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- Until you are fully familiar with the new route, allow extra time – about 30 minutes – in the mornings to board the bus from parking lots and arrive at your destination.
- Before boarding, notice the direction the bus is headed.
- Study the TIGER Route online map to determine which stops are nearest to your regular parking lot, residence hall, classroom buildings, dining hall or any other place you frequent.
- With more stops close to all commuter and residential lots and many employee lots, riders on the TIGER Route have greater parking flexibility. Consider these lots instead of always heading for P-3/West End Zone, a favorite with riders on the former Orange Route.

- Pay attention to the route in relation to campus buildings and other facilities.

Knowing the campus layout and how sidewalks connect buildings may allow you to get off at an earlier stop and take a short walk to your destination. Riding the bus as it loops around to the front of your building may get you closer to the door in the end, but you may have arrived earlier by walking an alternate route.

- While everyone adjusts to the TIGER Route with new stops, drive with caution on campus. Pay careful attention to stopped buses and to pedestrians crossing parking lots and roadways to reach bus stops.

The TIGER Route connects the east and west sides of campus.

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Buses approaching the Hendrix

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Library Circle
R-1
Lightsey Bridge
P-1 parking/Kite Hill
Thornhill Village

Buses approaching the Hendrix

Student Center: **TIGER West** means the bus is heading in the direction of:

Library Circle
P-3/West End Zone

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Construction hinders travel

Those traveling to Atlanta this weekend should expect delays.

JACORY CLEVELAND
STAFF WRITER

Downtown Atlanta will undergo major Interstate reconstruction during Labor Day weekend.

With the Clemson Tigers scheduled to face the University of Alabama Crimson Tide in the Georgia Dome on Saturday, fans traveling to the first football game of the season can expect more traffic delays than usual.

The Georgia Department of Transportation (DOT) will have crews working on a reconstruction project where I-85 south meets Interstate-75 south.

The construction is expected to cause delays throughout Midtown and downtown Atlanta.

Fans of both schools attending the 2008 Chick-fil-A College Kickoff should be aware of this construction and are encouraged to drive cautiously when traveling in the Atlanta area.

According to Clemson University's athletic Web site, clemson.tigers.com, fans should take note of three guidelines to make their travels as stress-free as possible.

1. Arrive early. Fans should attempt to arrive early to take advantage of the pre-game activities that are scheduled to take place in Atlanta's Centennial Olympic Park.

These include a live broadcast of ESPN's College Gameday at 10 a.m. as well as the College Kickoff

Fanzone from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. where a variety of activities, games and giveaways will be held.

2. Take MARTA into downtown. Those traveling into the city on game day for any of the previously mentioned events should try to make use of Atlanta's public transportation system, MARTA.

For \$1.75 each way, fans can take the East/ West rail line to the Georgia Dome station and then proceed directly in the Georgia Dome and Centennial Olympic Park.

For fans on the North/ South rail line, they will need to transfer to the West Line at Five Points rail station and travel one stop to the Dome station. More information about MARTA's rail lines and schedules are available on its Web site, www.itsmarta.com.

3. Opt for an alternate route. Since the affected area for construction will be I-85 south to I-75 south, drivers are asked to avoid that area as much as possible throughout the weekend.

According to the Georgia DOT, motorists should take I-285 east to I-20 west to access the Georgia Dome and downtown hotels.

While many students, factually, alumni and other Tiger fans are excited to see Clemson begin its 2008 football campaign, they must also be mindful that getting to the Georgia Dome safely is of the utmost importance.



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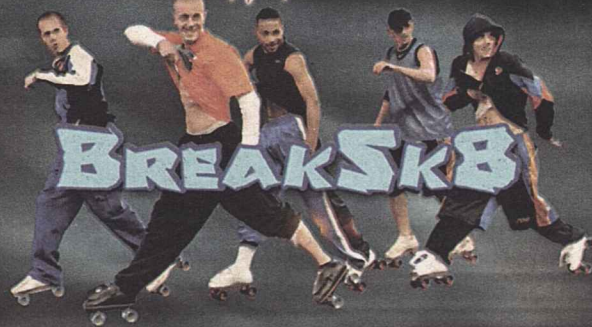
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Weekly World Update

National Report

■ **Three Florida homeless people were hurt, with two hospitalized in critical condition, after they were beaten by four teenagers on Aug. 25.** St. Augustine deputies said the transients were approached while they were sleeping underneath a railroad bridge and beaten with a board, a shopping cart and other objects. Law enforcement officials arrested Jontae Anderson and Reginald Anderson, both 17 along with two other boys, ages 15 and 16. All assaulting parties were charged with aggravated battery and attempted robbery and booked into a state Department of Juvenile Justice facility. The victims told investigators they were punched and kicked and struck with a large stick. One said that three young people threw him down a concrete embankment.

■ **A 22-year-old polar bear was euthanized Aug. 26 at a Portland, Ore. zoo due to excessive pain from kidney failure.** According to the polar bear's keepers, Yugyan was diagnosed with kidney failure nearly a year ago and the zoo's animal-care workers had been managing the bear's pain since the time of diagnosis. Keepers gave the bear, who was nicknamed Yugs, chocolate, peanut-butter ice cream and pie, which are not part of a polar bear's regular diet, and then said their goodbyes.

■ **On Aug. 20 a federal judge permanently barred Arizona from using a state law to prosecute an online merchant who sells shirts that list names of thousands of troops killed in Iraq.** U.S. District Judge Neil Wake did not strike down the 2007 law against selling products that use military casualties' names without families' permission. But he ruled that using the law to prosecute Dan Frazier would violate the Flagstaff man's First Amendment rights because his "Bush Lied — They Died" shirts are "core political speech."

■ **The U.S. military has given scientist a \$4 million grant to study ways to read people's thoughts.** Research is being conducted in efforts of creating a device capable of translating the thoughts of soldiers who have suffered brain injuries in combat or even stroke patients in hospitals. Scientists are studying brain signals to decipher what a person is thinking and to whom the person wants to direct the message. The scientists use brain wave-reading technology known as electroencephalography, or EEG, which measures the brain's electrical activity through electrodes placed on the scalp. The project is a collaboration among researchers at the University of California, Irvine; Carnegie Mellon University and the University of Maryland.

■ **On Wednesday, Aug. 13 Sandy Allen, the world's tallest woman at 7 feet, 7 inches, died at age 53.** Allen, who used her height to inspire schoolchildren to accept those who are different, died at a nursing home in her hometown of Shelbyville, Ind., Guinness World Records representative Damian Field confirmed that Allen was still listed as the tallest woman as of Aug. 13. A scholarship fund has been set up in Allen's name through the Blue River Community Foundation with proceeds going to Shelbyville High School.

■ **Minorities, classified as those of any race other than non-Hispanic, single-race whites, currently constitute about a third of the U.S. population, according to Census figures.** By 2042, they are projected to become the majority, making up more than half the population. By 2050, 54 percent of the population will be minorities. The projections are based on Census 2000 results and assumptions about future childbearing, mortality rates and net international migration, the bureau said. The group predicted to post the most dramatic gain is the Hispanic population.

World Report

■ **On Aug. 26 a computer containing banking security details of more than 1 million UK residents was sold on eBay for \$64.** The computer contained account numbers, passwords, cell phone numbers and signatures. It belonged to MailSource UK, the arm of Graphic Data, an archiving company that holds financial information for Royal Bank of Scotland, NatWest and American Express. The security breach became known when the computer's buyer found the information and contacted authorities. Britain's Information Commissioner's Office has launched an investigation into the incident. Banks in Britain are obligated under the Data Protection Act to secure personal information.

■ **A university student was strangled to death by a captive 3-meter python at a park in Venezuela where he was working as an intern.** Park manager Javier Hernandez says the 29-year-old violated park rules when he took the snake out to hold on his own during the night shift. On Aug. 25 Hernandez said that the biology student's body was found with a bite from the Asian python on his left wrist. He said the intern, Erick Arrieta, was strangled to death by the python early Saturday, Aug. 23 and that the snake was found in a hallway at the Caracas park's terrarium. He said the young man did not have permission to take the snake out of its cage, and it's the first time such an incident has occurred.

■ **Two international journalists, along with their Somali colleague and a driver, were kidnapped Saturday, Aug. 23.** According to the National Union of Somali Journalists, Amanda Lindhout, a Canadian journalist, and Nigel Brennan, an Australian photojournalist, had been in the country for three days when they were abducted by militia men outside the capital city of Mogadishu. The kidnappers also took Abdifatah Mohammed Elmi, a Somali photojournalist, the pair's translator and their driver. The four were returning after conducting interviews at a refugee camp. Officials do not know if the journalists are being held for ransom or who is behind the abductions.

■ **Cuban police have arrested musician Gorki Aguila on a charge of "dangerousness."** Hebert Dominguez, the bass player in Aguila's punk rock band, *Porno para Ricardo*, said police detained Aguila at his home Aug. 25 at 10 a.m. Aguila, the lead singer, was arrested as he was about to record the final songs of the band's next record, according to a statement on the band's Web site. Aguila, 39, is an outspoken critic of Cuba's government. "Communism is a failure," he said in a 2007 interview with CNN. "A total failure. Please. Leftists of the world — improve your capitalism." Dominguez said authorities said Aguila's trial will take place Thursday. Police told the group's guitarist, Ciro Diaz, that Aguila faced a possible sentence of one to four years in jail. An official at the state-run press office said Cuba had no comment on the arrest.

■ **On Aug. 26 North Korea said it has stopped disabling its nuclear plants and will consider restoring them due to the United States not removing it from a list of states that sponsor terrorism.** North Korea agreed to a complete dismantling of its Yongbyon nuclear complex by October, and in return President Bush said he would lift some U.S. sanctions against North Korea and remove it from a State Department list of state sponsors of terrorism. However, Washington said will not remove North Korea from the terrorism list until Pyongyang agrees to set up an internationally recognizable mechanism to verify its declaration. According to South Korean News Agency Yonhap, The United States has requested that inspectors be given the right to visit all suspected nuclear facilities without notice. North Korea rejects that provision.

TIGER BRIEFS

On Friday, Sept. 12 Littlejohn Coliseum will host Tiger Shag. The concert will feature the beach sounds of bands such as The Embers, The Catalinas, the Out-of-Towners and The East Coast Band, as well as inflatable games and food. Tickets cost \$15 and are available at the Littlejohn Coliseum east gate box office, TicketMaster outlets or online at www.ticketmaster.com. Clemson students and employees are entitled to a discount of \$5. There is a limit of two tickets per Clemson ID. Gates will open at 5 p.m. and music will begin at 6 p.m. Lawn chairs and blankets are permitted at the show, but coolers and outside food and drink are not allowed.

Broadway singer and former Miss South Carolina Kimilee Bryant returns to the Upstate to star in "Neil Berg's 100 Years of Broadway," a musical revue of show tunes. Bryant will perform selections from Andrew Lloyd Webber's "The Phantom of the Opera" as well as other Broadway favorites at the Brooks Center for the Performing Arts on Tuesday, Sept. 16. Bryant, who grew up in Greenville, has performed the role of Christine Daae from "Phantom" on Broadway,

in Switzerland and Toronto, and received critical acclaim for her role in the show's U.S. tour. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. Tickets and information are available at www.clemson.edu/Brooks or by calling the box office at 864-656-7787 from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

EnAble '08, a concert to benefit Clemson University's Office of Student Disability Services will take place tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Madren Center. Classic rock band Klaxon, a band comprised of Clemson faculty members Tim Kelley, vocals; Gregg Moore, guitar; Alex Nash, guitar; Andrew Duchowski, percussion; and Matt Lilli, bass, will perform. There will be food, door prizes and special presentations. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for all others. Tickets are available at the Student Disability Services office in Redfern or at the door.

The Brooks Center 2008-2009 concert season will open Sept. 4 with male vocal ensemble Rockapella. The a capella group includes tenors Scott Leonard, Kevin Wright and John K. Brown; bass George Baldi; and vocal percussionist Jeff Thacher. Rockapella

gained national fame in 1991 with an appearance on the PBS special "Do It A Cappella," a film produced by Spike Lee, and are known for their theme song for the PBS television show, "Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego?" Tickets for Rockapella are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. Tickets and information are available at www.clemson.edu/Brooks or by calling the box office at 864-656-7787 from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Jesse McCartney will highlight this year's Verizon Wireless Last Chance Summer Dance. Pop star Jesse McCartney will headline the annual Last Chance Summer Dance hosted by B93.7 and Verizon Wireless. The concert will take place Friday, Sept. 5, at Littlejohn Coliseum and will also feature performances from We the Kings, Bowling for Soup, Colby O'Donis and Shontelle. Tickets for the show are available at the Littlejohn Coliseum east gate box office, TicketMaster outlets and online at www.ticketmaster.com. Tickets are \$25, \$35 and \$75, and Clemson students and employees are entitled to a \$5 discount on all tickets with a valid Clemson ID. There is a limit of two tickets per Clemson ID.

News By Numbers

3 decapitated bodies found Aug. 26 in an empty lot outside Tijuana. The killings were the latest in a series of mostly drug-related violence plaguing Mexico.

7 months 85-year-old Australia Native Thelma Symonds corresponded via letter with 96-year-old minister Chauncey Christofferson before the two wed on Aug. 26.

40 wild pigs Ahwanee, Calif. residents reportedly saw eating lawns and wrecking destruction throughout the town. Officials are allowing residents to apply for special pig hunting permits.

43 years The Beatles were banned from Israel. Paul McCartney will perform Sept. 25 in Tel Aviv. A Web site offering tickets for the concert put prices at between \$139.44 and \$426.86 U.S. dollars.

72 total years John McCain has survived as of today.

2,500,000 Dollars the C. Tycho Howle family donated to Clemson University to establish two endowed chairs; The Howle Family Flagship Director of the School of Computing and the Howle Family Flagship Chair in Human Centered Computing.

On this day in History

1533 — Francisco Pizarro sentenced the last Incan King of Peru, Atahualpa, to death.

1786 — Massachusetts farmers staged an uprising against high debt and tax burdens in Shays's Rebellion.

1833 — The United Kingdom declared slavery illegal throughout its empire.

1897 — The Star of David became the official emblem of the Jewish faith.

1966 — The Beatles performed their last public concert at Candlestick Park, San Francisco.

2005 — Hurricane Katrina wreaked havoc on the Gulf Coast, leaving 1,836 dead.

Tornado Error



DAVID STEWART / staff

The final remains of Hurricane Fay swept through the Clemson and Pendleton areas, bringing tornadoes that touched down Wednesday afternoon. The Clemson University Police Department's assessment of damage on campus includes fallen trees and limbs near Memorial Stadium, damage to cars in the C-9 parking lot, the upheaval of a light post on the intramural fields, and damage to the Garrison Arena's cattle complex. There have been no reports of injuries.

Student Government Week in Review

"Clemson hits 22 in United States, 61 overall, and apparently retention rate is hurting us."

-Vice President of Student Affairs Gail DiSabatino

"Clemson could be having a 'Conservation Drive' similar to the blood drive against USC."

-Undergraduate Student Government Vice President JT Clark.

"CAT changes are 'necessary' and the 'time to wait is long, but the service will be great'"

-Vice President of Student Affairs Gail DiSabatino

"These new CAT changes are designed to connect all of campus and, despite tons of complaints, will make transit much more effective."

-Senate Chair of the Traffic and Parking Committee Daniel Ebner

"President Callie Boyd can manage running an effective government and a delicious batch of cookies all at the same time!"

-Undergraduate Student Government President Callie Boyd

"Happiest School in the United States but not ranked for party schools is something to cheer about"

-Student Senate President Bharat Ganesan

"As long as we take care of our students, the rankings will take care of themselves."

-President Barker.

"Some designers for the new dining hall have left

much to be desired at their other work sites. Virginia Tech and UVA have similar facilities and are making us be preemptive on lots of problems."

-Undergraduate Student Government Vice President JT Clark.

"A change in the University Visitation Policy is underway for 'Top 20 Comparison.'"

-Brian Jones

"The Student Handbook is now available exclusively online. Go find it."

-Undergraduate Student Government Vice President JT Clark.

"Administration has no plans to increase general student tailgating spots."

-Vice President of Student Affairs Gail DiSabatino.

"Club Sports are getting a new and more effective ranking system for how funding works."

-Monica Ryskamp

"Conserve, conserve, conserve WATER! That's the word from all of Housing Services."

-Brian Jones

"There was a cut in the number of stipends given to academic advisors this year."

-Abby Daniel

"The Medical Alcohol Amnesty program is in full effect and has been used as recently as Sunday night."

-Vice President of Student Affairs Gail DiSabatino

CRIME

ARRESTS

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
TUESDAY AUG. 19 TO MONDAY AUG. 25.

Aug. 20

4:25 p.m., Possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, Johnstone Hall, Officer: Lehmann.

CRIME REPORT

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
TUESDAY AUG. 19 TO MONDAY AUG. 25.

Aug. 21

9:30 a.m., Petit Larceny (Backpack and Laptop), M201 Martin Hall, Officer: Schutt.

11:00 a.m., Theft from motor vehicle (Hangtag), E-7 Parking Lot, Officer: Cassell.

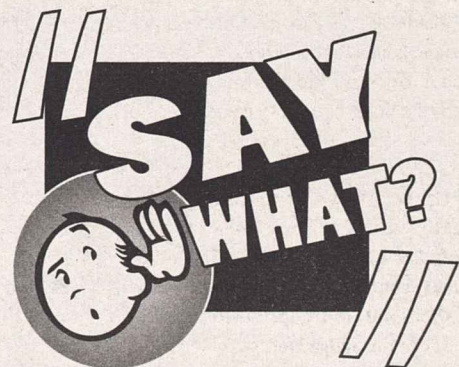
7:00 p.m., Petit Larceny (Wallet and Backpack), Bowman Field, Officer: Evans.

Aug. 22

8:00 a.m., Unlawful use of telephone, Strom Thurmond Institute, Officer: Harrington.

9:00 a.m., Theft from motor vehicle (Hangtag), E-4 Parking Lot, Officer: Moore.

5:00 p.m., Burglary, Breaking and Entering, Grand Larceny, G-04 Jordan Hall, Officer: Henriksen.



"...Our state's budget writers think it's more important to bring German politicians to our state on the taxpayer dime than it is to educate our state's students...."

-MARK SANFORD, SC Governor, in reference to state legislators' management of the S.C. budget.

"We blocked them because one is an anti-bankruptcy site and the other is a rag of a newspaper."

-JOSEPH TANNER, Vallejo, Calif. city manager, explaining the reason employees were unable to gain access to the local newspaper and a local blog online.

"Evangelicals can help Obama if they just stay home."

-LAURA OLSEN, Clemson political science professor, referring to speculation that conservative Christians will most likely vote for McCain in the upcoming presidential election.

"Before school started today ... my money was gone."

-SABLE MOUZON, Clemson senior accounting major, on losing school loans after major private lending company Education Finance Partners shut down.

"Food is the latest weapon in their regime-change agenda."

-ROBERT MUGABE, Zimbabwean President, accusing the United States and Britain of increasing the nation's food prices, where 45 percent of citizens are malnourished.

"They scream, they sing, they fall down, they take their clothes off, they cross-dress, they vomit."

-KONSTANTINOS LAGOUDAKIS, mayor of Malia, Greece, criticizing U.K. tourists.

"It is unlikely that you will see a Games of this size and scope and stature ever again."

-SEBASTIAN COE, chairman of the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, on the city having to live up to the extravagance of the Beijing Games' \$40 billion budget.

"This really is a catastrophe. People are being killed while the world just watches."

-ABDEL WAHED MOHAMED AL-NUR, a leader of the rebel Sudan Liberation Army, referring to the civil struggles in Darfur.

Stories of Summer

MELISSA WHITSON

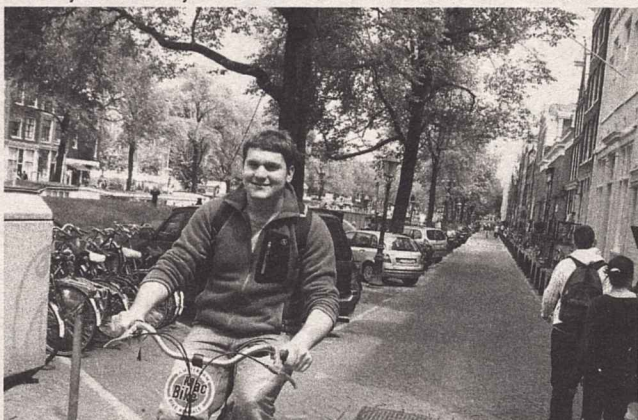
Fred Bryan

Sophomore engineering major

Visiting relatives becomes all the more enjoyable when your family hails from Naples, Italy.

Accompanied by two cousins, Bryan's 23-day excursion included visits to Vienna, Munich, Berlin, Amsterdam, Paris and London with some "jet-lag recovery days at the beginning and some Euro-recovery days at the end" of his trip.

Bryan said he especially enjoyed spending time in Germany. "Honestly, I would like to live in Munich," he said. "But towards the end of the second week, I was ready to go back because we didn't get nearly enough sleep."

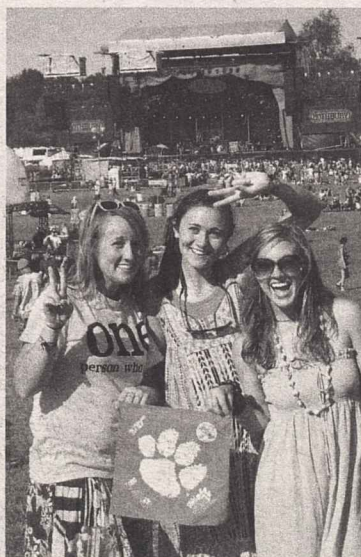


contributed by Fred Bryan

Maddie Stoddard, Lauren Harvey and Allison Littman

Senior travel and tourism major, junior business major, sophomore packaging science major, respectively

While the Fourth of July holiday is most commonly spent relaxing lakeside at a family barbeque, Stoddard, Harvey and Littman opted for a thirteen-hour road trip to Rothbury, MI. Their final destination, the inaugural Rothbury Music Festival treated them to four days of music, sightings of twenty-first century hippies, a lack of showering and environmentally-friendly practices. The camping festival featured performances by Dave Matthews Band, Widespread Panic, John Mayer, 311, Snoop Dogg and more. The three friends volunteered as a part of Rothbury's Green Team to help encourage attendees to recycle and compost waste accumulated at the concert.



contributed by Maddie Stoddard

Liz Kuester

Clemson alumna

Alongside a staff of nine Clemson students and alumni, Kuester joined Camp Collide to facilitate the rebuilding of post-hurricane Katrina New Orleans (NO). Jobs included hanging insulation and drywall, mudding and taping infrastructure and painting, providing free labor to those whose homes were badly damaged.

Kuester first traveled to NO in Dec. 2006 after a friend invited her to join him on a mission trip.

"I [went] because I thought it would be a good way to spend a week of my time," she said. "I had no idea how massive the devastation of Hurricane Katrina was."

Since her first visit to the city, Kuester has dedicated the past two summers doing construction work in the Lower Ninth Ward area of NO.



contributed by Liz Kuester

David Chambliss

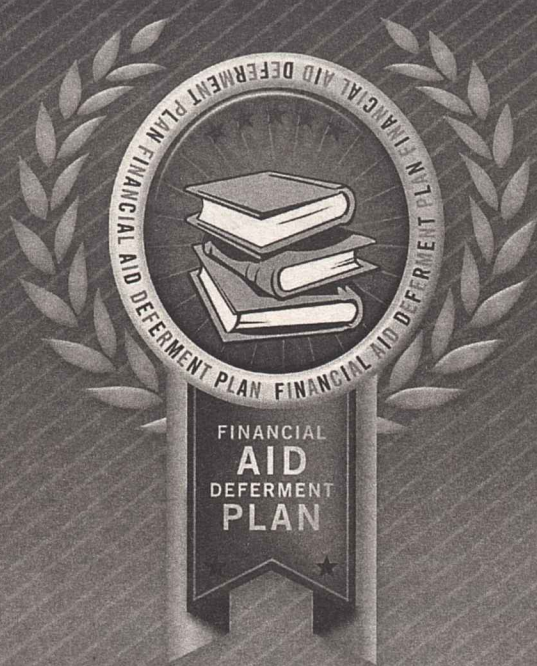
Graduate student, student affairs

Combining education, travel, work and play, internships are a rewarding way for students to spend a summer. Chambliss' internship at the George Washington University (GWU) Office of Alumni Relations in Washington, D.C. allowed Chambliss to work alongside student leaders, Greek Presidents, and student employees of GWU for three months in a city Chambliss hopes to call home one day.

"The students at GWU were very diverse and well-versed on world issues," he said. "I had a great time meeting students from all over the country and world who had similar interests."



contributed by David Chambliss



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Smoking ban airs out city

Lighting up in Clemson's public places is now illegal.

SANDY HAYDEN

STAFF WRITER

As of July 1, 2008, smokers in the city of Clemson have had to pay close attention to where they light up — or else risk legal repercussions.

The much-discussed smoking ban officially went into effect earlier this summer, prohibiting smoking in public enclosed areas such as bars and restaurants.

Following in the footsteps of the neighboring city of Greenville, Clemson's City Council adopted the smoking ban ordinance on Jan. 14, allowing Clemson citizens more than five months before the law went into effect.

With Mayor Abernathy as the deciding vote, Clemson's City Council passed the ordinance by a 4-3 vote on the first reading.

In addition to outlawing cigarette, cigarillo and cigar use, the ban also forbids the use of tobacco, dip or snuff inside any public building or business within city limits.

Private clubs and offices, designated smoking rooms and religious ceremonies where smoking is part of a ritual, are not included in the ban.

Abernathy has said that the new law is a measure to improve the community and save lives.

According to the ordinance the Council

intends to "prohibit smoking whenever the private choice of smoking intrudes... upon the choice of others to be free from the hazards and inconvenience of second hand smoke."

The new law intends to encourage public health by diminishing citizens' exposure to secondhand smoke.

"I feel like the ban is a positive change," junior marketing major Katie Owens said.

"The city has the right and responsibility to make decisions that keep its citizens safe from harm. In this case they are protecting the public from secondhand smoke, which, considering the health hazards, is a good thing."

Critics of the ban question the authority of the Council to make decisions that regulate personal choice.

"I think it is an individual's choice to go to a restaurant or bar where there will be smoking," Assistant Professor of English Jonathan Field said. "The market does not dictate smoke-free bars, but because of the occupational health issue, generally, I'm for [banning smoking in public]."

Field also said that one perk since the ban took effect is that one can leave bars downtown Clemson without smelling like smoke.

When asked about the potential effect on

businesses, Field said, "In Boston...it didn't seem to hurt restaurants or bars; it should have little impact on business here."

The effect of the smoking ban on businesses was uncertain initially.

After the first reading of the ordinance in December, Abernathy stated, "It will affect some people dear to me, and may even take some money out of their pockets, but it's something I have a passion about and I can't vote any other way."

More than one month has passed since the law took effect, and in response to the outcome of business, Ken Revis-Wagner of Nick's Tavern and a current professor at Clemson University said he has noticed little change in the clientele frequenting the bar.

"The smoking ban has had a minute impact on business," he said. "Those who said they would come to the bar more often once the smoking ban took effect have showed up occasionally, but not enough to improve business. I don't think it's constitutional, either, when one can choose to go elsewhere where there is no smoking."

Police, building and fire inspectors will be issuing citations and possible \$100 fines to all violators.

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important aspects of education.

Is Clemson's race to the top merely a quest for bragging rights? Cathy Sams, chief public affairs officer of the President's office, cited research that shows states with top-tier universities to outperform others on various economic levels such as wage average, gross state product and business growth.

An elevated status would benefit not only students and alumni of Clemson, but all taxpayers who live and work in South Carolina.

These developments signify promising prospects for current and future Clemson students.

Indeed, with a freshman class of the highest academic quality in the history of Clemson, the University is now closer than ever to becoming a Top 20 school.

"What this means to our students and alumni is that their Clemson degree is more valuable now than ever," President Barker said.

"What it means to all of us is that Clemson can work together to achieve anything. We set our sights very high, and we are close to making our vision a reality."

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Full buses, excessive wait times and lack of parking spaces are just some of the complaints that Geary Robinson, Director of University Parking Services, and George Smith, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, have received as they ride the buses to assess the effectiveness of the changes and listen to students' feedback.

Smith and Robinson agreed that the decision for change was made quickly; however, they urged students to reevaluate their perceptions of how CAT should operate.

Robinson suggested that students use both the east and west routes when attempting to get to the "academic core" of campus.

Buses from the breezeway area going east-bound toward the library circle tend to be less full and the total trip time (riding and walking time) is comparable to that of the westbound.

The new route exists to serve and connect both sides of campus more effectively as buses now go to five additional commuter lots that were not part of the former CAT route.

According to Smith, "tweaking" the new route is necessary and will begin as early as next week.

Discussions with CAT officials are underway to expand the eight-minute service to fit within the 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. timeframe.

The University's decision to make changes to the CAT bus routes was motivated in part by hopes that more people would leave their cars at home.

With no additions to off-campus apartments — except for the few served by the Red Route — whether that goal will be accomplished has yet to be seen.

Mayor Abernathy said he does not feel that the Tiger Route is the "blessing in disguise" it was presented as at a recent city council meeting.

While sympathizing with the cuts in funding faced by the University, Abernathy said he sees it hindering his aim for the City of Clemson and the University to become the greenest and most eco-friendly town in the nation.



Students waiting to commute across campus often are met by CAT buses that are already full, a problem that has resulted from the creation of the new Tiger Route.

The 11,000 service hours lost because of recent route consolidations do not necessarily help promote the use of public transport.

Determined to reach his green goal, Abernathy has met with President Barker to discuss solutions to reinstitute the lost hours.

CAT — like everyone else — has been struggling with the recent spikes in diesel fuel prices.

With an anticipated two million riders this year, this problem is amplified.

Al Babinicz, CAT Administrator, said, "it's a double-edged sword for a transit service like CAT." At the same time high fuel prices are causing commuters to seek forms of public transportation budget cuts are making it more

difficult to meet this increased demand.

Parking Services opted not to raise the transit fee to first ensure that the \$1.1 million from students was being effectively spent.

Babinicz said the future for CAT is bright and that the Tiger route is "more of a first step" that can be expanded with more buses and stops. However, as it stands, those expansions are not yet fundable.

In addition to riding the buses and listening to students concerns, officials from Parking Services and the Office for Student Affairs plan to survey riders within the next few weeks to see how the majority of riders are using the new Tiger Route.

At the end of the semester, they will con-

duct a more comprehensive survey.

Despite its seeming failures and rushed introduction (a rarity for University and City relations according to Mayor Abernathy), the Tiger Route is a flexible solution to a very real problem.

The ability to make changes on one line versus four different lines and the fact that CAT buses now serve both sides of campus are among the advantages of the new system.

In a time where gas prices are affecting everyone having a reliable public transportation system is all the more imperative.

It is yet to be seen if the Tiger Route can meet this challenge and if the health of Lightsey Bridge residents will improve as a result.

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Campus home to first SC Apple store

CCIT moves toward full multi-platform support.

COHEN SIMPSON
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

On June 13, 2008, the first Apple store in South Carolina officially opened its doors in Clemson University's Edgar A. Brown Student Union.

The visionary result of Vice Provost and Clemson Computing Information Technology (CCIT) CIO Jim Bottum, the Clemson Apple Store came to fruition after a surge in both faculty and student interest, after CCIT approved of the idea of opening an Apple store on Clemson's campus last year.

"When I started back in 2006, I saw the need for multi-platform support and moved CCIT in that direction," said Bottum.

"The student body saw we were serious about supporting Macs and suggested taking the next step."

Managed by Mike Schulenburg, the Clemson branch will allow students instant access to an eclectic stock of Apple products, including iMacs, Mac Minis, Mac Pros, iPods and Cinema Displays, but will not encompass the iPhone.

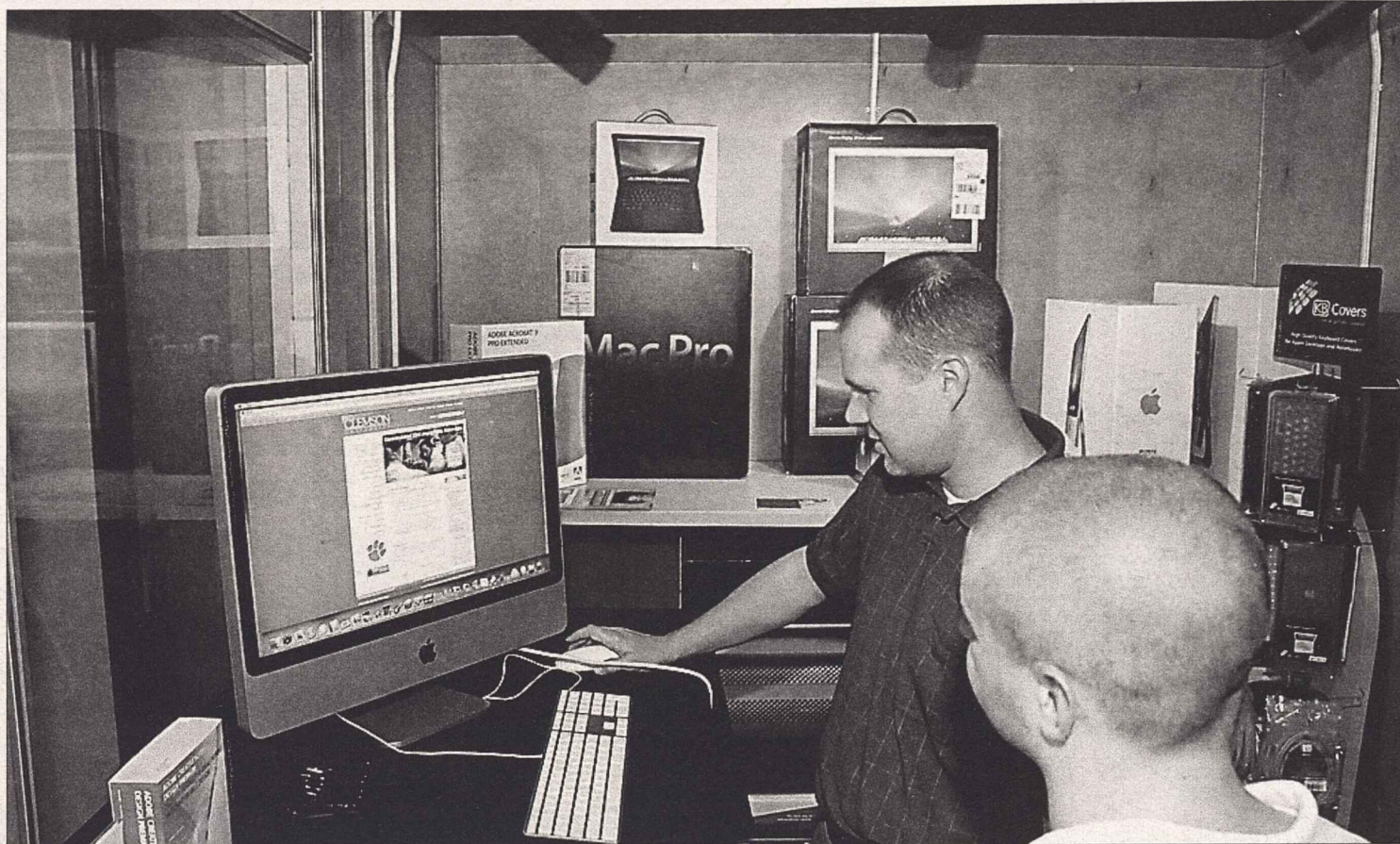
The Clemson Apple store carries both models of the campus-recommended Apple laptops at a discounted price that supersedes that of the regular Apple educational discount.

The Macbook is advertised at \$1,199 while the Macbook Pro will sell for \$1,799.

The store tailors to student needs and will offer an assortment of accessories and third party products such as mice, keyboards, backpacks and cases.

In efforts of giving the store a bit of Clemson flair, Schulenburg and the Clemson Apple Team have already conducted a store-naming contest and will hold a logo contest later this fall, both in pursuit of a student-created brand.

The store will also offer promotional campaigns throughout the year in order to further corral student interest.



Manager Mike Schulenburg (left) shows one of the computer options available at Clemson's Apple Store to sophomore David Gibson.

Currently, customers are able to purchase a campus-recommended Apple laptop and an iPod simultaneously and receive a rebate of up to \$299 – an offer ending Sept. 15.

Plans for the store were put into motion last year by CCIT.

In a 2007 report, it cited the nine Apple Labs spanning four different colleges on the Clemson campus and the 2007 sales of student laptops as points of interest in the discussion of whether or not to move forward in the business venture.

"We discussed the idea with Apple; they were very interested and we found the project feasible," said Bottum. "A few months later, here we are. Once again, Clemson is breaking new ground in South Carolina with the first Apple store in the state."

CCIT further supported the store proposal by claiming that its presence and availability on the campus will place Clemson University among the elite in regard to technology, resulting in an increase in value to a prospective student and a step closer to realizing the

University's Top 20 goal.

The celebratory grand opening of the Clemson Apple Store will take place Tuesday, Sept. 25. Semester hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and special hours for gameday will be announced as the semester progresses.

The store offers in house ordering of products not in stock and free shipping with an estimated arrival time of two weeks.

For further information contact the store at 864-656-1563 s to applestore@clemson.edu.

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Do you think the University should support lowering the drinking age to 18?

"I've read that a lower age reduces binge drinking, if that bears out then definitely."



Ryan Dreskin
computer science
masters student



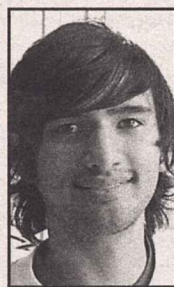
"No, because it would lead to a lower ranking for our university and more problems for students."

Kristin Raimondi
financial management
senior

"You can get alcohol anywhere; even if you're under 21, so it'd be unnecessary."



Robyn Pitera
bio science
freshman



"No. The University should be concerned with the students and shouldn't dictate legislature."

Luis Pelaez
biological science
senior

"If you can vote at 18, you should be able to drink at 18."



Bobby McQueen
marketing
junior



"Yes. If people can fight for our country at 18, they should be able to buy alcohol."

Karen Butler
psychology
senior



Reckless or responsible?

"Alcohol: The cause of, and solution to, all of life's problems." Homer Simpson's waxing poetic on every-one's favorite beverage is more than just a joke; it's also food for thought.

Alcohol is perhaps the sharpest of double-edged swords. When used responsibly, it can help to rid us of our inhibitions, put us in jovial spirits and relieve the stresses of everyday life. When used irresponsibly, it reminds us why bartenders in days gone by would greet new customers with, "Pick your poison."

In the latter case, alcohol becomes a crutch, a hindrance, an addiction that can throw us into bouts of depression and anger. It can cause us to say or do highly regrettable and irrevocable things.

If you're reading this editorial, chances are you're a student here at Clemson University, and there's also a good chance you've picked up this copy of *The Tiger* on a Friday. We all know what that means. Sooner or later, most of you are going to put this paper down and start drinking with friends. After all, you're in college, and this is simply one of the things most college students do.

In fact, this kind of scenario plays out day after day, year after year on college campuses all over the world. College students everywhere are exercising their newfound independence, sometimes responsibly, sometimes not. It's no surprise that drinking on college campuses is a matter of great concern to parents, faculty, students and administrators. After all, alcohol consumption is a determining factor, both positively and negatively, in student well-being, academic performance and the university's reputation to prospective students and benefactors.

Enter the Amethyst Initiative, a coalition of more than 100 university presidents who feel the drinking age should no longer be set at 21. According to the group's mission statement, current drinking age laws encourage "a culture of dangerous, clandestine 'binge-drinking,'" both on and off campus.

No age is explicitly suggested in the statement as a replacement. Rather, the statement makes references to responsibilities held by those under 21, such as "voting, signing contracts, serving on juries and enlisting in the military," implying that responsibilities of drinking should also be among these. The group includes presidents from Duke, Dartmouth, Ohio State, Syracuse and Rhodes College.

Founded by President Emeritus of Middlebury College John McCardell (who also founded a sister organization called Choose Responsibility), the Amethyst Initiative takes its name from Greek mythology.

A young woman named Amethyst was scorned by Dionysus, god of wine and festivals, while he was in a drunken stupor. Amethyst was then turned into a white stone by the goddess

Diana. The legend goes that Dionysus cried so much at this that his tears caused his goblet of wine to overflow onto the stone, turning it purple.

With this history, amethyst stones were used in ancient times as a charm to ward off the undesirable side effects of drunkenness. Maybe it isn't the most effective hangover cure in the world, but, on the other hand, the Waffle House Initiative just doesn't have the same air of professionalism about it.

McCardell uses the work of epidemiologist Alexander Wagenaar on drinking age and its relation to safety as support for the initiative, but Wagenaar disagreed with McCardell's interpretation of the data, calling the initiative a way of not dealing with the problem of campus drinking.

The Amethyst Initiative reconsiders the conditions which raised the drinking age in the first place and tries to determine whether those conditions are hindering the debate, according to their Web site. In case you aren't hip to what caused the change in the law, let's have a quick history lesson.

On July 17, 1984, Congress passed the National Minimum Drinking Age Act. The act stipulated that all states must raise the minimum age to purchase and publicly possess alcohol from 18 to 21. Any state which didn't comply would see a 10 percent reduction of its annual federal highway allotment.

Just to give you a rough idea of how much money is at stake here, the federal highway allotment for the Appalachian Development Highway System in South Carolina for 2005 was \$2,785,466, according to the Department of Transportation. That would mean a loss of roughly \$278,546 for the highway system that year if South Carolina decided to rescind the law.

This is just one of the reasons why the Amethyst Initiative hopes to rethink the debate on the drinking age. Members of the group also feel that the current drinking age encourages unethical activities, such as the purchase or manufacture of fake I.D.s, according to the Web site. The site makes no comment, however, about how lowering the drinking age would minimize this problem rather than moving it down to a younger age group.

Recent studies have found that more than 500,000 full-time students at four-year colleges suffer alcohol-related injuries every year, with 1,700 of them dying from these injuries. It is for these reasons that Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) opposes the Amethyst Initiative's proposal.

MADD thinks lowering the drinking age would result in more alcohol-related deaths. The national president of MADD went so far as to say, "It's very clear the 21-year-old drinking age will not be enforced at those campuses [that are part of the Amethyst Initiative.]"

While it's tempting to point out the sensationalism in the above statement from MADD, we must bear in mind that members of MADD

have lost loved ones due to drunken recklessness and are therefore far more emotionally invested in the issue than most anyone else. This alone does not shield them from valid and sound arguments, of course. It is merely an explanation for the character and presentation of those arguments.

We must also bear in mind that MADD's methods are sometimes questionable, despite their sympathetic motives. For example, MADD misrepresented figures for alcohol-related crashes from a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) report in 2005 by failing to account for the rather loose definition of "alcohol-related crash."

MADD quoted the NHTSA report as saying "39 percent of all traffic fatalities were killed in alcohol-related crashes." In fact, this percentage does not apply to "all traffic fatalities." The NHTSA considers accidents in which a drunk pedestrian is killed by a sober driver to be an alcohol-related crash. Likewise, crashes in which no one involved is legally drunk at the time of the crash yet trace amounts of alcohol are detected are considered alcohol-related crashes.

The original aim of MADD was to help prevent underage drinking and alcohol-related fatalities (especially on the road), according to its founder, Candice Lightner. Lightner left MADD because "[MADD] has become more neo-prohibitionist than I had ever wanted..." If prohibition is truly the organization's aim, rather than education and prevention of drunk driving and underage drinking, then a look back to the days of prohibition in America can tell us everything about that strategy's effectiveness (read: little to none).

But all this amounts to two organizations doing some ideological head-butting. The bottom line comes down to us, the students who are affected by drinking. No matter how old you are, the freedom of college is not an excuse to drink irresponsibly. Not only can you endanger yourself or someone else, you run the risk of habituating careless drinking habits that could turn into an addiction. Not to mention the bad reputation that comes along with being the token drunk.

Taken in moderation, alcohol can be a great social lubricant that can help you make the most of the college experience. You'll benefit yourself by keeping those regrettable drunken decisions to a minimum, you'll be able to relax a little and, most importantly, you won't be putting anyone in harm's way.

So enter the debate. Drink or abstain as you please. Just use that Clemson-sharpened brain of yours no matter what.

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COMMENTARY

Save the Astro III

NOAH WELSH

Columnist



Over the summer, Clemson experienced the passing of a long-time resident, in the closing of Carmike Cinema's Astro III. The facilities may have been sub par, but the \$2 shows will be missed by both poor college students and areas locals. Clemson's Mayor Larry Abernathy has made his hopes of saving the Astro apparent, and let us hope he succeeds in his goal.

So, now that \$2 movies are no longer available in Clemson, what are the cheapest forms of entertainment for the local college student? God Bless Zemkoff and Busch Light. Seriously, when Blockbuster and board games get boring what are Clemson students left with for sober entertainment.

Anybody want to get drunk? In the words of the great Kurt Vonnegut, "So it goes."

Perhaps, this line of thinking is skewed, and boredom is not such a bad thing. Dystopian thinker Aldous Huxley said, "Your true traveler finds boredom rather agreeable than painful. It is the symbol of his liberty — his excessive freedom. He accepts his boredom, when it comes, not merely philosophically, but almost with pleasure."

Then again, sobriety wasn't exactly Huxley's watchword as he explored the mystical realms of LSD and mescaline. Boredom is the ultimate gateway drug.

There are a few other entertainment sources as well. There is always football, however a large percentage of students find the experience of watching James Davis trample the Crimson Tide to be slightly enhanced by a 12-pack or two. The same binge drinking phenomenon arises as students camp out in hopes of getting floor

seats to watch Trevor Booker break Tyler Hansborough's nose. If Hartwell's water level ever rises, students will be able to take a few tall boys of Bud Diesel down to go swimming at the rock quarry.

This argument should not be seen as an attempt to shirk the responsibility of college students for their actions. Plenty of students seem to enjoy their stays at Clemson while remaining completely sober or at the very least keeping their alcohol consumption in moderation, however we all know this is not the norm. The sheer number of bars in Clemson makes this obvious. On the other hand, how many non-alcohol based entertainment venues are there in Clemson?

Take a close look at Athens, Ga., home of the University of Georgia, an institution with a similar demographic make up to that of Clemson. Athens somehow has managed to create a cultural oasis around its University, providing entertainment

opportunities beyond beer pong which Clemson has not yet obtained. Athens' music scene alone makes this self-evident, aiding the likes of R.E.M., Widespread Panic, the Indigo Girls and Bubba Sparxxx. This was all possible because Athens has music venues. While drug and alcohol consumption certainly coincides with such music, at the very least this music provides an outlet for UGA students to have sober fun should they so choose.

So where is Clemson left? Obviously, there are economic barriers which prevent public entertainment installations from growing overnight, but at the very least the University could try to understand the nature of the problem they are dealing with. The Clemson University Police Department somehow fantasizes that handing out M.I.P.s like useless crap at Welcome Back Festival will somehow fix the problem. This simply turns the complacent drunk into the angry drunk that

ungratefully oinks at the sight of Clemson's finest.

While it is true that a large burden of the responsibility should be placed on individuals, we have created an environment in Clemson which promotes binge drinking. It seems slightly hypocritical to surround ourselves with institutions which ground themselves in alcohol-based fun, provide very few sober counterparts, and then proceed to mindlessly condemn youth for engaging in excessive alcohol consumption. The very least we could do is try to stop the Astro from being replaced by one more set of condominiums.

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PAWS UP, PAWS DOWN

An elderly woman misunderstood instructions while checking in at an airport in Sweden and rode down a baggage chute instead of taking the escalator.



A 9-year-old pitcher from Connecticut with a 40-mph fastball was banned from playing little league on Monday because his pitches are too fast.



Fuelled by used cooking fat, eight teams completed a 2,500-mile rally from London to Athens on Wednesday to promote awareness of bio-fuels.



A 15-pound cocker spaniel-poodle mix named Pawlee scared away a bear and her two cubs Sunday morning after they strayed into his owner's backyard.



Researchers at Emory University found that capuchin monkeys consistently share food when given the option, suggesting they are capable of empathy.



Tiger Rants

The Red Route coming in from Tillman Place is retarded. Supply and demand people!

Clemson needs a venue for arts and music, not more apartments! Let's transform the late, great Astro!

People, do not say "various other" or "various different." It is redundant and if you cannot clarify your thoughts enough before you speak, at least don't double-dip your adjectives because it sounds both pretentious or ignorant.

The CBBS fee of \$1,000 to be enrolled in the college is useless. As far as I know the money is being used to pay for things that I am already paying the Michelin Career Center for.

A stroll through Vickery hall will tell you what this University really cares about.

Some residents in Lightsey II have no respect for other people. Please turn your music down!!

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Hey Nature

MICHAEL MANION

Columnist



Hey Nature, what's up? I couldn't help but notice that tornado you threw our way. Listen, we need to talk. I've been noticing a lot of passive aggressiveness from you lately, and I just can't take it anymore. Hurricanes, tornadoes, tropical depressions, arctic recessions, temperate therapeutic sessions, Al Gore...they're all just cheap ploys to get attention.

We had our time together, and you were crap. Even you have to admit we had serious problems with our relationship.

First, there was the whole snake and garden fiasco. Then you hung us out to dry while we tried to figure out fire. Now if it's not a natural disaster you're bugging us with, it's some horrible plague that's poised to make our spleens explode. Just so you know, after three times it's an empty threat, and I'm not even sure if I need a spleen. All we wanted was public nudity, booze and paradise. Now, thanks to you, we have just two out of those three, and politics.

So we off some lame endangered species of Keebler-night-elf or whatever and then you throw a pissy fit. Let me tell you, I had a friend who knew a Keebler-night-elf biologist, and it sounds like they got what they deserve. Do all animals really have to be worth saving? After all, it seems like you're pretty willing to off us. I've figured you out, Nature. You're jealous.

We've moved on to bigger and better things, and you're jealous.

You want attention so you get hippies up in arms about melting polar bears. You would sink so low as to associate with those dirty jam band groupies, but hippies don't know what I know. Those polar bears would have gladly eaten baby Jesus. Yeah, not so cute now, are they? Who would

eat a baby? I'll tell you who would. Polar bears, Public Enemy #1.

Since school is in session, I'm going to drop some knowledge on your omnipresent behind. The United States ranks No. 1 in the world for cocaine use and obesity. Surprise! We down so many Big Macs, we need most of the world's gas for all the trips to McDonald's, and then we snort most of the world's cocaine to stay awake for all the trips... and we're still fat. Yeah, we're kind of a big deal.

We're a nation of fat cokeheads, and we've got the bomb. Multiple bombs. In fact, I'll go so far as to say we have a lot of bombs, a plethora. That's right, our twitching, chubby finger is inches away from the button, and Taco Bell just closed.

So go ahead, keep pushing us. Throw your little flamboyant wind storms. We'll be in the concrete, underground McDonald's wearing flashy white suits, figuring out ways to make our IROC-Z Camaros run on radioactive Styrofoam and condor eggs. All we have to do is get around to doing it. You exist at our mercy...apathy...mercapathy.

All this applies to your butt-monkey sister, Existence, also. Have you seen the PS3? Are you kidding me? I can beat up hookers without getting off the sofa. I can play the guitar without even owning one. I can drink and drive without having to go through the actual work of getting drunk and driving. After that, I can have a drink to reward myself. Nature, you have less of a chance than all those Polar bears I've seen up close on my 42-inch Sanyo LCD Hi-Def. The picture is so crisp you can actually see the bear's impending doom.

Well, that's it. I'm washing my hands of you. I'm going to sit here, play post-apocalyptic video games and wait for moon colonies, or enlightenment. Whichever comes first.

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COMMENTARY

A tarnished tradition

REID GEYER

Columnist

As another school year begins to crank up, another class of incoming students arrives at Clemson with at least some knowledge of the many traditions that help to make this school great. The most colorful and talked about seem to rest with our athletics, especially football. And with football games comes the tradition of camping out for tickets.

The tradition brings the smells of hamburgers and beer as you stay up with friends through the final "Fight! Fight! Fight!" before climbing into your sleeping bag. But morning brings with it the reality that ultimately, it's just another line that you're standing in.

Last week's experience of camping out for Alabama tickets revealed the many problems that occur when you try to assemble 3,000 college students in a single-file line. I spent the night on a futon mattress near the Hill, and

was woken up early the next morning by a rush of students moving from the back towards the front as the line began to officially form. Nearly 22 hours of sitting under a tailgating tent were wasted in the few minutes that it took students to walk around the stadium and to the front of the line. The only ones spared of this fate were the first 300 who had bracelets securing their spots, and that morning a Wonka-golden-ticket-like jealousy overcame those of us who hadn't received one the night before.

The problems didn't stop there as the line began to thicken. We watched in pain as guys parked their cars and walked to the middle of the line, ironed polos tucked in. Girls showed up in skirts, hair still wet from the shower, and one even showed up with a lap dog on her arm — all standing in stark contrast to the disheveled masses who had braved a night on concrete.

Now I must include here that I did end up with a ticket and will be there on Saturday to cheer on the Tigers. In fact everyone who stood in line

that morning ended up with a ticket. But by the time we made it up to that ticket gate, we guessed that nearly 1,500 students had ended up ahead of us in line that were not ahead of us the night before.

The problem with line cutting does not lie within the organization of ticket distribution. Responsibility falls on the students to maintain the integrity of the line. It's foolish for us to be at this point in our lives and to ask the University to help us stay in a straight line. However observing the events last Tuesday would cause some to ask for this. A lecture on responsibility and fairness does little to deter line breakers who would rather endure the glares than end up without a ticket. So what can be done to help preserve the integrity of the line? It's a question that the ticket office has been asking only recently.

Wayne Gibson, an assistant in the Clemson athletic ticket office, is no stranger to the many problems that come with the current student ticket distribution system. He says that the complaints coming

from students nowadays are increasingly about the issue of large-scale line cutting, and that the department has begun to try and do what they can to control this behavior. For many of the bigger games such as North Carolina basketball games or the Alabama football game, bracelets or other temporary tickets are given to the first couple hundred students, and sometimes IPTAY or Athletic Department staff are present to discourage some who may consider jumping in line. But beyond this, he contends, little more can be done.

The department is currently in the process of changing over to an online system that would eliminate the many problems currently seen. But it will be another year before the wiring is in place in Death Valley to allow this to happen. After it is implemented, students will be able to get tickets through a priority system that is fair to both class standing and involvement. Most other D-1 schools already use the system and Clemson is working hard to catch

up.

The flipside is that under this new system our tradition of camping out will no longer be necessary. I'm not sure how I feel about the passing of this ritual, but perhaps it's for the better. Incoming students may not have the memories of long nights on the pavement with friends, but at least they won't have to see the injustice exposed the morning after.

In the meantime, there are a few things that can be done. As students we need to ask ourselves what could be done to improve the current system and to bring new ideas to those who have the influencing power in Student Government and the Athletic Department. For those who stand in line, we need to be more vocal against these impatient intruders. And to those who would still think about jumping in line, don't. Or at the very least wear a wrinkled shirt and leave the lap dog at home.

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COMMENTARY

One Clemson

LUCY HOFFMAN

Guest Columnist

On Monday, August 18, Clemson inaugurated a new program for the incoming freshmen. This program, titled "One Clemson: Yours, Mine, and Ours", was created as a way to reinforce the University's core values as well as provide an opportunity for our new undergraduate and transfer students to interact with and learn more about their peers. In this "One Clemson" model, the focus was on respect in a diverse community. The program was created by a committee comprised of faculty and staff from across the University under the leadership of Altheia Richards and Theresa Pizzuto from the

Gantt Intercultural Center. Richardson and Pizzuto recruited and trained volunteers from the student body as lead facilitators, and staff and faculty members as co-facilitators. Additionally, they were building "One Clemson" logistic volunteers as well as student Welcome Leaders to guide the freshmen through their day. Because of the newness of the program and a smaller than desired number of volunteers, some faculty, staff and graduate students facilitated the sessions alone. It was a heroic effort, which guided 3800 students through this important cultural experience. This was a wonderful opportunity for the student facilitators to meet and greet the freshmen and transfers, as well as perform a leadership position.

The program consisted of thirty-five to forty students per class, who attended a 90-minute session in either the morning or the afternoon. Each volunteer facilitator conducted two sessions. Likewise, RA's received their own training on Tuesday, August 12, to assist in supporting the respect for diversity model within their own areas of responsibility.

There were a number of exercises in which the freshmen engaged, all focused on interacting with each other, getting to know new people, learning to be "culturious" about another person's background and understanding the importance of respect as they venture into a new experience at Clemson University. Importantly, there were rules in place to protect each person in regards to confi-

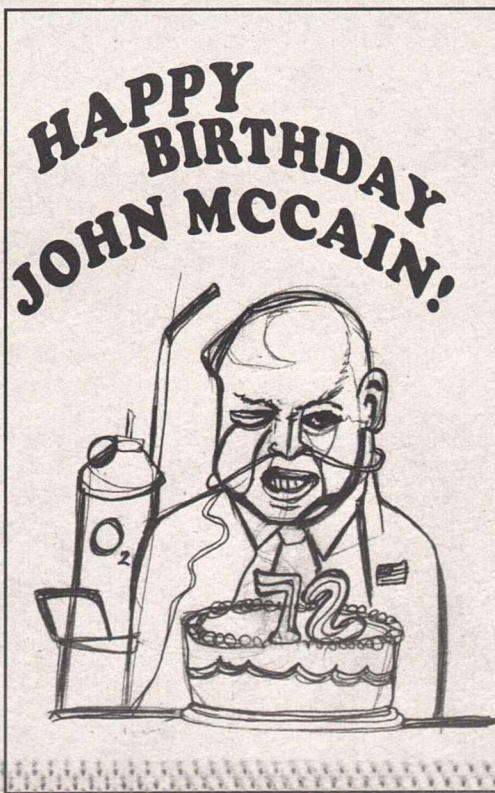
dentiality and "agreeing to respectfully disagree."

The event was successful with only a few minor "issues" with some of the classrooms (newly waxed floors, no air-conditioning, etc.) However, the volunteers showed initiative and spunk, and the event ended on a high note of a strong experience that not only reinforced respect within the student body, but also created bonding along the way between students.

At the end of the day, the volunteers met to debrief and agreed on a number of things. First, the experience was amazing, and the chance to give back to Clemson an awesome and humbling opportunity. Secondly, the incoming freshman and transfer students easily exhibited the

high standards, which have become part of acceptance into Clemson University. We were delighted with their participation, inquisitiveness and enthusiasm. Thirdly, it was a rare opportunity to work with each other on a common goal, which may be far outside the responsibilities of each individual. The value of respect and the skills involved were also reinforced among the volunteers, and the domino effect will likely go long into our own careers and education. I encourage you as students and faculty/staff to volunteer for this inspiring opportunity in spring 2009. Go Clemson!

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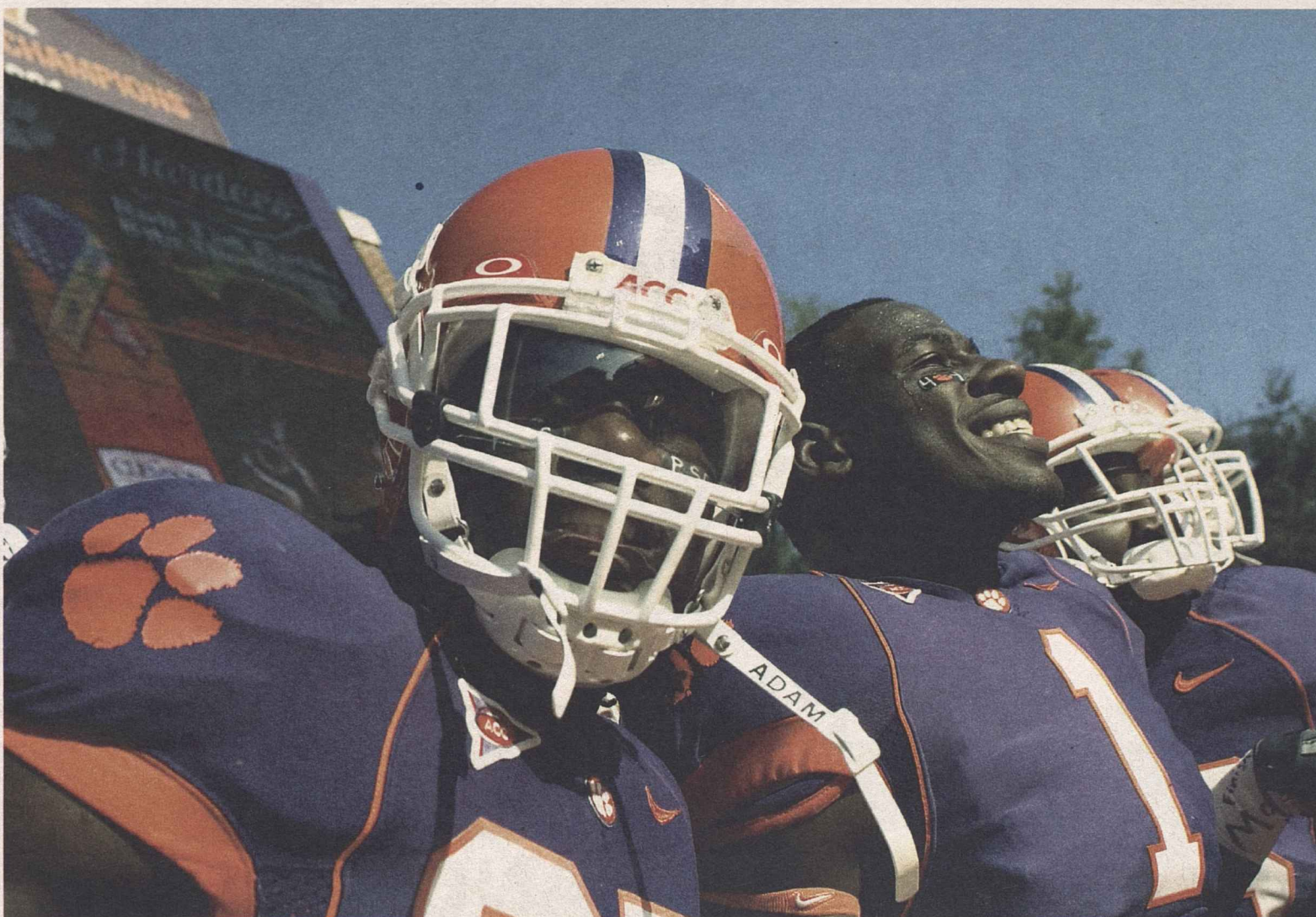
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James Davis, pictured center with a gigantic smile, enjoys a moment in the sun. Davis needs just 837 yards rushing to become Clemson's leading rusher.

CLEMSON vs. ALABAMA

DANIEL TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

Atlanta this weekend will be the site of redemption. Clashing in the Georgia Dome will be two teams that have been yearning for more than a decade to rekindle past glory.

It is no secret that neither Clemson's nor Alabama's fanbases have been proud of their recent seasons. But both schools could achieve the momentum needed for a breakout 2008 campaign with a victory on Saturday.

Years down the road, football fans might look back on this game as the pivotal moment when the victor exploded back into the national spotlight, while the loser of this game had their expectations dashed.

While the loser of this game will not be devastated, they will likely have to wait another season to achieve the national respect they have been dying for.

For the Tigers, redemption will only come with an ACC championship. Clemson once reigned for decades as the only true football school in a basketball conference. Their domination led them to 13 ACC titles and a national championship in 1981, but recent years have not been kind.

Despite being the largest football fanbase in the ACC, Clemson has not won 10 games or the conference crown in 17 years.

Head Coach Tommy Bowden has gotten the Tigers close on several

occasions, and his recent landmark recruiting classes have renewed vigor in the squad.

Many believe that a victory over Alabama would be the start of Clemson's first ACC championship run since the admission of Florida State into the conference in 1992.

Where Clemson once ruled the ACC, Alabama once ruled college football. The old SEC powerhouse boasts 21 conference championships and an outstanding 11 national titles.

However, the players today never witnessed the golden age of Alabama football. Legendary coach Bear Bryant last led the Crimson Tide more than 25 years ago. Since the Bryant era, Alabama has had eight different coaches, but only won two SEC titles outright.

The Crimson Tide have been frustrated, going through a number of coaches hoping to find the right man to bring back Alabama football. In response, they hired Nick Saban away from the NFL's Miami Dolphins for more than \$6 million a year.

Saban already has a national title from when he coached LSU to the championship in 2003. In his first season as the Crimson Tide commander, Saban failed to impress, but many believe he will show signs that he is rebuilding a dynasty in Tuscaloosa in 2008.

Those hopes will be quickly dashed if Alabama fails to knock off Clemson Saturday.

The matchup between Alabama

and Clemson is not only an important game historically, but it should also be a must-see to the casual football enthusiast. While both teams have equally solid defenses, the clear focus and difference in the game will be the Tiger's offense. Clemson features the most exciting backfield in the country with running backs James Davis and C.J. Spiller.

The high profile of the two backs has made them the most recognizable Clemson players in years. Billed by the nickname "Thunder and Lightning," most schools would be overjoyed to have just one of the backs on their roster. Yet Clemson will give Alabama a heavy dose of both.

Davis is the more traditional back — a powerful, between-the-tackles runner. He can be a workhorse, with a big frame that is capable of wearing down a defense by taking 20-30 carries a game, but he also has enough of a burst to take every carry the distance if he breaks a tackle.

The Tiger senior has rushed for 3,130 yards and 36 touchdowns in his career and needs only 837 yards to surpass Raymond Priester as Clemson all-time rusher.

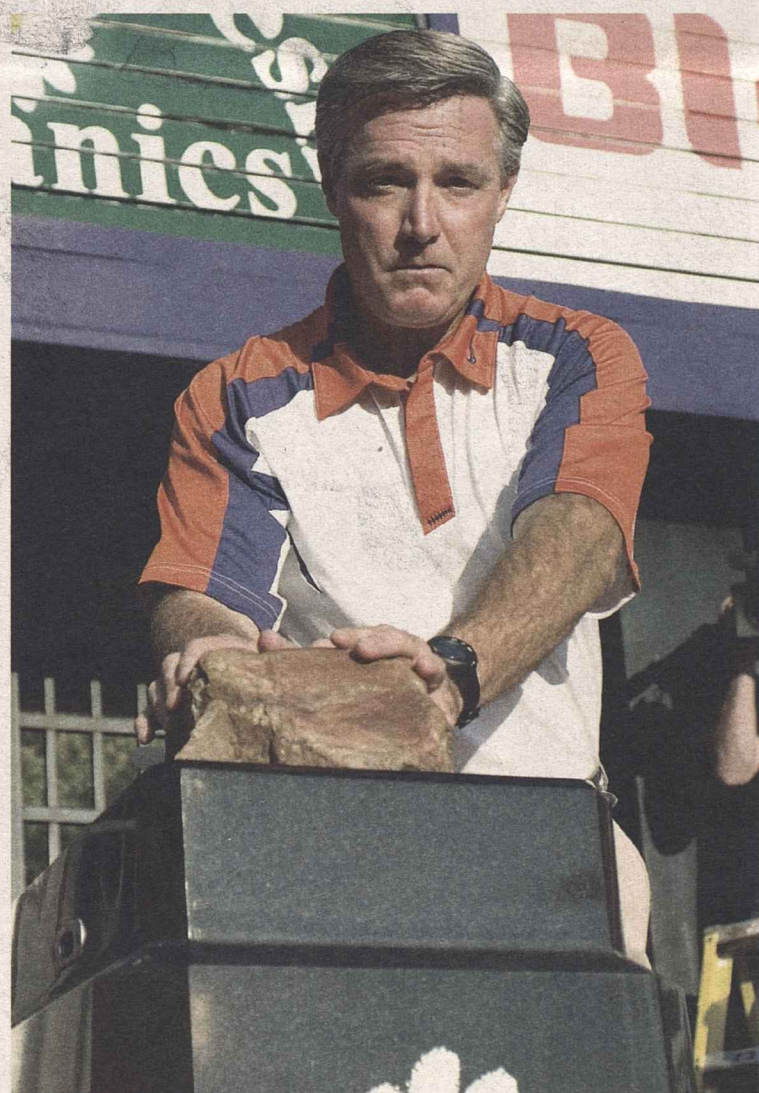
Where Davis is the bruiser, Spiller is the speed back. Also a star for the university's track team, the former Florida native dances, spins and jukes around defenses to create long touchdown runs.

This sheer speed and evasiveness causes him to be heralded as a human highlight reel. The junior has a school record 10 touchdowns of 50 yards or more.

By themselves, either of Clemson's running backs is tough, but when used together the duo is nearly unstoppable. The linebacking corps of Alabama is a relative weakness for the Tide, and this vulnerable position should be tested immensely on Saturday, as Clemson offensive coordinator Rob Spence has had months to draw up a gameplan.

Should Alabama key on the run, quarterback Cullen Harper could have a field day. The Clemson senior quarterback received his first start as a junior last season. Many expected little from Harper and many called for high-touted freshman Willy Korn to start in his place.

However, Harper never gave his



BRIAN SCHNEIDER/photo editor

Why so serious? Coach Bowden knows expectations are sky high this year.

doubters a chance to argue against him. His 27 touchdown passes last season were best in school history.

His favorite target, six-foot-five wide receiver Aaron Kelly, needs just three more receiving touchdowns to break the 57-year-old school record of 18 in a career.

Eleven of his 16 career touchdowns came last season. Another deep threat for Harper is receiver Jacoby Ford, who along with Spiller, is among the fastest players in college football.

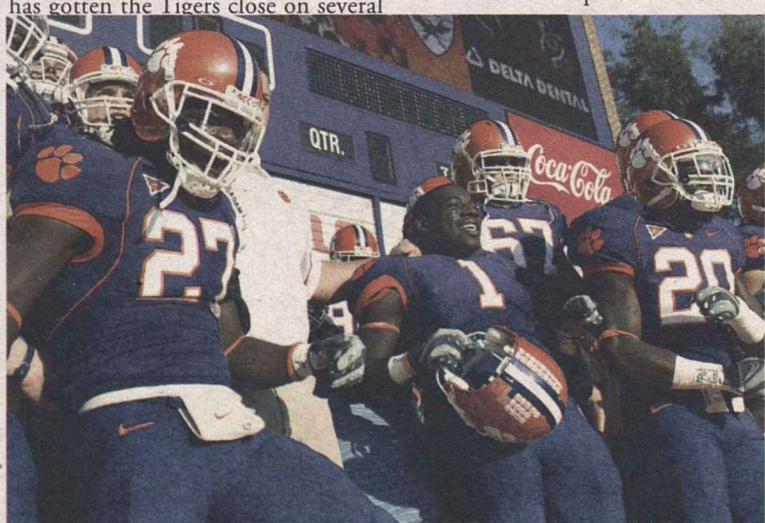
The only question mark for Clemson is the offensive line, where only one starter returns from a squad that failed to protect Harper properly last year. According to offensive line

coach Brad Scott, this year's group is gelling more as a team and doesn't have the clashing personalities of last season. However, freshman defensive end Da'quan Bowers was able to amass three sacks in one exhibition match earlier this fall.

While Bowers was regarded as the top high school recruit in the nation, giving up three sacks to any one player is cause for concern.

Alabama's defensive line could be the best Clemson faces outside of Georgia Tech this year. If their offensive line protects, the Tigers should roll over the Tide.

If they struggle, Alabama could make this game closer than the five-point spread.



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Sadat Chambers, James Davis and Brandon Maye stand ready on top of the Hill.

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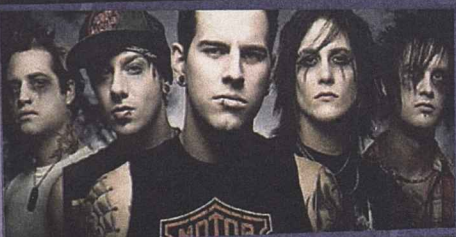
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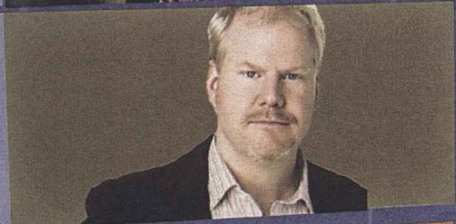
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Adair's troops look to rally in 2008

Clemson's soccer team faces a tough schedule after a disappointing year.



Graphic communications major Michael Brooks (right) embraces a teammate after scoring a goal last season.

BRANDON BOATWRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Entering his 14th season as head coach at Clemson, Trevor Adair faces a tough challenge this fall. Adair's 167-82-24 record as the Tigers' head coach is a testament to his teams' potential to rise above adversity. But the Tigers return just six starters from last year's squad that finished the season with a 7-11-1 (2-6 ACC) record. To make matters more difficult, Clemson is set to face six of the National Soccer Coaches' Association of America preseason top 25.

Clemson comes into the season having lost their leading scorer Tate Parrish who accumulated six goals and six assists in the 2007 campaign. Other experienced players, Mark Buchholz, David Bell, Danny Poe and Havird Ustry, were also lost. The four Tigers started a total of 76 games last season.

Despite the losses, the Tigers return six starters including sophomore midfielder Tommy Drake who was second behind Parrish in points last season. Along with Drake, sophomore midfielder Eric Cava returns to the lineup. Cava posted five assists in 18 games played last season.

The Tigers also bring back Junior defenders David Newton and Greg Eckhardt and Seniors Bryson Moore and Michael Brooks. Joseph Bendik returns in the goal after starting all 19 games last season and recording 93 saves.

Nine freshmen are on the roster for the Tigers this season. According to collegesoccernews.com, Clemson's 2008 recruiting class ranks 28th nationally and is "a solid class with competitive club and ODP experience." Georgia natives Connor Barbaree, Nick Burton and Riley Sumpter make up half of the class with Franklin Blaise, Bo Godwin and Mackenzie Ward rounding it out.

The youth on this Clemson team will be a big question as the Tigers will face one of the most difficult schedules in the nation.

The Tigers will travel to defending National Champion, and preseason No. 1, Wake Forest in September and third-ranked Boston College in October. Maryland, Virginia Tech and North Carolina will visit Riggs Field in Clemson and are ranked No. 8, 10 and 24, respectively.

Outside of the conference, Clemson will face No. 25 Furman in Greenville and South Carolina in Columbia.

The team scrimmaged against the Winthrop Eagles this past week and battled to a 0-0 tie. Coach Adair saw the exhibition as a good tune-up for the regular season.

"This was a good dress rehearsal before the season starts," said Adair. "Winthrop is a very good team and I was pleased with the way we played."

Earlier in the week, Clemson defeated Chile's U17 national team 1-0 on a goal by Tommy Drake midway through the second half, but they were shut out by Alabama-Birmingham 3-0 in an exhibition in Clemson.

The Tigers will start the regular season Friday night against in-state rival South Carolina in Columbia at 7:30 p.m. Later in the week, Clemson will return to the friendly confines of Riggs field to host Georgia State on September 1 and Georgia Southern on September 5.

KEY
PLAYERS

Senior Forward Michael Brooks and Sophomore Tommy Drake look to lead the Clemson attack this season. Brooks scored five goals and had one assist last year in 18 matches.

Coach Trevor Adair cites the team's defenders as a key component for this season. Adair is expecting several players to step up and be "go-to" guys.

Goalkeeper Joseph Bendik returns for his junior season having played all 19 matches in the 2007 season allowing 1.5 goals per game.

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Lady Tigers are clear favorite this season

Volleyball team chosen as preseason favorite in the ACC.

ANDREW BAKER
STAFF WRITER

Picked to finish fourth in the ACC a year ago, the volleyball team exceeded expectations and dominated the conference in route to the ACC title and an NCAA tournament berth. This season, they hope to repeat that feat, but face higher expectations. In the ACC preseason poll, the Tigers were picked to finish first and had the most players on the preseason All-ACC teams.

Going into the season, four of the starters, Jeanette Abbott, Didem Ege, Danielle Hepburn and Kelsey Murphy, were named preseason all-ACC. Ege, one of the top defensive players in the conference is on pace to break the Clemson record for career defensive saves this season. The other returning starter junior Lia Proctor started 32 games in 2007 and tallied 17 kills against Alabama in the opening round of the NCAA tournament.

Aside from the returning starters, a group of talented young players are ready to contribute. "It's pretty competitive," said Coach Jolene Jordan Hoover about the fight for playing time. However, the coach mentioned that she won't know until close to Friday's opener who all of her starters are, aside from the returning five.

Also competitive, according to Hoover, was the team's off-season

work-ethic. Hoover said that the team has been working with the strength coach Dennis Love.

Once the season starts, the competition within the conference and in several tournaments will be stiff. In conference, Georgia Tech and Duke won 20 games last season and are projected to finish in the top three of the conference again. By playing non-conference teams in tournaments, the Tigers hope to increase their strength of schedule to make them more appealing to the NCAA selection committee.

The Tigers will host two tournaments at Jervy Gym, including the Big Orange Bash this weekend featuring Syracuse, Florida International and Charleston Southern. In the South Carolina tournament in Columbia, Clemson will face South Carolina in a televised game on Sept. 12.

Conference play opens Sept. 18 versus Georgia Tech. Their next game against Georgia Tech in Atlanta on Nov. 28, the last game of the season could decide the ACC championship.

If Clemson wins the ACC again and goes the NCAA tournament, this will be the only repeat ACC championship and the only repeat trip to the NCAA tournament in Clemson volleyball history.

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US track still solid, despite Jamaica's dominance

Staff writer calls for viewers to step back and recognize the strong showing of the United States.

TYRONE GAYLE

staff writer

Blink, and you might miss them. Turn your head, and you might miss a world record. Athletes running so fast (near 30 mph), jumping so high and throwing so far, the idea that the human body can accomplish such feats is simply mind-boggling. The track and field portion of the Beijing Olympics was one for the record books, literally.

Coming into the games, most expected the U.S. team to be the center of attention with several No. 1 ranked athletes and defending World Champions in their respective events (see: Jeremy Wariner, Torri Edwards, Lolo Jones, Sanya Richards, Tyson Gay, Allyson Felix, Bernard Lagat and 400 meter relay team x2).

Alas, it was clearly not meant to be for these individuals as none captured the gold in their individual events. As Michael Phelps was to swimming, Usain Bolt was to track, two-fold. Swimming world records were broken every day in the Olympic games, which is in itself stunning, but a bit unrealistic when the term "world records" is really analyzed. Records are yes, meant to be broken, but it would be nice to have one that stands the test of time, come on now.

On the flip side, coming into

the Olympics 30 of the 40 total track and field records had been set before the year 2000.

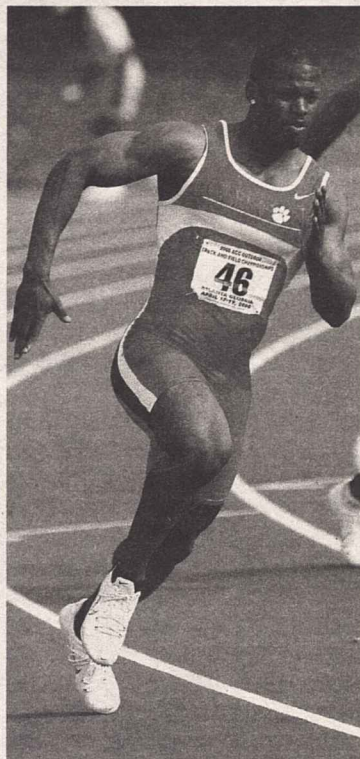
Now those are truly records. Like a comet streaking across the midnight sky, Bolt put on a performance that was so utterly brilliant and magnificent; he left almost complete certainty that we will never see anything like that again.

While Phelps and his quest for eight gold medals was the story heading into the Beijing Olympics, Bolt exploded in the middle, hot-dogging in the 100 (9.69 seconds), driving hard to the finish in the 200 (19.30) then grabbing the lead and handing off to teammate Asafa Powell in the 400 relay (37.10), in blowout fashion. Bolt said it best when after the relay he proclaimed, "All I can say is: yo, Jamaican sprinters, taking over the world."

How dominant was Bolt? Well, in case you missed it, he blasted the first half of the 100-meter final and had the competition beat so severely midway that he was able to make the last 20 meters look like a Sunday afternoon walk around the Botanical Gardens, in a chest-slapping-finger-pointing-pure-exuberance kind of way. No biggie.

In the 200 meter final, it was all business from the blast of the gun with Bolt attacking the curve with no regard for humanity and grimacing the last 50 meters of the race as he galloped stride for stride into a league of greatness seen by none before him.

He became the first person to own both short sprint world records at one time since Don Quar-



Clemson's Travis Padgett was one of two Tigers on the US track team.

rie (another Jamaican, surprise!) held them in 1976. The fact that this "Lightning" Bolt is only 22 adds even more excitement to the possibilities he presents in the very near future.

Unlike some analysts, like the one and only Mr. Overrated aka Bob Costas, I for one thoroughly enjoyed watching Bolt's celebration in the 100 meter. It's about time we stopped treating these Olympic athletes like fairy tale heroes incapable of doing wrong, and putting them on an insurmountable

pedestal where the moment they do something "out of character" we lose respect.

Was the celebration a little bit much? Perhaps. Was it merited? Why not? He's the fastest man on God's green earth and he made it look easy - enjoy it.

With such a magnetic and electrifying personality, the success or lack thereof by the USA Track and Field team was overshadowed by Bolt like the smog in downtown Los Angeles. The U.S. team is so good that even when it performs below expectations, it's hard to know what that means. The men won four gold medals, an all-time low. The U.S. team failed to capture any of the short sprint (100, 200, 4x100 meter relay) golds for the first time since 1976 (remember, 1980 doesn't count). Many projected the U.S. team to walk away with 34 total medals between the men and women, but came up short with 23. However, the 23 overall medals were more than respectable and five more than second-place Russia, even if they fell short of the total four years ago (26).

Had the U.S. 400 meter relay teams not dropped the batons in both preliminaries, these Olympics might have been viewed as a success, despite a lack of gold in the men's or women's 100 and 200 since it is, lest we forget, a team competition at the end of the day, no matter the level of individual glory achieved. And as a whole, while the Jamaicans came out with the quality end, capturing six gold

medals, the U.S. team got the quantity with the most overall medals. A country with a population less than one percent of the U.S. population was able to convincingly out-dash us.

In retrospect, sometimes the best just get beaten by better competition. It happens. Realistically, even if Tyson Gay had not been hurt, I'm not sure he would have stood a chance against Bolt in either race as the last time they went head to head, Gay was soundly beaten by over .10 seconds. What can you really say about the men and women's 4x100 meter that won't sound like anything but an excuse? Could they have had more practice? Safer passes? You can't cry over spilled milk.

It happens (Jamaica women, Great Britain men and women, and numerous others were disqualified wet conditions, maybe.) It just seems the alarm sounds when the U.S. drops it. Bernard Lagat, who was pinned to medal in both the 1500 meter and 5000 meter, had been battling a calf injury since the trials as well as illness leading right up to his races, but even at full strength he would have had to set personal bests in both events to take down each race's respective winner.

Both men's and women's teams were, however, able to end the games on a high note, capturing both 4x400 meter relay races. All in all, the U.S. team had a solid showing from both sides despite not being in the spotlight the whole week. For once.

Phelps Phanatics

SARAH PORRI

staff writer



If you have been living under a rock for the past few weeks, you may not know the name Michael Phelps.

In 2004, he attempted a feat unprecedented in Olympic history, win eight gold medals in a single Olympics.

The legendary Mark Spitz won seven in his Olympics, so Phelps set his sights on eight. Phelps fell two short of his goal, only winning six in 2004.

It was still an accomplishment, but to Phelps, it was not enough.

Four years older, Phelps came into these Olympic Games with a country behind him and a team that, for him, became family.

Olympic trials came and went, and Phelps qualified in five individual races, and was favored to swim on three relays.

This program would be the toughest of all, 17 races, with finals being swum in the morning session. There were factors, questions, controversies and more, but at the end of the day, you are still in a 50-meter pool racing against the best in the world.

You have to be better. For Phelps and his teammates, the races of the 29th Olympiad could not have gotten much better or more exciting to witness.

Enter U.S. teammate Ryan Lochte who had his own agenda. He was thought to be the only swimmer to have a chance to stand in Phelps's way of eight gold medals.

Lochte qualified second to

Phelps in the 200-meter individual medley and the 400-meter individual medley. These races were close at Olympic Trials, but Phelps out swam Lochte in both events in the Water Cube, settling for two bronze medals.

However, Lochte was not out of it by a long-shot. He was part of the world record 800-meter freestyle relay winning gold and set a new world record in the 200-meter backstroke, beating out favorite Aaron Perisol for the gold.

Lochte, a noble adversary for Phelps and also a good friend, put forth his best for Olympic glory.

As far as the women's team goes, Natalie Coughlin was the golden girl of these Olympics. She racked up a total of six medals, the most ever by a U.S. female swimmer. Although she didn't get the hype of Phelps, her Olympics were spectacular.

The undisputed "mom" of the women's team was none other than Dara Torres. At 41 years old, she is swimming her best times ever. Taking second in her event to women half her age is simply mind-boggling.

Another rival for Phelps was teammate Ian Crocker, the world record holder in the 100-meter butterfly. Phelps narrowly beat him four years ago in this race and the question was whether or not he could do it again.

I must admit that at this point I had already had my favorite moment picked out and sealed for these Olympics.

The French spoke out (The Americans? We are going to crush them.) Well, they were taken down, by none other than Jason Lezak and his cohorts. I, along with everyone else had already come to terms with the fact that France would win the 4 x 100 meter freestyle relay when

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-Sarah Porri

Lezak dove in. His task seemed impossible. Commentator Rowdy Gains had basically said there was no way Lezak could catch the fastest freestyler in the world. But all of the sudden, Lezak made his way, inch by inch, catching France's Alain Bernard.

We all know how this ended. The greatest relay in Olympic history was won by eight one-hundredths of a second. It was simply unbelievable. Words fail even the most gifted journalists. All we can do is cheer.

Fast forward five days, and Phelps had just one individual event left. This was one more loose end to tie up and one more gold medal to tie him with Spitz. Biting my nails and screaming at a box was not helping matters, but when Phelps was behind at the turn, I did not know what to say. Was his program too taxing? Was the "wardrobe malfunction" of the 200-meter fly too much? Is Phelps only going to get six?

Then, there it was. Leave it to Superman to win by the smallest of margins, one one-hundredth of a second.

Look at your fingernail, because that is about how much separated a dream realized or a dream shattered. To the naked eye, it seemed like the Serbian Milorad Cavic won the race. Thank you Omega Timing. Photos released later showed clearly that Phelps's extra stroke was actually a good idea, and Cavic's gliding was not.

Seven down and one more to go for Phelps.

The final relay would be won by him and his teammates, sealing the deal for Phelps.

Lezak again was the last leg of this relay, but could relax a little more due to the lead gained by Perisol, Brendon Hanson, and Phelps,

Words failed Superman in an after-race interview, but he was very grateful to his teammates. Likewise, his relay team was in awe of Phelps and his triumph. It was a little emotional.

Like the Olympic champion Phelps is, he was absolutely hounded by cameras after the final race, but this 23-year-old from Michigan just wanted a hug from his biggest supporter, his mom. We could only be so lucky.

We have all heard about his unusual physique with a long torso, shorter legs, incredible wing span, size 14 feet, double-jointed shoulders and elbows, and his ability to recover quickly from high intensity swims.

However, simply being great is not enough in my eyes. Everything had to fall into place in order for this feat to be accomplished. Lezak had to have the fastest relay split ever, Cavic had to glide, and Michael Phelps had to be, well, Michael Phelps.

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You can say what you will, but there is no doubt that Phelps is the type of athlete who comes around once in a lifetime.

I am just glad that I got to see history in the making. What a week it was for the sport of swimming.

Since the opening ceremonies, the Chinese have instilled in us that eight is a lucky number. The games started on 08/08/08 and, perhaps fittingly, Phelps won eight gold medals.

I think eight is the symbol of destiny, at least for these Olympics.

New coach heads women's soccer

Seven freshmen headline recruiting class.

MIKE MYLAN
STAFF WRITER

The heartbreaking loss in the second round of the NCAA tournament last fall still burns in the memories of the Clemson women's soccer team. In double overtime, the 15th ranked Tennessee Volunteers were able to score the lone goal of the game beating the Tigers 1-0. Only 12 days later, the Lady Tigers received news that their coach was leaving to accept the head coaching job at the University of Alabama.

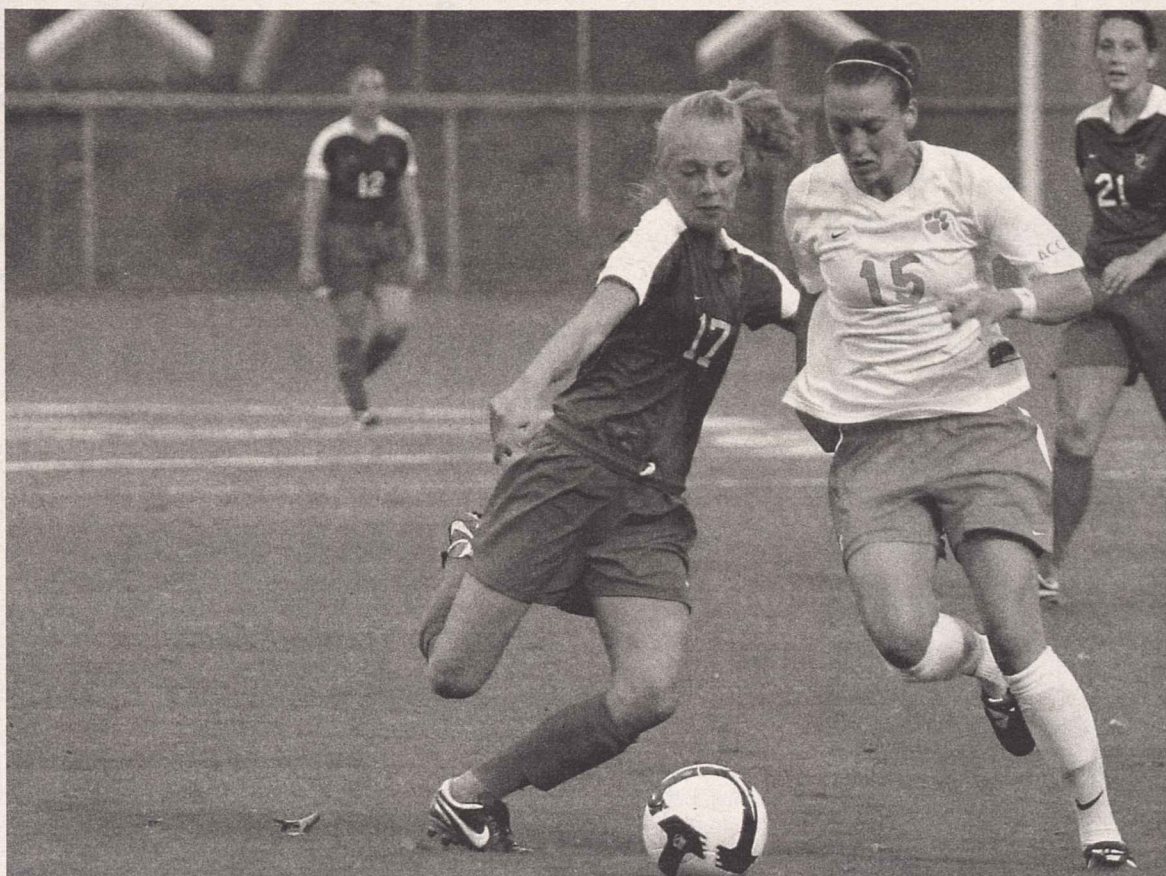
After graduating one of the Tigers' star players, last year's goal-keeper Ashley Phillips who ranked second in career saves for Clemson, it looked like a gloomy off-season for the team. However, it turned out to be much more of an optimistic one. In mid-January, the Tigers named Hershey Strosberg the new head coach. Strosberg left the University of Virginia after seven years as the Assistant Women's Soccer Coach and Recruiting Coordinator. Strosberg helped lead the Cavaliers to their first ever ACC Championship and

eighth place final ranking in 2007.

Strosberg is optimistic for the season and has shown great promise in his recruiting efforts alone thus far. The Tigers pulled in seven new athletes for the 2008 team including one early enrollee.

"These seven young women bring a good combination of experience, athleticism and versatility to our team," Strosberg said about the new recruits. Strosberg has also paid tribute to assistant coach Todd Shulenberg for guiding the recruits through the coaching transition. Shulenberg was able to stay connected with recruits and keep them on board until the new staff was set.

One of the premiere recruits is Tara Cort from Wellesley, Mass., who enrolled at Clemson in the spring of 2008. Cort, a four-year varsity letter winner at Wellesley High School, was named to the Eastern Massachusetts All-Stars and as a First Team Bay-State League All-Star in 2007. Clemson's juniors and seniors also look to fill the void left from last year's graduating players along with the addition of sophomore Paula



Senior Lady Tiger Julie Bolt (15) attempts a steal last season. The Charleston native is a two-time 2nd team All-ACC forward. She scored the game winning goal in the first round of the NCAA tournament against Charlotte.

Pritzan replacing Phillips in goal this year.

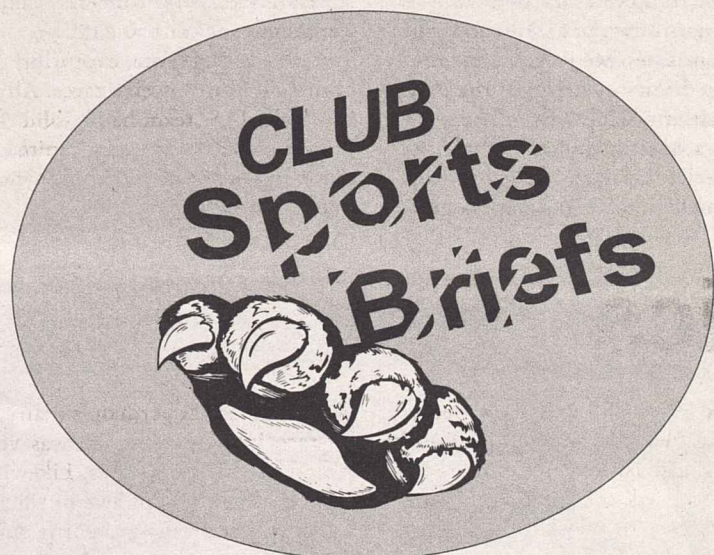
The Lady Tigers have seven games in the months of August and September before they start ACC play on Sept. 25 against powerhouse North Carolina. The team is young, with only five seniors on the roster, but the more experience and victories they can gain early in the season

will go a long way come the ACC championships and potentially the NCAA tournament in November.

The women started their season off last Saturday night with a 1-0 win over the University of Alabama-Birmingham. Strosberg earned his first career victory. Cort, the freshman, scored the lone goal in the 28th minute. She was assisted by

junior, Molly Franklin. Pritzen earned her first career win in goal, a shutout, as she recorded two saves in the match.

The women continue their schedule with Presbyterian College on Wednesday night and North Carolina-Asheville on Sunday both with home games at historic Riggs Field.



Rugby

The Clemson Rugby Club is poised for a successful season. Led by senior Captain Mike Fitzgerald, Clemson's second All-American selection in three years, the Rugby Club looks ahead to the fall schedule with high expectations. The Tigers will bring two new coaches, Nigel Platt and Zach Hunt, into the mix that will lend their expertise in establishing the Clemson Rugby Club as a national contender.

The Tigers will host Lander, Appalachian State, South Florida and South Carolina during the fall and make trips to Wake Forest and Maryland. The fall season will be a proving ground for the spring season when the team will compete in the national competition. The club's goal is to be the South Region Champions and earn a berth in the Round of 16 Division-I playoffs.

Football

Club Football looks forward to another successful season after defeating North Carolina last year to win their first Magus Cup in school history. Former NFL linebacker and Clemson great Patrick Sapp leads the Tigers for the third straight season. Other Clemson standouts linebacker Chad Carson and center Tommy Sharpe will serve as assistant coaches.

The Tigers are looking forward to a more thrilling schedule this season. Two Division-III schools, North Carolina Tech and Wake College, will pit their junior varsity teams against the Tigers.

IPTAY

IPTAY's Collegiate Club, the student portion of the oldest athletic scholarship fundraising organization in the country, has reached a major milestone.

In response to the hype for the upcoming athletic year, just under 4,000 students have joined the club including half of the incoming freshman class.

Equestrian

The Clemson Equestrian Club had three riders qualify for Nationals which were held in Los Angeles from May 8-11.

Sarah Beth Spainhour placed first in open over fences. Charlotte Powers, a senior psychology major, placed eighth in the Cachione Cup, which is only open to the top 30 riders in the country. Finally, Ashley Phillips, a junior engineering major, placed 10th in the Intermediate Over Fences. Up next for the team is a fund raising event at the T. Ed Garrison Arena August 30-31. The team's next show will be at the University of Georgia on Sept 21.



Clemson's Equestrian Club poses for a photograph after show last season. The club expresses their welcome to new members, and no experience is needed.

WEEK ONE: WSBF Sports Radio vs. Sports Writers College Pick'em

MATCH UP	Sports Writers			Sports Radio Guys		
	Daniel Taylor	Ryan Launius	Brandon Boatwright	Hunter Knowles	Rob Patterson	Kevin Vincent
USC vs. N.C. State	South Carolina	South Carolina	N.C. State	South Carolina	South Carolina	South Carolina
Va Tech vs. ECU	Va Tech	Va Tech	Va Tech	Va Tech	East Carolina	Va Tech
Florida vs. Hawaii	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida
LSU vs. App St.	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU
Duke vs. James Madison	Duke	Duke	Duke	James Madison	Duke	Duke
Cal vs. Michigan St.	Michigan State	California	California	California	California	California
Missouri vs. Illinois	Illinois	Missouri	Missouri	Missouri	Missouri	Missouri
Clemson vs. Alabama	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson
Tennessee vs. UCLA	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	UCLA
Virginia vs. Southern Cal	Southern Cal	Southern Cal	Southern Cal	Southern Cal	Southern Cal	Southern Cal

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Upstate Calendar of Events

8-29

"Where You're From" art exhibition. Lee Gallery, Lee Hall. Free, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Also August 30-31 and September 1-4.

8-30

Airsoft Experience Day. 100 RC Edwards School Rd, Central, SC. Free. 12 to 4 p.m.

Carolina Ranch Horse Association - CRHA Open Ranch. T. Ed Garrison Arena. Free to spectators. 8:30 a.m. Also Aug. 31.

8-31

IFC Fraternity Rush. Tillman Hall/ Bowman Field. Free. 5:30 to 6:45 p.m.

9-2

CLEMSONLIVE Rescheduled General Interest Meeting. Location TBA. 7 p.m.

9-3

"Where You're From" Osher Lifelong Learning Institute special event. Lee Gallery, Lee Hall. \$10. 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

"Evening of Inquiry about Catholic Faith." St. Andrews Church, Clemson, SC. 7 p.m.

9-4

Clemson University Woman's Club September Luncheon Meeting. Kresge Hall at the Ourdoor Laboratory. \$15. 11 a.m.

"Growing Cooler: Urban Development & Climate Change" seminar. Self Auditorium, Strom Thurmond Institute. Free. 7 to 8 p.m.

Rockapella Concert. Brooks Center for the Performing Arts. Students \$10, Adults \$20. From 8 to 10 p.m.

Have an event you want to see featured on the calendar? E-mail timeout@thetigernews.com

Saving Abel to play in Planet birthday concert

TimeOut previews Saving Abel, a band playing in the Sept. 30 concert.

GREG BLANTON
STAFF WRITER

For this lowly TimeOut writer, there is no Clemson event more exciting than the rare rock show at Littlejohn Coliseum. Last November, Littlejohn took about all the rocking it could withstand when it featured Breaking Benjamin, Seether, Three Days Grace and Fall Out Boy, among others, in a two-day span.

This Sept. 30 comes a show that promises to rock our beloved Coliseum to its very foundation, a rock show like none that Clemson has seen before or ever will again. In just one month's time, Clemson will help 93.3 The Planet celebrate its twelfth birthday when Buckcherry, Avenged Sevenfold, Shinedown and newcomers Saving Abel bring their electric rock and roll to Tigertown. Leading up to the awesome event, TimeOut will review one of the four band's latest records each week, beginning this week with Saving Abel.

Saving Abel is possibly the most schizophrenic band in rock and roll. On March 11, the Mississippi-bred quintet released their confusing and perplexing self-titled debut album. The 11-song record has nearly as many tender ballads as it does solid



Saving Abel's debut album released on March 11; their single "Addicted" reached No. 2 on rock charts.

rockers and pairs tear-jerking emotive lyrics with face-smashing angry ones.

It begins with a powerful one-two punch of, for lack of other terminology, cock-rock. Frontman Jared Weeks sings about a week of sexual escapades in Panama City in the record's leadoff number, "New Tattoo."

While the opener features compelling narrative lyrics and is a solid, hard-driving catchy rock tune, it is,

like the song that follows it, excessively sexual. Said follow-up tune, "Addicted," is essentially an anthem of male misogyny packaged as a radio-friendly hard rock song, featuring such inspiring lyrics as "I'm so addicted to all the things you do/when you're going down on me/in between the sheets." After this duo of male sexual superiority, though, Saving Abel saves face by taking a 180-degree shift in their lyrical matter.

Whereas the record led off with two sex anthems, five of the next nine songs are softer ballads that feature wholly positive lyrics and tender musicianship. The standouts among these are "18 Days," an arena-ready power ballad that is poised to take over rock radio waves, and "She Got Over Me," this writer's favorite song from the record.

The record's eighth tune, "Beautiful Day," features the lyric "Cause it's a beautiful day/it's a beautiful sunrise/well I don't want to see you cry." But just as the group reaches its emotional peak and begins to endear to the listener, Saving Abel takes a schizophrenic shift back to violent lyrics. In "Out of My Face," the tune directly following "Beautiful Day," Weeks boldly declares "I'd love

to hit you in the face." It is unprecedented for consecutive songs to have such polar shifts in countenance, but originality is at least one thing Saving Abel has going for them.

Despite this odd schizophrenic episode, the band lets their Mississippi roots show and close their debut with a couple of solid Southern rock-tinged tunes. "Running from You" is cheery and upbeat, while the record's closer, "Beautiful Day," is hard-edged and angry sounding, an interesting choice for an album finale.

While most of Saving Abel's rock brethren would opt to close a record with a touchy ballad, the group chose to close their record with one of their toughest songs, perhaps as a statement of what the group is truly about.

All things considered, Saving Abel's debut record is a decent collection of rock songs. Occasionally perplexing and initially revolting, the album nonetheless leaves listeners wanting for more. Though entertaining, the schizophrenic persona of Saving Abel's debut record is evidence of a group in search of its identity. But it's early yet for these Southern chaps, and you can expect big things from this young crew.

LIZ
HUNTER
STAFF WRITER



Gather 'round, film philistines, prepare to be enlightened. There's a new girl in town, and she's successfully secured this weekly space in order to spread a little film love to the Clemson community. Though the name has changed, the film column continues, and for good reason. According to Facebook's statistics for the Clemson network, it seems as if the top three favorite movies among Clemson students are "Wedding Crashers," "The Notebook" and "Old School." Um, Clemson, we need to talk. This is an intervention. It's a good thing I'll be here all year; it might just take that long.

Allow me to introduce myself.

First, I should mention that I have three all-time favorite films. Beyond the top three, I have another collection of favorites that range from stodgy independent films to classics to horribly embarrassing and reputation-shattering guilty pleasures. I won't list any of the above for now, but each will probably become obvious enough over time if you continue to read my column. The point is - I'm versatile.

As a film student, I attempt to approach films as academically as possible, but I will admit that every now and then I abandon both professionalism and academia to passionately rip apart or swear allegiance to the films which move me to act with such reckless abandon.

I hereby promise to pollute the pages of this fine publication with as much unprofessionally composed blind favoritism (and hatred) as possible. From time to time, though, I also promise to do my job and attempt to deliver a fair and balanced critique.

The crappy name of this column exposes the fact that, as a writer, I am a fraud. Though the fact that I am now beginning my second column (after my first, ahem, award-winning one) would seem to indicate otherwise, the shocking truth is that I actually have very little imagination in regard to the English language; and even less command of it. It's the best I can do. Sorry, y'all.

This week's title also exposes the fact that my fraudulent tendencies lead me to blatantly rip off those who actually know what they are doing. I spent the entire summer reading Lester Bangs, and I can't seem to shake him. Accordingly, if I begin to sound like a slightly fat, more than slightly crabby, and perpetually drunk writer with a mustache, don't say I didn't warn you. By the way, if you don't know who Lester Bangs is, Google him immediately and save your soul.

I'll rip others off - others who are considered today's top film critics. To me, they are friends who I consult regularly when I'm attempting to understand films more deeply, and I hope that I can introduce you all to them and incorporate them into your thinking process. A.O. Scott of the New York Times, for example, is quite ridiculous.

I call him Tony, and he'll probably pop up here from time to time. There's also my girl, Manohla Dargis, also of the New York Times, who has impeccable taste and keeps it real for all the ladies out there. She, along with all of the other critics who I will throw into the dialogue this year, will say it 100 percent better than I can 100 percent of the time.

Lastly, I am going to utilize possibly the most barbaric rating system imaginable for rating films. None of these convoluted attempts at describing a film through intricate descriptions and elaborately constructed sentences. I like things simple. I



have two categories for films; they rank as either awesome or poop. Now, each ranking has its own system of hierarchy.

A film receiving a poop rating will be described as anything from slightly turd-like, to just plain poop, to a steaming pile of festering crap. For just the opposite case, for films which I have deemed to contain the characteristics of awesomeness, I have modeled my ranking system after the Department of Homeland Security's Advisory System: Low awesome, guarded awesome, elevated awesome, high awesome and severe awesome. Learn this system. Love it. Live by it.

But despite my long list of obvious shortcomings, I do love film fiercely, I study it fiercely, and I hope fiercely for others to be able to gain the deeper gratification that comes from thinking critically about the possibilities of one of America's greatest art-forms, which also happens to be one of our greatest industries.

When I took over the film column, I wanted to change the name because I want my column to stand for

the exact opposite of what comes to mind when one reads the word "snob."

I want this column to break down the wall between self-professed film "snobs" and those who appreciate film as form but who have had little access to the criticism behind it.

I like to think of myself as a liaison of sorts, attempting to bridge the gap between the real critics and theorists out there and those of us who just enjoy the dim flicker of the silver screen (and all that comes with it) and aren't quite sure why. I can't make the masses take the classes, but I can hope that you'll keep coming back here each week to learn to rewind a bit with me.

Now that the introductions are complete, we'll get to the fun next week. But as my first item of business: for the sake of all that is good in this world, Clemson, quit quoting Superbad. And my second item of business: yes, The Dark Knight has large quantities of awesome, but do you really need to see it five times? Plus, there is just no way those two boats of people wouldn't have blown each other up. Just saying.

RACHEL GATES/art director

ON THE PROWL

by IVANNA JOHNSON

Though life is not a John Travolta film with musical numbers, life lessons and poodle skirts, there is something to be said about summer lovin'. Whether it be the warm sunny days or the lack of clothing (string bikinis and such), summer always seems ripe with romance. But now that summer is over and a new school year has begun, things like Danny and Sandy don't always work out.

Since this year I am a senior, I feel I am in a position to give advice. And the first will be a warning to all freshmen: Dump your high school boyfriend/girlfriend. Oh, maybe things will work out for a week or two, maybe. Or maybe you will last all four years of college (unlikely). But I have had it happen to me and countless acquaintances, things just don't work out.

You may wonder why. You think, "Oh, I love my boyfriend/girlfriend!" But really, you're 18 and about to embark on one of the most debauched and wonderful years of your life. This year you will meet hundreds, maybe thousands, of new members of the opposite sex, and they will be cute and they will be horny, and you will have no parents to meticulously monitor you. It's like the Swinging Sixties, a sexual revolution jammed into four years.

More reasons? Well, besides the fact that your significant other is experiencing the same thing... prob-

ably at a school an hour or more away, people cheat. Now that you and your partner are at different schools, you don't have the social network of gossips threatening to expose you or your lover if one of you goes astray. They can safely participate in orgies, donkey shows and other sexual shenanigans without you ever hearing a thing.

Besides trust issues and temptations, it is really hard to keep in touch with your bf/gf. There is a course load you're not used to, a demanding social scene and limited privacy as a freshman. Hours on the phone become impossible. And jealousies run deep when you talk about your new life and new friends and your partner isn't a part of it.

But a few more warnings before we part; use a condom. STDs are real, don't get one or all the sex you could be having will become all the sex you won't be having thanks to those new funky bumps on your specialness. Also, babies and college don't mix (well).

Second, girls, don't sleep with too many people too fast. Though

boys are applauded for such behavior, unfortunately we females aren't, and frat boys gossip like adolescent school girls. Whether it's fair or not, once you get a reputation for being "easy," it is hard to shake.

And finally, on-campus hookups create a nasty consequence. Besides the possibility of being written up for after hours visitors, the walk of shame in your party clothes and runny makeup while everyone is on their way to class is thoroughly embarrassing. And, trust me, everyone knows what you did last night.

So good luck young and naïve freshmen. I hope the advice I give you here will help you avoid some of the mistakes I and others before me have made. And if you end up with your high school sweetheart after all, feel free to taunt me.

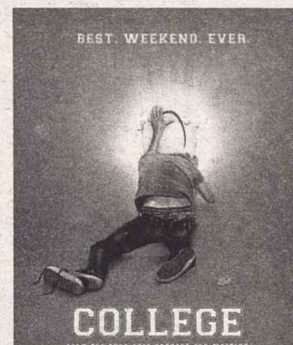


PREVIEW

GREG BLANTON
STAFF WRITER

"College"
Aug. 29

The typical college movie with booze and sex is a tired concept and, worse, a grossly inaccurate portrayal of the university student. What happened to "Good Will Hunting"? How about "With Honors"? Instead we're left with dumb caricatures like "College" featuring a forgettable cast. Plus, why go see a movie fantasize a crazy college weekend when you can make it a reality here in Clemson?



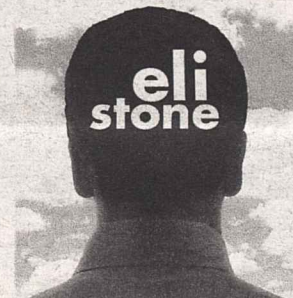
"Bangkok Dangerous"
Sept. 5

"Bangkok Dangerous" stars Nicholas Cage as Joe, a remorseless hit man on assignment in Bangkok. Caught up in the neon lights of the city, though, Joe falls prey to romance, friendship and second thoughts about his career choice. Though the film gets no points for its name, "Bangkok Dangerous" will score thrills with its fast-paced action.



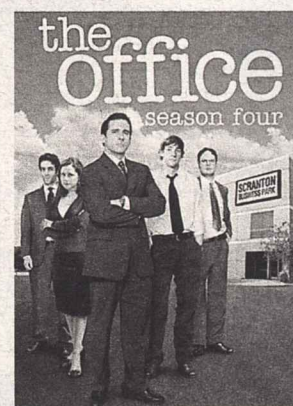
"Eli Stone: The Complete First Season"
September 2

Though little-known, "Eli Stone" is one of the best shows on TV today. Eli Stone is a lawyer who claims to see visions from God that inspire him to defy all logic and precedent in the courtroom. At once funny and sad, perturbing and inspirational, every episode of "Eli Stone" is captivating from its comical beginning to its shocking conclusion. Plus, George Michael makes guest appearances. What more can you ask for in a show?



"The Office: Season 4"
Sept. 2

"The Office" is, hands down, the most hilarious show on television. In fact, the program will likely go down in history as one of the all-time greats. Based on a BBC series of the same name, for four comical seasons "The Office" has brought to TV some of the funniest moments ever to be captured in a suit and tie. Passing the true test of any classic show, "The Office" can be viewed any number of times and never loses its humor.



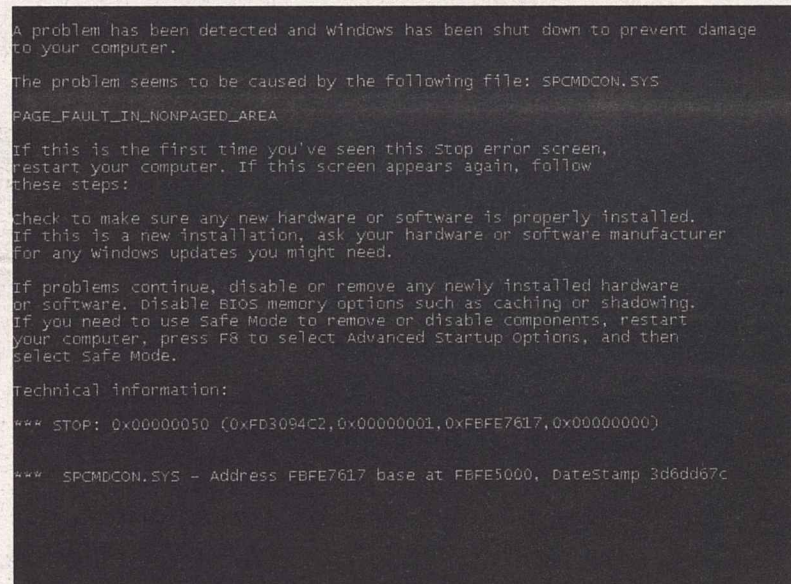
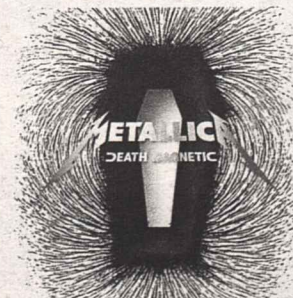
"The Quilt"
Gym Class Heroes
Sept. 9

Gym Class Heroes have built a solid fanbase with its unique blend of modern rock grooves and blistering hip-hop rhymes. Slowly but surely, though, the hip-hop has been taking increasing precedence over the rock. Based on their recent EP, "Patches from the Quilt," it seems that the Heroes have finally gone to the dark side with their new album.



"Death Magnetic"
Metallica
Sept. 9

No band today draws more ire and curiosity than Metallica. Ever since their classic self-titled record in 1991, Metallica's every move has been met with confusion about their music's new direction and anticipation that maybe one day the band will be restored to its former glory. Millions of fans around the world have their fingers crossed that, at long last, "Death Magnetic" may finally serve as Metallica's return.

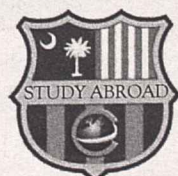


importance.

There has been a lot of pictorial evidence showing the blue screen of death projected on the roof of the bird's nest just as the torch passes by it. A lot of skepticism also surrounds these pictures, as many say that it was simply photo-shopped and posted on blogs as a prank. The one piece of evidence that makes bloggers and forum posters think twice about this particular situation is the fact that one blogger posted a screenshot of the NBC live broadcast and showed the BSOD within that screenshot. Also, many bloggers have

found multiple photos that show the BSOD in many different angles. Many still speculate that these pictures were all edited and that it was done by a very organized group, although many others question the motive behind such an operation.

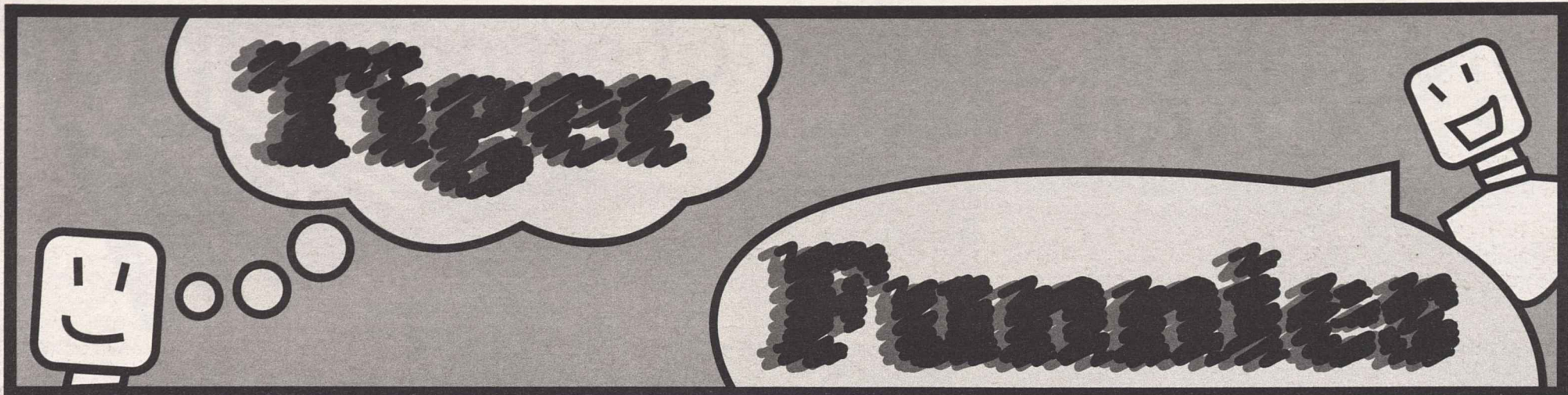
At this point, it is still inconclusive as to whether or not this BSOD really happened at the opening ceremonies. However, with the incident of the lip-synching performance, and the question of the ages of the gymnastics competitors, China isn't looking so great at being honest.



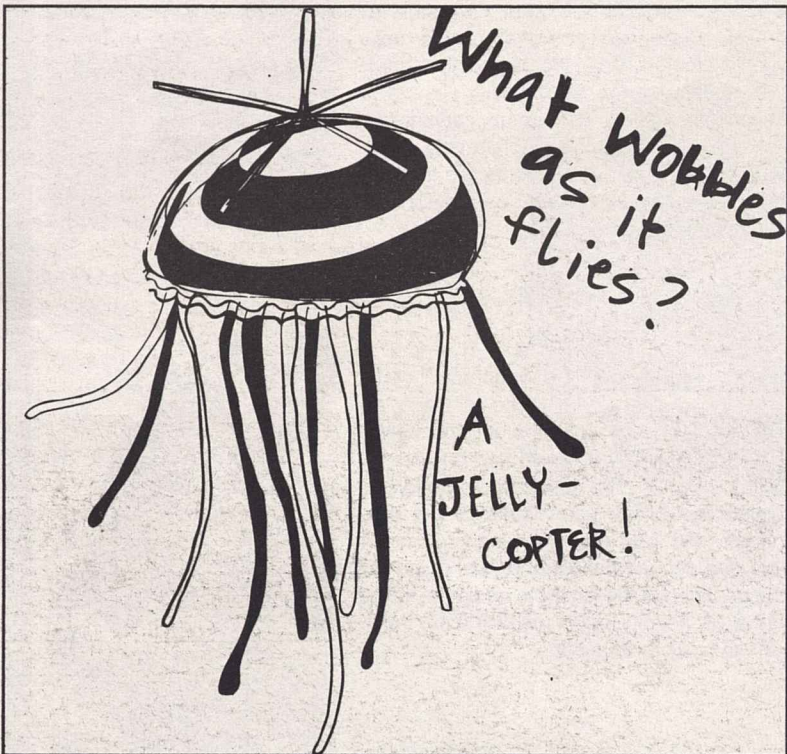
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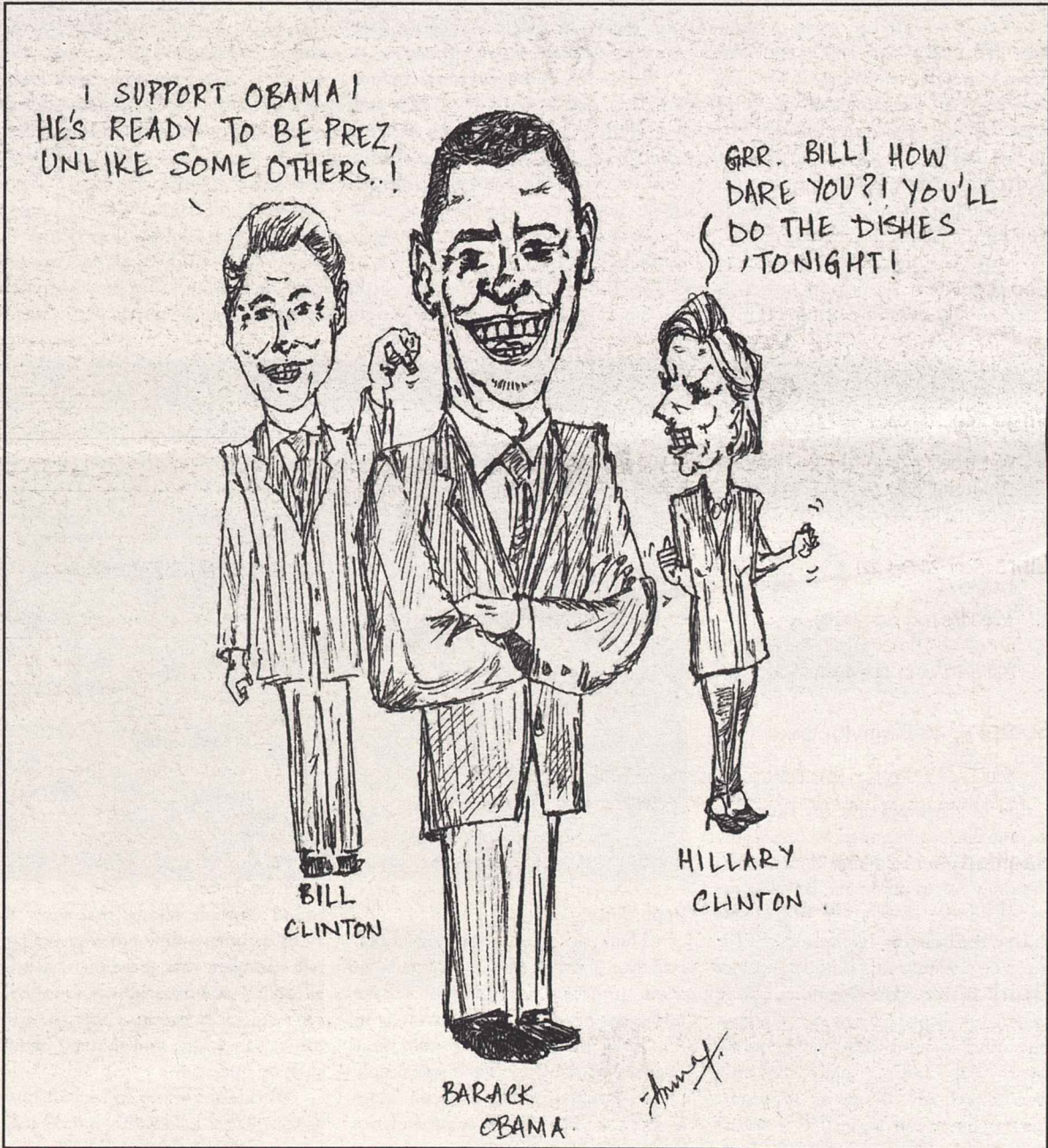
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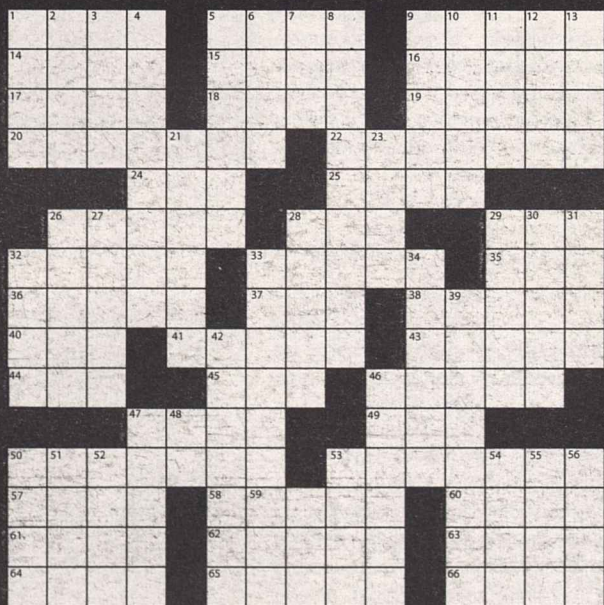
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ACROSS

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- 5 Artist Chagall
- 9 Compulsion
- 14 Opera solo
- 15 Water (Sp.)
- 16 Love intensely
- 17 Tail-less cat
- 18 Land-rover
- 19 Tiny amounts
- 20 Igloo dwellers
- 22 Contestant
- 24 Impair
- 25 Proud
- 26 Tie up
- 28 Proof ending
- 29 Tree
- 32 Gives the impression of being
- 33 Wall picture
- 35 Her
- 36 Cola
- 37 Scarlet

DOWN

- 38 Expression
- 40 Estimated time of arrival
- 41 Musical composition
- 43 Colored People's association
- 44 Reporter's question
- 45 Fish eggs
- 46 Smelled bad
- 47 Ditto
- 49 Rooster's meat
- 50 Substitute
- 53 Electrical current amount
- 57 Beverage
- 58 Lure
- 60 Take the wrinkles out
- 61 Squashed circles
- 62 Organization concerned with civil liberties (abbr.)
- 63 Penury
- 64 Distinguished
- 65 Harvest
- 66 Long fish

DOWN

- 1 Make less wild
- 2 Epochs
- 3 Skating area
- 4 Greatest degrees
- 5 Military ranks
- 6 Gets older
- 7 Fear
- 8 Atlantic island group
- 9 Island nation
- 10 Grace
- 11 Wine bottle
- 12 Persia
- 13 Try
- 21 Geological formation
- 23 Nix
- 26 What babies grow
- 27 Refund
- 28 Braid of hair
- 29 From Asia
- 30 Strike with terror
- 31 Rope fiber
- 32 Gush out

- 33 Candy type (2 wds.)
- 34 Beam
- 39 Overwhelming
- 42 Major (Big Dipper)
- 46 Sprung (2 wds.)
- 47 Coral reef
- 48 Engage
- 50 Computer "button"
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- 52 Replace a striker
- 53 National capital
- 54 Location
- 55 Movie _
- 56 Ceases
- 59 Whiz

Solutions on D6

Horoscopes



Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Watch out for scary people in the first-floor Brackett bathrooms. "Candy" is cheap, and you can get it somewhere else. And didn't your mother ever warn you not to talk to strangers?

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

You don't want to forget things at home. Especially your dignity. Next time remember to wear pants.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Be careful not to fall into your old habits this semester. Sleeping until noon is great – unless you have a 9:30 class. Resolve to be a bit more motivated, and you'll go far.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Have great respect for Lifesavers, especially the fruit flavors. They might save your life someday! Or you might use them to save someone else's. And then you'll know "How to Save a Life." I make bad puns, and I like it.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Your luck's about to take a turn for the better so enjoy the next two weeks; they promise to be perfect. Can't say the same for the month after, though.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Don't hate the playa, hate the game.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Never plagiarize, and especially never plagiarize speeches. You might end up with the vice presidential nomination, and who the hell wants that?

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Watch out for the 5-0 Po-Po. They will catch you and slap you down, so keep an alibi in your back pocket. Clemson's finest know who you are, where you live and what you did last summer.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Tornados may be dangerous. Trees may fall, power may fail and people may die. But you still have to go to class. As the top 22 public university, you'd think we'd figure this one out. Apparently not, so just take the tardy and get the notes later.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Your car's safety is in jeopardy this week, due to Enceladus crossing Saturn. But light takes a long time to travel from way out there, so this might be old news.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

There's someone in your Business Law class who wants your body but good. Consider giving it to them! "Do unto others...."

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Your skills at provocative text messaging are unmatched, which is something to be proud of. It's a unique talent but one you'll have to use wisely, as those on the receiving end might get hurt falling out of their chairs. "With great power...."

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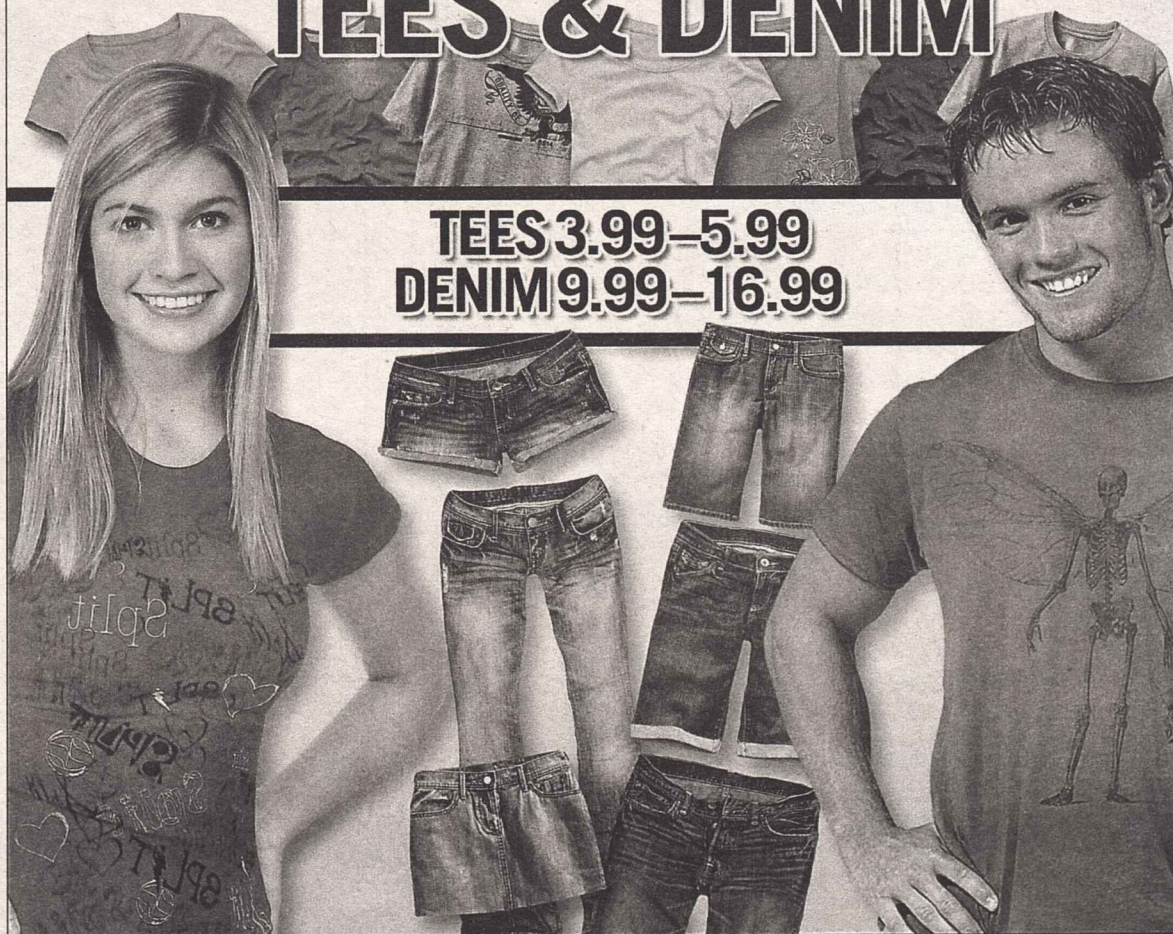
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Jittery Joe's Coffee

Katie is from the suburbs of Washington, D.C., and on her victory lap as a senior. After former Diva Amanda graduated Clemson (and is now a graduate student at Georgia State), she decided on recruiting Nick to bring a male perspective and some red meat to the column. Nick is originally from Maine and has grown up with family in the restaurant business.

Pre-game

Katie- What is a college town without its fair share of coffee shops? Lucky for Clemson students we have both corporate and local coffee shops. I have only been to Jittery Joes by use their drive-thru. I was excited when Nick was groggy and needed coffee so we decided that a coffee shop would be our first endeavor for the semester.

Nick- I was really dragging from my long day of classes, so what better way to get a jolt of energy for studying then some coffee. So KS and I went to Jittery Joe's, is a coffee shop located right near Crawford Falls. It's a short drive from on or off campus, making it a perfect refueling station on the way to class or place to take a study date too.

The Scene

Katie- The inside of Jittery Joe's is very spacious and inviting, decorated in earth tones allowing for the perfect setting for studying, catching up with friends or group meetings (they have an upstairs you can rent out, which is a lot more exciting than a crowded library cubby).

Other bonuses are merchandise, take-home coffee, gift cards and frequent coffee cards (down 10 drinks and the next is on them).

Nick- The open-air atmosphere really makes it a place for meeting people: there was a group studying at a table, and a few people studying in the large room upstairs. The decor is not overbearing but still adds a nice touch. The layout of the tables makes it easy for a longer line to get to the counter without interrupting the busy students nearby.

A Look at the Menu

Katie- Newly added is the sandwich menu where you choose your meat,



cheese and bread, and there are specialty sandwiches such as the reuben, chicken salad on a croissant and the Jittery Joes Club (ham, turkey and bacon).

Besides sandwiches, breakfast is offered with choices of biscuits, bagels, muffins, cereal, danishes and an assortment of baked goods, including a heavenly chocolate cupcake with cream cheese frosting.

The coffee ranges from your basic decaf and iced to espressos, mochas, hot stuff and cold treats.

Nick- Obviously they have a wide variety of coffee, and coffee drinks. I was especially surprised with their new sandwich selection, offering a bunch of

different breads and meats, this is definitely a nice change of pace in place of your standard muffin, pastry, scone montage found at every other coffee shop. The crackkacino is a cup of coffee with 4 shots of espresso, this of course is not for the faint of heart; but

for the last minute, all-night studier (like myself), this is liquid gold. There is also a large selection of frozen drinks which the lady folk seem to enjoy, but I'm more of a straight coffee man myself.

The Taste Test

Katie- In the past, I have stuck by my tried-and-true vanilla chai Frosty Joe. Their frozen chai is delicious and mixed well, which is a rarity for those who enjoy frozen chai lattes.

This time I tried a "lady folk" drink, the Ying Yang Mocha. I had mine iced, and it is a latte with dark and white chocolate that was refreshing and not

overly sweet.

Nick- I decided to tone it down from the Crackkacino and opted for the Shot in the Dark, which comes with 2 shots of espresso. The coffee is top-notch, on a level with that of a Starbucks but at a much more student-friendly price. Even though it was close to 10 at night the coffee was still fresh, which if you've ever had old coffee, it's terrible. I would personally recommend the Shot in the Dark to anyone looking for a good burst of energy.

Impressions

Katie- Jittery Joes is my recommended coffee place due to its drive-thru, upbeat atmosphere and great drinks.

Nick- Out of all the coffee shops in Clemson, Jittery Joe's has to be my personal favorite. The quality and variety of their menu is as good as any, but where they really take the lead is their prices. For any cost-conscience student, this is the place to go for a good cup of Joe.

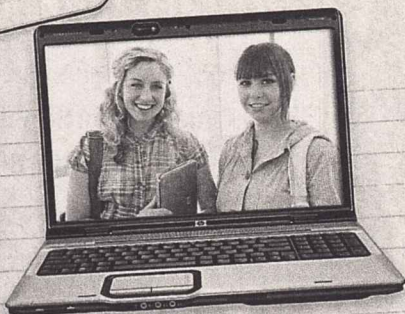
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MAJOR CHANGES OF
CLEMSON OVER
THE SUMMER
BY CORRINA MILLER

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Lake Hartwell Um.... where'd it go? There is distinctly less lake than there was before the summer started. We are at least 20 feet below as of the last update. Those who own lakefront homes have a lot more beach and a lot less water. A word of caution to those who go swimming: There's lots of old trees and sticks out there you don't want to run into. Or jump on top of.

Cat Bus Route Right.... about that... Yeah. The University, with the good intentions to decrease gas consumption and improve the CAT Bus system, "re-vamped" the on-campus route. Shall we just say efficiency still needs to be significantly improved? There are a few kinks to be worked out, so make sure you take a good look at the route before you hop on.

Dunkin' Donuts Who doesn't love doughnuts? Yum, yum, yum! The city of Clemson has added to the number of chain restaurants that are slowly consuming the area with a brand spankin' new Dunkin' Donuts where the old Bojangle's on Clemson Boulevard used to be. When the parking gets you down, go have a doughnut, and it just might lift your black moods just a smidgen.

Parking? What parking? Over the course of the past few months, Clemson students have lost four parking areas: part of Lee hall, the West Library, Poole Ag Building, and the gravel lot behind the Brooks Center. In an effort to reach the Top 20, Clemson is tacking on a few more academic success-oriented buildings to the campus. Students, you might want to give yourself 45 minutes to find parking.

No more Astro For those of you who never experienced the magic of the Astro, you have my sympathy. Many of us will miss those rickety banged up seats, crappy thin walls and suspiciously sticky carpet. The Astro III Theatre opened on Jan. 21, 1971, with a showing of "Tora, Tora, Tora." After 30 years of operation, the Astro had its last showing, "Wanted," on Thursday, Aug. 7, 2008.

Solutions from D3

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Quick Cut-Out

Tilapia for Two by Kelly Croughwell

2 tilapia fillets
1 can coconut milk (found in Hispanic foods aisle)
¼ cup flour
1 envelope Good Seasons Italian dressing mix
Non-stick spray (such as Pam)
Spatula

Marinate tilapia in a zip-top bag filled with coconut milk for one hour.

Pat dry with paper towels.
Sprinkle ½ teaspoon Italian seasonings on each side of the tilapia.

Dredge each piece of fish in the flour, coating completely.
Coat a skillet with non-stick spray and bring to medium heat.
Once heated, add tilapia and cook about 3-4 minutes per side, or until cooked all the way through

When done, remove from pan gently with a spatula and serve.

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The Ten Commandments of Parking Services

By Zach Musgrave

I. I am the LORD thine God, Parking Services. I brought thee from chaos into order. Thou shalt have no gods before Parking Services, and thou shalt not make for thineself an idol, a false hangtag or decal, no matter of what color. Thou shalt not bow down to the evils of CAT, for I, Parking Services, am a jealous and vengeful God. I punish students for sleeping in, commuters for moving away and faculty for very little.

II. Thou shalt not profane the holy name of Parking Services, nor shall thou put any decal before mine.

III. Observe thine rule of 4:30 and keep it holy, as Parking Services commandeth. Thou shalt not park anywhere convenient before this time, and shouldest thou err even a single minute, thou shalt feel the slap down that befalleth every mere mortal who might contest thine God's mighty will.

IV. Honor thine magistrate and municipal court, as Parking Services commandeth. Though thou shalt receive no mercy, thou shalt accept thine sentence of eternal damnation with contrition and humility.

V. Thou shalt not interfere with the servants of your God, Parking Services. No matter thine



vehicle was parked legally! No matter thirty minutes had not yet passed! Thou shalt take thine citation to heart, and thou shalt like it. Or else.

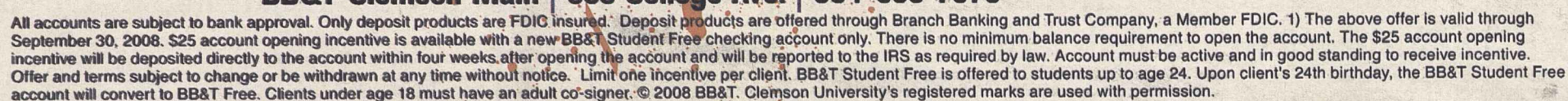
VI. Thou shalt not commit that most heinous of violations, the occupation of a visitor spot. No matter thine final examination started a half hour before! Shouldest thou park in such a manner, thou shalt get hosed, long and hard.

VII. Neither shalt thou borrow thine housemate's hangtag. Not even for a day. Heathen.

VIII. Neither shalt thou bear false witness to one's violations, for thine God Parking Services knoweth all that has been and all that has yet to be, and will laugh in thine face at the mere idea.

IX. Should thou not tithe half thine living expenses to Parking Services, thou shalt get ripped a new one in fines.

X. Thine parking permit representeth not a place to park thine car, but instead a mere hunting permit. Thou shalt need all the help thou canst get to succeed in thine quest to get to class on time. Pray to thine only God, Parking Services, and thou hast a chance. Not much of one, but a chance.



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