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H1N1 kept in its pin

Vaccine available for students in Redfern.

KATIE SPECTOR
STAFF WRITER

A free swine flu vaccine, bred because of the recent pandemic, is being distributed at the local Redfern healthcare center.

As first semester is coming to a halt and finals are amidst, Clemson students clearly don't need anything else on their plate. So, why not get the H1N1 vaccine?

This year's H1N1 virus, otherwise known as the "swine flu," has been rapidly spreading ever since it was first discovered in April. The virus is proliferating from person to person worldwide, similar to the seasonal influenza. But unlike the seasonal flu, the swine flu is mainly targeting ages six months to 24 years, unlikely affecting the elderly and newborns. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), only people who are ages 25 to 64 who have certain medical conditions may put them at risk for swine flu complications.

Executive director of Redfern Health Center, George Clay, was well aware that Clemson students were precisely in the middle of the targeted range. George said, "Five to 24 year olds has been disproportionate compared to the seasonal flu virus. We're particularly concerned."

Since June 11, 2009, when the World Health Organization (WHO) signaled the new flu pandemic on its way, researchers have been searching for a cure. Up until recently that is.

A shipment has finally arrived in Clemson. As of last week, Redfern has been carrying the new "cure" to the swine flu — a vaccine given as a shot or nasal spray. Most students have taken advantage of the free offering. "We received 1,100 doses last week and around 1,100 students have already gotten the vaccination," said Clay.

The nasal spray vaccination is served to people ages 2 to 49 who are not pregnant. It is expected that two weeks after vaccination, antibodies will develop in the body that provide pro-

tection against the H1N1 flu virus. The CDC lists mild side effects including a runny nose, wheezing, headache, sore throat and a cough.

However, many people receive the vaccination without any side effects. Corrine Jones, a first year student at Clemson University, volunteered for the nasal spray vaccine a week ago. In response to a question asking if she had any side effects since her vaccination, Corrine said, "No, not at all. And I get really sick easily too."

Because pregnant women are not permitted to get the nasal spray for medical reasons, they are subjected to take the flu shot. Besides a pregnant woman, anyone six months and older is allowed to get the H1N1 shot. A few immediate symptoms resulting from the shot are soreness where the shot was given, a mild fever and aches.

Between these two styles of vaccination, it is possible for every Clemson student to get vaccinated. How many will be available in the future? "It's very uncertain because the supply is from the manufacturers," Clay said.

Even though on this previous round, Redfern ordered 3,000 doses and only 1,100 were received, "there will be enough vaccines for anyone who wants to get one," Clay said. Shipments will come in continuously so every student who asks for the swine flu vaccine may receive one.

Clay emphasizes the importance for students to get the vaccine is necessary and sends informative e-mails. Each e-mail entails when the vaccination can be done and that the vaccinations are free from charge. "An \$18 administration fee is allowed by the federal government, but Redfern has chosen not to charge anything in the interest of immunizing as many CU students as possible."

Because there is no charge for this specific vaccination, Redfern is hoping for a rise in patients. "It was a great initiative for me to be one of the first ones there," said student Keisha Green.

Blackboard goes mobile

App gives students wireless access to CLE.

KATE RIPLEY
NEWS EDITOR

With all of the applications for iPhones and Blackberry devices, Blackboard has joined the club and added an application to make checking grades easier for college students.

Blackboard recently started up its Blackboard Mobile program to connect its online academic services to the iPhone and Blackberry college student audience.

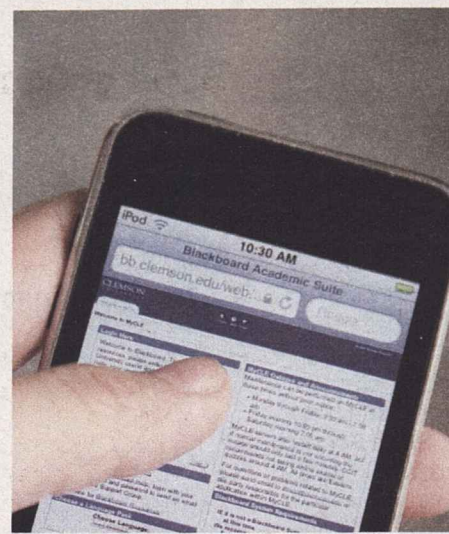
Although the iPhone app has already been released, the new Blackberry application allows those with a Blackberry device the same convenience.

The application provides students with the ability to check class schedules, find out about upcoming events on campus and access the same sites as they could at a computer by pushing a button on their phone.

On Blackboard Mobile and its new program, David Morton, director of mobile communication strategies at the University of Washington said, "This new platform allows us to easily reach our students, faculty and staff around the clock and deliver information whenever and wherever they want it, which increasingly is on mobile devices like the Blackberry and iPhone."

"The Blackberry app is something our clients have asked for and is part of our effort to create an optimized experience for all mobile users," said Kayvon Beykpour, vice president of Blackboard Mobile. "We're happy to work with institutions to leverage technologies that meet the expectations of students and other campus constituents who live and learn in a mobile, digital world."

As a modern, global university, UW is committed to embracing mobile communications and is pleased to be the launch institution for the Blackberry initiative. Although this product has been out for some time, not many students on Clemson's campus have



This application is available for iPhones, Blackberrys and Smart Phones.

heard about it.

Josh Heyward, philosophy major and Apple Store employee said he would have checked it out had he known.

"I'd take a look at it definitely, download it and see how it works because I have to check Blackboard every now and then."

Blackboard is not the only academic tool that has updated its technology to our fast paced generation.

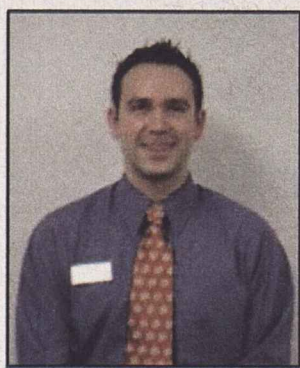
Clemson University Media Relations has even begun to use Twitter to get its information out to the masses.

With all of the mobile technology available to students and academics, it seems that now it's up to the students to take the initiative to see what's going on. For more information about the application, visit www.blackboard.com/mobile/mobile-platform.aspx.

"It could be convenient because a lot of students have iPhones and Blackberrys on campus," said Heyward. "Usually I just check online but if they've created something for my iPhone, that would be easier."

Tips to Surviving the Holiday Pounds

By Jon Unsworth, Dietary Specialist
Clemson Dining Services



It is that time of year again where celebrating the holidays with family and friends becomes a priority. The abundance, and sometimes overabundance of food, is deeply tied to the upcoming celebrations in many families. In fact, numerous special occasions often center around food. So with all this celebrating right around the corner, are you worried that the waistline you've been working so hard on is going to go down in a blaze of gravy? Stop worrying! Don't avoid the festivities and delicious desserts because the thought of potential weight gain grates on you like nails on a chalkboard. Instead, have a game plan in place so that when the challenges of potential weight gain do present themselves, you'll know what to do.

Consider these 7 tips for fully enjoying the holiday season without gaining weight!

- **Redirect your focus**

Focus on weight maintenance vs. weight loss during the holidays. If you are currently overweight and want to lose weight, develop an action plan for after the holiday season. Maintenance of your present weight can be hard enough this time of year.

- **Be physically active everyday**

Often during the holiday season, exercise routines get thrown to the wayside. Physical activity, especially aerobic activities (like brisk walking, jogging, bicycling and swimming) can help relieve stress, regulate appetite, and burn up extra calories from holiday eating. So when classes are over, exams are done, and things are slowing down, plan an exercise routine that you think you'll like. Try it out, and if you don't like it, you've got the time to change things around until you get a routine that works for you!

- **Eat a light snack before going to holiday parties**

Everyone has heard of this one - don't go to that party hungry! Not only are you more likely to overeat, but you are also less likely to resist the temptation of eating the higher fat and higher calorie foods. Try eating a piece of fruit, a small carton of yogurt, or string cheese before you go.

- **Choose your beverages wisely**

Avoid consuming a lot of beverages with calories such as soda and sweet tea. Replace beverages with water or other calorie free alternatives, like Crystal Light lemonade or Sprite Zero.

- **Take steps to avoid recreational eating**

At parties and holiday dinners, we tend to eat (or keep eating) beyond our body's physical hunger simply because food is there and eating is a "social thing." Try this: consciously make one plate of food and take your time with eating what's on your plate. Then, when you're done, pop a mint or stick of gum in your mouth, get a tall glass of water and sip on it throughout the night, or position yourself away from the buffet table or food trays to keep yourself from overeating.

- **Reduce the fat in holiday recipes**

There are plenty of low fat and low calorie substitutes that are amazingly tasty. Try using applesauce in place of oil in your favorite holiday breads; use egg substitutes in place of whole eggs; try plain nonfat yogurt in place of sour cream. There are plenty of reduced calorie and reduced fat holiday recipes out there, so give them a try, and share your cooking creations with friends and family.

- **Maintain perspective**

Finally, overeating one day won't make or break your eating plan. It takes days and days of overeating to gain weight. If you over-indulge at a holiday meal, put it behind you. Return to your usual eating plan the next day without guilt or despair!

With just a little planning and forethought, the holiday season doesn't have to be a five- or six-week-long obstacle course of tempting foods and overindulgence. Focus on enjoying this special time with friends and family, and remember that a few slip-ups over the holiday season do not spell disaster. If you need any guidance or further advice to help you through this time of year, contact Jon Unsworth at nutrition@clemson.edu.

The great South Carolina debate

South Carolina officials weigh in on politics and football.

WIL BARNES

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Where were you born and raised?

Lt. Governor Andre Bauer: I was born in Charleston, S.C. and was raised in Irmo, S.C. I was 26-years-old when I entered politics, and I ran for office in the House of Representatives.

State Senator Jake Knotts: I was born and raised in Lexington/Richland County. Went to every grammar, middle and high school in Columbia but Lower Richland.

Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh E. Weathers: I was born and raised in the town of Bowman, Orangeburg County. I got involved in politics five years ago.

In what ways could college students help out in the 2010 elections?

Bauer: Find a candidate that shares their ideas and issues, and get involved in their campaign. Diligence in a politician is important. I worked my way up without any political background.

Knotts: I would try to find a local candidate that you can believe in, that you would like, and that you would like to help out. If you want to change America, get involved in your local communities. If you help someone in your local communities get elected, after that election, you will mean something to that elected official. If you help he/she get elected, then he/she helps you. Get involved in the House races, and help your local candidates.

Weathers: Make sure that the candidates know they have an active party or club on campus. Show them that you want their attention enough for them to see you individually, and let it be known that you are active.

What are your thoughts on the elections for the Republican Party?

Bauer: Party politics run in cycles. The Republicans are benefitting right now. Healthcare issues have affected the outcome of the elections. That's why our system is healthy because it basically keeps the party in check, while the other party is discounted.

Knotts: The people in those areas elected who they want to go serve. It's not up to us to tell them who to represent them. We put too much emphasis on Republican and Democrat. The voters out there are independent minded. The reason our party is so successful is because we put up the better conservative candidates. You can be conservative without being too far to the right, and the same goes with being Democrat. It's the middle of the road approach. Politics is about working with people; it's about compromise.

What bowl games would you like to see both Clemson and USC attend?

Bauer: I've always enjoyed going to see Clemson at the Peach Bowl in recent years. I'd like to see USC in the Gator Bowl or any bowl in the South for that matter. I also liked the Music City Bowl vs. Kentucky.

Knotts: I'd like to see the Orange Bowl, Sugar Bowl, Carolina Liberty Bowl. Our bowl game is Saturday Nov. 28, the Palmetto Bowl.

Weathers: I think Clemson will win its division, and that they will play in Tampa. Carolina will probably make it to a second-tier bowl.

Will you be attending the Clemson-USC game this year?

Bauer: I will be attending.

Knotts: I'll be there. I have tickets. I don't miss 'em.

Weathers: Shoot yeah, I'll go. I've probably made 90 percent of the games since I was 10 years old.

Any last words for the Clemson University student body?

Bauer: Young people are less and less engaged in politics. Therefore, their issues are not as addressed as the seniors because they not active. I would like to see a lot of people, especially young people, involved in the political process because it affects them substantially.

Knotts: Tigers are gonna really learn what chicken tastes like. And if I had my say, I'd tell the Clemson band to play the 2001 song

every chance they get because that's the chicken curse song. And I'd tell Spurrier to make five points off limits for the next two weeks for the football players.

Weathers: I pull for Clemson as much as Clemson fans pull for USC when they're not playing Clemson. I'm glad to see Clemson doing well. I like to see athletes like C.J. Spiller excel, because not too many states have two viable candidates for college football.



Weekly News Update

World News

BBC

Death of a Russian Lawyer in custody raises alert.

Sergei Magnitsky, a 37-year-old lawyer being held on suspicion of conspiracy, died in prison of heart failure after prison authorities refused to allow him medical treatment. However, the news did not come as a shock. Deaths in Russian prisons are not uncommon. Prison conditions in Russia have long been reported as overcrowded and extremely unhygienic. Magnitsky's arrest came after his decision to defend Hermitage, one of the largest investment funds in Russia owned by U.S. businessman William Browder, against accusations of tax evasion. In 2005, Browder was banned from Russia on matters pertaining to national security. From then on, many of Browder's employees have either been detained or attacked, but Magnitsky was the first victim in the incident to have died.

BBC

School shooting in French school prevented.

A school shooting in Beauvais, France was prevented without firing a shot after the student's parents found that their family hunting rifle was missing and alerted the police. The 13-year-old unnamed student, who was carrying a loaded hunting rifle and 25 rounds, approached the school but turned around after discovering that police surrounded it. He was brought into custody later after his parents found him in a nearby Internet café. The boy had left a suicide note on his blog reading, "This is the last day of my life." The boy was considered a good student coming from a good family, but his recent behavior alerted the family, and they searched the house.

Los Angeles Times

Taliban suicide attack outside U.S. base in Afghanistan kills two dozen.

The Taliban has admitted responsibility for a suicide attack outside a U.S. base in Afghanistan, claiming at least 24 lives. The explosion occurred around eight a.m. close to the base entrance on a busy road that is connected to Jalalabad from Kabul. It is reported that this road sees frequent use by both military and civilian activity. This stretch of road endured a bombing just three months earlier, where a military convoy was targeted killing eight people. These bombings are thought to be a result of the Obama administration's top-level reviews of its Afghan war strategies, and may be a result of Army General McChrystal's request to send 40, thousand additional troops to the area, reports Karl Eikenberry, the American ambassador to Afghanistan.

The New York Times

Hillary Clinton visits Afghanistan on a surprise visit to discuss new White House demands concerning Afghan governance and corruption.

In her trip she warned President Hamid Karzai in a private meeting that the future of civilian aid from the United States depends on how the Afghan government performs in developing an effective army and curbing cronyism.

However, it may be hard for Karzai to cut down on government corruption without losing his supporters who helped him in his election. It is still unclear whether or not he will begin the process of hiring less corrupted government officials and the results of whether his government would survive the change.

Obama is very close to making a decision on how many more troops the government will send to Afghanistan to help in this conflict.

National News

CNN

Shuttle Atlantis to deliver parts to extend life of International Station.

NASA space shuttle Atlantis launched Monday at 2:28 p.m. and is in route to bring key parts to the International Space Station. NASA reports that the delivered parts will add years to the station's life. When asked what parts are going up, "We're taking the big ones," Brian Smith, lead space station flight director for the mission, said. "And not only are they the big ones - they're the ones deemed most critical. That's why they're going up first." In addition to the parts delivery, there will be three spacewalks as part of the mission. Lastly, two platforms will be installed to the backbone of the space station, which will house spare parts. The six astronauts going up will return with Nicole Stott, a flight engineer who boarded the space station in August.

Chicago Tribune

Obama's Meeting in China met with silence.

President Obama's request that China follow suit with Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, who agreed to support tighter sanctions on Iran. Secondly, Obama requested more flexibility with Beijing on currency exchange rates. Both requests were met with little to no advancement. "Obama coming here doesn't have anything to do with us. He's the President of the United States. We're the Chinese," Yang Xiying, a store clerk at a Beijing store that sells dolls of Obama dressed as Superman. The White House has reported that there have been many disappointments in the trip to China. "It used to be that the United States could go around and say 'Do this and do that' because they had so much leverage," said Dali Yang of the University of Chicago. "Today, the U.S. can't do that."

Wall Street Journal

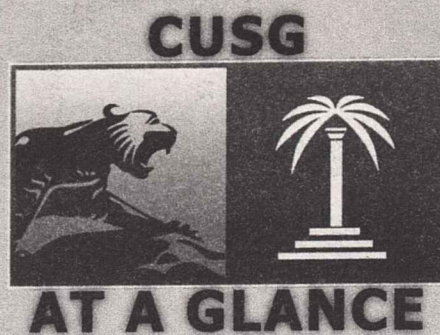
California looking eye-to-eye with a \$21 billion deficit.

California is staring down a \$21 billion budget deficit that is expected to last through June of 2011, and state legislators don't expect a fast recovery. Because of this heightened deficit, many Californians are threatened again with another round of tax hikes and spending increases. "I think it's important not to raise revenues, not to raise taxes," Gov. Schwarzenegger said. "We have to live within our means. California became so far into debt that IOU's became a necessity to avoid insolvency, and state politicians are looking to avoid this situation in the upcoming years. "We don't want to revisit the dangerous scenario we were in twice last year. It's all in the governor's and legislature's hands, and if they're serious about protecting Californians, they'll resolve it quickly," said Chiang, the state's controller.

The Wall Street Journal

Harry Reid, Senate Majority Leader, announced his \$849 billion bill that would overhaul the health care system to give 31 million Americans insurance.

This bill is the first in an attempt to build a bridge between Democrats, liberals, centrists and two independents allied with the party. It would ensure that 94 percent of Americans in the United States would have insurance coverage compared to the 83 percent of Americans covered by insurance currently. With this, the federal budget deficit would be reduced by \$127 billion over the next 10 years and by \$650 billion over the second 10 years of the program. The bill would also create a new government health insurance plan to compete with those in the private sector as well as provide government subsidies for the poor.



Week of Nov. 20 through Nov. 27

• Transfer Council will be putting on another E portfolio Blitz Dec. 3 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the class of 1941 studio in Daniel Hall.

• Congratulations to Dr. Cecil Huey for being the recipient of the 2009 Excellence in Teaching Award!

• Student Senate meetings are every Monday night at 7 p.m. in the Senate Chambers. This week a representative from CourseRank, a potential program to assist in student advising, will be presenting to the Senate. Legislation concerning support for a new Student Information System will be up for debate. All students are invited to attend.

• Stop by the new CUSG sponsored Get a DVD Now boxes located in Hendrix and the Union. The availability of their DVDs can be checked at getadvdnow.com.

• Be sure to Check out the CUSG Web site at cug.net. You can get oriented with current events and

initiatives that CUSG is working on and even provide input for your Clemson University Undergraduate Student Government.

• The CUSG offices are located adjacent to Harcombe Dining Hall in the Union.

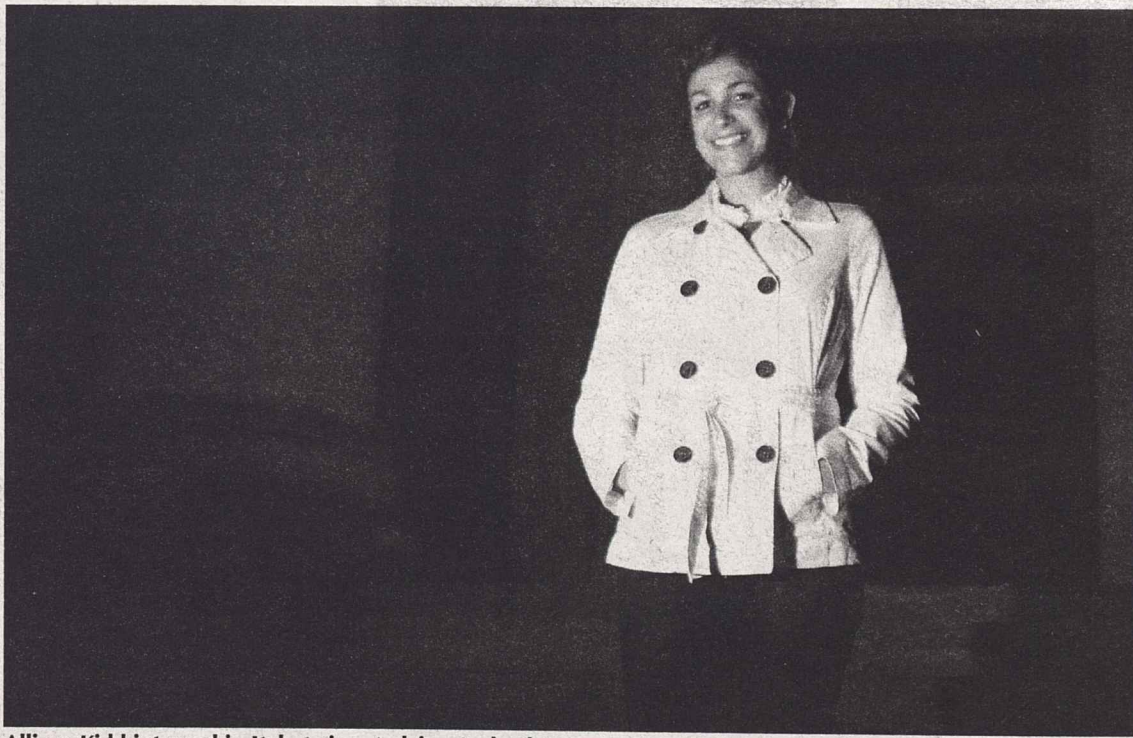
• The offices phone number is (864) 656-2195.

• CUSG office hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Did you know:

That the Athletic and Transportation committee of the Undergraduate Student Senate is trying to help bring back the NightCat transportation service for students. They are also collaborating with IPTAY to implement a basketball distribution plan for students in the future. If you have any suggestions or comments, please e-mail Khalil Madani at kmadani@clemson.edu.

Senior Spotlight: Allison Kidd takes archaeology across the pond.



Allison Kidd interned in Italy twice studying Archaeology.

WIL BARNES

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Allison Kidd took a different approach than the average college student. In lieu of working the normal summer job, she interned for the American Institute for Roman Culture over this past summer. Allison, a history major and music minor, spent eight weeks in Italy studying archaeology. However, this was not her first trip to Italy; Allison had gone previously, but acted only as a student worker.

"The first two weeks were concentrated on taking the other students around and introducing them to Rome," Allison said about her first trip. "And then for the final six weeks, we concentrated only on digging. We arrived on the site at 7 a.m., which was kind of difficult because we lived 30 minutes away from it. Then we would work until 4 p.m. doing reports, then going home."

Allison, after learning the fundamentals of the program the first time around, found out that once was not enough and decided to undergo a second internship in Italy. "I got to work directly on reports that were going to be published and I did a lot of individual analyzing of specific things that I would have never gotten to do otherwise," she said.

Allison liked history and liberal arts and recalls

that she really liked chemistry, but she could never decide which one she wanted to pursue. "I remember when I was in high school and was watching some show on the history channel, and I knew that I liked Indiana Jones. I always thought that was really cool," she said. The aspect that drove her to study archaeology was that it incorporated the aspects of everything, the literature, the art, the history and even the little bit of science involved in it. "I liked getting to do all of it at once," she said.

As for studying at Clemson, "I don't have really any background that Clemson University offers me to do archaeology, professionally," she said. "But at the same time, it's helped me realize that it's exactly what I want to do because if I didn't face these challenges I would always be in doubt. If everything is handed to you, then you have to question whether or not you really want it."

Allison, despite her parents attending school here and being raised a Clemson fan, says that when she came and visited the campus she realized it was the right place for her. "I wouldn't change it for another experience," she said. As for Allison's plans for after graduation, "I'm doing a lot of things in the area that have not been brought to light, not just in a scholarly field, but people, Italy and beyond the field of archaeology will be interested in it," she said.

On this day in History

1789 - New Jersey becomes the first U.S. state to ratify the Bill of Rights.

1817 - First Seminole War begins in Florida.

1833 - Charles Darwin reaches Punta Gorda and sees Rio Uruguay.

1861 - Kentucky's Confederate government files secession ordinance during the American Civil War.

1901 - Opera "Griselidis" is produced in Paris.

1914 - U.S. State Department starts requiring photographs for passports.

1995 - Princess Di admits she cheated on Prince Charles in a TV interview.

1995 - "Beatles" Anthology, Vol 1" is released.

2008 - After critical failures in the U.S. financial system began to build up after mid-September, the Dow Jones Industrial Average reaches its lowest level since 1997.

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Campus News

Aiken County Clemson Club is hosting Alley Fest, a big Clemson/USC game kickoff event on Nov. 27.

The Aiken County Clemson Club will be sharing all proceeds raised in the event to the respective scholarship funds of our local students. Food, drink specials, drawings of gift certificates, live music and much more will be available. Price is \$2 per person, and children under 5 are admitted for free.

President and Mrs. Jim Barker invite you to the President's House to enjoy holiday decorations and meet Santa Paws.

President's Holiday Open House begins at 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Dec. 9. Light refreshments will be available and is open to faculty, staff, emeritus faculty and students.

The Anderson Area YMCA is hoping to collect 30,000 pounds of tennis shoes to benefit people in lower-income countries in South America by Dec. 1.

To donate, Clemson FCA has placed barrels outside of residence halls. Starting at noon on gameday, at the Strom Thurmond Institute, anyone who donates shoes into the "Shoes 4 Scholarship" barrels will get free Chic-Fil-A coupons.

The LOT Project and Sullivan's Café have teamed up to provide the needy with a feast for Thanksgiving.

Volunteers will help the homeless and needy by serving a traditional turkey dinner to all that attend. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. and food will be served until it is all gone. For more information, contact Kat Laun at (864) 202-1904 or by website at www.thelotproject.com

The Spirit of Christmas attraction will be performing at the Brooks Center for the Performing Arts Dec. 8.

In a New York Style presentation, the Spirit of Christmas presentation will feature gorgeous costumes and Christmas songs. This attraction was the headline event last year at the Kodak Theatre in Los Angeles. Price is \$30 adults, \$20 for students.

Learn the basics of gemstone purchasing at the Bob Campbell Geology Museum Dec. 3.

Come learn the four C's of diamond classification, how to purchase diamonds and colored gemstones, and have your questions answered by a jeweler at the Bob Campbell Geology Museum from 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 3. Price is \$15 per person and \$12 for members and volunteers.

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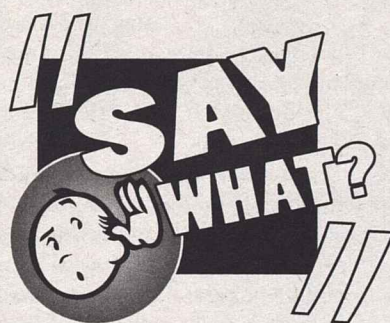
11 bodies were found under a Cleveland, Ohio resident's home who served 15 years in prison for attempted rape.

900 dollars per month is the amount that it takes to take care of baby elephant Sala in Nairobi, Kenya orphanage.

2,074 is number of pages in the recent House of Representatives health reform bill.

30,000 or more single mothers have served in both the Iraq and Afghan wars.

21,000,000,000 dollars is the budget shortfall in California.



"We all sort of live in the Pharaoh's court."

Samuel Wann, a doctor at the Wisconsin Heart Hospital, after researchers found signs of heart disease in 3,500-year-old mummies, on the similarities between the high-fat diets of rich ancient Egyptians and modern humans.

"Those are back-assward ways of trying to fix the economy."

Sarah Palin, former Alaska governor, on President Obama's economic policies in an interview with ABC News.

"I have every confidence the nation and the world will see him for the coward he is."

Eric Holder, U.S. Attorney General, in a written testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee, who is defending the decision to put 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed

on trial in New York City.

"I mean, he is so vibrant, vital, attractive, smart. He's really a good guy. And he's so young!"

Hilary Clinton, U.S. Secretary of State, giving an assessment of the Foreign Secretary in the United Kingdom, David Miliband.

"That would be cool."

Willow Palin, 15, daughter of former Alaskan governor Sarah Palin, on whether her mother should run for president.

"To be playing music was to be free."

Jan Brabec, the former drummer of the Czech band Plastic People of the Universe, on why his group, which helped inspire the Nov. 17 "velvet revolution" in 1989, kept performing despite police threats.

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Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation

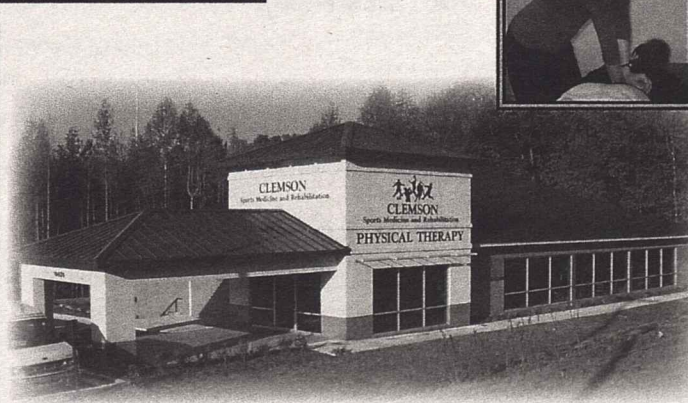
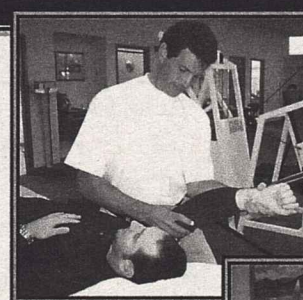
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Save a car, rent a bike

CORE proposes Bike Share to lower gas emissions.

COHEN SIMPSON
STAFF WRITER

Next spring, a new on-campus rental program wants to make cycling the transportation of choice.

Headed by Clemson Outdoor Recreation & Education, the Clemson Bike Share program will begin its pilot phase at the beginning of the 2010 spring semester, making bikes available for students, faculty and staff to rent.

The cost of participation is \$30, the rental fee helping to cover the cost of parts and labor used to repair the bikes which were donated from an impound lot.

CORE plans to provide multiple rental options where students could rent a bike short-term (a day) all the way up to long-term rentals (a semester).

A proposal requesting funding for a wide-scale bike share program to be available in the Fall of 2010 has been made to the Capital Improvement Project. Currently limited to a total of 13 people during the spring pilot phase, funding will allow the expansion of the service to more students.

"We have a list of over 100 names of students who are interested in participating in the program in the spring," said CORE Director, Robert Taylor II. "The demand is there. If we build the bikes they will ride."

CORE has collected names and contact information over the past few weeks of students, faculty and staff that are interested in participating in the bike share program. A lottery style drawing will be held at the end of this month to determine who the 13 participants will be for the pilot phase.



Bike rentals for students and staff made available.

The large scale bike share program that has been proposed would initially cost \$49,000 to implement. This includes the cost of all bikes, tools, storage racks and startup parts needed to get the program off the ground.

The annual cost related to the program would be covered by revenue from the rentals, making the startup cost a one-time fee at the inception of the program.

Every fiscal year a sum of \$50,000 is appropriated from the Student Activity Fund for the purpose of capital improvement projects. Projects have the ultimate goal of improving the quality of the Clemson experience and benefiting all members of the University. The Undergraduate Student Senate has \$88,338.97 in funding available for allocation this year.

World AIDS day recognized

University groups plan for nationwide events on Dec. 1.

ALLIE RICE
STAFF WRITER

People around the globe will recognize Dec. 1 as World AIDS Day, and Clemson University is no exception.

Redfern and its interns, Kara Fisher and Camelia Singletary, are sponsoring the event that will be held in the Hendrix Center, meeting room A, from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. During this time an informational session will be held in the meeting room for anyone interested in learning more about HIV/AIDS. Redfern also offered free rapid HIV tests from November 16 to 18 in preparation for the event.

Said Singletary, a health science major and organizer of the event, "We hope that people will come out and educate themselves on the AIDS virus. This info session is particularly important for people in our age group because we tend to think we're invincible, but we're definitely not."

Following the informational session, a candlelight vigil will be held out on the lawn to honor all those who have died from AIDS. In South Carolina alone there have been 18,320 people diagnosed with AIDS since 1981, where nearly half of those victims died. And there have been 23,199 HIV positive tests in the state since 1986. To further tribute these victims, a red ribbon made of flags will be displayed on Bowman on the honorary Day, and fund raising is also being conducted around campus to gather donations for the AIDS Upstate organization. Also, an HIV-positive speaker, sponsored by a University sorority, will talk at the vigil.

Another group involved with the promotion of World AIDS Day is a microbiology senior seminar. On Dec. 1, this seminar class will be passing out condoms on the library bridge. This class, which focuses on infection diseases, spent three weeks learning about HIV/AIDS, and then decided to take action. The professor, Dr. Patricia Mickelsen, asked the class to design a t-shirt that the volunteers will wear that day on the library bridge.

"Part of the original idea was that we wanted to make a spin off of the high-five club. So, our shirts say 'It's the only high-five [HI-V] you don't want'," said a member of the seminar, Colleen Fenn.

The idea behind the condoms is to promote the practice of safer sex.

"During GWB's presidency, abstinence-only sex education approaches were taught, and according to statistics, this lack of educational options on how to practice safe sex coincides with the higher rates of teen pregnancies, STDs and HIV we are seeing today. People need to know what is out there and available to them," said Fenn.

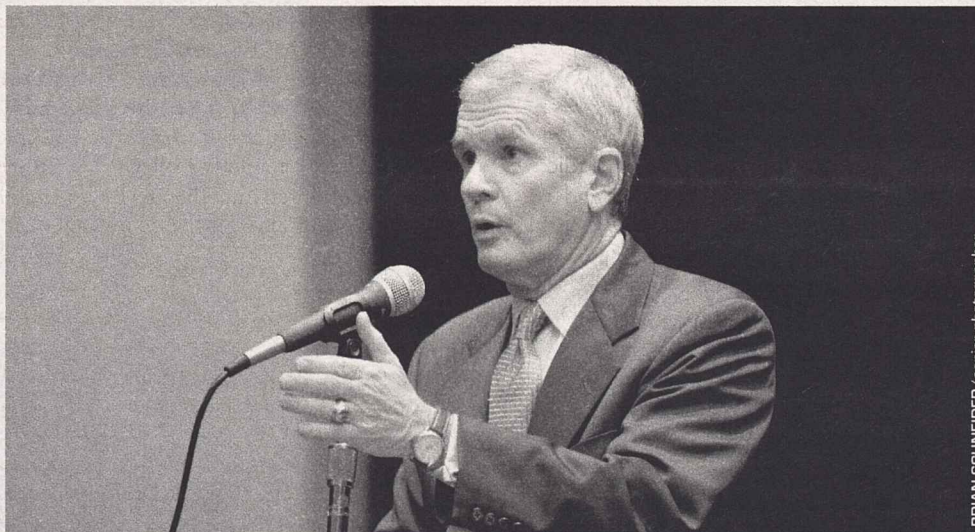
Redfern offers STD testing and counseling year-round. To learn more about these tests, or HIV and AIDS, call Parvin Lewis at (864) 656-0141 or stop by the Redfern health promotion office.

Barker attends Town Hall

President Barker attended a Town Hall Meeting to address concerns and questions from students and faculty.

Roughly 70 people were in attendance.

Barker discussed topics including the initiative to become a Top 20 school future construction on the school and housing issues.



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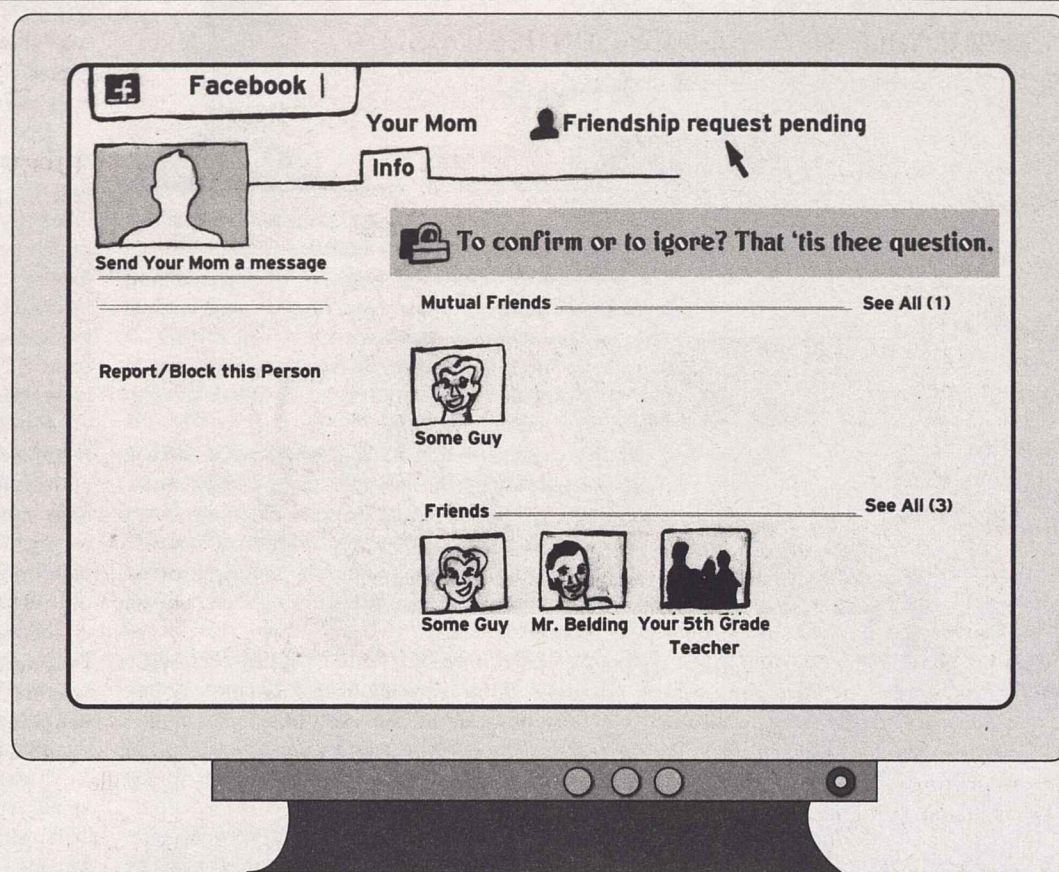
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The Facebook Family

In the relatively brief evolution of Internet communication, many means have been introduced by which we can connect with one another. But currently, the social networking site is at the top of the list when it comes to popularity. Sites like Myspace, and more recently Facebook, have given everyone a new reason to procrastinate. The social networking phenomenon has even spawned its own jargon. For example, "friend" is now a verb as well as a noun, and everyone has "Facebook stalked" someone at least once.

As the social networking trend grows ever more popular and widespread, it isn't surprising that it has leaked into multiple age brackets. Many college students rue the day Facebook membership was extended to allow any and all people, from teeny boppers to retirement home residents, to create profiles. However, that unfortunate milestone is trivial compared to the pinnacle of cyber-awkwardness: receiving a friend request from a parent.

Many young Facebook users certainly cringe at the notion of adults inhabiting and influencing their favorite Internet pastime, especially when these adults are their parents or family friends. This problem has been gaining more and more attention with the recent surge of adult Facebook users, and many college students are voicing their concerns.

The Facebook network is growing by the minute, and membership has extended to not only include individuals, but also corporations, politicians, musicians

and even publications like The Tiger. It's only logical that with this expansion, the problem would arise of adults seemingly "barging in" on a venue originally intended for a younger crowd.

Before we start cyber-bullying the grown-ups, though, it's important to note exactly why adults on Facebook may create a conflict of interests. First, there is a privacy issue. Many young people, particularly college students, are just beginning to experience life independently, meeting new people and taking on new responsibilities. College is a transitional period to adulthood that can be both exciting and terrifying, for parents as well as students. Thus, parents can become a little overbearing when it comes to allowing their children to leave the nest. Enter Facebook. What better way to make sure that little Timmy is walking the straight and narrow at Clemson? Thanks to the miracle of the Internet, there's a way to keep up with exactly what he's doing, who he's talking to and where he's been. Great for mom, sucks for little Timmy.

It seems as if parents and children interacting on the same social network may create a "Big Brother" vibe that causes younger users to feel as if they have to censor themselves in corresponding with their peers. Certain pictures and posts are off-limits because of the judgment they may be subject to from the folks. Moreover, many older adults don't fully understand the humor of the younger generation. For example, Aunt so-and-so may freak out when she sees the "Text from Last Night" that you copied and pasted onto your

friend's wall. These communication gaps serve to further aggravate the tension between one's social self and one's family self, begging the question of whether or not the two can successfully converge.

While it may seem to us as if adults are trying to cut in on our private conversation, it's important to take their motives into account, especially considering that ours will be the first generation that has grown up practically addicted to social networking sites and will therefore want to continue using them into our own adulthoods. Do we think there is a magic age at which all inclinations to connect with other people are disabled? Any local Bingo night will tell you that the answer to that question is no. Then what do we think will happen when we, ourselves, reach adulthood and know only one way to effectively find and communicate with our friends? A time is fast approaching for us when concerns about dodging organizations on the library bridge or camping out for tickets to a football game will give way to concerns about paying a mortgage or getting a job.

That's right, WE will be the adults on Facebook, and knowing this, it's important to look at social networking from another perspective.

While many adults and parents may be overbearing or may violate Facebook etiquette by commenting that your Halloween costume shows too much skin, not all adults join social networking sites to communicate with younger people. Many just want to look up old friends or family, create a profile as

a marketing technique or simply get away from the drudgeries and stress of work into a fun and inviting cyber-escape, which is exactly the appeal that Facebook has for us. It isn't all about butting in to kids' business, and adults are justified in thinking that they have as much of a right to connect with the world as young people do.

Also, how and when is the line drawn between adults and young people? Students graduate college every year and enter into the "real world" of jobs and payments and all of that fun stuff. Aren't these people adults? How is your dad's middle-aged work buddy any different than your friend who graduated last year and is now working at a bank? Both are adults. And an argument can't logically be made that adults are adults only when they have children. Take for example, a forty-something mother of a 14-year-old. She has a Facebook, and uses it to connect with her friends and family. If her child suddenly decides he wants a Facebook profile, is she then obligated to delete hers to make room for his privacy?

Also, it's true that many parents enjoy healthy cyber-relationships with their children by understanding the need for independence and privacy. In fact, many college students use Facebook to successfully keep in touch with parents who may be across the country in different time zones. Social networking can be an invaluable tool in staying connected with loved ones.

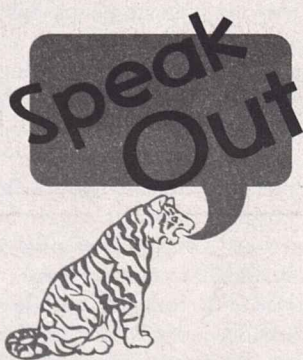
With that said, even with the best of intentions, it may be hard for a parent to resist the urge to check up on their child via Facebook,

and many students have turned to Facebook's privacy settings to block adults from their profiles. While this course of action seems viable and efficient, it may potentially cause rifts among family members or friends who take it personally that they have seemingly been shut out from someone's life. So, we are left with a situation in which adults' feelings are hurt and younger users feel as if they are Facebook fugitives.

It seems, then, that the only way to establish peaceful communication is to actually communicate peacefully. If Facebook becomes a problem among adults and young people or children and parents, it's necessary to be open and honest about why such a tension exists. And yes, this may mean actually telling your parents that they are making you uncomfortable by being overbearing. If feelings are hurt by the implementation of privacy settings, it's important to make it clear why you think such measures are necessary.

So perhaps there will never come a time when adults and young people can amicably coincide within one social network. Perhaps a branch-off site will soon be called for that is established only for younger users. But in the here and now, we have to learn to deal with adults and parents on Facebook, and if all else fails... be ready to delete our profiles and create others under new names.

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Do adults ruin Facebook?

Maria Gustafsson



MARKETING/senior

"Yes, Facebook is for young people where they can share things that maybe their parents won't really...like."

Peter Harper



CONSTRUCTION SCIENCE MANAGEMENT/junior

"I think so because if you wanna post naughty pics you get in trouble."

Katie Younts



ANIMAL VETERINARY SCIENCES/junior

"Parents who are on Facebook are silly...:)"

Andrew Wall



MECHANICAL ENGINEERING/junior

"Parents, who try to control the way their kids live absolutely ruin Facebook."

Bryan Wright



ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING/sophomore

"Facebook is a good way of communicating for young and old."

Paws up, Paws down

A high school librarian in Phoenix recently received a package containing two library books that had been overdue for 50 years along with an apology note and a check for \$1,000.



Florida police say a man arrested for repeatedly calling 911 looking for sex claimed it was the only number he could dial after running out of cell phone minutes.

A Columbian cooking school has concocted a "love dessert," the special ingredient of which is none other than Viagra.

Strip Mobile, an advertising promotion for a Las Vegas strip club in which the strippers ride around the streets of Sin City in the bed of a truck, has recently been halted.

A woman who mistook a police officer for a car hop at a Sonic drive-in was charged with DUI and possession of drug paraphernalia.

A 12-year-old from Virginia has been afflicted with constant sneezing for weeks, as often as 12 times a minute and 12,000 times a day, even though she has been examined by six professionals, including doctors, psychologists and hypnotists.



COMMENTARY

Cannon Calamity

BRYAN COCKFIELD

Columnist



The cannon at Clemson's home football games is pathetic. Any cannon so small that it has to be toted around on a hand truck does not do justice to Clemson's military heritage. Actually, it doesn't do much of anything except look and sound ridiculous.

For a stadium that seats around 80,000 people, a controlled explosion out of something that looks like a sawed-off shotgun tied to a dolly and fired with a string, is far from adequate. Even if the explosion was comparable to one from a real cannon (and it definitely is not), the sight of that dainty firearm is horribly embarrassing. It seems like Clemson could do a little bit better, especially considering that there is a tank just outside of campus.

Think about that. Instead of some guy who looks like he is dressed for a church outing in his nice slacks, sneakers and collared shirt trotting down the hill with a child's toy, Clemson's football team could be introduced by a tank. That would strike slightly more fear into opposing football teams' hearts.

But perhaps a tank is overly ambitious. While it would certainly be unique, what Clemson really needs is a decent sized cannon and the right charges for that cannon, and they could take a few pointers on this from the cadets at The Citadel. This is why the cannon turned out to be especially embarrassing during last year's Clemson-Citadel game in Death Valley.

During Citadel home games, the cadets fire blank charges from four Civil War-era cannons when the Bulldogs score or take the field. The cadets used to have what was a number of very large howitzers that were fired until it was discovered that the shockwaves from the charges in those cannons were shattering the foundations of the houses outside of campus.

Surely some of the cadets were here at the Clemson-Citadel game last year, and if they noticed the cannon at all, they probably laughed at it. Clemson used to be a military powerhouse in the state of South Carolina, and it has

been reduced to a school that is unable to produce a real cannon to fire at football games. Ben Tillman and Thomas Clemson would be rolling over in their graves if they knew the current sad state of affairs.

If the Citadel can shatter the foundations of neighboring houses and their stadium only seats 21,000 people, Clemson's new cannon should be able to fire blanks that could raise an entire neighborhood. The cadets in Charleston should be able to hear it every time Clemson's football team scores a point. But right now, the only thing this cannon can do is tickle the funny bone of every person who walks into Death Valley as a visitor.

The cannon, though, is just the beginning when it comes to Clemson football downfalls. For starters, maybe the tank could help neutralize that obnoxious guy on the megaphone who broadcasts over the student section. Although the students in large part ignore him any way, he only really makes a fool out of himself. But perhaps his goal is to be comparable to our current cannon in that regard.

The real change that needs to be made, however, is the fans' attitudes towards a loss. Instead of acting like a loved family member just died, perhaps Clemson fans can take another page out of The Citadel's playbook: Realize that football is just a game, that losses occasionally happen if steroids are not in play (see: Yankees), and head back to the tailgate and have a good time with friends.

But then again, perhaps Clemson fans are only reacting to the fact that even though they have a huge stadium and a great football team (despite the occasional heartbreaking loss), their cannon is so sad that the entire experience of going to the game was meaningless and depressing. And who can blame them? That gun is a sad, sad excuse for a cannon.

Until at least those three changes are made to the football experience at Clemson, it is not a surprise that The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, has the better football game day experience. As an added bonus, Folly Beach is only 20 minutes from their stadium.

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COMMENTARY

Bow blunders with Obama

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Columnist



There has been no small backlash in the media this week over a recent bow President Barack Obama performed before the Emperor of Japan during the President's current tour of Asia. As one might expect, critics of the bow have expressed concern that the bow could make America appear subservient to Japan, or in the very least, that it might give off an air of weakness to other nations around the world.

Of the criticisms, this writer finds himself with a multitude of questions, the most pressing of which seems to be, "Must we go through a firestorm of protests over something so utterly inconsequential every single week?" Granted, this article is perpetuating the argument rather than simply letting it die, but a few things need clearing up.

First of all, the bow itself is an everyday occurrence in Asia, particularly in Japan and Korea. It's more or less equivalent to a basic handshake. Eastern Asia has always tended to avoid direct contact as a form of greeting, so the tradition of bowing has continued through to the present day.

Second, everyone in Japan bows to everyone else. Friends bow to friends, students bow to their teachers and vice versa and bosses even bow to their subordinates. People even bow to each other when they talk on the telephone, regardless of the fact that neither can see the other. It's just become a common custom in everyday life.

Finally (and what I see as the major point of contention with President Obama's bow), the depth of the bow often determines the politeness level. When one bows to his boss, he generally bows a bit lower than the simple head nod you might see between friends or the 15 degree bow from the waist between polite acquaintances. Bows can even extend as far as kowtowing on the floor in effort to show ones sincerest apology.

While President Obama's was almost a 90-degree bow, one should understand that his bow by no means expresses a degree of subservience to Japan. While the

bow quite clearly would have demonstrated such an idea some 150 years ago, the idea of the bow has changed with the times. This particular bow, due to its depth, expresses great respect toward the Japanese Emperor, but it by no means implies submission.

Once one understands the meaning and intention behind the bow, it's easy to refute the somewhat ridiculous (in more ways than one) argument that President Obama wants America to appear submissive in the eyes of Japan. The other argument swirling around suggests that other leaders around the world will see President Obama's bow to the Japanese Emperor as a sign of weakness. While to begin with, I'd be quick to ask "who cares?" I'm also quick to doubt its validity as a sign of weakness, and I do so for two main reasons.

For one, I highly doubt that other nations of the world will see the President's willingness to adopt other cultures as weak. If anything, I bet the reaction will lean more toward the opposite. "Hey!" I can almost hear them saying, "The President of America isn't trying to act blatantly pig-headed in an attempt to assert his dominance over the world at all times! Neat!"

Second, this is Barack Obama we're talking about. People abroad absolutely love the man, and it's precisely because he attempts to adopt aspects of other cultures that people respect him. Bowing to the Emperor can only win him more fans abroad.

I honestly fail to see why this bow, or any attempt at adopting another country's customs, is a problem. This calls to mind the "incident" of George W. Bush's, in which he held the Saudi Crown Prince's hand, much to the chagrin of the media. Former President Bush was lambasted at the time and accused by some of making America look "gay," but I would argue (as I'm sure many gays would) that it takes more than holding hands to be considered homosexual.

The one thing I actually think worth criticizing about the bow has been largely missed by the media: the outstretched hand. Generally it's one or the other, but the combination has become more popular of late in international politics.

Besides, I think the combination can be interpreted as saying, "We're equals" and that's something I think the world would be proud to hear America say.

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COMMENTARY

Sex and Superpowers

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Columnist



This column has nothing to do with sex, I just thought more people would read it if it had the word "sex" in the title.

This is centered around the question, "If you could have any superpower you wanted, what would it be?" Before I continue, I want you to write down on this paper what your power would be. While you are doing that, also feel free to draw a beard or mustache on my picture if you need some entertainment (if yours is particularly good, please send it to me). Okay, I want you to write it down so you don't change your mind as you read.

Now, I used to ask people this question because a) I am a loser and b) because it's a top-five icebreaker. Others in my arsenal include: "How much does a polar bear weigh? Enough to break the ice!" and "Hey I'm Nick." I've found all of these to be effective. Take them and use them as you please. Use your name instead of "Nick" unless you want to be me, and in that case I don't blame you.

When I posed this question to myself, I decided I wanted to be Wolverine. The problem with being Wolverine is that it's not a power, it's a person. So I clarified and decided I wanted Adamantium claws. But the problem with that is that in order to have Adamantium claws I have to have the regenerative health power in order to use the claws. And because the question stipulates one power, I was stuck in the classic Adamantium-regenerative health paradox. It's a nasty cycle. So I couldn't choose Wolverine, but let it be known that it is my preference. My second option is definitely to fly. I would also like to have access to The Force, but that isn't really a superpower. So "to fly" it is.

As I posed the question to more and more people, I began to notice a trend. Almost every guy I asked said that they would want to fly. Some said super strength and some said super speed, but most people settled on flight.

With some possible ignorance on my behalf, I expected the same type of answers from the women that I talked to. As nuts as it may sound, I actually know a few women, so my sample size wasn't all that bad...although I may have come across as creepy for asking them about superpowers.

Anyhow, it turns out the overwhelming majority of women would want to read minds. Second place was invisibility. Coming in a close third was time travel. Then, there were a few other obscure choices. One response in particular shook me to the core, and it went like this: "I'd like to have the ability to make jerks poop themselves." Thanks for that one Mom. But why this difference? Not a single girl told me she wanted to fly.

For a while I thought there was some sort of link between male and female societal conditioning that ultimately led to diametrically opposed views on the world and on power. I thought maybe men saw power as having dominion over something physical so they tended towards a power that gave them that dominion: flight. And women saw power as having control of something mental, so they gravitated towards the power that would grant them that control: reading minds. I thought how even in Genesis, woman exercised her power in the form of coercion and man's seemed to be rooted in the physical with Cane and Abel.

But no matter how I spun the scenario in my mind, I couldn't really grasp it. There was a variable that determined why I want to fly and why she wants to read my mind, even though I just told her I want to fly so there'd be no reason. But there is an ultimate disconnect when it comes to man and woman. We are living and playing by an entirely different set of operating conditions. Maybe it's futile trying to understand it.

Every rational bone in my body tells me that everyone should want to fly. It is the ultimate power. Sure there are more powerful powers out there but none provides the thrill or freedom or escapism quite like flying does. Human history is the story of man breaking loose from his shackles and cutting free of his ropes. And I think there is something more valiant in wanting to fly. It is the yearning for feeling rather than an avenue for self-benefiting.

I guess my best explanation is that women are just more practical than men are. The choices of mind reading and invisibility lend themselves to more pragmatic application. They operate well in the reality that we are already in, whereas men's choices operate well in a superhero universe that we are constantly trying to reconcile with our own. Like Seinfeld said, "For men, these aren't fantasies, these are options." I'm comfortable with my head in the clouds. Hopefully, ladies, one day you will join me.

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COMMENTARY

Giving thanks to Parking Services

CAMERON JONES

Columnist



Remember those Budwieser commercials that celebrated "Real Men of Genius" and "Real American Heroes?" These brilliant TV and radio ads honored a variety of characters spanning the broad spectrum of the American conscience. The list includes such classics as "Mr. Jelly Donut Filler," "Mr. Pro Wrestling Wardrobe Designer," and "Mr. Push Up Bra Inventor." Some might call these ads sexist, pointing out that it's unlikely that men accomplished all of these things, although the push up bra does seem to be widely attributed to Howard Hughes. However, that is beside the point, though I've given you a nice piece of trivia that you can drop into conversation. You're welcome, that's for you just for reading this far.

I'm writing this article, though, in order to give credit to some American heroes who really deserve our respect but are instead the subject of mockery and vitriol. We are around them almost every day and yet never take the time to give them a simple thank you. I'm talking, of course, about the Clemson University Parking Services.

My first experience with them was receiving a ticket my freshman year. I actually didn't even attend Clemson, as I hadn't yet transferred from my previous institution. I was visiting my girlfriend who lived in Holmes Hall and left my car parked in one of the 30 minute spots

outside a little too long. When visiting again later that semester, I attended the homecoming parade. Parking Services had a small spot in the parade, and as I thought back on that earlier encounter, I am ashamed to say that I lustily booed the group as they rode by. However, two years later, having now attended Clemson for about a year and a half, my previous dislike has been replaced by a grudging admiration. I've watched parking attendants trudge through the Horseshoe in the rain, chalking tires even as the water washes them away minutes later. I've seen them deliver tickets during school holidays while many University staff and students take the day off. I've even become a fan of their electronically rechargeable golf carts, though seeing one parked next to your car is akin to arriving home to find a flashing fire truck outside your apartment.

Just this semester I've received a ticket at 9:30 at night, when I foolishly assumed that the Parking Services might have at least slackened off a bit, for being in an employee spot without any sort of University parking sticker. I received a ticket on a Sunday, again making the mistake of thinking that these Lords of the Lot actually took a day of the week off, for parking in a visitor spot without a proper pass.

I have matched wits with the Kings of the Concrete and found myself coming out the loser far too often. I would

like to think that I could at least provide a challenge for them and perhaps prove myself a worthy opponent. However, I fear that in regards to Parking Services I'm deluding myself, like our feathered friends in Columbia, into imagining a rivalry where one hardly exists. They are relentless in their pursuit and yet kind and forgiving as well: pay your fine within 15 days and it's cut in half. That's a better deal than the library will give you. Despite this generosity, as this University struggles valiantly in the

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current crippling economic atmosphere, these Princes of the Pavement, perhaps with some minor aid from our tuition money, just might be keeping this school afloat (Note: previous statement made with few, if any, factual support, hence the word might).

Last semester, when it snowed and the whole county shut down in a frosty panic, where were the members of the Parking Services? I have no idea, but until I'm told otherwise I'm going to assume they were putting chains on their golf cart tires, making their rounds and forcing their way through snowball fights to make sure 24-hour spot notations were visible and those tickets were delivered. They're a cross between the Marines and a modern day pony express.

To reference another commercial, I remember seeing these Sprint ads that show various groups using their phones

as walkie-talkies and pose such questions as, "What if firefighters ran the world?" or "What if loggers ran the world?" implying that these blue-collar, no-nonsense employees could run things a lot more efficiently than the hoity-toity folks currently in charge, particularly if they're equipped with Sprint technology. Well, I'd like to pose the question, "What if Clemson University Parking Services ran the world?" Let's move past the obvious honor and acclaim that it would bring to the school in general (forget Top 20!). I can only assume that chalk production would shoot up and general efficiency would quintuple (a rough estimate). Sure there might be downsides: a lot of areas off limits, no holidays and an even more mysterious court of appeals. I think the upside is worth considering, though.

I'm not denying the frustration and sadness one experiences when that slip of paper appears, placed delicately under their windshield blade (Side note: Getting rid of windshield wipers does not protect against parking tickets and only leads to more problems. Trust me). I'm just saying take a moment to admire the grit and determination which they possess while being faced almost entirely with aversion just for doing a great job. So, the next time you pass by a member of our Parking Services, give them a pleasant smile, maybe a thumbs up or a "cheerio mate!" just to let them know that you're watching them and appreciating what it is they've been doing.

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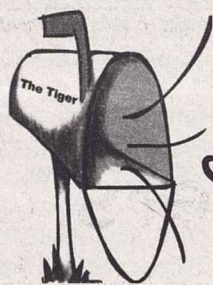
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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

This weekend, the Tigers played a great game against Florida State University. Despite Saturday's triumphant win, I was ashamed and embarrassed to call myself a Clemson fan that day. I witnessed behavior unbecoming of fans and students of this great university. While waiting to go to the hill, I became lost in a mob of pushing, yelling, angry students just behind Howard's Rock that required police assistance. I saw a young, disabled boy and his family trampled by students who could think of nothing but their coveted spot on the hill. I saw tear-streaked faces of smaller students swallowed in the wake of that mob. I saw trashed tailgate sites and vomit-stained shirts, and who could have missed the profane mocking FSU cheer to the tune of the Seminole's own victory song? This weekend was supposed to be "Lock it up for your Tigers." How about next time, "Show some class, Tiger fans?"

Hannah Sykes

Editor of the University Tiger:

I am saddened to see that you have published the above-mentioned ad on page A6 of today's issue.

Prominent Holocaust denier Bradley Smith has made much of the fact that he recently succeeded in having an advertisement placed in the Harvard Crimson newspaper on Sept 8. Now he is crowing about having duped your paper as well.

The ad purports to ask the penetrating question on why Dwight D. Eisenhower, in his "Crusade for Europe," did not mention Auschwitz or the gas chambers.

The Holocaust History Project (<http://www.holocaust-history.org>), a free archive of documents, photographs, recordings, and essays regarding the Holocaust, including direct refutation of Holocaust-denial, has seen Mr Smith in action before. And we wish to reply to his duplicity this time as well.

Indeed, one might ask, why did Eisenhower not mention the gas chambers? Why did he not do an extensive exposé on the Holocaust? To the extent that he causes people to ask themselves these questions, and thereby he hopes, begin to wonder about how true the Holocaust story really is, Smith accomplishes his goal. His goal, like that of all Holocaust deniers, is deception, dishonest and duplicity.

What this boils down to is Smith hoping people will ask themselves the wrong question and derive therefrom the wrong conclusion. This is not new to the Holocaust History Project. Indeed, we have already described the intellectual dishonesty of revisionism, as deniers prefer to describe their denial. And this is not our first run-in with Mr Smith. He and his dishonesty,

and in fact his hypocrisy have been observed many times.

But in fact, the better question would be this. Why would one expect Eisenhower to have discussed the gas chambers or the Holocaust? Eisenhower's book is a military history of the military strategy employed to defeat the Axis in World War II, with some autobiographical information sprinkled throughout, from the perspective of the Supreme Allied Commander in western Europe. It did not purport to be an all-encompassing history of every aspect of the war, nor should it have been. Indeed, its major focus was on the Allied side, not the Axis.

There would be no more reason for Eisenhower to discuss the gas chambers than there would be Raul Hilberg to discuss the military strategy regarding the Battle of the Bulge in his "Destruction of the European Jews". Smith would have us believe that because a military historian does not discuss a non-military event in his book, the event did not occur. This is merely a variation on the "no written Hitler order for the Final solution means there was no order at all". It is, in a word, rubbish.

Let us examine just a few factoids that might enlighten things a bit.

- Eisenhower never visited a death camp.
- The death camps were in eastern Europe, particularly Poland. Eisenhower never got east of Berlin.
- Eisenhower never visited a camp with a gas chamber.
- In fact, the only camp he ever visited was Ohrdruf, a sub-camp of Buchenwald. Ohrdruf did not have a gas chamber.
- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ohrdruf_concentration_camp
- A search of the index of Crusade in Europe reveals no mention of Hermann Goering, the head of the Luftwaffe. Presumably, according to Mr Smith, Goering never existed.
- The same result occurs if one searches for Joseph Goebbels, the Reich Propaganda minister. Presumably, he never existed either.
- And finally, Auschwitz is not mentioned. Apparently, it did not exist either.

Those of us who have read a great deal of denier material are not surprised by this. Smith employs an argument based on a false premise. That shouldn't be surprising. He is after all head of an organization called Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust (CODOH) that routinely censors its web discussion page.

I fully expect that readers of your newspaper are too intelligent to be taken in by this nonsense.

On behalf of the Holocaust History Project

Gord McFee

Letters should be no longer than 400 words. Feedback from our website may also be considered for publication. Submissions must include the author's name, number or email address, hometown, class, and major. All submissions will be checked from authenticity and may be edited for clarity and grammar. Space considerations may result in submissions being held for later publication. The Tiger reserves the right to print or edit all submissions.

ADVERTISING CLASS TAKES ON LAW FIRM AS CLIENT

A local college advert class is taking on the law firm, it's an entire law. The creative class is spending their semester trying to get the lawyers get more business.

"We just don't get it," said Brian Fats. "We really need some creative help and here. Although, we really look forward to seeing all their ideas and work, then crushing them with legal speak and jargon, making them change things that don't matter and basically trying to water it down. It's either not funny, creative or interesting any way."

After submitting their first round of ideas, the class has been drowned out by changes, looming opportunities with Cliff Run like they are getting sued for libel. Talk about Cliff Run, sued for libel.

ITALIAN HELP

STUDENT ORDER PIZZA AT RESTAURANT



What began as a typical dining-out experience quickly turned into a scary situation yesterday when sophomore Danny Rivers and his friends realized that the Italian restaurant that they had chosen for lunch... was completely Italian-speaking.

Looking for something more authentic than local favorite Pizza Barn, the group had decided to venture out and try a new place.

"I swear it was the scariest moment of my life," Karl Winsey, a friend of Danny's, recalled. "It was like we time-warped into Italy or something. The waiter came over and started talking in Italian! Um... what? I had no idea what to do."

Fortunately for the group, Danny Rivers did.

"I've been taking Italian 101 this semester," Danny explained, "so I was pretty comfortable in that environment. Once I heard him say 'amici' I knew he wasn't mad at us or anything, so I just stuck with what I remembered... 'saluti,' 'il mio nome è Danny,' that kind of stuff."

Danny managed to tell the waiter that he and his friends wanted one very much good pizzas on the large. It was exactly what they received, much to everyone's surprise.

teachers deserve to have a little fun too. And it's not like it hurt anyone," said the 46 year-old Fineman. "In fact, I think the students should be thankful."

bookstore after an incident involving its counterpart "book" mascot.

Police reports indicate

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Money is a shock," Kimbo stated.

possible letter combinations to begin with, so you had to know it was coming."

The news certainly left the Greek System in a state of turmoil, as rumors began to fly immediately. Some suggested move to a 4-letter system, while others questioned why it always had to be Greek. "I think English is a pretty good language," said Debra Boomgarden. "I mean, this is the United States, not a foreign country."

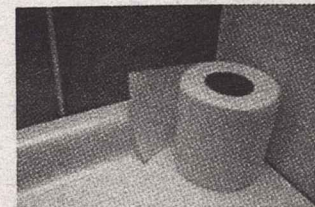


AREA SENIOR GETTING REALLY GOOD AT WRITING ANSWERS ON TINY SCRAPS OF PAPER

Sixth-year senior Craig McGroff may not be good at a lot of things, but he's the best there is when it comes to writing answers on tiny pieces of paper (commonly known as crib sheets). At least, according

stunned student. But I think I know where it went." Dirk then rubbed his belly which was sticking out just a little below his shirt.

In order to make it through the rest of the semester until his next loan kicks in, Dirk plans to sell everything he has on Ebay, sell his textbooks to the bookstore and mooch off his roommate for as long as he can.



STUDENT WANTS TO RENT EVERYTHING

Junior Mick McConnelly has decided that he will no longer buy anything. Instead, he says with confidence, "I'm gonna rent."

Mick tells the story of renting his apartment, which is "waaaaay cheaper than buying one", which led to renting movies, renting cars and even renting his textbooks. "Once I found out I could rent textbooks, I was like, duh, this is the future."

While Mick hasn't had much success, he's determined to find a way. The Junior is currently negotiating rental agreements for food, tuition, back massages and toiletries. "If I could rent all that, I'm pretty certain I wouldn't ever need a real job." And if he does? "I'll probably rent a guy to do that for me too."

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MASCOT FOUND BEATING THE CRAP OUT OF BOOK MASCOT

Sad news in local affairs today as officials seized a "money" mascot used to promote low

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"I swear there was \$15,000 in there just a few months ago," stammered the

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certainly left a state of began to fly suggested or system, tioned why it k English is a pretty good guage," said Debra Boomgarden. "I mean, this is the United States, not a foreign domestic country."

Fantasy Football: Visit us online for this week's advice.

Meet Your Tigers: Interview with David Giambra, See page C6

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Busting the
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Is anyone else cheering as hard as me for the Horned Frogs of TCU to bulldoze the BCS system and land in the National Championship game? I would rather be forced to listen to Sarah Palin's new book on rape and preside over her fan club, than have to deal with yet another year of undefeated team chaos. There's a strong chance that at least five teams will finish the season with zeroes in their loss columns, further stimulating the belief that a playoff in college football is not only necessary, it is imperative.

I'm not saying you need to make it in an all-inclusive "all-you-can-eat-buffet's" worth of teams, but more so, a systematic format that pits the top 12 or so teams against each other. Do a round robin, bye weeks, whatever, but do something. Anything. When the Auburn Tigers were burned some five years ago after finishing undefeated in the toughest conference in the country, in addition to four other teams that had perfect seasons, the stir began. But this is the year where the sirens will be whaling come bowl season if all stays as planned. Speaking of things going as planned, is there another highly paid coach whose teams have consistently folded like origami under pressure more so

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Volleyball splits Sunshine State

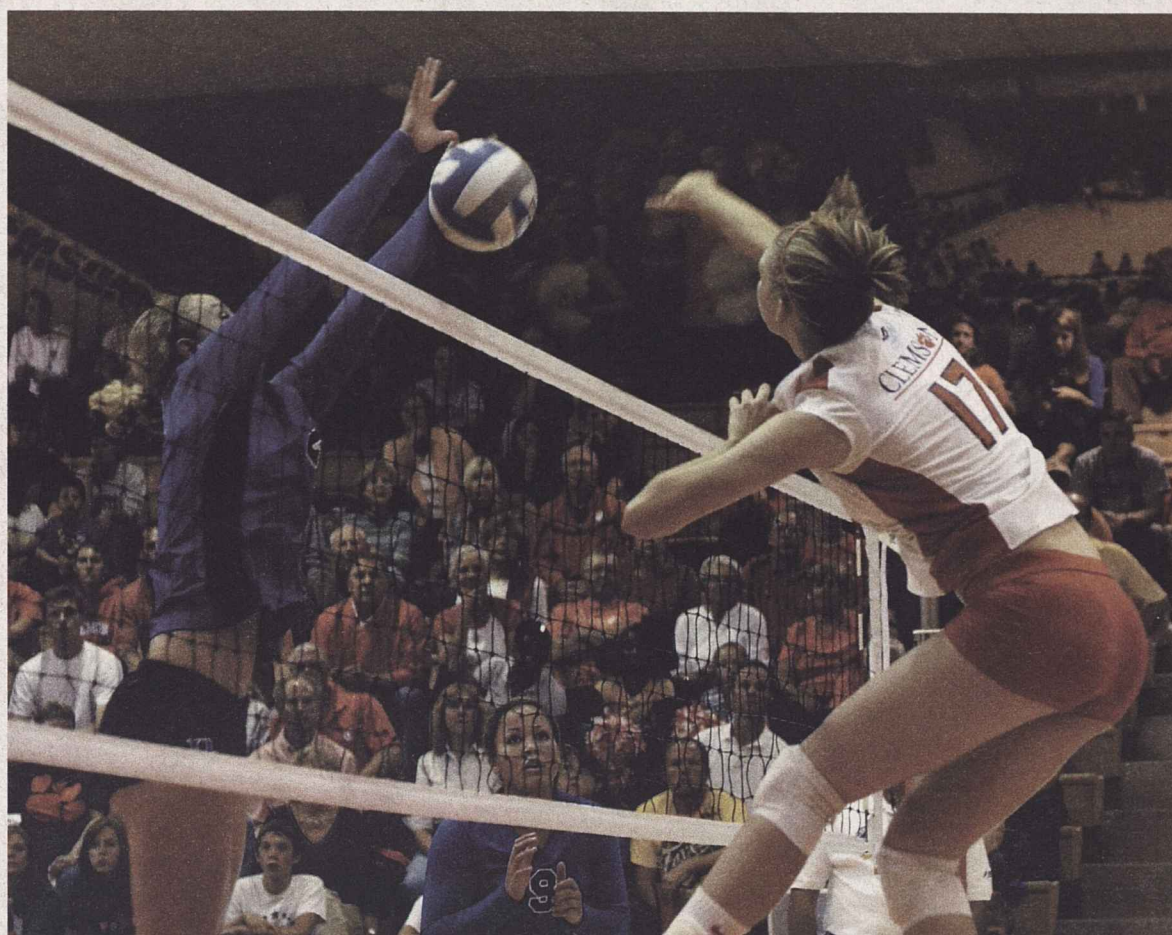
Tigers fall to Florida State on Friday but rebound to sweep Miami on Saturday.

BRETT MILLS
STAFF WRITER

Despite standout performances from seniors Lia Proctor (22 kills, 10 digs) and Sandra Adeleye (19 kills, six blocks), the Clemson Tigers volleyball team (20-8, 10-6 ACC) lost to the 15-ranked Florida State Seminoles (24-2, 15-1 ACC) Friday night in Jervey Gymnasium. With the 3-1 win (21-25, 25-19, 25-19, 25-19), FSU extended its conference-winning streak to a school record 12 games and snapped Clemson's five game winning streak in the process.

Didem Ege, Kelsey Murphy and Alexa Rand also played excellent in a losing effort for Clemson. Ege led the team with 17 digs, and she now needs just 20 more to set the record for most career digs in ACC history. Murphy is also nearing a career milestone, as with her 50 digs in the match she needs just 17 more to reach the 5,000-mark. The freshman Rand not only led the Tigers in kills (tallying nine), but thanks in part to an errorless performance, she also recorded a team-best .529 hitting percentage on the night.

Everything was clicking for Clemson early on in the match, as they jumped out to an 11-4 lead on the strength of three Adeleye and Rand kills. Florida State responded several times with runs of its own to pull within one point at 18-17 and 19-18 and two points at 23-21, but Clemson never lost its grip. Fueled by kills from Natalie Patzin and an attack error from FSU, the Tigers cruised through the next two points



Freshman middle hitter Alexa Rand spikes the ball against the Duke Blue Devils in a contest earlier this year. The Tigers improved to 21-8 overall and 11-6 in the ACC with a sweep against the Miami Hurricanes on Saturday.

and took the set 25-21. Adeleye and Rand played a big part, each tallying five kills in the set, and the team recorded four blocks as they hit .344.

Clemson jumped out to an 11-4 edge in the first set behind three kills from Adeleye and Rand. Florida State responded with a run to pull within one point at 18-17 and 19-18, but Clemson went on a 4-0 run to take a 23-18 edge. Florida State scored the next three points, but a kill from Natalie Patzin and a Stephanie Neville attack error gave Clemson a 25-21 set win. Adeleye and Rand each had five kills in

the set, and the team recorded four blocks as they hit .344.

Florida State responded in a vengeance in the next set, posting a .324 hitting mark and four service aces against Clemson's conference-best service defense. The Seminoles trailed 11-10 midway through the set, but they quickly turned that deficit into a 14-11 lead and coasted through the rest of the set, seizing the final three points in a 25-19 win.

The third set played out much like the first, except this time it was Florida State's turn to jump out to an early lead. Falling to a 9-2 defi-

cit early on, the Tigers battled back with a .286 hitting percentage and eight Proctor kills, but the Seminoles firepower proved to be too much. They posted 19 kills and only three errors for a .364 hitting percentage and took the set, 25-19.

Florida State's offensive tear continued on into the fourth set as they ran out to a 12-6 lead. Clemson battled back as they had all night with a 3-0 run to pull within three, but the Seminoles poured it on with a 6-1 run, and the eight-point mar-

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Tigers lead the ACC Atlantic

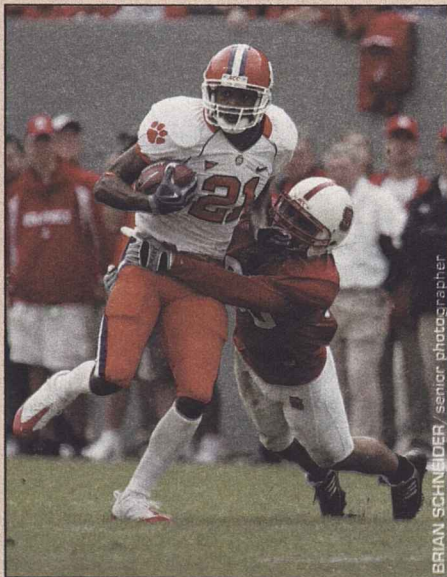
Clemson crushes Wolfpack in annual Textile Bowl.

CHRIS CERVEN
STAFF WRITER

C.J. Spiller just had a "decent" day on Saturday in Raleigh against the Wolfpack. After all, he only set one Clemson football record in a 43-23 victory over N.C. State. Spiller became the first player in Clemson football history to score a touchdown three different ways — rushing, receiving and passing — in a single game.

"Just another ho-hum day for him," said Coach Dabo Swinney of Spiller. "I don't know how many more first-ers he can have." C.J. finished the day with 97 yards on 18 carries, along with three catches for 48 yards, including a 34-yard touchdown reception on a wheel route from quarterback Kyle Parker early in the fourth quarter to all but seal the game. Spiller finished the day with 175 all purpose yards, highly due to the fact that N.C. State only allowed him to return one kickoff or punt.

Clemson's third drive was set up by a Byron Maxwell interception, and Parker completed two key third downs on the ensuing drive, one for 17 yards to Xavier Dye and another for 22 yards to Michael Palmer. Jacoby Ford capped the drive with a 17-yard touchdown run over the left side, and Clemson led 10-0 early in the second quarter. Then, N.C. State punter Jeff



Junior receiver Xavier Dye fights off an N.C. State defender in Clemson's 43-23 win.

Ruiz, tried punting the ball towards the sideline to keep the ball away from Spiller and Ford. He failed miserably by shanking it off his foot, and giving the Tigers the ball at the N.C. State 17-yard line. On the very next play, Spiller took a toss to the right and lofted the ball to Dye

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Tigers defense to tee off on lowly Cavalier offense.

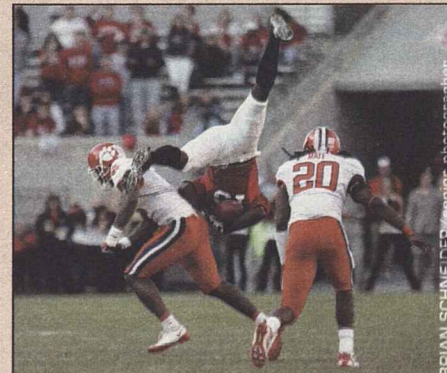
RYAN LAUNIUS
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

It all comes down to this. On the verge of punching a ticket to Clemson's first trip to the ACC Championship via an Atlantic Division victory, all that stands in the Tiger's way is a 3-7 Virginia team bent on playing the role of a spoiler in formidable Death Valley.

Two months ago, no one thought that Clemson would be in this position. Starting off the ACC schedule with early losses to Georgia Tech and Maryland, even the most faithful Tiger fans were willing to write off Clemson's 2009 squad as another perfect example of what have been a myriad of disappointments over recent years.

But the Tigers have proven the naysayers wrong this season, accumulating four straight conference victories and gaining control of their own destiny leading up to the end of the ACC schedule. Because of their stellar play through the second half of the season, Clemson is just one win away from getting their well-earned rematch against Georgia Tech.

Unlike the Tigers, UVA is currently exactly where everyone thought it would be at the beginning of the season following its 12-point loss to William and Mary. With two conference wins over UNC and Maryland, the Cavaliers have



Brandon Maye (20) and the Tiger defense upend a Wolfpack receiver.

struggled on both sides of the ball in 2009.

Clemson should win Saturday's game by a landslide on paper, but true Tiger fans know that it isn't always that simple. That being said, Clemson dominates the Cavaliers statistically in almost every category.

While Clemson has the 14th best defense in yards allowed per game for the NCAA, Virginia's offense is ranked 118th out of 120 teams in the BCS division. When the Tiger defense takes the field, Clemson will have an advantage in nearly every dimension of the game.

Thanks to players like Deandre McDaniel,

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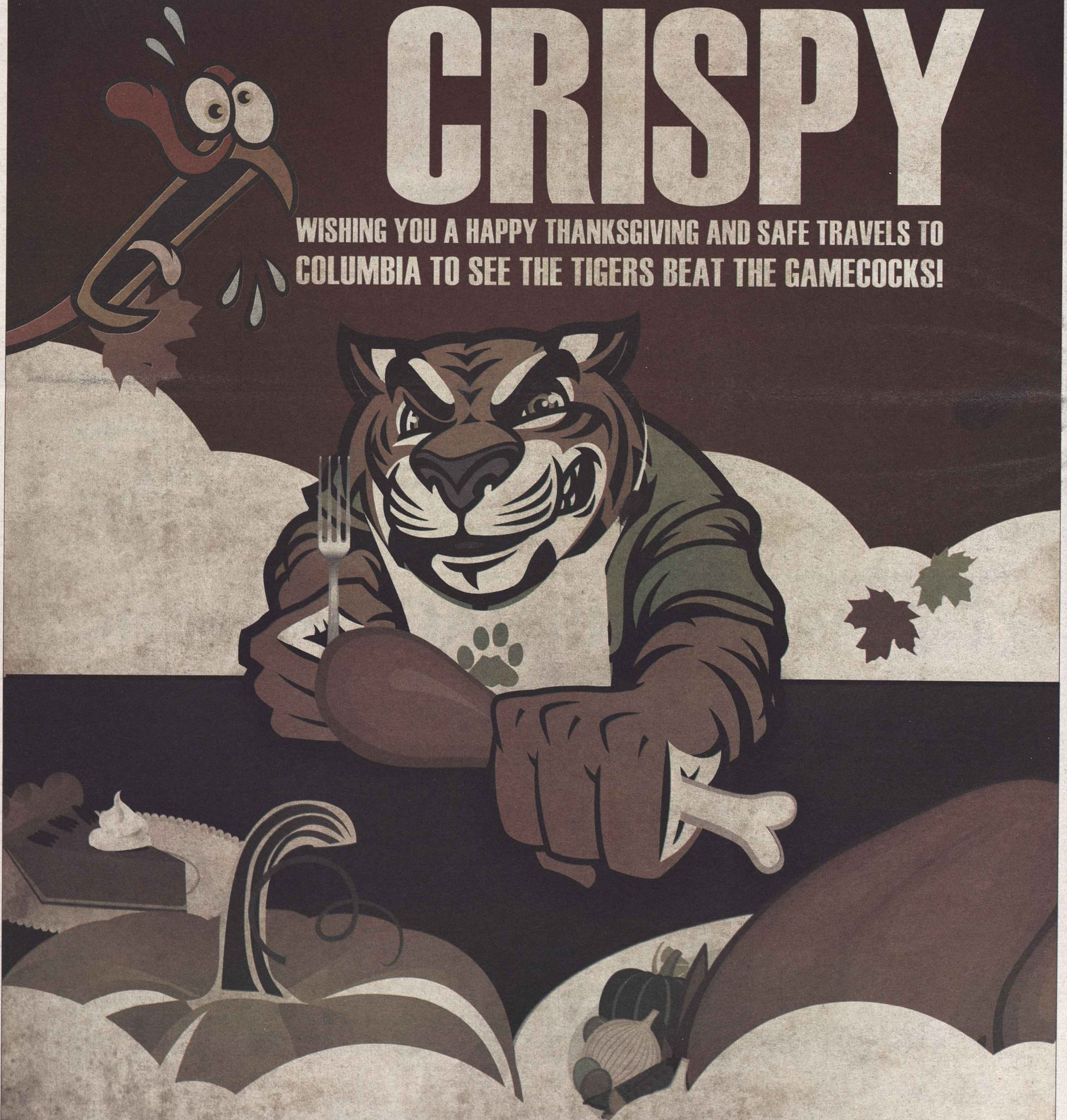
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"He is the most explosive all-purpose guy in college football." -Todd Blackledge, ESPN Broadcaster
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 "And you've hardly heard his name mentioned in Heisman Trophy conversations yet. Disgraceful." -Edwin Pope, Miami Herald
 "He woke everybody up on Saturday. He's the most explosive player in college football." -Tony Barnhart, CBS College Sports Television
 "But one thing that isn't up for debate is who the most complete player in the country is this year — the total package on and off the field — the true definition of a Heisman candidate." -Heather Dinich, ESPN.com ACC Blogger
 "When you talk about Clemson's offense, you have to talk about C.J. Spiller. He's a Heisman candidate." -Ralph Friedgen, Maryland Head Coach
 "Heisman Trophy candidate C.J. Spiller is as fast and elusive as there is in college football." -Rick Stockstill, Middle Tennessee Head Coach

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SPILLER BY THE NUMBERS

20 Number of touchdown plays of at least 50 yards in his career

111 Career total touchdowns **44** Career receptions

6860 Career all-purpose yards

7 Number of games started before his senior season

3 ACC all-time records owned

312 Clemson single game all-purpose yardage record set against Florida State

5 Number of different ways Spiller has found the end zone.: Passing, rushing, receiving, kickoff return and punt return

26 Number of Clemson records held

10 Consecutive games with a touchdown

8.6 Points per game in 2009

38 Percentage of total Clemson yardage Spiller accounts for

To vote for C.J. Spiller for the Heisman visit

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This has been a long time coming. Finally, after almost four years at Clemson, C.J. Spiller is getting the national recognition he so rightly deserves. With just two games left in the regular season, and a berth in the ACC Championship game waiting in the wings, Spiller has made his way to the shortlist of Heisman candidates.

In his first three seasons at Clemson, Spiller was one of the most underrated all-purpose backs in the entire country. Over the course of that time, the Lake City, Fla. native started a mere seven games behind Cleveland Browns running back James Davis who graduated from Clemson last year. This year, however, Spiller is the feature back in a revitalized Tiger offense that ranks second in the ACC in scoring offense behind Georgia Tech.

In 10 games this season, Spiller has shown that his versatility is a hot commodity. Not to bombard you with statistics, but his numbers are certainly impressive. Spiller has rushed 153 times for 836 yards and six touchdowns. He's caught 24 passes for 382 yards and four scores. He's returned six punts for 191 yards and a touchdown, and 16 kicks for 543 yards and three touchdowns. Altogether, that is 1,952 all-purpose yards for the senior who ranks third nationally in all-purpose yards per game with 195.2. That number could be a lot higher had Spiller not been limited in games against Middle Tennessee State and Coastal Carolina.

Perhaps most telling of Spiller's talent level is his performance against tough competition this season. Three of his top four performances have come against top-15 teams. He had 234 against Georgia Tech, 227 against TCU and 310 against Miami.

In addition to his astounding yardage, Spiller has been phenomenal at finding the end zone this season. In fact, he has been resourceful, scoring a touchdown five different ways. He's rushed for touchdowns, caught touchdowns, returned punts and kickoffs for touchdowns, and last week against N.C. State even threw for a touchdown. Spiller is one of two players in the nation that has scored at least once in every game this season. Austin Pettus of Boise State is the other.

Last week, Spiller broke his 26th career Clemson record by surpassing Derrick Hamilton's 2002 mark for all-purpose yards in a single season. Spiller's 310-yard performance against the Hurricanes didn't last long, as he eclipsed his own record a few weeks later against Bobby Bowden's Seminoles with 312 yards. He needs just 104 yards to be the ACC's all-time leader in all-purpose yards.

Certainly Spiller's numbers are astronomical. But where does he rank among the all-time greats in college football? Well, for one thing, he has accumulated a whopping 6,860 all-purpose yards over the course of his illustrious career. Needing just 140 yards to eclipse 7,000 in his career, Spiller would be just the fifth player in NCAA history to accomplish that feat. This season, Spiller has joined former USC Trojan Reggie Bush as the only two NCAA athletes in history with more than 3,000 yards rushing, 1,500 yards in kickoff returns, 1,000 in receiving and 500 in punt returns. Obviously C.J. is in good company and sits atop several NCAA categories all by his lonesome.

Speed and versatility have been synonymous with the name C.J. Spiller in nearly every Clemson broadcast since his arrival on campus. As a member of the track team here at Clemson, Spiller posted a 6.58-second time in the 60-meter dash — good to be a three-time All-American. A 10.22-second 100-meter isn't a bad resume booster either. That speed has translated well on the gridiron. If Spiller gets into the open field, as many opponents can attest, there is no catching him.

Spiller's first three seasons were unquestionably impressive. But in the 2009 campaign, no player in the nation has meant more to his team than C.J. Spiller. Forfeiting a certain first round draft pick coming out of his junior year, Spiller returned for his senior season as a Tiger to lead his team to an ACC Championship and a BCS bowl bid. He has been the main reason why Clemson is in prime position to achieve both of these goals.

In 10 games this season, Spiller has amassed 86 of Clemson's 330 points. Essentially C.J. has accounted for more than a quarter of Clemson's offensive scoring output in 2009 alone.

"If you're looking at MVPs and Heismans, I don't know if there's any player in the country who's more valuable to his team than C.J. Spiller," said Head Coach Dabo Swinney of Spiller. "A lot of coaches coach their whole lives and never get a chance to coach a guy like C.J. Spiller. For me, it's very special."

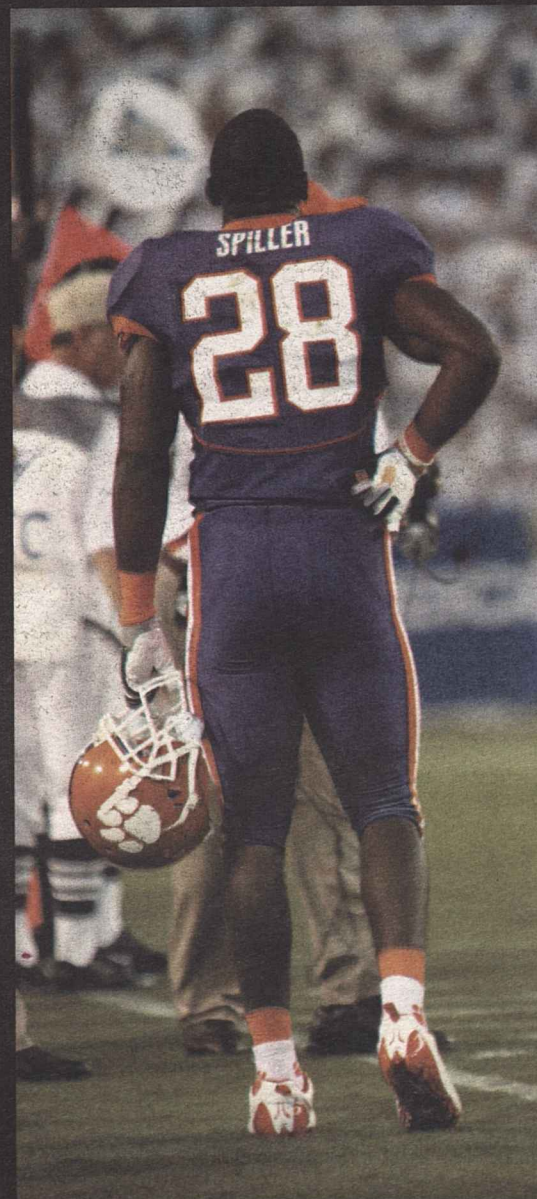
Spiller's praise doesn't stop within his own realm. Coaches and broadcast-

ers nationwide have taken note of his outstanding ability to take control of a game in a split-second. ESPN's Todd Blackledge said Spiller was "the most explosive all-purpose guy in college football."

The Miami Herald's Edwin Pope expressed similar sentiments after Clemson's overtime win against the Hurricanes. "C.J. Spiller ran 90 yards for Clemson at the end of the second quarter, his 18th career touchdown run of 50 yards or more," said Pope. "Spiller went 56 more yards to score on a pass from Kyle Parker. And you've hardly heard his name mentioned in Heisman Trophy conversations yet. Disgraceful. But you will, you will."

Pope's prediction has come true as Spiller sits in first place in ESPN.com's fan voting ahead of Nebraska's Ndamukong Suh and Alabama's Mark Ingram. A trip to New York is almost a given for Spiller who hopes to be Clemson's first ever Heisman trophy winner.

It would be a fitting end to his fantastic career as a Tiger. Spiller as a person, student and athlete is the complete embodiment of the Heisman Trophy. If the Tigers make it to the ACC Championship game by beating Virginia this weekend and Spiller continues to improve his numbers, it would be hard to look past him.



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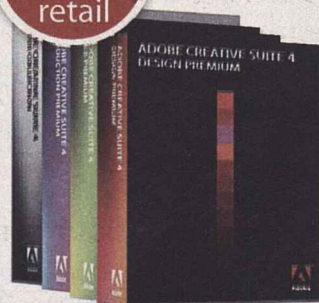
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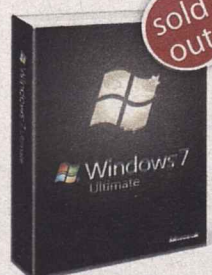


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Marcus Gilchrest and Crezdon Butler, Clemson's secondary is one of the best in the nation. UVA, on the other hand, has only recorded six touchdown receptions all season. The Cavaliers have not found much success on the ground either, finding paydirt only 13 times through 10 games this season.

The 19 offensive touchdowns that Virginia has scored in 2009 is equal to the amount that Clemson has scored in its last three games alone. This is a testament to how potent the Tiger offense has truly become as well as the lack of offensive discipline and talent that UVA possesses.

Clemson enters this weekend with an offense that has clicked on all cylinders since the losing to Maryland. These great results are thanks to the gradual improvement of redshirt freshman quarterback Kyle Parker along with the stellar play of first team all-universe tailback C.J. Spiller.

Following an outstanding performance in which he was the first Clemson player to pass, receive and rush for a touchdown, Spiller will try to break even more records against UVA. Currently tied for the all-time NCAA mark in return touchdowns with six, Spiller could become the definitive leader should Al Groh give his kickoff team the green light this weekend. With just 140 more all-purpose yards, C.J. Spiller will become only the fifth player in NCAA history to reach 7,000 total yards in his collegiate career.

Virginia's defense has allowed 345 yards per game this season, earning them the 45th best defense in the nation. Even with decent defensive numbers, the Cavaliers have struggled to stop the run this season as they have allowed 165 yards per game on the ground. As long as Clemson attempts to stretch the field with Jacoby Ford and Michael Palmer, the Tigers should



Senior tight end Michael Palmer hauls in a touchdown pass from Kyle Parker in Clemson's win over N.C. State in Raleigh this past weekend.

be able to utilize C.J. Spiller, Andre Ellington and Jamie Harper to run all over Al Groh's defense this weekend.

The only question mark for the Tigers entering the final game of the ACC schedule is the placekicker position. In the past two games, kickers Richard Jackson and Spencer Benton have combined to miss two field goals and five extra points. In order to win close games, the Tigers must find a way to kick the ball decisively through the uprights.

While the kicking game may be the main weak-

ness of Clemson, it is coincidentally one of the few strengths of Virginia. Cavalier kicker Robert Randolph was announced this week as one of the finalists for the Lou Groza Award, which is presented to the nation's best kicker at the end of the season.

Despite Virginia's poor record, Clemson will need to put all of their focus into this game in order to win. With a coach on the hot seat and the team still stinging from a painful loss at home to Boston College last weekend, UVA will be licking its chops to upset a ranked Clemson team and knock the Tigers

out of ACC contention.

Clemson currently owns a 36-8-1 record against Virginia throughout the history of these two teams playing each other, but do not let the numbers fool you. After winning the first 29 matches, Clemson has gone 7-8-1 since its first loss to the Cavaliers in 1990. Clemson is 19-3 in Death Valley when facing UVA, and owns a 5-1-1 record when playing there with a national ranking.

Should first-year Head Coach Dabo Swinney lead his Tigers to victory in this coming weekend, he will have accomplished something that Tommy Bowden was not able to do in nine years as head coach: put the Tigers in a position to win the ACC. Dabo, just like every other Clemson fan across the country, knows how important this game is and should have the Tigers prepared, focused and ready to play the game of their lives after running down the hill.

With the UVA game comes the celebration of Military Appreciation Day in Death Valley, one of the few great memorial stadiums in the country. Saturday's game also marks the last time that seniors such as C.J. Spiller, Jacoby Ford and Kavell Conner will play for the Tigers in Death Valley. The seniors are hoping to give the Clemson faithful just one more gift at home in the form of an ACC Championship Game invitation.

When you sit in Death Valley tomorrow, just know that you are potentially watching one of the greatest moments in Clemson Football since 1991. Make sure to be a part of it. Make noise for the defense. Stay quiet for the offense. Revel in the greatness of C.J. Spiller's accomplishments on his way towards serious consideration for the prestigious Heisman Trophy award.

But most importantly, do yourself a favor and make sure to enjoy every second of being a factor in the ACC this season.

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in the end zone for his second career touchdown pass. That score made it 17-0 Tigers, early in the second quarter.

Redshirt freshman quarterback Kyle Parker had perhaps one of his most solid performances of the year. The numbers may not show it, but the consistency of his play sure did. Parker went 12-18 for 187 yards and two touchdowns.

"I think early in the game, when you have plays like Palmer's and Dye's, it really wears on their defense," Parker said. "We completed a lot of passes, and we protected well, didn't turn the ball over and I thought we were very efficient. We did a good job of staying on schedule, and not having many negative plays." It was his composure on several key third down plays in the first half that helped give the Tigers a 24-7 lead going into halftime. Clemson went 5-7 on third down plays in the first half, with those five plays going for a com-

bined 93 yards.

For the entirety of the game, N.C. State quarterback Russel Wilson was pressured and unable to properly set his feet, which led to one of his worst outings of the year. Wilson went 12-32 passing for 183 yards, two touchdowns and an interception, against a Tiger pass defense that has been strong all year.

N.C. State marched down the field for a touchdown in the third quarter to trim the Tiger lead to only ten points, but Clemson answered right back. Parker led the team down the field, a drive which was capped off by a 16-yard touchdown run by Spiller to make the Clemson advantage 30-14. On the play, Spiller set a new Clemson record for all-purpose yards in a season, giving him 1,890 for the year, breaking the record that Derrick Hamilton set in 2002 when he had 1,883 yards. After a N.C. State field goal to make the score 30-17, Parker stepped up in the pocket and hit Palmer in the left flat for a 16-yard gain

on a third and three play. Two plays later, the N.C. State defense somehow forgot about Spiller, who was wide open on the wheel route to pretty much put the game out of hand.

Perhaps the key to the Tigers now five-game winning streak has been the near perfect balance on an offense that has been running on all cylinders. "I thought we did a good job of running the ball. That's what football is all about. If you can control the line of scrimmage — I don't care who you









































are — you're going to win games. We rushed for 254 yards today, but we also passed for 200 yards. So we were pretty balanced," said Swinney.

"This was a great team win, but we left a lot on the field today," Spiller said. "The big thing is, we came one step closer to going down to Tampa. I just went out and tried to play. I knew what they were going to do against me, and I tried to pick it up and help my team out. But this isn't going to get any easier. Virginia will come in next week ready to

play. But we have our eyes on the prize, and there is another hurdle we have to overcome next week."

That hurdle is making the ACC Championship Game, a game in which was one of the main reasons why Spiller returned for his senior year.

A victory this upcoming Saturday will ensure he will get a chance at winning the ACC, by getting another chance to showcase his stuff against a great Georgia Tech team, in what could be another thrilling game.

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Ryan Launius: How did you originally get into diving?

David Giambra: I got into diving because I went to the pool everyday when I was younger, and I was doing flips off of the diving board. The coach for the local team convinced me to join the dive team, where I met a girl on a club team named Karen Dierks. Karen and her mom convinced me to join the club team, which is where I started to dive a lot and better myself to the point that I could come to Clemson and dive for them.

RL: Is diving popular in your home state of Pennsylvania?

DG: I wouldn't say it is the most popular sport, but it's a lot more popular than it is in South Carolina. Most of the high school programs have diving teams, and there are a lot more diving boards available there than South Carolina.

RL: Do you find it difficult to balance diving and majoring in mechanical engineering?

DG: It is hard. Both of those take up a lot of time. My school days normally consist of practice, school, practice and homework. By the time I'm done with all of that, I'm ready for bed.

RL: What is, in your opinion, the coolest dive you are able to do?

DG: The coolest dive I can do is a front

two and a half with two twists off of a three-meter board. You start out by doing one and three quarters of a flip and then you break out of that and do a double twist and then dive into the water. My favorite dive, though, is a front two and a half with one twist because it is a little bit easier, but it is basically the same concept, and it's my most consistent dive.

RL: What is the highest platform you have ever dove into a body of water from?

DG: This is actually an interesting story. In the summers I work at Panama City Beach doing a dive show, and there is a 70-foot tower that I jumped off of routinely doing reverse flips and front flips during the show. That's about 22 meters high, so it is substantially higher than the highest competition for NCAA's and the Olympics, which is 10 meters high.

RL: Besides diving off of the boards, what other training must you go through to prep for competition?

DG: We have morning practice every Monday through Saturday without getting in the water. We do cardio, abs and we also go to Jervey to lift. When we lift, we mainly focus on core strength and legwork to be able to jump higher. We focus on having a strong core because after we leave the board, it takes a lot of strength to keep our body in control when we are in the air.

RL: What is your favorite memory as a diver for Clemson University?

DG: My favorite memory is the last meet, beating South Carolina. It was a close meet, and I was on the board looking at the scoreboard knowing that if I won the diving event there would be a very good chance that we would win the meet. I did one of the better dives of the year for me, and I hit the water knowing that Clemson pretty much won the meet. That was a great feeling.

RL: What meet are you looking forward to most this season, and why?

DG: I enjoy every meet. Diving is a close-knit sport where your competitors are your friends, but I would say the ACC's. For me, there are two meets in the year: South Carolina and the ACC's. Those two meets are high on my list. South Carolina is over, so I'm looking forward

to going out with a bang at the ACC's.

RL: Do you have any personal goals set for the rest of this season?

DG: My personal goals are to dive as well as I possibly can and go out with no regrets. I currently have all of the school records, and I would like to set them higher so they will stand for at least a couple years after I am gone.

RL: Are you considering pursuing competitive diving after college?

DG: I am not pursuing competitive diving after college, but I could possibly be pursuing show diving for a couple years in various "Sea World" type atmospheres.

RL: Is jumping on the trampoline during meets as fun as it looks?

DG: Yes. It loses its flair after years and years, but trampolines are always fun.

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gin proved to be too much for the Tigers to overcome. Proctor led the Tigers back to within three to make the score 20-17, but a kill from Brianna Barry, the league's leading hitter, turned the tide back in FSU's favor. The Noles never looked back from there, winning the match-clinching set 25-19.

Back in Clemson, Seniors Lia Proctor and Sandra Adeleye again offered standout performances, helping the Clemson volleyball team to earn their 21st win of the season Saturday night, taking down the Miami Hurricanes 3-0 (25-20, 25-22, 25-23) in Jervy Gym. Proctor and Adeleye each posted 13 kills as the Tigers (21-8, 11-6 ACC) held Miami's (16-11, 9-8 ACC) league-leading attacker Lane Carico to just nine kills and a .083 hitting percentage en route to their 15th sweep of the season.

Kelsey Murphy reached a career milestone midway through the match: in the second set, she recorded her 5,000th career assist. Her 37 total assists on the night spurred Clemson on to a .271 hitting mark for the match.

Didem Ege continued her good works with 15 digs, leaving her just two digs shy of the ACC career record of 2,238. Fellow Istanbul native Cansu Ozdemir added 13 digs, helping Clemson to a 50-33 advantage over Miami in that department.

Clemson jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the match, with freshmen Natalie Patzin and Sandra Adeleye each posting four kills in a hard-fought 25-20 win. Clemson ran out to an early 12-6 edge, but Miami clawed back time and time again, coming to within two at 12-10 and within one at 18-17 and 20-19. However, a Hoover timeout calmed the Tigers down, and after that they coolly overwhelmed the Hurricanes with a 5-1 run to close the set.

The second set, while close in score, was never really in doubt for Clemson, as they hit .273 while holding Miami to a .125 mark. Adeleye and Patzin again led the Tigers with four kills apiece, and the team recorded three blocks en route to a 25-22 win and a 2-0 lead in the match. Kelsey Murphy added 13 assists in this set alone, moving past the 5,000-assist career milestone.

The third set was very tightly contested, but this time it was Alexa Rand's time to shine as she broke the freshman block record with her 144th block of the season. The set itself went back and forth and saw several timeouts as the teams scratched and clawed for every point. Miami held an early 9-6 advantage, but Clemson battled back to tie the score at 11. When Miami seized a one-point edge at 20-19, another timely Hoover timeout sparked a 4-1 run by Clemson, giving them a 23-21 lead. Fittingly, Murphy found the senior Proctor for the match-clinching kill and a 25-23 set victory.

The win, Clemson's sixth in its past seven outings, keeps the Tigers' NCAA tournament hopes alive, as Miami was ranked 50th in the RPI entering the match. They return to action on Nov. 20 and 21, as they square off against the state of Virginia. The Tigers will play host to the Virginia Tech Hokies at 7 p.m. on Friday, and the Saturday match with the Virginia Cavaliers is tentatively slated for 6 p.m.

Turnovers lead to blowouts

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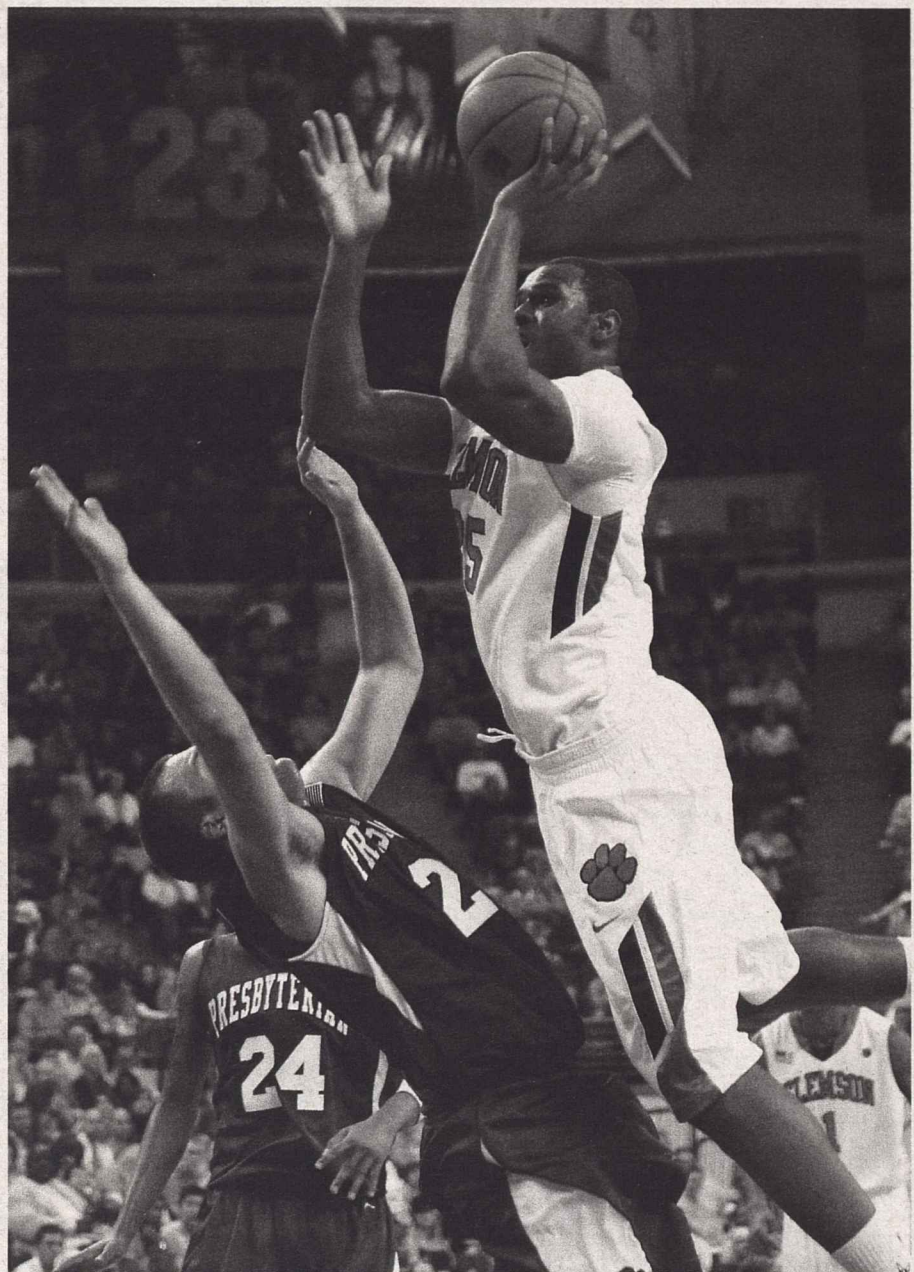
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The Tigers' climb towards an ACC Championship has gotten off to a 2-0 start after defeating Presbyterian College, 84-41, and Liberty, 79-39. Neither game was competitive, but they were both important in getting the freshmen on the team some valuable experience. These games showed both the depth of the young Clemson team as well as the numerous ways they can win.

Like in years past, the success of this team starts with the press. This team may be the best press lineup Oliver Purnell has ever had. The veterans understand it, and the freshmen are athletic enough to execute it. The press has been criticized by many, but now that Purnell has the players to run it, it is the most effective weapon for the Tigers. Presbyterian and Liberty found this out the hard way. Against the Blue Hose, Clemson forced 27 turnovers got 43 points off of those turnovers. Liberty suffered a similar fate turning the ball over 28 times. Even when the ball wasn't turned over, the Tiger defense flustered both offenses. Presbyterian shot just 36 percent from the floor, and Liberty shot 30 percent. Defense is always a key to success with any Oliver Purnell team, and in both these games, it was dominant. The defense was so prevailing, Clemson could have been shut out in both second halves and still won both games.

The press was effective in both games because of the conditioning and depth of this team. Clemson rotated 11 players regularly throughout the games. This allowed fresh legs to always be on the court which led to forcing more turnovers. On offense, Clemson pushed the tempo most of the game. There were few instances where the shot clock fell below 12. Pushing the ball can catch the opponent off guard and create open looks, but Clemson's goal is to wear out the other team. The up-tempo offense, along with the press, didn't allow any rest for the Blue Hose nor the Flames and also forced them to play an up-tempo game. This led to turnovers and both teams being exhausted early. At about the 10-minute mark in the first half this was evident in the looks on the Presbyterian and Liberty players. In both games, this was the point where Clemson made huge runs. The 11-man rotation created this opportunity, and Purnell says he plans on using 10 or 11 guys the entire season. Both the games were blowouts, but in a close game, the rotation will make Clemson the quicker team in the last four minutes.

The biggest concern coming into this season was outside shooting. Clemson lost its two best



Senior forward Trevor Booker shoots over a Presbyterian defender last Friday night in Littlejohn. The Tigers dominated the Blue Hose en route to a 2-0 start to the season.

shooters from last year's squad, but they have not missed either this season. Against Presbyterian, the Tigers hit 14 threes and shot 47 percent from beyond the arc. They were led by freshman Noel Johnson with four. They did not let up against Liberty either, hitting 10 threes — half of them coming from David Potter. Of the 11 regular players for Clemson, only Jeri Grant and Devin Booker have not hit threes. It may sound funny, but Booker is the reason for the excellent shooting. His presence forced both Presbyterian and Liberty into a zone defense, and every time he got the ball down low, at least three defenders crashed on him. All he had to do was kick the ball out, and after a

few passes, Clemson found a wide open outside shot. Hitting these shots forces the defense to either get out of the zone or keep giving up threes. In both of these games, the defense chose the second option and paid for it.

These games showed everyone that Clemson can beat you in many ways. If you take away the inside, they will light it up from the outside. If you give them the inside game, Booker will dominate. They also have the press which will force turnovers and wear other teams out. Both games were evidence of a successful season to come and were the 27th and 28th wins in a row for Clemson in the month of November.

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than Charlie Weis' Notre Dame?

Another embarrassing loss for the team, formerly known as "The Fighting Irish," left coach Weis and Co. with the same winning percentage (35-25) as his predecessors, Bob Davie and Tyrone Willingham. Unfortunately for both, neither received the same mega pay deal as Weis did when he was granted a \$10 million deal a few seasons ago. Honestly, I blame this sheerly on karma and the fact that Notre Dame was due for a fall into the depths of mediocrity, after monopolizing NBC every Saturday in the fall for as long as anyone can remember. In his press conference this week, he said he didn't think his "future at Notre Dame had been decided." But let me do him a favor and fill in the blanks. You're done, sir.

Two years ago, I made the statement in a column that if you ever lose to Stanford in football, you should be kicked out of your respective conference. Four semesters down the road, I find myself absolutely stunned, stupefied and shaken from the realization that Stanford University football (AP No. 14) is ranked higher than Clemson in the AP polls. A giant thumbs up to Jim Harbaugh and his squad's complete shalacking of the USC Trojans last weekend and running up the score on Carroll's crew. It's hard to feel sorry for a Trojan team that has routinely done the same against the rest of the Pac-10

throughout the last eight seasons. During Harbaugh's first year, his team went 4-8, then 5-7 and is now sitting pretty atop the Pacific Pac-10 at 7-3, with a Rose Bowl birth in their sights.

Our very own C.J. Spiller should have a trip to New York City in his immediate future if he continues his all-world performances through the conference championship game. Spiller has the unique ability of making the unfeasible seem ordinary as he provided yet another remarkable explosive cocktail of power, pace, and panache last weekend against N.C. State. If you haven't read ESPN's ACC Football blogger Heather Dinch's Heisman article on Spiller, I suggest you do so as soon as possible.

She makes the time-old argument of the Heisman trophy winner being one who is an all-around package that is not only excruciatingly essential to the success of their respective program, but is close to if not hands down the best player in all of college football. Seeing Spiller just get invited to New York as a finalist, would do wonders for our school's reputation by bringing in plenty of positive publicity that the academic and athletics sides could reap benefits from.

After scoring 15 touchdowns this season in five different ways and racking up eight plays of 50 yards or more, what more can he do to keep impressing us? The answer lies in the beauty of the question, C.J. Spiller never, ever disappoints.

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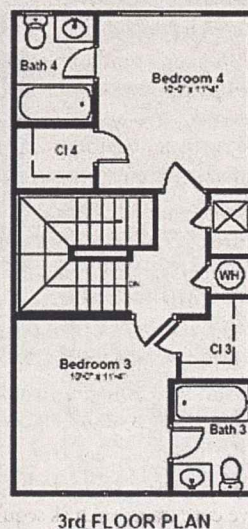
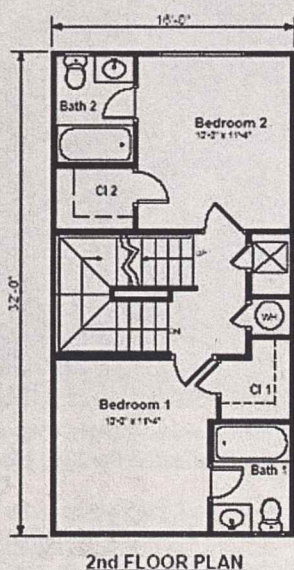
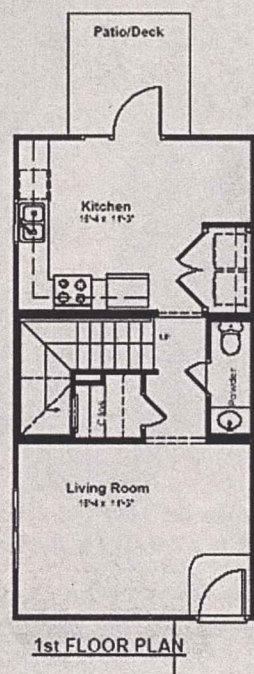
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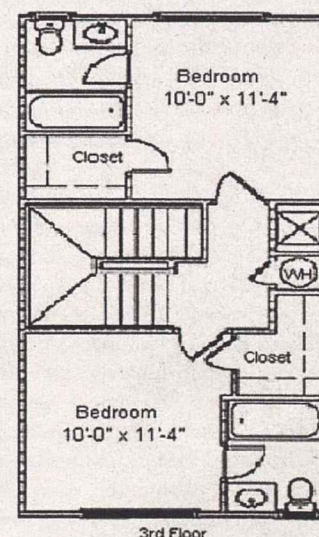
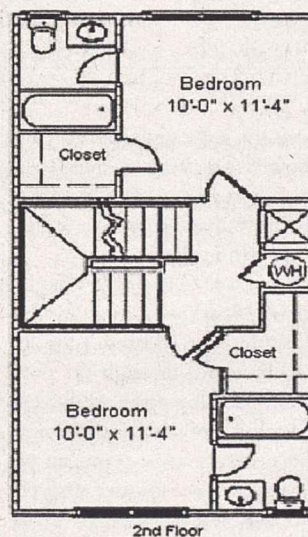
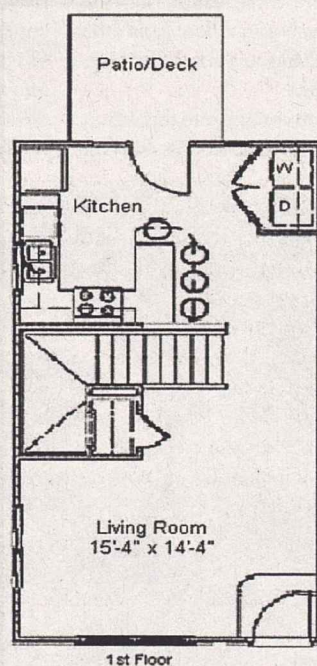


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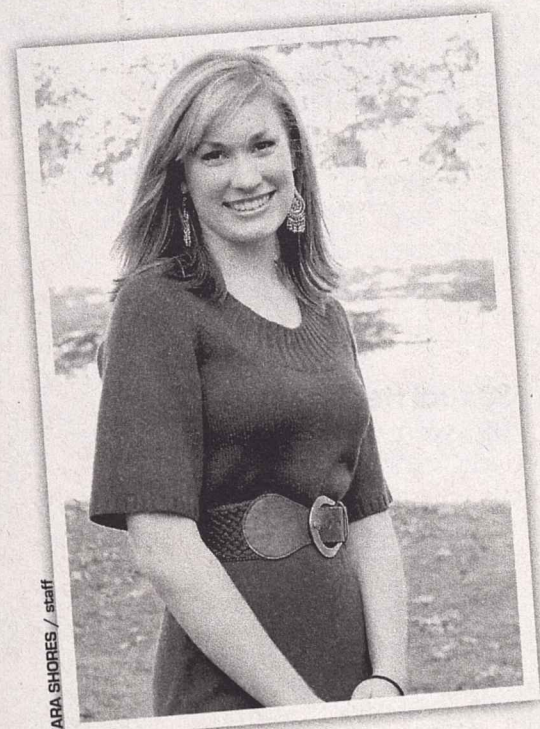
Anyhow, we may be in sunny South Carolina, but we all know when winter rolls around, Jack Frost is not afraid to decorate the Clemson campus with his glistening ice crystals. With that being said, it is important that you are fully prepared with clothing that will surely keep your tootsies nice and toasty warm...and, of course, ever-so fashionable. Winter '09-'10 is finally upon us, and the fashion world has been turned upside down ever since the days of summer have disappeared.

WOMEN

Colors. Black is always in style, and that is going to remain true throughout the upcoming season. To liven up your dark attire, consider wearing a black and white combination to relay sophistication or pairing your black with bright and fun colors to give off a more relaxed vibe.

Brown and grey are trendy too, as they provide an alternative to the neutral black. If you want to stand out in the crowd (which, let's face it, who doesn't?) opt to go with brighter hues, such as eclectic blue, eye-popping pink, red, green or orange. Get ready for this, Clemson fans, purple is said to be the hit color of the winter season. This includes shirts, pants, skirts, shoes and accessories. You must be fairly outgoing if you are going to attempt to pull off these bold colors, but with new fashion comes a new personality.

Outerwear. Naturally, since the winter is cold, you will want to invest in a good coat. Black, brown and gray are the most traditional colors, and will be sure to go with almost anything in your wardrobe. All silhouettes are acceptable this season, ranging from girly, all the way to military style. The traditional peacoat is still breaking hearts and taking names, so be sure to get your hands on one of these.



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Footwear. Can a girl ever have too many shoes? I'm thinking not, so quickly make your way to Zappos.com, and order a sexy pair of ankle high booties, or, better yet, a pair of très chic riding boots. Although comfortable, Ugg boots are no longer the hot item, so please retire them to your lounging-around-the-house-only shoes. Runways in Paris and New York have featured thigh-high boots, but I'm not too sure I would recommend those while in Clemson, as there is a good chance you might be mistaken for a hooker.

Patterns and textures. The Gap always has spirited and uplifting winter commercials and I saw the first one of the season just yesterday. Tartan, or plaid, is a pattern that will be seen everywhere this winter, and the Gap has done a phenomenal job of providing a plethora of stylish numbers in the said print. The traditional American company is still selling their timeless cable knit sweaters, which is the style that is being worn by the most popular celebrities. Texture is an important aspect when it comes to clothing details, so look for clothes that have cute traits, such as sequins or bows. Patterned and textured tights are being sold in the all the popular stores, and although you may initially think of an old librarian, trust me, no librarian looks this good.

Leather. What comes to your mind? I instantaneously think of huge bikers, cruising around on their obnoxiously loud Harleys, cigarettes in hand. Not anymore. Ladies especially, it's time to adorn this stretchy material, as it is now considered posh to wear short cut leather jackets, sleek dresses and skin-tight shiny leggings. Not all together of course, but you get what I am saying.

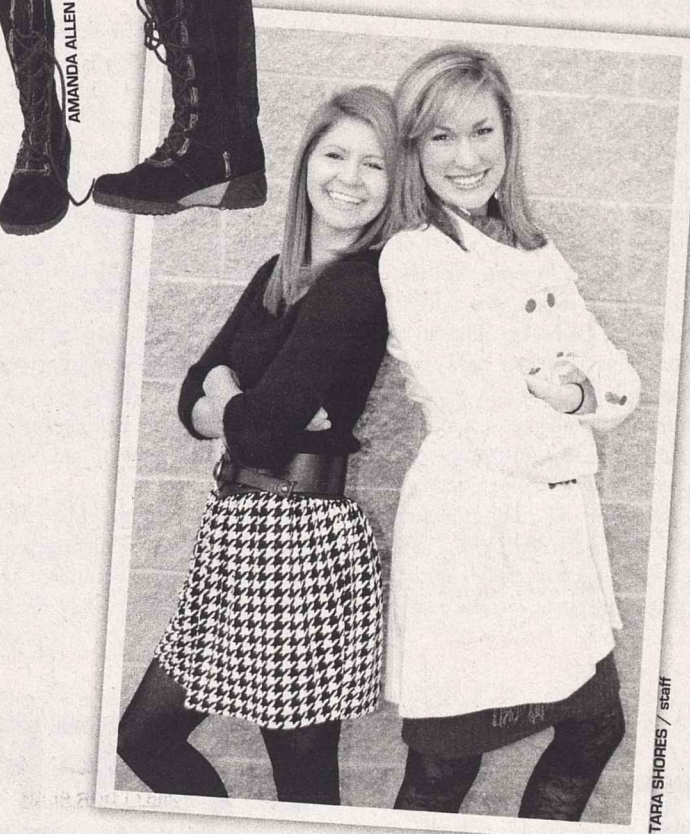
Leg wear. When it comes to the pieces that cover your derrière, tulip skirts and skinny jeans are still all the rage. Jeans, however, are being taken to the next level, as the hottest pairs are insanely bright neon colors. If that is a little too adventurous for you, no worries, you can still look chic in a crisp, dark, classic rinse.

Go crazy. Some fun — yet out of the ordinary — trends that are hitting the streets these days are feminine menswear, military-style outfits, tops with peaked shoulders and Bohemian luxury. Now, I am usually one for trying new things, but these aforementioned trends seem like they would most definitely only look good on the ever-fashionable Blair Waldorf of "Gossip Girl" fame.

MEN

Don't worry, gentlemen, I have not forgotten about you. I just assumed you all generally don't care quite as much about the latest trends gracing the New York runways as your female counterparts do. But, if indeed you do, take note that clean lines and shapes are in this season; you want to appear crisp and put together. **Outerwear.** Although I can't imagine many of you rushing out to J. Crew to buy one, elegant cardigans are making a splash and are great for layering, which is a hot and practical look for the season.

Patterns. If you have some business to attend to, choose pinstripes, as it is eye-catching. Opt for a tie when acceptable,



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and try to find colors and patterns that stand out.

Pants. Remain calm; khakis are still considered stylish, so you will not have to completely gut your entire wardrobe. And finally, we get to jeans. I am pretty sure most jeans look the same on guys, but in case you beg to differ, fashionistas are claiming dark blue and form fitting denim to be the "it" trend.

Like I said, I don't think many of you would be caught dead wearing the men's fashions that are featured in magazines such as Vogue and Elle, so I tried to weed out the unrealistic and supply you with the doable.

So there you have it, Clemson. Be sure to hit the stores a week from today, a.k.a. Black Friday, and stock up on all that is popular this winter.

WHAT'S going ON

Tigeroar and Takenote Fall Show

Tillman Auditorium
8 p.m.
\$7 students /
\$10 adults

WSBF Double feature: "Across the Universe"

McKissick Theater
8 p.m.
Free

Donovan Jones Memorial Volleyball Tournament

Fike
2 p.m.
\$15 per team

Clemson University Chorale Ensembles

Brooks Center for the
Performing Arts
8 p.m.
\$5 students / \$8 adults

Spirit of Christmas

Brooks Center for the
Performing Arts
8 p.m.
\$20 - \$30

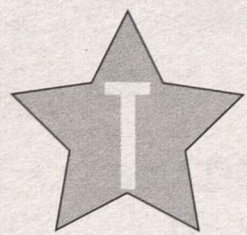
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TRAVIS TRAMPLES THROUGH THE TRENDS



TRAVIS ANDERSON

We live in such a wonderfully social world. We have so many interactions on a day-to-day basis, that even the socially inept get random "hello"s and "how are you?"s. And sometimes these interactions lead to loves. Unless you try one of these numbers: "No way I would never want to go out with you" (wink). Hopefully you get slapped in the face for trying to be sarcastic.

I was going to talk about love, but I figured I should stick to something I actually know about. By the way, if you wonder why I was thinking about love, it's because of Brother Micah. Not because I love him, but because of all those times he asked "what is love?", which of course lead to the crowd carrying the tune, singing "Baby don't hurt me."

So because I know so much about love, I'm going to discuss the trend of sarcasm. Sarcasm has become the self-digging crevasse of society. It's a form of humor for the humorless. Like in a conversation, after someone asks you "how are you doing?" and you respond "well I got out of lab and looked at mouth swabbed samples under a microscope and mine had something the other students couldn't recognize so the professor announced that it was semen so I am having a pretty fantastic day." I mean really, is that extra bit of sarcasm really

necessary?

There are plenty of times where sarcasm can be funny though. For example when you see your buddy crying because his team just got blown out 40-0 and you say "man that was a close game," it's classic to rub in his team's inadequacies with sarcasm. Another fun opportunity would be when you walk into someone's room and say "Wow that is one clean bed. I can't even see any stains on it!" which just elicits a great response from the bed owner because they're instantly conscious of their bed stained with wasted potential and even if it isn't, then they'll feel conscious about it.

Of course, sarcasm isn't a new trend. Sarcasm is clearly God's gift to man; especially since it so rarely reaches its full potential. Sarcasm is a tale as old as time, but it has become more and more popular because of the postmodern movement. Postmodernism has also been going for a while, but all the indie goons with their deep, meaningful movies and hipster kids with their irony harness sarcasm to fuel their empty personalities. Look at "Juno. Look at "New Moon" which, beyond its rarely overdramatic dialog, will have plenty of sarcastic banter: Bella and Jacob don't know how to speak in any other way.

Keep in mind, there are really times when sarcasm shouldn't be used, beyond when wanting to avoid sounding like a hipster or other cynical youth. It also

creates so many misunderstandings, especially when used in all of our new social mediums. I pretty much advocate that it should only be used in person -to-person contact. Without its biting tone heard when it's spoken, elaborated with sarcastic body language, sarcastic comments just become statements. Refrain from sarcasm when speaking online, making phone calls, and definitely when writing text messages. If you want to be mean, then sure, when some loser asks you if you're going to his party, text him "I'm so there" to give him false hopes, but if you're speaking with your friends, don't do it. It is very frustrating.

As for my imploration, I suggest you fight back against stupid, sarcastic comments. All of those tools who think sarcasm makes them witty, when really it just shows how shallow their entire entity is. For example, when you visit your neighbor who's sitting on the sidewalk, looking forlorn and off into the distance because his house just burned down, a pile of ash behind him, and you ask a sympathetic "how are you" and he perks up and responds "Oh I'm really great, I feel better than ever because I don't have a place to sleep tonight I am just so excited about life!" feel free to say "Oh that's really great news" and then walk into your house. Any time where someone is trying to be sarcastic, respond as if it's not a sarcastic statement and you get to have your own fun with the conversation.



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SPOILER ALERT



Gavin Rossdale guest stars on "Criminal Minds."

I found last week's episode of "Criminal Minds" particularly engaging. While the constant use of vampires on television is becoming worn out quickly, it was nice to see a show that showed the disturbing side of vampirism, instead of the glorified fad that pop culture has made it into recently. To shortly sum up the episode: a tortured singer called Dante who dresses up as a vampire (Gavin Rossdale) has gone into a downward spiral of drugs when his manager is forcing him to sell records at the expense of his musical freedom.

When four girls are found dead, with their blood drained through holes in their throats and with Facebook shrines to Dante, the (Behavioral Analysis Unit) BAU goes to his house to ask him some questions and finds the latest victim's car. Dante is arrested and taken back to the interrogation room, but doesn't fit the profile that the BAU has constructed. When JJ goes to visit the home of the latest victim's best friend, she finds a schizophrenic being coerced by Dante's manager to exsanguinate women and store their blood, so that she can live among the undead with him forever.

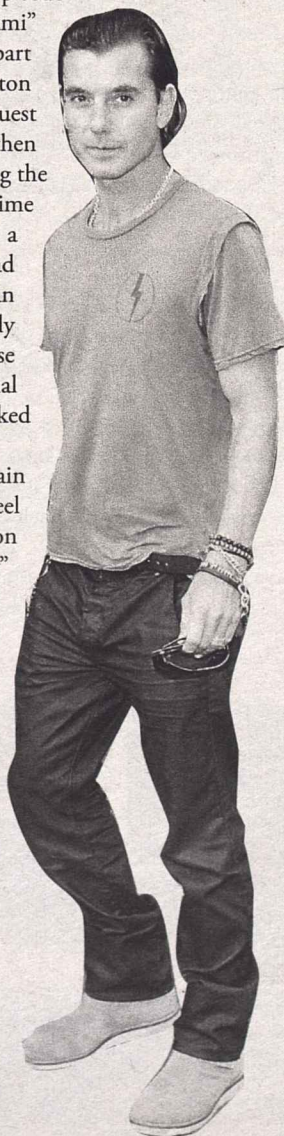
Luckily the BAU show up in time to save JJ and unveil the manager's plot to increase the sales of Dante's new record by murdering women and writing the name of the record on their arms in blood. Prentiss reveals the dark plan to Dante, who quietly offers to help both his schizophrenic fan and his manager in any way possible and then leaves, asking Prentiss when just making music stopped being enough.

While it was an extremely disturbing episode, it was touching as well, offering a glimpse into the problems faced

by performers as well as the more disturbing side of hero worship and the recent cultural obsession with vampires. Rossdale's performance was surprisingly multi-dimensional, and it's a great episode to watch if you missed last week's episodes.

The three "CSI" shows also had an interesting development by making one episode out of all "CSI," "CSI: Miami" and "CSI: NY." The three-part crossover had Ray Langston (Laurence Fishbourne) first guest starring on "CSI: Miami," then "CSI: NY" and finally finishing the series in "CSI." The three crime labs work together to save a pregnant young girl who had been kidnapped by a human trafficking ring, and I can't really say how well it ends, because I haven't gotten to see the final episode yet, but everyone I asked said it was a great episode.

Those are the main highlights for the week (I feel that I should also mention that "The Big Bang Theory" also had a great episode), and all the commercials have me looking forward to the holiday episodes.



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Thanksgiving Traditions

BEKAH WILSON

Macy's Parade. Every Thanksgiving Day since 1924, the department store has hosted a three-hour parade. It is held in New York City starting at 9 a.m. If you tune into NBC, you can watch this spectacular show. It is known for its gigantic balloons, which are usually famous cartoon characters. Other attractions in the parade are the flamboyant floats and celebrity appearances. Musicians usually perform songs during the parade. In addition to their performances, there are acts by other groups. Broadway performers are a part of the parade as well as marching bands from high schools and colleges. The Radio City Rockettes are also a classic part of the festivities. This Thanksgiving, turn on your television and enjoy this exciting event.

Football Games. Another tradition to tune in for is football. There are several games to watch that day. The Detroit Lions of the American National Football League have hosted a game every Thanksgiving Day since 1934, and the Dallas Cowboys have hosted a game every Thanksgiving Day since 1966. Many regional and rival college and high school football games are held the weekend after Thanksgiving, like the Clemson vs. USC game. Not only is it fun to watch, but also a game of football with family or friends is a great way to enjoy the holiday.

Black Friday Shopping. Although it is the day after Thanksgiving, the sales have been associated with the holiday for years. Many department stores have door buster deals starting at 5 a.m. and sometimes earlier. Best Buy is known for its deals on cameras, laptops and other electronics. People have even camped out in order to be the first in the door for bargains. This day can be hectic, but the money you will save is worth the craziness. If you can handle the crowds, this is a traditional way to finish your Christmas shopping.

Decorate for Christmas. Because this holiday is a day off for the whole family, it is a great time to begin decorating for the upcoming holiday, Christmas. You can decorate the tree together while listening to Christmas music. Even if you do not have a tree yet, it is fun to decorate around the house. Another way to relax and enjoy the day off is by watching Christmas classics like "It's A Wonderful Life" or "Miracle on 34th Street." Make some hot cocoa and spend the day celebrating Thanksgiving and possibly preparing for Christmas.

Family Meal. Thanksgiving Day is probably most associated with the tasty traditional dinner. Most families spend the day preparing for a feast of turkey and other delicious dishes. Working together to prepare the food is a great way to spend time with family and friends. Some traditional food items in addition to turkey are stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green bean casserole, sweet potato casserole, rolls, baked carrots, cranberry sauce and more. A dessert most often a part of a Thanksgiving meal is pumpkin pie.

That was a Haiku

ASHLEY CRISP

H1N1

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Don't give us your flu.

Turkey

Time to see the fam
Maybe eat some turkey too
Obese for exams.

Sexual Health

USC went down
on us in Trojan rankings
Wrap your tool, Tigers.

Cheeze-Its

Orange squares of fake cheese
Only brought to gatherings
Left untouched by guests.

Football

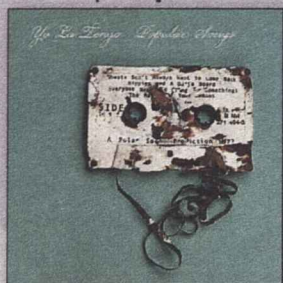
Yay, Virginia game
C.J. Spiller for Heisman
A decent season.

Caffeine Addiction

Dear vending people
We need a vending machine
Third floor of Hendrix.

REVIEWS >>

Yo La Tengo | "Popular Songs"
Matador | September 2009



DAVID BALLOU

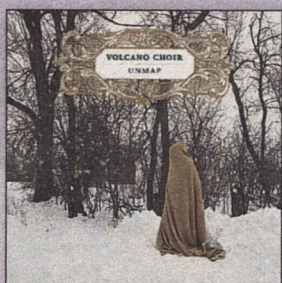
Yo La Tengo have been around forever. They've been churning out quality indie/noise/distortion rock for almost 30 years now, and they show no signs of slowing down. Perpetually underrated, Yo La Tengo ("I've Got It") are back with their 12th full length album, and "Popular Songs" does not disappoint. Opening track "Here To Fall" brings a wash of delay pedals, strings and an organ while lead singer Ira Kaplan says quite plainly, "...If you're ready, I'm here to fall with you."

The middle stretch of the album illustrates YLT's versatility, with a funk-organ song ("Periodically Double or Triple") and Dinosaur Jr.'esque fuzz pop song ("Nothing to Hide")

amongst others. And then comes the closing trifecta. The final three tracks encompass roughly half the length of the album and they are spectacular.

"More Stars Than There Are In Heaven" is a wonderfully heavy and gorgeous love song, the line "We'll walk hand in hand" repeated many times over the post rock drone. "The Fireside" inspires images of a sunset from the top of a mountain, or something similarly vast and affecting, with acoustic flourishes played out over minimal delay work. The album concludes with the 15 minute feedback driven freak out "And The Glitter is Gone," a vintage YLT track that is sure to please.

Volcano Choir | "Unmap"
Jagjaguwar | September 2009

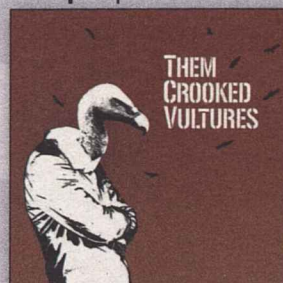


DAVID BALLOU

Volcano Choir is the collaboration between Justin Vernon, better known as Bon Iver, and post/math rock band Collections of Colonies of Bees. Their debut album "Unmap" is one of the more pleasing and interesting releases in a strong year of music. The instrumentals paint a canvas of sound out of pulsing repetitive rhythms, akin to Steve Reich or Phillip Glass. This sets the stage for Vernon's vocals, which add a soothing layer to the overall sound.

The lyrics are not necessarily important, and there doesn't seem to be much in the way of verses or choruses in a traditional sense. Instead, the vocals are a part of the larger whole. Standout track "Island, IS" is the best example of this, as you can certainly follow the lyrics or just as easily let the music wrap you up like a blanket of rippling textures and tranquilizing voices.

Them Crooked Vultures
"Them Crooked Vultures"
Interscope | November 2009



TRAVIS ANDERSON

Them Crooked Vultures is the reunification of Queens of the Stone Age "Songs for the Deaf" era with Josh Homme and Dave Grohl, with a twist of John Paul Jones of Led Zeppelin fame, and oh boy does this blend make some beautiful rock 'n' roll. "Them Crooked Vultures" sounds most similar to Queens of the Stone Age, with its heavy, dark, guitar oriented riffs. The album sounds like a Saturday night in Los Angeles, dropping by house parties to get warmed up for the night, getting some drinks, and nothing weak, I'm talking Jack and Coke and the very least, then driving on the desert roads and then of course scoring some smooth sex somewhere along the way.

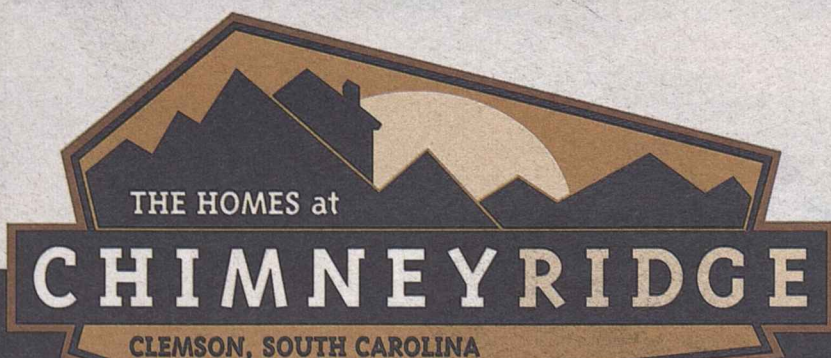
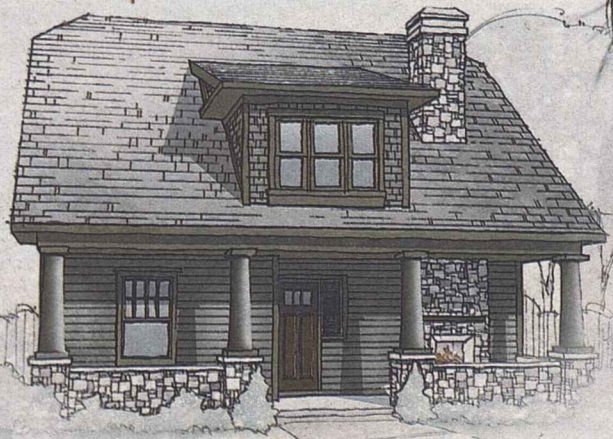
Of course don't dare to call this stoner rock. This album is just so groovy, so heavy, so sexy, that it's hard not to have a good time. Each song is a different experience, so you won't get bored and this album can be your musical cruise control well into the New Year.

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Lee & Gallery

"Recollection" displays artists' views of memory, identity and experience.

THOMAS HARVELL

If you were to walk by Lee Gallery, you would not be able to resist stepping inside. Through the floor to ceiling windows you would be able to see small ceramic sculptures varying in shapes and colors anywhere from a jewel encrusted green football to a small blue baby. Of course, the sculptures are not simply of these objects, but any attempt to describe them specifically would be irresponsible not to mention near impossible. If the ceramic sculptures don't entice you, perhaps the robotic creatures roaming around there wooden enclosure might. Possibly, the large prints or small plastic woodland creatures depicting illogical scenarios might catch your eye. You have only to step inside to discover the intricacies and mysteries within the works of two artists, Marty Epp-Carter and Sam Davis.

Epp-Carter and Davis's Master of Fine Arts Thesis exhibition,

Recollection/Re-collection opened this week in Lee Gallery. It will remain on display until Nov. 20th. Both artists demonstrate a unique perspective of the world through their artwork. Although there are broad similarities, both artists use various media to broach contemporary questions about the denotation and value of memory, experience and identity. The primary media used to convey the message for Davis is sculpture and for Epp-Carter the media ranges from sculpture to prints.

Samuel Davis in his thesis abstract discusses the meaning behind his sculptures, "one's daily life consists of collecting objects, images, ideas, fears and dreams. These items and concepts do not conjure themselves

but are selected like berries in a basket. I question what objects people showcase in their homes, their trophies and shrines. These types of objects serve to validate the owner's beliefs and through their collection, elevate that person's status. To what items does one subconsciously invest their identity?"

Davis also discusses how his choice of media conveys his message, "I use kitsch and ceramic as a vocabulary and platform that is universal, but through its construction and relationships can simultaneously speak specifically to one person, one region or one understanding. I use campy humor and novelty to undermine the work's integrity. My work questions the merits of my heritage and pedigree."

Marty Epp-Carter in her thesis abstract discusses the messages conveyed through her artwork, "In this body of work I explore the division between our experiences with nature in a controlled environment versus the less frequent experience of true nature. I concern myself with the distance we create for ourselves by diminishing our interactions with nature, making them convenient, not messy or intrusive. I also attempt to resensitize the viewer to his or her own conscious or unconscious response to nature. By setting up situations that utilize the both real and artificial objects, images and materials, I place the viewer in a relationship with the work that requires thoughtful attention."

Epp-Carter goes on to discuss

how her choice of media reflects upon the deeper meaning of the work, "through the creation of symbols and fictional spaces, the prints and two-dimensional works function as indexes of objects and memory. In my sculpture I use commercially produced, artificial facsimiles that function as stand-ins for nature. I parody these materials to sensitize the viewer to their absurdity. In doing so, I question these materials' role in our lives as well as their cultural purpose."

Epp-Carter and Davis's artwork is as thought provoking as it is beautiful and since it is only display for a few short days is an opportunity you don't want to miss. Lee Gallery is open from Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.



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Perfect Pairing Holiday Wine Guide

Gewürztraminer

"ga-VERTZ-trab-MEE-ner"

Depending on the label, this white variety is low in acidity and may be dry or sweet. Flavors of honey, pumpkin spice, cinnamon, apricot and pear make it a perfect option for serving with peppery side dishes, though it makes for a decent dessert wine as well.

Drink with: Poultry and fish, potatoes or desserts made with fresh fruit like apples, pears and peaches

Syrah/Shiraz

"see-RAH" / "shib-RAZ"

These varieties of wine are made from the same grape, which is known for its spicy, peppery fruit flavors. Tastes of licorice, bitter chocolate and mocha can also be detected, with warmer weather exposing mellow flavors and cooler temperatures spicing up the wine.

Drink with: ham, lamb, pasta with tomato sauce, pizza or barbecue

Sauvignon Blanc

"SO-vin-yawn BLAHNK"

The typically light flavor of this white makes it a refreshing option, offering dry earthy hints of grassy, citrus and tropical flavor combinations. With its crisp flavor, the wine won't linger on the tongue and distract from the deliciousness of your holiday meal.

Drink with: Appetizers like veggie dips, salads like Greek, Caesar or garden, or with boldly seasoned foods

Beaujolais Nouveau

"BOE-zjoh-lay nu-VOE"

The lightness of this red makes it perfect for pairing with the entirety of Thanksgiving dinner. Fruity hints of strawberry and raspberry dominate the wine, while a traditional grape flavor rounds out the taste. Varieties should be served lightly chilled and within two years of bottling.

Drink with: Both light and dark grilled or roasted meats, many types of pastas, green salads and cheeses

MELISSA WHITSON
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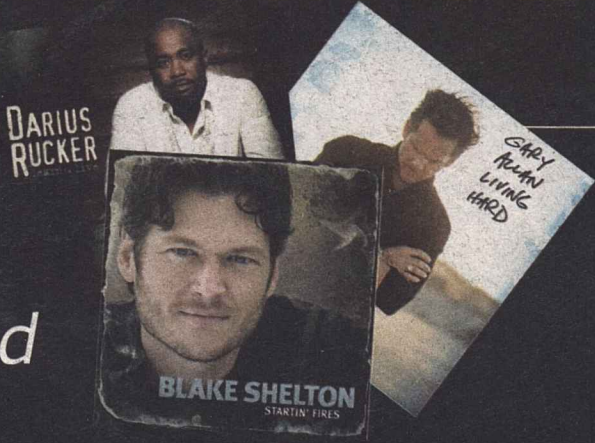




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There are many factors that go into the decision process. The very first question we ask ourselves is "Are they even touring?" We received many requests for the Red Hot Chili Peppers. Currently they are in the studio working on their newest album. So that fact alone allows us to cross them off the list. To go beyond that, even if they were touring, we must consider the cost to bring them here.

The cost for an artist to perform is what we call their talent fee? (This does not include the numerous expenses of producing a concert that go on top of this fee). The Red Hot Chili Peppers' fee ranges from \$500,000 - \$1.5 million. If TPP combined all its resources with Littlejohn Coliseum and possibly a few other organizations, then maybe we could afford to bring them to Clemson. This would drain our entire budget and we would only be able to bring you one show for the year. If you thought that we didn't have much of a music scene before, imagine only having one concert a year! No one wants that. (Granted, having the Red Hot Chili Peppers in Clemson would be awesome!)

The last important factor we consider is an artist's average attendance. For the Red Hot Chili Peppers, they average 10,000 – 30,000 people. Littlejohn Coliseum's capacity is about 10,000 seats. Most tours have a setup that only utilizes half the house. So for most concerts we can only fit 5,000 – 6,000 at most. So essentially we can't hold the large crowds that bands/artists like the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Dave Matthews Band, Taylor Swift, or Carrie Underwood attract.

Once again, we have presented you with a few artists that are feasible for us to consider bringing to Clemson. Look to the left and vote for your favorite artists. Hopefully you have a better understanding of our process. As always if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please let me know at lcogles@clemson.edu.

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