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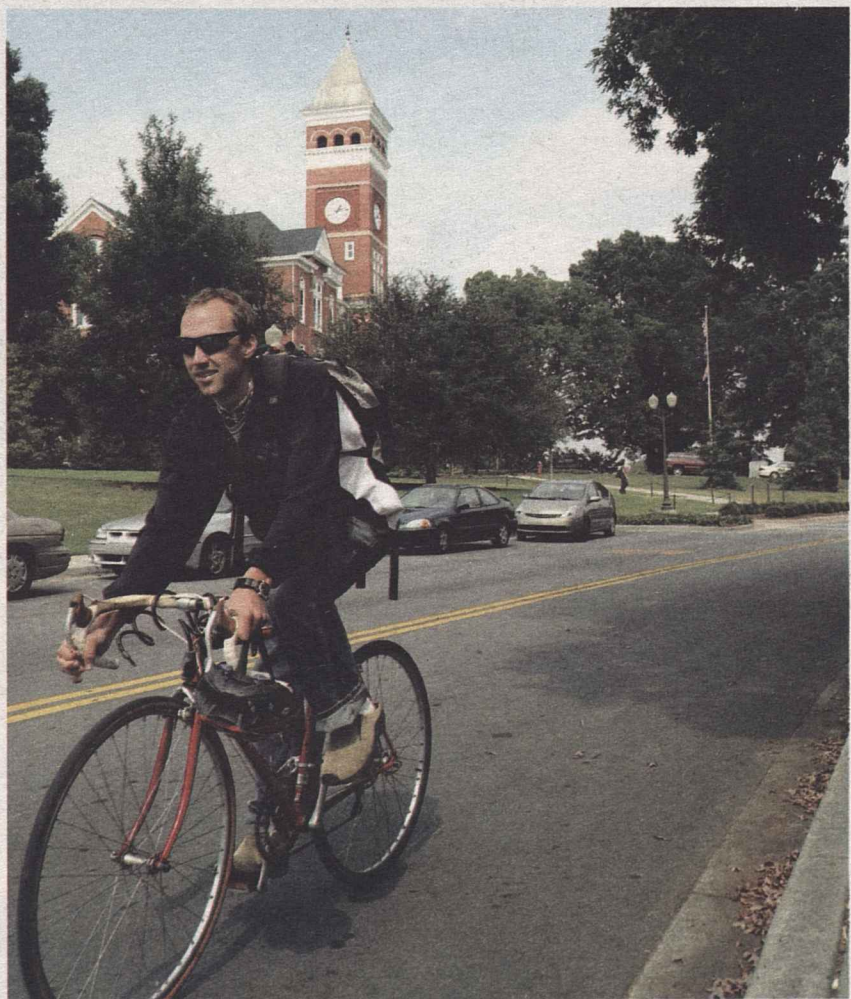
Wi-fi integration marks new campus mobile experience.



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Students advocate green votes

PowerVote campaign recruits environmentally friendly voters.

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ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Approximately 50 million young people, between 18 and 31-years-old are part of the Millennial Generation of voters.

With the 2008 presidential election only weeks away, this demographic is taking their issues to the candidates.

PowerVote is a national campaign to mobilize this generation to vote for clean and just energy solution, said Erin Ouzts, a Clemson student working for the organization.

This non-partisan effort was created by the Energy Action Coalition, an alliance of 48 organizations uniting for a clean-energy future.

According to the coalition's Web site, its goal is to make climate change a priority for presidential candidates by rallying one million young "climate" voters.

PowerVote creates a voice for young voters by quantifying to the candidate the importance of environmental issues, said Ouzts.

By signing a pledge, students can let presidential contenders know that better solutions need to be found.

At Clemson, students have collected pledges from students who plan to take environmental issues into account when choosing the next president.

All pledges are recorded and registered with the national effort and reported to the candidates.

This initiative advocates environmental issues, including green jobs and a clean-energy economy.

A green job benefits both people and the environment.

The goal is to "lift" people out of poverty while fighting global warming at the same time, said Ouzts.

A clean-energy economy looks to build infrastructure around sustainable energy solutions.

This includes conserving energy, keeping current usage efficient, and harnessing the power of wind the sun. By doing this, the United States can rely less on fossil fuels from other nations while stimulating the current economy.

Other topics included in PowerVote are reduction in global warming pollution, leadership in an international community and a decrease of "dirty" money in politics.

The PowerVote platform encourages trade regulations to curb human-induced climate change.

It also supports the participation of the United States in proactive solutions for global climate change.

"Signing a pledge may seem like an insignificant action in that moment, but it opens up students' minds to the possibilities of shaping our future," said Ouzts.

PowerVote representatives collected approximately 200,000 pledges nationally and 500 pledges at Clemson as of Monday.

The goal of the group is to collect 2,000 total pledges on campus.

Students can get still get involved before the election in November. The pledge can be found at PowerVote.org or through the Facebook group.

Students can also be a volunteer and work to spread the word across campus. Students for Environmental Awareness also provide an opportunity to express views on the environment.

To learn more about this project, information can be found at PowerVote.org.

Safety Report released

Document lists campus crimes and tips for prevention.

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To answer questions regarding common offenses on campus, where to report a crime or rights for victims and offenders, Clemson University released the 2008 Safety Awareness Report.

The document is a culmination of crime statistics for all of the Clemson campus, explanation of procedures and listings of services available to Clemson community, which is composed of 17,000 students and 12,000 residents.

The Safety Report tallies offenses on all campuses during the year of 2007 and compares them to the previous two years.

It also provides information on procedure and where students can turn for help.

The report indicates that although, "Clemson is a safe community, it is not crime-free."

According to statistics listed within the report, the most common offense on campus was liquor law violations referred for disciplinary action, which totaled 499 incidents, up from 205 in 2006. Police also recorded another 139 liquor law arrests.

However, drug arrests on the main campus decreased from 23 in 2006 to 17 arrests in 2007. Drug

violations resulting in disciplinary action rose from 14 to 39 incidents, however, this number is still much lower than 2005 number of 56.

Other campus crime statistics are listed within the report; however, none have the record of crime as the main campus. The report notes that no one reported hate crimes in 2005, 2006 or 2007.

Other crimes are listed as well, including gambling, sexual assault and burglary.

Since events at Virginia Tech, the University added more full-time police officers, Clemson University Safe Texts, voice messaging capability added to outdoor sirens and the fusion of Clemson's E-911 service to that of Pickens County.

An overall decrease in the number of on and off campus offenses since 2005 suggests that these precautions are effective.

While most of these changes were taken on by the police department, Safe Texts require students to sign up through Blackboard.

One student, who wished to remain anonymous, said that he signed up for the text alerts so he would "never be caught in a dangerous situation that could be avoided."

The report also covers the process of what happens when an

offense occurs.

Apart from the police, fire and emergency crisis services noted in the report, there are also a number of safety awareness and educational programs available to students through the CUPD, Residential Life Office and Redfern Health Center.

Some of the topics available include self-defense, rape awareness and student-athlete enrichment.

Clemson's Safety Report reiterates policies enforced by the University, including the laws regarding weapons and alcohol beverages being served on campus.

On weapons, the report states "it is unlawful for a person to possess a firearm on any premises or property owned, operated or controlled by a private or public school, without the express permission of the authorities in charge of the premises or property."

The only places on campus that allow for alcohol consumption include Clemson House, the Alumni Center, Chili's Two, the Madren Center and private areas of Memorial Stadium.

Events involving alcohol in these areas must seek approval first.

The report gives a detailed account of all safety procedures and can be found on the University's Web site.

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devices with 802.11g WiFi specification, such as the iPhone, to connect and access a device specific version of the iTiger application.

During the current phase of beta testing, the focus is on Memorial Stadium.

This test environment combines technology and sports in an experiment in how fans can use mobile devices to enhance an athletic experience and is used to monitor the impact on network connectivity and bandwidth.

"(Memorial Stadium) is an excellent place to create a living laboratory," said Executive Director of IT Planning Nathan Bohlmann, "It is a test bed."

At this point, the iTiger application offers instant replay and player statistics and could, in the future, allow fans inside the stadium to order e-concessions from their seats, let them know which restrooms have the shortest lines, provide instant access to public safety officials and allow interaction with other fans during a sporting event.

Currently, infrastructure and participation is limited to the West End Zone and areas immediately adjacent to it and a small number of suites with the goal of expanding the project to the entire stadium, other athletic facilities and finally the campus as a whole.

"This is a starting point, and we're in the start-up, research and development stage, and already people are excited about the possibilities of enhancing the fan experience while discovering new knowledge about wireless communication and engaging students in the process," said Jim Bottum, vice provost for computing and information technology, in a Clemson University press release.

"You are looking at how the stadium of the future may eventually operate and how other even larger forums in our environment have the potential to operate. We're taking a social-networking application and applying it to a sports venue. Eventually we hope to apply this campus-wide."

One hurdle tackled by the iTiger team is the strength of the wireless signal when large amounts of people are present.

Bohlmann described each person as a large sac of water which the signal must travel through.

"On the research side, the challenge is to keep the technology working among so many users in a dense area," said Larry Hodges, director of the School of Computing in the release.

The student-driven effort involves undergraduates and graduates from the School of Computing, Digital Production Arts and the College of Business and Behavioral Science.

Students are involved in application design and development, infrastructure, project management and game-day logistics, and a course is planned for spring 2009 that will allow students to work on various iTiger projects.

Additional information can be found at itiger.clemson.edu, and questions or request to beta test should be sent to iTiger@clemson.edu. Currently there is no charge for the service.

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they are not as vague."

Both candidates refused to provide a response to the 2008 Political Courage Test.

In order to supply factual information, Project Vote Smart has archived responses recorded where the public can view them on the Web site.

In response to the low percentage of willing candidates to take the test, "The most common reason we get for candidates not being willing to take the Political Courage Test is fear of opposition research," said Project Vote Smart Press Secretary Brandon Horton. "Opposition has the availability to use provided information in attack ads and that is exactly what we're opposed to: mudslinging, pervasive politics."

"Also, since we are a national organization, many candidates do not believe our test will ask questions relative to their state, but as an individual who has spent a lot of time working with this project, I know that we do a good job in developing state-specific tests."

President of Project Vote Smart Richard Kimball said that the project does not need cooperation from the candidates to get information about their stances on issues.

"The public is always interested in finding out which of their candidates have enough courage to expose themselves to their opponents in order to help voters," Kimball said.

Some voters feel that candidates should not feel obligated to participate in such reports as the Political Courage Test. "The positions of Barack Obama and John McCain are somewhat clear from watching the current circus," junior mathematics major Ashraf El-Taher said.

"In essence, the 'derived' information about these candidates is well understood to the observer of the political climate. They vote along party lines as usual in order to secure their political base and slightly cater to independent voters, in hopes of getting the right combination for success."

Project Vote Smart is not limited to the Political Courage Test results. It also provides six basic areas of information on each politician: background information, issue positions, voting records, campaign finances, interest group ratings, and speeches and public statements.

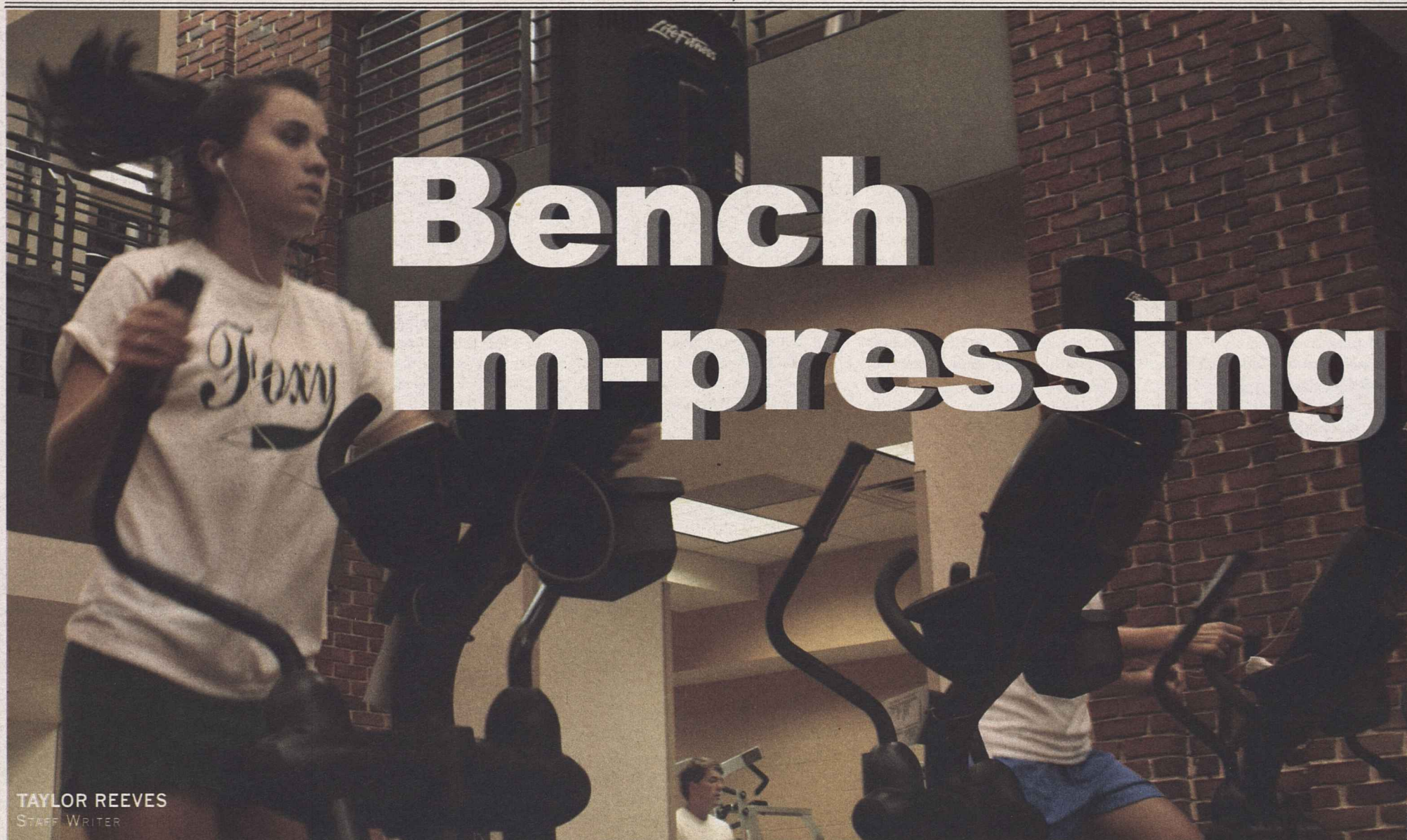
The Web site, which can be accessed at www.votessmart.org, also provides records of public statements, ballot information, and helpful links among other useful tools to help voters learn about the stances the candidates are taking on a variety of issues.

In the October 3 issue of The Tiger, the Association for India's Development (AID) was incorrectly listed as one of the student organizations derecognized by Clemson's Undergraduate Student Government. AID has in fact been recognized by the Graduate Student Government since January 2007. The Tiger apologizes for the error.

Campus Safety Report 2008 Statistics

Main Campus

Murder/ Non-negligent Manslaughter	0	Motor Vehicle Theft	13
Negligent manslaughter	0	Arson	1
Sex offense, Forcible	4	Liquor Law Arrests	132
Sex offenses, Non-forcible	0	Liquor Law Violations referred for Disciplinary Action	499
Illegal Weapons Possessions Violation referred for Disciplinary Action	5	Drug Law Arrests	17
Aggravated Assault	7	Drug Law Violations referred for Disciplinary Action	39
Burglary	35	Illegal Weapons Possessions Arrest	2



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Bodybuilding is a term often associated with tan, colossal, Speedo-clad men flexing and smiling in magazine advertisements.

However, a more realistic look into the culture of bodybuilding reveals a group of people of all sizes (and skin tones) who are devoted to maximizing the physical potential of their bodies.

Body builders and work out fanatics hit the gym for a number of reasons. "I like weight lifting because it gives me an outlet to relieve stress and frustration from school work and life in general," junior mechanical engineering major Matthew Peterson said.

Indeed, endorphins released during strenuous exercise func-

tion to relieve tension and are often associated with exertions such as running or weight lifting.

Also important are the health benefits that come from strength training. Early commitment to a healthy lifestyle will extend and enhance the lives of those who adhere to a work out and dietary routine.

However the "healthfulness" of body building has been brought into question due to increased speculation about supplement use in weight lifting. Supplements such as anabolic steroids are highly publicized and negatively viewed for their adverse long-term effects on the body.

Nevertheless, various supplements can be healthily inte-

grated into a workout regimen. Basic supplements include protein, crucial for its role in repairing and rebuilding muscle tissue, and multi-vitamins, which work to prevent nutritional deficiencies.

Glutamine, an amino acid that boosts energy and strengthens the immune system, is also a critical component to a rigorous workout routine. These products are employed to replenish substances found naturally in the body that cannot be adequately produced during strenuous activity.

There are also products designed specifically for building muscle. Of these, one of the most popular is Creatine, a supplement that forces water into muscle cells caus-

ing them to expand. Creatine also improves the body's ability to produce adenosine triphosphate, a compound used to fuel muscle contractions. Because Creatine is naturally found in skeletal muscles and other parts of the body, it is widely recognized and accepted as a relatively safe supplement if taken in moderation.

Regulation is imperative when it comes to supplemental use. Even simple supplements can be destructive if abused.

"I believe that like anything else, supplements are perfectly fine in moderation," Peterson said. "I personally use various supplements depending on what type of workout I am doing at the time."

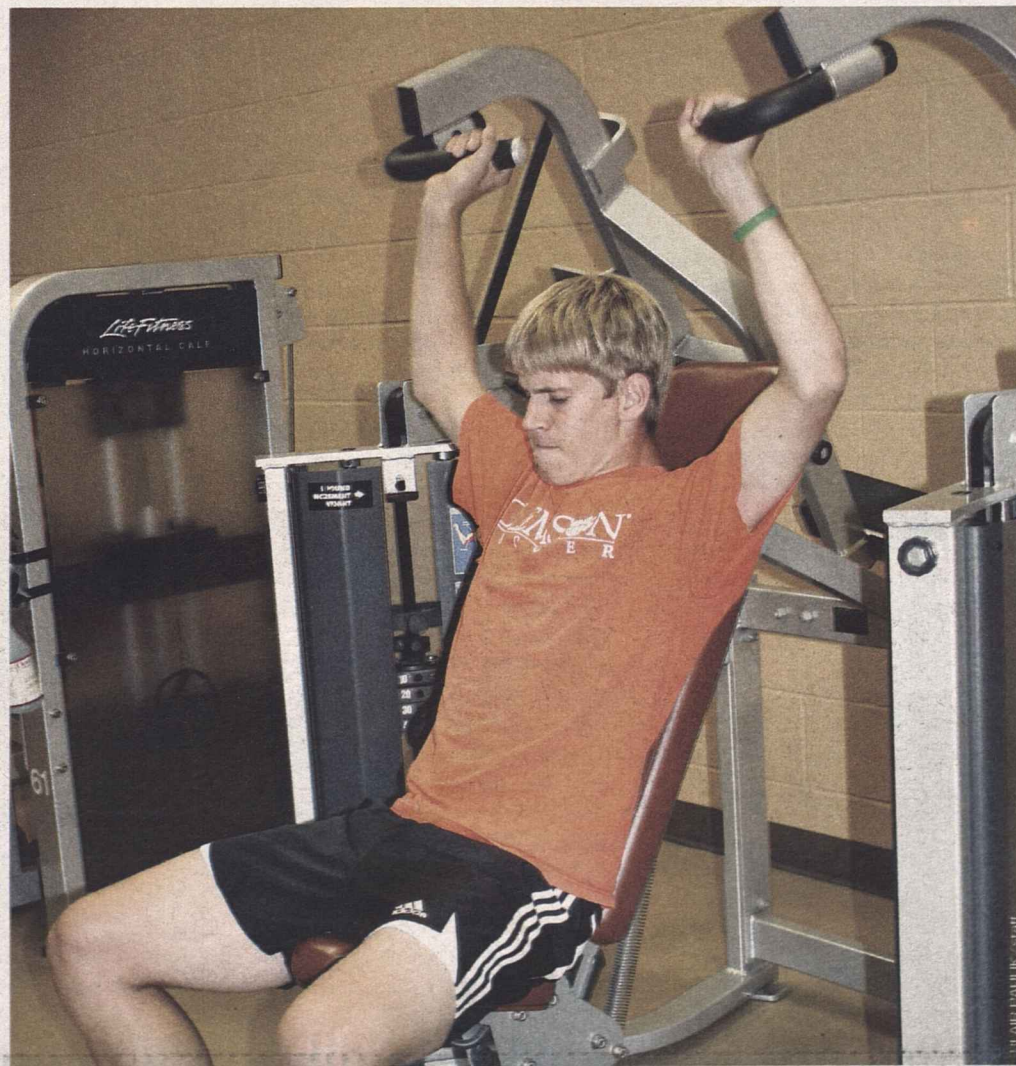
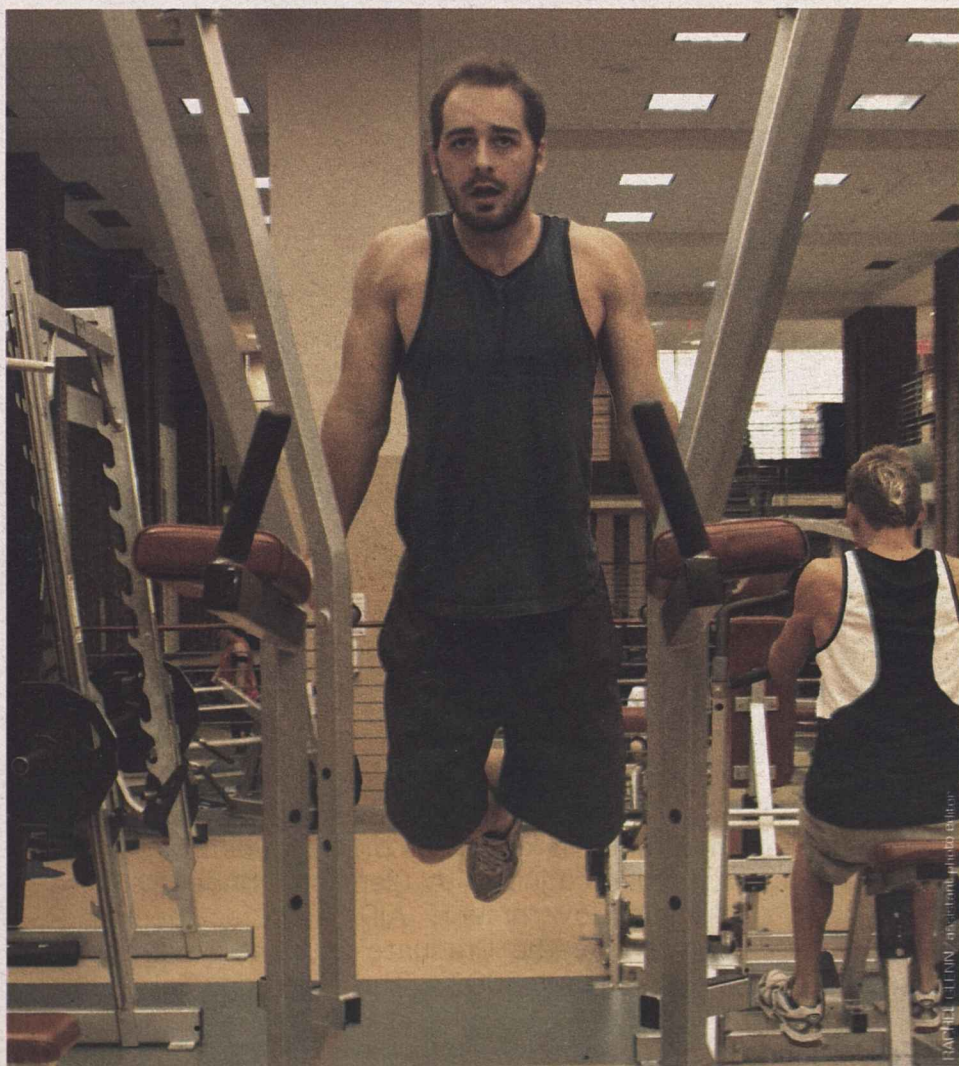
Others are less confident in

supplemental benefits. Michael Gillespie, a sophomore civil engineering major weight trains regularly but chooses not to take supplements.

"I'd rather eat natural foods that are high in protein such as lean meats like fish and chicken," said Gillespie. "I'm very wary about the side effects of unnatural substances."

Whether it is for stress relief, increased health or physical appearance, bodybuilding can be an advantageous pastime if done with caution and sense.

Though supplement use in bodybuilding has been traditionally frowned upon, it should be considered that all supplements are not harmful, and when taken in moderation, are valuable to weight lifters.



Weekly World Update

Nation on Point

AP

Federal agents detained more than 300 suspected illegal immigrants Oct. 7 in a raid at a chicken processing plant in Greenville, S.C.

The raid took place during a shift change, when police and federal agents spread through the House of Raeford's Columbia Farms plant and ordered all workers to show identification, according to officials and witnesses.

Immigration officials kept the workers inside the plant and spent most of the morning trying to interview them and figure out how many are in the United States illegally, Assistant U.S. Attorney Kevin McDonald said.

The number could be large as a recent review found that immigration paperwork for more than 775 of 825 workers contained false information, McDonald said. Immigration agents searched the plant for paperwork and other information for the investigation.

Federal prosecutors and immigration agents have been investigating the plant's hiring practices for several months.

Twelve people have been charged, most accused of falsifying documents. Seven have pleaded guilty, three are awaiting trial and two have fled, McDonald said.

KPTV.com

A rare black rhino died Oct. 6 after zoo officials said it became agitated during transport to an Oregon zoo.

Officials said they stopped the truck approximately 20 miles outside of Phoenix, Ariz., to check on the rhino and discovered the female in distress.

An Oregon Zoo veterinarian headed to Phoenix to help care for the sick animal but the rhino died at 9:30 p.m. the same day. The rhino was born at the Kansas City Zoo in 2000. Zookeepers had planned for the 8-year-old to breed with a 21-year-old male at the Oregon Zoo.

"Black rhinos are among the world's most endangered mammals," said Mike Keele, the Oregon Zoo's deputy director. "This is a devastating loss for us and for accredited zoos across the nation." A necropsy is under way to determine the rhino's cause of death.

AP

An anti-abortion group won its legal fight on Oct. 6 to force Arizona to issue "choose life" license plates after the Supreme Court declined to take the case as it opened its new term.

The justices, without comment, left in place an appeals court ruling in favor of the Arizona Life Coalition, which has sought the special plates for six years.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, based in San Francisco, said the state commission on license plates violated the group's constitutional right to free speech by turning down its application.

AP

A mistrial was declared Oct. 6 after a jury could not decide whether to award damages to four firefighters who claimed they were sexually harassed after being forced to participate in a gay pride parade last year.

The jury deliberated nearly four days before announcing a deadlock on the first of several criteria needed to find the city liable. The lawsuit sought unspecified compensation from the city and alleged that the fire department retaliated after they publicly criticized their employer.

City Attorney Michael Aguirre said the lawsuit "was about greed" and declared the jury's deadlock a total victory.

The firefighters claimed they were humiliated by taunts and sexual gestures from parade watchers in San Diego. Their complaint said parade participants included "a group of radical homosexual men" dressed in nun habits and others who yelled comments such as, "You're making me hot!" and, "I can't breathe, give me mouth to mouth!"

World in Review

AP

Hindu and Buddhist priests serenade a 3-year-old girl who was appointed a living goddess in Nepal on Oct. 6.

Matani Shakya received approval from the priests and President Ram Baran Yadav in a centuries-old tradition with deep ties to Nepal's monarchy, which was abolished in May.

The new "kumari" or living goddess, was carried from her parents' home to an ancient palatial temple in the heart of the Nepali capital, Katmandu, where she will live until she reaches puberty and loses her divine status.

She will be worshipped by Hindus and Buddhists as an incarnation of the powerful Hindu deity Taleju.

A panel of judges conducted a series of ancient ceremonies to select the goddess from several 2 to 4-year-old girls.

All of the girls are all members of the impoverished Shakya goldsmith caste.

The judges read the candidates' horoscopes and check each one for physical imperfections.

The living goddess must have perfect hair, eyes, teeth and skin with no scars and should not be afraid of the dark.

As a final test, the living goddess must spend a night alone in a room among the heads of ritually slaughtered goats and buffaloes without showing fear.

Having passed all the tests, the child will stay in almost complete isolation at the temple.

She will be allowed to return to her family only at the onset of menstruation when a new goddess will be named to replace her.

AP

A 990-pound bedridden man who had appealed on Mexican television for help tackling his weight problem died Oct. 6 of heart failure, according to his family.

Emergency officials had to knock down Jose Luis Garza's bedroom wall and load him onto the back of a friend's pickup as he fought for his life.

The 47-year-old was pronounced dead on arrival at a hospital in northern Mexico.

Garza said he always struggled with his obesity but that he fell into a desperate cycle of depression and overeating nine months ago after his parents died of natural causes within two weeks of each other.

Garza's condition deteriorated as he struggled to breathe and eat.

At his funeral, family members spoke out against state officials for not moving Garza to a hospital in Mexico before he became critically ill.

State officials argued there was little they could do.

Uribe's record weight of 1,230 pounds earned him a place in the 2008 Guinness Book of Records.

He claimed to have lost around 550 pounds by following the Zone Diet invented by Dr. Barry Sears.

CNN

Britain unveiled a \$87.4 billion rescue package for its battered banking system Oct. 7 as global stocks prices continued to crumble under the weight of the unrelenting financial crisis.

Despite the announcement to inject cash and free up lending, European indices opened down sharply. This followed losses in Asia that saw Japan's Nikkei plummet more than 9 percent in its largest single-day decline ever.

New crisis measures by the U.S. Treasury and Federal Reserve on Oct. 7 failed to stem losses on Wall Street, with the Dow Jones index dropping to a 500-point five-year low.

There were expansive declines as Sydney's All Ordinaries index fell 4.96, Japan's Nikkei and Hong Kong's Hang Seng dropped 5.38 percent.

Other European nations are also fighting the global economic slump. On Sunday, Iceland's government seized control of the country's largest banks in an effort to curb economic collapse.

TIGER BRIEFS

The Strom Thurmond Institute will feature a lecture by Clemson graduate David Wilkins, the United States Ambassador to Canada, on Oct. 16.

The former Speaker of the South Carolina House of Representatives will discuss his experiences as Ambassador to Canada, the U.S.-Canada relationship, his political life in South Carolina as Speaker of the House, how he got started, and the bigger issues he faced leading the House for eleven years.

Ambassador Wilkins will conclude with Q & A from the audience. This event will be hosted by the Clemson College Republicans. Doors to Self Auditorium open at 5:30 p.m.

The Leadership Council will host Fall for Leadership, an annual leadership conference, Oct. 25 at the Hendrix Student Center.

The one-day event includes both professional and student workshops designed to increase awareness about leadership and the role of leadership in the life of a college student.

This year's featured keynote speakers include Daniel Wueste, Director of Robert J. Rutland Institute of Ethics and Dr. Lori Hart Ebert, Campus Activities Magazine "Best Campus Speaker 2007."

The conference will take place from 9:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. and costs \$10 and includes breakfast, lunch and t-shirt. Questions should be sent to

rwyckof@clemson.edu and registration forms are available at <http://www.clemson.edu/studentaffairs/studentinvolvement/leadership>.

The Clemson Campus Ministers Association will present "The Authority of Scripture" Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. in 2nd floor multi-purpose room of the Hendrix Student Center.

Dr. Peter Cohen (Judaism), Franc David Randolph (Orthodox Christianity), Fr. Emmanuel Andinam (Roman Catholicism) and Rev. Chris Heavner (Protestant Christianity) will engage in a dialogue on the authority of scripture as it is understood in their respective traditions.

The discourse is open to the public and its aim is to inform, enlighten and educate. For more information contact Dr. Cohen at 656-7729.

The Clemson Animal Welfare Society is sponsoring Clemson's Best Pets, a photo contest between the best pet pictures.

A committee of CAWS members will vote on each photograph until 12 winners have been selected. The top 12 photographs will earn a spot in the 2009 CAWS Calendar which will be sold for \$10 on campus and throughout the Clemson community beginning mid-November. All proceeds go to Diamonds in the Ruff Rescue and Rehab, a non-profit organization located in Seneca. Applications and

contest rules can be downloaded at: www.clemson.edu/~caws

CU Ride gathers every Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. to offer assistance and free bike maintenance. The gathering is held in Cooke Hall located behind Fernow Cafe.

The Clemson University Gaming Guild will host Tiger Con, a conference for video game enthusiasts of all kinds, Oct. 10 through Oct. 12.

There will be role playing games like Dungeons & Dragons, with one of the Living Forgotten Realm's writers, Witchhunter, and Inspectres, and an assortment of board games. A Mechwarrior tournament will take place along with an AT-43 demo game.

Admission is \$20 for all three days, \$10 for one, and \$2 for one session. Contact David Harriss at CUgamingguild@gmail.com or go to <http://sites.google.com/site/clemsongamingguild/Home> for additional information and session times.

The TAPS Yearbook will be taking yearbook photos Oct. 10 and Oct. 13 through Oct. 17 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pictures will be taking on the 3rd floor of the Hendrix Student Center in the Student Media conference room. No appointment is necessary. For additional information, contact TAPS@clemson.edu.

News By Numbers

8 length, in feet, of a python that prevented a Palm Bay, Fla., homeowner from entering his home Oct. 6.

42 age, in years, of Halle Berry, the Sexiest Woman Alive, as titled by Esquire magazine in its November 2008 issue.

90 number of Montanan Elementary School students that have started a series of rabies shots after a parent let them touch a dead bat that was later confirmed to be diseased.

23,000,000,000 amount, in dollars, Mars Inc. paid to purchase chewing-gum producer William Wrigley Jr. Co., forming the the world's largest candy making company.

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Cutting plastic consumption

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Considering the weight of evidence available, there may be a major plastic problem. So how effective is recycling plastic at reducing plastic production and waste? Not very. This does not mean that plastic recycling should end, but it does mean that plastic consumption should take a massive nose dive.

The plastic codes on the bottom of plastic items (a triangle of arrows surrounding a number) actually indicate what type of plastic an object was made from. They do not mean that the plastic is necessarily recyclable.

The American Chemistry Council's fact sheet on the different recycling codes and the post-market uses of different types of plastic only lists two of seven types as able to go back into manufacture of plas-

tic bottles; only one of these can be recycled into drinking bottles. The other types can be recycled but they are often recycled into materials that cannot be recycled again (Styrofoam egg shell cartons, for instance). Almost every plastic drinking water bottle is made from virgin plastic. Recycling plastic is not a solution to reducing the amount of plastic garbage.

Cutting plastic consumption is the most effective action that can be taken to avert a global plastic catastrophe. Even small changes can make a profound difference. An informative game to play is to list all plastics bought for one week. Then consider how much of that will be recycled, and how much of it will be recycled a second time.

Now look for strategies to eliminate plastic altogether in the future. Make a plan to avoid purchasing plastic at the

grocery store. Buy reusable shopping bags. Take a wire basket to the store and put produce in it instead of using plastic bags. Take your own containers to the deli (they can adjust the scale to the weight of your container). Take Tupperware to restaurants for leftovers. Get a reusable water bottle and a reusable coffee mug. Keep reusable silverware at the office. Upgrade or repair plastic technologies like mp3 player and cell phones instead of buying new ones. Use compostable garbage bags, or don't use any at all.

There are many sources available on the Internet for information on plastic consumption and reduction. Good places to start are www.lifelessplastic.blogspot.com and www.lowimpactliving.com. Whenever possible, avoid plastic like the plague. Otherwise, the world will soon be drowning in it.



HIGHER EDUCATION

The battle for the Presidency is reaching epic proportions as Election Day draws closer and closer. However, some students feel that they do not need to stay up-to-date with the issues of the candidates, because it does not apply to them. Below are the official views of each of the two candidates on an issue that all students can relate to, higher education. Modernizing education and finding a way to pay for it is one of the keys to grasping most college students' votes.

Obama

Sen. Obama wishes to put a college education in every American's reach. He believes that this education is the best investment for the future of this country.

He wants to create a new and fully refundable tax credit worth \$4,000 for tuition and other fees every year. This would cover two-thirds of tuition for the average college or university. Recipients of this credit would also be required to complete 100 hours of community service.

Obama plans to also simplify the financial aid application process. He thinks the current application processes are extremely difficult and inefficient when most people try to use them.

"[This is] so that we don't have a million students who aren't applying for aid because it's too difficult," said Obama. He wants to achieve this by using tax data instead of the current system.

He plans to "tap the tremendous resource of community colleges" and create a new Community College Partnership Program. He wants to let schools determine what technical education is needed for the local industry and expand degrees for emerging fields. Schools that graduate more students would be rewarded according to his plan.

"That's the change we need so our young people can achieve their dreams," Obama said.

McCain

Sen. McCain believes that higher education is an important part of the job sector. He thinks that universities must be modernized to retain their statuses as producing the most skilled workforce in the world.

He thinks the existing tax benefits are too complicated, so much so that eligible families don't claim them. By simplifying these, McCain can ensure that a greater number of families have a lower tax burden.

He believes that financial aid in our country has become too complicated and deters many eligible students from seeking aid.

There are too many programs that also make it difficult for students to navigate the process.

"Consolidating programs will help simplify the administration of these programs," McCain said.

Fixing student lending programs is improving our higher education system according to McCain. He has proposed an expansion of the lender-of-last resort capability of the federal student loan system. Keeping private lenders in check and effective reforms will create a simpler and more effective lending process.

Sen. McCain plans to place parents and children at the center of the education process. Empowering parents by giving them knowledge about their student is the key to being successful in our country today.



EYE ON CRIME

This week's Eye on Crime comes from Kansas City, Mo., where the mother of a 3-year-old girl whose headless body was unidentified for nearly four years testified on Oct. 7.

She admitted that she watched her then-boyfriend kick her daughter in the head and helped him dump her body.

Michelle Johnson, the mother of Erica Green who was called "Precious Doe" while authorities struggled to identify her, told a Jackson County jury that Harrell Johnson was on drugs when he kicked Erica and that she watched.

"He just picked up his feet and kicked her on the side of the face. I said, 'What the (expletive) did you do?' It shook him out of his high," Johnson said.

Michelle Johnson, 33, of Muskogee, Okla., took the stand on the second day of testimony in the first-degree murder trial of Harrell Johnson, 29, also of Muskogee.

She married Harrell a year after her daughter's death, pleading guilty last year to second-degree murder and agreeing to testify against her husband.

She said she and Harrell Johnson did not seek medical help for the girl for fear of being

arrested on outstanding warrants.

Prosecutors contend that after Erica died, Harrell Johnson decapitated her with a pair of hedge clippers and dumped her body in a wooded area of Kansas City, where a police officer found her in April 2001.

Prosecutors also asserted that both Michelle and Harrell Johnson committed murder due to their failure to seek medical help for Erica.

A pediatric neurosurgeon testified that if the couple had sought medical attention for the child in a timely manner, doctors could have potentially reversed the damage.

The defense admits that Harrell Johnson kicked the girl after she refused to go to bed but declares that the act was not premeditated, a circumstance required for a conviction of first-degree murder.

Harrell Johnson is charged with endangering the welfare of a child, abuse of a child and abuse of a child resulting in death.

If convicted of first-degree murder, his only possible sentence would be life in prison without parole. Prosecutors are not seeking the death penalty.

— Associated Press

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my bike through the area."

Riding a bike can also have significant health benefits.

According to Nutristrategy.com, a 155-lb person cycling at a pace of 14 mph should burn approximately 844 calories an hour.

While there are many pros to riding a bike around, there are always cons.

"It is very hard to avoid stairs and people. There is never really a straight shot due to lack of ramps,"

Nodtvedt said.

However, making detours or shortcuts can solve this, sometimes even making the ride shorter than the popular route.

"By this point in the year, I have my routes to places pretty much figured out such that I don't have to think about where I'm going," said Lilley.

And though bikes may not be a good decision on the sidewalks of downtown Clemson, they are allowed anywhere outside on the University's campus.

Bike Safety for College Students

- Always wear a helmet.
- Consider carrying a cell phone for emergencies.
- Bikes should have a white headlight and rear reflector if used 30 minutes before dusk or 30 minutes after sunrise.
- Wear reflective or light-colored clothing when biking.
- Avoid riding in extreme weather conditions.
- Inspect the bicycle before and after each ride.
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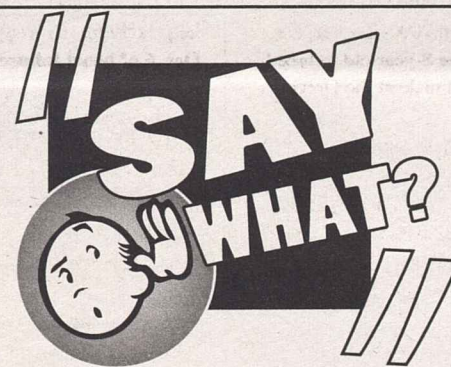
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"The financial crisis is nothing compared with the environmental crisis."

-JEAN-CHRISTOPHE VIE, of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), after a recent IUCN report found that 25 percent of earth's land mammals are at risk of extinction.

"Your company is now bankrupt, our economy is now in a state of crisis, but you get to keep \$480 million. I have a very basic question for you: Is this fair?"

-HENRY WAXMAN, chairman of the House Oversight Committee, questioning the ethics of Lehman Brothers CEO Richard Fuld after his bank collapsed last month.

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-Sen. BARACK OBAMA, at the second presidential debate, responding to a question about U.S.-Pakistan relations.

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-JON PERLOW, Gmail engineer, after announcing Google's new feature Mail Goggles, which will help curb drunk e-mailing by allowing users to set times when no e-mail can be sent.

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-AUGUSTO DE LA TORRE, a chief economist at the World Bank, on why fewer Latin Americans are immigrating to the United States.

"These are my arms, and I'm not giving them away again."

-KARL MERK, German farmer, after undergoing the world's first successful double arm transplant surgery.

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-SKYLAR DELEON, former Mighty Morphin Power Rangers actor, allegedly after he and three cohorts murdered a husband and wife to gain possession of the couple's yacht.

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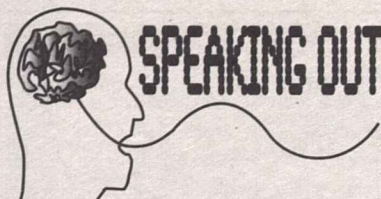
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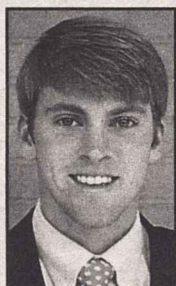


Do presidential and vice-presidential debates influence your voting decision? How/why?

"They do influence my decision, because we need a leader that can think on their feet and effectively address the problem at hand."



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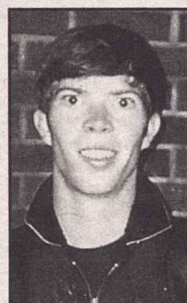
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"I base my decisions on how the candidates handle themselves on stage. The way you conduct yourself shows a lot more about your character than words can."

"No, because I don't watch them. I vote with my political party and don't rely on the debates."



Stephen Ariail
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"I think so, they don't have scripts so it gives you a better idea how they make decisions."

"I don't think the vice presidential debates make as much of a difference....I've made up my mind."



Ryan Kanton
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sophomore



Caroline Johnson
political science
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"Yes, it gives you a better understanding of the candidates."



Whoever won, we lost

If there's one word that describes how the average Republican, Democrat or Independent feels about Tuesday night's presidential debate, it's probably "underwhelmed."

A stale debate format, poorly moderated, was the backdrop of what resembled a duet of stump speeches instead of an engaging back-and-forth between candidates. Falsehoods and misrepresentations emerged from both sides, as expected. All in all, the debate suffered from too much style and not enough substance.

The second debate between Senators McCain and Obama was held at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn. Longstanding NBC journalist Tom Brokaw moderated, choosing questions from the 80 undecided Nashville voters in the audience as well as questions sent in through the "series of tubes."

The debate followed a town hall format, in which both candidates weren't tethered to a podium and could walk around the stage, addressing voters in the audience whose questions were chosen by Brokaw. Each candidate was given two minutes to respond to a common question and one minute for a follow-up response.

Both candidates went over the allotted time limits frequently. Brokaw probably shouldn't be blamed for that, as he tried his best to reign them in under the agreed-upon rules. But in a legitimate debate, the moderator holds sway over the debaters, calling them out when they don't answer questions directly.

That didn't really happen Tuesday night, and we all got shortchanged by both candidates in the end. Perhaps if Brokaw had been more lenient with the time constraints and more rigorous with the content of the candidates' answers, we would have seen exchanges with specifics and substance instead of rehearsed rhetoric.

It's more important for you to know what was distorted, misrepresented and just outright false than for you to know the exact play-by-play of the debate. If you didn't watch it Tuesday night, you can easily find video and transcripts.

McCain referred to a "new" proposal ordering the treasury secretary to buy bad home loan mortgages

and renegotiate their values to keep people in their homes as "my proposal...not Sen. Obama's proposal...not President Bush's proposal."

In fact, what McCain is talking about already exists in the recently-passed bailout package. The treasury secretary is given the authority to buy up bad mortgages with a focus on "the need to help families keep their homes and to stabilize communities" while also giving him the authority to extend mortgage terms, reduce rates or make principal write-downs, according to the bill.

Also, Obama supported this kind of measure while the bailout package was still undecided in Congress. According to a press conference he gave on Sept. 23, Obama said, "We should consider giving the government the authority to purchase mortgages directly instead of simply purchasing mortgage-backed securities."

More misleading comments came when the debate shifted to healthcare. McCain said he supports "giving every American a \$5,000 refundable tax credit [to] go out and get the health insurance you want rather than mandates and fines for small businesses, as Sen. Obama's plan calls for." This isn't an accurate description of either McCain or Obama's healthcare plans.

McCain's plan won't give a \$5,000 tax credit to "every American." That figure is reserved for couples and families under his plan. Individuals would receive a tax credit of \$2,500, not \$5,000. Obama's plan would require that large businesses provide their employees with health coverage or pay a fine which would go toward providing those employees with a national healthcare package.

Small businesses would be exempt from this fine and would receive a tax credit for up to 50 percent of the cost of premiums under Obama's plan. Neither candidate has defined exactly what they mean when they use the term "small business," however.

The debate turned briefly to energy independence and alternative energy sources, nuclear energy among them. When asked about how he would respond to climate change, McCain answered, "Now, what's the best way of fixing [climate change]? Nuclear power. Senator Obama says that it has to be safe or disposable or

something like that."

McCain was dismissive of Obama's concern that nuclear power is safe and disposable. You don't get a sense of his condescension by reading the above quotation, but hearing him say it is another story.

McCain seemed to think that nuclear power is clean and safe based purely on his experiences on "Navy ships that had nuclear power plants."

Obama countered, "Contrary to what Sen. McCain keeps on saying, I favor nuclear power as one component of our overall energy mix." However, this comment contradicts one Obama made in December at a town hall meeting in Iowa: "I start off with the premise that nuclear energy is not optimal. ... I am not a nuclear energy proponent."

McCain gave his support for alternative energy sources, but Obama said his opponent "voted 23 times against alternative fuels...." This figure is only a half-truth. Out of the McCain votes listed on the Obama campaign Web site, 11 of them would have reduced or eliminated tax incentives or subsidies for alternative energy, with the remainder of votes being against the mandatory use of alternative energy or for exemptions from such mandatory use.

When oil drilling came up, Obama restated his position that oil companies should use the acres they already own before new areas are opened up for drilling. He said, oil companies "currently have 68 million acres that they're not using" and endorsed a "use it or lose it" policy with regard to the land.

This is misleading. It's not that oil companies are leasing land from the Department of the Interior and then deliberately not drilling on it. Because of bureaucratic red tape and geologic surveys of the land, it can take up to a decade for drills to be installed in the appropriate places. The land is classified as "non-productive" because it doesn't have an active drill, but that doesn't necessarily mean the land isn't being surveyed.

McCain accused Obama of supporting an energy bill with billions of dollars of "goodies" for oil companies. "You know who voted

for it? You might never know. That one [Obama]. You know who voted against it? Me."

A quick word on McCain's use of "that one" to refer to Obama since it's been getting press time lately: It's absurd to think McCain used it as some kind of veiled racist remark toward Obama, as some people believe. It's much more likely that McCain was answering a rhetorical question that a voter might ask, as in, "Which candidate voted for it? That one." It was, at most, a disrespectful way of referring to a fellow senator.

McCain misrepresented the bill Obama voted for. The bill in question is the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which indeed included \$2.6 billion in tax cuts for the oil and gas industry. But the bill also included \$2.9 billion in tax increases for the oil in gas industry, resulting in a net tax increase for oil companies over an 11-year period, according to a Congressional Research Service report.

These are just some of the misleading jabs thrown during the debate. McCain needed a knock-out performance to help his faltering in the polls, and that didn't happen. In all likelihood, the debate was either even-handed or a slight Obama victory. Either way, the format seemed to hinder both candidates since they didn't have sufficient time to respond to one another's claims with specifics.

But who's to say they'd actually do that with more time? Hell, back in the day, during the Lincoln-Douglas debates, one opponent had 60 minutes to talk, then the other had 90 minutes, followed by a 30-minute rebuttal. And people listened.

But in the dumber days of 15-second attention spans, our only hope is that the final debate on Oct. 15 doesn't have more of the same vague rhetoric and misleading claims from both candidates.

Who are we kidding? This is America!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To Whom This May Concern:

I read the article entitled "Clemson priorities: Debate or drink." I consider myself an informed voter and have watched most of the debates over the years, my first being between Al Gore and Bush back in the 2000 election. Like most people with parents as college professors, I was in a Democratic Party supporting family. I considered myself a Democrat up until this summer. I sat down and analyzed the differences between the Republican and Democratic parties, and what I found was that the differences were small and trivial.

This was brought to more light after the first debate between Obama and McCain. Obama agreed with McCain more times than they disagreed in the first debate. But this isn't the first example, just look at the major power shift in Congress that took place in 2006. The Democrats finally became the majority, claiming to end the war and bring the troops home. They kept the imperialistic war going on in Iraq and business continued as usual. If they really wanted to end the war they could have cut funding, but they

were just publicly denouncing the war for votes and then funding it with their votes in Congress.

People will tell you the Democrats are progressive and are the lesser of two evils, but in the end that still means they are evil. The two parties have been supporting the disease that has rotted out our democratic republic and turned it into a Corporatocracy. The liberal intelligentsia has allowed their party to collude with corporate interests. A Corporatocracy is a government bowing to pressure from corporate entities. Corporations have all the rights of citizenship but none of the responsibility. Their motto is to privatize the profits, socialize the costs.

An unreasonable man has been fighting this unjust system and that man is Ralph Nader. He has sacrificed so much as a consumer advocate, and most of his accomplishments for the public are unknown. Did you know that Ralph Nader's legacy of legislation includes mandating airbags and seatbelts in cars, EPA (Environmental Protection Agency), OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration), Safe Drinking Water Act, and the Freedom of Information Act?

He did all of this without even holding office! He is the only candidate to support adopting a single-payer national health insurance plan (which the rest of the First world has except us), address the Military-Industry Complex by cutting the wasteful military budget and crack down on corporate crime and welfare.

So I challenge the Corporate Media to open up the debates? Let's see: Bob Barr, Ralph Nader, Cynthia McKinney, Chuck Baldwin, on stage with Barack Obama and John McCain. Then instead of agreement, we can see some real debate and address the issues that the two-party system refuses to address. If you think debates are overrated then "Google" how former professional wrestler Jesse Ventura became the governor of Minnesota.

Don't let someone tell you your third-party vote is a waste. In a republic, you vote for which candidate represents you best; in an oligarchy you vote for the lesser of two evils. If you want more information on Ralph Nader go to <http://www.votenader.org/issues/>.

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COMMENTARY

McCain's proposal: Good Politics, Bad Policy

SETH MULLIKIN

Columnist



In Bill Clinton's autobiography "My Life," the former president speaks of the need for good politics to give the people good policy. Unfortunately, good politics do not always lead to sound policies once in office, especially in times of economic distress. In Tuesday's debate, Sen. John McCain, feeling a need to rebound after dropping in the polls, stated that he believes the federal government should renegotiate the "toxic" mortgages it is purchasing via the bailout so that the principal is reduced to the current value of the home.

McCain returned to Washington to "solve the economic crisis," but the resultant bipartisan bill was filled with frivolous spending and angered many voters. In order to rebound politically, McCain had to do several things: show he is for the average working American, appear to be a problem-solver capable of leading and offer a concrete proposal rather than general rhetoric. By saying the Federal government should reduce the principal on the mortgages it is purchasing, McCain accomplished all of this.

The "Bailout Bill" is currently viewed as helping only corporations and their executives because it is removing "toxic mortgages" from the balance sheet. McCain's proposal takes the focus off of what has already been done to help corporations and focuses on a solution that benefits homeowners whose houses have declined in value. This will resonate with voters who live in areas with a high foreclosure rate because it negates the fact that they overpaid for their homes and offers them relief; five of the 10 states with the highest foreclosure rates are considered swing states.

While talk of reducing the principal on mortgages has been going on for months, it has gotten little media attention. McCain virtually assures media coverage of his idea, by making such a profound break with the conservative wing of his party in a debate. Casual observers will perceive it to be his idea, thus, making him appear to be a leader on an important issue affecting many Americans. By saying what he will do in office rather than only focusing on what Bush did wrong, McCain showed that he, too, can be an agent of change and formulate unique proposals for complex problems.

In these times of uncertainty voters increasingly want solid proposals in place of the finger-pointing rhetoric both sides have offered thus far. Proposing a specific policy gives voters much-needed confidence in McCain's ability to handle the economy. Obama's lack of a specific proposal reminds voters of Hillary Clinton's words in the primary: "It's time that we move from good words to good works, from sound bites to sound solutions."

Although a politically appealing and effective political issue, McCain's proposal would make an unfair, expensive policy. Allowing homeowners to renegotiate the principal of their loan to the current value of their house essentially means taxpayers pick up the tab for people who overpaid for their homes. For every dollar the home declined in value, the federal government would give the homeowner a dollar via a new mortgage. The majority of American homeowners — those who bought houses they could afford — would receive nothing from this policy, but pay for most of it.

This policy would also become very expensive very quickly. While much has been said about the \$700 billion or more being spent to purchase the mortgages, little has been said about the potential for the government to make a profit.

When someone loses money, someone else usually makes money. In this case the banks have lost billions of dollars because the mortgages are selling for less than the real estate supporting them. If the federal government buys the mortgages at these depressed values it will most likely make money in the long run. However, if the entire mortgages are not repaid, the taxpayers cover the difference.

The depressed values allow the federal government a large margin for renegotiating the loans, but the time period of the loan or interest rates should be negotiated, not the principal. This would have the desired effects of lowering people's monthly payments and keeping them in their homes, but would be a hand-up rather than a hand-out. McCain's proposal, as stated in the debate, is good politics, but bad policy.

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COMMENTARY

Palin captures moose, heart of young voter

JULIE GERDES

Columnist



Well, I didn't want to do it. I didn't want to go off on some rant right before the presidential elections about why my candidate is better than the others or why everyone should get out and vote.

However, as a young, green, first-time voter, the whirlwind that is U.S. politics around election time has just gotten me too excited.

Lately I've found myself unconsciously paging through the pretty pictures in USA Today and Youtube cutting-edge interviews to see not only what the candidates are saying but how they're saying it and what makeup they're wearing while they do it.

You see, I'm from the home of Pat Robertson's CBN and the world's largest naval base, where golf courses, heavy traffic and youth soccer complexes abound.

I attend a former military university in the South's Bible Belt, where Greek life is the only life and, you betcha, we care about our tradition and pearl earrings (wink).

I'm as American as they come.

That's why Sarah Palin is my candidate for the pres... err... vice presidency.

Palin radiates "America." She's young, she's pretty and her teeth are just so white.

But don't let that pearly smile fool ya! While you can betcha that life as a rich, powerful hockey mom isn't as easy as it may seem, life as a vice presidential candidate is just plain hard!

Life complicates itself a bit when a Washington insider like John McCain enters it.

Now he may be old, but he's old like a grandfather — a grandfatherly friend who's graying more every day and refers to others as "that one" when his memory or patience runs out.

Therefore, he needs someone like Palin, someone he can rely on not only to show those loony liberals that Republicans support strong, intelligent women running our country as well but also to remember details such as his own maverick actions to support increased government regulation on Wall Street.

Palin's got it right. Those men down there in Washington want her to know details about what they're working on.

That's plain old politics as usual.

They don't realize that sideline-sitting soccer moms are the best people to ask about the economy.

Nor that Alaskans are the best source of foreign policy advising, due to their islands' close proximity to Russian islands and their threatening Canadian neighbors.

In my book, she's in a better position than the present chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations to provide firsthand advising to the president of the most powerful and influential nation in the world.

I'm so sick of Palin's negative portrayal from the media.

Luckily, she got to get rid of all of that filtering that came as a result of her countless public interviews when she took the stage in St. Louis for the VP debate.

Unfortunately, these kinds of things just aren't the same as them ole Wasilla beauty competitions.

"What would you do to save the world?" translates into big scary foreign affairs questions that require more than an evening gown, wide smile and wink.

Not to mention, she was able to avoid all of those reporters and pundits "telling viewers what they just heard."

You all know the type, those people who don't represent America because they spend their time translating what Palin said into comprehensible language rather than doing American things like shooting moose and banning books.

Those big ole meanies down there in the non-Alaskan states just want to make her look bad for being a Washington outsider who sup-

ports abstinence and teen pregnancy and who has very close friends of 30 years who are homosexual but does not personally support gay rights and attends a church that posted a bulletin about how one can pray homosexuality out of an individual.

She's not as bad as they're making her seem.

Think of the upshots of having this woman as president, if, by some sick, unlikely, chance, our friend McCain croaks out.

A new American doll could be made of her!

Girls from Hawaii could spend their days braiding the doll's hair and cutting her bangs, cleaning their guns for target practice, and chanting "drill, baby, drill!"

We could all sit around and contemplate the extra spending on things like transportation to islands with populations of 50!

But I'd like to go back to the energy plan.

Now, what I value in Palin is her clear view that some of those countries out there maybe don't care as much about the climate these blessed United States do.

We in America check Weather.com daily!

Okay, so while this column may be a joke, this election is not. If you were lost on something that I wrote, please take some time to research the stances of these candidates.

Be it via CNN or Fox News, being informed on election news is invaluable.

You don't have to "be into" politics or be aware of every bill that the candidates are discussing, but the results of this election will have a direct impact on your life, whether you like it or not.

So, turn off your reruns for a half-hour, look past the glossy photos of politicians that splash magazine covers and pop up on your Yahoo home page, and read or listen a bit.

You might be surprised at how much what these "mavericks" and "pop stars" say affect you.

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PAWS UP, PAWS DOWN

An underdog in Sunday's election for governor of Bangkok punched and kicked a television journalist Thursday, saying he was provoked by tough questions during a live interview.



An unemployed construction worker found a package filled with 16,000 euros in cash and items of gold jewelry beside a busy German road—and turned it over to authorities, police said on Wednesday.



The parents of a 7-year-old boy, who broke into an Australian outback zoo and fed a string of small animals to its resident crocodile, are likely to be sued after police said the boy was too young to be held responsible.



South Korea plans to help obese children pay for health club memberships and other activities that can help them lose weight, an official said on Wednesday.



A German choir has gained popularity for performances consisting entirely of gripes and complaints about everything from bad weather to bad husbands.



Playboy magazine has announced that it will begin scouting for a "Women of Wall Street" issue featuring former or current women in the financial workforce, as a way to "make people smile" about the current economic crisis.



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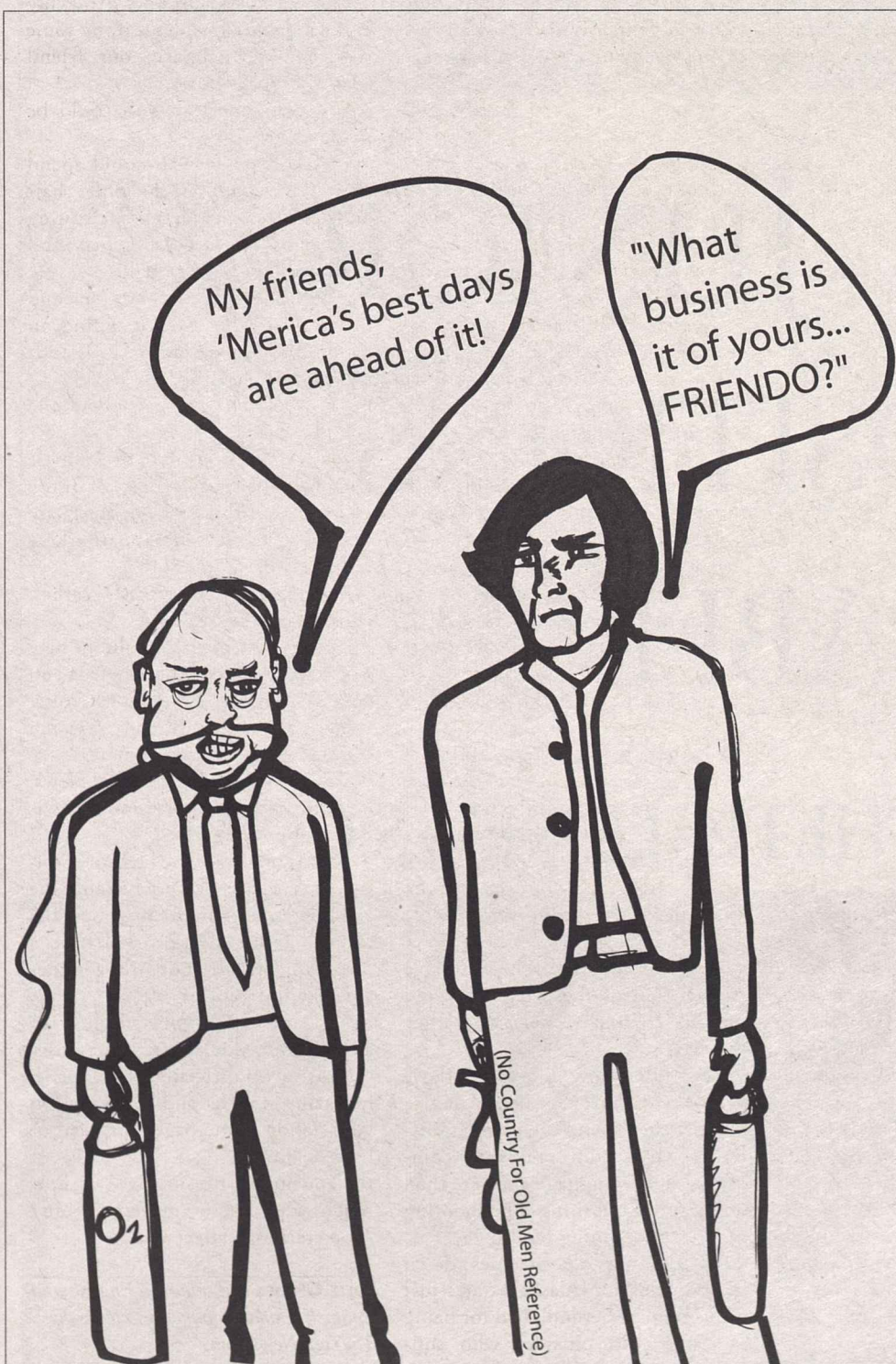
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Thanks for 100 years of disappointment, Cubs.

If Clemson is "Solid Green" then why can't students print double-sided?

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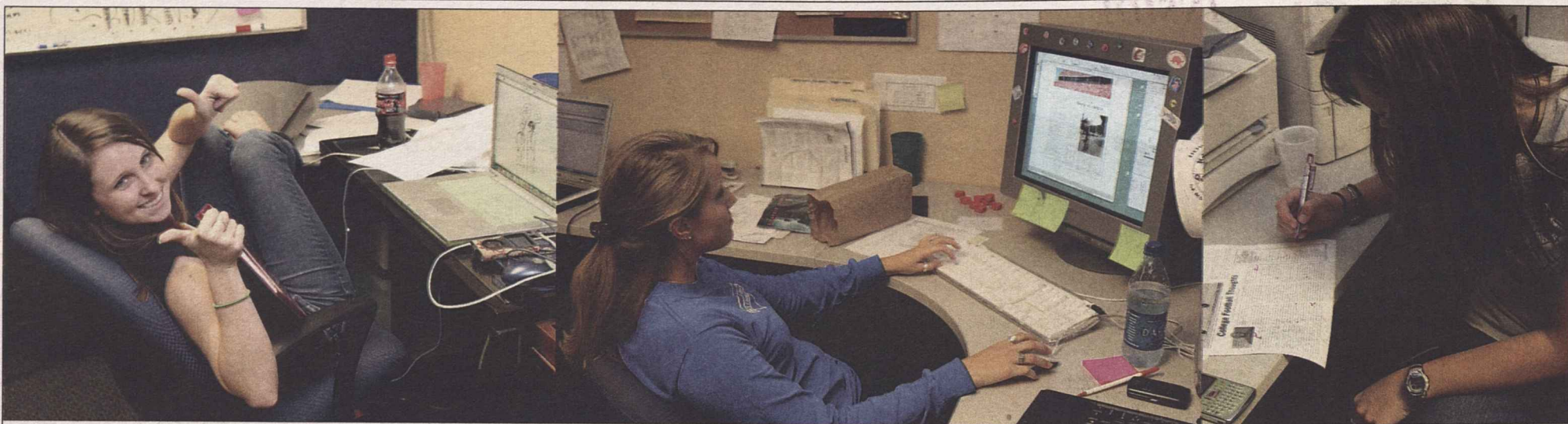
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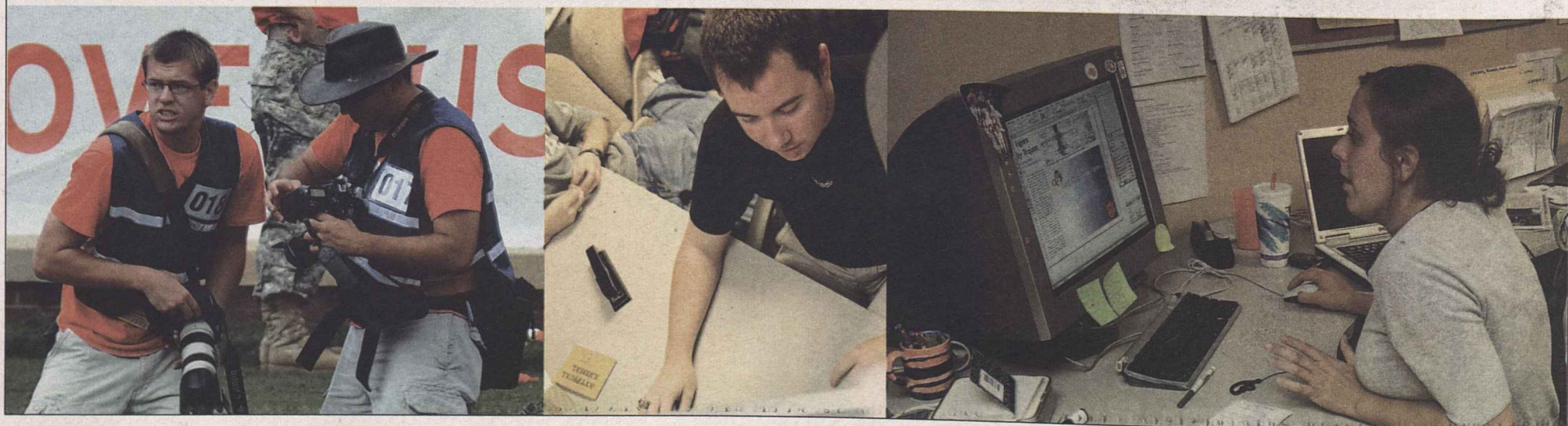


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Tiger swimmers dominate

Freshmen make a big impact in their first collegiate performances.



Clemson swimmers fly past Davidson this past weekend in the Tigers' season opening meet with 15 freshmen winning events.

SARAH PORRI
STAFF WRITER

The 2008-2009 season for the Clemson swimming and diving team kicked off with a win for both the men's and women's teams this past weekend against the Davidson Wildcats. The Tigers boasted a 186-99 final score and the Lady Tigers bested the Lady Wildcats 196-103. "This was a good opportunity for our freshmen to get their first taste of Division I competition," said Head Coach Chris Ip. "We are very pleased at how quickly they reacted and stepped up to that level."

This was the first collegiate competition for Ip's freshman class of 11 men and nine women. Overall, this class combined to win 15 events against the Wildcats. Freshman Sarah Bechard and teammate Cara Lennon swept the butterfly and backstroke events, respectively, in their Clemson debut. Fellow freshmen Alex Carr, Will Clark, Lee Groseclose and Seth Broster also picked up valuable wins for the Tigers.

The day started off in true Tiger fashion. The Lady Tigers grabbed the top four spots in the 200-yard medley relay. The relay of Rachel Sparks, Katrina Obas, Maddie Tarantolo and Caitlin Seed scored the top spot with a time of 1:48.16 seconds. Seniors Michelle Parkhurst and Lauren Cranston kept the Lady Tigers rolling with a one-two finish in the 1000-yard freestyle. The Tiger distance swimmers Carr and David Gordon answered the Lady Tigers with their own one-two finish in the men's 1000-yard freestyle.

The Lady Tigers swept the 100-yard backstroke with Lennon, senior captain Ashley Clay, and freshmen Kelly Fowler and Kerry McLaughlin. Tarantolo gained her first individual win on her Clemson career in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:07.42. Touching five one-hundredths of a second later was teammate senior Summer O'Donnell and fellow senior Lauren Sindall rounded out the top three spots.

On the other end of the pool, the Clemson diving team took both boards for both men and women. Freshmen Brooke George and Cassie

Self took first and second, respectively, on both one-meter and three-meter with Stephanie Fura placing third. Junior David Giambra posted a NCAA Zone Qualifying score on one-meter with a score of 305.70; the third best score in Clemson diving history.

The men's 100-yard breaststroke was the debut of three freshmen, Chris Dart, Chris Reinke, and Chase Henderson. Dart won this event with Reinke and Henderson taking third and fourth respectively. New sprinters Myles Oliver and Broster went one-two in the 50-yard freestyle with Broster taking the 100-yard freestyle. Oliver placed third and Reinke took fourth. Junior co-captain Tom Recko had two wins on Saturday, one in the 200-yard butterfly and the other in the 500-yard freestyle. Teammates Joe Knecht and Matt Angelini placed second and third, respectively, in the 200-yard butterfly, and senior Dan Mengerling taking second in the 500-yard freestyle.

"We need to go into Georgia Tech with our
see SWIM page C5

A Clemson
divided
against itself
cannot stand!

**BRETT
MILLS**

staff writer



Well, so it's come to this. That awful, mind-numbing and heart-wrenching loss. You knew it was coming, I knew it was coming, but in the eternally hopeful time of preseason, we just laughed it off. Surely such a depressing possibility had no place amidst all the buzz and excitement because, you see, this was Clemson's year. This was the year that we, as the long-suffering fans, were finally going to see our Tigers break through for that ever-elusive ACC championship, where we would finally cast aside the mediocrity of the Hatfield and West regimes, and once and for all, close the book on that dubious decade of the '90s.

This year had come later, much later in fact, than Tiger Nation ever would have imagined the day we anointed Tommy Bowden as our savior, but it did not matter. He had guided us through thick and thin, taken us to the top of the world one week, brought us crashing down the next, and he was finally ready to propel the program over that proverbial hump. We wiled away the years together like an old married couple, the fans as the nagging wife and Bowden the well-meaning but fretful husband, bickering over facilities and personnel and special teams. We grumbled, but we stuck with him. He was our coach, and this was our year.

Nevertheless, that loss came — and boy was it a doozy of a blow. Then just for good measure, it kicked us again a few short weeks later. Such is the life of a Clemson fan nowadays. We are Charlie Brown and championships are the football held by Lucy. Every single time we think this is the ball that we finally connect with, Lucy yanks it away at the very last second, and we yet again whiff spectacularly on our target and fall flat on our backs, staring up into the great empty October sky.

However, despite that disappointment, my anxiety does not lie with the ultimate future of our football program. I know that although Tommy Bowden fell short of becoming the savior we so desperately desired, he set a near perfect table for the next coach to step up and deliver the home run. Far be it from that, my greatest worry this year has nothing to do with the team and everything to do with the fans: where did the fun go?

Something has happened to this fan base, something I never thought I'd see. We've lost our identity. Gone are all those special definitive qualities that drew us to the rolling foothills of the Upstate. That unity, that enthusiasm, that care-free us-against-the-world attitude that propelled our little "cow college" to such great heights, it has all vanished...and I honestly cannot figure out why.

Surely losing did not cause all of this. The '90s were certainly not friendly to us in terms of wins and losses, but foot-

see FOOTBALL page C6

Volleyball overpowers Seminoles

Tigers improve to 11-5 overall, 3-2 in ACC play.



Brittany Fennell and the volleyball team huddles before a match.

ALEX URBAN
STAFF WRITER

On the strength of 43 kills, the Clemson volleyball team defeated Florida State (9-4, 1-4 ACC) in three straight sets last Saturday at home in Jervy Gym. The Tigers improved to 11-5 on the season with a 3-2 record in the ACC following Saturday's action, which took just over an hour to complete.

It was an extremely complete game for the Tigers, winning three sets 25-12, 25-17 and 25-14. The 43 kills recorded by the Tigers outmatched the Seminoles' 24, and led them to victory. Sixteen of the Tigers' kills went to senior Jeannette Abbott, a season high, with another 12 going to senior Danielle Hepburn, who did not commit an error.

Florida State's leaders were Stephanie Neville, who had seven kills, and Ashlee Moon, who had 11 digs.

The first set began with a five-point Tiger run that set the stage for

the entire match; they rode a .440 hitting percentage in the first set to a victory of 25-12.

Hepburn picked up six kills in the second set, which Clemson won 25-17 for a 2-0 advantage in the match. Another five-point Tiger run to open the second set proved to be too much for Florida State to handle.

The tide seemed to turn in the third set, with Florida State coming on strong with four kills and a block.

But the Tigers responded with a run and Florida State made several errors, leading to an easy 25-14 victory for Clemson. Abbott picked up seven of her kills in this set, helping Clemson finish strong to lock up the match.

Clemson will play next weekend at Jervy Gym against two more ACC opponents. They will face Wake Forest on Friday and Duke on Saturday.

HASSAN IBRAHIM

Clemson soccer player Hassan Ibrahim, national player of the week, takes time to talk to The Tiger.

BRETT MILLS
STAFF WRITER

The Tiger: Looking back at that game against Virginia Tech, what clicked that gave you the opportunity to step up with that breakthrough performance?

Hassan Ibrahim: Just the energy of my teammates. We had been losing lately and really needed a win, and that's what made me perform so well.

TT: Being a JUCO transfer (Jefferson College in St. Louis, Mo.), what is it like making that transition to Division 1? How different is the level of competition?

HI: It's a lot tougher. In D-1 every single game is competitive, a dogfight, and you have to show up every day. It is not at all like that in JUCO.

TT: Talk about that last goal of yours in OT, what was going through your mind?

HI: When I made that run, I was already exhausted. The game had been long and really competitive. Then the ball went overhead, and I just focused on it. I didn't want to dribble in or anything, all I thought about was sending it over the keeper's head and thankfully it did.

TT: Now although the program has hit a rough patch recently, Clemson Soccer traditionally is one of the nations best. Looking at this year's team, what are the major goals for the season?

HI: It's basically what they are every year: work hard to improve, take a game-by-game approach, and hopefully win the ACC tournament and eventually the national title.

TT: What about you? TopDrawerSoccer.com has named you to the National Team of the Week, so what are some personal goals of yours for this season, besides that one of course?

HI: (Laughs) Well basically my goals are to work really hard in practice and get healthy so I can help the team win in any way possible. If I do that, then I'll be happy.

TT: What made you choose Clemson? Growing up in Alabama and going to school in St. Louis, that's not exactly ACC country.

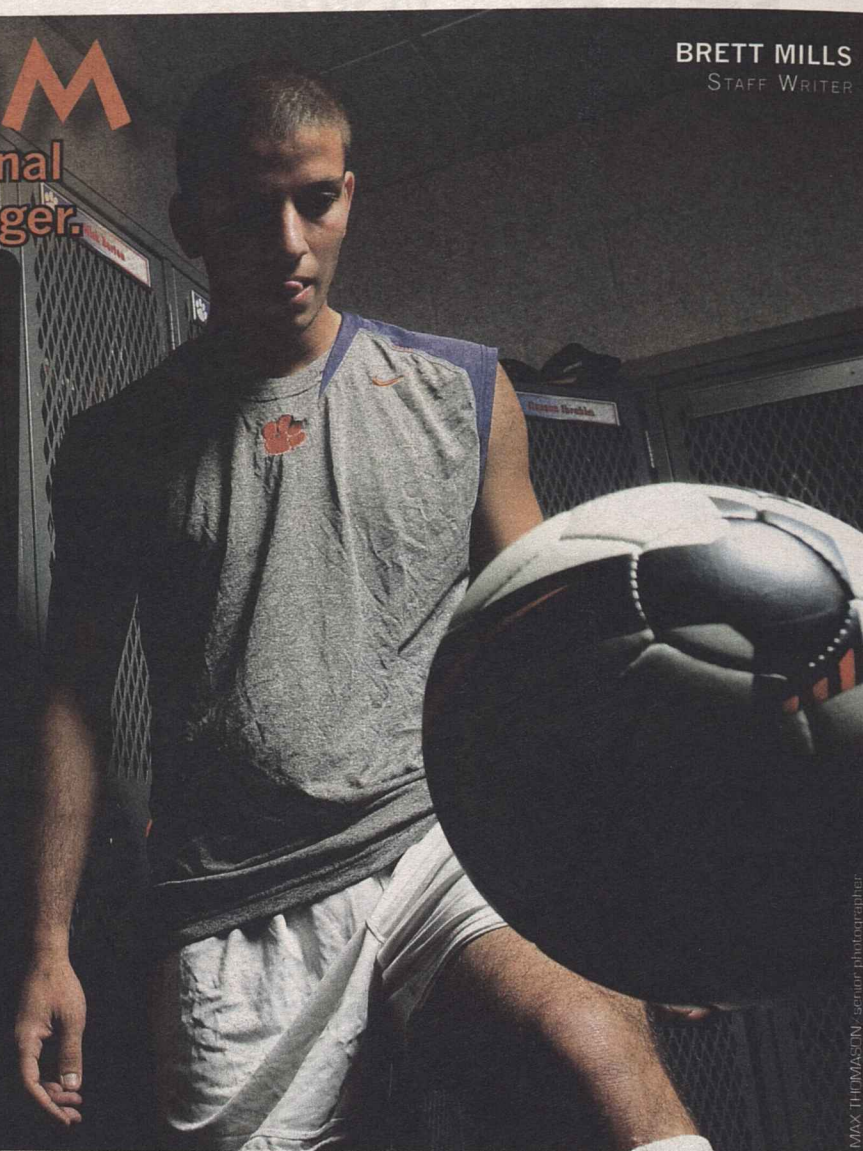
HI: Coach Trevor saw me playing in Texas. I knew of Clemson and their history, and I saw it as a great opportunity to achieve my dreams, get a good education and play soccer. With everything I wanted Clemson was the best fit for me.

TT: Looking into the future, where do you see yourself several years down the road?

HI: Playing at the highest level I can play. I think as long as I work hard, keep happy and stay healthy, I can play professional. It's my dream. I love soccer, and I wish to pursue it for as long as possible.

TT: Well jumping away from soccer for a second, what is one interesting fact about you that the average Clemson student would not know?

HI: I am Jordanian (both my parents are from Jordan), so I am Muslim and I can speak Arabic. That is something I would imagine is pretty unique around here.



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Soccer teams battle ACC's best

Men upset 4th-ranked Terps; Lady Tigers tangle with Hokies and Cavaliers.

BRANDON BOATWRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Clemson men's and women's soccer teams participated in ACC action this past week with mixed success. The men's team, led by senior Michael Brooks' outstanding four-goal performance, upset fourth-ranked Maryland last Friday by a score of 5-3. The women's team managed to tie Virginia Tech in two overtimes at Riggs Field last Thursday night and was dismantled by a 7-1 loss to tenth-ranked Virginia three days later.

The first time that a Clemson player scored four goals in a game was back in 1999 when Mark Lisi did it against Winthrop. Brooks' four goals not only matches that feat but also stands as the most goals scored against an ACC opponent since 1975.

"I dedicate tonight's performance to our team. We work so hard, and it's paying off. I give all of my teammates the credit. We are a team," said Brooks after Friday's match.

The Terrapins flaunted a 3-2 lead in the 75th minute of the match. But the Tigers retaliated, scoring three goals in the final 11:42 of play. Brooks' third goal of the match came in the 79th minute with an assist by fellow senior Bryson Moore to tie the match at three apiece. Twenty-two seconds later, Tiger junior Hassan Ibrahim put the Tigers up 4-3 with the go-ahead goal. Just for good measure, Brooks added his fourth goal of the match in the 80th minute, putting the Tigers up 5-3 over the nationally ranked Terps. With the win, the Tigers improve to 3-4-2 overall (2-1-1 in the ACC).

The win Friday night was Coach Trevor Adair's 51st win against a ranked team. "I had a feeling that we could be successful tonight because of the way we practiced this week," said Adair. "We didn't play great in the first half, but we never gave up. I give our guys the credit. They didn't quit."

The team's cohesion bodes well for the Tigers as they embark on a two-game roadtrip this week, taking on N.C. State and Wofford.

The Lady Tiger soccer team took on Virginia Tech last Thursday night and battled the Hokies to a 2-2 tie in double overtime in Clemson. Senior Julie Bolt and freshman Sarah Jacobs scored goals for the Tigers.

Clemson gave up a 2-1 lead with just 38 seconds left in regulation, forcing the game into overtime. The teams played two scoreless 10-minute overtimes, resulting in the draw. Head coach Hershey Strosberg applauded her team's efforts but was disappointed by a lack of focus. "We put ourselves in a good position to win," said Strosberg. "The unfortunate reality is that we continue to give up goals off of minor losses of focus."

The Tigers struggled to regain that focus on Sunday when the Virginia Cavaliers rolled into Clemson. The tenth-ranked Cavaliers, who are perfect in ACC play thus far, gave the Tigers fits. Virginia jumped out to a 4-0 lead by halftime and didn't let up in the second half, leaving Riggs Field with a 7-1 victory over the Tigers.

Senior defender Molly Johnson netted Clemson's lone goal in the match in the 89th minute. The goal was her second of the season. With the loss, the Tigers fall to 4-5-1 (0-2-1 in conference play).

The Lady Tigers now turn their attention to ACC foes Wake Forest and Miami. They travel to Wake Forest on Sunday and take on the Demon Deacons at 1:00 p.m. then play host to the Hurricanes on Thursday at 7:00 p.m.



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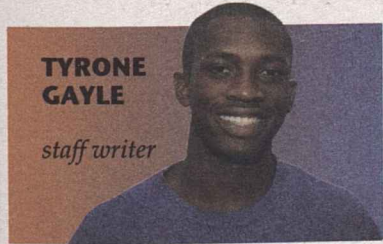
Senior Forward Julie Bolt contests a Virginia defender in Sunday's matchup against the Cavaliers.

College Football Thoughts

The ACC: Not as bad as we thought.

TYRONE GAYLE

staff writer



Let's give it up to those nerds in Nashville for Vanderbilt's first 5-0 start since the Eisenhower Presidential era, taking down Auburn and their poor excuse for an offensive game plan in the process. At this point in the season, I'm not sure what's worse: the U.S. economy or Auburn's offense.

Our Tiger cousins to the west have an offense that currently ranks 105th in the country based on total yards per game. It's an Auburn team we Tiger fans know all too well, after last New Year's Eve overtime catastrophe. Vandy helped to continue this early college football season trend of a "revenge of the nerds" type of storyline, where schools known more for their academic prowess (Vandy, Northwestern, Duke and Stanford) have all found a way to put back the "athlete" back in "student-athlete" (combined records: 16-5). Speaking

of centers of hallowed academia and centers for "higher learning," what has happened to the glamour and luster of the Florida State-Miami rivalry?

This former annual clash of the titans has turned into a battle of the insignificant and irrelevant with each team being a shadow of what they used to be. Miami has a combined losing record over the past three seasons, and Florida State has not fared much better.

This game used to determine national championship title positioning, showcase top-tier NFL prospects and provide more drama than a "Grey's Anatomy" episode. Now, the only thing that remains the same is the amount of attention both teams receive for their "off the field" incidents and scandals.

However, since both teams remain in our conference, the tears of sadness I have wept only run so long, knowing we have been able to chalk up Florida State as a "W" four out of the past five seasons on the schedule.

Despite the shortcomings for both teams in recent years, both seem to be back on the upward swing somewhat this year in what

is looking to be an incredibly balanced year for the ACC. At the beginning of the season, the thought of the ACC being ranked as one of the top conferences provided more comic relief than a Sarah Palin and Katie Couric interview session, but the doubters are slowly turning into believers.

Every team in the conference has been surprisingly competitive this season, some more than others obviously. UNC has come back from the dead; Georgia Tech has found some swagger, and even N.C. State who has a losing record took down a ranked team already. The wide-open division race on both sides will keep things exciting throughout the remainder of the season. The parody will certainly keep our football team's ACC Championship aspirations afloat.

And as the weeks continue to pass, and Alabama continues to take down the big, bad SEC, the loss to them on the opening weekend is beginning to look a lot more bearable. If the funeral procession they carried out on UGA was not enough proof, consider the fact that Alabama has outscored their opponents this season 88-0 in the first quarter.

So basically, opposing teams have faced a larger deficit than the federal government from the get-go. As good as their offense is, their defense is that much better.

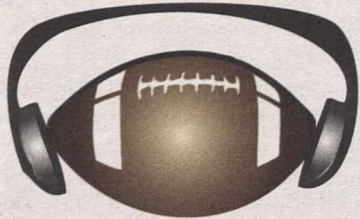
They have been spending so much time in opponent's backfields they should charge them rent. Yet, no matter how good they will turn out or how many championships they may or may not win, I am almost 100 percent positive Nick Saban sold his soul to the devil five years ago or actually is the devil (still unsure), right before his LSU Tigers won the national championship in 2004.

Recently, in an ESPN interview he compared himself, through the perception of others, as "Attila the Hun."

No arguments here Nicky, something has always been fishy about the way you have run your programs whether it was in the Bayou, South Florida or in Tusca-loser. He is arguably the most powerful college football coach in the country with the resources and personnel he has at his disposal including his own jet. Roses are red, violets are blue; if Nick Saban's your football coach there's probably a hex on you.

AP TOP 25 standings

1. Oklahoma
2. Alabama
3. Missouri
4. LSU
5. Texas
6. Penn State
7. Texas Tech
8. USC
9. Brigham Young
10. Georgia
11. Florida
12. Ohio State
13. Vanderbilt
14. Utah
15. Boise State
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20. Auburn
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WEEK SEVEN: WSBF Sports Radio vs. Sports Writers

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UCF vs. Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami
Oklahoma St. vs. Mizzou	Mizzou	Mizzou	Mizzou	Mizzou	Mizzou	Mizzou
Tennessee vs. Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia
Notre Dame vs. UNC	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC
LSU vs. Florida	LSU	LSU	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida
Penn State vs. Wisconsin	Penn State	Penn State	Penn State	Penn State	Penn State	Wisconsin
S. Carolina vs. Kentucky	Kentucky	South Carolina	Kentucky	South Carolina	Kentucky	South Carolina
Clemson vs. Wake Forest	Wake Forest	Wake Forest	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson

Midseason
Pick'em Review

Daniel Taylor
Best Pick: N.C. State over East Carolina (Week 4)

Worst Pick: N.C. State over South Florida (Week 5)

Ryan Launius
Best Pick: MTSU over Maryland (Week 1)

Work Pick: South Carolina over Georgia (Week 3)

Brandon Boatwright
Best Pick: Ohio State over Wisconsin (Week 6)

Work Pick: Georgia over Alabama (Week 5)

Hunter Knowles
Best Pick: Duke over Navy (Week 3)

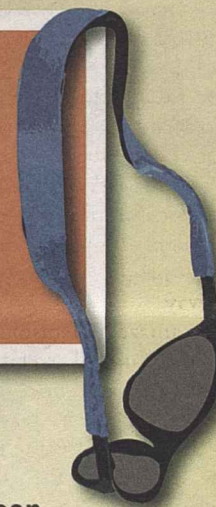
Work Pick: Colorado over Florida State (Week 5)

Rob Patterson
Best Pick: Bama over Georgia (Week 5)

Worst Pick: Nebraska over Missouri (Week 6)

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Wake Forest

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Winston-Salem, N.C.

Thursday 10/16

Miami

7 p.m.

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Duke

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Clemson, S.C.

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Clemson, S.C.

Former Tiger tennis star honored

Gigi Fernandez inducted into the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Hall of Fame.

ANDREW BAKER
STAFF WRITER

It would seem impossible that an athlete could compete for one season at Clemson and be inducted into the Clemson Athletic Hall of Fame. One player to accomplish this unlikely feat was Gigi Fernandez, who played tennis for the Tigers in 1983 and then went on to a successful professional career. Fernandez was inducted into the Clemson Athletic Hall of Fame in 2005. Two weeks ago, Fernandez received an even greater honor, being inducted into the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Hall of Fame.

Fernandez came to Clemson from Puerto Rico as an outstanding all-around tennis player. In her pro career, she gained fame as a doubles player, but in 1983, she dominated both doubles and singles for the Tigers.

Her record for the season in singles was 40-7, and she went 30-9 in doubles matches. In singles, she played in the NCAA finals and remains the only Tiger to have made it there. Her success earned her All-American honors. It was obvious for Fernandez, even though she fell short in the finals, that she had the talent to turn pro immediately.

In the pro circuit, Fernandez won her first tournament title in singles at an ITF tournament in Greensboro, N.C. she began to see success in doubles in 1985 when she won four tournaments doubles titles with Martina Navratilova. But Fernandez began the most dominant phase of her career in

1987 when she was 24 years old. She won her first Grand Slam doubles title in 1988 at the U.S. Open, and over the next nine years won doubles titles every year except 1989. In addition to winning Grand Slam titles, Fernandez represented the United States in the Olympics twice.

Gigi Fernandez won gold with Mary-Jo Fernandez in 1992 in Barcelona and again in 1996 in Atlanta. Despite their success in the Olympics, Gigi was most successful playing with Natasha Zvereva. With Zvereva, she won six consecutive grand slams between 1992 and 1993. She played with Mary-Jo Fernandez up to her retirement in 1997. In her career, she won 17 Grand Slams, won three tournaments in singles, reached the semi-finals of Wimbledon and the quarter-finals of the U.S. Open and was named Puerto Rico's female athlete of the century.

In her retirement, Gigi Fernandez has been busy returning to her education and tackling the business world.

In 2003, she graduated with a B.A. in Psychology from the University of South Florida and is pursuing an M.B.A. Fernandez is also an advocate for physical fitness and has plans to open a business that helps people lose weight in a healthy way.

Fernandez amazed Clemson in 1983 and tennis fans all over the world for 14 years and now her achievements have been recognized by the ITA Hall of Fame for that one magical year at Clemson and the 14 years on the pro circuit that followed.

Lady Court Stars compete in Championships

Women's Tennis finishes trip to California.

BECCA CARTER
STAFF WRITER

The Clemson women's tennis team looked strong last week as they competed in their second tournament of the season. The Lady Tiger's nationally ranked singles player Ani Mijacika and her doubles partner Federica van Adrichem were invited to compete in the Riviera/ITA All-American Championships in California.

At the Pacific Palisades Invitational in California, the Clemson women's team was represented by junior Mijacika and senior Van Adrichem, ranked 17th in the pre-season ITA Tennis doubles poll. In addition, the duo had just come off an outstanding second-place performance at Furman the previous weekend.

Taking their winning streak to the west coast, the confident Tigers defeated UCLA's double team, Remynse and Pantic in the qualifying round last Tuesday, Sept. 30.

Mijacika and Van Adrichem easily slid by their UCLA opponents, posting an 8-3 victory. Doubles team Jennifer Stevens and

Amanda Rales of Virginia were the Tiger tandem's next victims, as Clemson won 8-5. But Mijacika and Adrichem came up short to Georgia Tech's McDowell and Falconi on Wednesday night. A 6-8 loss to Tech knocked Clemson out of placement in the main tournament.

Recovering from her disappointing doubles loss, undefeated (6-0) singles standout Ani Mijacika rocked the court Thursday, beating Julie Cohen of Miami, 6-3, 6-1.

Early Friday in the second round, Mijacika seized a 3-set match (7-6(3), 5-7, 6-3) victory against Falconi of Georgia Tech. Improving her record to 8-0, the junior Tiger advanced to the quarterfinals on Friday evening. But Mijacika fell to Auburn's Fani Chifchueva after another intense 3-set (4-6, 7-5, 7-6(3)) battle on the court.

The Lady Tigers will bounce back in two weeks as they head to Winston-Salem, N.C. for the qualifying rounds of the Wilson/ITA Southeast Regional, beginning Oct. 22.

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best line-up," said Ip. "We need to challenge our athletes to swim back to back events and come together at the end. Right after the meet, with the Internet, everyone will know our strengths and weaknesses. So we need to put down a pretty strong performance early on so they know we are a solid ACC contender."

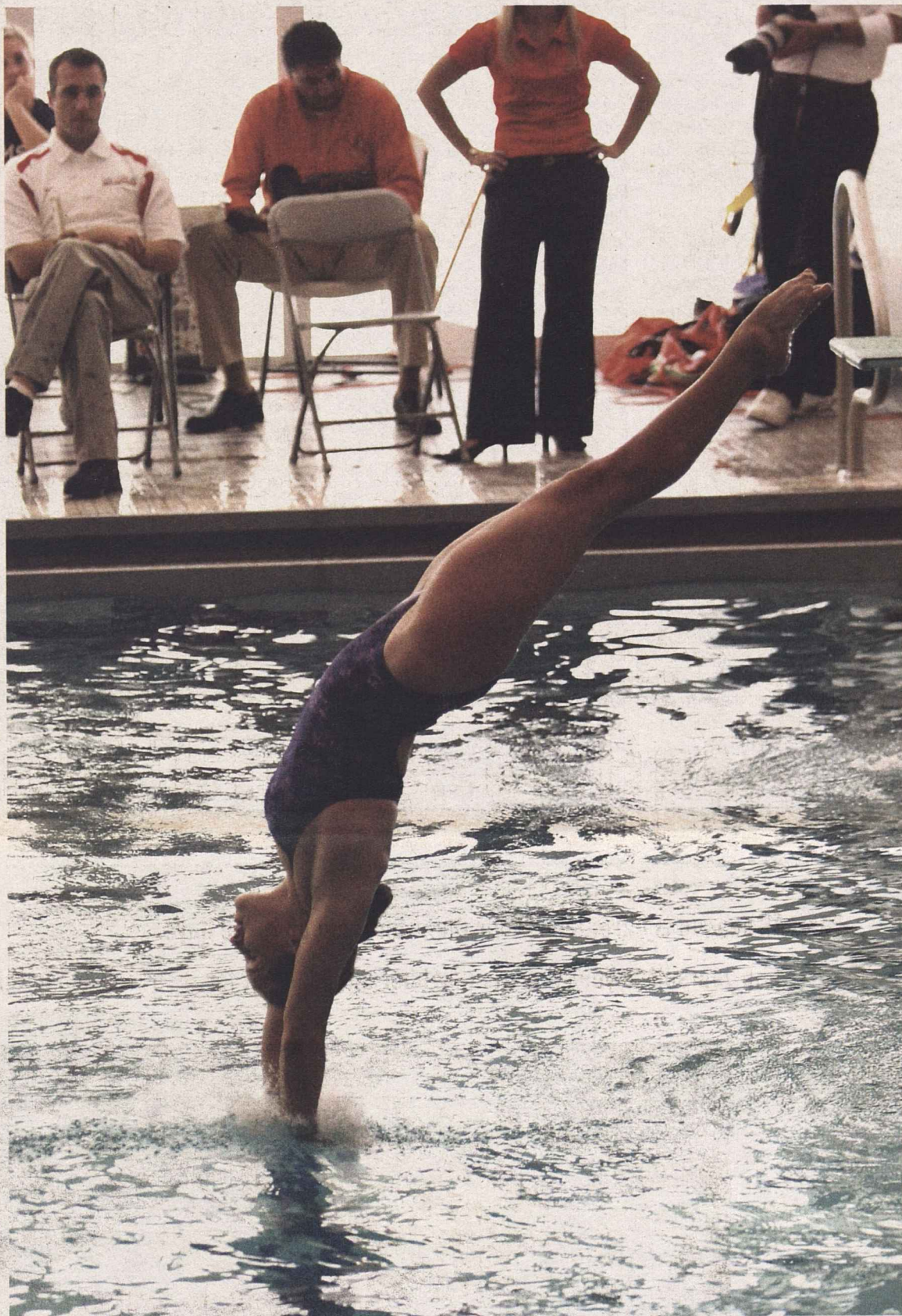
The Lady Tigers ended the day the same as they started. The 400-yard freestyle relay of Rachel Regone, Kelli Kyle, Alex Allen and Carmen Groenewoud took first with the three other Lady Tiger relays placing second through fourth. The Clemson men's relay of Harry Foster, Dart, Derek Barre and Trey Charlton took second in their final event of the afternoon.

"The biggest test will come with our first ACC meet this coming week with Georgia Tech," said Ip. "That will be a better indication of where we are for both men and women."

From the men's side, we need a full committed team with shared obligations. On the women's side, we are looking for a good blend of our upperclassmen and underclassmen and becoming a solid team unit."

The Clemson swimming and diving teams will again be at home this Friday as they take on Georgia Tech in their Solid Orange competition.

The Yellow Jackets are coming off wins against Florida Atlantic University and Florida Gulf Coast University. The ACC showdown will begin at 5:00 pm in McHugh Natatorium.



A Clemson diver competes in the meet this past weekend against the Davidson Wildcats.



Clemson v. Georgia Tech
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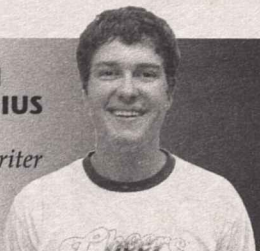
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Fantasy Football: The Glass Man, starring Brian Westbrook

RYAN LAUNIUS

staff writer



Week five left us all with multiple presents and surprises. The undefeated Bills lost a quarterback and a game, leaving only two teams with a perfect record thus far. The Broncos beat the Bucs, but not before their entire roster went down with an injury, and Brian Westbrook once again did his best impression of Samuel L. Jackson from "Unbreakable."

Running Backs

Westbrook went down with two broken ribs immediately after recovering from his ankle injury. Honestly, did this guy have experimental surgery to hollow out his bones for more speed? Probably not. But when it comes down to it, Westbrook can only be compared to a flashy foreign sports car. Sure, it's great to toy with the idea of getting the car. The ladies will love it, and you'll be able to cruise the highways in the fastest car on the road. But after your fifth speeding ticket and second trip to the shop for an overheated engine, you'll begin to lose your faith in the overall user friendliness of your dream car.

My advice as one automobile owner to another is to ditch the lemon before he consumes your team. If you are a Westbrook owner, odds are you are losing some of your hairs prematurely. Let him be someone else's reason to try experimental hair regrowth formulas by trading him right now for a player who will play for you every week. The odds are that some poor sap in your league would love to take that Ferrari out for a spin.

While Westbrook is doubtful for this week, his backup shouldn't be. Correll Buckhalter will once again play the role of starter for the Eagles on Sunday against the 49ers, who have the 10th worst rushing defense in the NFL. Two weeks ago he started against the Bears, who have the fourth best rushing defense and finished with 66 yards and a touchdown. You can expect better things from Buckhalter in week six.

Another strong pickup for this week is Tim Hightower, who had seven carries for 37 yards and two touchdowns for the Cardinals on Sunday. Hightower only has 110 yards rushing on a meager 36 carries this season because he is playing behind Edgerrin James. But what Hightower has that can help your team are his five touchdowns on the season. If you're keeping track at home, that's one touchdown per week, kiddos. I'd take those odds any day from a guy who sees goal line carries more often than Barack Obama says the word "Change" on a typical Sunday afternoon.

My official pickup of the week is Le'Ron McClain, who is the backup to Raven's tailback Willis McGahee, who suffered a rib injury this past week that should limit his playing time.

The Ravens are matched up against the worst rushing defense in the NFL in the Indianapolis Colts this Sunday. Indy has given up 189 yards per game on the ground, and if McGahee can't leg out those yards this weekend, something tells me McClain will be more than willing to.

My play of the week is Ronnie Brown, who has recorded 238 yards rushing and six overall touchdowns in his last two games. The Dolphins will be matched up against the seventh worst rushing defense (139.8 ypg) when they head to Reliant Stadium to square off against the Texans. Houston has also given up more rushing touchdowns (eight)

than any other team in the NFL. Putting those statistics together really makes it look like this could be a good week to be a Ronnie Brown owner.

Wide Receivers

Tampa Bay's defense frustrated yet another great number one wide-out this past Sunday when they held Brandon Marshall to just three receptions for 25 yards. This is after Marshall managed 31 receptions for 398 yards in his first three games. The lesson learned here is that Tampa Bay's defense refuses to be beaten by a team's number one receiver, which does not bode well for Steve Smith this weekend. Muhsin Muhammed, on the other hand, may be setting up for a big fantasy week.

The barrage of injuries that plagued the Denver Broncos included receiver Eddie Royal, who hurt his ankle.

This injury makes Brandon Stokley a much more viable option in both the Mile High City and in your free agent pool. After recording six receptions for 52 yards and a score this past weekend, Stokley may be looking forward to Jacksonville as a game he can break out in after being the proverbial number three receiver in both Indianapolis and Denver. The Jaguars possess the seventh worst pass defense (237 ypg) and are likely to give up some yardage in front of the Bronco faithful this coming Sunday. Stokley is only owned in 11 percent of Yahoo leagues and should be helpful to anyone in need of a receiver this week.

Another big AFC West receiver went down last weekend when Chris Chambers injured his ankle. He is looking unlikely for week six, which makes Vincent Jackson a much more valuable option for any owners out there. Granted, the Chargers are playing a top 10 secondary when the Patriots come to San Diego this

week but Jackson should at least get a lot of looks from quarterback Philip Rivers.

Quarterbacks

Three quarterbacks dropped out with injuries this week. Brian Griese somehow managed to hurt his arm, elbow and shoulder all at one time and may not see the field in the near future. Trent Edwards suffered a concussion but is on a bye week and may be able to play in week seven. Lastly, Jon Kitna suffered from back spasms that forced him to leave the game. If the doctors want to refer to horrendously terrible play despite great wide receivers as "back spasms," then I guess I'll have to agree with them. But whether or not he can suit up against the Vikings in week six, the prognosis for Kitna's tenure in Detroit seems to be a bit on the fatal side.

When I was watching the Bengals-Cowboys game last week, I couldn't help but think to myself about how far removed Carson Palmer is from his 32 TD and 12 INT season in 2005. Now through five games, and not coincidentally five losses, Palmer has only mustered up enough strength to throw for three touchdowns and four picks.

While I wouldn't give up on Palmer's fantasy value yet, considering his wide receiver corps is top notch, it might be smart to find someone else to take the role of starter on your team while Palmer takes some time to get his mojo back.

My play of the week is Gus Frerotte, who will be playing against the lowly Detroit Lions. Don't be fooled, these Lions are more like cuddly kittens than ferocious felines when it comes to their secondary. Each starting quarterback has thrown for more than 160 yards and has had at least one touchdown against the Lions in four Detroit games this season. The best part is

that Detroit still hasn't even intercepted a single pass while giving up so much production. Heck, even Kyle Orton threw for 334 yards and two touchdowns against them.

The quarterback to avoid playing on Sunday is Peyton Manning. I know it sounds stupid, but Manning will be squaring off against a Baltimore defense that has both the number one passing and rushing statistics in the NFL. The Ravens are also second in interceptions with eight. Big brother Peyton is having a rough year so far as he has only thrown for five touchdowns while delivering five picks on possibly the most average looking Indianapolis team in the last decade. On a more important note, if Peyton keeps churning out these types of performances he may only be in 20 commercials when the Superbowl finally comes around.

Tight End

For the fourth week in a row, no tight end managed to get in the end zone more than once as only nine players managed to put points on the board. Tight ends are looking weak this season, and it certainly doesn't help that Tony Scheffler injured his groin and may not be able to play against Jacksonville on Sunday.

Only Chris Cooley managed to go over the century mark last week as he caught eight passes for 109 yards and a touchdown against Philadelphia. The Eagles' opponents all season have had tight ends in the top five in fantasy points for the week with the exception of Heath Miller in week 3. This means that when San Francisco plays Philly on Sunday, they just might try to exploit what the other teams have seen over the first five weeks in the Eagles' defensive scheme. If this is true, Vernon Davis may be a strong play for anyone who is frustrated with the lack of production from their tight end.

Fantasy Football - Little Owned Studs

QUARTERBACKS

Kyle Orton,

24-34 for 334 yards, 2 TDs, INT (available in 66 percent of leagues)

Chad Pennington,

22-29 for 229 yards, TD (76 percent)

WIDE RECEIVERS

Bernard Berrian, six

catches for 110 yards, TD (45 percent)

Sinorice Rice, four catch

for 45 yards TD (100 percent)

RUNNING BACKS

DeAngelo Williams,

123 rushing yards, 2 total TDs (41 percent)

Mewelle Moore,

99 yards (74 percent)

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ball was still fun then. It was in those utterly forgettable years of Tommy West that I forged my first memories of Clemson football: of Death Valley and Howard's Rock, of the Tiger Tailgate Show and "It's great to hate Florida State!" slogans, and most importantly, of a loud and boisterous crowd that always, always stood united behind its team. From those very first memories, I fell in love with Clemson, and not even growing up to the cheers echoing from nearby Sanford Stadium in Athens could deter me from my dream of being a Tiger.

So what happened? When I look around Death Valley during games, I no longer see the fans I grew to know

and love as a little kid. Rather, I see an entire fan base devoid of passion and fire. They go through the motions of Cadence Count and Tiger Rag and turn their backs on both their team and each other at the first sign of adversity. They squabble over issues of every shape and size, and never once do they stop to just sit back and enjoy themselves.

Clemson games are supposed to be a treat. They represent those few special days a year where we the fans remove ourselves from the worries and the troubles of the outside world. On those seven magical Saturdays, alumni step out of time and become students again, strangers hug and laugh with strangers, and 80,000 people unite with a common purpose

and goal of cheering their Tigers on to victory. Yet somewhere along the way we have lost that magic.

With that said, I am issuing a plea to Tiger Nation: please help us rediscover our identity. We are Clemson football. Coaches and players will come and go, but we the fans will always be there. Let us revive the camaraderie and the carefree give 'em hell attitude that captured our hearts and imaginations so many moons ago. Let us make Clemson football fun again.

So when you don an orange shirt and stroll through the gates of Memorial Stadium on that next magical Saturday, remember the immortal words of George Costanza: a Clemson, divided against itself, cannot stand!

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Bringing sexy back

Comedian Jim Gaffigan talks bacon and Hot Pockets as part of his Sexy Tour

JENNIFER HARPER
STAFF WRITER

Littlejohn Coliseum. The lights are out, and the focus of a mass of people is fixed on a small stage as a slightly chubby, balding, blonde, pale man walks out. The first thing out of this seemingly unimpressive man's mouth is a small high-pitched voice that seems to be echoing your very thoughts. "He's not as pale as I thought he was going to be... why is he speaking in that voice? That's weird...he's still doing it. Why won't he stop speaking in that voice?"

Suddenly a new, loud, deep voice interrupts the soft voice, like a redneck interrupting a shy soccer mom. "I'm a new voice and I'm just here to listen to that Hot Pocket Joke!" the voice explains, and so begins the stand up routine of Jim Gaffigan at Clemson University this past Friday.

In all actuality, the two voices had a conversation with each other, but I was laughing too hard to be able to remember it as I write this article two days later. Gaffigan's stand-up Friday was, for lack of a better word, hilarious. After starting the show looking like a person with a multiple personality disorder, he went on to deliver an hour-and-a-half show of non-stop laughs, chuckles, giggles and guffaws. His jokes touched on a multitude of subjects such as pillows, beds, bacon, ketchup, Waffle House, religion, Hot Pockets and so much more. Who would have thought of marinara sauce as the Italian ketchup, or salsa as the Mexican ketchup?

The audience was laughing the entire time Gaffigan was on stage. Some comedians come across tough crowds and failed jokes, but not Gaffigan. The one joke that did not get a laugh was immediately rescued by his own personal heckling high-pitched soccer mom voice say-

ing, "that joke failed." The unsuccessful joke turned success by a voice change.

Many comedians today are very loud, perverted and sometimes over-energetic as they prance around the stage to get laughs. Not Jim Gaffigan: he paced at most, made hand gestures at best, and relied on his material and his delivery to get the laughs he wanted. How else can he get an entire audience to laugh at jokes about beds? "Why don't you make the bed? For the same reason I don't tie my shoes after taking them off."

There wasn't a silent person in the house after this joke. It is simple, brilliant, hilarious, and if you think about it, so very true. This is what I really liked about Gaffigan's show: everything he talked about was something almost everyone can relate to. For example, there was a series of jokes on Waffle House. Who hasn't been to Waffle House and made fun of it? Yet he makes fun of our favorite late-night restaurant in a completely new way.

Gaffigan saved his infamous Hot Pocket jokes for the end of his routine, and the moment he said "Hot Pocket" the audience went crazy. No matter how many times we hear it, we can't get enough of him singing in his strange little voice, "diarrhea pocket." However, Gaffigan did not just give the audience the usual Hot Pocket spiel; he surprised the audience by adding new jokes to spice up the mix.

Jim Gaffigan was definitely well received in Clemson, S.C. The week leading up to the show, I heard countless people reciting different Gaffigan jokes, and the day of the performance there was a Hot Pocket eating contest. I am not ashamed to say I participated in that contest. Unfortunately, or fortunately, I did not win. My friend, however, did manage to win. She received a cash prize and the chance to bring a friend to meet

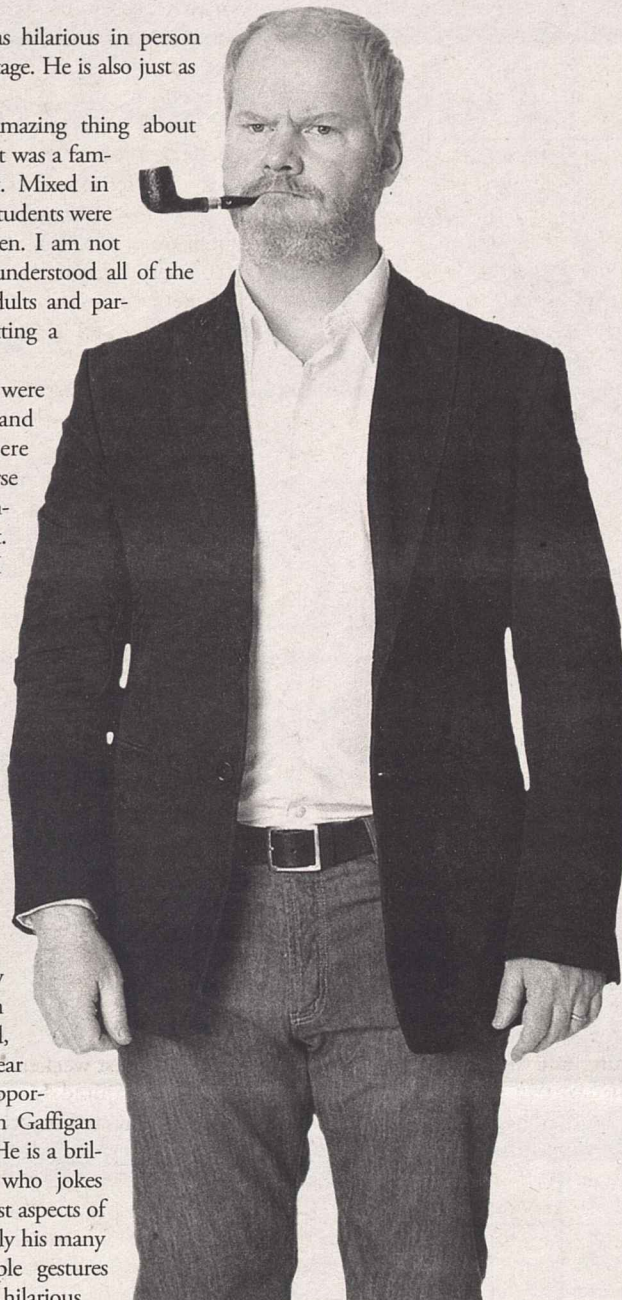
the Hot Pocket man in person. I was thrilled to be that friend, and I will love her forever.

Gaffigan is as hilarious in person as he is on that stage. He is also just as awkward.

The most amazing thing about the show is that it was a family-friendly event. Mixed in with the college students were adults and children. I am not sure if the kids understood all of the jokes, but the adults and parents were all getting a kick out of him.

The jokes were clean, clever and hilarious. There were a few curse words, but nothing beyond that. Not once did I feel like I was going to hell for laughing. Of course, one would never hear Gaffigan jokes on a kid's cartoon, but no children were irreversibly scarred by the material of this show.

The show was fantastic from beginning to end, and if you, dear reader, get the opportunity to see Jim Gaffigan live — take it. He is a brilliant comedian who jokes about the simplest aspects of life and using only his many voices and simple gestures makes even food hilarious.



Shia LaBeouf stars in new film

"Eagle Eye" shows grim realities of technological age

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We live in a world where our identities, our personalities — our entire lives — are accessible to everyone else in the world. In fact, the ideal of freedom in the 21st century may be nothing more than that: idealism. If you still cling on to vestiges of secrecy or private identity, then I suggest watching "Eagle Eye," and your life will be put into proper perspective.

Starring Shia LaBeouf, the film follows a pair of unsuspecting civilians who are dragged into a secret government plot by an unknown but all-seeing entity. Jerry Shaw (LaBeouf) is a Stanford dropout whose once bright future has led to a dead-end job at a copy shop. Suddenly, Shaw's brother dies, and shortly thereafter he finds \$750,000 in his once empty bank account and returns home to find a stockpile of weapons and biological warfare stashed in his apartment. An unidentified voice calls Shaw's cell phone warning him of an impending FBI search in his home, and from that moment onward Shaw is at the mercy of unknown voice.

A single mother, Rachel Holloman (Michelle Monaghan) receives a call from the same mysterious caller. While being chased by the sly FBI agent Thomas Morgan (Billy Bob Thornton), Holloman and Shaw become pawns in an inconceivable government plot, answering to an entity that seems to control, along with the two characters, every other material object in the world; traffic lights, vehicles, cell phones, security cameras — nothing escapes the caller's jurisdiction.

While not a horror film, "Eagle Eye" portrays a horrifying reality: There are eyes, ears and hands everywhere. In the film, character's lives and personalities are tracked through iTunes transactions, Facebook wall posts and cell phone text messages. Governments — or anyone with curiosity, malice and basic computer hacking skills — have access to monitor and



"Eagle Eye" stars Shia LaBeouf (left) and Michelle Monaghan.

control our lives without our knowledge. There is no such thing as privacy anymore. The entire Western civilization is wired with phones, Internet and electronic transactions. What used to be secrets are now wide-open records floating around in the ether of the digital world.

Though shining light on the grim reality of what our world has become, "Eagle Eye" deftly balances doom with comedy and cinematic artistry. Though "comedy" may be a heavy-handed term, there are indeed humorous moments in the film. Most of the humor comes from the lips of Jerry Shaw's smart-alec comments; asked if he thought "the voice" could derail a train, he responded: "She could probably derail a train. She could probably turn a train into a talking duck."

Action films often have a tendency to compensate for stale acting with intense stunts and dazzling special effects, yet while excelling in these two areas "Eagle Eye" is evidence of convincing acting and excel-

Lady Antebellum, Aldean to perform

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The country music fans at Clemson have quite a show to look forward to. On Oct. 25, CMT On Tour will bring Jason Aldean and Lady Antebellum to perform at Littlejohn Coliseum. Aldean has already built a strong collection of singles, five of which have hit the Top 10 on Billboard's Hot Country list.

Along with Aldean, Clemson students can look forward to hearing from the Academy of Country Music's most recent "Top New Group" award winner: Lady Antebellum. The Tiger had the opportunity to interview Lady Antebellum's Dave Haywood. Haywood, along with Charles Kelley and Hillary Scott, comprise the relatively new band.

The band started in early 2006 and had a contract with Capitol Records by 2007. When asked about their quick success, Haywood remarked, "We all moved to Nashville, quit our jobs... We didn't want to look back and know we didn't give it everything."

Their efforts have certainly paid off. Lady Antebellum has already performed at the legendary Grand Ole Opry and opened for Martina McBride on her Waking Up Laughing tour. Their single "Love Don't Live Here" took them to No. 3 on Billboard's Hot Country list.

So what brings these two major acts to Clemson University? "We're all young... Clemson seemed like a crowd we could relate to," Haywood explains. He also said, "I've got a younger brother here, Michael Haywood, he's a senior graphic communications major."

This could be sibling rivalry at its best, holding a concert at your little brother's school to remind him who's boss. Perhaps a bit over the line, this reporter is doubtful that the band is performing here just to show

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William Jameson's Landscape Paintings Exhibit. Fran Hanson Discovery Center Gallery in the S.C. Botanical Garden. Free. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Also all next week except Sunday.

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Calhoun Lecture Series Speaker Paul Farmer, M.D., founding director of Partners in Health, an international non-profit organization that works on behalf of those living in poverty. Brooks Theatre. Free. 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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Clemson Hapkido Club. Get a great workout and learn practical self defense. 106 Fike Recreation Center. Free. 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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The Authority of Scripture: A Dialogue on How Different Religious Communities View the Authority of Scripture. Hendrix Student Center, 2nd Floor Multi-purpose room. Free. 7 p.m.

"Darius Goes West" movie screening, followed by a Q&A with documentary star Darius Weems and movie crew. 8 p.m., Brooks Theatre. Free.

Preceded by a meet and greet at Catherine Smith Plaza downtown from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Free, food provided.

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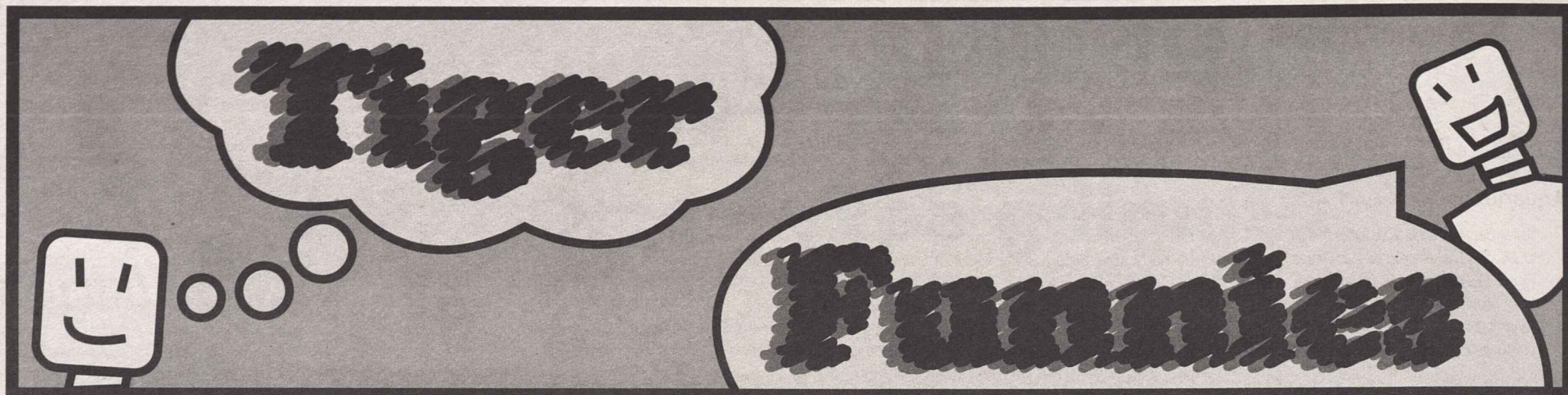
"Wear Pink Day" at Clemson in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. All day Tuesday.

CSI: Critical Skills Investigation workshop aimed at helping students evaluate sources of information. 309 Cooper Library. Free. 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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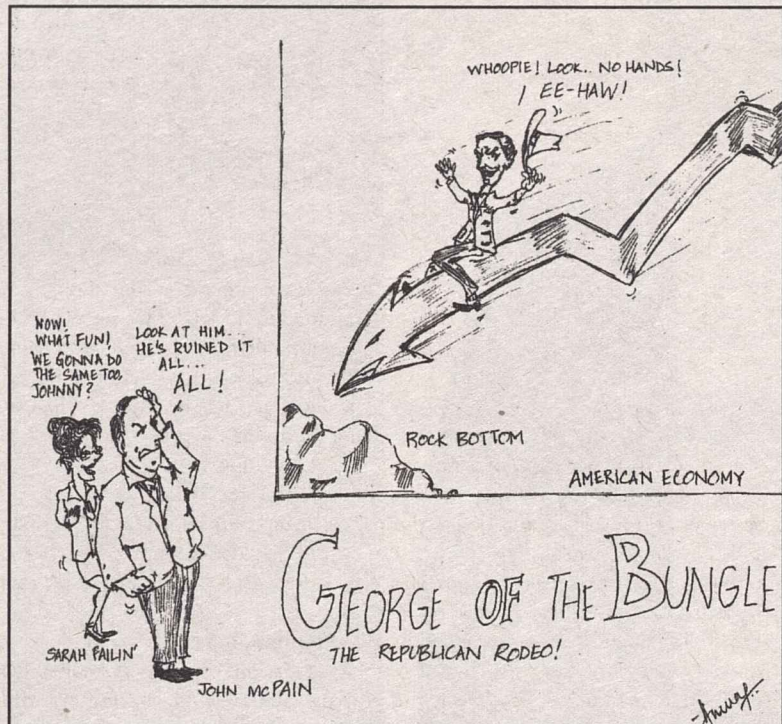
Foreign Policy Presidential Debate: What You Need to Know. Enjoy a lecture by a political science professor and then watch the debate. McKissick Theatre, Hendrix Student Center. Free. 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

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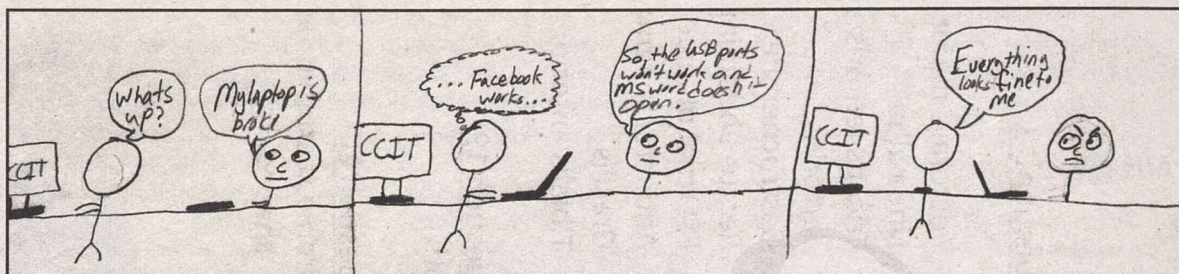
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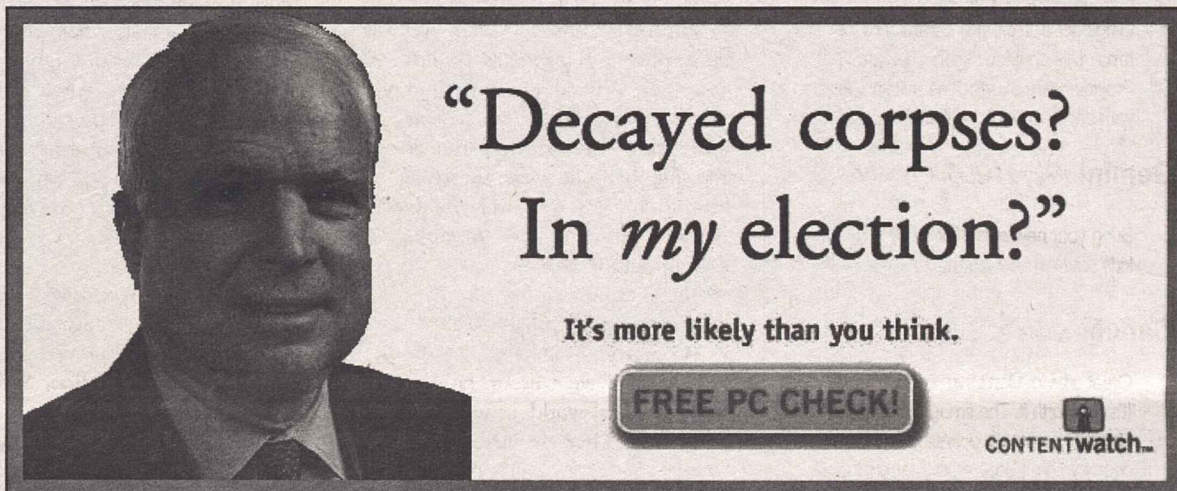
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Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Valley Services is not your friend this week. Watch where you park at Tillman Place, TTV, University Place and every other apartment complex in this town, or you will get towed. And then we'll laugh at you, because you were warned. Idiot.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

The amount of time you spend in coffee shops is quickly approaching the whole of your typical day. I realize you need caffeine to make it through class, but to make it through class you also need to go to class.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Rector? I nearly killed her! Watch your vocabulary the next time you go to church — the CUPD might shine a bright light on your head and make you divulge horrible, disturbing things about your freshman roommate. And let's be honest, no one wants that.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Among other things you never want to hear pass your roommate's lips: "So things got a little out of control, but the repair bills shouldn't be THAT high..." Providing you avoided the eviction papers, your bank account is still a goner. Sorry.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Bring your new acquisition and some cool kids south. It'll be a good time.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Great advice: Don't take linear algebra. It's not worth it. The smug superiority of an advanced math course is not worth the agony you're about to go through. Take the easy statistics class, and don't worry about it.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

When going downtown this weekend, leave the plaid suspenders behind. Those looks you've been noticing aren't ones of appreciation and worship at your amazing fashion sense but really of disgust and revulsion. Take my advice, or don't. Your call.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You lost the debate. But that's okay! No, not really. You fail, Obama wins.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Call in a request to WSBF this week, but be nice about it. They don't have Top-40 stuff, and especially not T-Pain. Expand your musical horizons!

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

I sense your Sunday night was really random but also really awesome. My crystal ball tells me something similar might happen next weekend. What happens in Pickens, stays in Pickens. Oh, and watch out for the mountains between here and Brevard. They're dangerous.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You've had several notable successes recently, so good job on that. Not such a good job on keeping your need-to-know info need-to-know. I won't tell if you won't tell, but she probably will....

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You've been having too many sad days, too many Tuesday mornings. And you thought of her today, you wished it were yesterday morning. Just have a few drinks and get some dental work done. You'll feel better, trust me.

ON THE PROWL

by HONEY RIDER

In strictly medical and psychological terms "a fetish is an object, or part of the body, that becomes the focus of sexual desire, without which the fetishist cannot achieve arousal or orgasm." In modern society, the term "fetish" has become overly and excessively used as a generic term to describe anything that arouses a person. Fetishism, however, goes beyond enjoying the occasional spanking, tying your partner up, or dressing up as a pirate and wench. True fetishism is a lifestyle and required by its followers in order to achieve pleasure.

Anything can be fetishized. Some things are more often fetishized than others, however. Specific body parts (feet, abs, breasts), specific attributes (brown hair, tattoos), and even inanimate objects such as high heels, leather-wear, and lingerie.

Men who refer to themselves as "ass men" or women who "love tattoos" have natural "preferences" for these body types that they find attractive. There is a delicate line between being partial to something and something being a fetish. Who's to say where that line is established?

A survey by AskMen.com listed the most popular fetishes; some not so surprising, some lifted my eyebrow in surprise. "Fingernails & lipstick" was regular, "braid, ponytails, and pig-tails" were number 4, "water" was and unsurprising number 3. Number two and number one were surprising, at least to me. Respectively they were "Golden showers" and "Voyeurism & Exhibitionism."

Let's explore a few of the more interesting fetishes, shall we?

Corsetry:

Corsets have a use in fashion and in the medical world, as well in sexual fetishism. They are used quite often

in Bondage & Discipline, Sadism & Masochism (BDSM). A submissive is sometimes forced to wear a tightly laced corset to give a degree of restriction to the wearer. A dominant also often wears a corset, but for completely different reasons; aesthetics and to present an armored, severed and commanding appearance.

Then there are the "Tighlacers." Tighlacers are men and women who get pleasure from wearing corsets and strive to achieve the historical wasp waist of 18 inches. Cathie Jung holds the current world record for the smallest waist at 15 inches. Pin-up models Dita von Teese and Masumi Max regularly corset down to 16 inches.

Amputation:

Acrotomophilia is when a person is sexually aroused by the sight of an amputation usually of a whole arm or leg. Then there is Apotemnophilia. This is when a person is sexually aroused by having a part of their body amputated either by themselves or someone else. The memory of the amputation can serve to arouse them for years. It is the act of having an extremity amputated that is arousing; thus, they have to be awake during the process.

Bondage and Discipline, Sadism and Masochism (BDSM):

"Sticks and stones may break my



bones,
but whips
and chains
excite me"

There is a need to differentiate between the letters. Sadism refers to sexual or non-sexual gratification in the infliction of pain or humiliation upon or by another person. Masochism refers to sexual or non-sexual gratification in the infliction of pain or humiliation upon oneself. Bondage is when a person is restrained and Discipline is the use of rules and punishment to control overt behavior.

It is important to recognize that BDSM is not a form of abuse. Some BDSM activities may appear to be violent or coercive, but all such activities are conducted with the consent of all partners involved. The different activities and forms of BDSM are varieties of dominance, submission, discipline,

punishment, bondage, sexual role-playing, sexual fetishism, sadomasochism, and power exchange, as well as the full spectrum of mainstream personal and sexual interactions. This is by no means a limited list. The entire process centers around control and the willingness to give up that control.

tripsolagnia:

A trip to the hairdresser is absolutely orgasmic and heavenly because they experience sexuoerotic arousal from having their scalp massaged or their hair shampooed. A somewhat tame fetish, if I do say so, but those enthusiastic moans might startle your hairdresser and make them a little uncomfortable.

Gynonudomania:

Sexual arousal at the thought of ripping clothes off other people. The very idea fills a person with overwhelming lust. It can get expensive though having to replace those quickly dissipating wardrobes.

A few more are:

Gerontophilial:

Being sexually aroused by a significantly older person. There has to be at least a 15 year difference between the ages.

Somnophilia:

A person who can only maintain sexual arousal while having sex with someone who is sleeping. If the person wakes up, they lose interest.

If you've got a fetish, huzza for you! You definitely qualify as an interesting person. Just so long as it isn't voyeurism, or something else along the not-so-nice and not-so-healthy lines. Keep it mutual consent, fun for all, and I hope you have one heck of a play time tonight!

THE TOP 5 REASONS TO THROW AWAY YOUR TELEVISION

BY ZACH MUSGRAVE

5 You'll get more sleep. A lot of people sit up and watch TV until the wee hours of the morning, sometimes all night. Since our bodies don't want to be up this late we end up falling asleep in the recliner or on the sofa. Despite the comfort, the ideal spot for you to sleep is your actual bed (why else would you have one?) and furthermore your nighttime shuteye shouldn't be interrupted, as it often is if the sleep mallet hits you in La-Z-Boy land. So if you kill the TV, your sleep schedule is practically guaranteed to improve.

4 You'll see far fewer annoying campaign ads. You can't even watch MTV anymore without hearing Obama talking about "change," Palin calling McCain a "maverick" and McCain just looking, well, old. Is there no respite? The constant politicking is tiresome and clichéd. It's why I quit watching CNN about six months ago. You might try the same — and it doesn't mean foregoing the political arena. Try the BBC (or The Tiger) And if you must watch campaign ads, YouTube has them all.

3 You won't have to pay for service. Especially with this new fad of "digital" entertainment, monthly rates have been heading into lunar orbit. Tack on broadband and your cable bill is easily over \$100 a month. My friend's family has Comcast, and they pay \$326, twelve times a year. Ridiculous. Even basic, analog service is around \$40! Just think of all the food/liquor that buys. You could throw a party every month with the money you save from not paying for cable. Sounds like a plan to me.

2 You'll quit buying useless crap. There's a reason almost every company advertises on TV: it works. If you look at statistics for how many people see the ads versus how many people buy the advertised products, it's easy to see why TV time is in such hot demand. It affects people's thought processes like no other medium. So even if you think you're not influenced... you are. Turn it off. You have better things to buy.

1 You'll waste less time. Maybe this is too obvious. Everyone feels stressed, overextended, just ready for a nap and the weekend every day. But why? They have too much going on and can't drop anything. Solution: drop the TV. More time for sleeping, partying, studying, everything. I think my logic here is crystal clear — follow the Red Hot Chili Peppers' lead and Throw Away Your Television.

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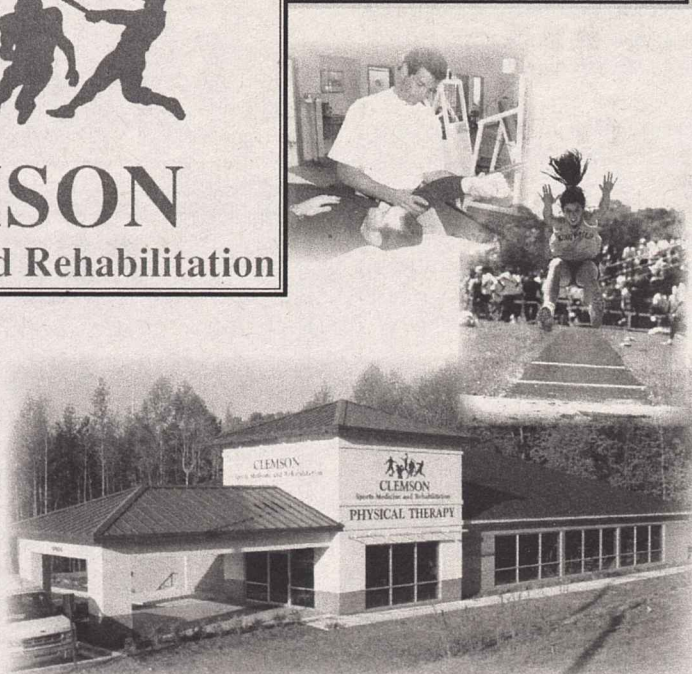
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Beverly Hills Chihuahua
1:15p.m. | 4:35p.m. | 7:00p.m. | 9:25p.m.

Billy: The Early Years
1:20p.m. | 4:40p.m. | 7:20p.m. | 9:45p.m.

Blindness
1:45p.m. | 7:45p.m.

Body of Lies
1:00p.m. | 4:15p.m. | 7:25p.m. | 10:15p.m.

Burn After Reading
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City of Ember
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Eagle Eye
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The Express
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Fireproof
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How to Lose Friends & Alienate People
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Lakeview Terrace
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Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist
1:50p.m. | 4:45p.m. | 7:30p.m. | 10:05p.m.

Nights in Rodanthe
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Quarantine
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Righteous Kill
10:10p.m.

LADY from page D1

up the guitarist's little brother...

But it would be really cool. The Tigers can look forward to a good show; Jason Aldean is a proven musician, and with the emerging success of Lady Antebellum alongside him, Oct. 25 will be a night to remember.

EAGLE from page D1

lent chemistry between actors, notably between LaBeouf and Thornton. The film is generally a well-balanced one; it does not depend so heavily on its action, deftly using elements of drama, comedy and science fiction. This latter category is composed of the usage of space-age, futuristic technology in the film that would seem implausible if the technology didn't already exist; indeed, it serves as a reminder that whether we like it or not, the future is now.

The structure of the film also lends it a good bit of plausibility. "Eagle Eye" follows the same essential blueprint as any Robert Ludlum or Dan Brown novel; a prologue provides the axis for the plot, then introduces one or two main characters who become tangled in some sort of government conspiracy involving terrorism and space-age technology. "Eagle Eye" is the motion picture adaptation of the best book that Ludlum and Brown never wrote.

All things considered, "Eagle Eye" was a surprisingly good movie. Though unexceptional, the acting performances in the film were solid and believable. Forsaking the narrow focus of so many other action thrillers, the film struck a fine balance between a number of genres. Finally, its statement on the direction of modern society is profound; owners of anything so apparently benign as an iPod will forever live in fear of their material possessions.

ASK A BAD COACH

The Tiger: Thank you for coming to interview with me, coach.

Coach: You are quite welcome, it is my pleasure.

T: I notice you're facing criticism for letting your team go from one of the top 10 teams in the nation to dropping off the ratings. How do you feel about that?

C: Well the thing about numbers is that they're very broad, who's to say that having a one by your team name is better than none at all?

T: Umm, well... ESPN, Sports Illustrated, the NCAA, just to name a few.

C: Hmm, they don't sound important.

T: Right, well to be honest coach, I'm rather surprised that you wanted to meet during your team's football game.

C: Well to be honest, I figured I'd do more good here than at the game.

T: Hmm, an interesting strategy... Normally coaches work best when they're on the sidelines directing the team.

C: Team, football, coach? What?

T: Yes, you ARE the head coach of the football team.

C: Oh yeah... I AM! Sometimes I forget amid my other business.

T: Other business? Shouldn't you be more concerned with the upcoming game? Perhaps even trying to prevent your team from being 2-3 after an embarrassing loss to a certain northern team?

C: Well yes and no... You see, my daddy is an incredible coach. The way I see it, if I show up around the team, my genetic inheritance of his skills will radiate upon the team and they shall rise up and DEFEAT THE EVIL THAT IS

ALL OTHER TEAMS!!!

T: ...??? I'm sorry I don't think I follow...

C: You see, I am on a quest to vanquish the evil within all other teams; it will be my greatest work to date!

T: Well, I suppose that would explain why you were more concerned with throwing Holy Water at the other teams' coaches than leading your team to victory.

C: YES! Soon all other teams shall join me in enlightenment!

T: For the sake of morale around here, have you considered perhaps "vanquishing evil" via WINNING? Maybe I'm not on the same page here, but that seems like a valid option.

C: What is this lunacy?! GET OUT OF MY OFFICE!!!

T: Coach... We're in a janitorial closet. You insisted in meeting me here so that I wouldn't learn the location of your "real office."

C: Hmm, you are quite clever, reporter... THEY didn't send you.... Did they???

T: If I say yes, can I go?

C: Leave?! Already?! You haven't even asked me about my super secret business!

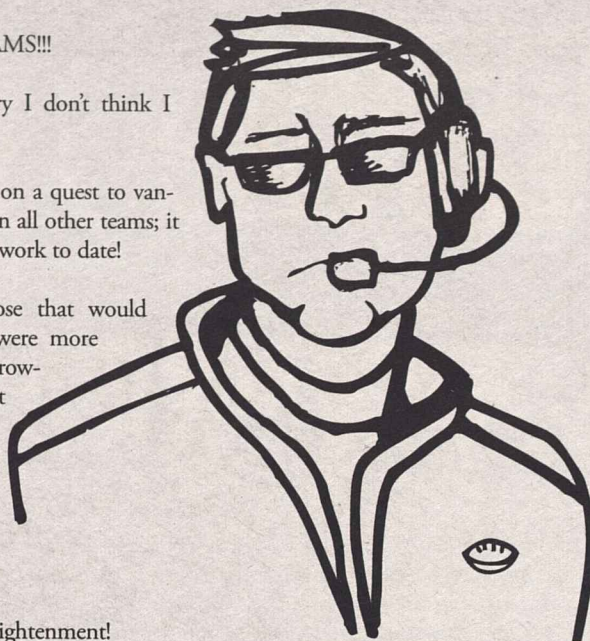
T: Right, well then, let's hear it.

C: You have to ask me first!

T: What?

C: Ask me!!

T: Umm... So coach, I hear you're working on "super secret business" instead of leading your team to a poten-



tial conference title, perhaps a bowl game, or even more than two wins this season.

C: Yes that is correct. My future is not football, it is.... BALLET!!! Yes, ballet! I have already established the greatest routine in history, and soon I will share it with the world! I have slowly perfected it with the help of the team when they were supposed to be practicing! Instead, I have held them in the dancehall watching my immaculate routine! Broadway, here I come!

T: So let me get this straight... The team is not practicing... but being forced to watch you perform ballet?

C: YES! Isn't it WONDERFUL?

T: Suddenly this season makes perfect sense. I suppose we should all be grateful for the two wins we managed to get like this.

C: Don't worry, those mistakes won't be repeated! Rest assured that I will not let my team live up to their winning potential!

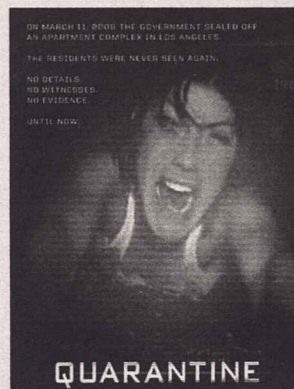
T: Ehm... Coach, it's been good meeting with you. Good luck with your job hunt next season.

PREVIEW

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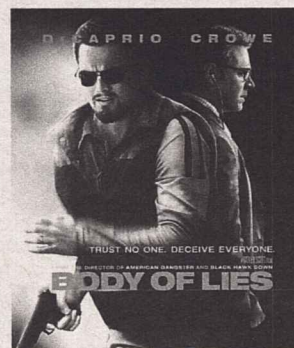
"Quarantine" | Equal parts horror, thriller and science-fiction,
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"Quarantine" follows a TV news film crew who are quarantined inside a Los Angeles building. Trapped with them are the building's other residents, one of whom is suffering from an unknown infection. The quarantine is finally lifted, but no record remains of the incident except for the film crew's footage. "Quarantine" promises to be a wild ride for fans of a variety of genres.



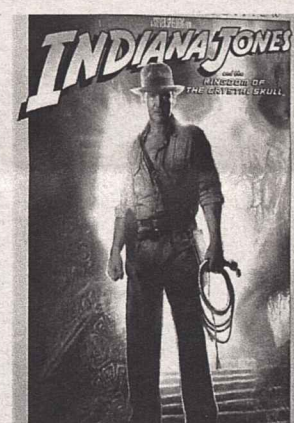
"Body of Lies" | Once upon a time, Leonardo DiCaprio was a sissy whose
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movies attracted only girls. Nowadays, DiCaprio stars in gritty, thrilling films and is as manly as they come, but not quite as tough as Russell Crowe. The two co-star in "Body of Lies," an action thriller about a pair of CIA agents working together in the rough-and-tumble world of foreign intelligence gathering. "Body of Lies" should appeal as much to action-seeking dudes as to Leo-seeking ladies.

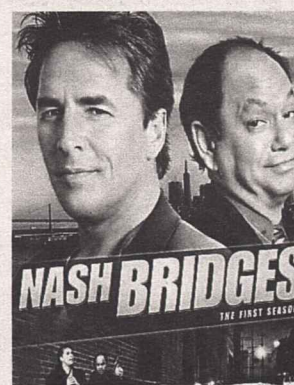


"Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull" | Harrison Ford, Bruce Willis and Sylvester Stallone are basically all the same person; the three are aging
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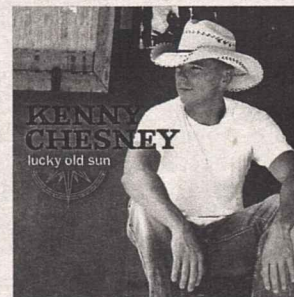
action stars who resurrected twentieth-century cash-cows to milk moviegoers one more time with a mediocre bookend. Syl turned out two poor excuses for films with "Rocky Balboa" and "Rambo," Willis decided to display his increasing baldness in "Live Free or Die Hard" and Ford had the ludicrous idea that UFOs were the only thing missing from his series, but managed to gross nearly \$800 million worldwide with "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull."



"Nash Bridges: The First Season" | In 1996, apparently it was cool for a middle-aged white inspector (Nash Bridges) played by Don Johnson and a Mexican (Joe Dominguez) played by an actor most famous for smoking massive joints (Cheech Marin) to cruise around San Francisco in a bright yellow muscle car busting bad guys. Despite being very representative of the decade, "Nash Bridges" was a legitimately funny and interesting show that impressively managed to last six seasons.
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"Lucky Old Sun" | The perpetually cowboy-hatted singer has become one of the most popular country music stars in the last decade with a series of successful records and chart-topping singles. The latest addition in Kenny Chesney's party-flavored good-time country is slated to drop Oct. 14 in the form of "Lucky Old Sun," which has already spawned a hit in the form of "Everybody Wants to Go to Heaven," a song featuring The Wailers, a band of Bob Marley's fame.
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"Secret Machines" | Relatively unknown, think of Secret Machines as Pink Floyd with a lot of extra
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umph. The powerful three-piece prog-rock band from Texas is onto their third album now; they follow their 2004 masterpiece "Now Here is Nowhere" and 2006's "Ten Silver Drops" with the upcoming self-titled effort. Rock 'n' roll with a flavor that's too space-rock for radio's taste, Secret Machines is probably the best band you've never heard of.



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Quick Cut-Out

Three Fruit Smoothie

by Kelly Croughwell

Makes two 16-oz cups

- 1 cup orange juice (Sunny D is recommended)
- 1 cup frozen strawberries, cut in half
- 1 ripe banana
- ½ cup plain low fat yogurt
- 1 cup ice cubes
- 1 tablespoon sugar (or sugar substitute such as Splenda)

Combine all ingredients in a blender. Blend on medium speed until smooth. Pour into glasses and enjoy!

LIZ HUNTER
STAFF WRITER



The only person lazier than the person who says college is the best time of your life is the person who says high school is the best time of your life. But all the same, there's no doubting the fact that the high school years have managed to plant themselves firmly at the forefront of American pop culture. The answer to why on earth we'd actually want to look back to the most awkward and angsty years of our lives is simple: pure entertainment value. If we couldn't laugh at the lameness associated with being a sophomore in high school, we'd instead have to cry. For a country arguably enduring its own adolescence, perhaps the themes of angst, disillusionment, self-discovery and loss of innocence flow thick through the veins pumping life into our collective youthful American heart (chew on that!).

Last weekend, I took in "Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist," the cute and wispy little sister-type to 2004's memorably heavy "Garden State." Now, for someone who has spent her lifetime looking forward, and who spent most of high school wishing she were older, I was shocked at how much I enjoyed the opportunity to look backwards a bit through the lens of this delightful little love letter to the sensitive sweetness of adolescence. And with so many films these days exploiting the grosser aspects of being a teenager (I'm looking at you, McLuvins), how refreshing it is to be told a story that treats that stage of life a bit more gingerly, and certainly with more respect.

If you're in college now, you were probably in high school when

"Garden State" came out. I remember seeing that movie when I was a senior in high school, sitting in the theater with my boyfriend, but alone, virtually paralyzed by the connection I made with the story being presented on the screen. I felt every single note of every single song in that film. Yes, it was one of the most emo moments of my life, and that year my best friends and I watched that film over and over. We listened to the soundtrack in the car together, sharing the same dreams of college and beyond. Like I said, emo. In fact, after seeing it that first time in the theater, my boyfriend and I got into an argument on the way home because he didn't like the film and didn't understand its appeal. I broke up with him the very next day. If he didn't get the film, he didn't get me. All together now: emo.

But it's precisely this type of reckless, emotional behavior from which movies like "Garden State" and "Nick and Norah" gain their identities. And while I can no longer watch "Garden State" — too many embarrassing memories of self-congratulatory angst and awkwardness — "Nick and Norah" has a sweeter and less overly-serious thesis statement to it. The film follows one ridiculous night in the city streets of New York as high school seniors Nick and Norah and their respective posers of friends navigate their ways, not only to a super exclusive underground rock show but also through the crappy forces of high school existence that isolate each of them all from one another.

It's impossible to write on this film

without writing primarily about the music, for like "Garden State," this is a soundtrack-driven movie. Nick and Norah's initial attraction is the same as most initial attractions; that is, it stems from the comradely, understanding and identification sparked by the realization of a shared interest. In this case, their shared interests include non-convention, sensitivity, smartness and the made-up hipster band Get Fluffy. And this is really what adolescent love is, isn't it? It's not so much the love of another person; rather, adolescent love tends to take the form of that self-forming experience of instead loving something mutually with something else.

The opening shots of the film introduce us to Nick (played by the oafishly sensitive Michael Cera), who sulks in his room wearing boxers and a T-shirt, professing his scorned love into a cell phone voice-mail message while creating another CD mix for the beautiful girl who has dumped him. There is a shot of a vinyl record spinning on a deck, playing a charmingly melancholic number to fill the room. Our first introduction to Norah, played by the

intriguingly quirky Kat Dennings, is a shot of her in front of her locker with her headphones on, ignoring her friend, lost in a world far from the classrooms and hallways she occupies. You've seen this girl before. In "Garden State," she took the form of Natalie Portman wearing a hoodie in a doctor's office waiting room. But she was far away, too, by way of her headphones.

We greet these characters on their own terms and in their own worlds. Norah takes her headphones off eventually, joining our world. But really it's their world we're joining; eventually the music plays for us just as much as it plays for them.

It's almost impossible not to get swept into Nick and Norah's delightfully airy world, which is paced not by the second and minute hands on a clock but instead by the gentle pulse of the electronic beats pushing them along through their adventurous night in the fluorescent adolescent playground of New York City. Some of the best moments in the film occur when Nick and Norah are alone together in Nick's impotent car, a somewhat annoyingly typical hipster POS in the form of a bright yellow Yugo which gets mistaken repeatedly by some New York drunks as a taxi.

In these scenes, Nick and Norah are riding through the streets, removed from the external forces compelling their path, listening to and experiencing their music together in the car. Words are spoken between them, but more important than what is being said between the boy and the girl is what is

happening between them as it is being written by the quarter and eighth notes that fill the car. They steal glances towards each other, but mostly their gazes are directed out ahead of themselves through the front window. They're falling in love in this car, but they're falling in love the way 17-year-olds do, not by looking at each other, but by looking together off somewhere else.

There are other elements that make this film worth seeing, more than I'll get to on these pages. One last interesting note: this is perhaps the first mainstream Hollywood teen film to embrace homosexuality as a norm through the characters of Nick's best friends and band mates (he's the heterosexual bassist in an all-gay band). The gay boys provide the magical element of the film, giving valuable advice to their hopelessly straight friends who would, let's face it, be lost without them. In one key scene, Nick's gay band mate lays it all out there by explaining to him how it all boils down to The Beatles. We make it way more complicated than it really is, he says, when really it's as simple as, "I wanna hold your hand." I'd be tempted to throw in a little big sisterly advice to the teenage lovers by assuring them of the unfortunate fact that it gets infinitely more complicated than that. But then again, I guess I do remember a point when it really was that simple, and I have to admit that I didn't mind being reminded of that time.

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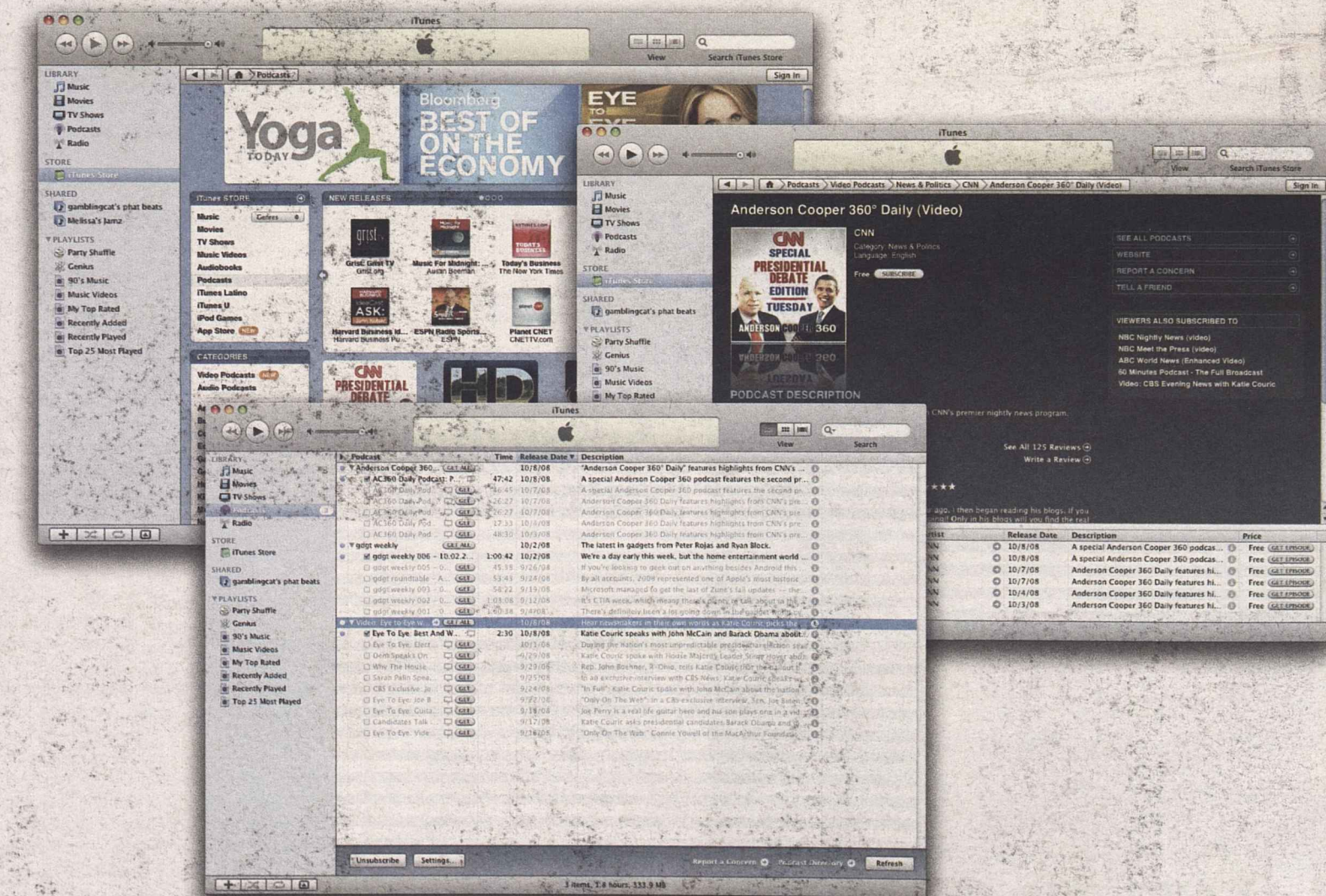
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You may have heard of podcasts through the iTunes music store or through the iPod interface. What you may not know is that podcasts are not only available for the iPod. If you've never heard of podcasts before, you're in for a treat as well.

In the world of media, podcasting is a relatively new format. Generally, a podcast is simply an audio track or a video that is released periodically. The easiest way to start listening to podcasts is through the iTunes music store. The best thing about podcasts is they're absolutely free. Podcasts are made about every possible subject. Just looking through the iTunes store, you can see shows about recent events, comedy, technology and tons of other subjects. By using iTunes and subscribing to podcasts, your computer will automatically download new episodes as they're released.

Many podcast producers also deliver their content on their Web sites. One of my favorite podcasts is actually about wine tasting — it sounds completely lame, but I assure you, it's great entertainment. Gary Vaynerchuk of The Wine Library puts out a daily podcast called Wine Library TV (tv.winelibrary.com). I also have to claim some nerd cred and plug Project Lore, a podcast about World of Warcraft (projectlore.com). Finally, my last recommendation for techies would be diggnation, a weekly podcast about the most



popular articles on the website digg.com (diggnation.com).

You may think that creating content like this requires a lot of technical expertise or expensive equipment, but the opposite is actually true. Anyone with a simple video camera and a computer can put together podcasts. In fact, some of the professors on campus are using podcasts to extend their lectures. Check out Clemson's profile in the iTunes U

section of the iTunes Music Store.

I think what I love most about podcasting is the community that's involved in making them. With television shows, the show's direction and content is often decided by some big-wig executive who is completely out of touch with today's viewers and really doesn't know what they want to see. The awesome thing about podcasting is that the content is made by real people, just like you

and me, who are really passionate about a subject and want to share it with the world.

Gary's passion for wine is one of the reasons I love his show. There's no high-powered executive calling the shots, telling Gary what wines he has to review and what direction the show is going to take. All of the creative direction is in his hands. For those of you with Macs (and your numbers are growing daily), you'll

find that GarageBand comes pre-loaded on your computer and works wonderfully for producing podcasts. It even has a menu option so that with one click you can publish your video or audio to iTunes.

I would urge any of you out there who are interested in acting/fishing/cooking/bowling/talking about nothing to give podcasting a try. You may find that it's an extremely rewarding hobby.

Location, location, location!

by Tate Smith

Find yourself bored of studying in the same old location, whether it's your dorm room or apartment? Well, here are some ideas for you to try next the next time you need to get in that last-minute studying.



Cooper Library Basement:

Do you find yourself battling off distractions on those upper floors of the library? Is the tantalizing smell of JavaCity pulling you away from your desk? Are those text messages keeping you from sticking to your work schedule? Are you spending your time scoping out the other attractive tigers prowling around the shelves? If you find yourself saying yes to these, it's time you ventured down into the Cooper Library's basement. No food and drinks will be catching your eye. With so few people, your study time will be used to full potential. With no cell phone service, you won't be tempted to wander off to more interesting topics than those presented in your textbooks. Ironically referred to as "the dungeon," the Cooper Library basement presents the ideal location to conquer all those academic demons!



Lever Beach:

A beach...on the Clemson campus? Maybe it wasn't your air conditioner, but the sound of waves that put you to sleep last night? Sorry to disappoint you, but the legendary Lever Beach is the long stretch of grass behind Lever dorm and the Hendrix Center. For the ladies, this is known as the hot spot to go take in some sun. As for you fellows... it's the place to bring some sunglasses and watch the girls taking in the sun. However, with an opportune location near the Hendrix Center and freshman dorms, Lever Beach is the perfect spot to study. If you're tired of the dim, contained study areas inside but still desire a peaceful outside setting besides Bowman, Lever Beach has your name written in its "sand."

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Hall Study Rooms:

Think back to the rooms that you saw on your tour...you know the incredibly depressing ones... that made you thank God for your humble abode of a dorm room. With no windows, no wall decorations, and no roommate, the hall study rooms may seem like the bleakest spots on campus. However, for a concentrated work environment, this is just the place to settle down into. When that trek to the library just seems too dreary late at night, or when you'd rather avoid distractions of neighbors and roommates in your room, head down the hall. Each study room is even equipped with Internet access so bring the laptop, bring the books, and bring all to the hall study room.

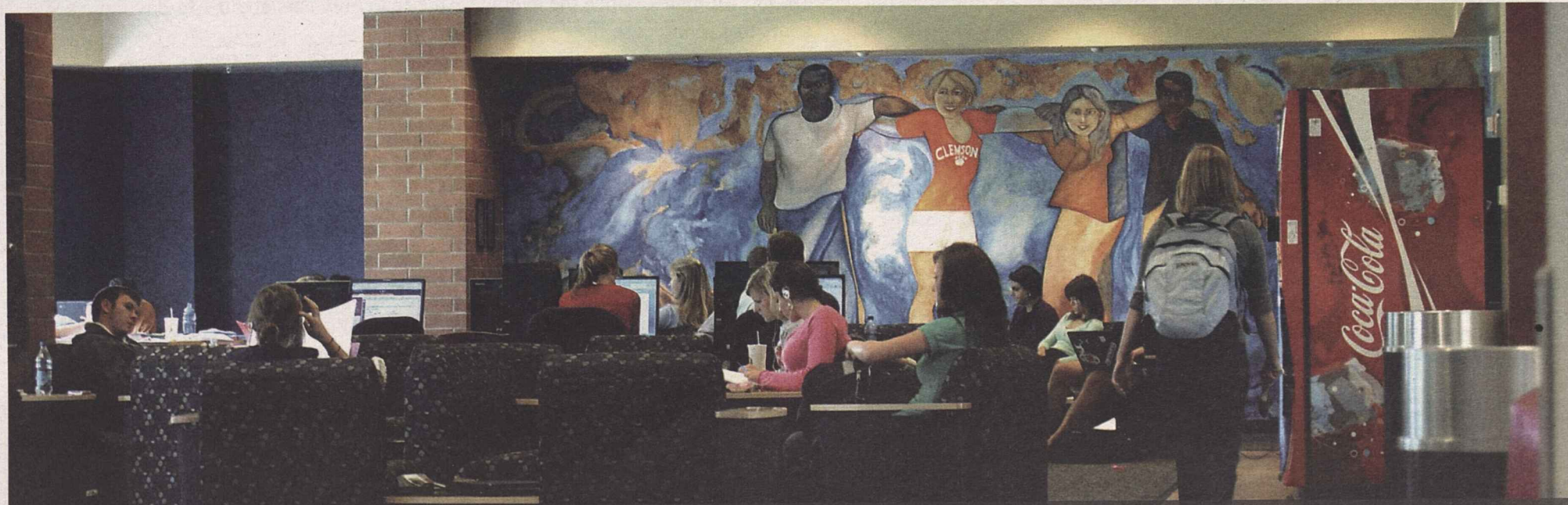
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Bowman Field:

Although commonly thought of as the place where you're most likely to receive a frisbee to the head, a soccer ball to the shin, or spot a couple oh too keen on PDA, Bowman field is actually quite the quintessential study environment. Compared to those microscopic dorm rooms and frequently overcrowded library desks, that green stretch, with both shade and sun, is ideal for a comfortable study. Looking for a way to build up your tan and still put in proper school time? Searching for someplace where Facebook will no longer be tempting you to put down those books? Seeking a place where casual conversation will be welcomed without "shhhs" coming your way? Look no further. Grab your books, and head out to Bowman Field.

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Hendrix Center:

Yes, I am referring to the Hendrix Center as a place to study...don't skip over this just yet...there is more to do there than simply pack in the calories and dish out the money! The Hendrix Center is well known for housing the student bookstore and containing a wide variety of food options. However, what few realize is the prime study environment that this "happening" place provides. With a large lounge on the second floor, complete with couches, computers, and tables, it serves as the perfect place to crack open those books and work up some brain power. And, as for those who typically need study breaks...the convenient location does not limit you to much of anything. Next time, bypass the food court, and take a study break in the Hendrix Center.

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