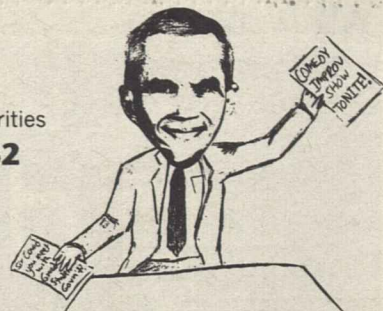


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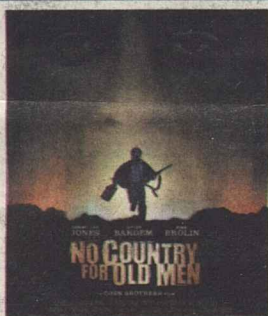
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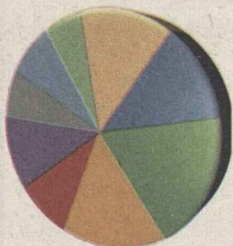


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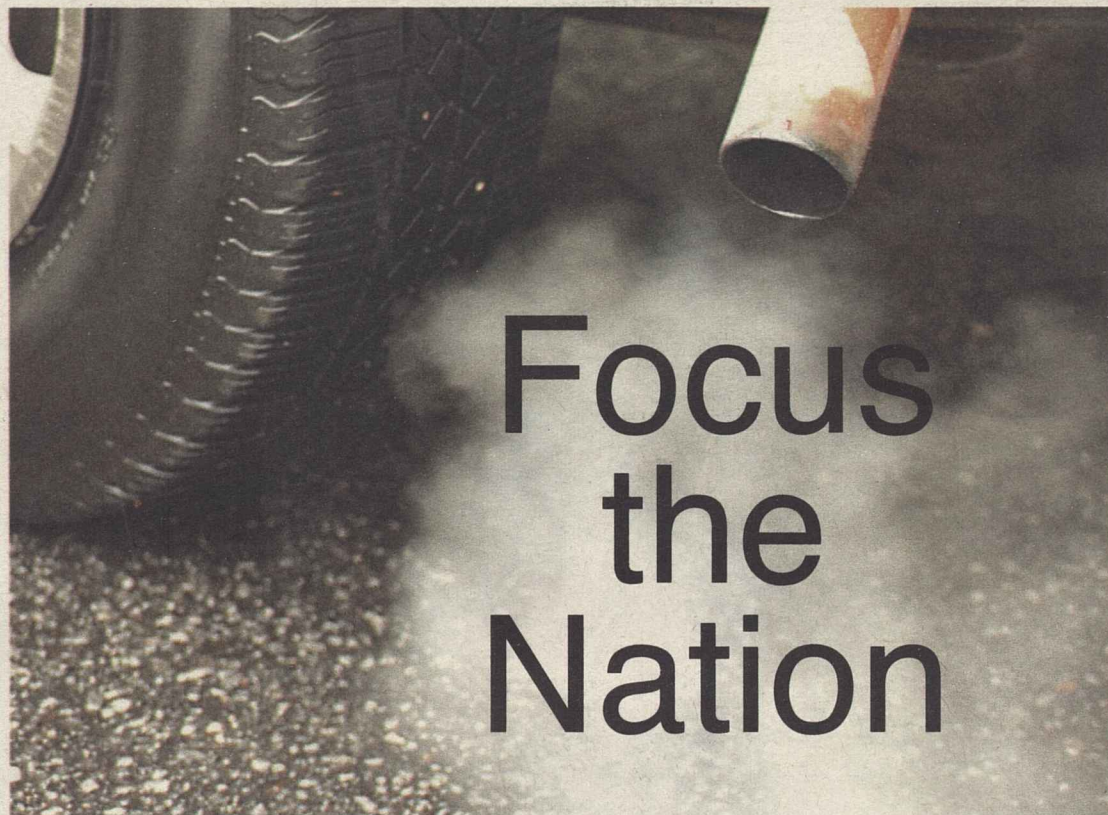


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Focus the Nation

Inaugural celebration provides precursor to
environmental campaign.

LOUISE GOODMAN
STAFF WRITER

Clemson University will be the proud host of the Focus the Nation Kick-Off Jan. 25.

The event will allow Clemson students not only to be educated on global warming and environmental issues, but also to play a significant role in finding solutions.

Focus the Nation is an educational initiative reaching students through universities, high schools and middle schools to cultivate discussion about global warming and solutions to environmental issues.

Over one thousand institutions across the U.S. will be involved in the 2008 Focus the Nation movement.

Focus the Nation operates on four main components to maximize the understanding of global climate

changes. The “2% Solution,” a web-cast aired on Jan. 30, will consist of presentations by Stanford climate scientist Stephen Schneider, green job pioneer Van Jones and sustainability expert Hunter Lovins.

It will allow people all over the world to get a broad understanding of global warming.

The aired presentation also set the tone for the Focus the Nation kick off following on Jan. 31.

The “National Teach-in” taking place on Jan. 31 will consist of teachers and professors hosting discussions, workshops, and panels to brainstorm solutions to global warming.

The “Green Democracy” campaign allows students for a face-to-face encounter with their senators and congressmen to understand what the government is doing to stop glob-

al warming, students are also invited to give their representatives ideas for change.

“Choose your Future” is a program designed to allow students to elect which five issues they would like immediate attention to—or are most central to the problem.

The program allows students to apply their knowledge of global climate change and to demonstrate their ability to be a part of the solution.

Focus the Nation Kick-Off will begin with an exposition of local vendors including Fuel Cell Alliance, Whole Foods, University Loft Company and the South Carolina chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council as well as campus environmental groups to promote environmental awareness. The exposition

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Council prohibits all public tobacco use

Decision made by close 4-3 vote.

LOUISE GOODMAN
STAFF WRITER

Beginning July 1 of this year students can expect to breathe a little easier around Clemson. A smoking ban was passed by a 4-3 vote within the Clemson City Council.

The new ordinance will prohibit smoking or tobacco use, including snuff, chew or dip, in a city-owned building. It will also prohibit any city employee from using tobacco at work or in a city-owned vehicle.

Private homes and offices will be exempt from the ordinance, as will tobacco use at religious ceremonies. In addition, hotels will be allowed to designate 25 percent of their rooms to smoking use.

The ordinance has been proposed twice before, but received approval Jan. 14 at a city council meeting. Clemson city mayor, Larry Abernathy, has long supported the ordinance, having lost two parents to smoking related illnesses. The ordinance also received public support of Clemson University students who attended the city council meeting to voice their health concerns, as well as their hopes for a cleaner environment.

The main opposition of the bill was comprised of restaurant and bar owners concerned on the effects the smoking ban would have on their businesses. A general consensus of business owners estimate the ordinance will bring a decline in business, because they feel a large number of their customers smoke in their establishments. However, the opposition was not limited to business owners; some Clemson University students voiced their disapproval of the bill, describing smoking as a personal decision for individuals, that the city had no right to involve itself in.

After the ordinance goes into effect individuals violating the smoking ban, as well as business owners and managers who violate the ordinance will face a \$100 fine, enforced by the Clemson Police Department.

Clemson will not be the first city in South Carolina to undergo a smoking ban. Greenville passed its own no smoking ordinance effective in Jan. of 2007. The ordinance has been reviewed by multiple judges and is now on its way to the South Carolina Supreme Court.

Despite the Greenville controversy with a majority of the Clemson City Council behind it, the smoking ban will go into effect on July 1.

Men educate men

RV tour informs on
effects of assault.

JENNIFER SALANE
STAFF WRITER

One in four women have either survived rape or an attempted sexual assault. Statistics can change, and the male population can help; at least that's what the members of the One in Four Men Against Rape RV Tour think.

One in Four Inc. is a non-profit group dedicated to promoting the prevention of rape through a theoretical approach supported by research.

The members do so by using a variety of presentations, training and technical assistance geared towards both men and women.

The organization is organized into “One in Four” chapters that work together with a larger goal of distributing educational videos to various organizations nationwide.

“Their ultimate goal... is to teach men how to help women recover from rape and challenge them to alter their own behavior.”

These chapters also sponsor a “One in Four” national tour, hosted by professional peer-educators who travel nationwide in an RV vehicle to present rape prevention programs to males.

The One in Four tour group will make a stop at Clemson University on Jan. 30 marking their first stop in Clemson. Although Clemson has hosted speakers that have addressed sexual assault in the past, school officials look forward to a different sort of approach.

“Their presentation makes the experience of rape very real to the audience and gives the audience the skills to help someone who has been raped,” health educator at Redfern Health Center Jennifer Goree said.

“It will also address how to confront the attitudes and behaviors that contribute to the creation of an environment where rape is more likely to occur.”

One in Four offers a men's program and a women's program. The men's program, which will be presenting at Clemson, typically lasts about 55 minutes, not including any questions that are asked at the end of the presentation.

During the program, trained peer educators define rape and sexual assault, present a short video describing a male-on-male rape situation, draw parallels between the video and experiences a survivor may encounter, discuss ways to help a survivor and suggest other ways men can help end rape.

Their ultimate goal with the men's program is to teach men how

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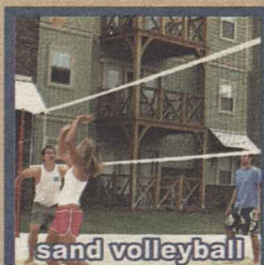


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will be held at the University Union Loggia from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A green film festival will be held in Tillman Hall from noon to 4 p.m. showcasing a variety of films such as "Green is the new Red, White, and Blue," "Kilowatt Ours" and "Who killed the Electric Car?"

The founder of Focus the Nation, and professor of economics at Lewis and Clarke College in Portland, Ore., Eban Goodstein, will give a presentation focusing on the relationship between global warming and economics. Following his presentation, Goodstein will host an open discussion about solutions to global warming and environmental issues.

Students are encouraged to participate in the event, but those whose schedules do not allow them to attend might still find themselves a part of the Focus the Nation kick-off, as more than 30 professors will be educating students on global warming in their classes.

Students wishing to learn more or wanting to get involved in global warming solutions and environmental issues can do so with campus groups such as "Solid Green" and "Students for Environmental Awareness."

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to help women recover from rape and challenge them to alter their own behavior.

According to recent studies, One in Four members found that "75 percent of 'high-risk' men who see The Men's Program presentation report lower likelihood of raping after the program concludes, an effect which lasts an entire academic year."

The presentation at Clemson expects to host about 400 male athletes and fraternity members. If successful, Clemson plans to invite One in Four back to present in the future.

"We are paying One in Four to come here, so we will make the decision of whether to invite them back again based on the response we get to their program," Goree said. Although the program is geared towards men, women are encouraged to attend as well.

"Men need to know that they can help prevent rape," Goree said. "Only a very small percentage of men rape, and all the other men who do not rape need to know what they can do to help stop those who do."

The presentation will be held in Tillman Hall at 7:30 p.m. It is free of charge and open to the public.



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Do's and Don'ts of Eating Healthy

By Jon Unsworth, Dietary Specialist
Clemson Dining Services



So we're almost four weeks into the New Year. How's everyone doing with their New Year's resolution? Did you know that one of the most popular resolutions, year after year, is to lose weight! And right now there are thousands of diets, meal plans, fitness routines, etc., claiming that if you follow what they say, you'll lose the weight. Well, as some of us know, sticking with these "fads" for any length of time can be unhealthy or just down right impossible to stick with. So what's the best option to lose weight or to get healthy for the New Year? Here are some recommended Do's and Don'ts to follow as you aim to get healthy in 2008.

Do eat smart carbohydrates!

You can get carbohydrates from many sources: fruits, beans, wheat, rice, oats, and barley. Choose foods that are rich in whole grains (remember 16g of whole grains is 1 serving and go for 3 a day), like low-fat popcorn, oatmeal, or whole-wheat crackers. Avoid highly processed foods, like Ramen noodles, as they provide little nutrient value and are loaded with sodium!

Do eat a variety of foods.

Ask yourself this question: "Are the foods on my plate vibrant with color or are they a boring, pale yellow?" Why? Color means nutrients! Dark green, deep yellow, and orange vegetables are loaded with antioxidants and fiber; red kidney beans and black beans are a great source of lean protein and are packed full of nutrients like potassium and magnesium; fruits like oranges and apples are full of fiber, which help to curb your appetite; and low-fat or fat-free milk is rich in calcium and vitamin D.



Don't try high protein, low carbohydrate diets!

Diets such as the Atkins Diet or the South Beach Diet encourage you to restrict your carbohydrates. Although you'll achieve results from "cutting the carbs", the majority of people won't be able to sustain this diet for any length of time and will eventually put all the weight back on! Plus, cutting out carbohydrates is not advised, as research has shown that doing so can put undue stress on your kidneys.

Don't try a diet that tells you what and what not to eat.

For example, if you're tempted by a diet that puts foods into categories, such as good or bad, or, avoid or allow, stay away! For example, "The Cheaters Diet" or diets that advertise, "All Celery: All The Time" offer oversimplified approaches to making food choices. All foods can be eaten and enjoyed; it just depends on the portion size of what you're eating.

Don't try extreme calorie restriction!

Not eating is *not* the solution. Drastically reducing calories is ill-advised and could be dangerous. You should always consult experts when starting a new eating plan or exercise routine!

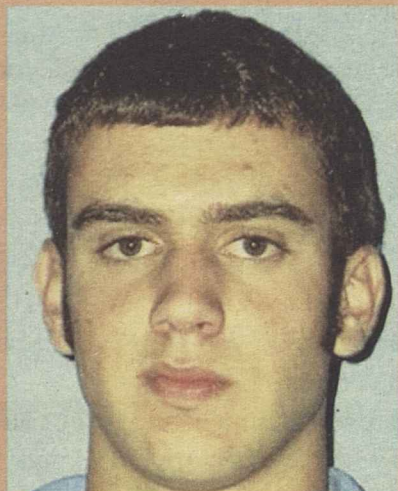
Do consult your local nutritional expert!

There's nothing wrong with a healthy reduction of calories to lose weight. If you coupled this with an exercise routine that fits into your schedule, getting healthy doesn't have to be a battle.

If you need help getting educated about reading food labels, how to control portion sizes, finding an exercise program, or any other nutrition related questions, then help is right around the corner! Feel free to contact Jon Unsworth, BS, the Nutritionist for Clemson Dining Services for individual nutrition counseling and support at nutrition@clemson.edu.

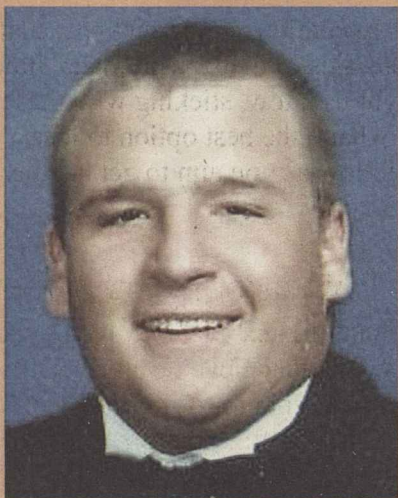
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By Melissa Whitson



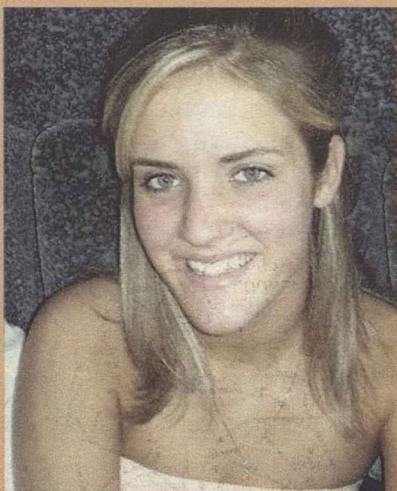
Taylor A. Cox was a 19-year-old sophomore from Lexington and a civil engineering major. As a Palmetto Fellow, Taylor was a driven member of the Calhoun Honors College and had a 4.0 grade point average. He enjoyed spending time outdoors and successfully reached the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout before coming to Clemson. Died 10/11/07

"Taylor was not only my brother but was a supporter, an adviser, a protector, and a friend to myself and many others. He meant many different things to many different people, and he will be missed greatly. I have never met someone as driven as Taylor was. He wanted to do big things with his life. Our dad would always tell him when he was little that he would grow up to be an important person. Taylor had already become important, in his own way, to an innumerable amount of people. The most significant thing that I will remember about Taylor, however, is his selflessness. He put others before himself. Whether it was helping out a friend with homework, or waiting to eat a late dinner with a friend, or just simply calling home to check on his family, he cared about the people around him." Caroline Cox, sister of Taylor



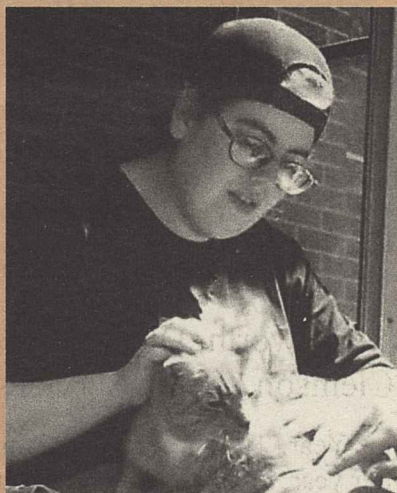
Benjamin Garrison Sprague was an 18-year-old freshman from Greenville and was studying to be an engineer. Ben was a graduate of Greenville High School where he was actively involved in Student Council and played both soccer and football. Ben showed his dedication to academics by never missing a day of school from first grade through the 12th grade. Died 12/09/07

"Ben loved his family. Ben loved his friends. And Ben loved Clemson. He hoped to one day be a professional engineer just like his mom and dad. Ben brought a smile to many faces and a warmth to so many hearts. We are going to miss Ben's laugh and passion for life." Jay Sprague, brother of Ben.



Emily Lauren Yelton was a 19-year-old sophomore from Greenville who came to Clemson with her twin sister Meredith. Emily's love for children shaped her desire to become a teacher. Those who knew Emily attest to the way Emily valued her family, her friends and her church and that she shall be remembered for her active spiritual life, her gregarious nature and her sense of friendship. Died 10/27/07

"Basically, she was the coolest person I know. Emily could light up a room by just walking in. She was always the life of the party and loved everyone she met. My sister was the most kindhearted and selfless person I know." Meredith Yelton, sister of Emily.

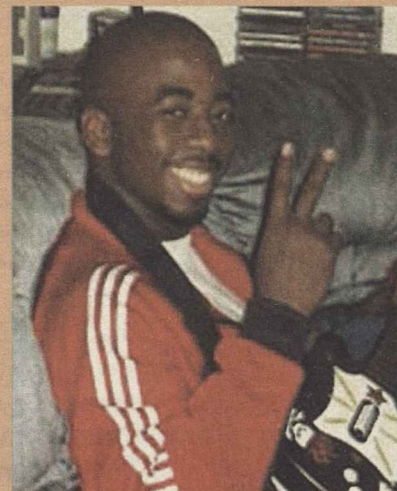


Patti Ann Sylvia was a 30-year-old from Massachusetts and came to Clemson as a Ph.D. candidate to study math. She had earned a master's degree in physics from Lehigh University as well as a master's in math from Clemson. Patti was known for her confident optimism and how she continually maintained a positive attitude toward life despite her two-year battle against lymphoma. Because of her experiences, Patti wished to help out in Hospice care. Died 11/05/07



Marc Anthony Cocozzella was a 22-year-old senior from Maryland who was majoring in history. Marc planned to join his family in the construction business but chose to study history because of his passion for the subject. He was known among the history faculty as one who genuinely enjoyed learning. Died 11/10/07

"He was lively and had curiosity about him," Elizabeth Carney, freshman advisor of Marc.



Ralph Nathaniel "R.J." Pinnock Jr. was a 21-year-old senior from Columbia who certainly made an impact on campus. The chemical engineering major spent his time as a PEER mentor and a dedicated member of the Clemson University Symphony Orchestra, the MLK Enhancement Committee and Student Government. Ralph was also the Vice President of the Pi Alpha Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and was known as a reliable brother who did not shy away from a challenge. Died 10/27/07

"To some that did not know Ralph they would call him quiet but what many found out was that he was indeed quiet but once given a subject he was truly a strong, opinionated person. He was hardly ever wrong, and he always had logical or scientific reasoning behind his opinions.

Ralph was one who lived life taking one day at a time he never believed in thinking about things months and years ahead no matter how hard I pushed him. He never left with any argument or disagreement unsolved. He lived life to the fullest." Franchesca Pearson, girlfriend of Ralph



Amy Marie Moxie was an 18-year-old freshman from Simpsonville and a pre-business major. An honor roll student in high school and a state-champion swimmer, Amy enjoyed working with kids and coached the "guppy team" for her neighborhood swim club. Died 8/28/07

"Amy Moxie was a best friend to me as well as to so many others. It was so easy to be friends with her because she was always full of joy, fun, friendship, goofy faces, and moments that would become great memories. Amy had a way about her that showed her love and dedication to everything that she was involved in, from friends and family to schoolwork and swimming. Swimming was her passion, and no matter how many laps or miles that she had to do, she did it with a smile. That's what I will always remember the most about her- her amazing and beautiful smile." Rachael Bromfield, friend of Amy's.

Weekly World Update

National Report

■ **About 50 white separatists protested the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday Monday in Jena, La.** Police separated participants in the "pro-majority" rally organized by the Nationalist Movement, based in Learned, Miss., from a racially mixed group of about 100 counter-demonstrators. There was no violence and a single arrest. Race relations in Jena have attracted international spotlight ever since six black teenagers were arrested in the beating of a white classmate at Jena High School in December of 2006. Five of the teens were originally charged with attempted murder, resulting in accusations of harsh prosecution due to their race. Charges have since been reduced. Critics of the prosecutor have noted that months before the beating, no charges were filed against three other white students accused of hanging nooses, a sign of racial provocation, in a tree at the local high school. The prosecution has stated that the noose hangings, while "abhorrent," violated no state law.

■ **A new analysis of Pentagon data shows that only 71 percent of Army recruits in 2007 earned high-school diplomas, extending a downward trend that began in 2004 with the first full year of the Iraq war.** The figures are part of an analysis released by the National Priorities Project, a Massachusetts-based research group that assesses federal spending. The NPP generated the data from material it obtained from the U.S. Army Recruiting Command under the Freedom of Information Act. While all recruits must have a high-school diploma or a general equivalency degree (GED), Army studies show that about 80 percent of those with diplomas complete their first term of enlistment compared to only half of those with a GED. Missing and deceased soldiers must be replaced, forcing an increase in military spending. The cost of getting a new recruit prior to basic training has risen from \$15,000 to \$21,000 over the past five years. The share of new recruits, individuals lacking prior military experience, with high-school diplomas saw a 10.4 percent fall from 2005-2006 from 83.5 to 73.1 percent.

■ **More than 200 acres of land previously belonging to the Kingdom of Hawaii prior to United States control returned to Native Hawaiians, according to terms of a \$200 million tentative settlement announced Jan. 18.** The agreement, which still has to be approved by the legislature, is intended to end a long-running dispute over ceded lands. Returned land includes close to 80 acres of the Big Island resort area on Banyon Drive in Hilo, currently occupied by several hotels and a golf course. The deal calls for three commercial and industrial properties on Oahu and the Big Island worth \$187 million to be transferred to the state agency created to protect the well being of Native Hawaiians. The state government also would make a \$13 million cash payment to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. OHA would continue to receive \$15.1 million in ceded land revenues each year.

■ **Heath Ledger was found dead Tuesday in his Manhattan apartment.** The Australian-born actor was found by his housekeeper and a massage therapist. Ellen Borakove, a spokeswoman for the medical examiner's office, said the initial autopsy on the actor was inconclusive and that more would be known after more thorough tests are completed. Ledger earned an Academy Award nomination after starring alongside Jake Gyllenhaal in the critically acclaimed "Brokeback Mountain" and more recently will star in the latest Batman installment "The Dark Knight." He was 28.

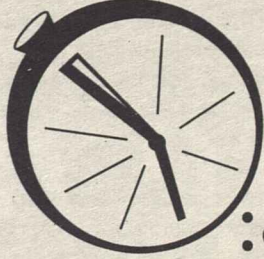
World Report

■ **Thursday Jan. 17 saw the discovery of a self-destructing palm tree in Madagascar.** "It's spectacular. It does not flower for maybe 100 years and when it's like this it can be mistaken for other types of palm," said Mijoro Rakotoarinivo, of London botanical gardens in Madagascar. "But then a large shoot, a bit like an asparagus, grows out of the top of the tree and starts to spread. You get something that looks a bit like a Christmas tree growing out of the top of the palm," he said. The branches of this shoot then become covered in hundreds of tiny white flowers that seep nectar. But the effort of flowering and fruiting depletes the tree so much that within a few months it collapses and dies, said botanist Dr. John Dransfield. Dransfield wrote the study detailing the name of the giant palm and its remarkable life cycle will in the Botanical Journal of the Linnean Society.

■ **This week Abu Dhabi hosted the world's first Future Energy Summit.** The affair was a three-day gathering of more than 4,000 entrepreneurs, analysts and officials from the alternative energy world. Green carpet attendees included designer William McDonough and Icelandic President Olafur Grimsson. Prince Charles presented a speech via hologram. Abu Dhabi has embraced a formidable plan in terms of alternative energy research. In 2006 it launched the Masdar Initiative (Arabic for "source"), a multi-pronged proposal encompassing a collaborative research initiative with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, which advocates of solar and other kinds of green power within the city itself and a fresh energy investment fund totaling \$250 million. Abu Dhabi is the capital of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and commands a wealth of fossil fuels, including the fourth-biggest reserves of oil in the world.

■ **Wednesday a deal was struck between the Democratic Republic of the Congo and militant groups ending years of fighting in the country's east.** The news swiftly follows a report by the International Rescue Committee (IRC) which stated that the conflict and humanitarian crisis in Congo had taken the lives of approximately 5.4 million since 1998; 45,000 people continue to die there each month, according to the report. IRC President George Rupp said the loss of life is equivalent to the entire population of Denmark, (or the state of Colorado) dying within a decade. Even with the country's violence, the IRC discovered that most of the deaths resulted from non-violent causes such as malaria, diarrhea, pneumonia and malnutrition. According to the IRC, nearly half the deaths were among children younger than five, even though they are only 19 percent of the population.

■ **Taiwan has enacted a law cracking down on the foreign-bride industry and its advertisements, attempting to halt the purchasing of Vietnamese women like commodities.** The law decrees that Taiwan's roughly 500 matchmaking agencies convert to non-profit organizations, tying activities with stricter regulation. The law calls for a recurring fine of up to \$15,000 for violators. As less desirable men find themselves shunned by native women, one in four grooms in Taiwan now marries a bride from Southeast Asia or mainland China. "There's a strong urban bias in Taiwan," says Professor Hsia Hsiao-chuan of Shih Hsin University's Graduate Institute of Social Transformation Studies. "That means farmers and blue-collar workers have a hard time finding wives." But the rejected and dejected are treated like kings by professional matchmakers, who take them on trips to browse for brides in poorer parts of Asia. "The husbands fall into two extremes," says Keh Yu-ling, director of the Pearl S. Buck Foundation which serves new immigrants, "simple shy guys who dote on their wives, or men with no respect for women."



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Kerry Washington and Chris Tucker

Actors campaigning for Obama

Melissa Whitson: Why are you taking action to support Obama?

Kerry Washington: Politics has always been important in my family. I understand how important it is for people to have the opportunity to share their voice.

Chris Tucker: We need a president for the future and a new face would help.

MW: What are some issues you feel are important for a presidential candidate to address?

KW: All the issues are important: the environment, the economy, healthcare, the war, education.

CT: The state of inner cities in America is a real problem today. I want everybody to have jobs.

MW: How would you advise students to get involved in politics?

KW: You have to slowly open yourself to it. Turn on the news. There are great ways to just sit and listen. Surround yourself with it and keep listening. It's also good to find an issue that's important to you and go from there.

MW: What do you enjoy about being involved with politics?

CT: It's fun to me. But politics is a part of my life. It's important to know what's going on. I knew I had to know what's going on around me.

KW: For me, what I love about this country is that it's a representative government. There's a lot of gray area to get involved in.

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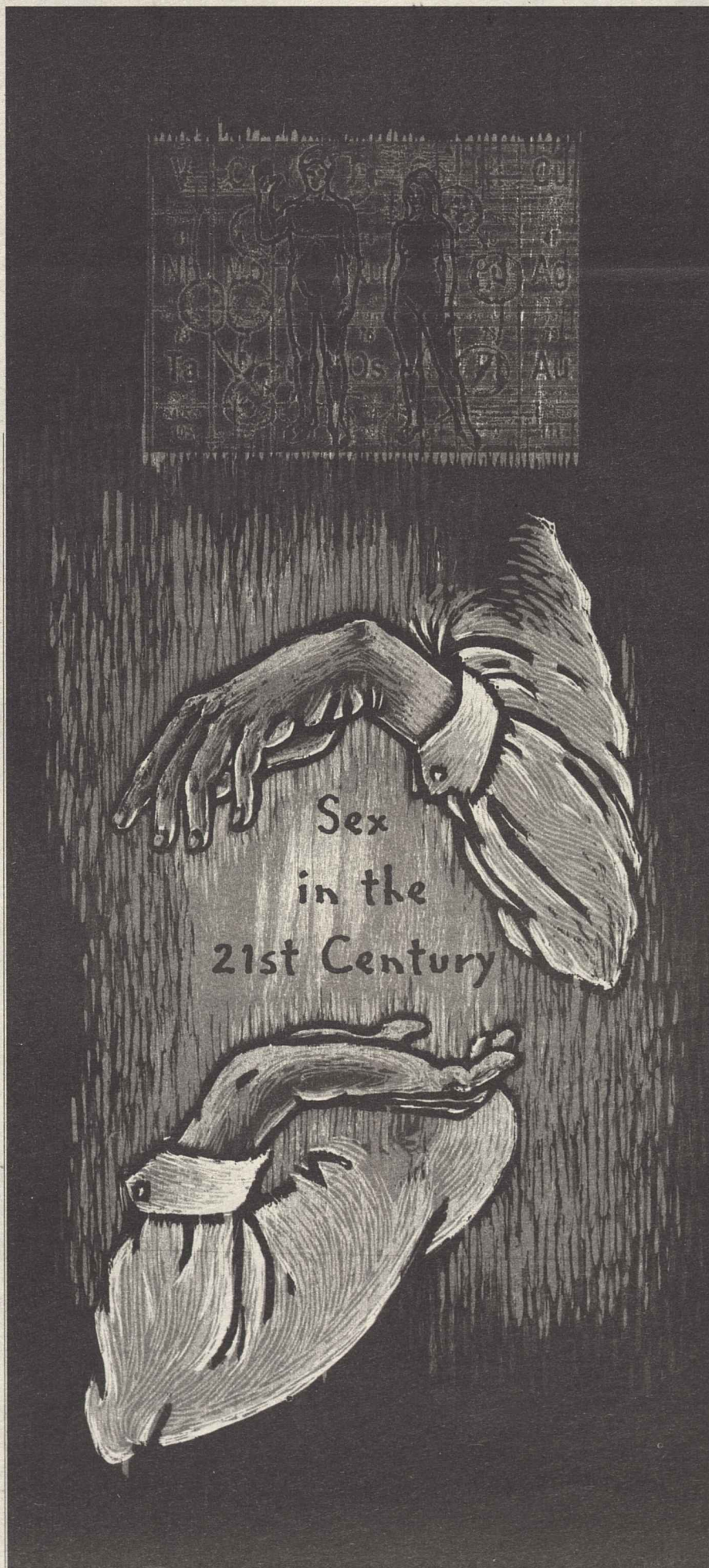
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Faculty and students in Clemson's English and performing arts departments are hosting **Shakespeare at Clemson XVII**. This year's theme is "Politics and the Citizen." Through live performances, lectures, workshops, films and discussions, "Politics and the Citizen" is a four-day investigation of William Shakespeare's portrayal of politics and the citizenry. A performance of Julius Caesar will be held at The Brooks Center. The event will commence Tuesday, Jan. 29, and conclude Friday, Feb. 1.

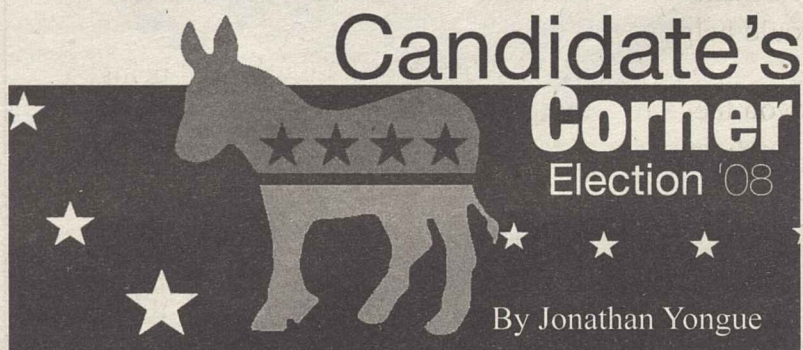
Clemson will see the arrival of its fifth presidential candidate with the welcoming of Senator Barack Obama on Jan. 25. Obama will speak at the heart of campus at the amphitheater. The event is sponsored by the Clemson chapter of Students for Barack Obama. The event will commence at 2:30 p.m.

The Goodwill Foundation is hosting a Halo 3 tournament. The event is designed for teams of four in a single elimination match-up. Participants will be able to showcase their video gaming skills while competing for prizes ranging from XBOX equipment and accessories to cash. 93.3 A Guitar Hero III challenge will also be hosted by 93.3 The Planet. All proceeds from the gaming gauntlet will benefit the Goodwill Foundation's efforts to provide services to families in need. The tournament will take place Feb. 23-24, and the entry fee for the entire team is \$100. For additional information, location and times call 351-0149 or visit www.goodwillfoundationsc.org.

Littlejohn Coliseum will play host to more than 1,000 gymnasts from around the region in the second annual Tiger

Paw Classic Gymnastics Invitational Jan. 25-27. The USA Gymnastics event is hosted by Upstate Gymnastics of Pendleton and the Clemson Sports Council. Competitions will take place at 8 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sunday. The pre-opt competition featuring the most advanced athletes will be at 5 p.m. Saturday. Tickets can be purchased at the door and are \$10 for the general public and \$5 for children and Clemson University students and employees.

The Department of Defense held a panel presentation Jan. 24 at the Strom Thurmond Institute titled "Experiences of U.S. Servicemen in the War Against Terror in Iraq and Afghanistan." The presentation is part of the "Why We Serve" initiative, an outreach program to connect men and women in the military with the American people, and the Strom Thurmond Institute's Globalization Lecture Series. Jan. 24's topic was "American Responses to the Global War on Terror." The Panel consisted of Staff Army Sergeant Gary Heffernan, Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer Stephen Price and Air Force Captain Edward Szczepanik.



By Jonathan Yongue

Barack Obama

Democratic Senator from Illinois

Bio: Obama was born on Aug. 4, 1961, in Hawaii. His father was born and raised in a small Kenyan village, and his mother was raised in Kansas. Obama's father served in World War II, and his mother worked on a bomber assembly line. They had met at the University of Hawaii, where Obama's mother and father, who had received a scholarship to study in the United States, were studying. Barack's father returned to Kenya and Obama grew up in Hawaii. He also lived a few years in Indonesia, with his mother and graduated in 1983 from Columbia University. Obama also received his law degree from Harvard in 1991 and was the first Africa-American president of the Harvard Law Review.

Political Experience: Before receiving his law degree, Obama worked in Chicago as a community organizer with a church-based group that sought to improve the living conditions in neighborhoods with high crime rates and unemployment. He decided that to do more for communities would require a change in the national laws and therefore earned his law degree and started a political career. He worked in Chicago where he was a civil rights lawyer and taught constitutional law. He served in the Illinois State Senate from 1997 to 2004 and has served in the United States Senate since 2005. He became the third African-American to be elected to the United States Senate.

The Issues

Immigration: Obama's plan as president to fix the problem of illegal immigration includes creating secure borders by providing additional personnel, infrastructure and technology. He wants to crack down on employers who are hiring undocumented immigrants to remove incentives to enter the United States illegally. Obama also plans to work with Mexico to decrease illegal immigration and promote economic development in Mexico.

Environment: Obama wants to reduce carbon emissions 80 percent by 2050 with the implementation of a market-based cap-and-trade system that will auction all pollution credits. Essentially, polluters will pay for every ton of emissions they release. He will also invest \$150 billion over 10 years in biofuels, plug-in hybrids and low-emissions coal plants.

Capital Punishment: Obama believes that capital punishment "does little to deter crime. However, he supports the death penalty for those cases in which "the community is justified in expressing the full measure of its outrage." As senator in Illinois, he supported reform of the state's capital punishment system and authored a bill that required interrogations and confessions to be videotaped.

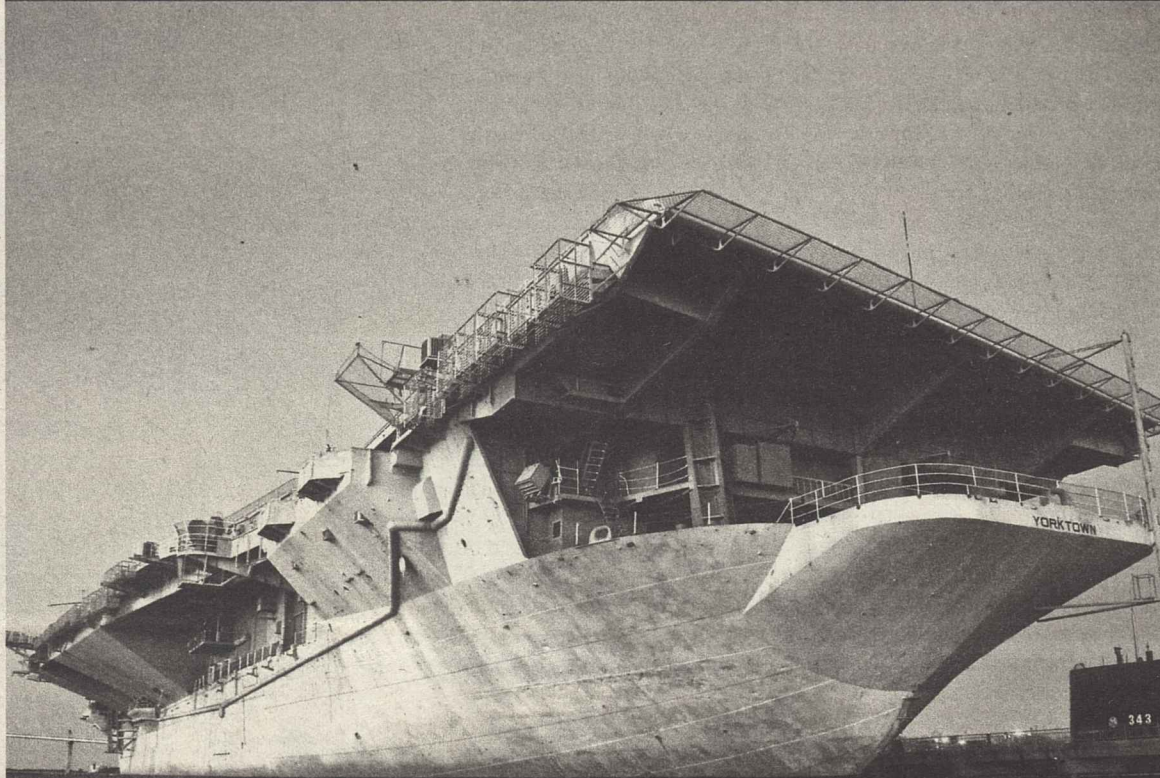
Healthcare: Obama's plan for healthcare includes expanding a national health plan to all Americans. Under the plan, no one can be turned away due to illness or pre-existing conditions, will include comprehensive benefits, affordable premiums, co-pays and deductibles, and simplified paperwork and enrollment. He hopes to reduce the cost of healthcare by modernizing the current system.

Abortion: Obama has consistently supported the woman's right to an abortion, as evidenced by his term as Illinois senator. Throughout his term, he voted in favor of legalized abortion, family planning services and including female contraceptives in health insurance.

Same-Sex Marriage: Obama did not support the Federal Marriage Amendment which would have defined marriage between a man and a woman. However, he does personally believe that a marriage is a religious bond between a man and a woman. He is also a supporter of civil unions, but the title of marriage should be a state issue.

Iraq: Obama has never been a supporter of the war and laid out a plan in Sept. 2007 of how he will end the war as president. His plan includes removing two combat brigades a month and eventually bringing all home within 16 months. He will not build any bases in Iraq, but he will leave some to protect America's embassy and diplomats. However, if al-Qaeda tries to build a base in Iraq, he will keep troops in the region to perform strikes on al-Qaeda. He also pushes for reconciliation between Iraq's leaders, a diplomatic effort to reach stability in Iraq and Middle East and aid in Iraq's humanitarian crisis.

Photo of the Week Yorktown at Sunset



By Max Thomason • Charleston, S.C. • Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2008

News By Numbers

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The amount in dollars Robert Macklin of Independence, Mo., offered an undercover cop to kill a woman.

19

The number of hours it took a Texas hospital to find a couple's stillborn baby after it was accidentally sent to the hospital laundry service.

20

The number of Oscar nominations Kevin O'Connell, the 50-year-old sound mixer who holds the record for the most Academy Award nominations without a win, has after being nominated once again Tuesday.

47

The number of stories Alcides Moreno, a window washer, fell from the roof of a Manhattan skyscraper and soon after awoke from a coma.

1000

The amount of people Welcome Trust Sanger Institute in Britain, the U.S. National Institutes of Health and China's Beijing Genomics Institute Shenzhen wish to map the DNA of in order to reach a completely mapped Genome.

On this day in History

1787: Led by Daniel Shays, farmers in Springfield, Mass., revolted against tax laws in what became known as Shays Rebellion.

1802: French conqueror Napoleon Bonaparte became president of the Italian Republic.

1845: Congress decided all national elections would be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

1905: The Cullinan, the world's largest known diamond, was found in South Africa, measuring in at 3,106 carets.

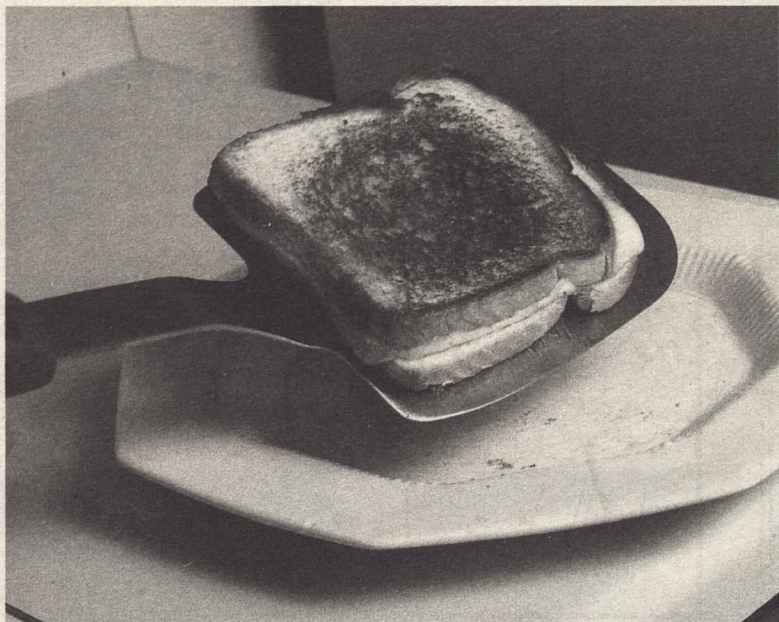
1915: Alexander Graham Bell initiated the first transcontinental phone call, reaching from New York City to San Francisco.

1924: The first modern Winter Olympics were held in France.

1989: Michael Jordan scored his 10,000th NBA point in his fifth season.

Group grills for good cause

Donations made from grilled cheese sandwiches help alleviate world hunger.



LINDSAY SWAN
STAFF WRITER

Perhaps one of the most unique service-oriented groups to turn heads on the Clemson campus is Feel Good.

The organization has set its sights on alleviating world hunger.

To accomplish this ambitious goal, members of the group run stands offering grilled cheese sandwiches in exchange for donations.

Clemson junior Katey Scanlon founded Feel Good.

She was inspired to start the club because she was "not okay with the fact that 20,000 people die daily of hunger."

Scanlon and fellow members purchased George Foreman grills with money donated by their

friends and family.

Food service giant Aramark has volunteered to supply cheese for the charitable initiative and has agreed to continue their donations into next semester.

A friend of Scanlon started Feel Good two years ago at the University of Texas, and the effort has spread to 16 college campuses since then.

Donations made to Feel Good go to the Hunger Project, an organization dedicated to empowering people in impoverished nations to end hunger themselves.

So far, the Hunger Project has built 82 epicenters in eight countries in Africa.

These centers assist poor, rural communities in building their own schools, food supplies, banks, health centers and literacy training systems.



The simply-and aptly-named Feel Good is beginning its second semester.

The group experienced great success selling the sandwiches last fall around campus, before football games.

The group has already donated \$2,225, an amount that exceeds their first semester goal.

For the spring semester, Feel Good has numerous goals.

They include finding a permanent bread donor, holding a concert in the spring and getting the Clemson campus and community together to end world hunger.

For those who wish to try Feel Good's grilled cheeses and help a worthy cause, the group's stands can be found every Wednesday from noon to 3 p.m. in the Student Union.

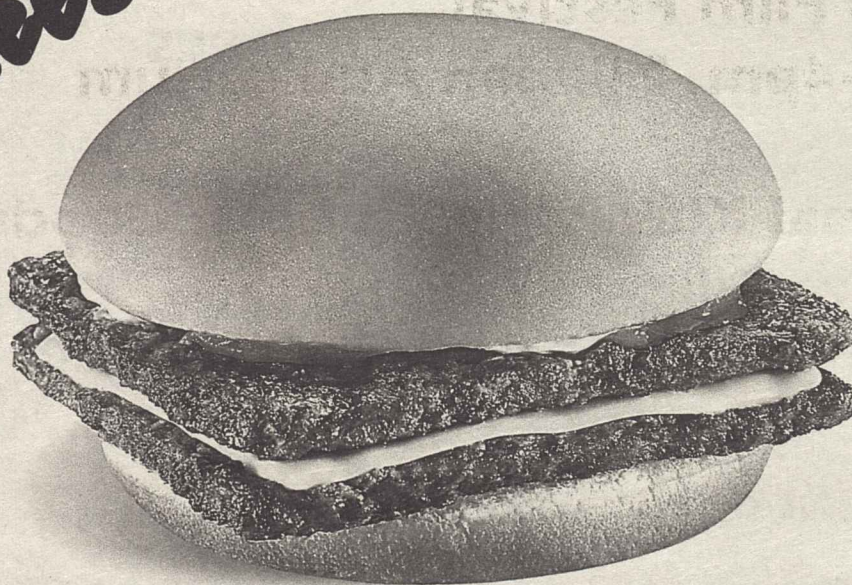
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Huckabee enlists Norris and Flair to corral young votes

Gov. Mike Huckabee makes an appearance in Clemson to mixed reviews.

COHEN SIMPSON
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

On Thursday, Jan. 17, at 2:30 p.m., former Arkansas Governor and Republican Presidential Candidate Mike Huckabee invaded Clemson University's Jervy Gym with a motley crew of campaign songbirds including Chuck Norris, Rick Flair and native Clemson rock band Mae West.

Coming just two days before the South Carolina Republican Primary, many would agree that the Clemson appearance would have been a stellar opportunity for Huckabee to corral the young vote — especially now due to the fact Senator John McCain bested Huckabee 33 to 30 percent.

By opening himself to questions and taking a firm stance on issues key to South Carolina voters, the Baptist minister may have fared better in the primary.

However, instead of an opportunity of inquisition, audience members were confronted with something reminiscent of a high school pep rally.

Clemson freshman Matt Miele said "Mr. Huckabee was very humorous, but he didn't really cover the issues well. It was mostly entertainment."

However, in all fairness and to demonstrate that the GOP is not the only party throwing the pop culture punch, Tuesday, Jan. 22 saw the return of Senator Barack Obama to South Carolina State University in Orangeburg.

Here he was accompanied by his own pop phenoms — Grammy Award-winning R&B artist Usher and actress Kerry Washington.

In actuality, the gymnasium was virtually full with a crowd of about 2,200, and whether or not spectators came by the droves for Huckabee or his pop culture cohorts is a matter best left to opinion.

None the less, rally attendees brandished characteristic blue signs that stated "I Like Mike" in large block white letters, and some were ever more bold with signs reading "Vote for Chuck Norris for Vice President in 2008."

Pre rally commencement, Huckabee campaign operatives walked and worked the crowd, one stating to a spectator in regard to which candidate would acquire her vote, "you will decide after today, trust me, he will persuade you."

The entire rally was slated to last an hour and a half. Yet supporters of Huckabee were surprised after waiting about an hour and 15 minutes for the not so fashionably late presidential candidate to make his grand entrance at approximately 3:43 p.m.

Audience attention was directed away from the unpunctual start time by superfluous and childish activi-

ties, such as using a mixture of light clapping and snapping to mimic the sound of rain, which was led by two Huckabee Campaign operatives.

Mae West performed for the greater portion of the rally but the audience of about 2,200 quickly forgot the wait when Chuck Norris of Walker Texas Ranger and "Chuck Norris Fact" fame, who called Huckabee a stand up guy, appeared on stage with World Wrestling Entertainment's Ric Flair.

Introduced by Lt. Governor Andre Bauer, former South Carolina Governor David Beasley and state GOP Chairman Mike Campbell, Huckabee emerged to applause and lent Mae West his hand on bass guitar during the band's rendition of "Sweet Home Alabama."

After basking in the fleeting light of a relative to audience rock star, Huckabee regained traditional political form. Proceeding by showcasing his oratory skills to the audience, Huckabee made an attempt to channel the down home southern atmosphere by sharing his story of modest

upbringing coupled with hard work.

Later reiterating modest values by telling listeners what they needed was a President who understands what it is like to live paycheck to paycheck.

Alluding to his time spent as Arkansas' leader, Huckabee stated, "I understand taking on the challenge of a small, rural, sometimes impoverished state."

Later championing the state's rights banner by referring to Washington in a slew of ways, more notably as broken beyond description and a total mess, Huckabee declared that Washington has seized those things that "ought to be left to local government." Also stating that, "people in Washington have brought more and more power to themselves."

One of the most crowd-pleasing statements came when Huckabee referenced oil and the Middle East.

"We will no longer have to be enslaved to people in the Middle East for energy," stated Huckabee.

"Keep your oil, We don't need it anymore than we need your sand."

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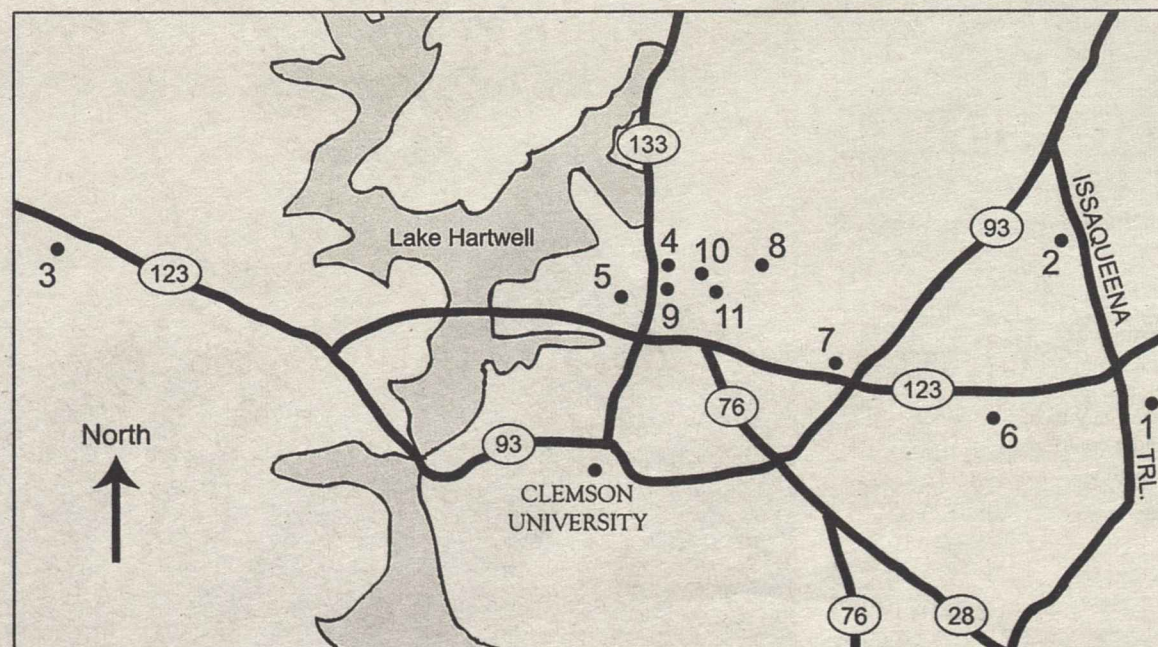
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Do you think that America is ready for a black president?



Patrick Hassing
mechanical engineering
freshman

"Yes, the vast majority of racism has died out."

"Yes, we have a black supreme court justice, and even though racism is still prevalent, it is less prevalent now more than ever."



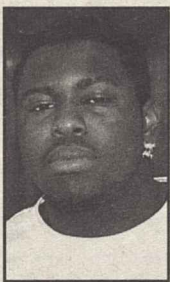
Emily McMurray
biological sciences
freshman



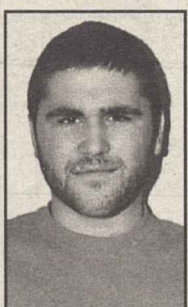
Chad Dawkins
language and international trade,
and economics
senior

"Yes, 28 years ago we weren't ready, but today we are ready for someone who represents America well. It is not about race"

"Yes, it is time for America to change."



Roy Anthony
electrical engineering
freshman



Robert Brodie
polymer and fiber chemistry
freshman

"I don't think America as a whole is ready."

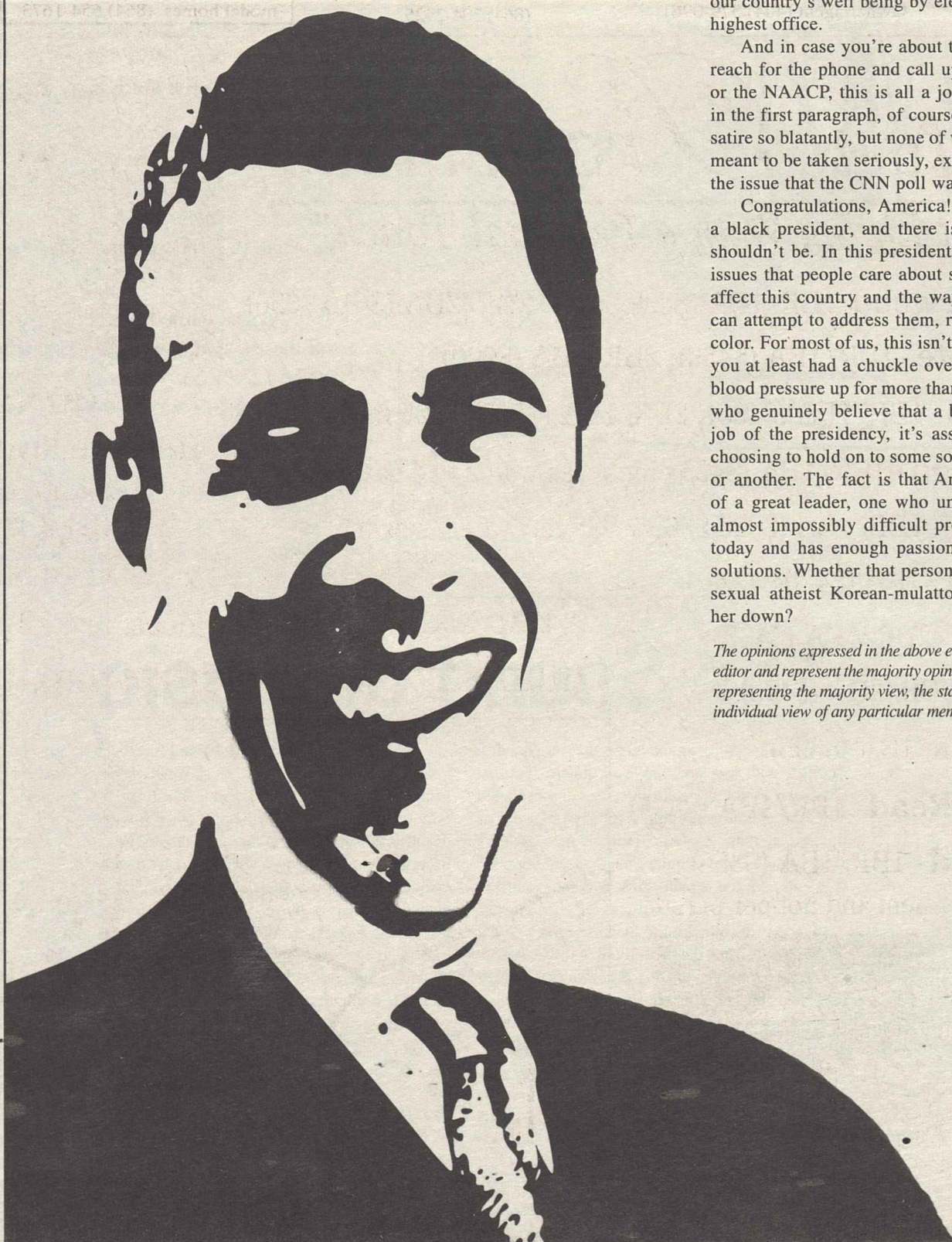
"Yes, America needs a strong leader, and a person of any race or gender could make a great president."



Laura Simpkins
chemistry
junior

Election, media should focus on what matters

Racial
identity takes
precedence
over political
issues.



A poll taken by CNN earlier this month revealed that 72 percent of white Americans and 61 percent of black Americans believe that the United States is ready for a black president. The poll surveyed nearly 1,400 adults, including 743 whites and 513 blacks. Those percentages are up from two years ago, when only 65 percent of whites and 54 percent of blacks thought the country was ready for a commander-in-chief of color. But whatever the poll says, America isn't ready for a black president, and it shouldn't be, after all.

As most good, white, Southern Americans have always known, blacks just aren't fit for the presidency. Why? It's because of their skin, obviously. It is a well supported scientific fact that having black skin decreases leadership ability in all kinds of unfortunate ways. In fact, many people are sure that having black skin not only decreases leadership capacity but general intelligence as well. I'm tired of everyone pretending that what matters in a presidential candidate are values, integrity and experience. We all know that the only thing that really matters is race, and as we've already established, we shouldn't be afraid to say so, especially when the color of someone's skin is the one and only determining factor when it comes to someone's ability to effectively govern this country.

And aside from that, think about what a mess other blacks have made in this country when they've been in the spotlight as leaders in our culture: people like Frederick Douglass, Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, Maya Angelou, Chuck Berry, Bill Cosby, Oprah Winfrey, Hank Aaron, and Michael Jordan have been bringing this country down for centuries. Just imagine how much better off we would be without them staining our otherwise blessed past. And those folks were just popular figures in the culture—imagine what a black person as President of the United States would do! What ruin! On the other hand, we can see just as clearly that things have been hunky-dory with white presidents like Richard Nixon, Lyndon Johnson and the Bushes.

In short, everything we know about the effects of having black skin leads us to the inevitable conclusion that a black person should never be president. It may seem unfair, but it is simply natural, and we can't jeopardize our country's well being by electing a black person to our highest office.

And in case you're about to explode from frustration, reach for the phone and call up Clemson's administration or the NAACP, this is all a joke, except for the statistics in the first paragraph, of course. I hate to call out my own satire so blatantly, but none of what was written above was meant to be taken seriously, except of course as a satire on the issue that the CNN poll was addressing.

Congratulations, America! You seem to be ready for a black president, and there is no good reason why you shouldn't be. In this presidential race, like any other, the issues that people care about should be those that deeply affect this country and the ways in which each candidate can attempt to address them, regardless of her or his skin color. For most of us, this isn't even an issue, so hopefully you at least had a chuckle over this and it didn't get your blood pressure up for more than a few sentences. For those who genuinely believe that a black person isn't up to the job of the presidency, it's assumed that you are simply choosing to hold on to some sort of ill-supported prejudice or another. The fact is that America is in desperate need of a great leader, one who understands and respects the almost impossibly difficult problems that face the world today and has enough passion to make a real attempt at solutions. Whether that person is black, white or a homosexual atheist Korean-mulatto—who would turn him or her down?

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COMMENTARY

Who would Jesus vote for?

STEPHEN PINEROS

Columnist



Trust me, I know, you are tired of being mercilessly bombarded by election politics. But it will not be over any time soon. On Super Tuesday (Feb. 5), there will be about twenty states conducting both their Republican and Democratic elections, and although they will subsequently slow down, the last ones are not until June 3. Whether you like it or not, you are going to continue receiving a sensory overload of information, propaganda and sympathy through television and the press, *The Tiger* included.

In one ear you will have Obama telling you to never mind what you have heard about his vote last year to authorize a modified Patriot Act, and in the other Clinton will be affirming...well, actually she might be incomprehensible due to her new-found weapon: cry-

ing. And of course, instead of rapidly flipping through *The Tiger* until some colorful diddle captures your attention, you could actually stop and heed the "vote wisely" scribbles by an opinions writer (like me).

So here is the deal. This is a "vote wisely" column, albeit not like any other. If you read or write enough opinions articles, you will realize that a lot of them are the spawn of a this-is-bugging-me-so-commiserate-with-me sentiment. Christians voting for candidates who make no effort to highly prioritize their moral fiber bugs me. To a lesser degree, this also applies to those voters of other religions and those who highly value morals in general. Now I understand this is a touchy and potentially messy topic, and I have no "but" to follow that statement. It just is.

People can argue all they want that a voting decision should be based on whatever issue or issues the voter feels are most important, which of course requires an informed approach (thank you *The Tiger* and television); but no matter how much a Christian thinks it is of utmost importance to pull troops from Iraq, it is his or her duty as a God-fearing (it means to honor,

not to be afraid of) individual to use the privilege of a vote to honor what has been written in the Bible. As many people know from typical conservative voting, this usually eliminates Democrats. I say "usually" because often candidates from both parties share the same views on issues and sometimes a candidate may hold views contrary to those from most in his or her own party. Hence the reason it is important to really know who you are voting for, and not just because they are a Democrat.

Two issues that most often relate to morality and consequently result in walking on eggshells are abortion and homosexual marriage. Democrats like Clinton and Obama usually vote pro-choice and are for allowing homosexuals getting married and against an amendment to recognize marriage as a union between a man and a woman. One would assume these are problematic stances for Christians, considering they are contradictory to the Bible's moral standards. Yet it never ceases to amaze me how Christians can ignore such issues and worry more about the economy and immigration.

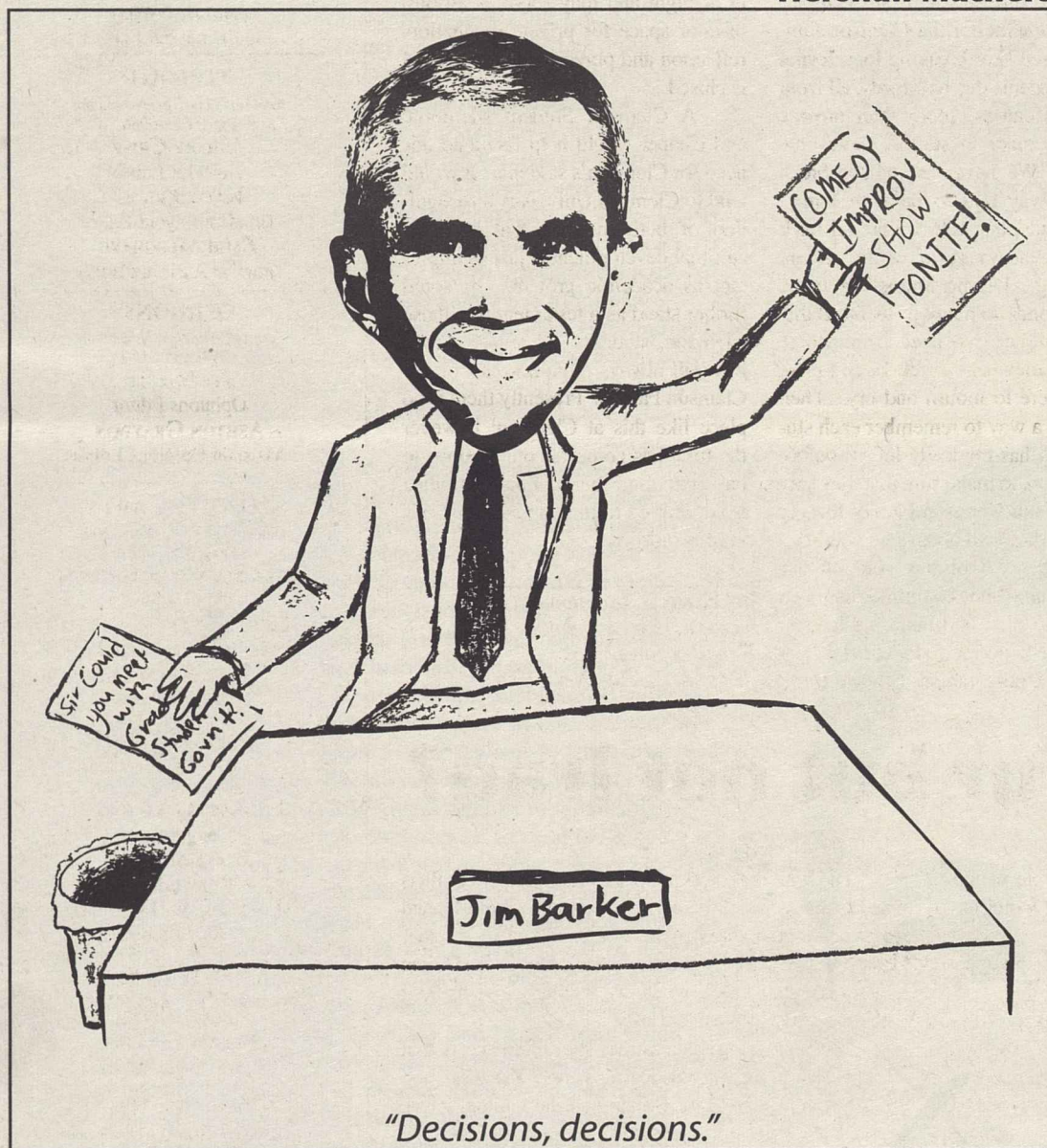
No doubt, these are important issues, and

whoever you voted for this past Saturday and will vote for in November should best reflect your concerns, but not at the cost of Biblical statutes. As cliché and lampooned as it is, the phrase "What Would Jesus Do?" comes to mind. Christian or not, do you really believe Christ would vote for someone who supports the murder of innocent children or the lauding of the homosexual lifestyle? What I am not doing is supporting any one candidate that fits the bill, or saying the president should allow religious concerns to override his or her duties as president. There is this recurring theme in the Bible, and if you believe it, in history itself, where God removes the leaders and dismantles the nations who refuse to honor him. America was built on a moral high ground, but these days moral decay is rampant. Part of the solution is a president who is not afraid to stand for morals, and, like a recent president, one who professes to pray every day for this wonderful country.

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Political Cartoon

Hershall Mathers



PAWS UP, PAWS DOWN

A Maine man had his \$1,000 winning lotto ticket seized after authorities arrested him and determined the ticket had been purchased with money the man had earned by selling drugs.



A West Virginia gas station attendant has been accused of defrauding her boss out of nearly \$50,000 by selling gas to many of her friends and family at the cost of one tenth of a penny per gallon.



Swedish scientists have received \$590,000 in grants to study the amount of greenhouse gases released when cows belch. About 20 cows will participate in the study.



A mailer from Texas congressional candidate Dean Hrbacek was found to contain an image of the candidate which had been altered considerably. His face had been altered and placed on a slimmer body.



A blind seal named Alfred, who was rescued recently off the coast of New Jersey, is ready to make his debut at the L.A. Zoo. Visitors were anxious to see Alfred, but Alfred, of course, could not see them.



The Vietnamese government recently seized more than a ton of rat snakes from an incoming Vietnamese Airlines flight. Snakes on a plane, indeed.



The Sound of Music

JYE SHAFER

Opinions Editor

Music is wonderful, isn't it? It can add something to almost all aspects of life, and it speaks to us in a way that nothing else can really imitate. "There is no feeling, except the extremes of fear and grief, that does not find relief in music," said the famous poet and critic T.S. Eliot. We fall in love to it, work with it, dance to it, play to it, sing to it—the ways in which music affects our lives are innumerable. We're fortunate to have access to an almost infinite variety of music, and something new is popping up all the time. Everyday I wake up and try to imagine how much musical beauty is out there in the world that has yet to grace my ears. It's invigorating.

Along with the variety (it's also a cause of the variety) come different kinds of listeners with different preferences. We all know people who are

into rap, a few who dig the blues, maybe a handful that flirt with jazz and classical, quite a few that get down to country and bluegrass and probably a million or so that are into some kind of rock, be it punk, alternative, classic, indie, jam or acid. It's great, right? There is quite literally something for everyone, so you would think that we would all be content to seek out what floats our own musical boats and carry on with life, unconcerned by what other people have on their iPods. However, that would be not only a poor reflection of how people treat their music but an equally bad representation of how people in general are willing to live—we've always got our noses in someone else's business.

So, what am I driving at? What point, if any, am I attempting to make?

What I want to address is the issue of the music snob. In the same way that we all know someone who's into country and someone who's into post-hardcore rock, most of us have also come into contact with at least one or two music snobs. I am a reformed music snob myself.

First, let me lay out roughly what I mean when I say "music snob." The typical music snob is someone who identifies almost exclusively with only one kind of music, although other variations of musical snobbery find room for their arrogance in more than one genre. Musical snobs categorically reject pop music of any kind, including nearly everything that is played on anything remotely resembling a popular radio station. The most common genres to which music snobs adhere are jazz, classical, indie, underground punk rock and jam rock. Most importantly, music snobs find it necessary to degrade all those who fail to find the snob's selection of music appealing.

My proposal is simple: Music snobs need to lay off. It's incredibly annoying to hear someone bash another person based on what kind of music he or she doesn't enjoy. Furthermore, I can't see the reasoning behind music snobs' rants. It seems to bother them that a lot of people "just don't get what good music is" or that they "wouldn't know good music if they heard it." This raises an interest-

ing question, one on which this article would like to find its criticism of the music snob: What makes music good? The snob would have us believe that it can only be music that is technically complex or thematically groundbreaking or recognizable to fewer than 100 people.

I contend that music is good when it gives people energy. Whether it's Thelonus Monk jamming with Coltrane, Jay-Z rapping over music from "Annie" or the Backstreet Boys reminding us of the way they want it, good music is what gives us that priceless feeling that only music can offer. As consolation to the music snobs (myself still partially included), I do believe that it will be those musicians who gave us that energy in new, different and exciting ways that will go down in the books as the most important to ever walk the earth. Keeping that in mind, let people enjoy their music in peace.

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COMMENTARY

Universal healthcare

DAMON ANDREWS

Columnist



Ranking right up there with the war in Iraq, illegal immigration and taxation is the presidential election issue of universal healthcare. Under this system, the Democrats boast equality for all people regardless of your economic status, how dire your need is, how long you've been waiting for treatment and—wait! That sounds a lot like communism!

If you want to see the long-term effects of universal healthcare, look to Britain. While usually this is a chic island for top fashion, new trends and lavish hairdos (love the mullet, guys!), our neighbors across the pond to the east are not known for their dental hygiene and teeth. Why not? Universal healthcare, lads!

Under this socialist and quasi-communist system, you will wait in line for your healthcare. No silly, I don't mean wait at the dentist's office for a couple hours while your hygienist finishes up with the patient in front of you like you do now. I mean wait for days, weeks and months for that appointment to fix that rotting cavity in your back molar or polish up those front upper cuspids.

Think of it in terms of economics—a fellow American citizen goes ill and must be hospitalized for life. Under universal healthcare, a portion of what you pay will be keeping him in a hospital bed indefinitely. Now, with all the American (legal) taxpayers, the fraction of your contribution is very small. But, compound this by some 2.5 million Americans each year (roughly) who are hospitalized for prolonged periods of time and you've got one hell of a problem—the money into the system is less than the money out of the system. Additionally, if even half of these lifetime hospital visitors are the primary income source of their family, the government now has to put that family on some sort of welfare or government assistance to compensate for the lack of money flowing into that

household to keep up marginally the same standard of living. Effectively, a person who uses the universal healthcare gets by far more bang for the buck if they're only paying two thousand dollars a year for it.

In the Democratic debate on Monday night, Barack Hussein Obama said that the universal healthcare system "may" cost more for Americans. May? Mr. Obama, sir, May is a month of the year, following April and before June. The correct statement would have been "will" cost more for Americans. While admittedly unfortunate, Americans have no rights to the skills, livelihood or money of others. Effectively, no pay... no soup for you!

Britain is just one example of why universal healthcare does not work efficiently or effectively. If universal healthcare was so great, why do our northerly neighbors, the Canadians, come across our border to have operations performed and to receive healthcare? It's because they can pay to get it faster here and from better doctors. Think about this: If we resort to universal healthcare and start having to cross borders like the Canadians, our southern retreat will be Mexico, a nation whose healthcare system has been described eloquently as "faltering".

I'm sure that a lot of you are passionate about abortion and gay marriage and the social issues that divide Americans, but think more with your wallet when you cast your vote. Does someone having an abortion 1,000 miles away affect you? Does a gay marriage in Massachusetts keep you up at night? These are state-controlled choices. You cannot, however, choose to not pay taxes and donate to Uncle Sam's hospital system—this will be a mandatory requirement nationwide. So when you get that first job and see the government took out 45 percent of your paycheck to fix someone's tooth cavity in Idaho, thank the Democrats and their wonderful transition to universal healthcare, a.k.a. the first-aid kit of communism.

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Does Clemson need a place for reflection?

JEFF HENRY

Guest Columnist

A study done by UCLA in 2005 showed that 80 percent of freshman students have an interest in spirituality and expect their university to guide them in that interest, but many schools do not live up to those expectations. Many universities around the nation are beginning to recognize an unfulfilled need on their campuses. They all know they give their students a great place to grow and learn academically, however many are beginning to realize the importance of spiritual development as well. In response, some universities are showing their support of student's spiritual growth by providing a place on campus for them to go to pray, reflect and meditate. They are openly encouraging students to use the center in whatever capacity they deem fit.

Lately, many Clemson students have recognized a need for a special place like this on Clemson's campus. This past semester the Clemson family endured heartbreaking loss, losing seven students due to tragedy, all from different causes, more than anyone can remember in such a short time period... We have had winter break to get away and to be with family and friends, but now we are all back together and many of us are still in mourning. During impossible times like the ones so many of us faced this past semester, we need, somewhere to go, somewhere to reflect and pray, somewhere to mourn and cry. Then we need a way to remember each student who has tragically left us before graduation, to make sure that they stay a part of our Clemson Family forever and that they will always be with us.

As a result of this void on our campus, an ad-hoc committee has been formed to plan and build a Clemson Student Memorial and Chapel. Josh Bell, the Undergraduate Student Body

President, has spearheaded this effort and has placed the committee under his office. In addition, the undergraduate student government, University administrators and others in the community are fully committed to the project.

The committee is made up of a group of passionate students and alumni who are dedicated to establishing such a place at Clemson. The goal of the committee is to found a Clemson Student Memorial and Chapel that will serve a number of equally important purposes. There will be a landscaped garden featuring a memorial wall engraved with the names of all students who have tragically passed on before graduation, those past, present and future. Contiguous to the garden will be a small, all-faiths chapel to provide students a private indoor place for meditation, reflection and prayer. The chapel will also serve a major campus need, a site for a memorial service devoted to a recently lost student. Furthermore, the garden will be well lit at night and may serve as an out-of-door space for private meditation, reflection and prayer when the chapel is closed.

"A Clemson Student Memorial and Chapel would help facilitate this need for Clemson's students. It would tend to Clemson University's recognition of both the fact that students' spiritual development is just as important as academic growth. It would further stand as a testament that those Clemson students who have been lost will always remain a part of our Clemson Family. Presently there is no place like this at Clemson; however the time has come for our campus to have one, and this ad-hoc committee is committed to making sure that this void is fulfilled.

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War: necessary in Darfur but not Iraq?

BRYAN COCKFIELD

Columnist



A group of Clemson students passed out some pamphlets at a recent foreign policy lecture given by Samantha Powers, one of Barack Obama's foreign policy advisors, asking the people in attendance not to vote for a candidate who does not support United Nations resolutions to take military action to end the conflict in Darfur.

Glancing through the pamphlet, it was painfully obvious that if every "Darfur" on the pamphlet was replaced with "Iraq" the pamphlet could still make sense. If the students who passed out the fliers looked less like flower children from the 1960s, they could have easily been promoting the war in Iraq, ten years too late.

The most noticeable phrase to jump off of the page was the painfully oxymoronic term "peacekeeping force." Apparently, when the President of Sudan refuses to allow UN peacekeeping troops into his country it is grounds for the American political left to march to war, but when we apply the same principle to Iraq it's grounds for the same group of Americans to turn completely around and oppose military action. To oppose the war in Iraq but support one in Darfur is completely hypocritical.

It is not difficult to understand the President of Sudan's point-of-view. Suppose the United States was involved in something the United Nations had passed resolutions against, like the internment and torture of alleged terrorists in Guantanamo Bay. It wouldn't be unreasonable to assume that the United States' gov-

ernment and the vast majority of its people would be opposed to foreign occupation, even if it would be by the infallible United Nations.

And wouldn't you know it? The Iraqis are opposed to foreign occupation too. On top of that, one of President Bush's many reasons for taking preemptive military action in Iraq was to enforce UN resolutions. Although the United States would be opposed to foreign occupation and has even been hostile to other UN resolutions (and rightly so, the UN erodes our national sovereignty), we are quick to force occupation on others, whether in Iraq or in Darfur.

Iraq was a huge blunder on all fronts. Not only were there no weapons of mass destruction, but also what was once at least a semi-formidable area for terrorists is now a breeding ground for them because of our occupation.

Now the politicians who are opposed to military action in Iraq wish to take military action on Darfur, only this time under the guise of the United Nations. It's not hard to see that military action of any kind causes more problems than it fixes. This fact is apparent to anyone who has read the 9/11 Commission Report, which details the principle of "blowback," the unintended consequences of meddling with the foreign affairs of other countries.

On the other hand, the proponents of sending a hybrid UN "peacekeeping force" say that there are too many human rights violations for the United States not to be involved in the affairs of yet another nation. The government of Sudan, they claim, is engaging in genocide.

Interestingly enough, the UN has never declared that the sectarian conflict in Sudan is, in fact, genocide. Only the United States has declared it to be, and even then, another parallel to Iraq becomes apparent: Saddam Hussein was committing genocide on his own people, the Kurds, in northern Iraq. Ironically enough, his weapon of choice was provided by the United States.

The willingness to jump into the internal conflicts in Darfur seems to be another example of the United States' desire to police the world and provide other countries the same nanny state that citizens of the United States currently enjoy, where we willingly give up civil liberties for the sake of security.

The only thing that justifies the difference is that Iraq is rich in oil whereas Darfur is not. The West, and most prominently Great Britain and the United States, have been trying to secure Iraq's oil reserves since the mid-twentieth century. There is, however, no economic reason to go into Darfur. At least there is a justifiable reason to occupy Iraq: The United States needs its oil, and companies like Halliburton are profiting from the reconstruction contracts. There is just no money to be made in Darfur.

Some of our politicians are just as hypocritical as the people who support them. Just like the students at the foreign policy discussion likely oppose the war in Iraq but are more than willing to jump into one in Darfur, Barack Obama (as his foreign policy advisor made clear) was against the Iraq war from the beginning (despite his votes to make the USA PATRIOT Act permanent). However, he has voted consistently in favor of taking action in Darfur.

This type of stance absolutely flies in the face of common sense. At least in Iraq, American companies like Halliburton can make a quick buck. Bottom line, however, the United States does not need to be involved in anyone's foreign policies. Not Iraq's and certainly not Darfur's. The consequences for us are too ominous, and Iraq is a great example of what will happen in Darfur if the UN sends "peacekeeping forces" to occupy the country. The situation can only get worse.

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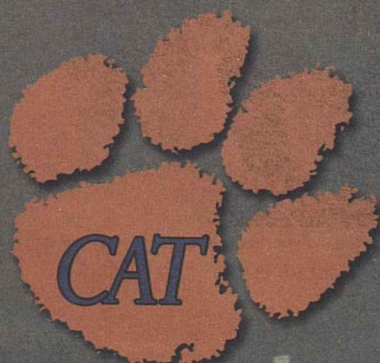
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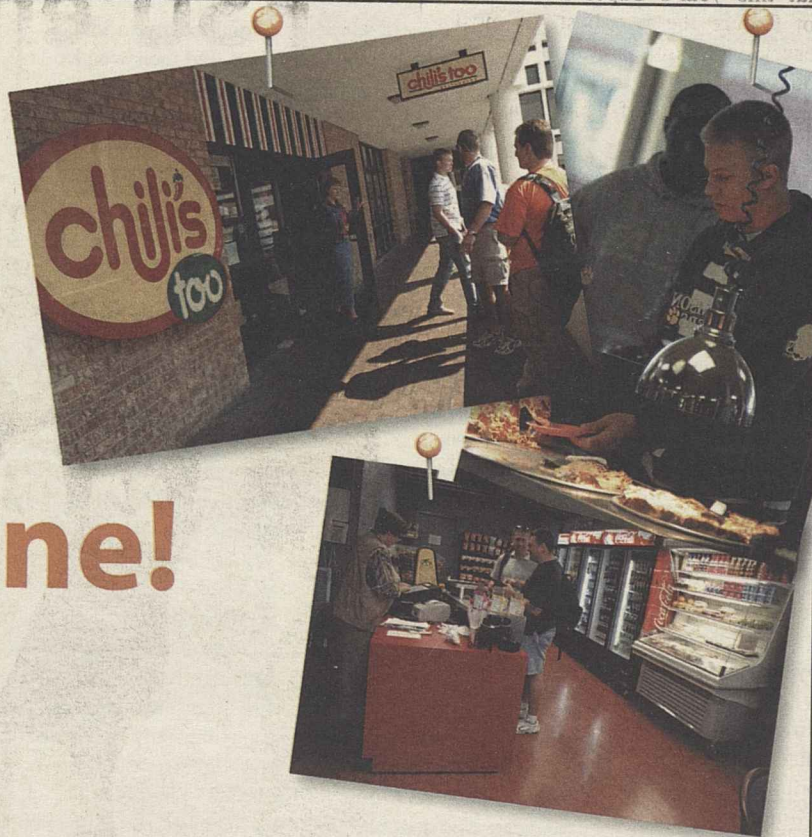
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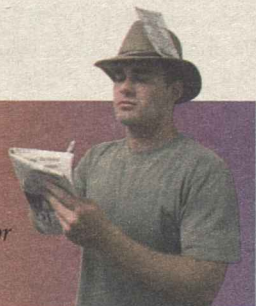
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The G-men, really?

DANIEL TAYLOR

sports editor



As the dust settles for a week following a wild NFL playoff, the nation splashes cold water in its face and shakes its head as the New York Giants have somehow slipped into the Super Bowl. During the current off-week, the national media will search for some intriguing storyline that makes this year's Super Bowl to be the most appealing matchup possible.

Narratives are already shaping up about how the younger Manning brother is getting his moment in the spotlight against the greatest team ever.

Regardless, the bottom line is that this year's Super Bowl does not feature the two best, or most deserving, teams in the NFL. Of course I'll watch the Super Bowl, but it will be half-hearted as I saw so many attractive possibilities for this year's playoffs.

There's no question that I'll be pulling against the most hated team in football, the New England Patriots. However, I can't help but realize the fact that the Giants do not deserve to be there.

Throughout the regular season, the Giants were horribly inconsistent. During the worst of it, I personally cut Eli Manning from my fantasy team. Manning is being heralded as "Super Mann II" on ESPN but was not even worthy of a roster spot on my fantasy team a couple of months ago.

Earlier this year, New York won by just a field goal against Miami, who went 1-15 this year. Manning threw for a pathetic 56 yards in that game. Later, the Giants were pounded 41-17 in Week 12 by the Minnesota Vikings, who couldn't even muster a winning record.

No other team allowed the Vikings to win by that wide of a margin. The Giants didn't even win their division, where eight other teams in the NFL did. Thanks to the weak NFC, New York squeaked into the playoffs and simply got hot when it counted most.

With the entry of the Giants into "football's greatest game," it makes

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Tigers win in OT again

Clemson outlasts Wake Forest
for third ACC victory.

DANIEL TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

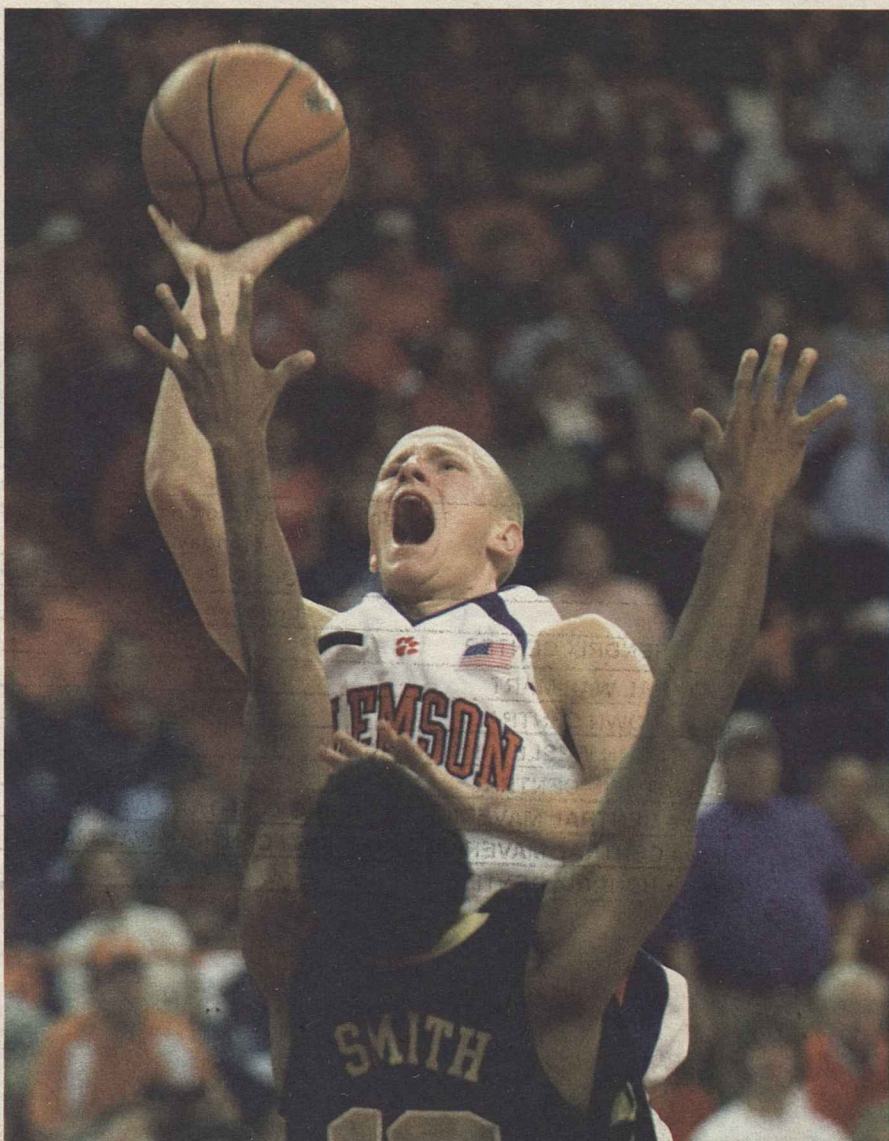
Last Tuesday, Oliver Purnell attempted to give Clemson fans an early heart attack yet again as the Tigers entered their third overtime game in just five ACC matches. Luckily no charges will be pressed against the Clemson coach, as the Tigers pulled out the victory 80-75. Both teams entered the contest with a 2-2 conference record, and the win propelled the Tigers to the winning side of the ACC and a 15-4 overall record. Wake Forest's overall record fell to 12-6.

Freshman Terrence Oglesby was the overtime hero yet again, sinking two 3-point baskets after regulation. Oglesby's clutch performance was strikingly similar to last week's Florida State game, which was the first time that his deep-threat in overtime was the difference.

The Demon Deacons challenged the Tigers in a way no other team has this year on the offensive boards. Clemson nabbed 19 offensive rebounds where the Deacons hauled in 18. The overall rebounding war was almost a deadlock, with Clemson holding a slight edge 42-41. As a result, the first half remained a close contest. The largest lead was held by Clemson 31-26 with 2:22 left in the half. However, Wake Forest went on a 6-0 run to close the half, and went into the locker rooms up 32-31 on the hometown Tigers.

The second half was a similar story to the first, with

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Clemson's Terrence Oglesby posterizes Wake Forest's Ishmael Smith in an overtime thriller in Littlejohn Coliseum. Oglesby had two 3-pointers in the extra period.

BRIAN SCHNEIDER/photo editor

FSU embarrasses Lady Tigers

Clemson scores its lowest point total in school history.

ADAM CRISWELL
STAFF WRITER

After picking up two big ACC wins on the road, the Clemson women's basketball team had a tough task in facing the Florida State Seminoles in Littlejohn Coliseum last Sunday afternoon. While a first glance at the Noles' record of 12-6 (2-1 ACC) would suggest a winnable game for the 9-10 (2-2 ACC) Lady Tigers, a deeper investigation into their team would prove otherwise.

With all but one of their losses suffered at the hands of current top 25 teams, Florida State entered this Sunday's game with 4 players averaging in double figures and a team average of 71.3 points per game. Not to mention the return of leading scorer Tanee Davis-Cain (13.7 pts/game) from a nine game suspension. After a miserable start of the game by both teams, FSU recovered to beat the Lady Tiger's by 24 points, winning 63-39.

The beginning of the game was bad for both squads, but historically so for Cristy McKinney's Lady Tigers. Clemson was held to a single digit score in the first half as the Lady Tiger offense shot a miserable 4-35 (11 percent) from the field and was losing by a score of 30-9 by half.

Clemson managed to score 30 points in the second half, but did not ward off the unfortunate distinction as the lowest point

total in Clemson women's basketball history.

The Seminoles should be given credit for forcing Clemson to take shots from the perimeter by blocking penetration lanes for Clemson's quick backcourt. This strategy was very effective as the Lady Tigers shot 89 times (21 more than FSU) but only managed 15 offensive rebounds. Securing boards was a problem for Clemson on both ends of the court as they were outrebounded 52 to 37. Along with their second lowest shooting percentage (21.4 percent) in team history, this paved the way to a blowout Seminole victory. Davis-Cain stepped in right where she had left off before the suspension and gave the FSU offense a real shot in the arm with 14 points.

Sharpshooter Mara Freshour further strengthened her 40 percent three-point percentage by draining three of three on the night. Jacinta Monroe scored 11 points and Cayla Moore recorded a team high 11 rebounds.

The individual play of the Lady Tigers was highlighted by a double-double by sophomore Lele Hardy as she grabbed 11 rebounds scored more than a quarter of the team's total with 10 points.

After three games over the past seven days, the Lady Tigers will have an eight day stretch to prepare for their next ACC matchup with Boston College on Jan. 28.



Freshman Whitney Hood attempts to block a shot from Seminole guard Shante Williams as Morgan Campbell looks on.

BRIAN SCHNEIDER/photo editor

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MEN'S BASKETBALL
Sunday 1/27
Miami
1 p.m.
Coral Gable, Fla.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Monday 1/28
Boston College
7 p.m.
Clemson, S.C.

Thursday 1/31
Georgia Tech
7 p.m.
Atlanta, Ga.

MEN'S TRACK
Friday-Saturday
1/25-26
JFR Multi-Event Challenge
1 p.m. (Friday)
TBA (Saturday)
Clemson, S.C.

WOMEN'S TRACK
Friday-Saturday
1/25-26
Florida Diet Pepsi
Invitational
TBA
Gainesville, Fla.

MEN'S TENNIS
Friday 1/25
Texas A&M Corpus Christi
10 a.m.
College Station, Texas

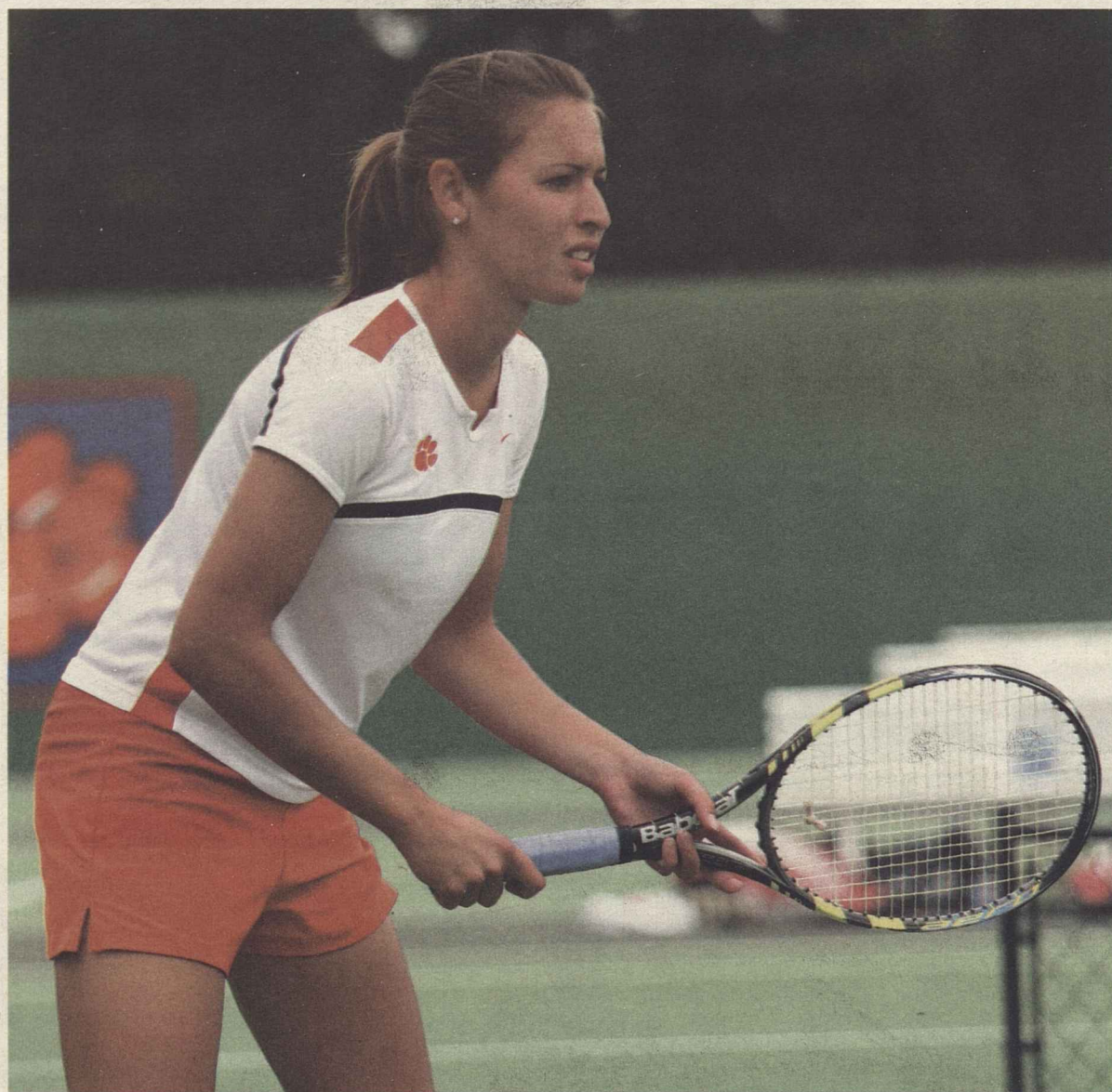
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Texas A&M
5 p.m.
College Station, Texas

WOMEN'S TENNIS
Saturday 1/26
Troy
11 a.m.
Clemson, S.C.

Tuesday 1/29
Furman
3 p.m.
Greenville, S.C.

Mijacika soaring to new heights

After a fantastic freshman year, the Croatian native is ranked No. 4 in the nation.



RONNIE KRANKOWSKI
STAFF WRITER

If there are any sports fans that have not heard the name Ani Mijacika, they should start getting accustomed to hearing it. Mijacika, a sophomore on Clemson University women's tennis team, had a phenomenal freshman year, which garnered attention not just in the college game, but in the tennis world.

She was 20-4 in singles matches and 20-6 in doubles. Her outstanding record earned a ticket to the national singles tournament and two ACC player of the week awards. The young Clemson star was also named the 2007 ACC freshman of the year.

Before coming to Clemson, Mijacika had lived all her life off the beaches of Makarska, Croatia, having no intentions of ever coming to college in the states to play. "My plan was to stay in Croatia and go to college and play tennis here," said Mijacika.

That was before coach Nancy Harris decided to take a trip to Mijacika to check out Mijacika, who was the number one player in Croatia at the time. Coach Harris saw all she needed to see when she saw Mijacika win a professional tournament in Croatia. Harris offered her a scholarship to play tennis for Clemson University. Mijacika jumped at the opportunity and has not regretted it since. "The differences are huge from Croatia to the college game here in the U.S."

The main key for Mijacika has been getting used to the environment. "The big difference is that it is more relaxed here, and I get more support. It is a great feeling."

Last season, two of Mijacika's four losses came against top 10 opponents, one of them being Audra Cohen of Miami who was the highest-ranked player in the nation, and a 4-6, 6-2, 6-7(4) defeat to No. 10 Natalie Frazier of Georgia. After the Frazier match, Mijacika went on a hot streak of beating four ranked opponents in a row. "After the Frazier match, my confidence grew and I knew I could hang with the best," said Mijacika.

Being the pre-season No. 4 player in collegiate tennis, Mijacika feels very confident heading into this season and feels that she can be the top ranked player in the nation. "I feel like there is more pressure on me this coming season and my teammates expect a lot out of me, but I am willing to take on the task," said Mijacika.

This is simply a story of hard work and dedication. Yes, Mijacika could have stayed on the outskirts of Croatia, gone to college and lived a very happy life. Instead, she chose a different path to excellence. Coming to the states, not knowing anyone and not knowing what to expect, Mijacika took a chance and embarked on the journey of chasing her dream.

Look for a special season out of the Lady Tigers tennis team this year and for Mijacika to soar to new heights.

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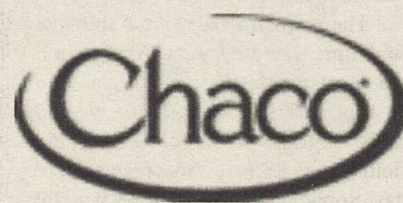
The Lady Tigers are expecting a thrilling campaign in 2008 and are led by last season's ACC Freshman of the Year. Ani Mijacika was 20-4 in her singles matching last season, with two of those losses coming against top 10 players.



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Tigers quick off the block

Teams win
Clemson
Invitational to
start season.

TYRONE GAYLE
STAFF WRITER

After a well-deserved winter break, the men's and women's track and field teams season are officially underway as Clemson came up with their first sweep in the meet's history. The men won decisively over Georgia 133.5-102, while taking care of nine other nationally recognized teams. Going into one of the three final events, the men's 3000 m, Clemson only led by three over UGA when Clemson distance king Matt Clark went to work and won the 3000 m while setting a facility record (8:15.41) in the process. "It was a decent effort for the beginning of the year, and I hope to stay healthy and continue to advance my fitness as the season progresses," said the Hyannis, Mass. native.

Canadian freshman import Matt Bruce picked up a valuable five points in the event as well when he came across the line in fourth. The men had noteworthy performance all across the board, including the sprint squad, as usual.

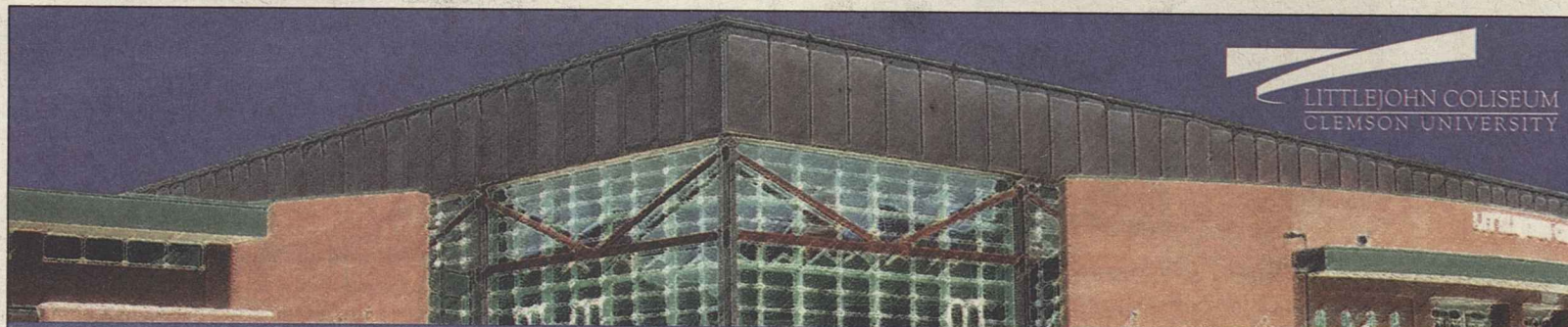
Despite only beginning practice last week, with the track meet being only his fourth day of practice, sophomore CJ Spiller provisionally qualified for the NCAA Championships in the 60 m dash with his 6.71. It likely won't stand for long, but that time is currently one of the 10 best in the country. Not to be outdone, Clemson's very own National Champion Travis Padgett did take home the overall title in 6.69. Some key performances came from the quartermiler group as Cowin Mills, Travis Swaggard, and Corey Brown took third, fifth and sixth place respectively. The majority of the men's squad will take a week off before returning to action at the Carolina Invitational on Feb. 2, but the multi-eventers will compete this weekend at the JFK Multi Challenge held at the indoor track.

The women won the meet for the first time since 2004, while scoring the most points they've ever scored at this meet. The majority of the Lady Tiger's points came via the field events as the jumpers had a field day. Sophomore Patricia Mamona did her fair share by capturing the long jump title Friday night, and then coming back to place second in the triple jump with a NCAA provisional mark of 41'6.5". For her efforts, she was recently named ACC Indoor Performer of the week. Mamona is no stranger to success, as she has and will continue to play a vital role in the overall team's performance. Last year, she qualified for the outdoor and indoor NCAA Championships while garnering All-ACC honors in both as well. Some fresh new faces made an immediate impact as well as freshman April Sinkler finished second in the long jump and third in the high jump. Jenna Baker made her 3000 m debut a successful one by setting a new personal best (10:08.17), and coming in second. The Lady Tigers will take no time off, and head right back into action beginning today as they travel to Gainesville, Fla. to compete at the Tom Jones Memorial meet.



Sophomore Liane Weber hurdles towards the finish line during last Saturday's Clemson Invitational track meet.

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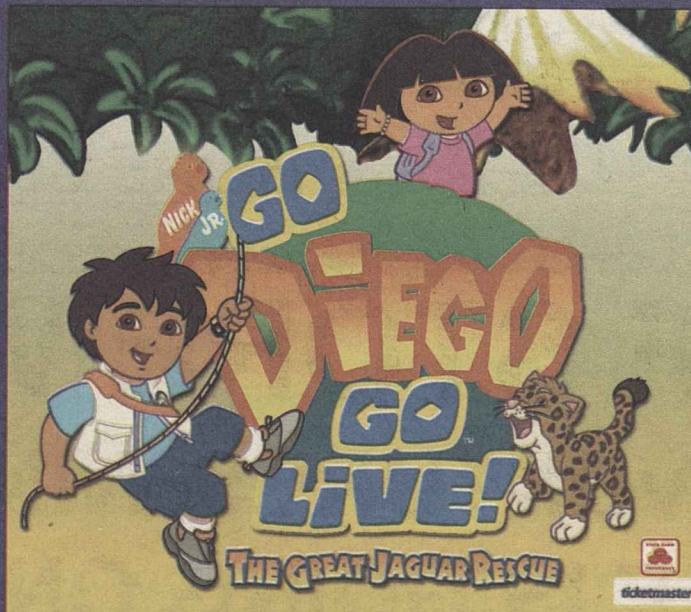
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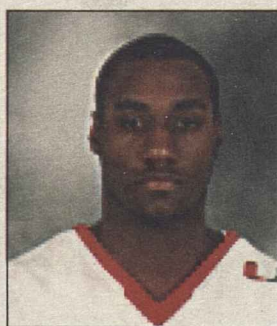
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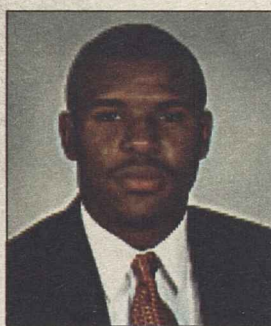
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PLAYERS**Anthony King**

The fifth-year senior center has been a consistent defensive force for the 'Canes in both rebounds and blocks. Miami becomes an offensive threat when King asserts himself inside.

**Trevor Booker**

The sophomore will be challenged by his counterpart in King. Clemson's offensive success will hinge on establishing Booker at the post to keep the 'Canes defense honest for 40 minutes.

This Sunday, Clemson looks to continue its momentum as the Tigers head to Florida to take on the Miami Hurricanes. The schedules of both teams are nearly identical as Clemson boasts a 15-4 schedule, while Miami is at 14-4.

If the Miami game resembles those in years past, it will come down to an exciting finish. Last year, the lead went back and forth throughout the game. Clemson led by seven with just seven minutes to go, but unable to hang onto their lead after Miami went on a 10-3 run to tie the game.

With the score tied at 59, it took overtime to settle the outcome. Former Tiger Vernon Hamilton had a huge impact in overtime, scoring six of his 10 points. Clemson was able to pull away in overtime outscoring the Hurricanes 15-11 making the final score 74-70. Clemson's James Mays was one of the stars of the game scoring 19 points and pulling down 10 rebounds.

This year Miami brings in a much improved basketball team from their dreadful 11-18 record a year ago. Junior Jack McClinton averages over 16 points per game. McClinton along with big man Anthony King, who averages nearly eight rebounds per game, will lead Miami onto the court. Miami is looking to bounce back from its three game losing skid against Boston College, NC State and, most recently, North Carolina.

Playing at Miami's BankUnited Center is no easy task, where the Hurricanes hold an impressive 11-1 home record. However, after getting off to a hot 13-1 start, Miami has struggled in ACC play, going 1-3 thus far.

Clemson, after recovering from its loss to Duke, looks to bring its momentum from the Wake Forest game into Miami. The Tigers have made a habit of getting into overtime in recent games. Two out of their last four games took extra minutes to settle the contest. KC Rivers and Chris Hammonds are coming off huge performances against Wake Forest on Tuesday night where they combined for 29 points, eight assists and 15 rebounds.

Miami has a very balanced team, with 10 players averaging over 13 minutes per game. They rely on their stingy defense, led by Anthony King and Dewayne Collins. Both are adept at protecting the paint as well as grabbing rebounds. In order to control the game, Clemson has to come out strong from behind the arc. Terrence Oglesby and KC Rivers will be relied on to shoot early and often for three-pointers. Keeping the ball away from game-breaker Jack McClinton will also be an important factor for Clemson.

Finally, the Tigers must win the rebound war between Miami's Anthony King and Clemson's Trevor Booker. Both Booker and King average about eight rebounds per game. However, next to King, Miami's Dewayne Collins is a much less impressive rebounder. Clemson has a huge advantage with both James Mays and KC Rivers averaging seven rebounds per game. If Clemson is able to take care of rebounding and protect the paint from easy layups, they should be able to manage the game. The match will only be viewable on ESPN Fullcourt at 1 p.m. on Sunday afternoon.

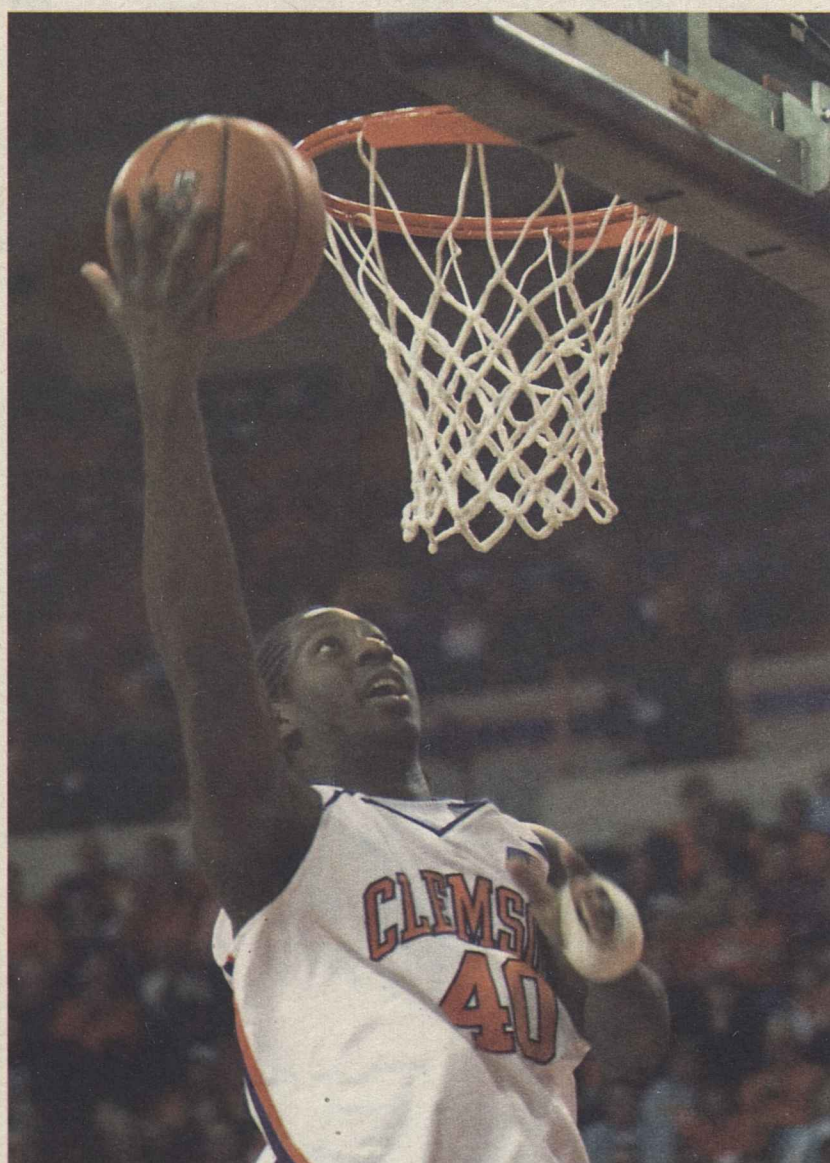
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School	Conf.	Overall
Duke	3-0	15-1
North Carolina	3-1	18-1
Boston College	3-1	12-5
Clemson	3-2	15-4
Maryland	2-2	12-7
Virginia Tech	2-2	11-7
Wake Forest	2-3	12-6
Miami	1-2	14-3
N.C. State	1-2	12-5
Virginia	1-2	11-5
Florida State	1-3	12-7
Georgia Tech	1-3	8-9



Senior forward James Mays continues to force opposing coaches to gameplan around his play. The Tigers will need his intensity against Miami this Saturday.

BRYAN SCHNEIDER/PHOTO EDITOR

Welcome back Davis

On Jan. 18, after already voicing his intentions to declare for the NFL Draft, James Davis shocked the Clemson Nation with an announcement that he will return to the team for the 2008 season. Here's what some Clemson students have to say about JD's return to Tigertown.

WHAT DO YOU

THINK?

If James Davis maintains his average stats next year, he should be good for 1,000 yards and a dozen touchdowns. But most important, the leadership he brings back will make next year something special.

-Matt Bottoms, Junior

My first thought when I heard that James Davis was coming back was, "ACC Championship, here we come." I was concerned at first about the team's reaction but was ecstatic to hear that

Lightning

personally called up Thunder to ask him to come back to Death Valley.

-Ruston Neely, Senior

As a senior, it kills me that I'm going to miss seeing him light up Death Valley for one more season as a student. It would have been great to see him pass Raymond Priester as the leading rusher in Clemson history.

-Jamie Southwick, Senior

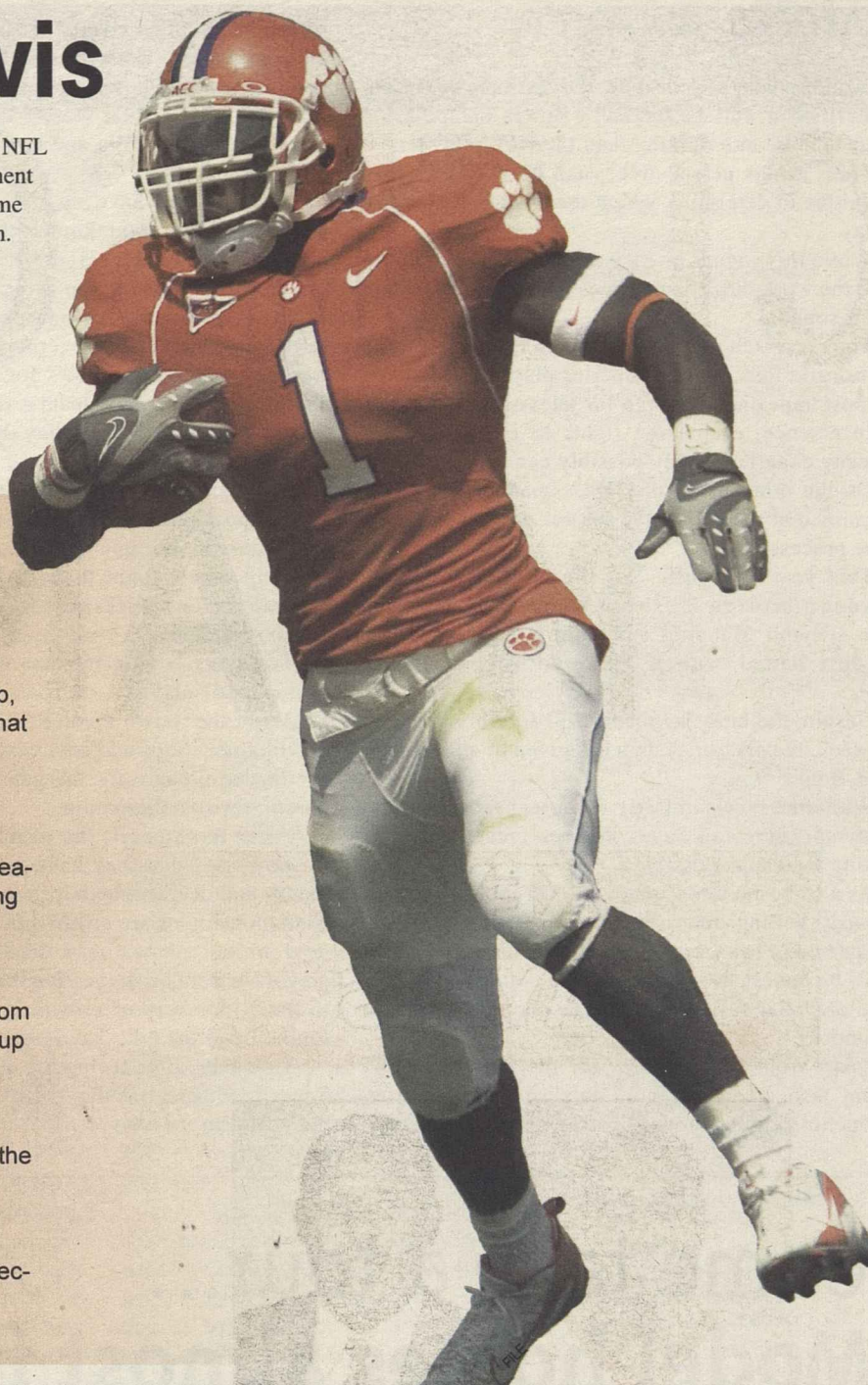
With a ton of running backs entering this year's draft, it would be hard for him to stand out from the others in the combine as his strengths are his vision and tenacity. His stock will only go up next year as he gets more carries.

-Wesley Funsch, Senior

When James Davis announced that he was coming back to Tiger Nation for his senior year, the only noise every coach in the ACC heard was THUNDER!

-Caleb Costa, Junior

James was the fourth leading rusher in the ACC as a freshman, third as a sophomore and second last year. I'd like to see him finish his career on top.



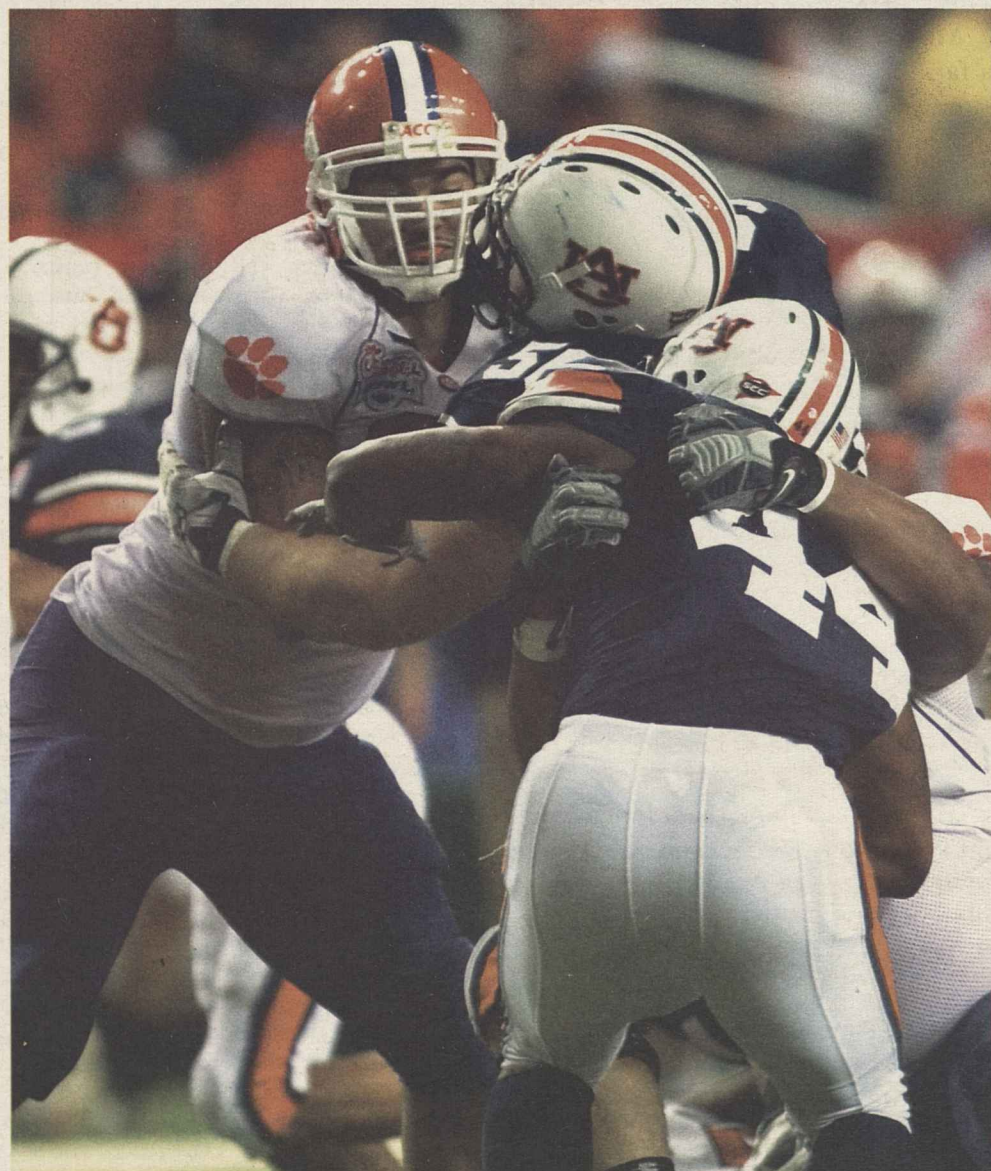
Merling enters NFL draft

The junior is Clemson's second standout defensive end in two years.

ADAM CRISWELL
STAFF WRITER

Throughout the recent history of Clemson football, fans have rarely had to deal with the "junior flight" problems of some of the upper tier programs. Players like Derrick Hamilton and Justin Miller come to mind as some of the few former

Tiger juniors who, for one reason or another, chose to forgo another season of Saturdays in the Blue Ridge Mountains for playing on Sundays in one big city or another. However, as Tommy Bowden and the Clemson coaching staff continue to recruit like the Florida's, Oklahoma's and SoCal's (the real USC) staffs, they will additionally be forced to deal with these teams' junior retention problems.



Phillip Merling battles against the Auburn Tigers in the 2007 "Peach" Bowl, his last game in a Clemson uniform. Merling will join fellow defensive end Gaines Adams in the NFL.

The 2007 Clemson football team entered the season as a young group with only nine seniors on the roster and consequently tapered expectations. However, with a 9-4 record, a top 25 finish, a resumption of their dominance over the other USC and a bid to the ACC's highest non-BCS bowl, the Tigers did better than anyone could have expected.

Again, with a very small number of seniors, these great results could never have been accomplished without a massive contribution from the Tiger juniors. This was evidenced by six juniors being awarded with first-team, second-team or honorable mention All-ACC honors (Cullen Harper, Aaron Kelly, James Davis, Michael Hamlin, Phillip Merling and Dorell Scott). It was hardly surprising to find that all six of these players turned in their names to the NFL Draft Advisory Board to enquire how high they might be selected. What was surprising was that all but one of these players, despite optimistic returns from the Draft Board, decided to spend another year in orange.

While this does contribute to a very optimistic outlook for next year's team, the lone departing junior will leave some large shoes to fill as the Clemson defense will have to face the 2008 season without the play of Phillip Merling.

After a year of prep school football at Fork Union Military Academy, Merling started his career at Clemson strong, playing 271 snaps and earning freshman All-American honors. Trailing only Gaines Adams in tackles for loss and sacks his sophomore year, Merling was expected to step up this year as one of the most dynamic players on the Clemson defense.

Merling may have exceeded expectations as he emerged in the offseason one of the most vocal leaders on a team with few seniors in desperate need of leadership. This offseason commitment carried on through the 2007 season with a breakout campaign. Merling ranked first among defensive linemen with 78 tackles and led the team with seven sacks and 17 tackles for loss. His efforts were recognized by the rest of the league as Merling was named ACC Defensive Lineman of the Week three times, more than any other player.

ESPN NFL Draft guru Mel Kiper currently has Merling rated as the third highest junior defensive end declaring for the Draft, and

NFLDraftCountdown.com, one of the leading Internet Draft resources, has Merling as a first round projection in its latest mock draft. Merling offers a rare blend of size, power, quickness and speed that will undoubtedly catch the eye of all of the NFL scouts. During his Clemson career, Merling displayed the ability to be equally effective playing against the run and pass. Listed at 6'5, 280 lbs, Merling would seem to be a great candidate for a defensive end in a 3-4 defensive scheme. Any Clemson football fan can also attest to the fire and passion with which Merling played football during his three years on the team. Intensity and work ethic are not lightly considered by NFL scouts, and even the most surface evaluation of Merling as a player and a person will confirm that he brings both of these attributes to the table. The Advisory Board returned a second round projection to Phillip Merling on his enquiry.

Merling is currently not on campus as he has begun his rigorous training regimen in preparation for the NFL Combine at the end of February.

At first glance, Clemson's situation at strong-side defensive end for the 2008 season looks fairly bleak. With Jamie Cumbie's move to the inside last year, converted Bandit Kevin Alexander and freshman Rennie Moore are the only returning players with any experience on the strongside. However, thanks to the stellar recruiting efforts of Tommy Bowden, Billy Napier and staff, this position may not have much of a setback at all. DaQuan Bowers, the number one defensive end recruit in the nation, will step into playing time immediately and should be a force. Jarrett Crittenton, one of the highest ranked JUCO transfers, should also contribute early. Cumbie could also be called on to move back to the position.

Although the players are there to step in for Merling, one thing that cannot be easily made up for is the leadership that he provided for the defensive side of the ball. His greatest contribution to the team this year was not the number tackles for loss or sacks recorded, but his part changing of the attitude of a team that had lost four of the last five games the previous season. The success of the team as a whole this year would not have been possible without the presence of number 94 on the end of the defensive front line. And while keeping five of six isn't bad, losing this one will hurt.

PLAYOFFS *from page C1*

me wonder whether, despite the extreme and constant criticism, college football's Bowl Championship Series is more entertaining than the NFL playoffs.

From a fans perspective, each bowl has its own committee to determine which teams they will invite to play.

While this sounds as easy as picking names out of a hat, the work these committees do is more important than it sounds.

They research and analyze which teams will bring enthusiastic fans, feature superior players, and create the most appealing matchup for television.

In essence, each bowl fights to create the best gameday experience they possibly can.

On the other hand, the NFL's matchups are predetermined at the end of the season, and much is lost in the process.

This year's playoffs lost the chance to have a showdown between the two best quarterbacks in the game (Peyton Manning and Tom Brady) or revive long-lost hatred with a Packers-Cowboys rivalry game.

Despite the buzz the media will forcibly generate this week, the playoff system has given us a lackluster Super Bowl.

While the bowls unfairly favor teams with larger, money-spending fan bases, it does create the most exciting matchups possible.

As a Clemson fan, I'm not crying "foul" after continuously getting better bowls than Boston College, who narrowly has escaped with victories against us.

To be honest, we should get the better bowl game if we are relatively equal on the playing field—we care more.

Apart from better games for the fans, the bowl system also creates a more intense matchup from a coaching and football strategist perspective.

Immediately after rivalry week and the conference championships, college coaches know who their opponent for the bowl game will be.

Unlike the regular season, coaches are given over a month to watch film and break down tendencies of their opponents.

The coaches have no excuses for not scouting properly. Each team knows their opponents better than they know their selves.

Teams are also given three weeks of practice to exclusively prepare for one opponent. The build-up felt at practice must be excruciating.

Each linebacker knows for a month their mortal enemy is the opposing team's star running back, who people in the media say they don't have a chance at stopping.

Defensive ends likely lick their chops for weeks at the possibility of sacking the opposing team's Heisman-winning quarterback. Away from the field, a young coach might draw up plays and chuckle to himself as he realizes a weakness in a legendary's coach's gameplan.

For every bowl game, nearly a month of preparation is on display.

With the bowl committees selecting the most exciting matchups and each team having seemingly a lifetime to prepare for the game, each bowl game is bursting with anticipation.

After the kickoff, the team finally has a chance to showcase what they have worked on over the last month and decide whether they goes out with a bowl championship or are crushed in defeat.

I am not advocating a drastic change in the NFL playoff system or suggesting that the BCS is superior to the NFL's way of crowning a champion. College football and the NFL have different traditions.

However, after seeing the matchup for this year's SuperBowl, I realize that the BCS doesn't deserve all the criticism it receives.

Men's tennis team swings into season

Tigers nearly sweep in opening matches.

ALEX URBAN
STAFF WRITER

Clemson lost only one singles match in two match-ups against UNC-Greensboro and The Citadel beginning their season 2-0 on Sunday night in the Clemson indoor tennis courts.

Ike Belk, Clemson's one-man for both matches won his match against UNC-Greensboro's Andrey Babnov in three long sets (4-6, 6-3, 6-4) but faltered in his match against The Citadel's Danny Dossetor lost in just two sets (6-3, 7-5).

But that is the only adversity Clemson faced in either match as Clemson cruised to victory against UNC-Greensboro 7-0, winning every singles match and every point in the doubles matches.

Other than Belk's win in three sets, Clemson won the other games in the UNC-Greensboro match-up in just two sets.

Derek DiFazio and Kevin Galloway both dispatched their

opponents handily with scores of 6-1 and 6-0 for the Tigers.

The win against UNC-Greensboro gave them a 1-0 start and momentum heading into the evening matches against The Citadel.

The Tigers didn't waste any time improving to 2-0, with another easy victory, also in Clemson's indoor tennis facility.

Clemson lost only the one singles match to Danny Dossetor, sweeping every other singles and doubles match.

Kevin Fleck and Gera Boryachinskiy turned in solid performances for the Tigers, both winning their matches with a pair of 6-0 sets.

Head Coach Chuck Kriese's squad was undefeated in doubles play, winning the three matches 8-5, 8-5 and 8-1.

The weekend went as well as Clemson could have hoped for, getting the 2-0 start, and hopefully giving them some confidence as the season commences.

The men are in action again next weekend in Texas, playing two matches on Friday at Texas A&M and two matches on Sunday at the University of Texas-Austin.

The women's team was also in action this past weekend in the indoor tennis courts, in the Clemson-AUM Jamboree exhibition tournament.

THRILLER *from page C1*

neither side grabbing control of the game. For a moment, the Clemson fans held their breath, with the Deacons led 62-54 with five minutes left in the game. However, Clemson would go on an 11-point run to cease a three-point lead. Unfortunately, Ishmael Smith sank a three-pointer in the final minute which would send the game to overtime.

Clemson's kryptonite, free throws, appeared like it was going to be a huge detriment to the Tiger cause.

At the end of regulation, the Tigers were a mere two of 10 from the stripe. If the Tigers had managed to sink 30 percent of their foul shots, overtime would not have been necessary.

During the overtime period, however, Clemson began hitting free throws like an actual ACC basketball team.

Clemson missed only one of six shots in the extra period, gaining the five-point advantage needed to win the game.

With big man Trevor Booker struggling both from the foul line (0-6) and with turnovers (8), it was Clemson's guards K.C. Rivers and Cliff Hammonds that took command of the game. Each playing the entire contest, the two combined for 29 points and nine steals. Rivers, along with James Mays, led the Tigers with 11 rebounds. Hammonds also led Clemson with six assists.

Both Rivers and Hammonds were careful when handling the rock. Despite their heavy ball-handling load, each had just one turnover.

After playing their fifth home games in six matches, the Tigers will go on the road to take on the Miami Hurricanes.

While Miami boasts an impressive 14-3 overall record, they have yet to have a major ACC victory. Their only conference win in three attempts came over last place Georgia Tech.

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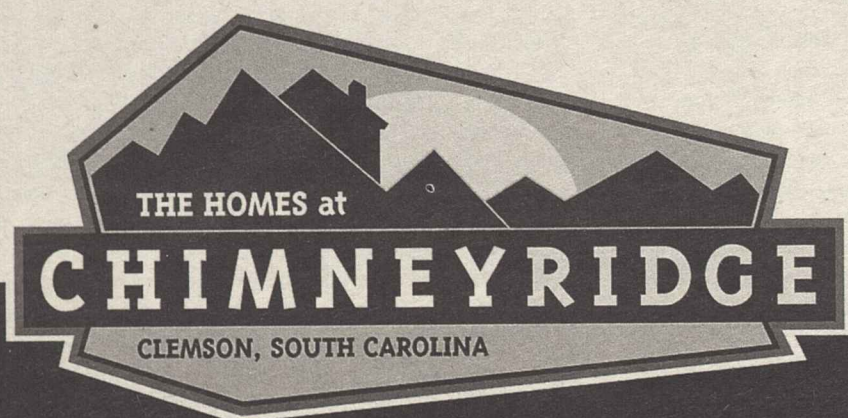
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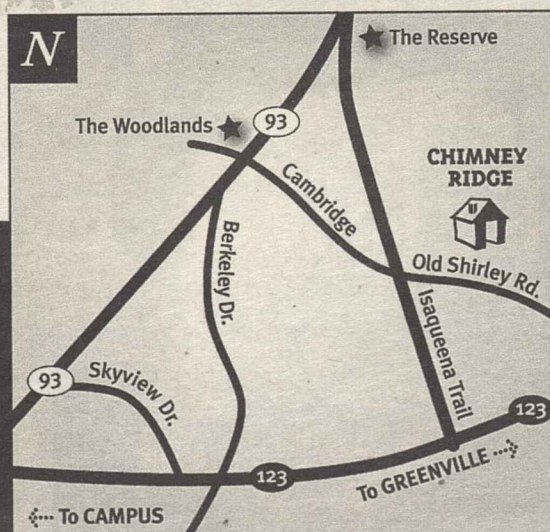
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Football recruiting looking for a Top 10 finish

2008 class is already Bowden's fourth straight Top 20.

HUNTER KNOWLES STAFF WRITER

After another successful football season, head coach Tommy Bowden is looking to add the final pieces of the already successful 2008 recruiting class. The return of James Davis has given the Tigers early momentum heading into next season, but the addition of a top level recruiting class will help an already talented team compete for the ACC Championship. Currently, Clemson has commitments from six players listed in the ESPN150 rankings.

Most notably, the top rated prospect in the nation per ESPN, defensive end DaQuan Bowers, has been committed to the Tigers since Nov. 28, 2006, and recently enrolled. Bowers will compete for immediate playing time once spring practice begins. Others who opted for early enrollment include the following: kicker Spencer Benton from Myrtle Beach, linebackers Stanley Hunter from Spartanburg and Tarik Rollins from Hollywood, Fla., quarterback Kyle Parker Jacksonville, Fla.

Kyle Parker, billed by ESPN as the 34th best prospect in America, showcased his talent during the Under Armour All American Game earlier this month. Parker led his team to victory, passing for 114 yards on 9 completions on 13 attempts. The Sunshine State product will also look to contribute to the Tiger Baseball team this season.

The Clemson football staff has put a heavy emphasis on special teams in the 2008 class. Along with giving scholarships to kicker Spencer Benton and punter Dawson Zimmerman, the Tigers have also accepted a commitment from long snapper Matt Skinner. The offer to Skinner is the first to a long snapper in Bowden's tenure. Special teams plagued the Tigers again this year, most notably during the Virginia Tech loss.

A major need for the Tigers in the 2008 class is the safety position. Recent commitments from four safeties in the last three weeks have solidified the position. Spencer Adams headlines a talented group of commitments including Rashard Hall, Carlton Lewis and Daniel Andrews. Adams is ranked as the 3rd best safety of 2008 by ESPN. The North Carolina native also had a tremendous showing in the recent Under Armour All American game.

With National Signing Day less than three weeks away, Clemson will look to take five or six more commitments to possibly vault the class into the top 10 classes in the nation. Some notable recruits still considering Clemson are offensive linemen Antoine McClain, Kenneth Page and Trevino Woods. Others include Alabama linebacker Jerrell Harris, running back Jamie Harper, wide receiver Jaron Brown and defensive tackle Brandon Thompson.

The second ranked running back in the nation, Jamie Harper, is still a likely candidate to fill one of the remaining spots. Harper is a physical freak, weighing in at 210 pounds and running a 4.4 forty yard dash. Harper's great size and speed combined with his top notch vision will make him a force in college football. Florida and Miami are also a factor here. A commitment from Harper would mean the second time in three years that Clemson has taken the top

rated running back out of the state of Florida.

Kenneth Page, who recently was turned away by the South Carolina coaching staff, is down to Clemson and Tennessee. Page, who is a Columbia native, looked to be headed to the Gamecocks for some time. Now with the commitment of top guard prospect R.J. Mattes to N.C. State, Page becomes a crucial part of the 2008 class. In light of recent events, Clemson is in the mix for his commitment and pushing hard to fill the offensive guard need.

A bit of a surprise has been the lack of a commitment from Brandon Thompson. Thompson looked to be a lock-in for Clemson at one time, even wearing a Clemson T-shirt often. However, a late push from LSU and Georgia Tech may have Clemson scratching their head on Signing Day.

Jaron Brown, out of Cheraw, has recently come onto the recruit-

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ing scene after a spectacular senior season and Shrine Bowl workout. The two-way star is trying to choose between South Carolina and Clemson. The Gamecocks have promised Brown an opportunity to play wide receiver, but Clemson seems to be the most logical destination.

While Jerrell Harris and Trevino Woods seem to be long shots, Antoine McClain may be more of an option than once thought. After his recent official visit to Clemson, McClain seems to have opened up a bit to the Tigers and Clemson may strike lightning on Signing Day by inking him.

If the Tigers finish as strong as expected, look for Clemson to get some major exposure on National Signing Day. After an amazing job by the coaching staff, led by recruiting coordinator Billy Napier, this class could be among the most talented of the year.

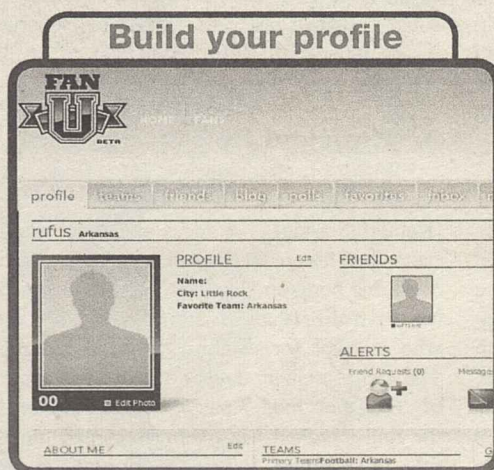
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Top 10 Movies of 2007

DAVID WILLIAMS
STAFF WRITER

The Tiger doesn't normally run a list of top films for a year, but then, 2007 was no normal year. It seemed that every other weekend there was another film that was totally original, featured some career-best performances or was a new high for the director. Whatever the reason, this year featured films that you owe it to yourself to see. But enough of that. Ladies and gents, the Top Ten Films of 2007:

1. "No Country for Old Men"

I think I'd sooner accept a dinner invite from Hannibal Lecter than meet Anton Chigurh. Javier Bardem's creation of the psychotic killer is convincing, terrifying and, at times, funny. And it's just one of a myriad of things to admire about the Coen brothers' "No Country," which is their finest film since 1996's "Fargo." When Llewelyn Moss (Josh Brolin) stumbles upon a drug deal gone bad and \$2 million in cash, he sees the opportunity of a lifetime. He also attracts some very unwanted attention from Mexican criminals and, of course, the sadistic Chigurh, who'll kill anybody in his path to reach Moss. Oh, where's Chuck Norris when you need him? There are also some terrific supporting performances by Tommy Lee Jones as an aging sheriff, Kelly MacDonald as Moss' wife and Woody Harrelson as a smug bounty hunter. As for the dialogue, it's so superb that you want scenes to go on and on just to keep listening. To be fair, I feel like I should talk a little about some of the film's flaws, but to be honest, I can't think of any.

2. "Atonement"

Joe Wright's second film, adapted from the Ian McEwan bestseller, is such a meticulous period piece that it's almost worth seeing just for the aesthetics. But there's so much more to it. The story of two lovers, Robbie Turner (James McAvoy) and Cecilia Tallis (Keira Knightley), whose chance at happiness is diverted by the misunderstandings of a fanciful child writer, features wonderful performances, dazzling cinematography and an ending no one could predict. Set against the backdrop of WWII, the film features an astounding five-minute tracking shot of the British evacuation from Dunkirk that's as impressive as any piece of film-making you have seen all year. Through this scene, Wright portrays the chaos of war in a way so many words could not.

3. "Once"

The little Irish film that could. John Carney's "Once" was shot for almost zero dollars, runs only 88 minutes and doesn't even give names to its characters. What is achieved, though, is a film devoid of spectacle, leaving only the blissful tale of two people, a heartbroken street musician and a single Czech mother, who are drawn together for a week in Dublin by their love of music. It's one of the most uplifting musicals you'll ever see.

4. "Juno"

What a great year this was for comedies! Ellen Page gives an Oscar-caliber performance as the quick-witted title character who gets pregnant after deciding to experiment sexually with her best friend (Michael Cera). Jennifer Garner, Jason Bateman and J.K. Simmons co-star in this insightful, touching and hilarious story about a lovable girl who comes to learn about life, love and herself. Rarely is there a comedy that is all of these. In 2007, there were three.

5. "Before the Devil Knows You're Dead"

This latest masterpiece from Sydney Lumet stars Philip Seymour Hoffman as Andy, a businessman whose drug habit has driven him into financial disaster. His brother, Hank (Ethan Hawke), is having troubles of his own paying child support. In their desperation, they decide to pull off a "perfect" crime, the victimless robbery of their parents' jewelry store. When everything goes terribly wrong, a downward spiral full of tension and deceit begins. Marisa Tomei and

Albert Finney co-star in a cast so pitch perfect, you gotta wonder if Lumet made a deal with the devil to bring them all together. Here's hoping he has another dozen films in him.

6. "Superbad"

Booze, fights, some very sketchy sketches, a pair of goofy, drunk, fun-loving cops (Seth Rogen and Bill Hader) and McLovin (Christopher Mintz-Plasse). This makes the perfect formula for two hours of laugh-out-loud fun. But for best friends Seth (Jonah Hill) and Evan (Michael Cera), who want only to supply the alcohol for a party in order to hook up with the leading babes at their high school, it's a night of hell. It's also time for them to deal with leaving each other for college next year. Raunch with a heart. It's so crazy, it just might work. And it does. But should Hollywood keep it up? Chicka-chicka-yeah!

7. "Across the Universe"

Julie Taymor's "Across the Universe" is the most visually beautiful film of the year. It's damn near overwhelming. The story follows the lives of a group of friends living in Greenwich Village, whose dealings with love and the political turmoil of the Vietnam era are told through the timeless lyrics of The Beatles' songs. It's a music film with wonderful choreography and a whole lot of heart, and the setting is perfect — a time when the peace and love embodied by The Beatles was not only popular but needed. "Across the Universe" met with mixed reviews from a few critics, but for my money, the world's favorite mop-topped boys from Liverpool deserve nothing less than this wonderful work of art.

8. "American Gangster"

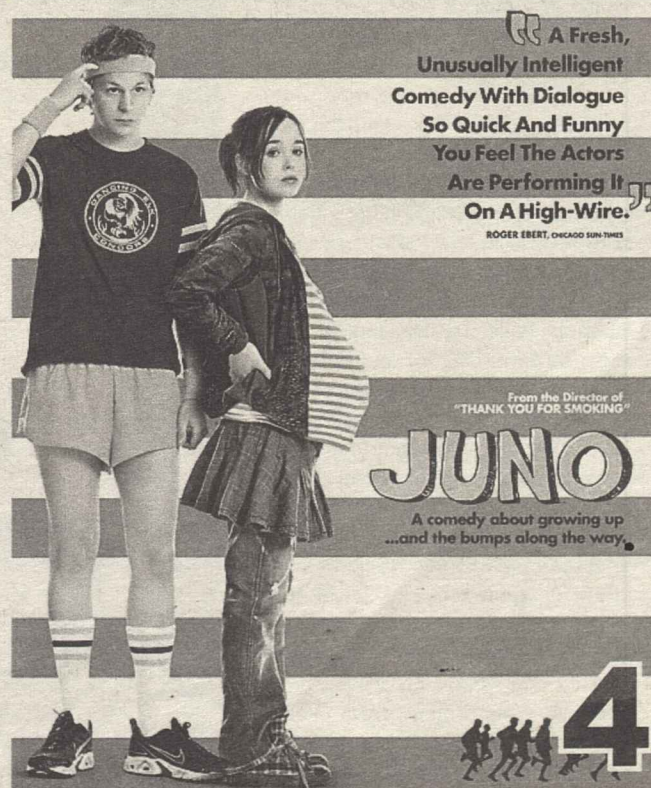
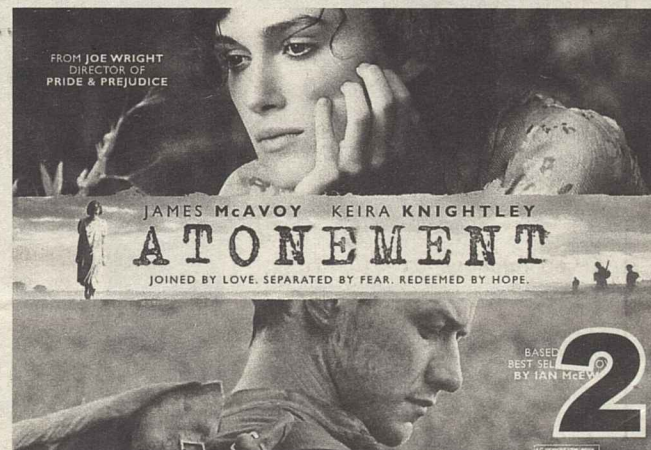
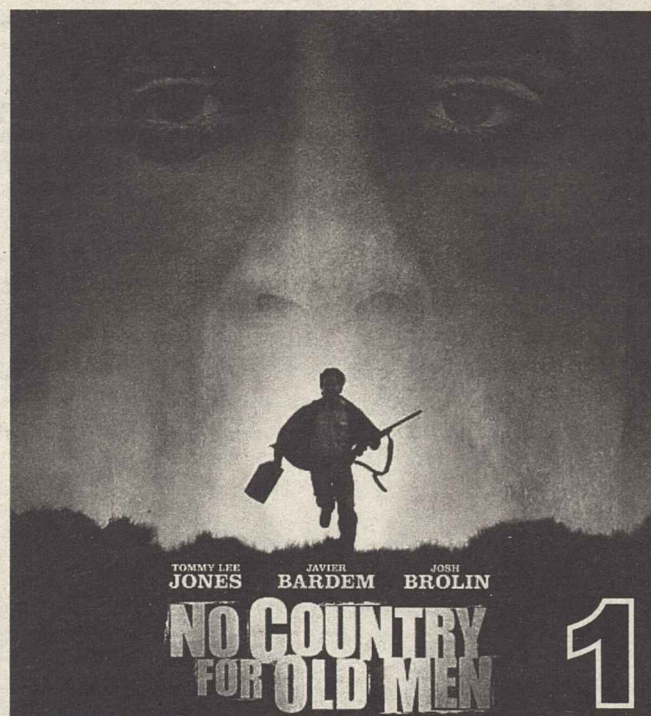
The only film on our list that is based on a true story. However, that doesn't mean it's any less original. Ridley Scott breaks away from convention by taking his film outside the exclusive criminal underworld, offering the parallel story of a morally complex narcotics cop (Russell Crowe) together with Denzel Washington's performance as Frank Lucas, Harlem's legendary heroin kingpin. It is nothing short of mesmerizing. With strong reviews, Oscar talk and box office receipts equal to that of last year's hit, "The Departed," it's no wonder this film wound up on my list. What can I say? The people have spoken.

9. "Knocked Up"

When big-time slacker Ben Stone (Seth Rogen) impregnates work-aholic Alison Scott (Katherine Heigl), he faces not only being a father but his greatest challenge of all: putting down his bong and growing up. His better half has to realize that we sometimes can't know who is right for us until we've found them. The most popular date movie in the summer of '07 from Judd Apatow, whose mastery of the foul-mouthed heart-warmer earned him the title of Smartest Person in Hollywood from Entertainment Weekly, this is a comedy you don't want to miss.

10. "Eastern Promises"

Only a director like David Cronenberg, who started out in horror films, would begin his film with a throat-slitting. "Eastern Promises" is a crime drama set in London. A young nurse (Naomi Watts) becomes the target of Russian mobsters when she stumbles upon a secret. Viggo Mortensen plays a violent Russian bodyguard whose loyalties are questionable and boasts probably the most memorable scene of the year: the extraordinary hand-to-hand battle with a couple of knife-wielding assailants in a bath house.



THE ASTRO

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"Meet the Spartans"

Jan. 25

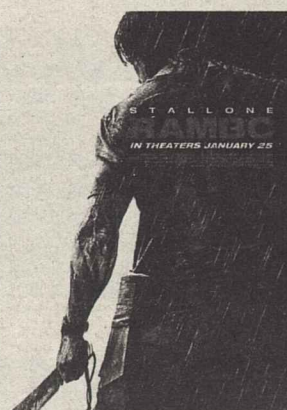
Basically an "Epic Movie 2," "Meet the Spartans" is another relentless attempt to mock any and all pop culture. It is obvious from the preview, which depicted Spartans "stomping the yard," that this movie doesn't have a point at all. However, the battle of 13 Spartan men against the Persians (for the second time) might be worth seeing, since Britney Spears and her hair clippers are pushed into that giant hole. Or the creepy Shrek baby with Brad and Angelina. That's what we really want to see.



"Rambo"

Jan. 25

Our favorite Vietnam veteran, John Rambo, is back in the war zone again. This time, he is approached by missionaries who want to enter Burma, despite the raging war. For what purpose? TimeOut cannot even guess. Unfortunately, Rambo agrees to help them and thus, the movie. To just save you the \$8, Rambo ends up saving everyone and all is well. Except Sylvester Stallone because, let's face it, the man needs a break.



"Feel the Noise"

Jan. 29

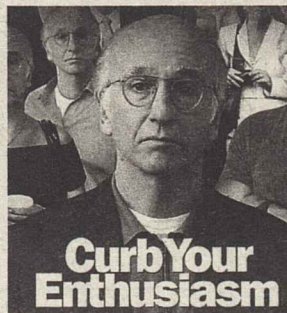
This movie is like "The Tale of Two Cities" without that whole going back and forth part. Wannabe rapper Rob (played by Omarion) decides to leave Harlem after a run-in and heads to Puerto Rico where his father lives. In Reggaeton, Rob and his half-brother try to become stars and learn a couple moral lessons. And it all ends back up in New York City. What a thriller.



"Curb Your Enthusiasm: The Complete Sixth Season"

Jan. 29

"Curb Your Enthusiasm" follows the life of David — everywhere. David happens to be the creator of "Seinfeld," and the creator of this show. The show mixes fantasy and reality in David's everyday encounters that lead to his alienation by peers. Sounds like a blast, guys. So if you are already addicted to this show, don't try to fight it. You have plenty of other New Year's resolutions you can keep.



"Bringing Down the House"

Ben Mezrich

Jan. 28

Ben Mezrich tells the tale of how six M.I.T. students took on Vegas with a little help from their professor. The group legally beats the casino system for several years, using a system of cues. It is estimated that they made about \$3 million dollars — and all of this was done while still taking Statistics on Monday morning. So stop complaining about your weekend job: at least it doesn't involve several fake IDs and a 12 hour flight.



"Keep Your Eyes Ahead" Helio Sequence

Jan. 29

TimeOut says anyone from a town called Beaverton deserves to be in previews. Hence the inclusion of Helio Sequence. Formed in 1999, the group consists of Brandon Summers and Benjamin Weikel (part of Modest Mouse). While this is their fourth album, the sound on this album is drastically different because Summers damaged his vocal chords. How? TimeOut doesn't know and doesn't want to find out.



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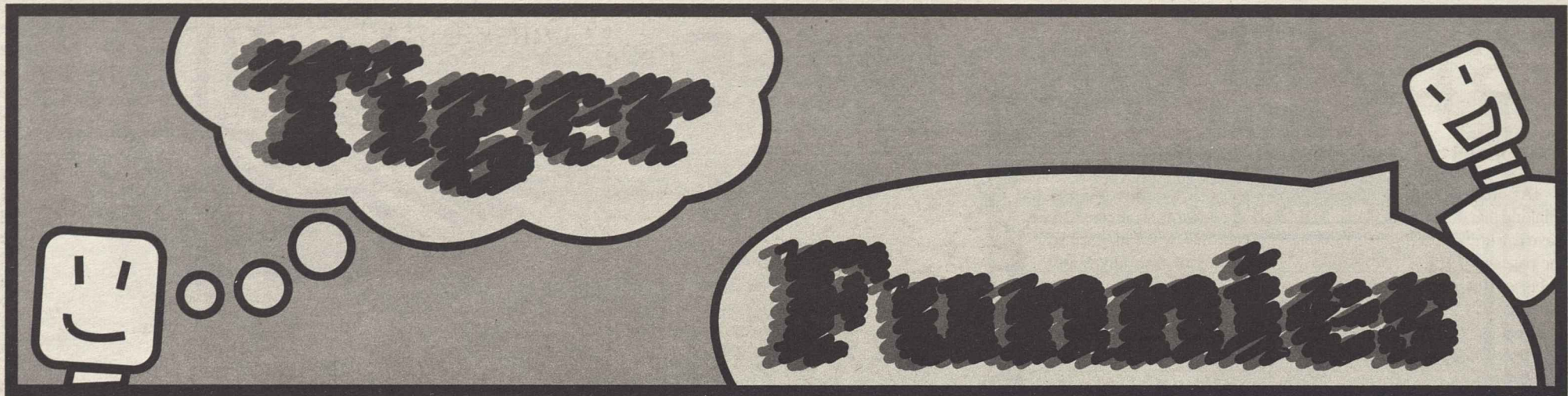
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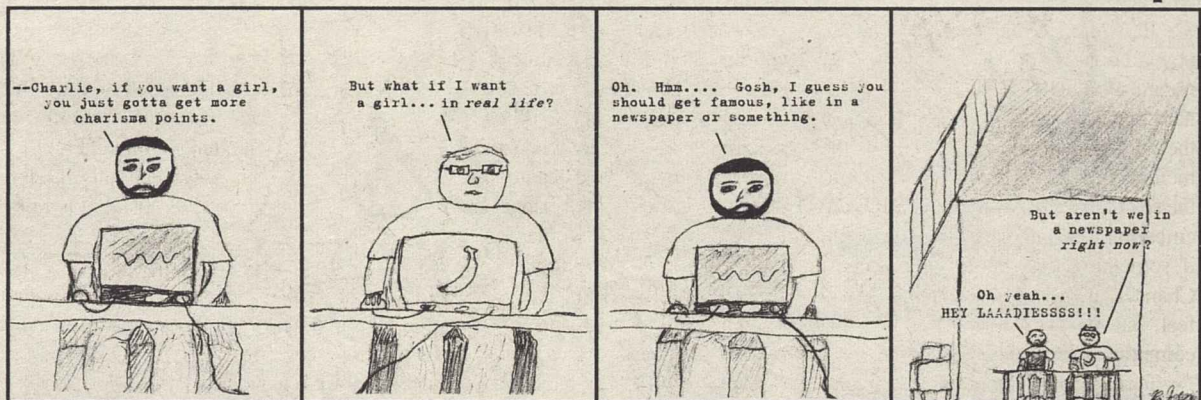
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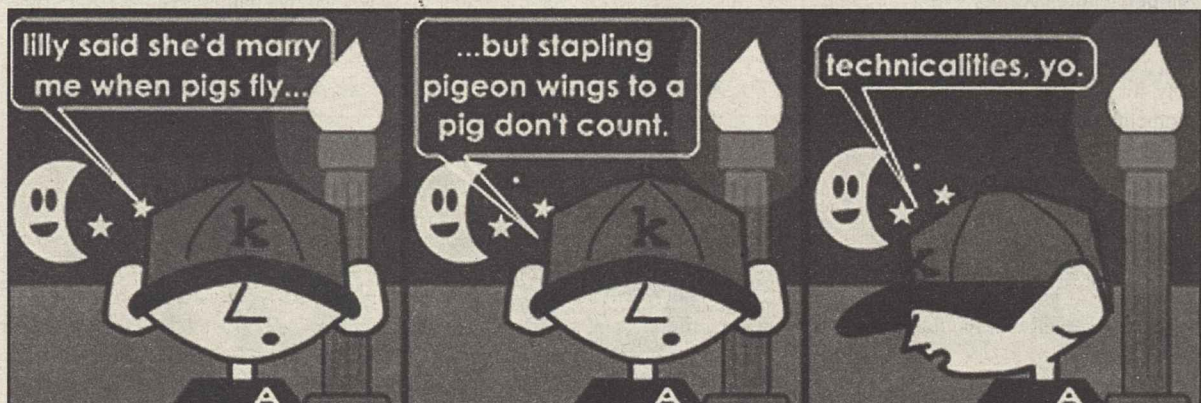
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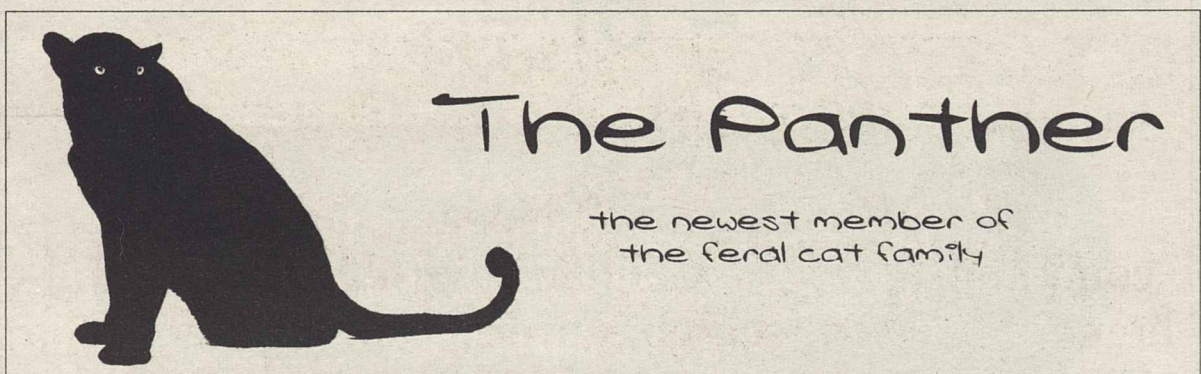
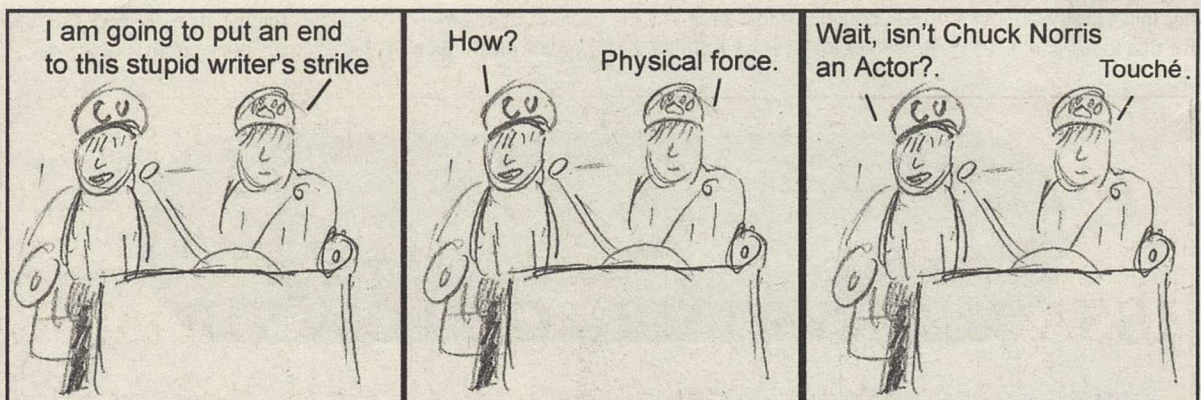
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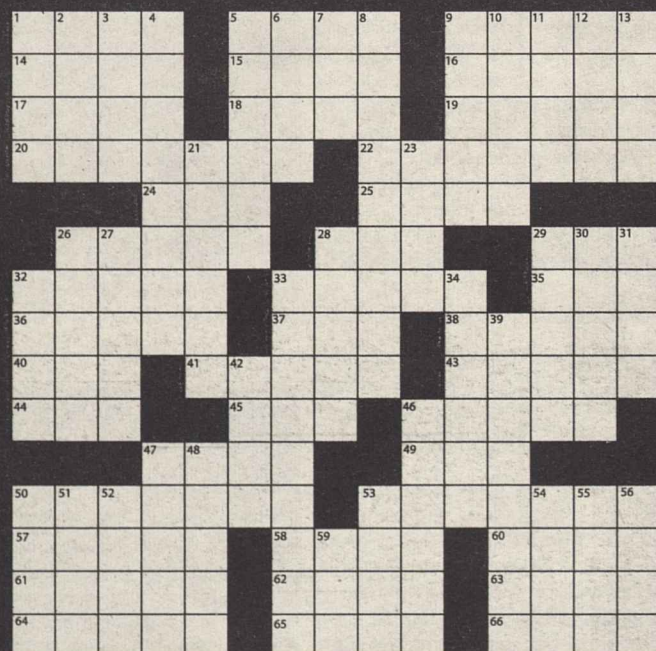
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- 43 Smooth
- 44 Flutter eye-lashes
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- 49 Chatter
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- 57 Underneath
- 58 Opaque gem

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Solutions on D4

ON THE PROWL

by ORSON SWELLES



As much as we fool ourselves into thinking that every sexual encounter we have is worthy of being written about in the pages of a grocery store novel with Fabio on the cover, people in general don't have everything go as planned in bed. You may be expecting 20 minutes of intensely erotic foreplay followed by 40 minutes of sex where your two bodies never separate for a moment, and then after both simultaneously climaxing, you hold each other in a sweet embrace.

In reality, things happen that are beyond our control. People bump their noggins on headboards, guys try too hard and end up lasting much less than they'd like, and sometimes one of the members of the party just can't get into the sex that night. All of these things are embarrassing, but what are you to do if something truly mortifying occurs? Chances are it's never as bad as you feel, but here are some ideas to overcome the awkwardness.

Farting is embarrassing no matter how you look at it. Be it a silent bomb dropped on an elevator, a squeaker let out in the middle of class or a bone-rattling cheek-slapper in a business meeting, you will never be looked at favorably for passing gas. Take all of those moments, multiply the shame by a factor of 10 and you have the feeling of farting during sex (especially oral sex).

Let's face it: There are few things that are more of a turn-off than a mistimed gas passing during sex. As detrimental as it is to the mood, there are ways to keep on with the love-making. First of all, if you are a guy, don't completely ignore the deed. The first time you let a few slip during sex, explain afterwards what happened. Tell your lady that you feel so comfortable with her that your body was relaxed enough for that to happen. If you ignore the act,

most of the time she will feel that you are inconsiderate, and that will kill your sex life more than any bodily functions will.

For women, the best thing you can do is let your man know that it's ok for such accidental events to occur. This will rebuild your guy's confidence, and chances are he'll try to avoid future flatulence. With both parties being reasonable about the event, it can be swept aside and the good sex can resume.

What about in the case of oral sex, however? It is not as easy to ignore gas when the release point is so close to the olfactory system. This can easily be a man's or a woman's fault, and it is one of the few irreparable acts that can kill a mood with no chance of revival. The best way to handle this is to avoid it in the first place. If you are expecting some sort of sexual activity later in the day, avoid gassy foods like cabbage, beans and coffee for dinner. If you are really concerned, take a Bean-o an hour prior to sex to help your cause.

Let's say you use all of the tactics but something still slips. This is where you need to rely heavily on your partner for support. If your loved one does accidentally fart during oral, make a joke (blame it on the dog perhaps), and maybe pause the oral sex to stimulate another area. If you are laughing with the person, they will relax, and maybe the night of sexual play can be saved.

On the flipside of this equation is the feminine version, known as the queef. For those of you not in the know, this act is caused by a build up of air in the vagina, usually because of insertion. Once again, some women are embar-

rassed by this, but there is really no reason for the shame. Even less controllable than regular farts (unless you are trying anal sex, to where flatulence is conceptually the same as the vaginal version), a queef happens way more often than people like to discuss. If your man is at all grossed out by this act, just explain to him why it's happening and that it's mainly due to his sizeable penis causing a hermetic seal.

Guys really shouldn't be offended by this act. Rarely does this escape of gases smell, and most of the time it wouldn't be happening if it weren't for your penis and your desire for intercourse. If you really can't get beyond this natural event, then try other sexual positions that reduce queefing. Missionary is the best to avoid gas, while doggy-style is the worst. Also, stick to one position and a regulated speed, because the momentum and orientation alterations are catalysts to this event.

I'm sure in this vast Internet world of unmentionables, there is a group dedicated to fart fetishes, but for the regular person out there who doesn't get turned on by rectal or vaginal effer-vescing, it takes a lot of work from both sides to continue on in such an instance. However, if you are able to overcome this and carry on with the sexual activity, then maybe there is hope for you getting your story published one day.

Quick Cut-Out

Avocado Pork Chops by Kelly Croughwell

Serves: 2
2 boneless pork chops (2/3 lb. pkg.)
1 ripe avocado (Haas brand is recommended)
1/4 cup Italian mix shredded cheese (plus more for sprinkling)
1/4 cup soup cream
2 tablespoons olive oil
1/2 cup Ranch salad dressing
2 tablespoons Hidden Valley Original Ranch Dip Mix

Place pork in a large zip-top bag. Pour ranch dressing over pork and marinate in refrigerator 6-8 hours.

Remove pork from fridge and pat dry with paper towels.

Lay pork flat between two pieces of plastic wrap and lightly pound with the soft side of a meat mallet or the side of a heavy can until they are 1/4 inch thick.

Cut avocado in half. Remove seed. Scoop out avocado from the peel, put in a mixing bowl and mash with a fork. Mix in the cheese, sour cream, and 1 tablespoon dip mix.

Preheat oven to 325 degrees.

Spread 1/4 cup of the avocado mixture

onto one side of each pork chop. Roll the pork up and over to completely enclose the stuffing.

Sprinkle 1/2 tablespoon dips mix on top of each roll-up.

Coat skillet with olive oil and bring to medium heat. Sear pork on each side for three minutes.

Place pork (seam side down) in a baking dish that has been coated with a non-stick spray (Pam). Sprinkle the tops with some shredded cheese and a generous dollop of the avocado mixture.

Bake for 35 minutes, until pork chops are no longer pink in center or until thermometer reads 160°F.

Solutions from D3

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THE TOP 5 THINGS WE LOVED ABOUT THE '90S

BY CAITLIN BAKER

Remember the '90s, a decade known for its flamboyant music, television, celebrities and gadgets? We are lucky enough to have lived during this time and experienced nothing less than a unique 10 years. Many of the things that we grew to love have diminished and cannot be replaced, but it is always good to look back on a time that became a part of who we are and remember what made it so special. Hence, the Top 5 things we love about the '90s.

Nintendo, one of the first gaming systems ever. Although gaming has highly evolved since the decade of Nintendo, nothing compares to Super Mario Brothers. Not only that, but Nintendo 64 also popularized Pokémon and Zelda. What made this system so great was that it was so simple, and we could easily figure out how to control Mario and Luigi on our not-so-high-definition television screens.

Slang. Words like "sike" or saying "not" at the end of every sentence were a necessity for those kids who were cool. There was also the infamous and somewhat irritating "talk to the hand," "the bomb" and "all that and a bag of chips." You can tell that you truly miss the '90s when you feel the slightest urge to yell "NOT" at the end of any sentence, not.

Toys and gadgets such as Tamagotchi, Beanie Babies, and Slap Bracelets were all the rage. We all had at least one of the things mentioned above. However, we can also all remember the day that fun died — Tamagotchis were disallowed because they would beep during class in elementary school, and Slap Bracelets were eventually banned because of the harm in wearing them.

Television. After-school cartoons and TV were what made our days complete. We wanted to be the characters that we watched on "Saved By the Bell" and "90210." Then there was Nickelodeon that we loved to watch every Saturday morning, especially shows like "Salute Your Shorts," "Legends of the Hidden Temple," "GUTS" and "Are You Afraid of the Dark?"

Music. Nineties rock is an entity in and of itself, and most of it is still popular today. Nirvana's "Smells Like Teen Spirit," Hanson's "Mmm Bop" and Smashing Pumpkins, Pearl Jam, Green Day, Limp Bizkit — the list goes on forever. Rock music has not been as high quality since the '90s, but most of the songs from the decade of the '90s sum up our generation in that it was a crazy but fun time to learn the basics of life.

A week of William Shakespeare

Festivities present the play of politics.

ASHLEY CRISP
STAFF WRITER

The political season is in full-swing, especially on Clemson University's campus. Candidates including Mike Huckabee, John Edwards and Ron Paul have been pounding the pavement in order to attract a vital demographic — the college student. With signs and promotions all over the place, it's no surprise that the annual production of Shakespeare has a political theme as well.

The English Department and Performing Arts Department will come together this year to present Shakespeare at Clemson XVII with a twist. Because of the current publicity for the 2008 presidential election on campus, this year's theme is "Politics and the Citizen."

Clemson English professor Elizabeth Rivlin hopes the Shakespeare event will help answer the questions of how Shakespeare portrays the dynamics between rules and subjects, whether ordinary people have a political voice, and how sexuality, race and religion influence politics.

"We'll be considering these questions and many more through live dramatic performance, film screenings, lectures and discussions, and special classes and workshops," said Rivlin.

William Shakespeare, the renowned playwright, wrote several plays pertaining to politics and a struggle for power. "Macbeth" details the rise to power of a king of Scotland, "King Lear" plays out the predicament of dividing land among three sisters and the famous "Julius Caesar" illustrates the downfall of the great emperor of Rome.

Beginning Jan. 29 and running through Feb. 1, several groups will demonstrate the political themes of Shakespeare and they it apply to modern politics by presenting several versions of his plays.

First on the list of events is a showing of "Julius Caesar" at

McKissick Theater on Jan. 29. The film, directed by Joseph Mankiewicz, was made in 1953 and stars Marlon Brando as Mark Antony. "Julius Caesar" won an Academy Award for Best Art Direction and was nominated in four other categories as well.

On Jan. 30 and Jan. 31, the renowned Aquila Theatre Company will present "Julius Caesar" on stage at the Brooks Center for the Performing Arts. The troupe, from New York City, takes a different perspective on the classic tale of the emperor, Julius Caesar. Their version places focus on Brutus, the supposedly loyal companion of Caesar. As the plot unravels, Brutus must decide whether to remain loyal to his ambitious friend or to protect Rome's future from corruption. Tickets for this event are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students.

The film adaptation of "As You Like It" will come to the Self Auditorium at the Strom Thurmond Institute. Kenneth Branagh (who played Gilderoy Lockhart in "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets") directed the film, which is set in 19th century Japan. Admission to both "As You Like It" and "Julius Caesar" (the film version) are free and open to the public.

The finale of Shakespeare in Clemson is a discussion of the theme, "Politics and the Citizens in Shakespeare" on Feb. 1. A free colloquium in the Class of '41 Studio will discuss the Shakespeare and how it applies to today's political climate. The discussion is from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

"The Brooks Center is proud to offer events which benefit Clemson's students intellectually, and the Clemson Festival offers a wealth of activities for the campus," said Brooks Center Director Lillian Harder. "From Aquila Theatre Company's production of Julius Caesar to lectures by renowned scholars to workshops for English classes, there is something for everyone."

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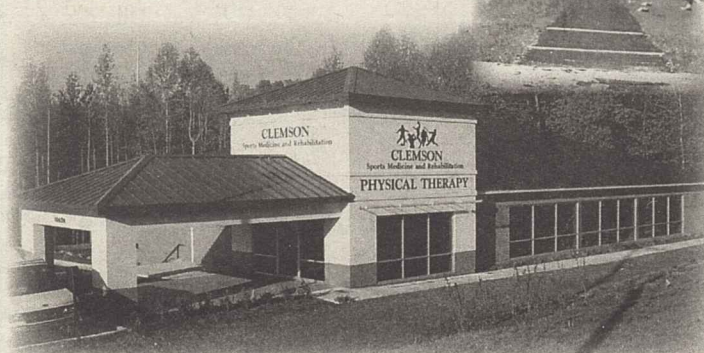
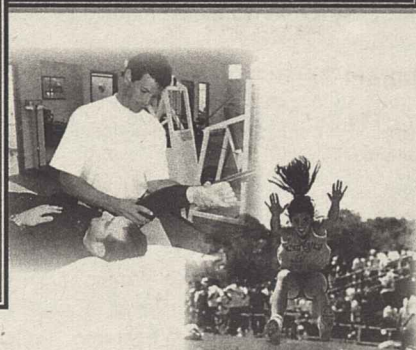


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Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Go Fike it up. Everyone's doing it, and unlike crack, it (probably) won't kill you!

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

View your transcript. Pick something like "basket weaving" for a major. If you fulfill too many requirements pretend you never looked, then act all surprised when you can't get a job.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

To all those considering a transfer, all I can offer is "Sorry, Roger. You tiger now!" Don't even try to fight it; you're pretty much doomed to "bleeding orange" for all eternity, as are we all.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Some people play tennis, others erode the human soul. Which are you? Answer for a shot at eternal salvation.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Kiss up to your math professor. Not only will it get you a higher grade on today's quiz, but it'll also net you the admiration of your entire class. Well, maybe not. It's worth a shot, though.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

The girl cashier at McDonald's will proposition you. Just consider it a compliment.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

If, this semester, you found the same food that violated the Geneva Convention last year, you're in good company. Now join your compatriots, quivering, in bathrooms across campus, and sing the song that ends the earth. Harcombe Dining will conduct this symphony of death by proxy, through the involuntary pulsations of your bowels. Enjoy.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Time waits for no man (or woman) and especially not for you. It's your time to shine. Say it with me: "You wanted to spoon, but I brought the fork!"

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Pop some popcorn and share it with the guy down the hall in your economics class. Prep for a fun-filled night involving the laws of supply and demand. Stars say: buy low, sell high.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You will lose your cell phone. This isn't a big deal, but it was the iPhone you got for Christmas, and those photos you didn't delete are now all over the Internet. You're not "screwed," perhaps "nailed" is a better term. You decide.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Play Guitar Hero. It's a good life skill, even for those of you who don't have one.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

If they can find racist material in Ron Paul's name, just imagine what they can find in yours. A run for public office might not be such a good idea.

Tiger Droppings

Matthew Warren and Brandon Bilinski



It's a tough time to be a resident of St. Louis. The Rams went a dismal 3-13 this season, the Cardinals missed the playoffs after a World Series win, the Blues have a winning record, yet they are tied for last in their division and the city is number one in the nation for violent crimes.

All of these painful factoids are nothing compared to the utter embarrassment that occurred on Jan. 10, where the St. Louis Billikens scored a Div-I record low 20 points in a college basketball game (since the advent of the shot clock). In this game against George Washington, the Billikens missed 23 straight shots at one point, went 1-19 on three pointers, and went 7-48 from the field. Let's analyze this absurd athletic deficiency further:

If you played "St. Louis Billikens" on a Scrabble board and didn't hit a single bonus point square (I know it's impossible, bear with me), you would have scored more points than they did against George Washington.

If Wilt Chamberlain single-hand-

edly played against the Billikens on the night he played his famous 100-point game, he would outscore them in 10 minutes and four seconds.

If the Billikens played the New England Patriots this year, there wouldn't have been a single week they would have won with the points they scored against GW. The leading scorer for the Billikens was Bryce Husak with five points over the course of the entire 40 minutes. Terrence Oglesby took only one minute and 43 seconds to score more points than Husak in overtime of Tuesday's Clemson/Wake Forest game.

Twenty points is a pretty impressively small amount of points to score in a basketball game. So impressively small, in fact, that it pales in comparison to:

The 36 goals that Scottish Third Division side Arbroath scored against Bon Accord F.C. in an 1885 soccer game, the 30 runs that the Texas Rangers put up against the Baltimore Orioles last August and the combined 21 goals scored by Toronto and Edmonton while play-

ing hockey in 1985.

Let's see how other things would have fared if they operated at 1/19 efficiency: Only 116 people would have survived the Titanic sinking. An average car would go 1.26 miles for every gallon of gas used. The GPA of the Clemson football team would be a solid 0.13. Your Motorola RAZR would stay on for a little over 75 minutes before the battery dies. If you ordered a Big Mac from McDonald's, it would weigh 1/40 of a pound.

The median NBA salary would be \$194,000, which is sadly still four times the median WNBA salary, and with this vast NBA salary decrease, the median household income would be slightly over \$2,500. The average U.S. citizen would live for a whopping four years, 21 days, near the life expectancy of a hamster. The life expectancy of a hamster would only be 2.5 months, which isn't so bad considering you would only need to clean the cage every time you got a new hamster.

The odds that the Billikens would

make a 3-point shot against George Washington are the same odds you would have walking up to a random person on the street and finding out that they were colorblind.

If you estimate that most teams can shoot 50 percent from the field, the odds of missing 23 straight shots are about one in nine million, which are the same odds of being a U.S. citizen and being attacked by a shark (this includes babies, old people and Midwesterners who may or may not ever see the ocean).

In the 40 minutes the Billikens spent scoring the lowest point total of the modern Div-I era, the entirety of the Anglo-Zanzibar War could have been fought (no, this doesn't really have anything to do with St. Louis, but we thought it was an interesting fact).

Finally, if you had given the Billikens five points per field goal and eight points per shot made beyond the arc, they still would have lost to George Washington on a night when the Colonials only scored 49 points - 12 less than Clemson's lowest point total this season.

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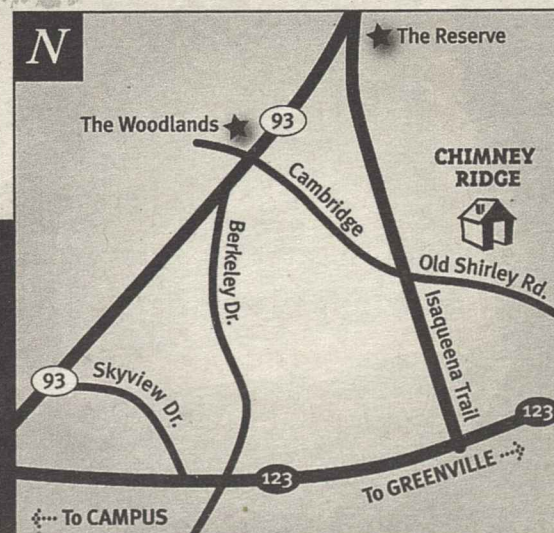
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Step into Semantics

By Caitlin Leonard

It's that time again! The Fall 2007 issue of the Clemson University's literary magazine, Semantics, is here and ready to be distributed.

If you're a regular on the library bridge, you will usually find a free copy placed in your hands by a member of the Semantics staff at the beginning of every semester. The magazine is a collection of artwork and literary pieces submitted by Clemson students, alumni and faculty. Back in the day, Semantics used to be two separate magazines – The Chronicle and The Reveille. The art and literature aspect of The Chronicle was combined with the feature-like style of Reveille to create the magazine we have today.

Semantics, however, is not just a compilation of work by savvy English and art majors; the magazine has had submissions from all majors, backgrounds and styles for more than 50 years — a true representation of the variety and diversity of Clemson. The magazine is always excited to receive submissions of any kind from anyone. It's important to Semantics to have pieces representative of the entirety of Clemson.

So what are we in store for this semester? Semantics has given itself a little kick to spruce up the pages. Readers should be on the look out for new forms of artwork. "We worked hard last year to get the word out around campus, so there is so much variety in this particular issue," said Editor-in-Chief Jordan McKenzie. "The artwork featured has expanded from the traditional paintings and photography to include some awesome graphic design." McKenzie also said

there would be a better balance between poetry and prose in this issue.

The perks don't stop there, however. There is even a guest appearance in the upcoming issue. It happens to be that Clemson's very own President Barker has architectural talents up his sleeve. Barker was dean of the Clemson College of Architecture before being named president here at Clemson. Moreover, Barker has received awards such as the National Distinguished Professor Award of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture and Fellow of the American Institute of Architects. Quite a mouth full.

"We are honored to have President Barker's sketches included in our current issue," said McKenzie. "It's great for Semantics to have his support, and of course, we are more than pleased to be able to publish his talents." The well-drawn images include some of Clemson's most prized landmarks, giving Semantics an even sense of Tiger pride in this issue.

Copies of the magazine are still being handed out Jan. 25. Keep a look out for tables set up in the Union, Hendrix Student Center and around the library bridge. Despite wind and snow, construction tape and detours, McKenzie said they will get the magazine out to Clemson however they can.

The magazine is always accepting submissions for the next issue. If you are interested in submitting to Semantics in the future, just e-mail semantics@clemson.edu. So dust off your journals and rip out a couple of pages. Who knows, you might not be the only one reading your poems by next semester.

Lieben Sie Mich?

By Lisa A. Brown

Months of memories rack up high
Infesting my internal soul with love
for fire
Can't anyone recognize the
elemental life?
How does the ferocious fire scorch
self-doubt
Eventually the windshield fogs into
ambiguity
Insistent on the brain's morphine to
feel numb to thought
Staying up all night to sleep all day
never seemed so logical and
expected
Expose the answer before the flames
engulf me
Becoming ashes of the unknown
Ecodin comforts my torn feet
Illustrate the reasons and ill-usage of
words
Lanterns of mine glisten with a dying
flame

Who knew it'd burn so far?

Walking to Cooper After Dark

By Brittany Halladay

Before you even enter you can smell
the
Old books.
Old Books, old bricks.
Old bricks, old water.
Old water, old trees.
Old trees, old air.

Stale light from stale globes.

Up the stairs. Up the stairs.
Across the bridge.

Warm air, old air.

Fill my head with old air.
Old thoughts.
Old thoughts from old books.

I see your reflection, Cooper, in the
pond.
And it is white as a ghost.



Leaning Flower
By Anna Eckert



Mountain
By Lauren Barbour

The Birthday Cake*By Melissa Augeri*

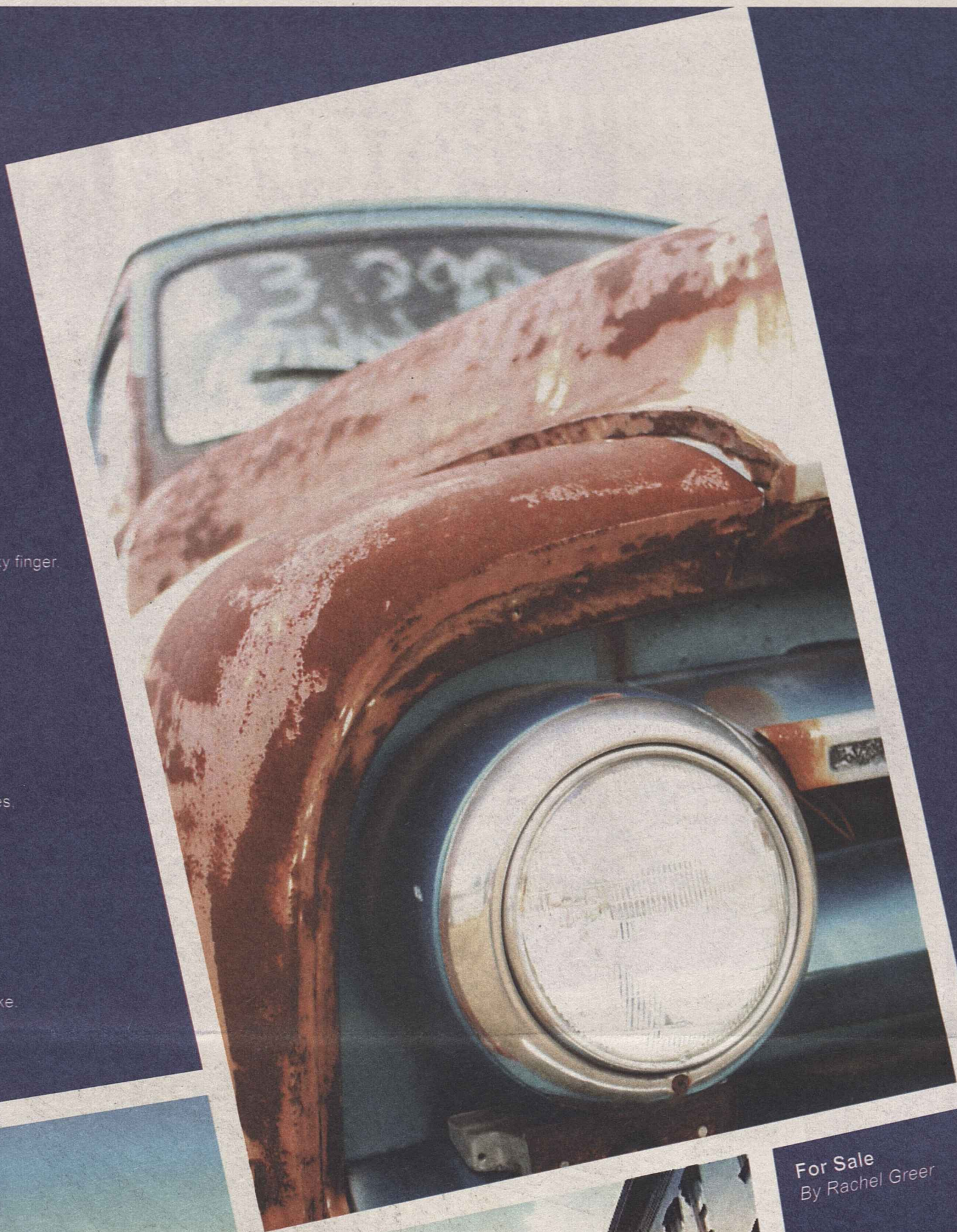
You bring the birthday cake,
and I'll bring my party dress,
and you'll kiss Jenny with gentle finesse.
Brazenly boring,
she's brazenly pouring
her tears on the candles
you kindled with loving,
loving the loving in your loving hands.

Out, out, brief candle.

Oh, but ain't that the story-
you try and you try
and she'll cry and she'll cry,
but where's the goodbye?

If I didn't know any better,
I'd say she has you wrapped around her pinky finger.
But I know better-
she's got her pinky finger wrapped
around your throat.
Squeezing,
oh, baby,
tighter,
oh, oh, baby.
I guess that's the way that you like it,
huh, baby?

You writing love letters,
trying to invoke Shakespeare and The Beatles,
but she doesn't love you,
yeah, yeah, yeah.
'Cause she's in the bedroom,
making love with the television,
watching old reruns of
All My Children and
General Hospital and
Desperate Housewives,
yeah, yeah, yeah.
I guess you can't buy love with a birthday cake.



For Sale
By Rachel Greer



Chinatown
By Lauren Barbour



Untitled
By Julia McCoy

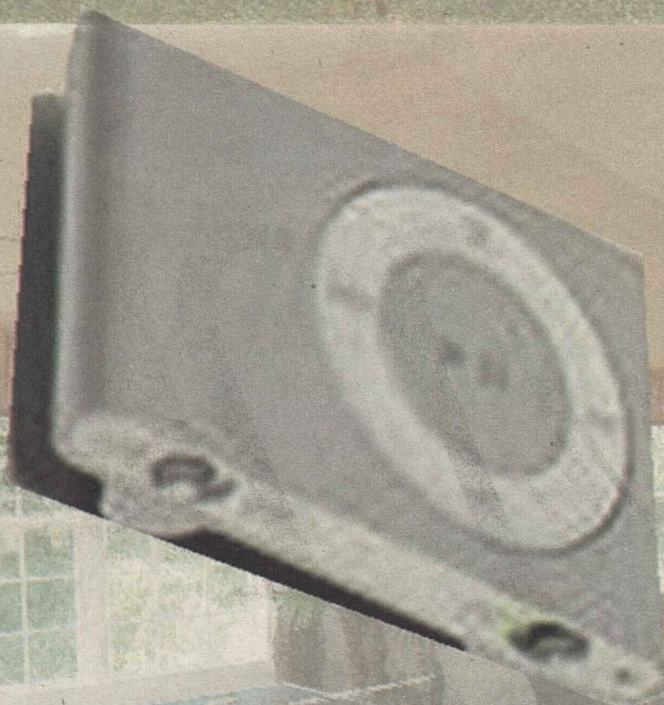
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