness without humility. Nevertheless, the man deserves this award. And I'll admit, the only reason I decided that Christian Bale should even be let anywhere close to the Best Actor category is so that we could all watch him freak out when he loses. If you don't know what I mean, YouTube the words "Christian Bale freaks out" immediately. You're welcome.

Best Actress

Who will win: Kate Winslet
Who should win: Anne Hathaway
Should've have been nominated: Maggie Gyllenhaal

I'll be honest. Somehow I managed not to see even one of the films that this year's best actress nods come from. I know, I know. All I can say is that Kate Winslet is, like, on fire! And I'm okay with that. I'm going to say that Anne Hathaway should win just because I've heard that she did a really good job in "Rachel Getting Married," and while I haven't seen it yet, I'm excited to see her in a film where she isn't either a) a princess, or b) a white girl in New York City struggling with some ridiculous problem that no one ever actually has in real life. I like seeing her nominated for a film like this one. Maggie Gyllenhaal is my pick for who should have been nominated simply because I have a raging girl crush on her and I don't remember too much from "The Dark Knight" except that I almost cried, got up and left when she died.

Best Supporting Actor

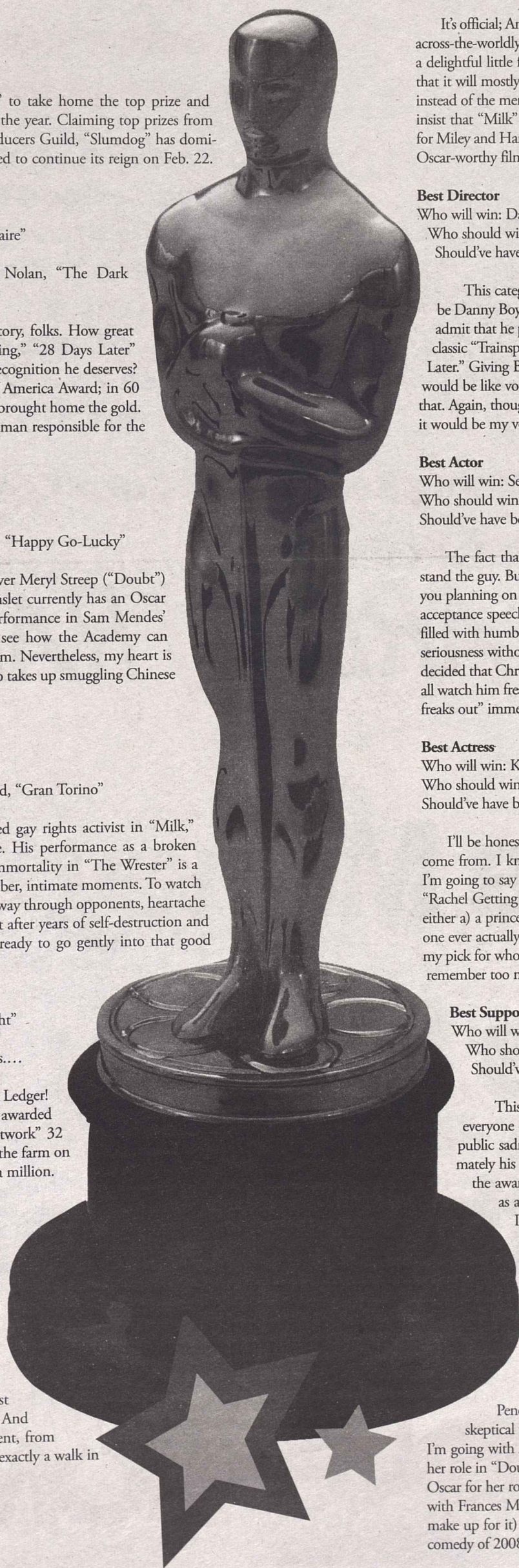
Who will win: Heath Ledger
Who should win: Heath Ledger
Should've have been nominated: Emile Hirsch

This one's on lock this year. When "The Dark Knight" came out over the summer, I, like everyone else, was immensely impressed with Ledger's rendition of The Joker. I also shared in the public sadness that the role that is most likely his crowning achievement as an actor was also ultimately his last. But he went out with a bang, and for that reason mixed with the superb job he did, the award is his. I also want to add that I cannot say enough about Emile Hirsch's fabulous job as a young gay activist in "Milk." The fact that he didn't get a supporting actor nod is what I consider this year's biggest snub. Look out for this young actor, because if he's got more where this came from, he'll be on a ballot soon.

Best Supporting Actress

Who will win: Penelope Cruz
Who should win: Amy Adams
Should've have been nominated: Amy Adams

Again, I haven't seen these films. Shame on me. But I've heard great things about Penélope Cruz in "Vicky Cristina Barcelona." I know, right? Penélope Cruz...Oscar? I'm skeptical too, but then again, she was nominated two years ago for "Volver," so maybe it's her time. I'm going with Amy Adams for who I think should have won, because I adore her. She's nominated for her role in "Doubt," and I have no idea if she deserves an Oscar for it, but I do know that she deserves an Oscar for her role in last year's tiny little delight "Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day." In that film, she co-stars with Frances McDormand as an American actress with perhaps too few morals (but enough charisma to make up for it) living in London at the onset of World War II. This film was perhaps the only romantic comedy of 2008 worth seeing, and Adams was a big reason why.





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