

Latin Fest celebrates culture

The annual event will feature food, music and dance.

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On Tuesday, Sept. 16, Clemson University will host its annual Latin Fest featuring authentic Latin foods, salsa and merengue, dancing, and free prizes and giveaways in an event not to be missed. The celebration begins at 7 p.m. and will be held on the Hendrix Student Center Plaza and Baby Bowman.

In the event of rain, the festival will be moved to the Hendrix Student Center Ballrooms.

Attendees will have the opportunity to learn traditional Latin dances, and for those who feel confident in their proficiency, there will also be a dance contest, divided into beginner and advanced categories.

The Latin Fest is sponsored by the Gantt Intercultural Center, Student Government Council on Diversity Affairs (CODA) and the Hispanic

Student Association.

Gaby Galdamez, this year's CODA director, said she is excited about the upcoming event and CODA's involvement.

"CODA is all about spreading diversity throughout the student body," said Galdamez.

"Learning and experiencing other cultures is a perfect way to do this. Latin Fest gives the student body a glimpse of the Latin culture."

In addition to authentic foods, dances and music, this year the celebration will feature a special display in which the flags of Latin American countries will be showcased.

Each flag represents a nation that at least one Clemson student calls home.

"The food is always good and reminds me of my mom's cooking, and the music is always fun to dance to," said Galdamez.

"But if I had to choose a part of

Latin Fest to be my favorite then I would have to say the gathering of all the Latin students at Clemson with the rest of the student body. I love how all the Hispanic people can share and express our culture to the rest of the student body."

Latin Fest is one of the most unique events sponsored by the University that aims to promote diversity on campus.

"Clemson wants to increase their diversity on campus and hosting cultural events helps that happen," said Galdamez.

"It promotes diversity and informs other student about different cultures."

The event is open to anyone who would like to attend.

In the past, the celebration has been popular with Clemson students, faculty and staff, but an increase in attendance by community members has been a noticeable trend.



The celebration will feature authentic Latino music, and instructors will be present to teach participants popular Latin dances.



Those who attend the annual Latin Fest next week can look forward to tasting a variety of Latino foods.

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tigers for tigers

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The tiger is a well-known emblem of pride and unity in Clemson, a town in which paw prints line the streets, and fans roar rather than cheer at sporting events.

However, this beloved icon is now gradually fading from existence in its natural habitat. In light of this severe threat, one group of students has taken action.

Tigers for Tigers is a student-led service organization whose goal it is to educate society about endangered tigers and sub species.

Through fundraisers such as face painting at football games and adjacent programs such as Cubs for Cubs, this group of students is fighting the grave threat that faces Clemson's mascot.

According to the World Wildlife Fund, the number of tigers in the wild has declined by 95 percent in the last 100 years.

Fewer than 4,000 tigers currently remain, the majority of which can be found in obscure and fragmented forests in Asia and some of Russia.

While illegal poaching presents a significant hazard to the tiger's survival, the depletion of its habitat and natural prey by commercial plantations will perhaps render the greatest long term effects.

Here at Clemson, Tigers for Tigers is working to address and combat the issue of this endangered species.

In addition to participating in events such as Earth Day and A Day with India, the organization has partnered with the Bioscience 409 class that takes a trip to India during spring break each year. Because the tiger is India's national animal, the country takes profound interest in its fight against extinction.

Tigers for Tigers also sponsors an organization called Tiger Trust that helps provide funding for parks designed to preserve tigers in their natural habitats.

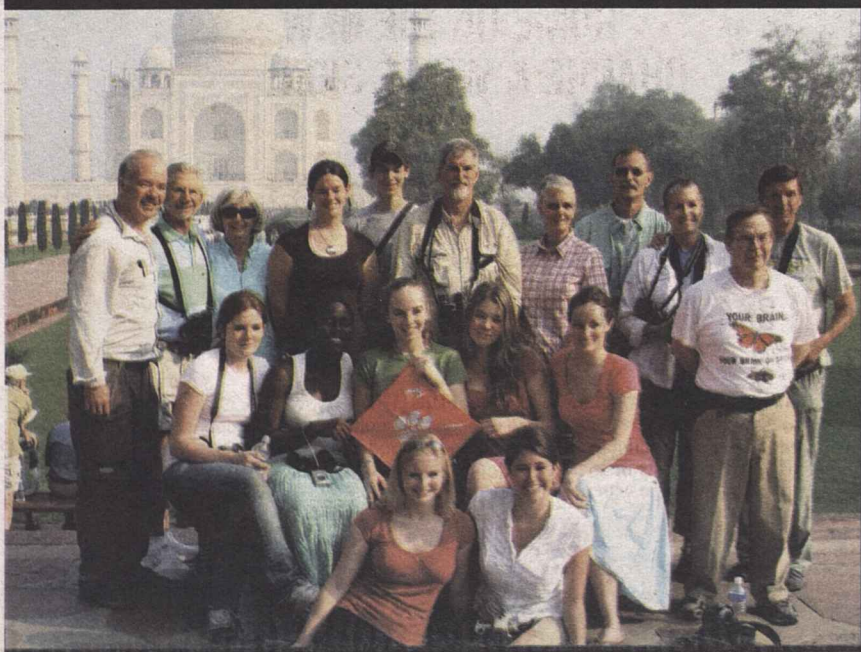
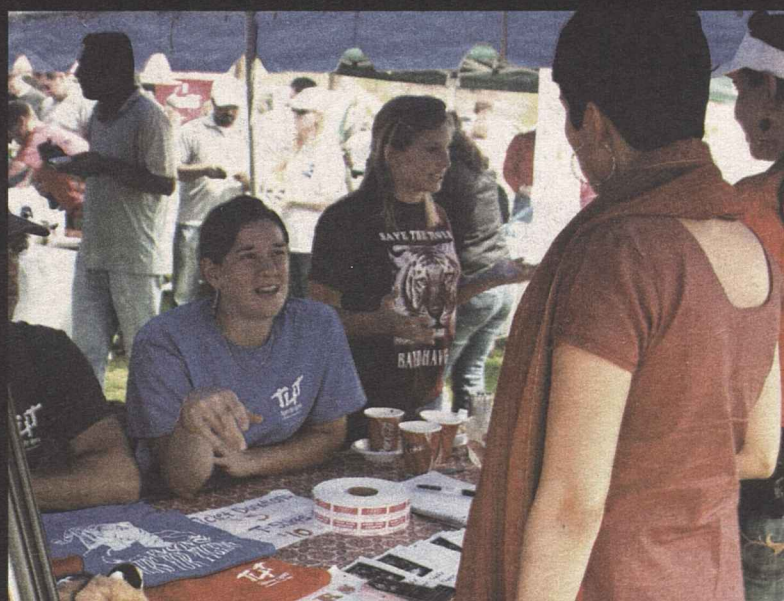
Anjana Gosain, India's representative for Tiger Trust, has been invited to Clemson this November to raise awareness of her cause among the Clemson community.

As concern and involvement increases among students, Tigers for Tigers hopes to broaden its impact both locally and internationally.

"Our future goals include sending more interns to India, recruiting more members, organizing a conference for tiger schools, sending care packages to our interns, and raising more money for Tiger Trust," said organization president, Krutika Mediwala.

Students interested in joining Tigers for Tigers are encouraged to email Mediwala at t4t@clemson.edu.

Through the efforts of groups such as Tigers for Tigers, students may help prevent the extinction of Clemson's cherished symbol.



Weekly World Update

National Report

CNN

■ **Enron shareholders and investors will divide upwards of \$7.2 billion from financial institutions accused of playing a role in the energy giant's downfall, the largest settlement in the history of U.S. securities fraud cases.** About 1.5 million people and entities are eligible to share in the distribution of the money, according to Dan Newman, a spokesman for the law firm that represented the lead plaintiffs. U.S. District Judge Melinda Harmon in Houston, Texas, approved the plan Monday. Harmon also granted attorneys' fees in the amount of 9.52 percent of the recovery, or approximately \$688 million, plus interest. The settlement includes payments of \$2.4 billion from CIBC, \$2.2 billion from JPMorgan Chase and \$2 billion from Citigroup, according to court documents.

■ **The rate of suicides among active duty soldiers is expected to surpass both last year's numbers and the rate of suicide in the general U.S. population for the first time since the Vietnam war if trends continue, according to U.S. Army officials.** Sixty-two U.S. Army soldiers committed suicide as of August, and 31 cases of possible suicide are currently under investigation, according to U.S. Army statistics. Last year, the U.S. Army reported 115 suicides, higher than the previous year. U.S. Army officials said that should the trend continue this year, it will pass the nation's suicide rate of 19.5 people per 100,000, the most recent government figure as of 2005. According to U.S. Army officials, the rise can be attributed to the increased pace of combat operations, the number of deployments and financial and family troubles connected with deployments.

Local10.com

■ **A 7-year-old Miami boy is currently recovering after becoming trapped in a washing machine.** Timothy Clark and his 4-year-old sister were playing in what they apparently thought was a broken machine at an area laundromat. After three attempts, Clark's mother, Saraco Black, was able to open the machine door to the compartment and release the child. Clark was rushed to the Ryder Trauma Center where he received stitches. Clark is expected to make a full recovery.

KTVU.com

■ **The last remaining protesters living in trees at UC Berkeley descended from their perch Sept. 9, ending a 21-month occupation of a campus grove aimed at stopping construction of a new sports center.** The tree-sitters said they agreed to come down on the condition that the University of California create a land use committee that will include input from students and residents into the school's future land decisions. However, a UC spokesman said there was never such a deal made, and the university has no plans for the committee. School officials had said they were prepared to forcibly remove the activists and had constructed scaffolding around the tree to mount the effort.

10news.com

■ **San Diego, Calif., authorities say a body found encased in concrete next to a home in San Diego's North Park area is believed to be that of an 80-year-old Hemet man who disappeared in May.** Police said three roommates found the body Sept. 5 while demolishing a large egg-shaped concrete form left in the yard. Thomas Brooks of San Diego was arrested last month in La Jolla on suspicion of killing Edward Clayton Andrews of Hemet. Riverside homicide unit Sgt. Dean Spivacke said investigators had collected evidence over the summer and made the arrest but had no body until Sept. 5. An autopsy conducted Sunday determined the cause of death was asphyxiation.

World Report

CNN

■ **The Large Hadron Collider -- a \$9 billion particle accelerator designed to simulate conditions of the Big Bang -- was successfully turned on; firing protons around a 27-kilometer tunnel deep beneath the border of France and Switzerland.** Critics who believe that the experiment could potentially result in the creation of a black hole capable of swallowing the planet failed in a legal bid to curtail the project at CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research. The next phase for the collider is expected to involve smashing particles into each other by sending two beams of protons around the tunnel in opposite directions.

■ **The campaign to replace Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda as head of Japan's ruling party began Sept. 10 with five candidates formally registering their names with party headquarters.** Prime minister hopefuls include Taro Aso, a former foreign minister, Yuriko Koike, the first woman to seek the post, and three others. The vote to replace Fukuda, who suddenly resigned last week, as president of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party will take place Sept. 22. The winner is expected to be placed as the prime minister after parliament convenes on Sept. 24.

■ **A magnitude 6.9 earthquake struck Japan Sept. 11, minutes after a magnitude 6.6 earthquake shook Indonesia. There were no immediate reports of damage or injuries from either quake, both resulting in tsunami warnings.** According to the U.S. Geological Survey, the Indonesian quake occurred at exactly 9 a.m. Its epicenter was offshore, about 75 miles north of Ternate in the province of Moluccas in eastern Indonesia. The Indonesian Meteorological and Geophysical Department issued a tsunami warning shortly afterward -- standard procedure for a quake of magnitude 6.6 or higher with an epicenter offshore. The Japanese quake occurred at 9:21 a.m. The USGS initially classified its magnitude as a 7.2, but later reduced it. The epicenter of the Japanese quake was offshore, about 80 miles south-southwest of Kushiro on the northern Japanese island of Hokkaido, and about 21.7 miles below the Earth's surface.

TIME

■ **An emerging body of research is showing that men, too, have a biological clock.** Not only do men become less fecund as they age, but their fertility begins to decline relatively early -- around age 24, six years or so before women's. Studies now also link higher rates of autism, schizophrenia and Down Syndrome in children born to older fathers. A recent paper by researchers at Sweden's Karolinska Institute found that the risk of bipolar disorder in children increased with paternal age, particularly in children born to men age 55 or older. A French study published in the current issue of Reproductive BioMedicine Online found that in couples undergoing infertility treatment, the father's age had as much effect as the mother's on rates of pregnancy and miscarriage -- the older either parent was, the less likely they were to get pregnant, and the more likely to miscarry.

■ **North Korean leader Kim Jong Il is believed to be recovering from surgery, South Korea's spy agency said Sept. 3, as the communist nation rejected reports questioning Kim's health as a conspiracy plot.** South Korea's National Intelligence Service relayed to a parliamentary committee that it obtained intelligence reports indicating that Kim recently had surgery for an unspecified circulatory problem but that his condition had improved. South Korea's Yonhap news agency, citing lawmakers briefed by the spy agency, reported that the 66-year-old Kim suffered a cerebral hemorrhage, but he remains conscious and "is able to control the situation."

TIGER BRIEFS

The Fuller Art Gallery at the S.C. Botanical Garden is accepting submittals of student art work for the Tigers in Nature: Clemson Students and the S.C. Botanical Garden are show to open Jan. 15, 2009.

Artwork should be inspired by nature, with a preference given to work inspired by the S.C. Botanical Garden. All work submitted must be created by a student currently enrolled at Clemson University. Pieces are required to be professionally framed and not exceed the dimensions of 24" X 4" X 24".

Contestants are reminded that work must be suitable for viewing by a general audience, and be available for sale on commission. To apply, send a high-resolution photo of the artwork to be submitted, a brief description of the piece, including size and its inspiration, and full contact information to friends@clemson.edu. Contestants may also mail entry materials to the S.C. Botanical Garden, 150 Discovery Lane, Clemson, S.C., 29634.

Submittals will be judged by a panel of SCBG staff and local professional artists. Approximately 25 pieces will be selected. Judges will notify artist if selected by Dec. 15. Entry deadline is Dec. 1. Multiple entries are permitted.

The Clemson Contra Club will host a meeting Sept. 17 at 6:15 p.m. outside of Einstein Bros. in the Hendrix Center.

Contra is a style of American folk dancing in which a caller, usually working with a group of live musicians playing reels or jigs, guides participants through a variety of dances. Contra dancing is not the same as country line dancing.

The Clemson chapter of Delta Delta will sponsor Kristin's Story: A Story of Acquaintance Rape and Depression, a proactive, co-educational rape education program Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 7 p.m. in Tillman Hall.

Kristin Cooper, a Baker University student and member of Alpha Chi Omega, committed suicide on New Year's Eve, 1995.

Cooper's mother Andrea Cooper recounts Cooper's story and details her rape and subsequent suicide.

Andrea, a member of Delta Delta Delta and a graduate of Florida State University, has shared Kristin's Story at over 300 campuses and conventions over the past ten years. Counselors will be available for support.

Kristin's Story is made possible by the Delta Delta Delta Foundation.

For more information on Kristin's Story visit www.kristinss-story.com or contact Anna Dixon at aldixon@clemson.edu.

On Sept. 29, the Gantt Intercultural Center will sponsor an Introduction to LGBT Issues Student Workshop from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The goal is to dispel the myths and stereotypes that are perpetuated concerning individuals of the LGBT community and to offer sound, scientific facts about sexuality, sexual orientation and gender identity.

The workshop also explores the issue of heterosexism and the oppression this creates for the LGBT community. The workshop will also address the coming out process and what it can entail and mean for the individual.

The workshop is open to all

interested in gaining a better understanding of the LGBT community and the issues it currently faces. Separate workshops are offered for students and for faculty/staff. To register for this workshop, please visit www.clemson.edu/studentaffairs/gic/diversityeducation/programs/safezone/workshops.php.

The Brooks Center for the Performing Arts will sponsor Music in the Air VI by Linda Dzuris, University Carillonneur, Sept. 14 at 5 p.m.

Dzuris will perform three selections by Ad Wammes, a Dutch composer, and the "Ballad Mistral" by Karel Keldermans.

The latter piece was written to commemorate Robert Byrnes, carillonneur at the University of Northern Iowa for more than 30 years.

Recommended listening spots for Dzuris' performance are Cox Union Plaza, Military Heritage Plaza, Bowman Field and the Carillon Garden across from Tillman Hall.

The concert will continue rain or shine. Visitors are invited to tour the playing cabin following the performance.

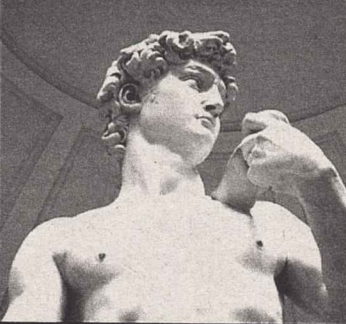

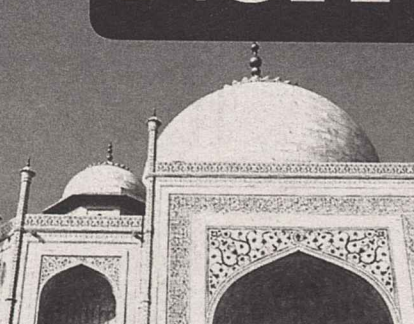
On Sept. 16, Clemson Libraries will host Docutalks: Bill Moyers' Journal, a seminar discussing race in America.



Bill Moyers talks with Shelby Steele, who has written widely on race in American society and is the author of the recent book, "A Bound Man: Why We are Excited About Obama and Why He Can't Win."

Docutalks is a documentary video series sponsored by the Clemson University Libraries. This video will be followed by a moderated discussion.

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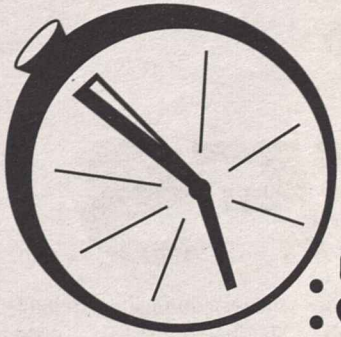
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Melissa Whitson: How long have you been in Tiger Band? What instrument do you play?

Allison Cason: This is my third year. I'm a piccolo player.

MW: What made you want to join?

AC: I was in band in high school and wanted a way to stay in music while in college.

MW: Why do you keep coming back year after year?

AC: I love the feeling of family I get from the band. Getting to go to all the football games is a lot of fun as well!

MW: What do you enjoy most about the band?

AC: All of the friends that I've made. Everyone is really great. The trombone [players'] socks are really great, too.

MW: What song do you enjoy playing the most?

AC: My favorite new song this year is "Don't Stop Believin'."

MW: Do you ever get tired of playing Tiger Rag?

AC: Not really; it's a song that is exciting to play a lot because it means the team is doing well!

MW: Does it get hot wearing those uniforms?

AC: It gets extremely hot. You don't catch much breeze in them.

MW: At what other schools do you enjoy performing?

AC: The Florida State trip is fun. When we went to Maryland last year, we got to go to D.C. for a while, too. I'm excited about going to Boston this year as well.



EYE ON CRIME

This week's Eye On Crime comes from TIME.com, which continues the investigation of the serial beheadings in Mexico.

Mexican Law Enforcement officials have identified the latest wave of victims, their deaths documented on a YouTube Video, as local drug dealers, saying five were decapitated while alive but that the rest had been dismembered after first being strangled or beaten to death.

A police sweep netted three suspects allegedly arrested while carrying bloodied axes and machetes.

The suspects were alleged to have been members of the ultra-violent drug gang the Zetas, indicating the atrocities may have been the latest act of terror in the relentless turf war over Mexico's billion-dollar smuggling routes.

Police also claimed the killings may have had a ritual dimension, after searching the suspects' houses and finding shrines to "The Holy Death," a Grim Reaper figure venerated by many Mexican criminals.

During August alone, gangsters hacked off 30 craniums across the country — adding to the total of almost 200 beheadings in 2008 so far.

Heads have been stuck on

crosses, shoved into iceboxes and left in car trunks along with snakes.

"The gangsters use these bloody tactics to try and win a psychological war against their enemy and sow terror in the population," said Luis Astorga, author of several books on the cartels.

"But neither side is winning, and the violence just spirals without end as the gangs keep raising their bets and killing in more spectacular ways."

Decapitations were almost unheard of in Mexico before 2006.

The first case related to the drug wars in April of the same year, when thugs left the craniums of two policemen in the seaside resort Acapulco, apparently in revenge for the shooting of four traffickers in a prolonged gun battle.

The following September, thugs in ski masks rolled five severed heads onto a dance floor in the mountainous state of Michoacán.

The cycle of beheadings intensified throughout 2007 until every gangster in Mexico seemed to have an executioner's ax in his arsenal.

- Ioan Grillo

On this day in History

490 B.C. — Athens' army defeated Persian troops in the Battle of Marathon, a skirmish that is credited with the origin of the marathon long-distance race.

1609 — Englishman Henry Hudson discovered the 315-mile-long river which now bears his name.

1847 — The Mexican-American War begins at the Battle of Chapultepec.

1940 — Four teenagers discovered 17,000-year-old cave drawings near Lascaux, France after chasing their dog down a hole.

1959 — The Soviets launched the Luna 2, which later became the first spacecraft to land on the moon.

1990 — The United States, England, France, U.S.S.R., East and West Germanys signed an agreement permitted the two Germanys to merge.

2005 — Disneyland invaded China with the opening of a theme park in Hong Kong.

News By Numbers

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years in prison a Hamilton, Ohio, judge sentenced 17-year-old Cheyenne Blanton to after she kidnapped and tortured a disabled high school student.

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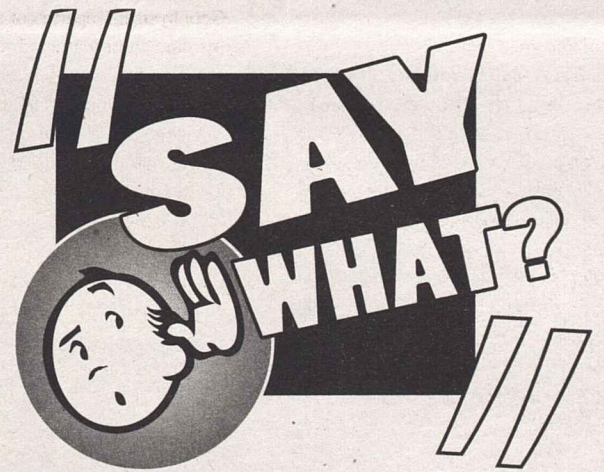
pages amassed in the research survey entitled "A Study of Sexuality in France."

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year by which Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper pledged to remove Canadian troops from Afghanistan.

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Big Macs, Fond Du Lac, Wisc., native Don Gorske has reportedly eaten across 36 years.



"You can put lipstick on a pig. It's still a pig."

SEN. BARACK OBAMA, democratic presidential candidate, rebutting the promise of change offered by Sen. John McCain and Gov. Sarah Palin.

"I'm going to try and win an eighth Tour de France."

LANCE ARMSTRONG, professional cyclist, announcing his decision in a "Vanity Fair" interview to come out of retirement to raise cancer awareness.

"In order to break through the deadlock facing Japanese society, I believe the country might as well have a female candidate."

YURIKO KOIKE, Japan's former defense minister, announcing her decision to run for office of Prime Minister.

"I want to tell you, Detroit, that you done set me up for a comeback."

KWAME KILPATRICK, Detroit mayor, suggesting a return to politics is not out of the question despite his resignation after pleading guilty to a sex-and-misconduct scandal.

"Mistakes by the U.S. and NATO have dramatically decreased public support for the Afghan government and the presence of international forces."

BRAD ADAMS, Asia director of Human Rights Watch, referring to video footage that supports claims that more than 90 civilians died in a U.S.-led airstrike in Afghanistan in August.

"One thing for sure, I'm not going to stop at 13. That would be terrible."

ROGER FEDERER, professional tennis player, following his win of this year's U.S. Open which put him one title away from tying the record for most Grand Slam singles titles.

"The United States, I've said many times, doesn't have any permanent enemies."

CONDOLLEEZA RICE, U.S. Secretary of State, during her visit with controversial Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi.

The high price of education

Acquiring money for school is becoming more difficult.

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STAFF WRITER

For many students in this year's freshman class, getting into college wasn't the hardest part of deciding where they wanted to go; how they were going to pay for it was.

For students, the first step in acquiring any type of financial aid is filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). According to Ellen Chiles, a Financial Aid Counselor at Clemson, this not only helps determine the student's eligibility for scholarships, grants and work study, but it also affects the student's application for student loans.

According to Chiles, every student is different in their financial aid.

The most important thing that they consider when handing out scholarships is a student's grades.

A student's high school GPA determines their eligibility for merit-based scholarships coming in, while their college GPA determines

their eligibility for scholarships as they continue their studies at Clemson.

Many in-state students also receive some aid from the state's Life and Palmetto Fellows program.

"The most important thing for these students to remember is to keep their

grades up," said Chiles. If a student loses either of these scholarships, they can regain the Life scholarship, regardless of which scholarship they lost.

With Clemson's tuition now more than \$20,000 per year for in-state students, many had to look for out-

side sources to help pay for college.

"I used my pre-paid tuition plan from Florida to help me pay for Clemson, but it still didn't cover everything," said freshman Alyssa Goodson.

When looking for outside help to cover tuition,

Chiles says that it's all about taking the time to look; she recommends that students check with their employers, their parents' employers or community organizations that they were involved with in high school.

She does however remind students that there are a lot of scams aimed at college-aged students, so they should be sure never to pay to search for scholarships.

Financial aid is available to students who want and need it.

The most important thing for students to remember is to be aware of deadlines.

"The funds deplete quickly, so students have to be aware of deadlines in order to receive aid," said Chiles.

If students ever have any questions, they can contact the Financial Aid Office by phone at (864)656-2280, by e-mail at finaid@clemson.edu, or in person at Sikes G-01.

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Housing	3,914	n/a	3,914	3,914	n/a	3,914
Board	2,642	n/a	2,642	2,642	n/a	2,642
Transportation	2,360	n/a	2,360	2,360	n/a	2,360
Personal	1,920	1,920	1,920	1,920	1,920	1,920
Commuter Allowance						
Room and Board	n/a	2,550	n/a	n/a	3,914	3,914
Lunch and Travel	n/a	4,044	n/a	n/a	2,642	2,642
TOTAL	\$22,844	\$20,522	\$19,838	\$35,866	\$33,544	\$27,464
Total (Laptop)	\$24,144	\$21,822	\$19,200	\$37,166	\$34,844	\$28,800

Bowden silent on domestic violence charges.

COHEN SIMPSON
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The South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault released a statement expressing aghast over the silence of SCCADVASA spokesperson and Clemson University Head football coach Tommy Bowden concerning linebacker DeAndre McDaniel's arrest due to accusations of assault by his girlfriend.

In the release, SCCADVASA said that it was "genuinely dismayed and disappointed that Coach Bowden has not responded publicly to bring attention to the inexcusable crime of domestic violence," later stating that the organization believes that the university has missed a perfect opportunity to address such unacceptable behavior as domestic violence.

McDaniel was charged with assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature, later being accepted into the pretrial intervention program. As reported by "The State Newspaper," Clemson University President James Barker and athletics director Terry Don Phillips signed a recommendation by Bowden that sought to prevent McDaniel's suspension.

In 2005 Bowden agreed to act as a spokesperson for the first ever statewide public awareness campaign on domestic violence in South Carolina, a unified effort with University of South Carolina head coach Steve Spurrier and South Carolina State head coach Buddy Pough which involved sending a zero tolerance message of domestic violence.

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Seven years later in Afghanistan

How has United States' post-9/11 foreign policy played out in one of the most volatile regions of the world?

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The September 11, 2001 attacks on the United States shifted political ideology and policy-making into a new framework and set of priorities.

Within a year, the United States had launched a "War on Terror" in Afghanistan to oust the Taliban, the governing body allied with Al Qaeda, which in turn led to the 2003 invasion of Iraq, which many people mistakenly believed to be a branch of the War on Terror.

Seven years later and as the United States nears a handoff of executive responsibilities, what is the status of American foreign involvement, particularly in Afghanistan, stemming from the 2001 policy shifts?

Background

The Taliban rose to power after the United States supported it in response to the 1989 Soviet invasion; however the group did not decidedly silence opposition until 1994, when the hard-lined, Sharia-based Taliban gained control.

In 2001, the United States invaded Afghanistan after the Taliban refused to extradite Osama bin Laden and other Al Qaeda operatives. The U.S. troops were joined by the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), which included soldiers from Britain, Germany, France, Spain, Turkey, Italy, Canada and Jordan, among others. The Taliban was driven from power and an Islamic republic / direct democracy was instituted.

Current situation/perspectives

ISAF controls the capital, Kabul, and most of the northern region; however, formerly U.S.-backed warlords, as identified by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), control southern provinces, especially in rural areas

where the Taliban remains. Since 2007, the Taliban has regrouped significantly, and violence/terrorist attacks have increased noticeably against ISAF troops and Afghans alike.

The outlying militia forces draw income primarily from the opium trade, which was legal under Taliban rule but banned by the new government.

As of December 2007, most Afghans supported the presence of overseas troops and opposed the Taliban.

About 71% of respondents to a BBC-commissioned poll said they supported the presence of US military forces in Afghanistan, with 67% supporting the ISAF peacekeeping mission. Support is higher in regions with less Taliban influence.

Economy/life quality

According to BBC interviews with Afghani villagers, inflation and irrigation are primary problems. The lack of water limits crop quantity and the number of seasons a farmer can grow various food items, which is one reason many go into the opium trade, which yields much higher personal profits and provides more than 1/3 of the nation's economy each year (with the legitimate national GDP making up the remainder.)

The United States recently gave Afghanistan \$10 billion in security assistance, but some critics suggest that the money should be spent on developing alternative sources of income for Afghans, which in turn could cripple warlords by replacing their black-market profits with a legitimate economy.

Haji Deen Gul, an Afghani interviewed by BBC while selling 20 kilograms of opium, also suggests international forces target opium traffickers, who make four times as much money from the trade as farmers do.

"They should target the ones who are selling the heroin to Western countries," said Deen

Gul. "I sell my opium to feed my family, and from my heroin they can even make medicine. When I have water and roads provided to me, I will stop growing poppies."

Women

"We have the constitution and the courts," says Soraya Sobhrang, a former gynecologist who runs the women's rights department of the Human Rights Commission. "Who are the jirgas [tribal councils] to decide on women?"

Sobhrang is speaking of the contradiction between Afghanistan's equal-rights constitution and the prevalent fear of many women, even those in power, for their safety and jobs.

While 91 of the 361 members of Parliament are women, many have not been paid for months or receive death threats, and in more rural areas, the jirgas generally rule against women and the constitution.

Afghanistan's Independent Human Rights Commission, for example, documented over 1,500 cases of "atrocities against women" in 2007. A third of these women were victims of domestic violence, called "beating" in the report, 200 were married off forcibly, 98 set themselves on fire and more than 100 tried to commit suicide by consuming poison.

However, on a positive note, girls may now receive a higher education, whereas they could only attend school until the age of 10 under Taliban rule. And the formal rights recently granted allowing them to participate fully in public life give many hope of future progress.

Education

The number of Afghan children in school has jumped from 900,000 to 6 million in the past six years. During the same period, the country gained approximately 120,000 teachers, with 10,000 new hires coming this year alone.

However, in the past 13 months, the Taliban

has closed more than 500 schools by intimidating administrators or burning the school tents (few schools actually have a building) to the ground.

Also, Taliban soldiers recently opened fire on a group of schoolchildren walking home, which is only the latest example of violence against educators and the budding republic's infrastructure.

Looking to the Future

President Bush announced that about 4,500 more U.S. troops will be sent from Iraq to Afghanistan by February 2009, boosting the 33,000 currently in the country. General Petraeus seemed to concur on the additional troops, calling the country's situation "fragile". While the leaders of ISAF, including U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates, seemed optimistic about progress in Afghanistan after a recent meeting, some countries voiced dissatisfaction over their role in the region or their relations with other ISAF members. Canada announced it will withdraw all its troops by 2011, and Germany refused to send more troops.

Meanwhile, tensions arose between the U.S. and Pakistan, as well as between the U.S. and the Afghan government, as Pakistan reiterated its unwillingness to allow U.S. troops to target militias over the Pakistan-Afghanistan border, though U.S. officials declared the move as a key strategy and killed 15 Pakistani villagers in a raid on Sept. 4.

Then, the Afghan government (all branches) accused the U.S. of covering up more than 90 civilian deaths in a botched raid, though the U.S. military maintains it killed the targeted "insurgent."

Whether all this amounts to a positive or negative account of seven years' involvement, it is clearly a complex situation with many implications in global politics for years to come.

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administrative hearing or a student judicial board hearing. The former type is necessary for cases that involve eviction from University housing, suspension or expulsion or if the referred student requests to have an administrative hearing.

Though the Dean of Students usually serves as the chairperson of the Administrative Hearing Board and retains control over the hearing, a Clemson student, a faculty member and a staff member serve on the board as well.

Cases that concern the violation of general student regulations or those incidents in which a student has been arrested are heard before the Student Judicial Boards, a facet of the Student Government Judicial Branch.

Members of this board are all current Clemson students and are chosen on a yearly basis by OCES and the Student Attorney General.

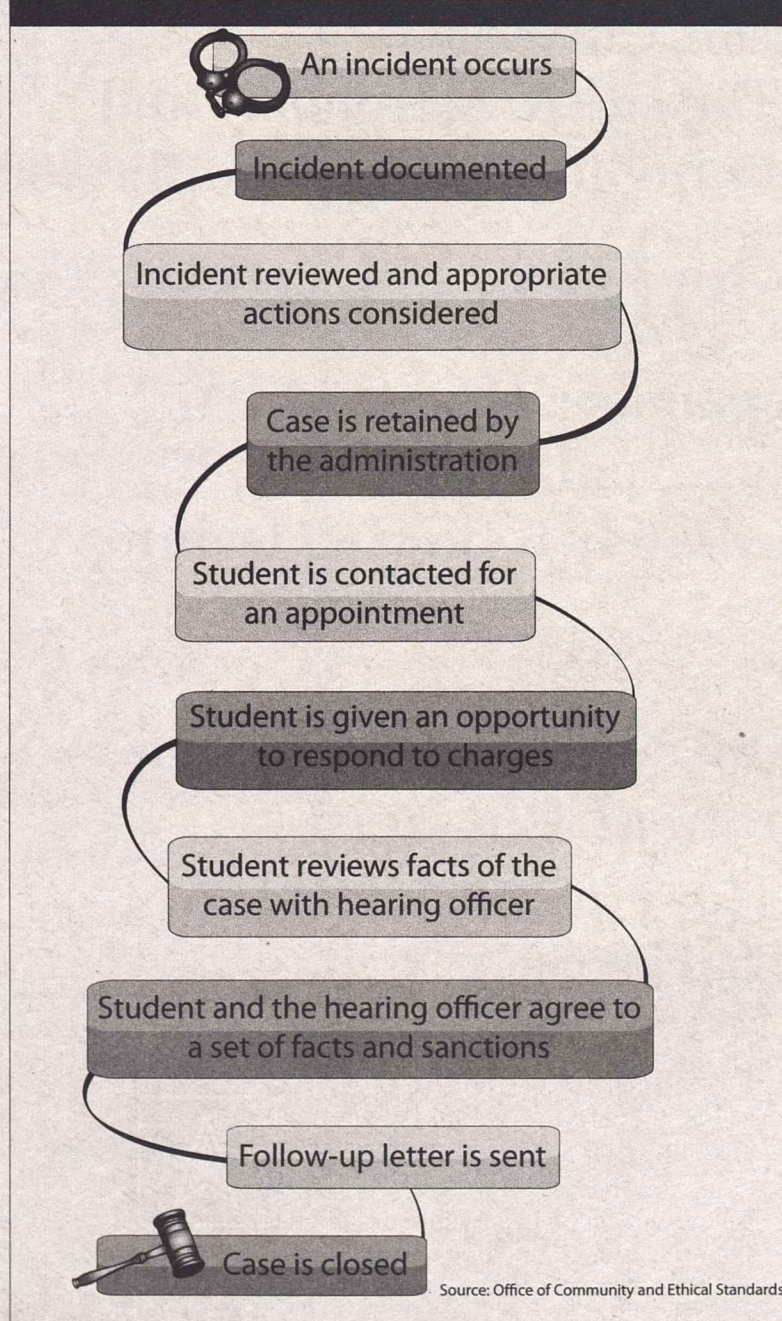
OCES is also responsible for advising the Attorney General and for training the student members of the judicial boards. During any type of hearing, the student may present and review any statements, facts or other information relevant to the case.

Once a decision is made regarding the outcome of the hearing, the student is notified and expected to promptly comply with any verdict reached by the board.

The Clemson University Student Handbook makes it clear that once an individual accepts her admission to the school, she agrees to abide by all University regulations. When a student finds herself facing judicial action, it may be helpful to be familiar with the common disciplinary terms of OCES, explained in further detail on the office's Web site.

- Admonition: an oral confirmation that a student has violated a regulation
- Censure: an official written

BASIC JUDICIAL CASE FLOW



statement that explains a student's violation

- In-kind restitution: the requirement of a student to reimburse costs for damage or destruction of University property personal prop-

erty; to complete community service; to be relocated within University housing facilities; or to attend educational programs based on the case's circumstances

- Restriction of privileges: the

taking away University privileges such as obtaining tickets to athletic events, visiting certain residence halls, voting in University elections, parking on campus and participating in certain University clubs and organizations.

- Disciplinary probation: a specified period of time of review during which a student is considered to be "not in good standing" with the University faces specific restrictions due to the seriousness of the violation

- Eviction: removal of a student from University housing without a refund

- Suspension: denial of enrollment, attendance and other University privileges at for a specified period of time during which a student is deemed "not eligible to return" to the University; a student must receive permission from the Office of Student Conduct to re-enroll following their suspension period

- Expulsion: permanent dismissal of a student from the University

Though it is a lesser known campus administration, statistics gathered by OCES attest to the need for such an office.

During the 2007-2008 academic year, OCES received 1414 reports, 83 less than the previous year.

Out of all the cases, 748 were alcohol related, a statistic that has kept alcohol incidents among the top-three violations that bring students in front of the judicial board.

In addition to its close ties with Clemson's judicial program, OCES sponsors programs to promote responsible, ethical behavior.

One such initiative, called the Community Education Program brings together a group of students who provide fellow students with opportunities to learn about Clemson's core values of integrity, honesty and respect.

The Community Educators as they are known, empower students to become dependable members of the Clemson community.

TAILGATE from page A1

Future Clemson-sponsored tailgates are not out of the question, said Shah.

"If the tailgate goes well, we will definitely investigate ways to keep this going," he said.

"Many of our student leaders have talked about the need for an alcohol-free tailgate on this campus open to all students."

"Also, many students from out-of-state who don't have parents, friends, and alumni that have attended Clemson for generations typically are at [a loss] for a spot to tailgate on game-day," said Shah.

IPTAY's overtaking of student tailgating spots is prompting students to turn to CUSG.

According to Shah, CUSG will be working with IPTAY to compromise on the issue in the near future.

"We are working on a few possibilities as we speak," said Shah.

"The minute something comes up we'll for sure let the student body know."

While the tailgate is mainly for students new to Clemson — both freshmen and transfer students — all students are invited to attend.

Families and community members would not be turned away from stopping by the tailgate, said Shah, although the event's planners hope that the majority of those who attend will be Clemson students.

"The best thing about this tailgate is that it's been a collaborative effort amongst organizations and departments that typically function alone," said Shah.

"Everyone has come together to make this a reality. This is what leadership and service is all about."

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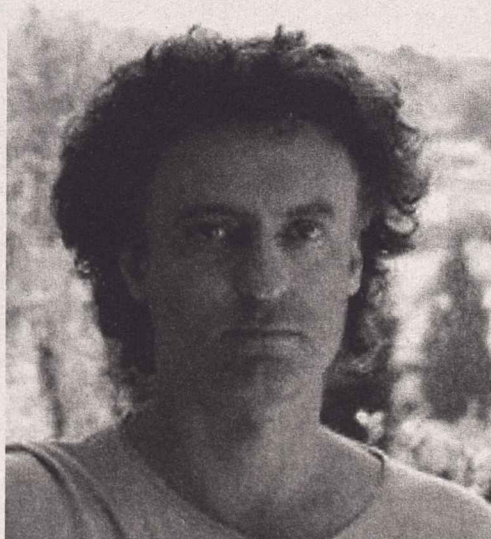
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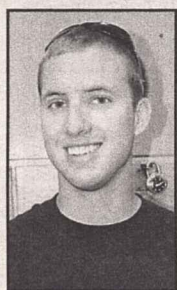


Do you think it is right for the government to bail out the mortgage companies when they signed people up for risky investment?

"Yes, I think it's the beginning of change America needs."



Katie Harrill
psychology
sophomore



"I think the people taking out mortgages should be held responsible."

Thomas Hutley
engineering
sophomore



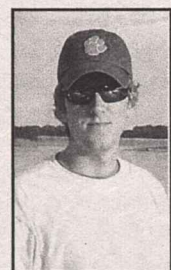
"They should not have signed up for risky mortgages and should be held responsible."

Kyle Beste
mathematical science
freshman



"It needed to happen in order to prevent further economic devastation."

Jared Parker
parks recreation tourism & management
sophomore



"I do not support government take overs in most cases, however, in this case I believe that it was necessary."

Russell Collins
business
sophomore



"Yes, to a certain extent. I thought Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac were supposed to help lower income to give people a chance to own a home."

Jane Anne Sweeny
graduate of 2003



Subprime home loan blues

Most Americans have spent recent weeks caught up in the political tug-of-war of this year's presidential election. Conventions, scandals and smear campaigns have taken our full attention. Our thoughts on the U.S. economy (and the dreaded "r-word") have been largely restrained to the proposals made by Sens. McCain and Obama during their respective campaigns.

Meanwhile, as names like McCain, Obama, Palin and Biden have taken most of the media marquee, two of America's most integral financial players have fallen hard. While it's too soon to tell just how much John and Jane Q. Taxpayer will be affected, the current crisis speaks volumes about mismanagement and poor risk assessment from the people in charge.

The two institutions under the spotlight are the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac). They are responsible for making and guaranteeing loans on the secondary mortgage market, which increases the supply of money available for mortgage lending and the purchase of new homes. Between the two of them, the companies own or guarantee more than \$5 trillion in mortgages on the market. To put that number in perspective, it's about 46 percent the size of the official U.S. public debt.

Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac were effectively bailed out of declaring outright bankruptcy on Sunday by the U.S. Treasury. They were put under a conservatorship, which is similar to a Chapter 11 filing. The Treasury and the Federal Housing Finance Agency will replace the board and CEOs of the companies for a temporary amount of time until the company gains a stronger footing in the markets. After that, it will be up to the incoming administration to decide how they will be handled.

Before the takeover by the Treasury, both companies functioned as government-sponsored enterprises (GSEs). That is, they were privately-owned companies with implied backing by the U.S. government, and their purpose was to help make credit more available and more affordable in the mortgage market. They were basically set up with a line of credit from the government at their inception to help ensure that their mortgage-backed securities could be easily sold on the market without drastically affecting prices.

However, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac saw losses of about \$12 billion since last summer, and their shares had fallen from \$60-70 each to less than a dollar each by the time of the takeover on Sunday. Their losses were due in large part to high-risk involvement with subprime mortgages, which are mortgages made by borrowers who have a high probability of either failing to make loan payments or making those payments late because of their credit history, income or job history.

Neither company took appropriate measures in due diligence when getting involved with scores of subprime mortgages which were being defaulted on more and more frequently after the housing bubble burst. As delinquencies and defaults of subprime mortgages rose, so rose the likelihood that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac would have to make good on their government-backed guarantees. Now, the most viable solution (no matter how grim for taxpayers) is for the Treasury to assume their losses and provide \$100 billion to each company to help stabilize them.

Unfortunately, this really is the best solution. If the government did not intervene and Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae both went outright bankrupt, that would mean they'd be defaulting on more than \$5 trillion worth of mortgage securities. With the implicit backing of the

U.S. government, the credit rating of the country would be destroyed. Consider also that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are tightly linked with foreign banks, international financial institutions and regional banks here in the U.S. If they go bankrupt, most financial institutions involved with them would also go bankrupt.

As a result, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), the company responsible for insuring bank deposits, would practically crumble overnight. Foreign governments and financial institutions would stop injecting money into the U.S. because the default of more than \$5 trillion in mortgage-backed securities would greatly increase the likelihood of those foreign investors having their loans defaulted on by the U.S. In short, no foreign investors would feel safe putting their money into a government which failed to pay back trillions of dollars in securities. Interest rates would soar as cash becomes scarcer, and business would largely screech to a halt.

This would mean that the U.S. government would have no choice but to finance its deficits at incredibly high rates, causing incredible levels of debt and rapid devaluation of the dollar. In short, if these two companies hadn't been bailed out and were allowed to go totally bankrupt, we'd be looking at a depression similar to the Great one, maybe worse.

It's with this reasoning that the former CEOs of Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, Richard Syron and Daniel Mudd, were given "golden parachutes."

Syron and Mudd received severance packages of \$6.3 million and \$7.3 million, respectively, as incentive to let the Treasury step in and take the reigns. Economic analysts and Treasury advisors are calling the severance pay for the CEOs "blips" when compared with the cost of letting the companies go bankrupt. They argue that had the CEOs not

been paid they might have dragged their feet in the takeover, or even filed bankruptcy before allowing the takeover at all.

In a letter to Treasury Secretary Henry M. Paulson Jr., Sen. Obama wrote, "Under no circumstances should the executives of these institutions earn a windfall at a time when the U.S. Treasury has taken unprecedented steps to rescue these companies with taxpayer resources." Obama considers the payoffs "inappropriate."

Obama's proposal for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac is to give the institutions a similar public-private hybrid status to that they held before the takeover, but with much stricter controls and oversight.

McCain's proposal would see the institutions partitioned off into several smaller, privatized companies. McCain, like Obama, has problems with the CEOs reaping too much personal benefit.

Recently interviewed, he said that problems at Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac stem from "cronyism, special interest lobbyists and executives making millions of dollars a year while things were going downhill." Both Obama and McCain agree that the Treasury takeover was the best available option, given the circumstances.

No matter which administration will take up the mantle in dealing with Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, they must be pressed by us, the taxpayers, to prevent these kinds of institutions from making too many risky decisions.

These companies are far too large and far too integral to our economy (at least for now) to require such little accountability from the government which sponsors them.

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COMMENTARY

Tommy Bowden and the new era of pseudo elitism

NOAH WELSH

Columnist



It's football season. Everyone seems to think this is the year. With the return of James Davis, CJ Spiller and Michael Hamlin along with other specimens of athletic perfection, it seems there is good reason — or is there? Why would there not be? Could it be that we hired a cud-chewing politician rather than an actual football coach? In the simple yet profound words of brilliant sports analyst and Clemson student Cleveland Blankenship, "We need No. 1 coaches for our No. 1 players."

To all of you more sensible people out there who are outraged that I would use football as the centerpiece of an opinions column, I apologize; however, you must understand that this article is about more than football.

It is about economics. When money is invested, return is expected. Tommy Bowden has a salary of more than \$2 million annually, and he certainly does not perform on a level even close to such a value.

Not only is Clemson's football problem economic in nature, but it is indicative of a larger problem at Clemson University.

Football may be an arbitrary human interest, nonetheless millions of dollars are poured into it each year not only justifying our

high expectations but also showing how much football means to our community.

When money is invested results are expected — a fact that is true in any industry. Take a look at this example: suppose I spend more than \$2 million a year on a chef to make me some soup, give him world class cooking facilities, some of the finest ingredients from around the country and 10 years to work on his recipe. It seems economically justified to get slightly irritated when he randomly throws ingredients in a bowl and expects good soup.

This gets worse when he defends his pathetic mush of high quality ingredients by talking about Pete Carroll's soup. Maybe he can call Nick Saban up on the phone and ask him for some seasoning tips.

The evidence of Bowden's coaching ineptitude is seemingly limitless. His players do not respect him. He has no idea how to make adjustments to his game plan when an opponent proves itself formidable. He will give up on the running game if a tailback has just a few weak carries. How about that play calling? Oh, but that is Rob Spence's job. In this case Bowden would certainly do well to try adopting a little of Harry Truman's, "the buck stops here" philosophy.

As for Bowden's partner in crime, Rob Spence, he will certainly never reach the Doctor Emmett Brown caliber of "mad scientist." Maybe one day when he is hanging

a clock he will slip, hit his head on the toilet, and instead of coming up with the flux capacitor he will realize that it makes no sense to throw a five-yard bubble screen on a third and long situation.

Anyway, my sole point in writing this article is not to convince people that Tommy Bowden is a terrible coach. I am also trying to point out that it is not only okay for people to be outraged when their investments do not yield adequate return; this should be expected. Once again Tommy will wave his magic cape with Daddy's last name emblazoned on it, and we will all be disillusioned once again. It is this illusion which connects Tommy to the larger Clemson problem.

In recent years Clemson University has become obsessed with appearance. Now we care about things that actually matter less than the façade of good facilities and good recruiting in athletics and becoming a Top 20 school in academics. We need to care about the things that actually matter in their respective fields, like winning football games and giving kids good educations. It is not that things like recruiting and becoming a Top 20 are bad things. It is just that they are not logical ends, and at some point in the past our sights have shifted from the real goals at hand to a few extraneous aspects of success in our periphery.

Today we find ourselves obsessed with the West End Zone initiative,

wearing solid orange on Fridays and receiving some arbitrary number in a bogus university ranking system. While Clemson has skyrocketed towards the Top 20, has our quality of education really improved?

Now we all wear solid orange on Fridays not because we love Clemson, but because Big Brother tells us. Hey, look, now we have school spirit! Non-revenue sports are being left out to dry, as we only care about those who get significant media attention.

We even have gone as far as putting little green bumper stickers around campus just to get the environmentalists on our side, yet we change nothing of significant environmental impact. Only the illusionist realizes that putting a flashy coat of paint on an old Ford pickup will never make it a Bentley.

Some would say that complaining about the coaching staff and University makes me part of the problem rather than the solution. This may be true, but if my rants can do anything to make people aware of what is happening then I see no other option.

I have lived in Clemson my entire life, and I am not going to sit around while a bunch of politicians on ego trips destroy my football team, my University and my hometown.

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COMMENTARY

I am now a historian

LUCY HOFFMAN

Guest Columnist

I am now an historian. I am first a writer, but my choice of history as a major has also turned me into an historian. What does that mean? I suppose that depends on who you ask. For me, it means that my writing has been affected by my education. Sometimes in a good way, and sometimes in a not-so-good way.

I have long admired polished writing — writing that one can read effortlessly. Writing that pulls you in without even knowing there was a hook. From the first sentence on, you are on a magic carpet that lures you to float along with the words and you willingly go without even knowing you have agreed to the ride. Writing that lets you feel the air blowing against your face without telling you there is a wind.

Writing that allows you to feel cold hard steel pressed against your face or hot sand that burns your feet as you run quickly to the water. Writing that shows and does not tell. That is the essence of great writing — the ability to make the reader stick with the words even when she does not realize she has decided to stay.

The smooth downhill slide of a well-constructed story that causes the reader to blink once in the cold air rushing past her face. And to realize that she did not breathe while she read. Or did, and breathed with careful attention to the words on the page. That is writing.

Becoming an historian with a passion for reading history has forced me to realize that not everyone has a fervor, skill, or aptitude for the written word. It isn't as if I didn't already know that, but, wow, this has really made the lesson much clearer. Historians generally write with an academic slant. Heck, it is more of a sharp angle occasionally dragging you under the muck of "what the hell does this mean?"

Sometimes the writing has to be deciphered carefully, and even then, I'm not sure I know what I read. Regularly, I find myself re-reading pages many times in the attempt to follow the line of reasoning presented by the academic. Sometimes, it is line by line that I seek understanding. The convoluted sentence structure of a person (apparently) many times higher in intelligence than me can be a drudge to figure out. But figure out I must, because I am assigned this reading or this person is well respected in my field, or I simply want to prove to myself that I can make sense of the intended confusion of this writer.

Additionally, historians love to make up their own words. I can be flying along with a great read on World War II or film history and trip suddenly, fall flat on my face with the published words pushing their way into my cheek. A word that will not be found in any online dictionary is staring up at me with obstinence and reality. This word must be real because there it is in black and white — every student's proof that fact is fact (the black and white text). And I realize that it has happened again.

Webster is rolling over in his grave, but then Webster lived in such an insular society. There were no computers, no Facebook, no texting or IMing. Then again, the writer of history is not using these styles of writing. She is using the academic's license (it sure isn't poetry) to describe her findings, and suddenly there are no other words that will work in this description.

The invented word is there, and I get to figure out what it means (as historians often don't like to tell you what they mean). This presents a dilemma. Can I invent words? As a writer, that appeals to me, sometimes greatly. But as the daughter of an English teacher, I am appalled. Additionally, I don't think that my professors or the graders of my papers would approve. I just wish that someone would on occasion admonish the historians for this practice.

What is the point of my rambling? Unlike some historian's, I will tell you. The point is — how good is YOUR writing? I have heard it said that writing is a lost art. Don't buy it, because it just isn't true. Writing is alive and well in all endeavors. In all career choices. In every area of your life. Sure, we don't write letters anymore. When was the last time you received a long hand-written (or even typed) letter from your mom, grandma or close friend? I'm betting it's been awhile.

But when was the last time you updated your profile on Facebook? Sent an e-mail? Jotted a note to your roommate? Writing will go on as long as people try to communicate. And the strength of your (future) job may ride on your ability to communicate in writing to your boss, coworker or future employer. If, like some historians, your writing could use polish (and believe me, everyone's can), get ye to the writing center — 305 Daniel — 656-3280 — or pick up a book on writing skills, work on this vital block of communication, and help the rest of us with what the heck you mean when you write. It is a skill well worth polishing for the rest of your life.

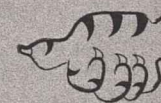
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PAWS UP, PAWS DOWN

A large black bear raided a secret marijuana growing operation so often that it chased the grower away, according to a Utah sheriff.



Authorities in central Taiwan closed the country's last legal brothel last week after the death of its 87-year-old pimp.



Police responded to cries for help from inside a Trenton, N.J. home last week only to discover the calls were coming from a caged cockatoo.



Last Friday, a man in a wheelchair robbed a 7-Eleven convenience store in Dallas, Texas of 10 boxes of condoms and an energy drink.



French scientists have found a way of using particle accelerators to date vintage wines, according to researchers.



California policemen arrested a man who broke into the home of two farm workers, rubbed spices on one of the workers and hit the other with a sausage.



A London couple was reunited with their cat this week that came home after a nine-year absence.



A Lebanese restaurant owner and his wife were having oysters for lunch when she made a stunning discovery — a cluster of 26 pearls inside an oyster on her plate.



COMMENTARY

The Democrats' energy switch

SETH MULLIKIN

Columnist



As Congress goes back to Washington before the election, Americans are given a sense of hope that the terrible price of gas might come down.

This is, of course, if the democratic leadership doesn't change their position again. Speaker Nancy Pelosi has indicated that she will allow a debate and vote on legislation that involves offshore drilling; after, she blocked a vote before going on vacation.

The Republican House Leader John Boehner remained in Washington to protest not being allowed a vote — a vote they would probably win. This has given the Republicans one issue they actually have an advantage on in 2008. (John McCain was politically savvy enough to switch his long-held position against drilling several months ago, bringing him in line with his base).

Afraid of blowing an election as only Democrats can, the party leadership has been scrambling to support or appear to support the position of 69 percent of Americans. Speaker Pelosi declared we need to have this "debate, a healthy one...and I welcome it." This shows a clear change from previously calling measures to increase the supply of oil by drilling "a hoax that is unworthy of serious debate."

This tends to be in agreement with other Democratic senators who have claimed that the price of oil is not related to supply and demand, but has risen solely because of "speculators." Speculators, by definition, buy assets to resale at a higher price because they believe either demand will increase or supply will decrease. Therefore, even though speculators most likely drove prices up, the prices would drop if the premise of increased demand or decreased supply was not met, which has happened as Americans have used less oil and support has built for increasing the supply.

Pelosi also contends that the oil would not be available for

10 years, which is only partially true. Oil from the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge would take approximately 10 years to bring to market. However, oil from offshore drilling could be available in three years because of existing infrastructure in the Gulf of Mexico. Her claiming the oil would not be available for 10 years strikes a chord of irony with those who remember President Clinton vetoing a bill to allow exploration in ANWR because "the oil wouldn't be available for 10 years." Of course, that was 13 years ago, long before "two oil men in the White House" drove up the price of oil by supporting increasing the supply of oil.

Speaker Pelosi hasn't been the only one to steer away from the harsh rhetoric directed at offshore drilling. Sen. Obama finally showed an example of the mystical "change" he has spoken about for months. Although, he insists this wasn't a "change in his position" he now agrees that offshore drilling can be part of a "bipartisan solution." This comes at a time when his Senate colleagues from both parties were showing a fine example of

his campaign theme of "reaching across the aisle" by drafting a bill that would allow some offshore drilling and provide "investments" in alternative energy.

What politician wouldn't change his position to venture away from his extremist base and appear like a moderate who supports "bipartisan solutions" while aligning himself with the majority of Americans? Speaker Pelosi also agrees that drilling offshore must be part of a bipartisan solution that also addresses alternative sources of energy, not a Republican "drill only" solution.

If only Republicans would agree to support alternative fuel sources then Speaker Pelosi and Sen. Obama would be willing to work with them. If this is the case, why did they not support the bill introduced early during the summer that would have done this and much more?

Clemson's own congressman, Gresham Barrett, co-sponsored just such a bill, The Main-Street USA Energy Security Act. While this bill did support drilling offshore it was from the "Republican drill only plans"

that Speaker Pelosi referenced, but I suppose it makes sense for the Speaker of the House to not be familiar with an energy bill this summer. The Main-Street USA Energy Security Act supported using money from new oil leases to help with alternative fuel sources, such as wind and solar. It called for more refineries to be built — we haven't built one in more than 30 years — with a set number being made specifically for refining biodiesel. It supported clean coal technology and coal to liquid technology because "America is the Saudi Arabia of coal." It preceded, the now well-reviewed, Pickens' Plan in supporting the use of America's abundant and cleaner natural gas reserves.

Good thing for the Democrats the national media didn't attend any of Congressman Barrett's press conferences; it might be hard to find a "bipartisan solution" with all the good ideas taken.

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COMMENTARY

Some of the best days bring out the worst in people

HEATHER PORTH

Guest Columnist

The beginning of football season is the highlight of many Clemson fans' year. I, along with many others, was very excited about this past weekend's football game. However, I'll be the first to admit that I am not exactly a sports person. I may not always know exactly what's going on, but the thrill of a Clemson football game can even make me, a so-called non-sports fan, really get into the game.

One thing that I have learned while attending football games is that one of the best days at Clemson, such as game day, can bring out the worst in some of the fans and students.

I understand that everyone wants to have a good time and look cute/sexy while having a good time, but there are some things that are just unnecessary.

I admit, I am a much bigger fan of people-watching than I am of football.

It just so happens that a Clemson football game is a prime location to get in some good people watching time.

Maybe it's the Communication Studies Major/Sociology Minor in me, but I find people captivating. This brings me to share some of my observations with you.

First of all, I think some of the outfits, or lack of outfits, that are worn to football games are atrocious.

I understand that it's hot outside, especially in the middle of a September afternoon, but does a bra really make it that much hotter?

Now, give me a break, I'm not staring, but when girls don't wear one it's quite obvious and it looks bad. Period.

The lack of clothing award goes to a certain girl that my friends were subject to seeing.

Apparently there was a young woman who was wearing a short dress who never learned the correct way to sit while wearing a dress.

Apparently she forgot or just didn't care that she wasn't even wearing any underwear

because it was not a pretty sight for anyone who glanced in her direction.

I really hope that isn't attractive to anyone reading this, but if it is, imagine your significant other "accidentally" exposing themselves that way.

Are you still okay with it? That's just not classy. If you can go without undergarments and people not notice, then fine. No one has to know.

However, if you plan on walking up and down the stairs at the stadium and not crossing your legs, for the sake of everyone, put on some underwear!

Again, I realize that football signifies more than just a football game.

The excitement of a football game begins long before the game and ends long after the game.

Usually the side effects of all the "fun" are still lingering the morning after the game.

When fans become belligerent and crude while having fun, it makes Clemson look awful.

It's definitely not just

Clemson fans that act this way, but I care most about us Clemson fans and how we act.

I'm not sure about everyone else, but I do not like to have drunk people falling all over me and throwing up near me while I'm trying to watch a football game. In all honesty, does anyone like this?

We're all adults here, so if someone wants to cuss, you can and no one is going to scold you for it. However, it seems as if an individual would not want to give off such a negative perception of themselves.

There is a fine line in Clemson's stands between being a serious fan and a seriously annoying fan.

Example: One individual was trying to "encourage" the rest of us fans to stand up. I'm all for encouraging others to get excited and get into the game, but this particular individual decided to stay,

"Come on ya'll! Stand the f*** up!" I also heard people saying f*** the Bulldogs. I know we want to win, but saying that is just disgraceful

to the other team, but more importantly, it is disgraceful to our University. I don't know why everyone throws that word around anyway, but that's an issue for another day.

I don't expect for everyone to wear conservative uniforms and drink Diet Coke at every football game. I also understand that apparently getting drunk and doing basically whatever you want is also part of the football experience.

I realize that college football has been this way for years and years, and there will not be much of a change, if any. But if this article offended you in any way, then you probably do dress inappropriately and you probably are the crude fan shouting profanity or falling all over the rest of us.

Do everyone a favor and learn to control yourself. Take your bra off after the game, and save the drunkenness for later.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To whom this may concern,

Reid Geyer's article "Why Clemson is fine \$2,400?" was pointed and appropriate. However, I did want to clarify something. The bill that the S.C. State Legislature passed that gives math and science majors money has some major stipulations that Geyer did not list. Any eligible S.C. resident can receive at least some of this money — the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship. To be eligible, students must score a 1200 on the SAT (27 on ACT), have a 3.5 GPA, and be in the top

six percent in their graduating class OR have a 1400 on the SAT (32 on ACT) and a 4.0 GPA. Any eligible student can receive \$6,700 their freshman year and \$7,500 for three more years if they maintain a 3.0 GPA and at least 30 credit hours a year.

The Palmetto Fellows Enhancement fund allows students to receive \$10,000 beginning their second year of college if they maintain the GPA, major in certain math and science related fields, and successfully complete at least

14 credit hours of math and/or science classes during their freshman year (included within the 30 credit hours per year). This scholarship is not simply a \$10,000 handout to math and science majors, which is how the article describes it.

I wanted you to be aware of this in case any students have questions about this scholarship.

Thank you,
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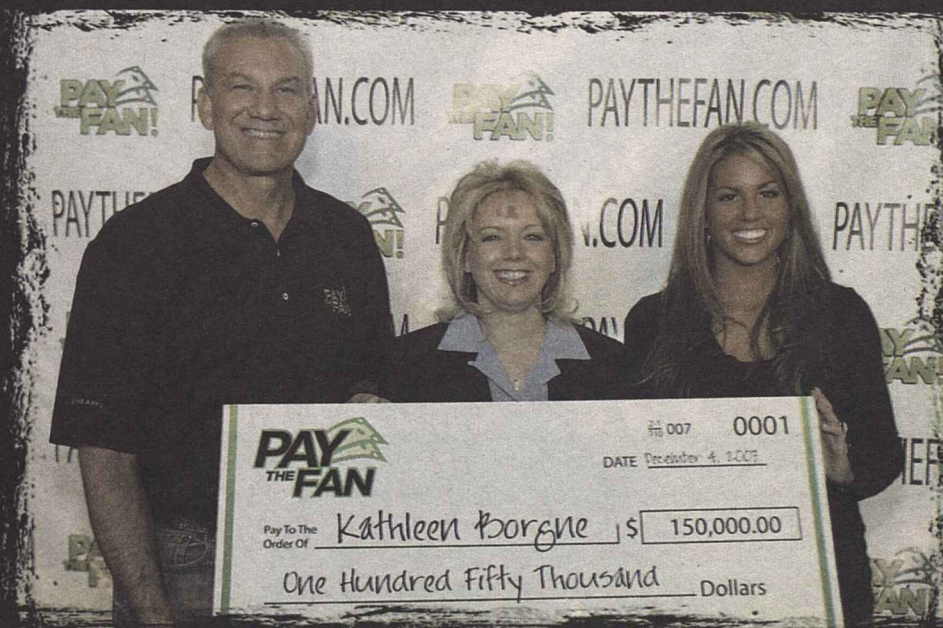
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Tigers tame Bulldogs 45-17

After a lackluster first quarter, Clemson jumped out to a 21-0 lead on The Citadel.

ANDREW BAKER
STAFF WRITER

James Davis didn't wait long to erase the memories of Alabama. On the first play he ran for 24 yards after cutting back to the right. A week ago, the Tigers had zero yards rushing for the entire game. At the end of the first drive, they had 56 yards rushing. It didn't come without its struggles, as Davis fumbled on the five-yard line seven plays later.

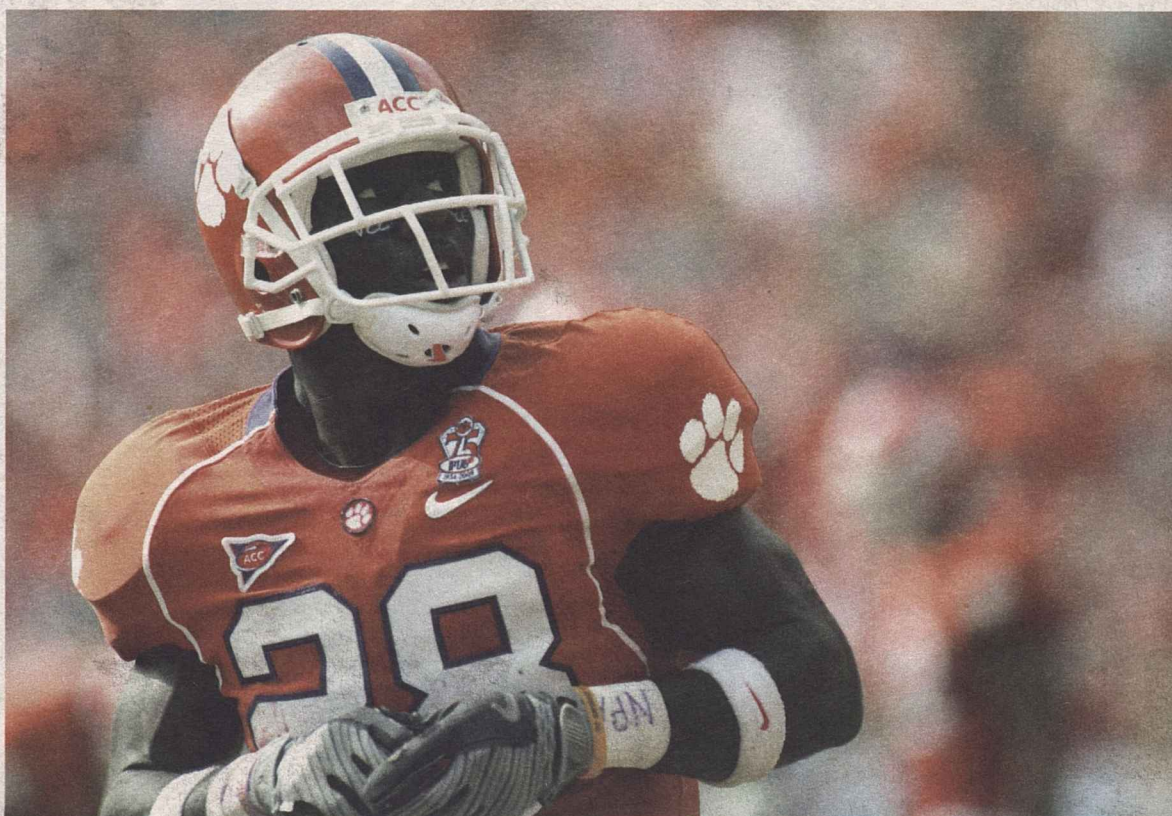
Davis ran for 107 yards and a touchdown, and C.J. Spiller ran for three touchdowns, the same total he had last season. Cullen Harper showed the same efficiency that has characterized his career in a 42-17 win. But early on, the Tigers offense couldn't finish the job.

The Tigers showed promise in the first quarter but couldn't convert on their first two drives. After the fumble on the first drive, the Citadel converted a third down opportunity before stalling at the 24 and punting. On the ensuing drive, Davis was stopped on fourth down on The Citadel's 26.

The Citadel couldn't take advantage missing a 48-yard field goal and Clemson scored in just three plays. With less than a minute remaining in the quarter, Davis went right and scored on 38-yard run. The Citadel missed a 38-yard kick on the ensuing possession and Clemson sliced through The Citadel defense again.

Spiller showed his speed both as a receiver and a runner when he made a 27-yard catch to set himself up for a 37-yard touchdown run two plays later.

On the next Clemson possession, the Tigers took nine plays to make it 21-0 on a one-yard touchdown run for Spiller. On the drive, The Citadel showed some Military Appreciation Day fight. The Tigers had trouble generating a pass rush with two of their top defensive line-



Junior running back C.J. Spiller gazes into the crowd after a second quarter touchdown. Although he only carried the ball three times, Spiller amassed 75 yards and scored three touchdowns against the FCS opponent.

men Ricky Sapp and Jamie Cumbie out and gave quarterback Bart Blanchard time to connect with receiver Andre Roberts three times. On Roberts's third catch of the drive, he scored from 41 yards out and put the Citadel on the board.

The Citadel threatened again but Michael Hamlin intercepted a prayer from Blanchard on the three, preserving the Tigers' 21-7 lead at the half. The first half had been a mix of good and bad for the Tigers, but the running game was there. In the first half, Clemson ran for 197 yards with most of the yardage coming in big chunks.

In the second half, The Citadel offense, led by Roberts and Blanchard, were shut down thanks to the efforts of Hamlin. On the

opening drive of the second half, Hamlin intercepted Blanchard on the Clemson 44. After Clemson scored on yet another Spiller touchdown run, The Citadel was again stopped by Hamlin who intercepted Blanchard on the Citadel 38.

Off of the interception, Cullen Harper found tight end Michael Palmer for a 26-yard touchdown and Clemson led 35-7. On the last possession of the third quarter, backup Willy Korn came in for Harper. Harper completed 14 of 18 for 192 yards and a touchdown.

Although the Tiger defense struggled to sack Blanchard, the Bulldog quarterback was more hurried in the second half. Clemson had just one sack for the game, coming from Daquan Bowers.

In the fourth quarter, the Tigers scored twice more to finish off the Citadel, and freshman Jamie Harper ran for 38 yards and a touchdown on six carries. Harper earlier in the game displayed his skill as a blocker when he lined up at fullback several times.

The Citadel scored on a 27-yard Keeler field goal with 8:07 to go and Luke Caldwell caught a 50-yard touchdown pass from backup Cam Turner with 1:17 left in the game to make the final score 45-17.

In his post-game interview, Tommy Bowden expressed both satisfaction and frustration with the Tigers effort. "You feel good about yourself for just a little bit," said

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College football needs preseason



BRANDON BOATWRIGHT
staff writer

In college football, every game counts — especially those early on in the season. In many instances, the first several games set the tone for a team's season. Oftentimes, teams come out of the gate lethargic or just downright bad and lose to a team they really aren't supposed to.

In 1989, the then-ranked No. 6 Florida State Seminoles had high hopes going into the fall. They faced a little-known program in Southern Miss, with a little-known quarterback under center — some guy named Brett Favre. The Seminoles were expected to shine that season and kick it off with a pounding of the Golden Eagles. As Lee Corso would put it, "not so fast my friend." Southern Mississippi shocked the nation that Saturday, dismantling Bobby Bowden's Seminoles on a touchdown pass from Favre with 23 seconds to go. An amazing nail-biter yes, but it was nevertheless a disappointment for the 'Noles who were highly touted and expecting an easy win.

Now think back to opening day 2007. Michigan, one of the most perennially dominant programs in all of college football, against the FCS division App. State Mountaineers — blow-out written all over it. As we all know, that didn't turn out quite how it was supposed to. Michigan was sluggish against an otherwise inferior opponent. At least, that's what they were supposed to be. It was another great game, but the Wolverines looked like the FCS team.

Then there was two weeks ago in the Georgia Dome, a little closer to home. Clemson versus Alabama, a matchup with huge implications and expectations on both sides. Fans packed the stadium in both crimson and sunset orange, expecting a nail-biter and getting a blowout. Granted, unlike the previous two examples, Alabama is certainly no slouch. But the point is that Clemson could and should have been much more prepared. Just like Michigan was not prepared for App. State and Florida State was not prepared for Favre and the Eagles.

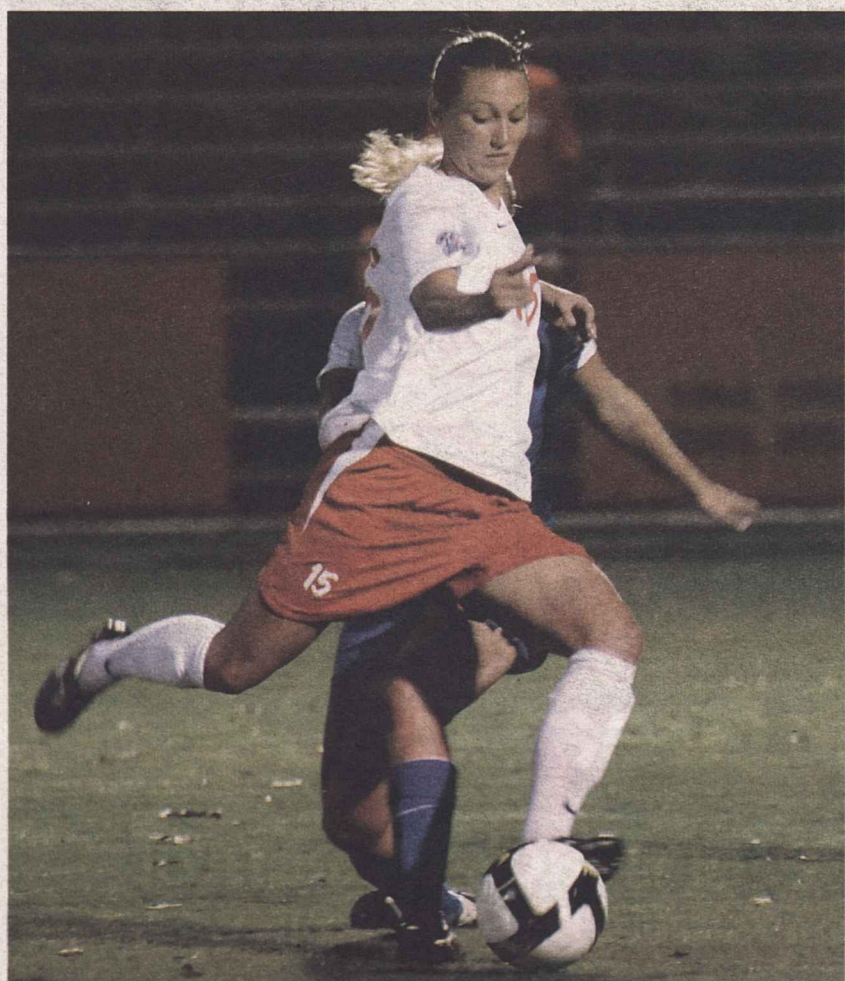
Typically in college football, opening games are normally played against cupcakes from lower divisions or equally unimpressive conferences around the NCAA (a tune-up, so to speak). But for some reason, catastrophic meltdowns are all too common for teams with high expectations that really have no other excuse other than the fact that they weren't primed to play the game.

Don't get me wrong, I love a good upset any day of the week — so long as it's not Clemson of course. It makes the game much more interesting

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Women's soccer splits games in Columbia

After the Carolina Cup, the Lady Tigers stand at 4-1 early in the season.



Forward Julie Bolt clashes with an opponent. Bolt is one of five seniors on the team.

ALEX URBAN
STAFF WRITER

The Clemson women's soccer team finished the weekend on a positive note, defeating the Francis Marion Patriots 3-0 two days after losing to the South Carolina Gamecocks 1-0.

Clemson improved its overall record to 4-1 after spending the weekend at the Carolina's Cup in Columbia, S.C.

The Tigers fell victim to the Gamecocks on Friday night, suffering a 1-0 loss. The last time the two teams met, it was at Riggs field, but the Tigers came out on top 1-0.

Three minutes into the second half, South Carolina players Kira Campbell and Brooke Jacobs set up the only goal of the game to Lindsay Small. The goal proved to be the game-winner and improved the Gamecocks to 3-0-1 on the season.

Clemson was outshot 14-4 in the game, but hung in until the end. Both teams had four corner attempts in the game and were almost even in fouls, Clemson recording 10 and South Carolina recording 11.

The Tigers used Friday's tough loss as motivation for their game on Sunday against Francis Marion, who was winless on the season. The Patriots stayed winless, falling to the Tigers 3-0, making their record 0-5 on the season.

Junior midfielder Katie Vogel scored her first goal of the season in the 31st minute on a pass from sophomore Samantha Fortier. The Tigers added the second goal of the game just six minutes later on a penalty kick from junior Danielle Schmitt.

The junior split the Patriot defenders, but was taken down inside the box, setting up an easy scoring opportunity, which she capitalized on.

Freshman forward Tara Cort scored her second goal of the season, beating the Francis Marion goalkeeper to the right in the 71st minute for the final goal of the game. Clemson out shot Francis Marion 19-7 and had seven corner kicks to the Patriot's zero.

It was a good confidence building game for the Tigers, who face defending national champions, Southern California Sunday at noon at Riggs Field.

Soccer goes winless

Tigers defeated by Georgia Southern 2-1, then remain deadlocked with Radford 1-1.

BRETT MILLS
STAFF WRITER

JESSE VON FANGE
PHOTOS

Junior forward Daniel Smith scored two goals off two Jon Cox assists to lead the Georgia Southern Eagles to their first ever win over Clemson Friday night in front of a boisterous crowd of 5,950 at Historic Riggs Field. Smith opened up the scoring in the seventh minute, sprung free on a breakaway by a beautiful over-the-head ball from Cox. All Smith had to do was push the ball past Tiger keeper Joseph Bendik (four saves on the night) from six yards out.

The Tigers proved scrappy though, and junior Nathan Thornton evened things up in the 24th minute off of a textbook give-and-go with Eric Cava. Thornton sent a ball to Cava, who immediately passed it back, allowing Thornton to score on a diagonal shot 12 yards out, his first goal of the season.

Six minutes later, the Eagles went ahead for good, again off the foot of Daniel Smith. Eagles defender Fredrik Langseth sent a pass from the back to Jon Cox, who again freed up Smith on a breakaway with a well-placed through ball. Smith hit the mark from nine yards out, his second goal of the match.

With the win, Georgia Southern improved to 1-1 on the season, while Clemson fell to 1-2. Although they fought hard, possession remained a problem for the Tigers, and as a result they had to play catch-up for much of the game. "I felt like

we came out better tonight in the first half," said Head Coach Trevor Adair. "We got behind and had to chase the game all night. We have done this for three games and it takes a lot out of us."

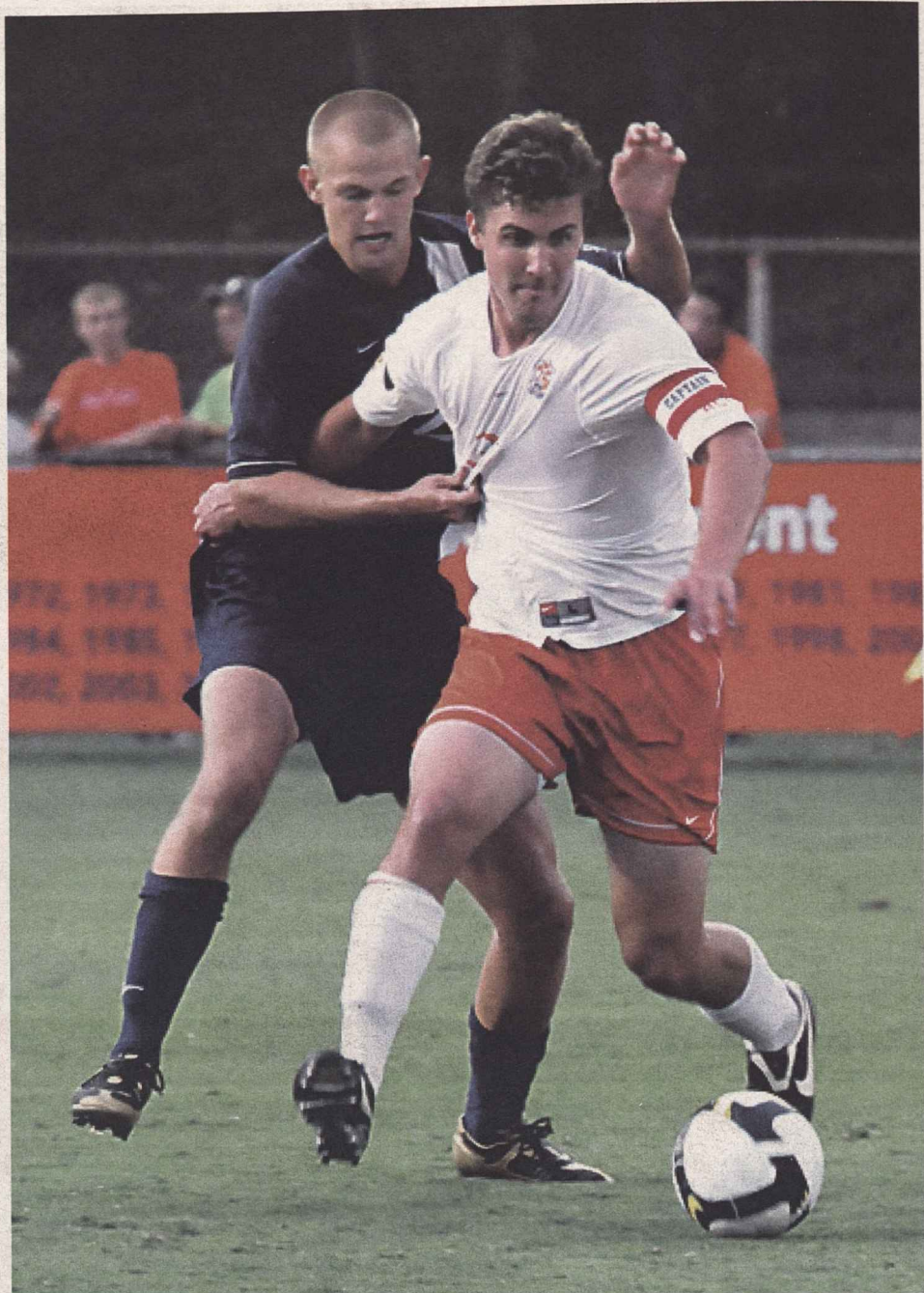
Adair seemed pleased with the performance, but admitted the team still has a long way to go. "We are not playing as a team, but playing as individuals. We have a lot of things to fix and we will work hard to fix them. We had a large crowd tonight and I really appreciated the support by our fans."

The Tigers then battled Radford Saturday night to a 1-1 tie. Keegan Priest of Clemson sent a shot from the left side of the field to the upper right corner of the goal to put the Tigers ahead 1-0 in the 62nd minute. Radford came back late in the second half on a goal by Iyiola Awosika in the 87th minute of the game.

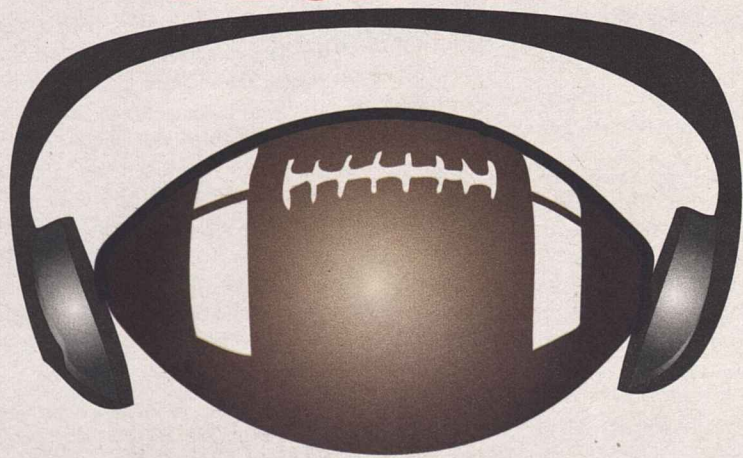
The game went into overtime where Clemson came inches away from a score when Tommy Drake's corner kick found David Newton who headed the ball into the crossbar in the 92nd minute of play. With the tie, both teams moved to 1-2-1 on the season.

Coach Adair honed in on the team's focus after the tie, "We are just making too many mental mistakes, and we need to improve on our focus."

The Tigers open ACC play Saturday against defending National Champions Wake Forest.



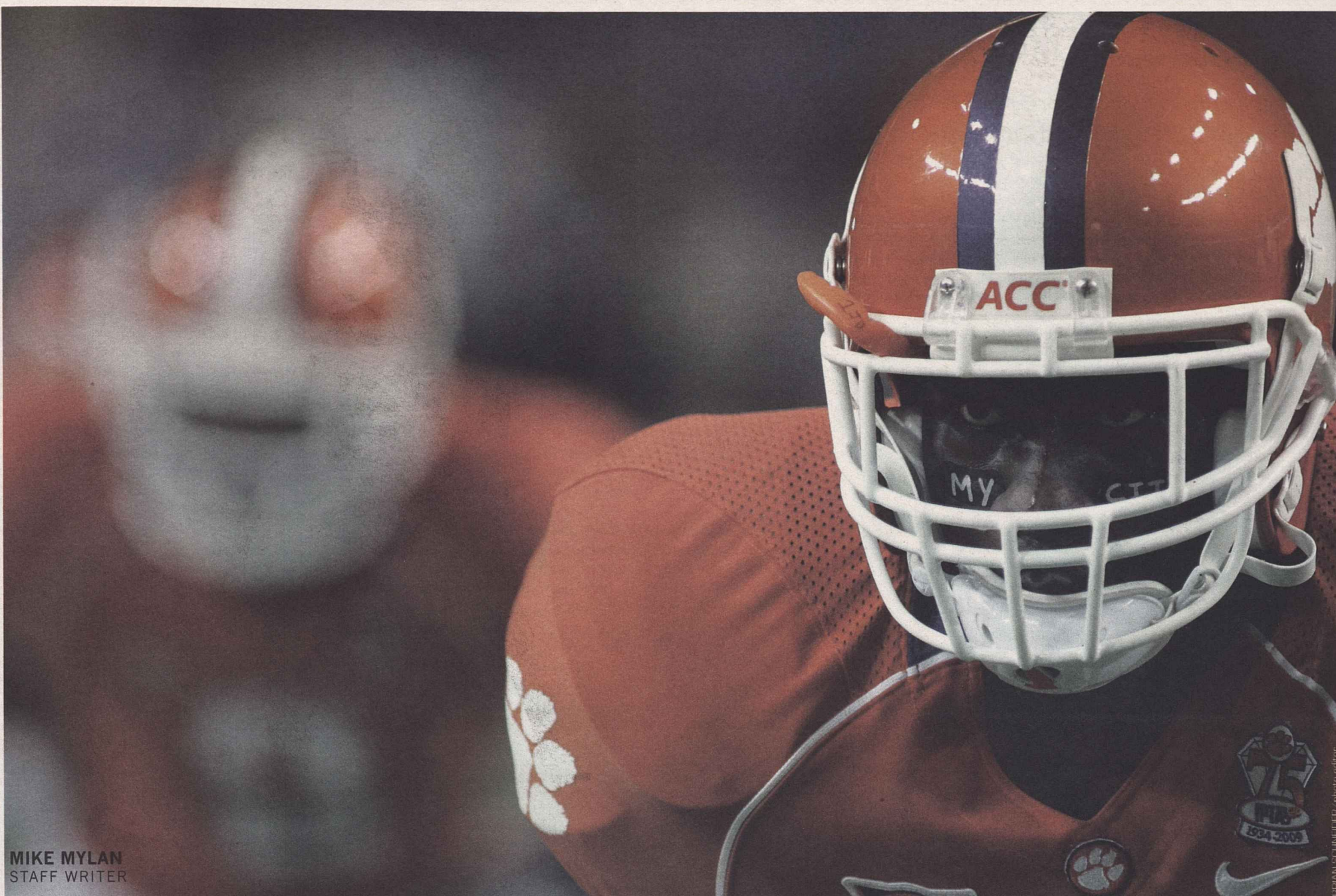
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Navy vs. Duke	Navy	Navy	Navy	Duke	Navy	Navy
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Virginia vs. UConn	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	UConn	Virginia	UConn
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N.C. STATE vs. CLEMSON



TOP 25 standings

1. USC
2. Georgia
3. Oklahoma
4. Florida
5. Ohio State
6. Missouri
7. LSU
8. Texas
9. Auburn
10. Wisconsin
11. Alabama
12. Texas Tech
13. Kansas
14. East Carolina
15. Arizona State
16. Oregon
17. Penn State
18. Brigham Young
19. South Florida
20. Wake Forest
21. Fresno State
22. Utah
23. California
24. Illinois
25. West Virginia

After a very disappointing opening game against Alabama, the Tigers were able to bounce back this past weekend in their home opener against The Citadel. The Tigers were embarrassed in Atlanta by that first game, and many fans were worried that their oncepromising season had crashed into hopelessness.

Fortunately, fans can breathe a little easier after watching Clemson dominate the Citadel last weekend. Clemson, now in full swing, is looking ahead to their next opponent, the North Carolina State Wolfpack.

The Wolfpack and the Tigers have shared a similar opening season. Both teams experienced a horrific season opener only to rebound with a victory against an FCS team last week.

N.C. State opened up against Clemson's loathed in-state rival South Carolina. The strength of the SEC was portrayed as South Carolina shut out N.C. State 34-0. Head Coach Tom O'Brien, now in his second year with the team, knew he had to keep his team confident after the beating. "I am not going to let them lose confidence," said O'Brien. "We will go back home, get them going and go out and win a football game next week

against William & Mary."

That's exactly what N.C. State did emerging victorious in a 34-24 win at home. Backup quarterback Harrison Beck came into the game and threw two touchdown passes for a sputtering N.C. State team. Even though he did an outstanding job at leading the Pack from behind, Russell Wilson, who was knocked out early against South Carolina, will be the starter behind center against Clemson.

O'Brien was also very pleased with the play of his young defense.

They came together much better during their second game as they forced four turnovers but will be seriously tested on Saturday with the speed of Clemson's skilled position players.

The Clemson offense looked much more lifelike in their second game as well. Running back James Davis started the game off impressively last week with a 38-yard opening drive touchdown and running back C.J. Spiller kept up the pace of the game scoring three more touchdowns. Cullen Harper also looked like he was back in appropriate form, after struggling against Alabama, as he went 14-18 for 192 yards and a TD. This weekend

the Tigers look to expose the young Wolfpack defense.

Despite the recent victories over N.C. State, the Tigers have a history of struggling against Coach O'Brien.

As the former Boston College head coach, he is responsible for consecutive overtime victories against Tommy Bowden the past two seasons.

Clemson has no real reason to look past N.C. State since the following weekend the Tigers play S.C. State, which should be an easy victory. Clemson hopefully will not come into the game overconfident and sputter early on, as they did against Alabama. N.C. State has the potential to take advantage of the Tiger's mistakes early on, so the Tigers need to come out in full force.

If Clemson is able to come into the game at full strength, it should be a fairly decisive victory. The Tigers have the speed and talent that N.C. State is lacking. Look for the Tigers to get up early on the Pack and coast the rest of the game for a victory.

The game will be home at Death Valley tomorrow at noon and will be televised locally on Raycom.

KEY PLAYERS

N.C. STATE

Nate Irving
(RS) Sophomore, LB

Irving, a Wallace, N.C. native, is the Wolfpack's leading tackler this season with 23. His 3.5 tackles for loss also leads the team. He's had two interceptions already on the year, one in their opener against South Carolina, another the following week against William & Mary. Irving started the last five games of 2007 for the Pack.



CLEMSON

Mason Cloy
(RS) Freshman, RG

Injuries on the offensive line forced the Tigers to start Cloy last week. The 310-pound freshman led the team with 10.5 pancake blocks against The Citadel. His performance against a much tougher defensive line in N.C. State will be key to a Clemson victory. Strength is not a problem for the young lineman, as Cloy's power clean (360 pounds) is second best on the team.



MATCH UP HISTORY

2007.....	Clemson (42-20)
2006.....	Clemson (20-14)
2005.....	Clemson (31-10)
2004.....	Clemson (26-20)
2003.....	N.C. State (17-15)

Volleyball goes 2-1 in UNI Invitational

Tigers solidly defeat Marquette and Northern Illinois but fall to Northern Iowa.

SARAH PORRI
STAFF WRITER

The Tigers volleyball team traveled out west to the University of Northern Iowa this past weekend to compete in the University of Northern Iowa Invitational. The Tigers were coming off a loss to Florida International and hoped to redeem

themselves in this contest. At the end of the two-day competition, the Tigers finished second to the host team. Clemson is now 4-2 overall for the season.

On Friday, the Lady Tigers took on their first match against Marquette. Clemson won in decisive fashion 3-0. Sophomore Lia Proctor led the way with 13 kills with teammate senior Jeannette

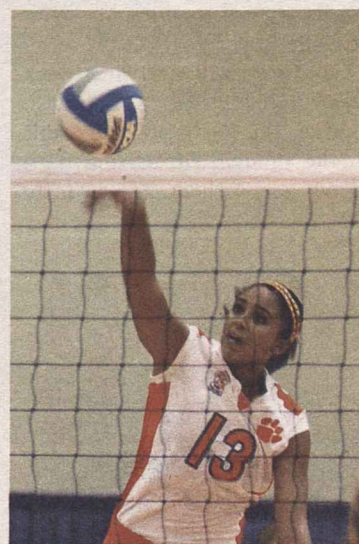
Abbott right behind her with 10. Junior Didem Ege had an impressive 10 defensive digs for Clemson. The Lady Tigers got off to a smooth start winning the first set 25-10. However, Marquette rallied in the second, only losing the set by just two points. The third set was close as well with Clemson edging out Marquette 25-17. The next day, the Tigers would play two matches in hopes of winning the invitational.

Saturday brought ups and downs for the Tigers. Clemson got off to a good start by sweeping Northern Illinois in straight sets (25-17, 25-19, 25-10).

The duo of Proctor and Abbott both had double-digit kills for this match as well as being key contributors to the best hitting percentage so far this season for the Tigers at .318.

The Lady Huskies of Northern Illinois kept the Tigers in range during the second set, even taking the lead by two at one point. Clemson fought back with a notable seven-serve streak by Meghan Hinemeyer to give the Tigers the lead again. They would close out the second set and look to the final set to give them a chance at the title.

After roaring to an early 13-6 lead, Clemson played well defensively to hold



Sophomore sociology major Lia Proctor goes for a kill. Proctor was named to the all-tournament team.

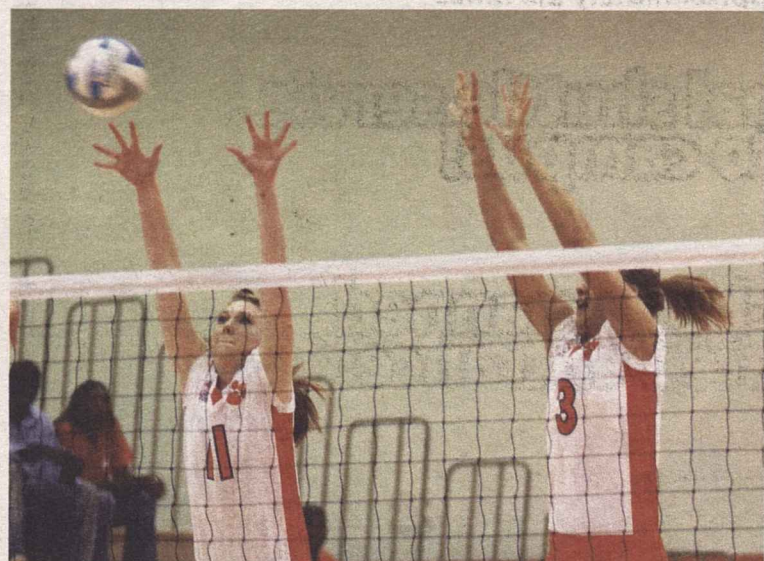
the Lady Huskies to just 10 points the entire set. The Tigers won the match and moved on to the final match of the invitational against the host team, the Panthers of Northern Iowa. This match would mark the toughest test of the Lady Tigers over the two days. Saturday night's match would be drawn out into four sets as the

Tigers refused to give up without a fight keeping the first three sets deficits within three points.

After a slow first set, Clemson came out in the second with a 12-5 lead, but Northern Iowa rallied to come back within one point. Clemson would close the set thanks to a kill by freshman Brittany Fennell and an error by the host team.

The third set was close with a tie at 11 points. The Lady Huskies then pulled ahead by five and the Tigers fell too far behind to score more before the end of the set. The fourth and final set was the same story with Northern Iowa ahead 16-12 with the Tigers unable to catch back up. Clemson took second in the UNI Invitational, but did not leave Iowa without some honors. Proctor and teammate Senior Danielle Hepburn were named to the all-tournament team by their impressive performances. Proctor, on her first all-tournament team, posted 42 kills overall with 28 digs and seven blocks. Hepburn, on her second all-tournament team, had 28 kills and 20 blocks.

This weekend the Lady Tigers will be back in action in Columbia, S.C., for the Carolina Challenge. Opponents include Winthrop and South Carolina on Friday and College of Charleston on Saturday.



Freshmen Lacy Hayes and Brittany Fennell go up for a double block. Fennell's kill closed Clemson's only victorious set against Northern Iowa.

TIGER SCHEDULE

FOOTBALL

Saturday 9/13
N.C. State
Noon
Clemson, S.C.

MEN'S SOCCER

Saturday 9/13
Wake Forest
7 p.m.
Winston-Salem, N.C.

Tuesday 9/16
Stetson
7 p.m.
Clemson, S.C.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Sunday 9/14
USC
7 p.m.
Clemson, S.C.

VOLLEYBALL

Friday 9/12
Winthrop
12:30 p.m.
Columbia, S.C.

Friday 9/12
South Carolina
7 p.m.
Columbia, S.C.

Saturday 9/13
College of Charleston
12:30 p.m.
Columbia, S.C.

Thursday 9/18
Georgia Tech
7 p.m.
Clemson, S.C.

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Friday-Sunday 9/12-14
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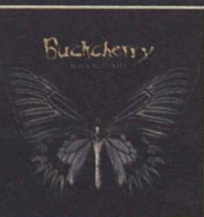
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Bowden. But he felt the team could have played better defensively.

"We've got to find ways to get more pressure, that was way too much yardage," said Bowden in reference to The Citadel's 338 passing yards.

For both the players and coaches getting into the win column was more a relief than cause for celebra-

tion. Outside of the locker room, Spiller said the focus last week was The Citadel, and Monday that focus shifted to N.C. State.

When Spiller mentioned N.C. State, he seemed to allow himself a little smile.

The Tigers will start next week with an unblemished ACC record, and after the early struggles this year, the thought of starting fresh certainly gives them a reason to smile.



Freshman defensive end Da'Quan Bowers (right) sacks quarterback Bart Blanchard. This effort was Clemson's only sack on the afternoon.

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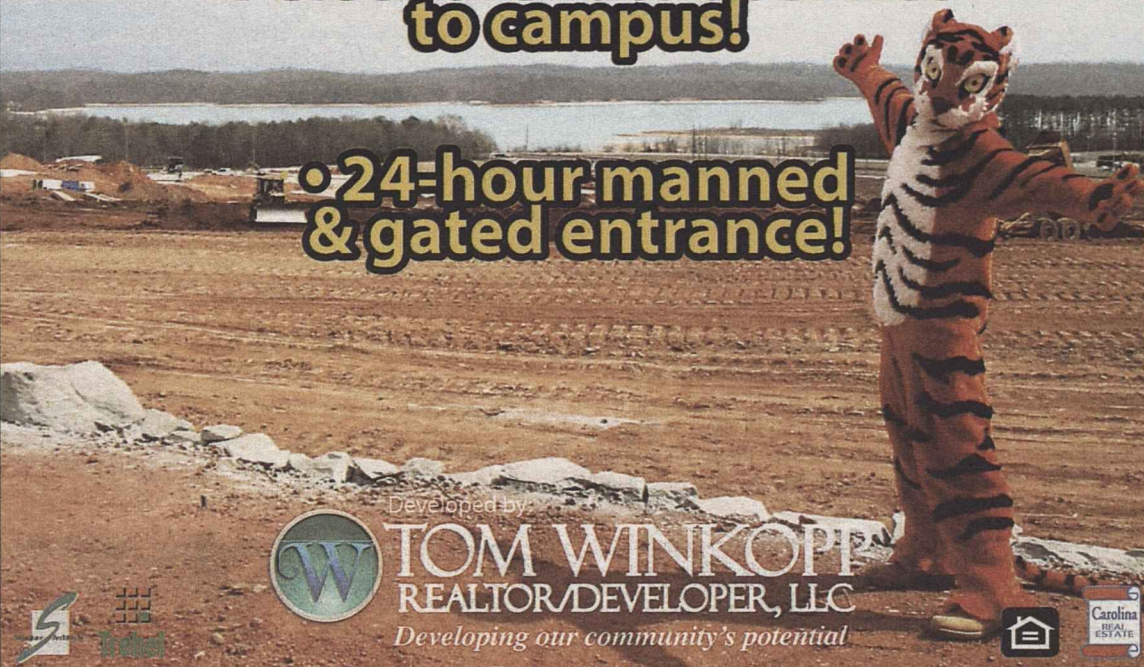
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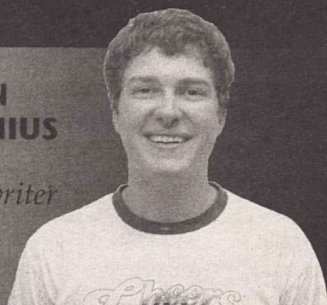


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Fantasy Football: Building a Cassel

RYAN LAUNIUS

staff writer



Last weekend marked the culmination of several months of effort from fantasy owners around the country.

Fans watched their sleeper picks eagerly, hoping to have found a diamond in the rough as they were torn between pulling for their fantasy team and their real team.

But the fans watching the games weren't the only things torn apart on Sunday, as Tom Brady's anterior cruciate ligament managed to turn this entire NFL season upside down in only eight touchdown-less minutes of play.

That's right, Tom Brady is already down-and-out quicker than a freshman at a kegger. I want all of you who spent the second overall pick on this pretty boy prodigy/50-touchdown force to take a deep breath and repeat after me: "When I am done reading this article, I will immediately pick up Matt Cassel in my fantasy football league."

Once you are done with that, just stay calm and realize that everything is going to be alright.

While Cassel may not be Tom Brady, he still isn't a pushover; he just happened to be backing up one of the most prolific quarterbacks in the history of the sport. Kind of like how Michael Turner was backing up Ladainian Tomlinson, and things seemed to work out well for him.

Matt Cassel doesn't even need to be one of the best quarterbacks to lead your fantasy team to victory because he has guys like Randy Moss and Wes Welker grabbing anything that is thrown in a Bill Belichick system that is very kind to quarterbacks.

And besides, as long as the Patriots keep cheating and spying on opponents' defensive schemes before games, we should see plenty of production from Matt Cassel.

That being said, I can move on to the main part of the article. But I can't promise I won't bring up Brady's injury again.

Running backs

What a day for Michael Turner! After a stellar preseason, Turner managed to live up to all his hype going into the first game he has ever played as a franchise running back. The newest member of the Falcons churned out 220 yards on the ground with a pair of touchdowns this past Sunday. As long as Turner continues to split carries with Jerious Norwood and only gets to the low 20s in carries per week, he should continue to produce with a small likelihood of wearing down.

Matt Forte was hyped up in the preseason and still managed to exceed expectations in the Bears opener in Indianapolis as he had 141 yards from scrimmage and a touchdown. Other notable rookie running back performances included Tennessee's Chris Johnson (127 yards and a TD against a stiff Jacksonville defense) and the Kevin Smith/Felix Jones combo in Detroit which combined for 142 total yards and a pair of scores.

But two rookies failed to reach their potential this past weekend, as Ray Rice and Darren McFadden looked lackluster in their debuts.

McFadden had more of an excuse as he was playing against a tough Denver defensive line, but Rice should have performed much more impressively against the soft defense of the Cincinnati Bengals, which allowed 118 rushing yards per game to its opponents in 2007.

Sammy Morris continued to drive Lawrence Maroney owners crazy this past week, as he stole the show once the Pats offense made it into the redzone. Morris is a strong pickup for anyone in need of a back because of his consistent redzone carries due to his power running style.

Expect both Maroney and Morris to receive more carries in the future with Brady out of the picture, but don't be surprised to see Morris scoring all the touchdowns and stealing all the glory from Maroney throughout the season.

My "what the heck?" moment of the week happened while I was watching the Houston Texans take on Pittsburgh in the Steel City on Sunday when Willie Parker scored his third rushing touchdown of the game. I say this because not only does "Fast" Willie Parker have one of the laziest nicknames in the history of sports, but he also has been known for his lack of touchdowns over the past couple years. Just to put it in perspective, Parker's three touchdowns in the opening game was one more than he scored in all of 2007.

Wide Receivers

Hines Ward looked 10 years younger against the Texans as he capitalized on short passes for two touchdowns and 76 yards. Ward was the only player in the NFL to catch two touchdown passes in week one, which makes him look as dominant as ever. Even though this took away from Antonio Holmes this past week (2 receptions for 19 yards), look for Holmes to get more deep looks as the opposing defenses start to make adjustments against Ward.

Nate Burleson suffered a season ending injury this past week as he joins fellow wideouts Deion Branch and Bobby Engram on the bench. This will help out the stats of Branch when he is healthy and Engram when he gets back from suspension in week five. However, until then Matt Hasselbeck will more than likely be stuck throwing passes to himself out of a power-I.

Philadelphia has seemed to adopt the motto "No Kevin Curtis, No Reggie Brown, No Problem!" as their three backup receivers (Hank Baskett, Desean Jackson and Greg Lewis) all eclipsed 100 yards receiving and scored a touchdown. If Donovan McNabb continues to spread the love to his receivers, these names are likely to be fantasy legends by the end of the season.

Tight Ends

If you are in a 12-man fantasy league this year, odds are that the three top fantasy tight ends from week one all went undrafted. Despite being owned by only 10 percent of teams in Yahoo, Anthony Fasano was the top wideout of week one, pulling in eight receptions for 84 yards and a score.

Robert Royal also seemed to be one of Trent Edwards' favorite targets with six receptions for 52 yards and a touchdown. Royal is only owned in 3 percent of leagues, not unlike another unknown tight end Dante Rosario, who had 7 receptions for 96 yards and a touchdown for the Carolina Panthers last week.

While all of these young tight ends are probably available in your league and were impressive last weekend, I think the best bet to pick up and perform is Dante Rosario.

I say this because Jake Delhomme is a much more experienced quarterback and is more adept at looking through his progressions to find the tight end rather than going for the big play.

Quarterbacks

Chad Pennington looked revived on Sunday against his former club as he threw for 251 yards and 2 touchdowns.

I wouldn't get too excited about him though, because even with his yardage and touchdowns, he completed less than half of his passes (26-43).

But who knows? Sometimes all a quarterback needs is a change of scenery to start playing to his potential (see: Drew Brees), but usually it doesn't help at all (see: Joey Harrington, Tim Couch and Mark Brunell).

The rookies shone this past weekend when Matt Ryan and Joe Flacco took center stage and looked like true veteran franchise quarterbacks. Ryan took over the game quickly with his arm when he completed his first pass as an NFL player to Michael Jenkins on a 62 yard TD.

But don't get too worked up thinking that Ryan to Jenkins will be a dynamic combo as that was the only reception Jenkins had all day.

Flacco took a different route in his NFL debut, choosing to win with his legs rather than his arm.

The former Delaware quarterback scored a touchdown in a scintillating 38-yard run, which proved to be the difference in the ballgame.

While both Joe Flacco and Matty-Ice seemed to be poised in their first games, I wouldn't recommend committing a roster spot to either of them on your team already unless you are in a keeper's league.

Someday these guys may be the faces of the NFL.

The Bills liked what they saw in Trent Edwards on Sunday when he amassed 215 yards passing and a touchdown against a tough Seattle defense.

Edwards should perform well with a solid wide receiving corps in Buffalo, and since he is hardly owned across Yahoo and ESPN leagues alike he would make a great substitution for anyone who recently lost Vince Young or Tom Brady but did not win the Matt Cassel lottery.

FANTASY WEEK ONE STUDS

Quarterbacks

Donovan McNabb

21 of 33 passing, 361 yards, 3 TDs

Drew Brees

23 of 32, 343 yards, 3 TDs, 1 INT

Philip Rivers

17 of 27, 217 yards, 3 TDs

Running backs

Michael Turner

220 yards rushing, 2 TDs

Willie Parker

138 yards rushing, 3 TDs

Reggie Bush

51 yards rushing, 8 rec. 112 yards TD

Receivers

Eddie Royal

9 receptions, 146 yards, TD

Hines Ward

6 rec, 86 yards 2 TDs

Reggie Wayne

10 rec, 86 yards, TD

Tight Ends

Dante Rosario

7 receptions, 94 yards, TD

Anthony Fasano

8 rec, 84 yards, TD

Robert Royal

6 rec, 52 yards, TD

Cross-Country team captures eyeopener

Both the men's and women's team win their events.

TYRONE GAYLE
STAFF WRITER

For the second time in as many weeks, both the men's and women's cross country teams were instructed to run as a pack at the 25th annual Eye Opener held in Spartanburg, S.C. last Saturday morning.

This weekend, both teams claimed victories.

The women's team won its 5,000-meter team competition after the Lady Tigers' top five finishers placed sixth through 10th.

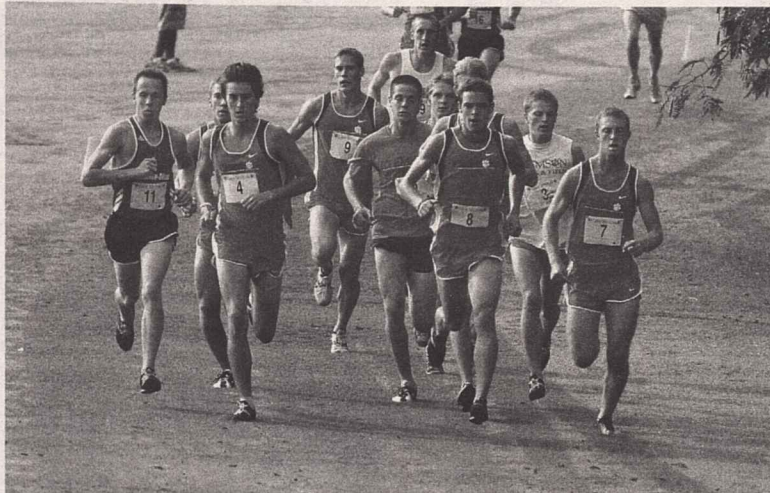
The split amongst the top five for Clemson was just three seconds on the women's side, an impressive statistic to say the least.

Sensational sophomore Jenna Baker saw her first action of the season and the second year performer certainly did not disappoint. The Bellevue, Ohio native placed sixth with a time of 18:51, holding off Stephanie Buffo (7th) and Sunday Ford (8th) at the finish line.

Joanie Castagno was ninth with a time of 18:52, while Laura Laughlin was the team's final scorer in 10th place (18:54). Alyssa Kulik, a freshman from Simpsonville, S.C., also ran an 18:54 and finished 11th overall.

This was also Kulik's first action in a Clemson uniform as she came in as a heralded recruit this season. Kulik was high school teammates with current Tigers Chad Holt and Lauren Klas at Mauldin High and left her mark there engraving herself into the books with five school records, three individual state championships and three team title state championships she helped lead her teams too.

The Lady Tigers will likely reap the benefits of the team tactics over these last two weeks later on in the season when the competition grows fiercer. Sophomore Stephanie Buffo, a returning letter



Members of Clemson's cross country team run together in a pack at an event last season. The men emerged victorious in Spartanburg last weekend.

winner from a year ago agrees. "These first few weeks of competition have been team building runs to develop our varsity squad to run together and communicate with each other," said Buffo. "By running in packs, we are able to talk with each other and race as a team so that we can transfer these skills over to the latter part of the season when we will be competing against some of the best teams in the ACC."

"I think that it has really been successful and has built the confidence of the team so that we can do some improving in the championship part of our season."

While claiming their first team title of the season, the women also managed to take down Clemson's vaunted rival who resides in Columbia: South Carolina.

Like last week, the men's team finished in the same position as the women, but this time it was on top of the podium.

The men's team won the 8,000-meter team race by the smallest of margins, squeaking out a one point win over Elon

University.

Sam Bryfczynski, a graduate student from Marietta, Ga., competed in his first cross country race of the season as well. He finished eighth place with a time of 26:26.

Bryfczynski came into this season with strong expectations and will be counted on to perform consistently throughout the season as he is the 11th fastest returner from last year's ACC Championships.

He held off teammates Chad Holt (9th) and Chris Slate (10th) at the line.

It was also the first meet of the season for Holt, who was one of only 18 freshmen to compete at the ACC Championships last fall.

Jonathan Sunde from Charlotte, N.C. was 11th after crossing at 26:28. Rounding out the team's scoring was sophomore Tyler Morey, who was 12th at 26:30.

Both teams will have the weekend off and will be back on the run next weekend when they travel to Delaware to compete in the Delaware Invitational.

Former Tigers on the prowl in Beijing

Nine former Clemson athletes competed at Games.

ALEX URBAN
STAFF WRITER

The 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing were filled with dominance, fierce competition, controversy and sportsmanship. But there was another presence at the pinnacle of sports competitions: Clemson athletes.

At a school so intensely interested in its football, basketball and baseball teams like Clemson, it can be easy to overlook athletes that compete in all of the Division I sports the Tigers compete in. Clemson had nine athletes competing in Beijing representing five different countries.

Four Clemson Tigers represented the United States at the Olympics: Shawn Crawford, Stuart Holden, Travis Padgett and Nathan Sturgis. Of these athletes, only Crawford won a medal, earning silver for his performance in the 200 meter, an event that he won in Athens in 2004. Padgett was a track teammate of Crawford, running in the highly touted 4x100 meter relay with superstar Tyson Gay. Holden and Sturgis were teammates on the United States Olympic soccer team.

Shawn Crawford has proven to be one of the world's best sprinters in the last two Olympic games. His silver medal performance in the 200 meter backed up his gold in the same event four years ago. The only difference between now and then is

Usain Bolt, a sprinter from Jamaica who smashed three world records with ease last week, including a 19.30 seconds time in the 200 meter that broke Michael Johnson's record from Atlanta in 1996.

Crawford has three Olympic medals to his name, silver in the 4x100 meter relay in 2004 along with the two medals in the 200 meter. He has established himself as one of America's finest sprinters and even appeared on the Fox television program "Man vs. Beast" in 2003, where he ran against a giraffe and a zebra in the 100 meter, beating the former and losing to the latter. Sometimes his antics are noticed more than his abilities. He once put on a Phantom of the Opera mask prior to a 200 meter race and was disqualified when it came loose, and he ran out of his lane. But nobody can deny Crawford's emergence as one of the fastest men in America.

Travis Padgett ran in the prelims for the USA in the 4x100 meter relay. The team was favored to medal and possibly win, but they dropped the baton on their way to a DNF. Padgett was running with highly respected sprinter, Tyson Gay, who had a disappointing Olympics after hurting his leg in training just prior to the games. The Jamaican team with the help of Bolt won the 4x100 meter relay, and it was Clemson's Dwight Thomas that helped qualify the team to the finals with

his run in the prelim heats, earning a gold medal for his efforts. Two former Clemson soccer players played for the US squad in Beijing: Stuart Holden played midfield and Nathan Sturgis was on the team but did not play as a defender. The United States did not get out of the group stage, but Holden did record a goal in the USA's only victory in the tournament, playing Japan. There were also several Clemson Tigers in the Olympics representing nations other than the United States. Cowan Mills and Ato Stephens both represented the small nations of Trinidad and Tobago, Mills in the 4x400 meter relay and Stephens in the same race as well as the 400 meter. The tiny country received only two silver medals in the entire Olympics; neither came in those events.

Itay Magidi represented Israel, as well as Clemson, in the 3000 meter Steeplechase in Beijing but failed to qualify past the preliminary stages. The only Clemson woman to make the games in Beijing was Gisele Oliveira representing Brazil in the triple jump. She also did not advance out of early rounds. In a time where international athletic competitions are at an all-time competitive high point, it is remarkable to have nine former Clemson Tigers mixing it up with the world's best athletes. Be proud to be a Tiger, and not just for their accomplishments on the football field or the basketball court.

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ing. But an upset is one thing, watching one team that is anemic while another makes just enough moves to pull a win out of their butts is another. What's the point? College football should implement a preseason schedule, simple as that. The Citadel game last week is a good example. Stick them at the beginning of the year as a scrimmage and tune-up before the real season starts. That way, maybe, we would have been a little more prepared for the Alabama game. It may seem a little outlandish, but there are definitely positive aspects about a college preseason to make it more legit. One is that it may reduce the potential for mistakes and growing pains as a team that would otherwise be very costly early in the season, especially under this BCS nonsense. Playing one of the aforementioned "cupcakes" would give players an opportunity to shake off the rust from last season and readjust to the speed of the game without having to mark up the loss column very early in the season. It also gives younger players a chance to learn the systems. My high school's playbook was literally about five pages long – most Division I schools are around 500 or so. Incoming freshmen, even those who would redshirt, would benefit from a preseason game because it gives them experience with room for error. Two is that it gives coaches a good measure of how their team is playing heading into the first real game, mentally and physically. If a coach notices that his team is just going through the motions and not really engaging in what they're doing, now would be a good time to pick up on that and fix it. Playing these preseason games would be great for working out any kinks they may have on offense, defense or special teams as well from a coaching standpoint. Last, but not least, it provides for some more interesting matchups. Let's be honest, watching a top-tier team annihilate Lou Holtz Community College or somebody just really isn't that fun to watch no matter how funny the final score may be. We, as fans, love the nail-biters and

instant classics. That said, preseason games would open the doors for new and exciting contests. That means more Ohio State vs. Southern Cal, or Georgia vs. Texas, Clemson vs. whomever, etc.

So here's the plan. Instead of the standard 12-game schedule, take out one of those games and add two preseason opponents to the list. Let's say the Citadel and S.C. State, for instance. With those two games off the official season schedule it opens another slot for a more quality opponent, assuming we kept Alabama and South Carolina on. And with two weeks of added preparation time, we should be ready for that competition. This way you get more quality football week-in, week-out.

Some may say that a preseason would open too much of an opportunity for unnecessary injuries to star players. It would be no different if a player got hurt against a cupcake in a game that actually mattered in the standings. And, like the NFL, teams could sit their starters after a quarter or two and leave the rest to their bench to develop depth and experience. And some may oppose this in favor of the smaller schools' interests. Normally when a team like the Citadel or Wofford travels to a bigger school, they receive a generous contribution to their athletic department in return. Some would say that this would limit their chances at that money.

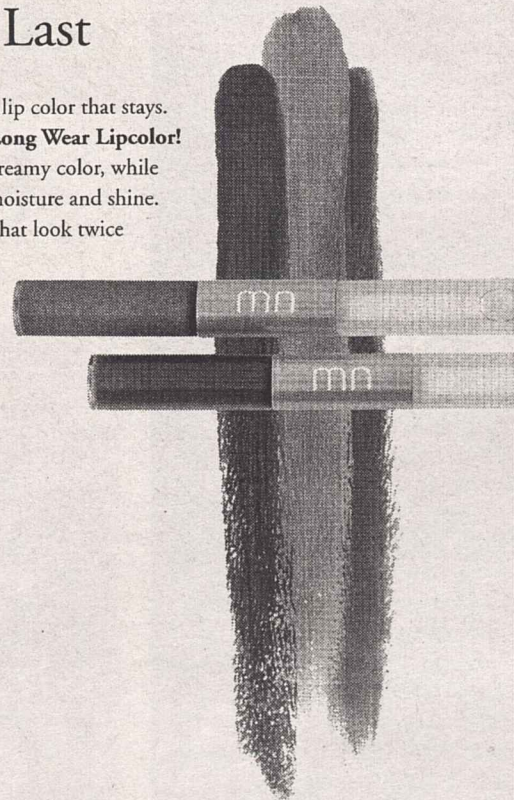
Maybe. But it wouldn't be a dramatic payout, and it's not like they're reliant on that anyway. Plus, many coaches of lesser known programs like the challenge of playing an upper-tier program. It also gives their players experience.

All in all, a preseason in college football would be beneficial to both sides. But primarily it would reduce the risk of rustiness and a possible upset or blowout in week one. Granted, some teams are going to have their off days. That's inevitable no matter how much time you have beforehand to practice.

But for the teams that really have a legitimate chance for a title run, tune-ups without repercussion could be a welcomed change.

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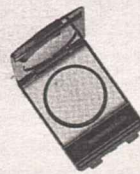
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Tiger Shag featuring The Embers and The Catalinas. Littlejohn Coliseum lawn. \$15 (plus applicable fees) 7 p.m.

Movie: "American Wedding" sponsored by CLEMSONLIVE. McKissick Theatre. Free. 9 p.m.

9.14

Music in the Air IV featuring carillonneur Linda Dzuris performing from the tower of Tillman Hall. Best listening places are Cox Union Plaza, Military Heritage Plaza and Bowman Field. Free. 5 p.m.

Harvest Moon Night Hike with naturalist Lisa Wagner. Wear appropriate clothes and shoes for walking in the woods. Meet in the Discovery Center parking lot. \$7 per family/\$5 for members and volunteers. 7 to 9 p.m.

9.16

13th Annual Latin Fest Celebration. Hendrix Student Center Plaza and "Baby Bowman." Free. 7 p.m.

Dr. Michael Sherman, Presidential Colloquium: Principles and Perspectives in Progress seminar. Self Auditorium, Strom Thurmond Institute. Free. 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.

Neil Berg's 100 Years of Broadway featuring moments from "Phantom of the Opera," "Les Misérables," "Evita," "Cats" and more. Brooks Center. \$20 adults/ \$10 students. 8 to 10 p.m.

9.17

Clemson Contra Club Interest Meeting. Hendrix Center. Free. 6:15 to 7 p.m.

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Metallica hopes to prove itself again with new album

Metallica must break its almost two-decade slump with "Death Magnetic."

GREG BLANTON
STAFF WRITER

No band today draws more ire or inspires more curiosity than Metallica, and deservedly so. After charging through the '80s pioneering thrash metal and culminating their rise to the global rock 'n' roll throne with their multi-platinum self-titled record in 1991, Metallica's ensuing activities continually confused fans and critics alike.

Long periods of inactivity elapsed between releases: the world was forced to wait five years after "Metallica" for 1996's "Load" and the following year's "Reload." Another six years passed before "St. Anger" dropped in 2003.

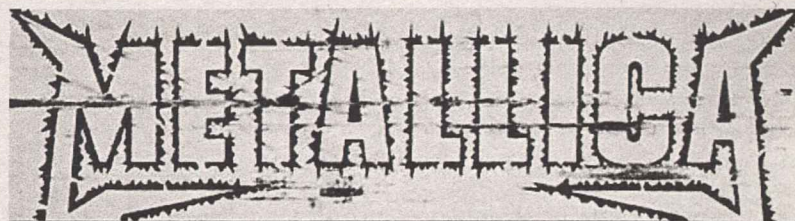
Not only did Metallica suffer from a dormant state from which it awoke only every half decade, their reappearances preceded the release of a confusing sonic foray into bizarre netherworlds of metal. Their late-90s releases were flavored with the alternative rock sound that was popular at the time, resulting in records that sounded more akin to Creed or 3 Doors Down than the monster once nicknamed Alcoholica.

Then, after years of intense internal friction — specifically, the departure of bassist Jason Newsted and the commitment of frontman James Hetfield to alcohol and drug rehabilitation — there seemed to be no future for Metallica. Yet, the group pulled itself together, hired a new bass player (Robert Trujillo), and released its most perplexing and unpopular release to date, "St. Anger."

When plans for a new album were announced for 2008, fans worldwide could not help but expect the worst, while harboring hopes that Metallica would return with their heavy metal best. Given the band's history, the odds were against them.

It had been 17 years since the band released an authentic Metallica record. The group had endured rehab, personnel changes (in addition to the bassist change, longtime producer Bob Rock was replaced by the legendary Rick Rubin), legal strife, divorce and general hatred for post-"Black Album" releases. So, despite Metallica's firm status as eternal rock legends, 2008 was to be the band's make or break year as far as their future was concerned; one more bad egg record and Metallica's grave would have been dug. Enter "Death Magnetic," Metallica's triumphant return to form.

Gone is the simplified, easily digested '90s faux-grunge persona. No more is the overproduced sound of "Load/Reload" or the underproduction of "St. Anger." Returned is the ferocious, high-speed thrash riffage of the '80s. Making a comeback are the shred-tastic, wah pedal-laden solos that made Kirk Hammett a guitar hero decades ago. Returned are the extended-length epic compositions and the middle finger to radio airplay; rather than abiding by the rules of the radio single, Metallica is once again forcing radio to abide by the band's own rules. To emphasize this point, the group has resurrected their extended-length instrumentals that were centerpieces in their '80s



While not completely delivering, Metallica's "Death Magnetic" is reminiscent of its earlier successes

releases. No compromise, no regrets, just like the Metallica of old.

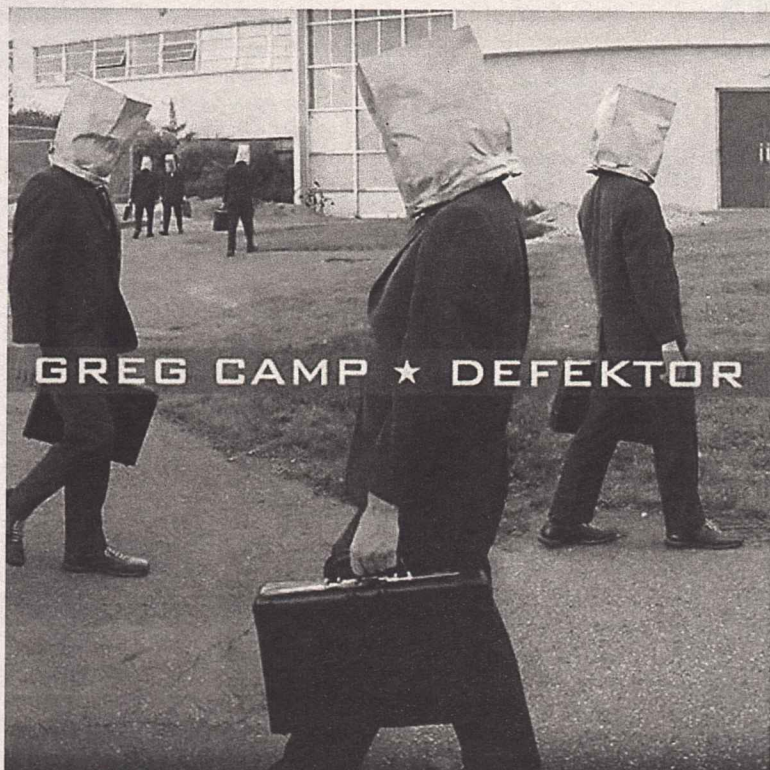
While "Death Magnetic" reignites the authentic Metallica sonic palette, it forsakes originality. Though a lamentable chapter in Metallica's history, "St. Anger" is a release that inspired listeners to ask, "What the heck is this?!" which roughly translates into, "Wow! I've never heard anything like this before!" Virtually every song on "Death Magnetic," though, draws comparison to a song

Metallica has already written. "My Apocalypse" sounds like the offspring of "Battery." "The Unforgiven III" is the third installment of a trilogy begun in 1991. "The Day That Never Comes" is practically a "One" remake while trying to cram in every riff from "... And Justice for All." As a result, Metallica comes dangerously close several times to coming off as a parody of themselves.

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Smash Mouth guitarist goes solo

Greg Camp branches out with solo album, "Defektor."

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Admit it. You liked Smash Mouth. The sultans of pseudo-sixties surf rock were everywhere: on the radio, on the Disney Channel and even over the loudspeaker at the local swimming pool. I can still remember singing along to "All Star" and "Then the Morning Comes" as a fifth grader,

sitting on a school bus, going to see the Pittsburgh Pirates lose yet another game. That would have been about 1998 or so — and since then the Pirates still haven't won a game. I guess some things never change.

The '90s faded into history, and so did Smash Mouth. You just don't hear them any longer, even though they're still together and their new material is actually pretty good. But when I

caught wind that Greg Camp, Smash Mouth's long-term guitarist, finally put out a solo album, I got a little excited. Call it sentimentality; I don't really care. All my indie cred is out the window — this guy's been on the Top 40! Blasphemy! WSBF is probably going to revoke my DJ credentials at the rate I'm going.

So here's how it is: "Defektor," that is. It came out Tuesday and it's pretty much exactly what you'd expect; indeed, it sounds a lot like vintage Smash Mouth. Maybe a bit too much like vintage Smash Mouth, really. If it wasn't for the lack of Steve Harwell's rather distinctive vocals you might think it was actually them! "Defektor" is surely not defective, but it's not that original either. Read on.

The wavering, surf-influenced guitar is still here. You can still hear the Spanish classical influences, and the Theremins and synthesizers that gave "Astro Lounge" its spacey vibe are back as well. Ska fans in the audience will rejoice that about half the songs are still on the upbeat, and the lyrical topics haven't changed either. Common themes include aliens, driving, self-deprecating humor, not fitting in, fighting with significant others, et cetera. Reads just like "Fush Yu Mang," except there's no "Walking on the Sun." Sadly.

Now I'm not going to say this is a bad album. It's actually really good — the recording is great quality and the instrumentation is ornate but not

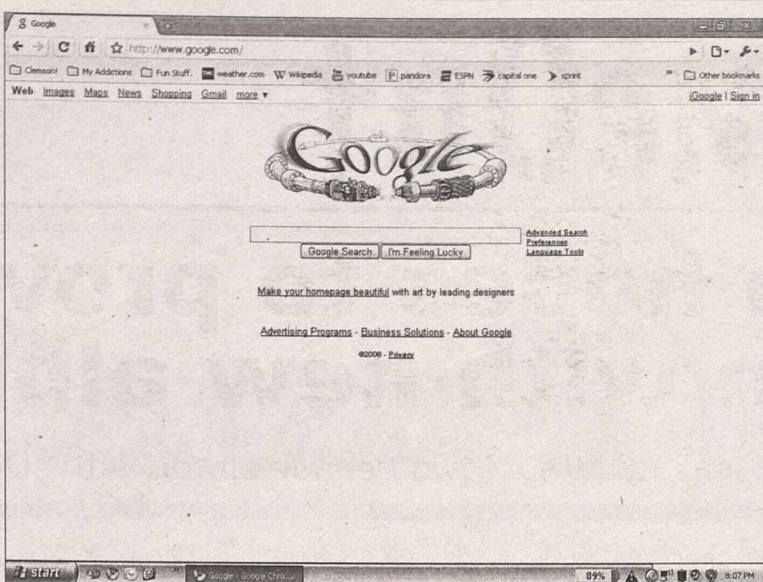
over the top. Camp does a legit, if not Harwell-esque, job with the vocals that definitely sits well with my ears. His voice is a little more generic maybe. Less grating. Calmer. Not so frantic.

Some of the more notable tracks include "Wanna Go for a Ride," which has a nice steady beat and a cool melody. "Armageddon Slide" is very close to Smash Mouth, and if you were any sort of a fan of them you'll enjoy this song. Sixties-era synthesizers play a melody over the vocals, and there's some turntabling towards the end (likely a nod to Smash Mouth's roots in hip hop). "Gina Marie" is, as far as I can tell, the only standard-issue love song on the album — Camp flat-out admits it's dedicated to his wife. It's sentimental but not overly so, and Camp builds slowly to a really catchy chorus. Go him. "The Maid" sounds like a James Bond theme song, and "Cat's Game" is just the kind of fast, melodic pop that sounds good with the windows down, driving on a sunny day. "Zombies on Parade" follows a leading banjo, and it works! The other tracks aren't to be missed either; but these are the notable ones.

In closing, Greg Camp's "Defektor" is worth a listen if you want to remember the days when popular radio was actually catchy and fun. This is a summer album; play it at the pool or something! I guarantee it'll bring back memories — just be glad you don't have to chill on a big yellow bus anymore.



JASON YANG
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Google has fired the shot heard around the Web. The browser battles are back, and this time it looks to be a three-way brawl.

Google's new browser, Google Chrome, was released recently, and the general opinion is unfortunately not good. It does have a very toned-down interface, which makes the learning curve a bit steep, but along with that, it takes away all the unnecessary junk that a lot of browsers today pack within themselves. It uses about 16 megabytes of memory when using one tab, versus Firefox's 50 megabytes, which is very impressive, but it lacks still in Javascript features and does not provide any add-on support. However, for a beta product, it does seem to promise a lot of improvements in the near future. Especially since it was released ahead of schedule due to a leak on the graphic story that explained how and why Google Chrome was to be.

Microsoft recently also released its own beta for Internet Explorer 8, which runs at about 60 or more megabytes of memory. Keep in mind that these are figures all estimated on one open tab and not at all accurate. In fact, some have reported IE8 to use up more memory than Windows XP uses up as a whole. This is obviously not a wise decision for a browser, especially if you multitask and like to have multiple tabs and windows or applications running at the same time. It does not offer much in improvements on top of IE7 either. In fact, it seems almost identical to its predecessor, besides the jump in memory usage.

Firefox 3 was released not too

long ago, and it seems as if there is no response to these browser releases as of yet, but they have never failed to impress. Ever since the original browser wars, where they were known as the infamous Netscape browser, the company has gone through multitudes of changes and turned their product into something that 18.43 percent of the world's Internet browsers use. Safari and Opera browsers trail behind at 6 percent and .71 percent, respectively.

Sure IE is still chugging away with its 73 percent Internet use, but once the population realizes that its memory usage can triple that of the operating system it is running on, I'm sure that Firefox's already exploding popularity will more than triple. Microsoft has already made mistakes with Vista, and it seems as if it is only a matter of time before the big-time company crumbles under its own weight. When it does, Google and Mozilla both stand fair ground to take its place.

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Additionally, Lars Ulrich, though an irreplaceable component of the Metallica machine, never was and never will be a good drummer. His saving grace in the digital age has been the use of production to disguise his lack of talent. However, "Death Magnetic" continues the garage-sounding drum production featured in "St. Anger," compounding an awful sound with the exposal of Ulrich's limitations. James Hetfield's voice sounds thin and weak, which is startling for the owner of one of music's most powerful and recognizable voices. Thankfully for both his vocals and lyrics, Hetfield spends little time singing in "Death Magnetic."

Despite its imperfections, though, "Death Magnetic" is overall exciting and entertaining. Tracks like "Broken, Beat & Scarred" and "All Nightmare Long" are fresh, modern versions of the thrash sound that Metallica pioneered years ago.

As far as Metallica's portfolio is concerned, they are off par, but relative to their previous three releases "Death Magnetic" is a giant leap forward. As good as "Death Magnetic" is, though, let's face it: Metallica's best days are far behind them.

PREVIEW

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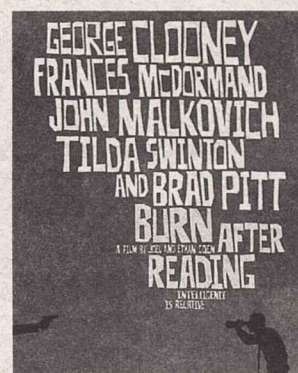
"The Duchess" | Starring Keira Knightley and Ralph Fiennes

this film documents the life of Georgiana Cavendish (Knightley), the Duchess of Devonshire, whose love of gambling, sex, luxury and fashion makes her an icon during the 18th century (very reminiscent of "Marie Antoinette"). And like "Marie Antoinette," there isn't a lack of drama: during her marriage to William Cavendish (Fiennes), the Duke of Devonshire, she not only has an affair but her husband has a relationship with Georgiana's best friend, Lady Bess Foster.



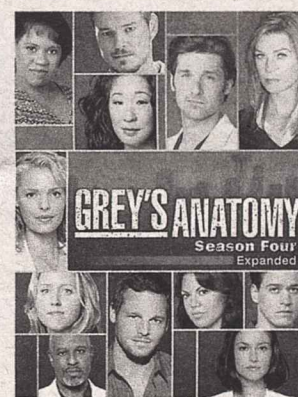
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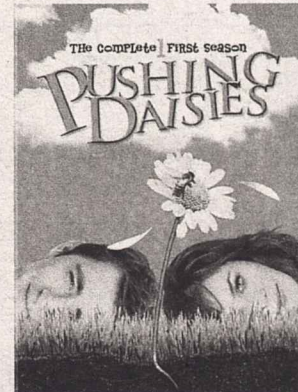
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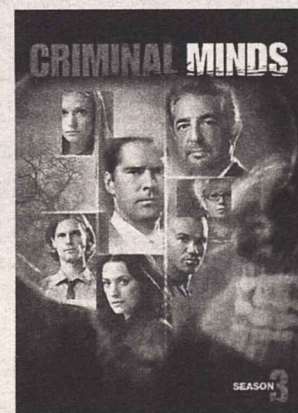
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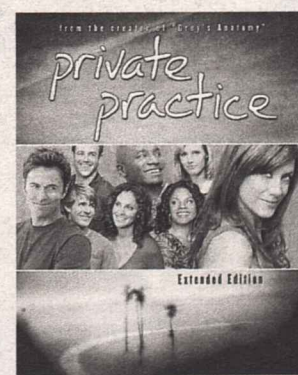
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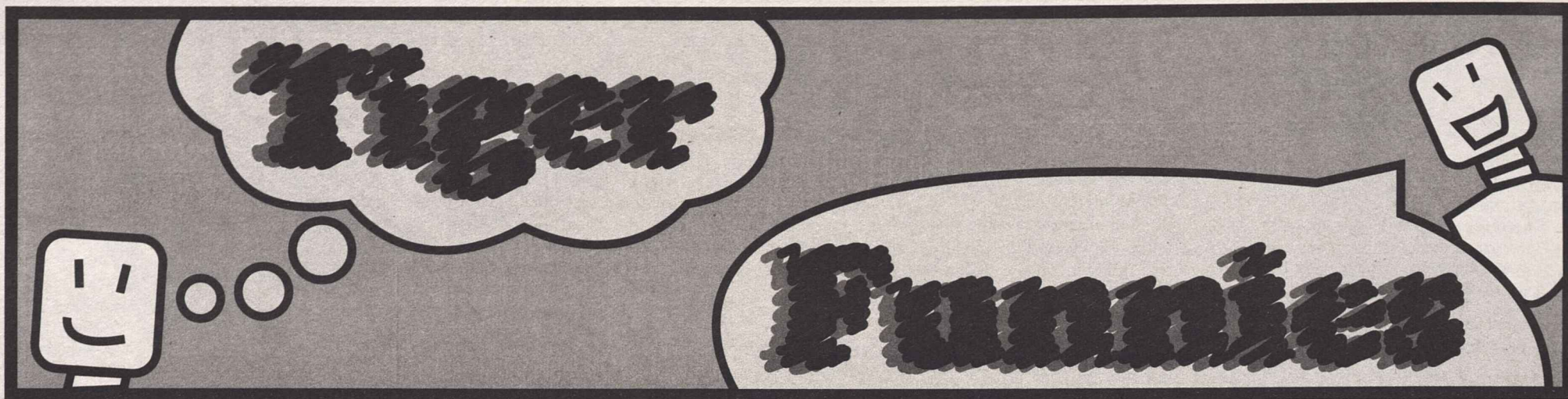
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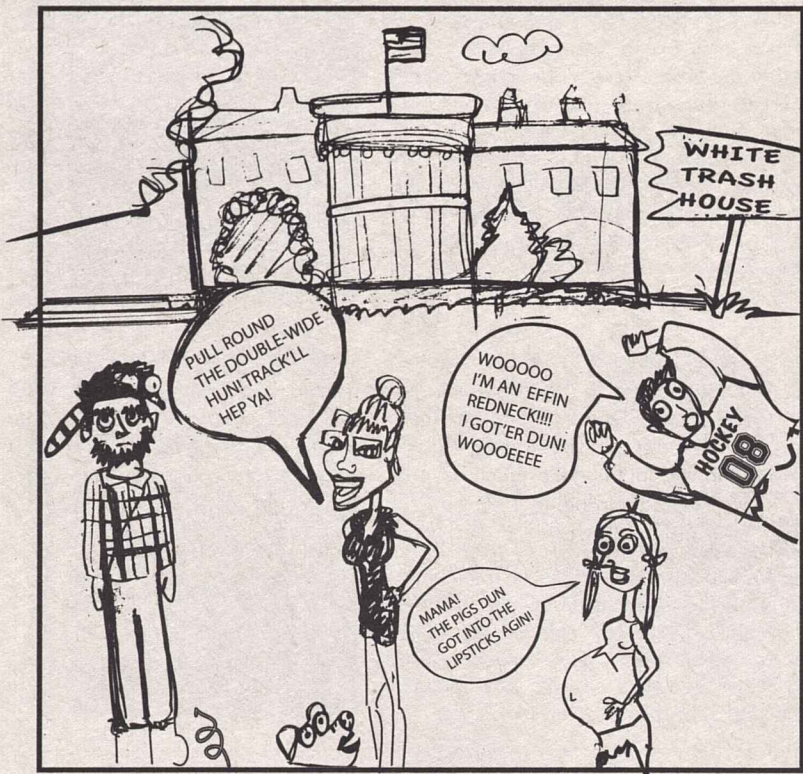
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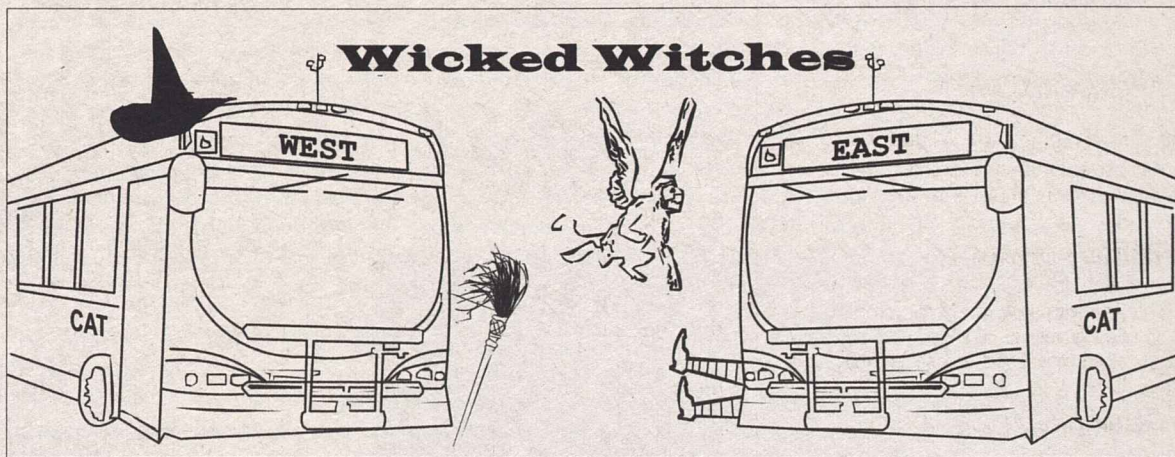
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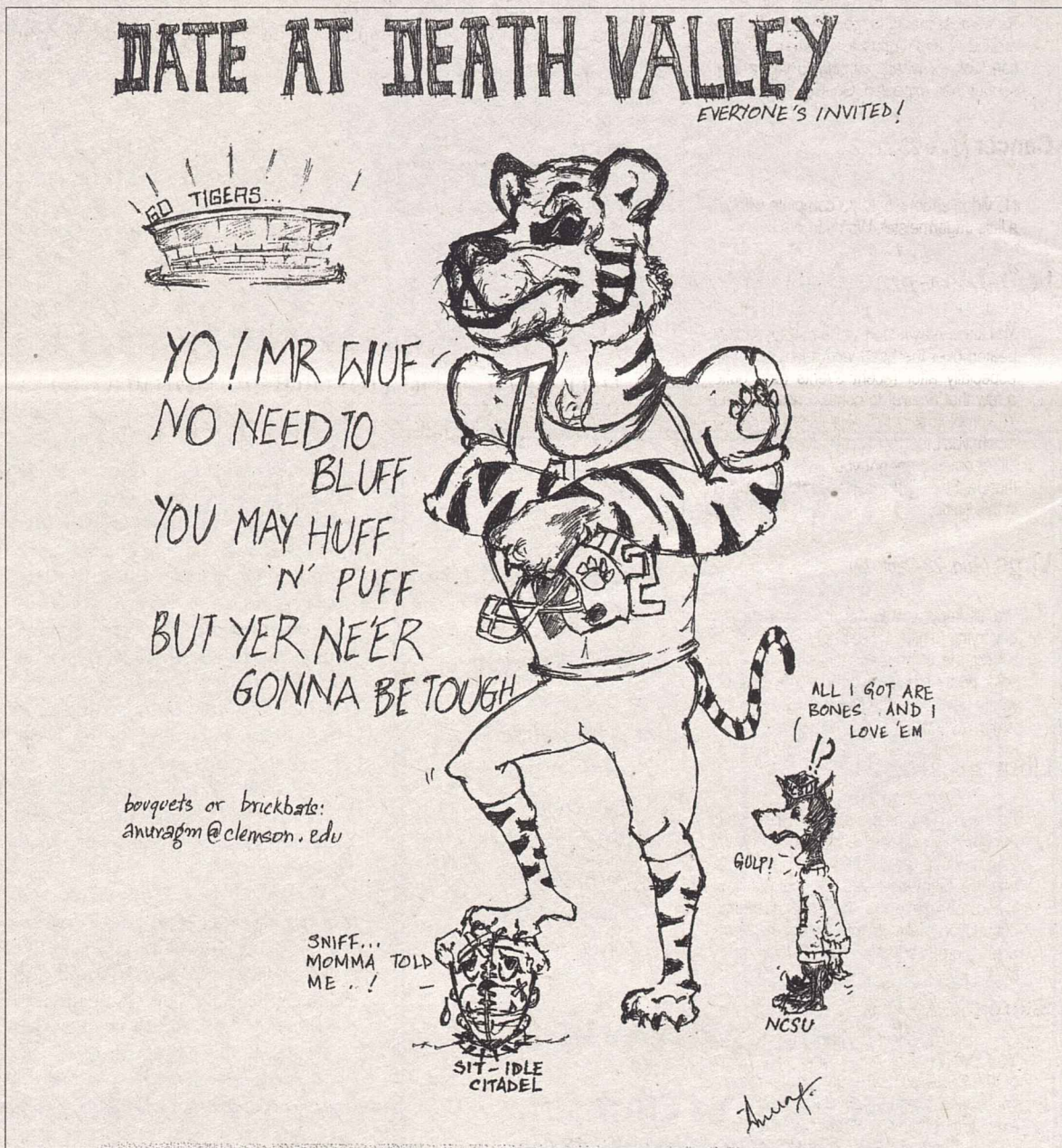
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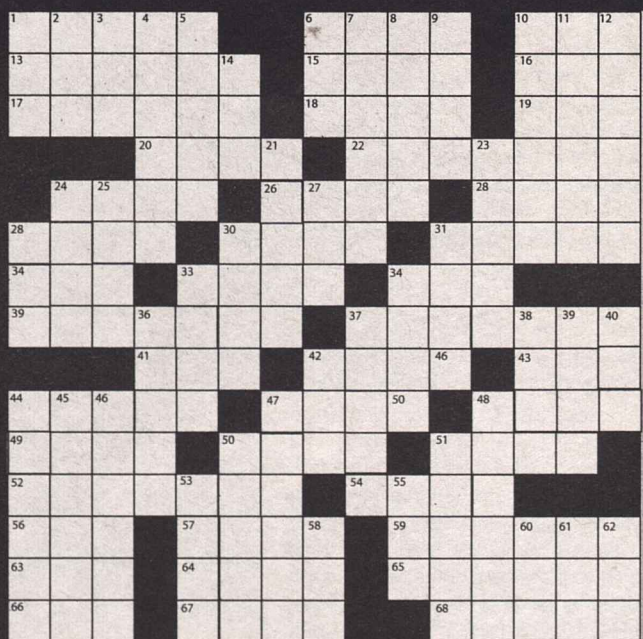
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Horoscopes

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Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

It was really slick on your part – spilling the skeletons in your closet before everyone found out elsewhere – like on CNN! But it's too late and not anywhere near good enough PR so just quit trying to act like a normal person! You're not anywhere near that, and everyone knows it!

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

I only have a few words for you, young man. A lot. And often. More specifically, all the time. Now stop crying and tell George you love him.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

The laws of physics are very important to just about everything. Learn them; learn them well. You'll thank me later.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

So many people care about you it's unreal. Feel grateful to be so lucky, for not many others can boast the same. You're the bomb!

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Something's getting destroyed and something's doing the destroying. Are you a catalyst in this nifty little equation? Remember that what goes around, comes around – and Venus just ascended. You can look for what's coming to you a little sooner than expected. Good luck with that.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

No video shoot would be complete without a little Jagermeister. Words to live by.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

You know how it feels to be metaphorically beaten over the head with a large shovel, especially after recent events (and quite a few that are yet to come, I assure you.) The problem here is that the stars can't help much; you brought this crap on yourself. So either defecate or get your posterior off the thunder box – there isn't any middle ground in this battle.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

We all know you're the real baby daddy; quit trying to hide it! I see right through your little game of chess. Although it must be said, pretty much anyone in your position would have done the same thing. Virgo the virgin, my ass.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Play some tennis, and if/when your opponent scores just hit him. Hard. With your racquet. See, you'll find a hard metal edge to (someone else's) noggin is very invigorating after a day of academic destruction. Take it from someone who's been there, done that, bought several T-shirts.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Your guerilla campaign against the tyranny of IPTAY is going to get you arrested, imprisoned and possibly (probably) executed. But first they'll shine a bright light on your head. And they won't stop at even the third degree. Oh no, buddy! They're going to get to about five or six and you're going to be pleading for mercy and there's going to be blood everywhere and OH MY GOD THE NIGHTMARES! Passing out on President Barker's front lawn naked is one thing. Jacking with the most powerful syndicate on campus is another.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Drop your 8 a.m. Friday before it's too late! Who cares about a W anyway? Transcripts don't matter but sleeping in sure as hell does. Get your priorities straight, goofball.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Mars is dominant in your charts for this week. And the moon's about full. Bad news bears for you, my friend. Clean your guns, stock up on food and move on down to the cellar. The Rapture's coming and you've got front row seats for Armageddon. So whip out the popcorn and some malted milk balls; hell, get some thin mints too, because once this world's blown to hell a few extra pounds on you won't really matter, will they? Enjoy it while it lasts!

ON THE PROWL

by HONEY RIDER

I realize my last advice was to end all long-distance relationships. And while it was mostly directed toward freshmen... they really never are a good idea. But if you must, then let's make it work. One of the many problems long-distance relationships create is that you basically become celibate for the 2+ months you and your lovah are apart. And while whispering sweet nothings into the phone used to be the closest you could come to intimacy, in our digital age it's an outdated and unsatisfying choice. What I recommend is Vsex.

Vsex, or "virtual sex," is a general term encompassing hundreds of online sexual experiences. These include naughty chat rooms and IMs. The gist of these is typing dirty to others, sometimes strangers with no visual or physical contact. While anonymity is the main benefit from this type of Vsex, it's not the best option for couples looking for a more intimate form of virtual communication.

Teledildonics is a more physical form of Vsex. It involves virtually controlled sex toys. An expensive venture for most couples, I don't suggest it. Sexually explicit computer

games, avatar sex, POV porn and much more also are found in the realm of Vsex, but once again aren't exactly what we are looking for. And although those are all good, sometimes creepy, expressions of one's sexuality the long distance couple of today often engages in Webcam sex.

To be more specific, Webcam sex is using webcams in order to communicate sexually via visual instant message. For those beginners who have yet to try this, it takes a little bit of equipment to get started. Necessity number one, a Webcam, nothing fancy — you and your partner can get them at your local Best Buy or off the Internet for about 25 bucks. Necessity number two is a communication program that offers video conferencing. For Apple users, iChat is perfect and works with most instant messaging programs like AIM. And Skype, another option, is a popular Web site that for a very minimal cost provides a video conferencing service.

Once you and your special someone are plugged in the fun can begin. But make sure you get down to business in a private setting. Want other fun ways to get close to your long

distance lover? You can get make your own dildo kits online. Try visiting www.holisticwisdom.com. Yep, that's right. You can mold your one and only's johnson and even get it in the vibrating option. And guys,



Whether you keep it old school with phone sex or high-tech on the Web, there is no reason to abstain while apart. Sex is a healthy expression of one's feelings. And bonus with virtual sex there are no chances of getting STDs for you at least. Your computer on the other hand could end up with a nasty virus.

you can mold your ladies special parts too and have it with you during those long lonely nights. Just remember to shave before molding.

So near, far, wherever you are, your partner's sex life will go on.

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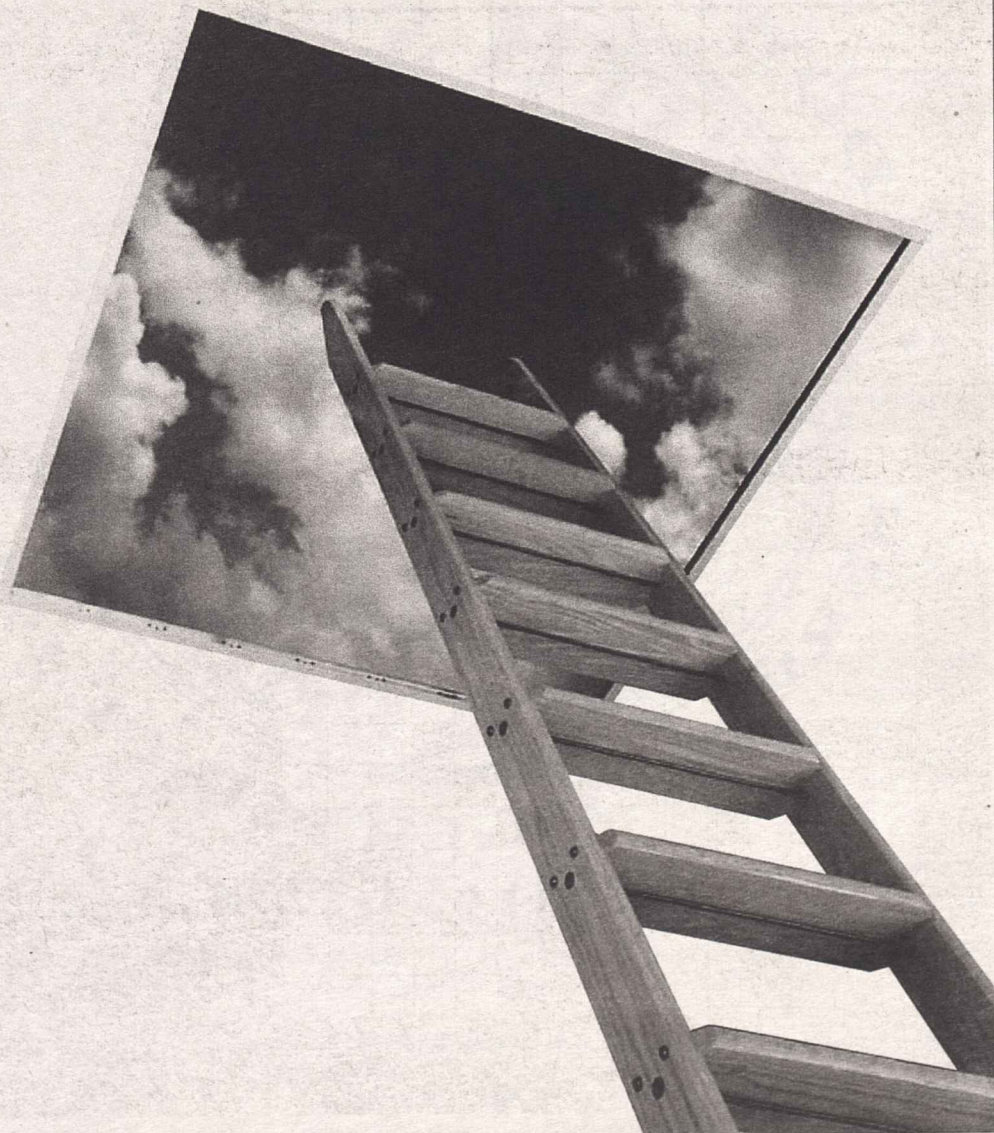
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My best friend from childhood visited me this weekend to fulfill this semester's dose of our cultural studies field trips into each others' worlds. I go to a large college in the middle of nowhere that shuts down each Saturday in the fall to bask in the sweltering craze of ACC football; she goes to a small college in a suburb of a relatively large southern city that doesn't have a football team but makes up for it with its easy access to things like Nordstrom's, cultural diversity and traffic.

This weekend, after a late night in a packed downtown on Friday and a long day of tailgating and football in the relentless sun the next afternoon, we were ready for a low-key Saturday evening that included neither beer nor social activity. So, like we did so many times in the wonderfully boring days and nights of our suburban adolescence, we rented a scary movie, in the hope that it would provide an escape from both physical and mental activity, but would also promise just enough adrenaline to actually keep us awake.

Let me be honest upfront: I'm just not that into horror movies. As far as genres go, it's the last on my list. I just can't locate the social value or intellectual depth to movies about death and torture. But every now and then, what the hell, it is fun to be scared. The movie we chose? "Funny Games," a 2007 film starring Naomi Watts and directed by Michael Haneke, an Austrian director. When researching the film, I found out Haneke also directed a 1997 "Funny Games," which was the Austrian original to his American shot-by-shot recreation 10 years later.



I've never known a film to be made twice by one director, especially not within ten years of each

other. But thinking back on our viewing experience, I began to understand why; Haneke gains immense pleasure from torturing people (both his characters and his audience), and he has the perfect vehicle towards doing so in this film. Why not do it twice in different markets?

So off we went to the waspy American world that Haneke creates: the lake home of George and Ann and their young son, Georgie. This is a world of classical music, khakis, beautiful vintage wooden sailboats, Land Rovers and blond people wearing boat shoes and white cotton.

The construction of the film is just as immaculate and flawless as its setting. Haneke creates a set of incredibly manufactured breaks in convention that leave the viewer just as uncomfortable and tortured as the poor, ill-fated family on the screen. These breaks with convention also accomplish the other major task of the film, which is to be self-reflexive, to draw attention to itself as a horror film. This type of self-reflexivity is usually ushered in under the umbrella of self-parody (see: "Scary Movie," etc.), and yet in this case, it is executed with seriousness, and somehow

the film unfair.

In most horror movies, there is a set of rules that we have come to understand as an agreement with the film that gives us insurance to protect our anxiety, an assurance that there will be some kind of redeeming value assigned to a film that will explore the darker, sinister aspects of human nature. Innocent characters will die, evil will find success, but ultimately there will be some type of justice to somehow redeem the violence.

I won't spoil the movie for you by going through which rules Haneke breaks, but I will instead say that Haneke not only throws the rulebook out the window, but then also backs an 18-wheeler over it and sets the remnants on fire. This leaves the audience feeling out of control and completely helpless, just like the victims of this film. My friend and I sat anxiously, looking back and forth between the screen and each others' faces, waiting for some kind of answer to the calm chaos unfolding before our eyes. We hid behind our pillows, but nothing ever jumped out at us; we held our ears but no loud surprises came to startle us.

This made for a thrilling experience, but something seemed really wrong about it.

This film never quite matches up with itself. Haneke uses long, static shots that remain on his subject long after the action of that subject has ceased, creating an unease in the audience, but also providing an unique glimpse into the psychological process of a victim of torture that we normally only get bits and pieces of. The sounds and visuals are often non-matching, in that the dialogue will occur out of the frame, but always within close proximity of it. An even more dramatic execution of this same idea is when the most violent acts of the film take place: then the shot remains not on the victim and aggressor involved in the act, but instead on a witness's reaction as the violence is taking place off screen. The disorientation resulting in this psychological detail is explored to perfection by Haneke.

All of this and I haven't even mentioned the villains, which in this film are more terrifying in their youth and reasonless acts than other villains are with their conventional compulsions. These young men, both blond with blue eyes, are immaculately dressed and wearing white golf gloves. They're bored prep school boys who are too smart for their own good. They taunt their own role as killers by answering with an array of untrue and cliché reasons when George asks them that classic horror movie question through terrified tears, "Why are you doing this?" None of the reasons they provide are even remotely believable, but they are all familiar; we've heard them before in the other horror movies we've seen.

And that's the point. These killers are exactly what a killer of our generation would have to be to press the genre on: they are jaded and self-reflexive; they've seen all of the horror movies in the market and are determined to do it better, to make it meaningless. At one point

in a crucial scene, the boys turn on the television for no apparent reason in the middle of a crescendo of horror, and flip through the hundreds of cable channels, proof of our generation's over-consumption of useless availability of entertainment. One of the killers inexplicably stops on a NASCAR race, which provides the noisy soundtrack to one of the movie's most brutal acts. It's all meaningless, which makes it all the more terrifying.

The ultimate success of this movie is, to me, also its ultimate failure. At a few points in the film, the villains break the fourth wall to regard us directly, staring straight into the camera lens, and mock our stance as viewer by mentioning their own role in a film and also making fun of our alignment with the victims. Haneke also allows the villains other controls over the construction of his film that render the entire situation impossible and unfair. This fact is indicative of the film as a whole.

My man Tony Scott over at The New York Times calls Haneke a sadist in his review of the film, a classification with which I agree. And like Tony, I don't buy the unfair brand of sadism that he's selling, because it's the kind that refuses us the masochistic pleasure of taking part in it. At one point Ann pleads, "Why don't you just kill us already," to which the villain responds, "You underestimate the value of entertainment." Only it's not us who gets the entertainment, for we are certainly excluded; it's Haneke who entertains himself at our expense.

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ASK A GIANT BRAIN

Q: Thanks for taking the time to answer a few questions, Mr. Brain. I understand that you have a very hectic schedule, what with your quest to ultimately understand and destroy the universe. How's that working out for you, by the way?

A: On schedule. Life as you know it should end sometime after this year's presidential election, after I verify who the next president will be.

Q: So, you mean you don't already know who's going to be the next leader of the Free World?

A: Apparently, any Tom, Dick or Cherie with minimal political experience can be put on the presidential or vice-presidential ticket. As such, I find myself questioning all of the data presented to me. Rest assured, the end will come.

Q: Right...Well, if you're waiting on an answer to the question of election, hopefully someone will find a way to delay the democratic process and create mass confusion.

A: You are referring to the past two elections.

Q: Let's move on. Mr. Brain, I wanted to interview you because it feels as though we're living through some pretty confusing times. As a being that knows... well, mostly everything, can you give us any insight to the big questions?

A: Ridiculous human. Of course, I could tell you the definitive answers to your so-called "big questions," such as how to create a

100 percent efficient energy source, end world hunger, fix the economy and lose 15 pounds, but I prefer to let you and the other less-intelligent life forms figure it out for yourselves. Do not misunderstand me; my intentions for withholding information stem not from a desire to see you grow and learn from experiences. Rather, I find it infinitely more amusing to watch your pitiful existence struggle with things that seem obvious to me. It is akin to watching a monkey grapple with the concept that the round peg fits in the round hole.

Q: Fine. If you won't give us solutions to present-day issues, will you agree to answer a few questions about problems in history?

A: I already know what you are going to query, and I will provide those explanations. I convinced the Admissions Board to reject Hitler's application. I shot JFK on the grassy knoll. I stole the watchman's binoculars onboard the Titanic. The list goes on.

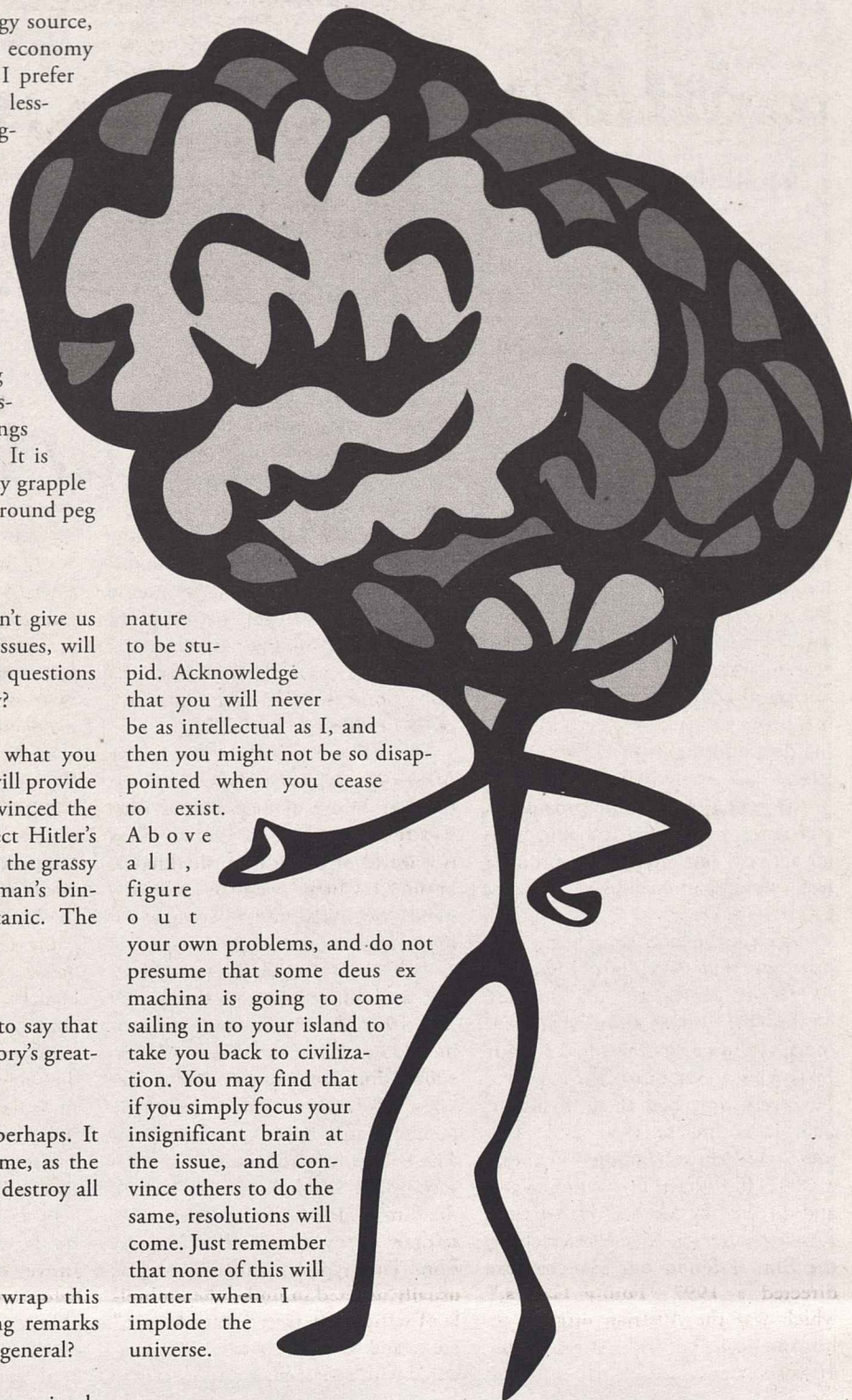
Q: Are you trying to say that you're responsible for history's greatest tragedies? Why?

A: Tragic to you, perhaps. It is of no consequence to me, as the thing that will ultimately destroy all that is and ever was.

Q: Alright, let's wrap this interview up. Any closing remarks for students or people in general?

A: Yes. Do not do unintelligent things, although it is in your

nature to be stupid. Acknowledge that you will never be as intellectual as I, and then you might not be so disappointed when you cease to exist. Above all, figure out your own problems, and do not presume that some deus ex machina is going to come sailing in to your island to take you back to civilization. You may find that if you simply focus your insignificant brain at the issue, and convince others to do the same, resolutions will come. Just remember that none of this will matter when I implode the universe.



THE TOP 5 PERKS OF TURNING 18 BY GREG BLANTON

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Legal Adulthood At 18, you are tried as a legal adult for the crimes you commit. Should you commit a crime as a late adolescent, you may end up sharing a cell with convicted rapists and murderers. You cannot, however, legally drink alcohol.

Cigarettes Once you turn 18, you may legally purchase cigarettes and begin developing a potentially lethal addiction, sowing the seeds for cancer and lung disease. But at 18, you still can't drink alcohol.

Statutory Rape At 18, you get to enjoy prison time for having sex with an underage person. Depending on the state, this person can be as old as 16. You can spend years in jail for having consensual sex with your girlfriend or boyfriend, but you can't enjoy a cold one.

Vote Once you celebrate your 18th, the country is in your hands — you get to vote on legislature, representatives in the Senate and Congress, mayors and governors. You even get to choose who leads the United States for the next four years. But no beer for you.

War At 18, you get to kill and be killed while defending your country. Uncle Sam needs you to take lives, lose your own or maybe just lose limbs and bodily functions in the line of duty, but he doesn't want you to enjoy a cool, refreshing beer.



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by Kelly Croughwell

2 cups frozen corn, thawed and well drained
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1 cup shredded Colby & Monterey Jack Cheese
¼ cup crumbled Feta cheese
1 large tomato, seeds removed, and finely chopped
1 envelope Good Seasons Italian Dressing dry mix

Preheat oven to 350° F.

Combine all ingredients in a mixing bowl until well blended.

Transfer to a casserole or baking dish and bake until bubbly at edges, about 30 minutes.

Serve with tortilla chips.

El Charro

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- With a great assortment of Mexican restaurants in the Clemson area, I was interested in seeing how the newest one, El Charro, would compare with the others.

Nick- El Charro was closer than all the other Mexican restaurants being right across from Bi-Lo, and they always have tiki torches going every night, so I figured we should give it a try.

The Scene

Katie- El Charro is vibrantly painted in an orange palette that allows for an upbeat, fun mood of the restaurant. There is an outdoor seating area and a separate bar area allowing options for seating preference. Nick and I arrived at lunch time and were promptly seated by the friendly staff. Lunch time is definitely more laid back than the advertised night scene which boasts drink specials on tequila shots, margaritas and beer.

Nick- They have a lot of colors going on for certain, but it truly has a more authentic Mexican vibe to it. From the music to the décor, they have it down pretty well but still touch it off with a great HDTV in the bar. The patio will definitely be

nice once it cools down a little bit more.

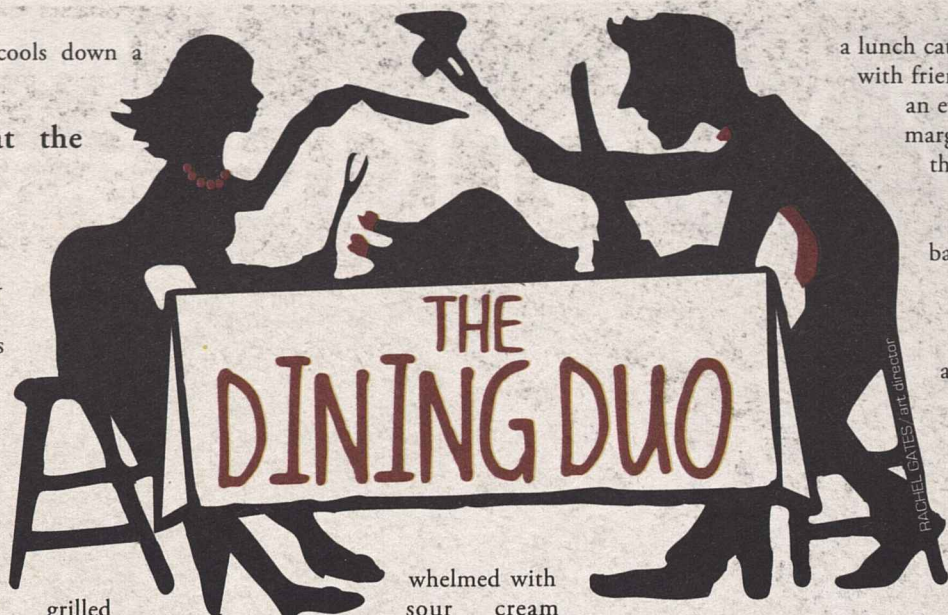
A Look at the Menu

Katie- Standard Mexican favorites such as fajitas, burritos and nachos as well as seafood, a separate lunch menu, house specials such as pollo fundido (grilled chicken breast topped with sautéed onions and cheese dip, served with rice beans and a salad, very yummy) and the option to make your own combo with vegetarian options available.

Nick- Your standard combos of burritos, tacos, fajitas, rice and beans take no variation here; it's Mexican - you expect the normal items, and they do not let you down. But looking at the table tent I noticed something very intriguing. Thursday night one dollar tequila, yes that's right \$1 per shot, as well as \$1 drafts, and we all know the old saying "Tequila makes her clothes fall off."

The Taste Test

Katie- I ordered a taco salad, a margarita on the rocks and split cheese dip with Nick. The complimentary chips and salsa is definitely my favorite in Clemson. The cheese dip was served warm and was great mixed with the salsa. The taco salad was served in a tortilla bowl and consisted of chicken, lettuce, tomato, cheese, sour cream, guacamole and beans. The salad was not over-



whelmed with sour cream and had plenty of

beans in it. (I was also happy to see that it did not have a chicken bone in it, a concern I have when ordering taco salads, since I have found bones in other restaurant's taco salads in the past.) The margarita had the perfect proportions and was not overwhelmed with tequila or lacking salt. I'm not that much of a beer drinker, but I took a sip of Nick's Dos Equis Amber, and it was very smooth and refreshing.

Nick- Well I started with the biggest container of beer they had a 32 oz. of Dos Equis Amber which was \$3.25, not at happy hour when it is only \$2.75. The queso cheese was better than Monterrey's and Moe's. I opted to get the burrito and enchilada with rice. A bountiful feast is how I would describe the portion size. I even took some home, and at about 4 a.m. Thursday that enchilada was still delicious.

Impressions

Katie- El Charro has a vibrant personality and tasty, fresh Mexican food. The atmosphere is perfect for

a lunch catching up with friends or on an evening of margaritas on the patio. I will definitely be back again, to try out their daiquiris and house specials. P.S. They deliver too!

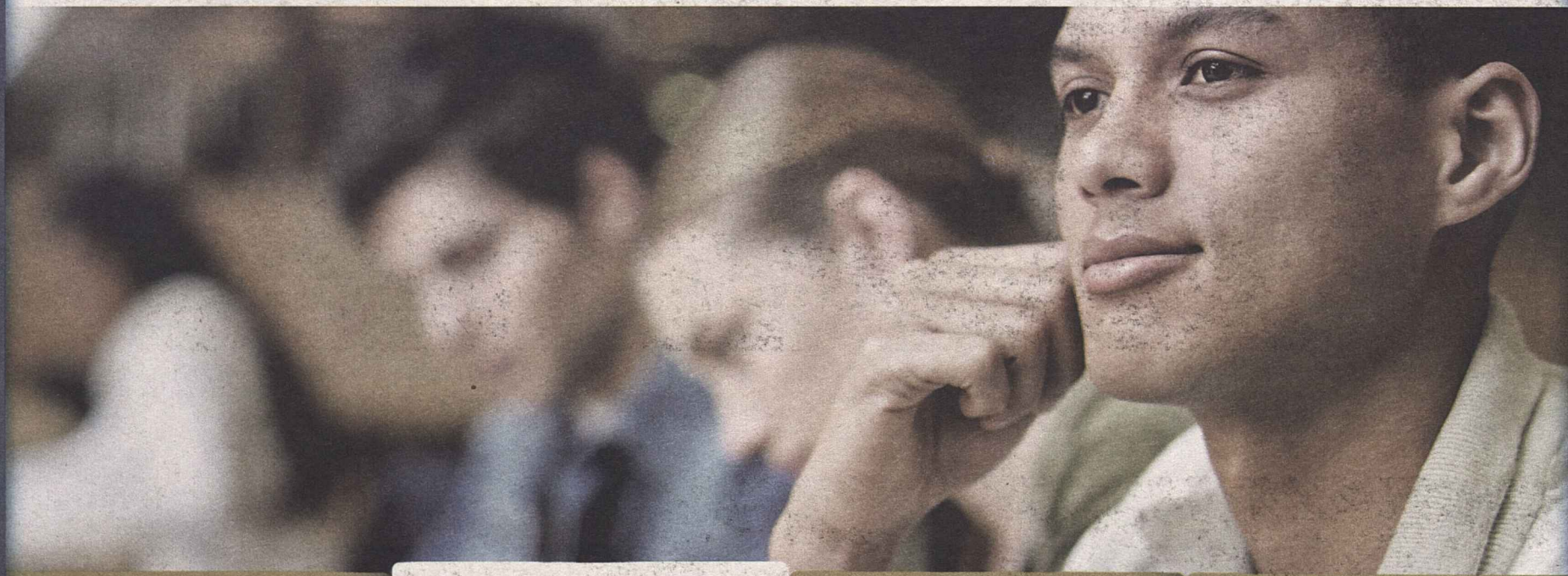
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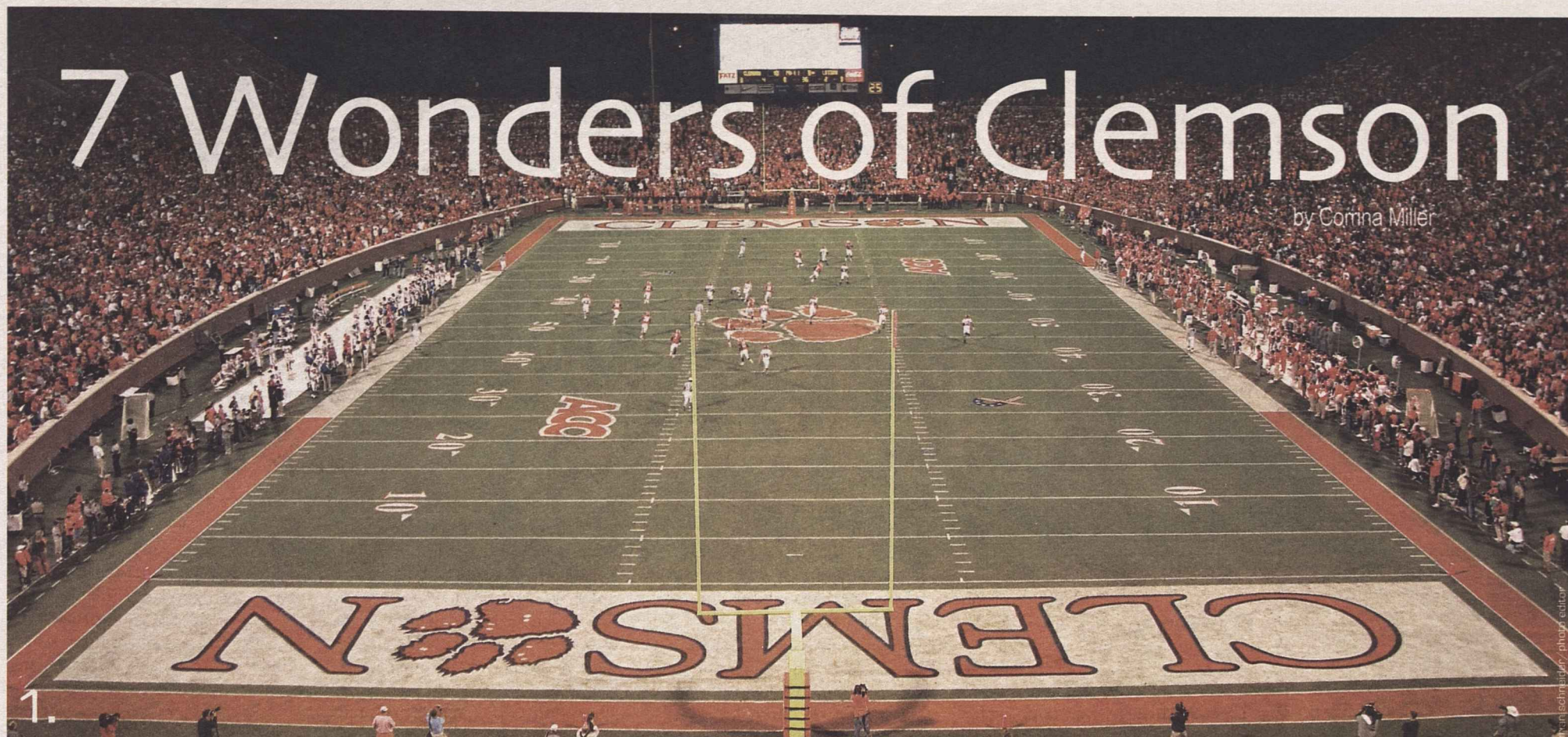
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