

## Students host racially charged party, anger peers

"Gansta" theme at MLK holiday party enflames students, NAACP.

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NEWS EDITOR

Over the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend a group of Clemson students hosted a party that has caught national attention.

The Clemson students were caught

in photos that were posted on the Facebook.com.

Robin Denny, the University news services director, said that the students who hosted the party have come forward to apologize.

"The students said this was not intended to be offensive to anybody at all, and (they) did not realize it would be," Denny said.

Clemson President James F. Barker immediately sent a mass e-mail out to all faculty, staff and students upon learning about the party.

"I was appalled, angered and disap-

pointed when I learned that a group of Clemson students participated in activities at an off-campus party that appeared to mock and disparage African Americans," Barker said. "Many people have been offended and deeply hurt."

The Clemson faculty continues to work with students who are upset, as well as the students who participated in the party.

Altheia Richardson, assistant vice president of student affairs at Clemson and the executive director of the Gantt Intercultural Center, is working closely

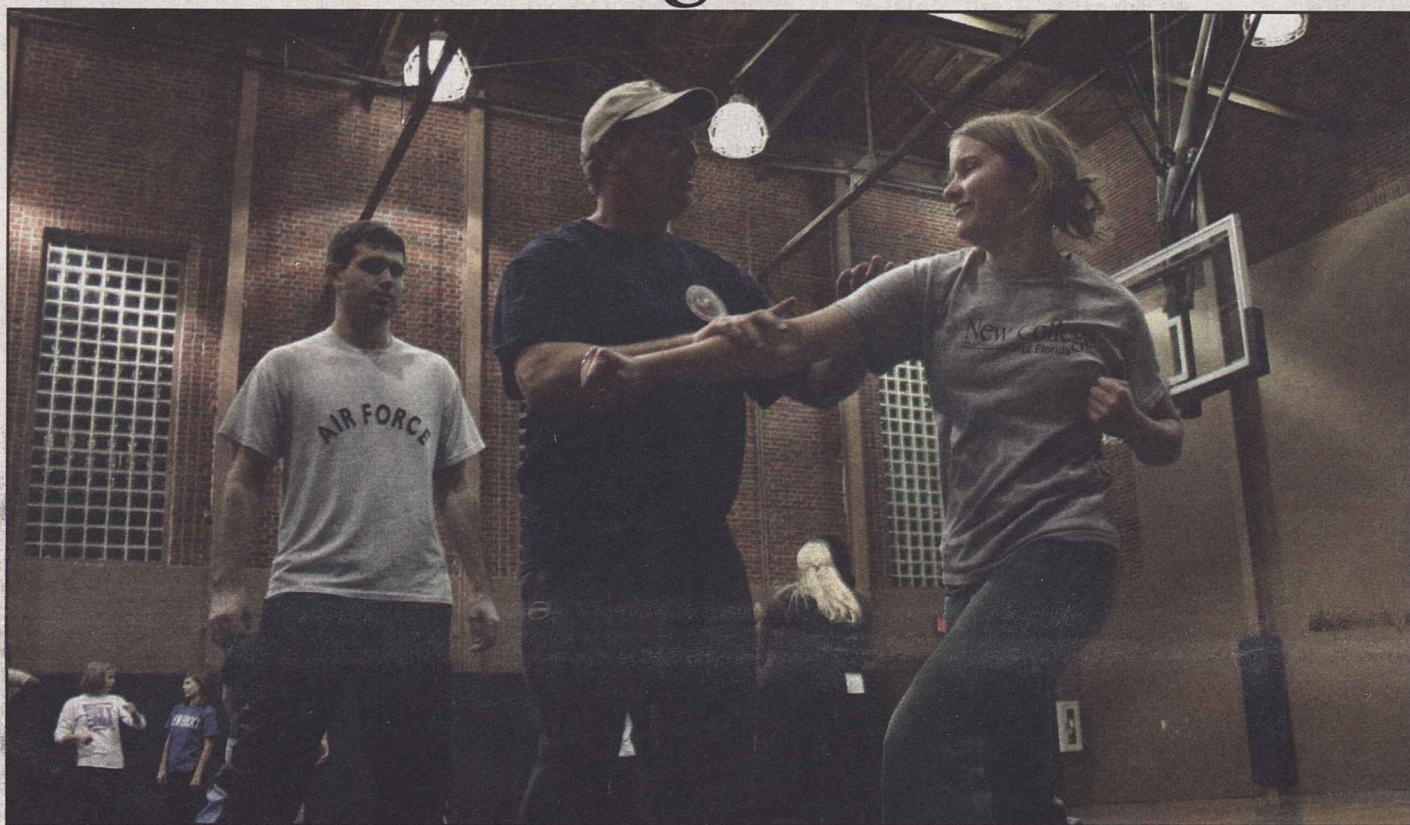
with both groups of students. Her main objective is to ensure that all students involved, whether they are offended or the offenders, are able to communicate.

"The students are at the heart of what we do," Richardson said. "We want to help students work through

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Do you think the University should punish the students who attended the MLK party? Log on to [www.thetigernews.com](http://www.thetigernews.com) to submit your vote.

## Ex-secret service agent teaches defense



**FIKE: NOT JUST FOR EXERCISE AND SPORTS:** Self-defense instructor James Bartee helps Emily Wagner hone her skills in Fike's gymnasium while fellow student Dana Freudenberger looks on.

Clemson professor works with students, instructing self-defense techniques.

CAROLINE GARMON  
STAFF WRITER

While most students think that the need to know how to defend yourself is obsolete, one Clemson University professor attempts to better educate students about their personal safety.

Fike Recreation Center hosted a "Street Safe Seminar" on Jan. 26 led by retired Secret Service Agent and Clemson professor, James Richard Bartee, Jr., who served for 25 years. Bartee worked personally with the families of George Bush Sr. and Bill Clinton.

The defensive maneuvers he demonstrated are based on Aikido, a modern Japanese martial art. According to Bartee, Aikido is translated as "the way of harmony with nature."

Aikido, he said, is a type of warrior training that requires both moral and ethical principles in addition to the ability to withstand its rigorous physical practices.

At the beginning of the class, Bartee presented the principles of Aikido and compared them to other forms of martial arts such as Jujitsu, Hapkido and Taekwondo.

Unlike those traditional forms of martial arts, Aikido uses martial training as a tool for the development of an individual's character. Instead of meeting conflict with conflict or force with force, Aikido attempts to combine harmony with an attacker's moves by using "spiral movements." The goal of Aikido is to defer an attack, unbalance and confuse an attacker, and use the attacker's force as an energy source to dispel the attack. Aikido's main objective is to peacefully resolve a conflict.

"Aikido does not focus on punching or kicking opponents, but rather on using their own energy to gain control of them or to throw them away from you," Bartee said. "It is not

a static art, but places great emphasis on motion and the dynamics of movement."

On the mat, Bartee taught students basic maneuvers such as finger jabs to sensitive parts of the body, such as soft tissue on the neck. He emphasized moving with the force and direction of an attacker, and positioning yourself behind an attacker because an attacker cannot hit what they cannot see.

Clemson sophomore Caroline Pike found out about the seminar because she is enrolled in Bartee's Leisure Skills class and said that she would recommend his class to other students.

"I think the most useful thing that I learned was the neck, armpit, and knee jab," said Pike. "I feel like in most situations that move will be useful."

She also said she learned the importance of responding to situations. "If someone throws a punch at me I won't just cover my face, but I

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## Barker meets with budget officials

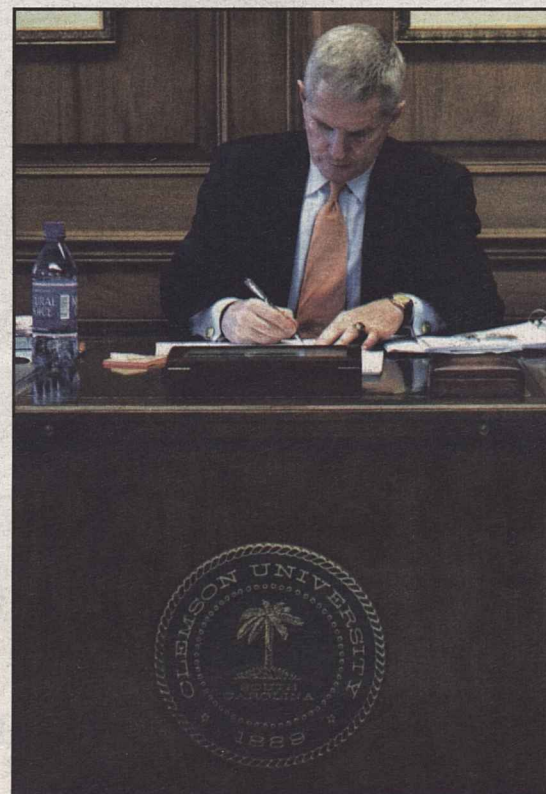
University president stresses need for funding to scholarship, research programs.

JENNY MASON  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

University President James Barker had one message for the South Carolina House Ways and Means Committee: The Higher Education Subcommittee's investment in higher education is working, so keep it up.

Barker met with the Higher Education Subcommittee of the Ways and Means Committee on Jan. 24 to present Clemson University's budget requests. While he commended the subcommittee on their investments to research infrastructure, endowed

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**JOHN HANCOCK THIS:** President Barker finalizes his budget requests.

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# Cardholders question privacy

Tiger One card is every student's connection to food, funds and Fike.

**CAROLINE RASH**  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

What is your umbilical cord to Clemson University?

What is that part of our community that you can not live without?

The Tiger One card that you have in your wallet right now is that necessity.

It is the University's identification system for students and faculty, people to question the privacy issues associated with it.

A Tiger One card is necessary to have in order to participate in many university activities, such as eating in the dining halls, accessing buildings, getting athletic event tickets and exercising at Fike.

For on-campus dorm/apartment key distribution, a quick swipe of a student's card can tell the desk worker in which room the individual lives.

Jye Shafer, a sophomore studying philosophy, said that he registered for a sweepstakes on campus with his card, and the machine printed out his year and major.

Versatility suggests that there could be a large quantity of information stored in the card or accessible through a database via its magnetic strip.

In this case, what you see is what you get. Aside from the student's name, ID number and picture, there is very little someone can find out about a person just by having his card.

The database for cardholder information is separate from the registrar-controlled university database of student information, according to Bill McGee, the Director of Tiger One Card Services.

"There's no reason to have all this information we don't need; if we need more, we will request that information at that time," McGee said as he scrolled through the cardholder account on his computer.

Even the pictures on the cards are stored in a separate database.

A few years ago, when Clemson first began using Blackboard, the Student Government, Faculty Senate and other organizations voted to release pictures as "directorial information," meaning they were public domain for class rosters and general use.

The versatility of the Tiger One cards comes from connecting their limited information to other systems around campus, such as housing and restaurants.

The systems either link so that the name/ID number on the Tiger One card brings up information from the other account or in the case of monetary transactions or Fike entrance, the outside system "asks" the card whether an account can pay for the meal or has the specific privilege, and the Tiger One card sends back a response of "yes/no" or "valid/invalid."

When information is transferred through the University network it is encrypted.

A disclaimer on the Tiger One web site explains reasons why a cardholder's account information will be released then listed.

"Information about the Cardholder's Account will be disclosed to third parties only for the following reasons: In order to complete a transaction; in order to comply with a government agency or court order; in conjunction with all other cardholder accounts in the aggregate but not specific in regard to any individual's account; with Cardholder's written permission."

This is a result of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and Clemson University policy, which also prevents the staff members from giving out account information over the phone.

The Tiger One staff is the only group of people who have direct access to students' account information, but they only see as much as the students can view online after logging in with a user name and password.

As far as everyone else, the person working at Subway or Moe's may see your account balance on the receipt, but he probably won't judge you too harshly.

And everyone in your classes can still see if you had a bad hair day from your picture.

# Design team repeats success

Students from multiple majors lead Design-Build team to national glory.

**MELISSA WHITSON**  
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Clemson's Design-Build Team extended its first-place winning streak this year as members took home top honors at the annual Associated Schools of Construction (ASC)/Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) Southeast Regional Design-Build Student Competition for the third year in a row.

Construction science majors Frank Cardella, Cameron Tuckfield and Brad Nolan, along with architecture and construction science double majors Jessica Latour and Chris Monroe and architecture major Jill Hazel represented Clemson at this year's challenge.

The competition, held in Charlotte, N.C. from Oct. 26 to 27, brought together teams from schools such as Auburn University, Georgia Tech, Georgia Southern University, Southern Polytechnic State University, University of Florida and Western Carolina University.

At the competition, teams were presented with the same construction challenge upon arrival. This year, all teams received the project to create a design for a \$4 million ultraviolet waste water treatment facility to serve as an expansion to an existing water treatment plant in Fulton County, Ga. Only 12 hours were allowed for drafting the written plan, which must have been promptly submitted to the judges by 8 p.m. on the evening of the first day.

The following day, teams were required to orally present their ideas to a panel of judges from the Pizzagalli Construction Company.

As first place winners, Clemson's Design-Build Team will go on to compete at the annual ASC/AGC National Design-Build Student Competition held from March 19 to 21 in San Antonio, Texas. Clemson's team is one of only six other regional winners from around the country that qualified to compete at the national level.

Clemson's Design-Build Team is traditionally made up of only six architecture and construction science management majors, all of whom must first participate in a mock competition in order for faculty to determine the best students for the team.

Senior Jill Hazel, who has been a member of the team for two years now, became interested

after being approached by her structures professor. "I saw the competition team as a unique opportunity to use both my education and work experience in a real world application," Hazel said.

Though the primary goal of the team is to represent Clemson at competitions such as the ASC/AGC challenge, it also provides students with a hands-on opportunity to gain experience in the industry of their study, network with professionals and apply their knowledge in a real-world setting. "The team has been a great opportunity to collaborate with another discipline," Hazel said. "By working with the construction science majors, I have gained insight into the relationship between the architect and contractor in the real world."

Senior Cameron Tuckfield, who joined the team this fall, views the competition as "a good way to better understand how the design-build process works," experience he feels may help him to find a job after graduation.

The Design-Team's advisor, Shima Clarke, has been working with Clemson's team since they began competing in 2003. That year, Clemson received a second place recognition at the regional competition. In 2004 the team was awarded first place and qualified to compete at nationals. Competition in 2005 brought the team its greatest success so far, as they received another first place regional award and third place at the national competition. "These competitions bring visibility and prestige to the winning schools. Beating such Top 20 schools as Georgia Tech, Auburn, University of Florida and Virginia Tech speaks highly of our university, college and department," Clarke said.

Following each competition, Clarke asks the Design-Team members to reflect on their experiences. Jessica Latour, a senior on the team, wrote that this recent competition gave architecture and construction science majors an opportunity to work together for a common goal. "It was really great to be able to see how one thing on the ARCH end could greatly affect things on the CSM end and vice versa," Latour said. "We are going to have to work together for the rest of our lives; why wouldn't we start now?"

In addition to the Design-Build Team, a group of Clemson students also competed in the Commercial challenge of the competition. This team, headed by faculty advisor Dennis Bausman, was awarded first place at the regional competition and will compete at the national competition in March.



**CELEBRATION OF A WIN, AGAIN!:** Design-Build team members celebrate another victory at their competition in Charlotte, N.C.



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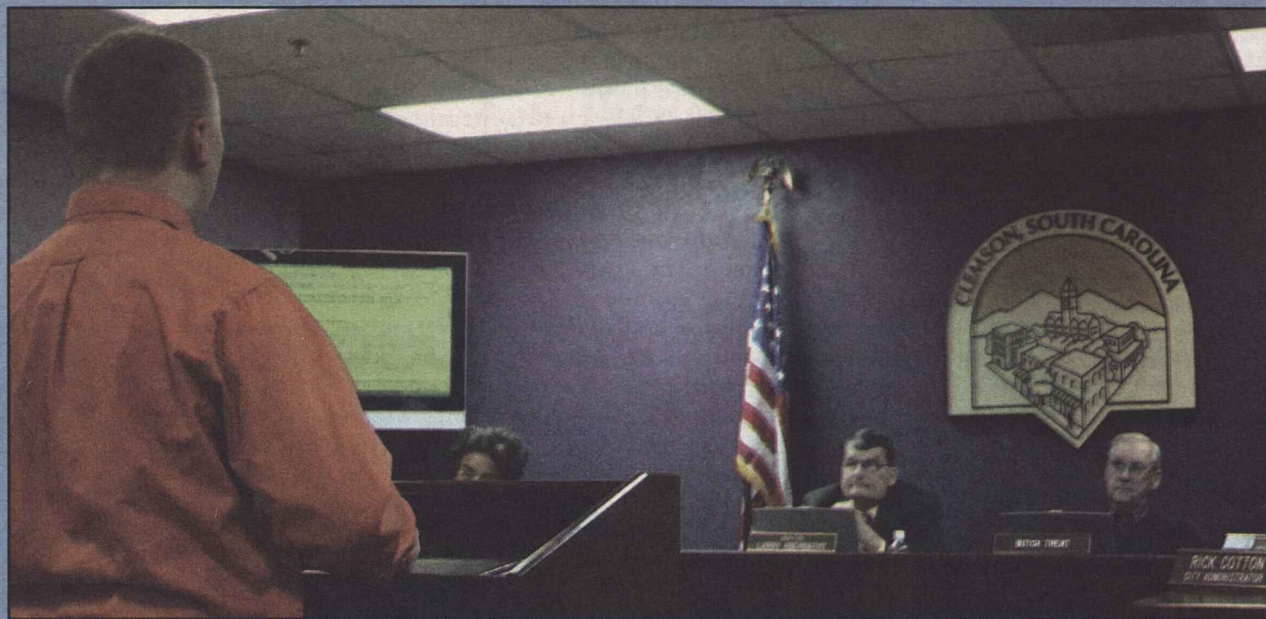


# Smoke-free trend reaches Clemson

Story by Margaret Farish

## Outcome of the Senate's Decision on a Smoking Ban in Clemson

- Prohibit smoking in high traffic outdoor walkways.
- Fund informative marketing campaigns to reduce smoking on campus.
- Increase the current distance of 10 ft. from building entryways to 25ft.
- Work with the AODTF, Clemson Community Coalition and Student Government to create educational programs and events using mini-grant funding.
- In the long-run, institute policies that will make Clemson University a smoke-free campus where academic learning can take place in a healthy and safe environment.



CHRIS CANTRELL/staff

**THE VERDICT IS IN:** City officials discuss the pro's and con's of having a smoking ban enforced in certain Clemson-area locations at the City Hall meeting Monday.

The Clemson City Council decided in Monday's Council Meeting to hold a future work session before banning smoking in public buildings.

Heath Burgess, a senior studying mathematical sciences, stood before the council and spoke about the negative effects of a smoking ban.

"I'm directly affected by this [proposed smoking ban]," Burgess said. "I know we've always heard having a smoking section in a restaurant is like having a peeing section in a pool, but a decision one way or the other is too extreme."

Burgess said that a smoking ban would cause more students to drink at home, decreasing supervision and increasing the chances of an alcohol-related accident. It would also decrease business in downtown Clemson business that is essentially driven by Clemson's student population.

Instead, Burgess proposed that businesses could receive an economic incentive if they banned smoking, giving businesses the option to choose.

Council members Jimmy Cook and Margaret Thompson agreed with Burgess's opposition to the ban.

"I think we ought to drop it," said Cook. "There is already enough government interference in our business. If economics were involved and businesses thought they would be better without smoking, they would have already banned it."

Cook, who owns a downtown Clemson bar, claims that at least 80 percent of his patrons have had a cigarette at one time or another while drinking downtown.

"I understand the opposition," Cook said. "I'm a non-smoker. In a perfect world, no one would smoke, but this is not a perfect world."

Thompson also questioned the claim that smoking actually drives patrons away from bars. According to Thompson, people that she has surveyed are largely non-smokers, yet they do not want their right to smoke to be taken away from them.

"I asked someone what the one place was that she wanted to go to in Clemson but couldn't because of the smoke," said Thompson. "She couldn't think of a place. I say drop it; I say we leave well enough alone."

Member Nancy Bennett disagreed.

"One lady came up to Nick, of Nick's bar, and said,

"We used to come for lunch but stopped because we smelled like smoke," Bennett said.

Other council members gave personal reasons to back up their support for a smoking ban. Some members had lost friends or relatives to lung cancer or secondhand-smoke related disease.

"Part of our task is to ensure and protect the health of our constituents," said Clemson Mayor Larry Abernathy. "To me, this is purely and completely a health issue."

Abernathy said he has worked for five years to pass a smoking ban. Over those five years he polled his Clemson undergraduate students. According to Abernathy, most are in favor of the ban.

Two council members, Jim Fowler and mayor pro temp Butch Trent, were unsure of the appropriate action to take. Fowler said he "completely despise[s] smoking," but is unsure that a smoking ban is a wise decision in a college town. Trent, also a non-smoker, said he supported "some kind of smoking ban."

In response to the conflicting views and indecision, Abernathy asked the decision to be placed on the council's action agenda and evaluated in a future work session.

One aspect that the council members did agree on was the poor student attendance of both Monday's council meeting and the public hearing held on Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

"It was a terrible turnout for the group who is said to be most affected," said council member Elouise Jones.

Although individual students' attendance was scarce, the Clemson University Undergraduate Senate passed a resolution on Jan. 22 demonstrating the Senate's support for an American Cancer Society grant application, developed by Redfern Health Center. The Grant would provide \$10,000 to fund stricter smoking regulations on campus. Redfern health educator Jennifer Goree said that in a preliminary survey, 45 percent of Clemson students were in favor of stricter policies. Very few students were opposed to new restrictions. Goree said that if the city of Clemson goes smoke-free, it will be a great motivator for the campus to go smoke-free as well.

"Smoking is the number one preventable cause of death in this country," said Goree. "It's insane that we're allowing people to violate our right to live by smoking near us"

## WHAT STUDENTS SAY ABOUT SMOKING



MEGAN BELL/graphics

The above are the results of a poll conducted on www.thetigernews.com with 166 participants.

## How do you feel about Clemson enforcing a smoking ban?

"Even as a smoker, I personally would be fine with a smoking ban, because I know that smoking annoys other people."

Matt Neely, Senior, History.

"I am for the ban — I think this is a good trend that's taking a hold of the nation."

Kari Brehm, Senior, Marketing.

"I think [a ban] allows people to be able to go out downtown without worrying about whether or not their clothes are going to stink."

Katherine Bonner, Senior, Sociology.

"If there's no smoking, you won't need to take a shower before you get in your sheets."

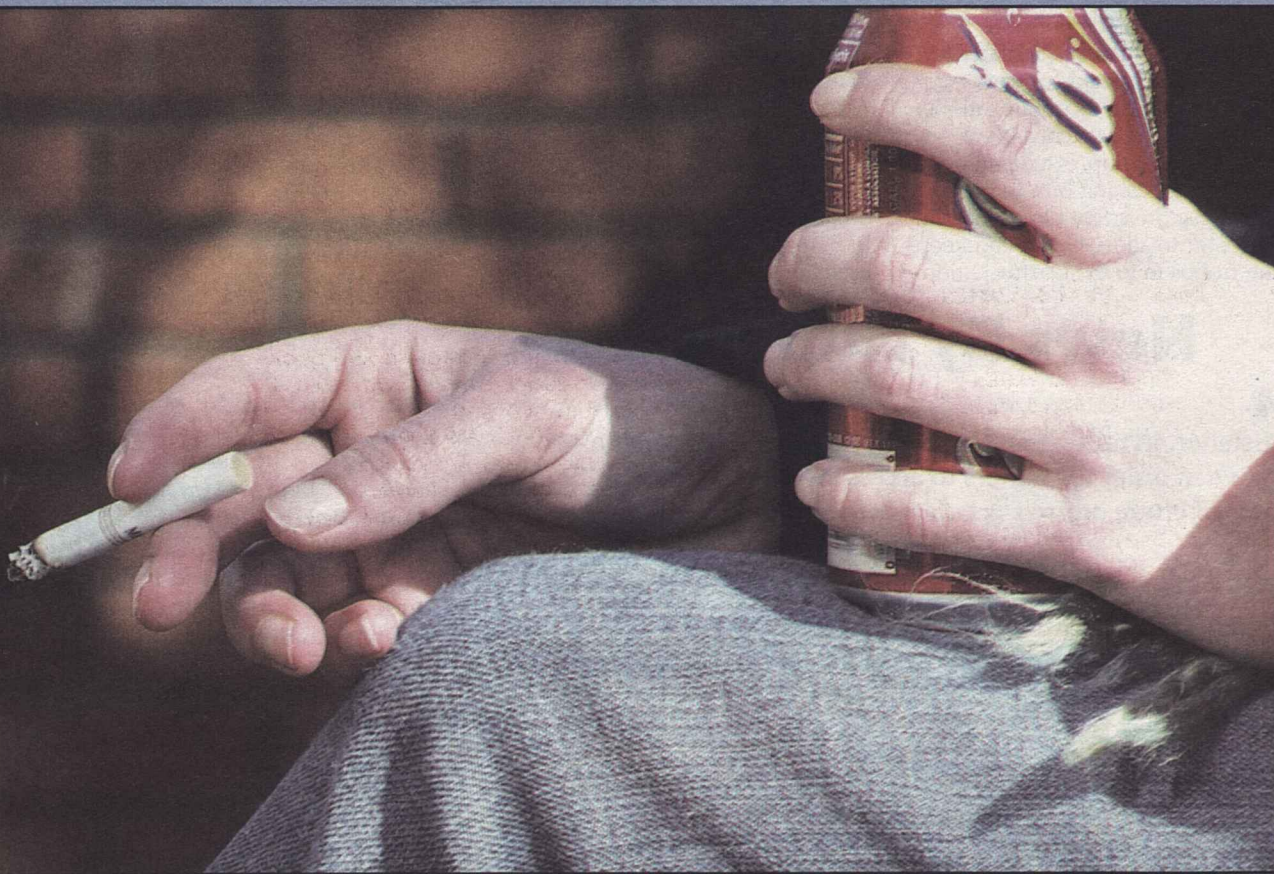
Cary Smith, Senior, English.

"They banned smoking where I'm from and it turned out to be a good thing."

Eliza Shevenell, Senior, English.

"I think the ban is a good thing. I've talked to a lot of people who are smokers and they agree. I went to a bar in D.C. in January. D.C. recently banned smoking in public buildings and it was great not to smell like smoke."

Katie King, Senior, Environmental and Natural Resources.



ALLISON FRANKE/staff



## Weekly World Update

### World Report

■ **Court decides family may use deceased son's sperm:** An Israeli court ruled that a dead soldier's sperm could be used to impregnate a woman whom he never met. Keivan Cohen, 20, left no will when a Palestinian sniper killed him in 2002. His family obtained a sperm sample almost immediately after his death and plans to use it to artificially inseminate a woman who offered to be a surrogate mother. Initially, the hospital where the sample was stored objected to the family's using it for insemination purposes on the grounds that only a spouse could make that request. The Cohen family took the case to trial, where they showed video footage and gave testimony supporting the claim that their son wanted to have a family. After four years, the Tel Aviv court ruled in their favor in the precedent-setting decision, allowing families of deceased people to continue blood lineage through salvaged sperm.

■ **Marginalized opposition concerned about Chavez's dictating power:** The majority of Venezuelans support the National Assembly's imminent decision to pass a "mother law", which will give Chavez the power to dictate the country's "economic and social sphere" and the "transformation of state institutions" for 18 months in 11 areas of Venezuela. The advent of this "maximum revolution" has brought joy to people who benefit from the booming economy and feel they have more of a voice in the political system. Other supporters note that Community Councils are receiving more money and can decide where they want to spend it on the local level. On the other hand, a minority are concerned about the irony of a single man wielding all the power in a socialist state. It is unclear how Chavez, who was sworn in for a six-year term in January, will use his power, but the fact remains that he has vast popular support in his country.

■ **Chinese president's aid to Africa comes with no strings attached:** Chinese President Hu Jintao made a tour of Africa in which he offered loans and promoted the message that China's ties to Africa go beyond the economic benefits of trade. He recently announced that China will lend Africa more than \$3 billion in preferential credit, double aid and give interest-free loans over the next three years. These monetary contributions will not have any "political conditions" attached to them, as most Western assistance does. In 2006, trade between China and Africa jumped 40 percent to \$55.5 billion. Hu's visit, particularly to Sudan, has sparked controversy from human rights organizations; Human Rights Watch, a New York-based group, issued an open letter to Hu asking him to press Sudanese President Omar Hassan al-Bashir to allow U.N. peacekeeping troops in to the Darfur region.

### National Report

■ **Commission rules power plants "beamhenge shields" unnecessary:** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) ruled that nuclear power plants are not required to construct metal frames to defend against terrorist air strikes. The power plants are already strong enough to withstand fires, terrorist attacks from the air and explosions, according to Dale Klein, chairman of NRC. Critics say that the lack of enforced security could jeopardize millions of people and reflects the interests of corporate profits. "I am reviewing the final rule in detail and will be prepared to hold the NRC's feet to the fire to ensure that our communities are adequately protected," said Democratic Senator Barbara Boxer of California. The NRC has not ruled out considering different designs for future reactors to protect against a wider range of possible attacks.

■ **Miami plans party for Castro's death:** The city of Miami is getting ready for Fidel Castro to die. Many Cuban-Americans anticipate Castro's death, as the Cuban dictator became ill and relinquished his power to his brother Raul last summer. The organized party will take place in the Orange Bowl stadium, which served as a camp for refugees from the Mariel boatlift from Cuba and was the site of a speech by President Kennedy in 1961 promising a free Cuba. However, some critics like Ramon Saul Sanchez, leader of the Miami-based Democracy Movement organization, think that the party atmosphere of the event should not be emphasized. He says that many people outside the Cuban exile community will not understand and that, even after the passing of Castro, the communist government and divided families will remain.

■ **Debate continues as to who is the "decision-maker" in war:** A Republican senator respectfully challenged President Bush's claim of being the "decision-maker" in the Iraq War. Arlen Specter, R-Penn., noted that Congress is part of the "shared and joint responsibility" concerning issues of war, the extent of which is being debated by politicians and scholars. Vice President Dick Cheney challenged the Democrat-controlled Congress to take action against the Iraq War by eliminating the war budget, which is a power Congress demonstrated in Vietnam, Cambodia, Somalia and Bosnia. Less drastic (and more likely) alternatives include capping the number of troops permitted in Iraq, cutting off money for troop deployments beyond a certain date or setting an end date for the war. But even if these measures passed, the president still has vetoing power and enough support in Congress to maintain an effective veto. Also, some scholars believe that the president ultimately decides how to use the army during conflicts. Congress has not issued a declaration of war since World War II, despite the United States having been involved in several conflicts.

## News By Numbers

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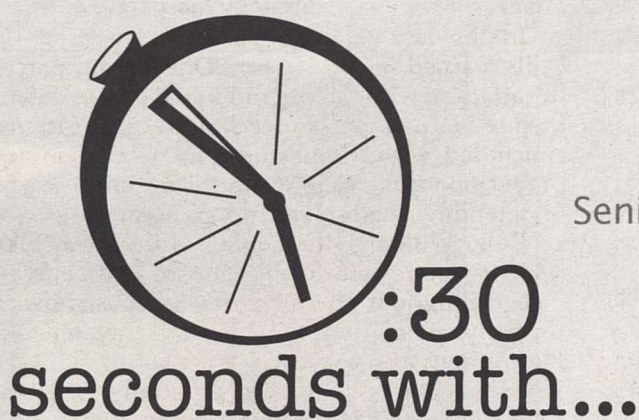
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number of consecutive years the "Poe Toaster" has left a half-empty bottle of cognac and roses on Edgar Allen Poe's grave on his birthday.

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number of Alaskan residents who lost power after an "overly ambitious" eagle, attempting to carry a deer's head, crashed into transmission lines.

In the Jan. 26 edition of The Tiger, the story titled, "E-portfolio fulfills new graduation requirements" on page A6 had an error. The printed years 2005-2006 should have been 2006-2007. The Tiger regrets the error.



**Jay Crout**  
Senior Capain of the Swimming  
and Diving Team

**Jennifer Salane:** How many hours a week are you in the water?

**Jay Crout:** Well, we practice 20 hours a week, but four of those hours are spent lifting weights. So I guess it is usually just 15 or 16 hours that we actually spend in the water.

**JS:** What's the deepest pool you have ever swum/dove in?

**JC:** Georgia Tech's pool. It is where the 1996 Olympics were, and I think they have a thing on the bottom that can raise or lower to different depths. Usually it's pretty deep.

**JS:** Does that swimming cap that you wear ever hurt your head?

**JC:** It does sometimes, but you kind of get used to it. I just feel lucky to be able to put on a Clemson cap everyday. I always wanted to swim for Clemson, and my years here have been a dream come true!

**JS:** How long can you hold your breathe under the water?

**JC:** I don't know because I have never really tried, but I have done four laps before without a breath.

**JS:** Do you have any pre-race rituals that you like to do?

**JC:** I do have something that I have done for 10 years or so. Since I am a backstroker, I always lean over the pool and hit the wall twice before I jump in. When I jump in, I make sure to go to the bottom and push off really slowly. Then I take my time getting to the block because I like being the last guy to the wall.

**JS:** What would you rate your dive on a scale of one to 10?

**JC:** Well, even though it is a swimming and diving team, I am certainly not a diver. I don't like heights at all, and I am not even sure if I could do a flip. I pretty much stick to swimming, and I think the coaches like it that way.

**JS:** Do you prefer a speedo or a jammer (knee-length suit)?

**JC:** Well, I don't really prefer either, but I hate the jammers. I think they look really weird. I guess when you grow up swimming in a speedo your whole life, you get used to that. I am not sure it makes me go any faster, but I think I look good in it!

## ROTC remembers cadet

Memorial honors life  
of freshman member  
of detachment.

**CAROLINE RASH**  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

A wreath hangs in the Military Plaza in memory of a Clemson freshman whose dreams of being a fighter pilot in the United States Air Force were cut short. On Veteran's Day of 2006, Cadet Jerry Douglas Harris III died in a car accident. His family and friends came together on Jan. 18 to celebrate his life in a memorial service at Tillman Hall.

During the ceremony, several of "Doug" Harris' classmates related their personal experiences with him. "He stood out in my mind from the first time I met him because of his kindness and selfless manner," said Cadet Katie McDermott, a sophomore studying civil engineering and aerospace studies. "When speaking of Doug, his friends relate a common theme. He had an innate ability to appreciate the uniqueness of every

person and look past their inadequacies and mistakes."

Harris' father, Colonel Jerry Douglas Harris, Jr., spoke about his own experiences as an Air Force officer and his time as an F-16 pilot. He was very encouraging in his attitude toward service and gave great advice, according to C/1Lt Charles E. Polley, Cadet Wing Public Affairs Officer. Col. and Mrs. Harris were then presented with a T-shirt from their son's flight and the flag that flew over Clemson in his memory. Col. Lance Young, professor of aerospace studies and commander of Det. 770, accompanied them outside, where a special retreat ceremony was conducted in their son's honor.

"His parents were touched by the grace and regard that the cadets exhibited during the service," Young said. "It was a moving service but also one of the hardest to handle as a commander ... to witness a young energetic life gone forever."

Despite the tragic situation, Clemson ROTC cadets are trying to bring about something positive from the grief. C/LtCol. Nathan D. Carlson, cadet operations group commander, and many others are

organizing a half-marathon in Harris' honor. The 13.1 mile race will be held April 14 at 9:30 a.m. at the Issaqueena trailhead. It is a charity event to support the Doug Harris Memorial Fund, which will work in part with the Clemson Corps to give a scholarship to a deserving Clemson student. Meanwhile, runners can enjoy "plenty of hills, creek crossings and views of Issaqueena Lake" during the race through Clemson's Experimental Forest. People can register by going to [www.strictlyrunning.com](http://www.strictlyrunning.com) or by following links on the Clemson University Web site.

"This race, like the memorial service on Jan. 18, is a celebration of the 18 years of life God blessed Doug with," said Carlson. "He was a great kid and will be missed by all who knew him."

"Cadet Harris was a quiet person who was well-liked in the detachment because of his caring attitude, can-do spirit and love for wanting to serve his country," said Young. "And I could tell by the eulogies at his memorial service in Lugoff, S.C., that his high school classmates felt the same way about him as we did at Clemson."



## FIKE: Recreation center offers class for students to learn self-defense *from page A1*

will move into a better position to take down my attacker."

Other helpful self-defense tips that the students practiced include how to face an attacker if threatened at knife or gunpoint. In addition, Bartee taught how to resist strangulation if an attacker goes to the throat with a rope.

"Don't fight the rope because you will only choke faster and burn or cut your throat," Bartee said. "Instead, find the path of least resistance. Whatever direction the rope goes, you follow."

Clemson junior Lauren Creech attended the class because she missed self-defense sessions offered over the summer in response to the murder of Tiffany Souers. Creech said she learned to be aware of what you have, to know your own strength, and how to use everyday objects, such

as keys or cell phones, on sensitive parts of an attacker's body.

In the last exercise, partners practiced the skills learned in the session. One person played the attacker, while the victim's goal was to defend themselves using Aikido techniques. The seminar concluded with a quiet time for relaxation and prayer honoring victims who were unsuccessful in defending themselves from their attacker.

Kelly Williams, the aquatics director at Fike, said that more self-defense classes will be available throughout the semester such as how to properly use mace or what to do if threatened in the confines of an elevator.

"This class is important, especially for girls," said Williams. "Too many women think, 'This won't happen to me.'"

## BUDGET: Possible cuts in funding pose problems for University *from page A1*

chairs, LIFE and Palmetto Scholarships and Clemson's academic plan for quality, he stressed the importance of a similar commitment from Governor Mark Sanford's Executive Budget.

"When you invest, South Carolina can be competitive," Barker said to the subcommittee. "We can retain our top students, and attract nationally regarded faculty. We can bring new companies and new jobs to South Carolina."

Barker said that the Executive Budget, which focuses on cuts to higher education and not "strategic investments," is detrimental to Clemson and other higher education institutions in the state.

According to Barker, higher education represents about 13.3 percent of the state budget, but it accounts for 29 percent of the cuts recommended in the Executive Budget.

Clemson's state appropriation for both educational and general priorities and public service activities represents 2.4 percent of the total budget, and yet the University bears 14 percent of the recommended cuts.

"The Executive Budget is clearly unfair to Clemson and to higher education, but what's worse is that it is a setback for South Carolina," he told the subcommittee. "It represents a plan for mediocrity, not competitiveness."

Barker added that not only does Clemson face cuts from the Executive Budget, but Sanford's proposed tuition cap will mean and additional setback.

Student Body President Stephen Gosnell stressed the detriment to Clemson that the tuition cap would serve if the state government did not provide sufficient funding.

"I think it sounds like a very good idea — everyone wants to save money," he said. "But, if the state is going to take money away and we can't raise money ourselves, then Clemson is going to suffer."

Both Barker and Gosnell emphasized the success Clemson has achieved over the past year from the support of the state government.

According to Barker, Clemson has been able to maintain a 14 to 1 student-to-faculty ratio, which he said was more typical of a small

liberal arts college, not a large research university.

"They are having a small-college academic experience with the benefits of being at a major research university," he said.

Additionally, U.S. News & World Report ranked Clemson 30th out of 162 top public universities and Kiplinger Magazine called Clemson a "best buy."

Gosnell said these reasons and much more are why the subcommittee must reconsider the Executive Budget.

"We've done so much," he said. "It's not like we've been wasting money over the past 10 years."

Gosnell said he feels strongly that the student senate is meant to educate and empower the student body. Students are welcome to become involved in this process, Gosnell said.

Sending e-mails with questions and concerns is one way for students to voice their opinions, but students are also welcome to join the student government for a lobbying day at the state government which will take place in March.

# TIGER BRIEFS

### Clemson University Research Institute receives funding:

The South Carolina Budget and Control Board approved Clemson University's request for \$10.3 million in infrastructure bond funding to support the Clemson University Restoration Institute (CURI) in North Charleston. The research center brings a variety of disciplines together to focus on the restoration economy. "The board's support is a vote of confidence in Clemson's ability to generate research that will create high-tech jobs in South Carolina," said John Kelly, vice president for public service and agriculture at Clemson. Industry clusters such as the 'restoration and sustainability cluster' are key to the economic development of South Carolina, according to a 2004 report by Michael Porter's Monitor Group. Porter's group also stated a world-class university could serve to accelerate the industry clusters' growth. The CURI could serve as such a catalyst because of Clemson's tradition of developing research and education programs that generate jobs. At the institute, researchers will focus on compromised environments, called brownfields, which are a specialty of Clemson environmental scientists. The restoration of metal surfaces on the Hunley submarine is early evidence of the research's potential. The CURI will be located on 82 acres of land, including the Lasch Center, where material science research is already underway.

### Clemson students and faculty attend globalism seminars:

A series of seminars relating to issues surrounding globalism are being held on campus. R.C. Wu, director general of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta, spoke to interested students and faculty in the Strom Thurmond Institute on Jan. 23. He discussed Taiwanese citizens' pride in building a democracy and their success in a free-market economy, as well as how the country deals with China's desire to rule the small island. Wu received his degree from the School of Foreign Services at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C and worked his way up to numerous positions, including an appointment as chairperson of the Congressional Liaison Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Taiwan. The second seminar was presented in Sirrine Hall

on Jan. 30. The topic was Japan's culture and foreign affairs in relation to its neighbors (China and North Korea, in particular) and to Western countries. Students learned about State Shinto, the past state religion and an important cultural movement. Issues concerning Japanese prime ministers visiting a memorial of war heroes, including 14 war criminals, were also discussed. More lectures will be held throughout the semester concerning how countries accept or reject integration into the world community.

### Littlejohn hosts first gymnastics invitational:

Thousands of spectators are expected to attend the first Tiger Paw Classic Gymnastics Invitational in Littlejohn Coliseum Feb. 2 through Feb. 4. Upstate Gymnastics of Pendleton will host the showcasing of 1,200 young gymnasts from the southeast ranging in skill from USAG levels two to 10. Three five-hour competition sessions will begin each day at 8 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. The event could bring \$500,000 into the local economy from vendors and parents, according to the Clemson Sports Council. Tickets are available at Littlejohn's east box office priced \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and students and \$25 for a family package for two adults and three children.

### Two Clemson performing arts professors recognized for "Sincerely":

The Region IV Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF) awarded two Clemson University professors with a Certificate of Merit for their work in the Clemson Players' production "Sincerely." "Sincerely" dramatizes the powerful and universal emotions found in letters and explores all kinds of inspiring letters," professor of acting Carrie Ann Collins said. "Love letters, war letters, children's letters and goodbye letters are examples of the personal correspondences that provided the text for the ensemble-developed play." The KCACTF recognized Collins for her development of the ensemble piece, based on letters, and direction of the play. Tony Penna, a lighting design professor, was recognized for the way his color saturations "provided visibility and differentiation of action areas and atmosphere." He achieved the effects through such technology as color scrollers, automated fixtures and strobe lighting.

### To ensure that the quality of education and experience at Clemson did not decrease in the upcoming year, Barker outlined the following suggestions for amendments to the Executive Budget:

#### Reoccurring funds:

- \$4.8 million for the Academic Roadmap — a plan that will fund faculty, start-up and operating support and graduate assistantships
- \$1.5 million for the Campbell Graduate Engineering Center at CU-ICAR to staff, equip and operate the new automotive engineering academic programs
- \$900,000 for the Center for Optical Materials Science and Engineering Technologies (COMSET), to help make South Carolina a magnet for the growing photonics industry.
- \$1.3 million for Call Me Mister
- \$1.5 million for the South Carolina Light Rail

#### Capital funding:

- \$20 million for an information technology center to provide a computing infrastructure and resources for faculty and students in a centralized, campus location;
- \$30 million for Hunter Chemistry Building to construct a 90,000-square-foot research wing

#### Collaborative initiatives:

- Continued funding for the Endowed Chairs Program at \$30 million
- Recurring funding of \$2 million for the Statewide Higher Education Electronic Library
- Funding for the One Voice, One Plan Nursing Initiative
- Funding the CHE request for a \$3 million line item for EPSCoR. Over the last five years, the state's investment in EPSCoR has resulted in a 10-fold match from federal grants.



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# Organic foods come with hefty price tags

Environmental advantages stem from sales of organic foods.

**ALISON HARMAN**  
TECHNICIAN (N.C. STATE)

(U-WIRE) - The scientific community remains unable to answer the abundance of questions that challenge the organic food market. It is also unable to prove many of the assertions organic defenders encourage.

A common misconception about organic foods is they have an innate healthiness that supersedes the nutritional values of conventionally grown food.

However, organic foods are considered healthier not because of qualities they have, but because of qualities they lack -- specifically pesticides, artificial ingredients and trans fats, according to the National Organic Program.

Proponents of an organic diet, such as Valentina Daly, a senior in criminology at North Carolina State University, assert that organics are healthier, more environmentally friendly and have a greater sustainability than conventional crops.

"To me, organic foods taste better since they are grown naturally and the preservatives used to maintain them are naturally grown. This means that (the preservatives) can be easily washed off," Daly said.

The Mouth Revolution, which can be found at [www.mouthrevolution.com](http://www.mouthrevolution.com), is a short film produced by Annie's

Homegrown and Free Range Studios. It exemplifies the main points of an organic diet.

Its "Declaration of Indigestion" demands food eaten must be free of pesticides, artificial ingredients, genetic modifications and trans fats.

"By eating foods naturally grown, as opposed to genetically engineered or with toxic pesticides, our bodies will process natural-based foods, as it is supposed to," Daly said.

Bob Patterson, a professor of crop science at N.C. State, spent much of his childhood on a farm. Prior to 1950, pesticides were used sparingly, if at all. Since then, its use has increased 50-fold.

"We used organic farming without it being called that," Patterson said.

Though chemically based pesticides have been introduced to farmers' crops only recently, the last 40 years have raised a concern that many farmers are using pesticides in excess, according to the Rachel Carson Council, Inc.

"There are two dangers of using certain pesticides. One, it is possible that parts of the living world can be adversely affected that we are not aware of. And two, with the heavy continual use of certain pesticides, we are causing genetic alterations to occur more frequently in both animals and plants," Patterson said.

Many organic proponents, including Patterson, claim organic crops are more sustainable than conventionally grown crops.

This means the crop has the capability to produce the same yield year after year.

However, much of the scientific community continues to disagree regarding whether chemicals and pesticides negatively affect the environment and regarding whether one crop is more sustainable than the other.

People cannot assume growing foods using one method is more correct than another.

DDT, which is used in regions of South Africa and in many areas of Asia, is an effective defense against malaria -- a virus that is widespread throughout the regions because of an abundance of malaria-carrying mosquitoes.

However, its use has brought up innumerable health issues, though none of the human health risks has been scientifically proven. The biological magnification of DDT within animals is believed to have caused harmful mutations within fish-eating birds, Patterson said.

It is imperative to stop the spread of malaria throughout the countries that are prone to the virus, though "there must be alternatives that are just as effective at killing malaria-carrying mosquitoes," Patterson said. The innate qualities organic foods have proven to be their weaknesses.

Because some farmers apply organic fertilizer -- manure -- directly onto the crops instead of tilling it into the soil, there is a greater chance of the crops being infected with bacteria and, possibly, a dangerous strand of E. coli called O157:H7. Organic food can be up to three times as expensive as conventionally grown food.

This cost covers the rotation cycle of crops, the costly organic

certification process and the need for retailers to make the same profits from organic food as from conventionally grown food, which sells at a higher rate than organic food.

The higher cost of organic food makes the diet unavailable to much of the population, and even those who can afford it are not willing to pay a higher price for what they believe to be the same product.

For this reason, few mainstream restaurants and cafeterias carry organic food choices.

"I am not aware of any organic foods on campus, and it's been a while since I ate at the dining hall. ... From what I am told it is very limited," Daly said.

Michael Matthews, a freshman in mechanical engineering, chooses not to eat organic food.

"It is so much more convenient to eat food that's not organic, and it's cheaper," he said.

Producing crops organically poses an economic constraint and risk for the farmer.

Organic crops produce fewer yields than conventionally grown crops, and unless the crops are successful, they do not provide equal profit.

The United States exports much of the excess crop yields to poorer countries that need stable food supplies for their populations. Because organic crops have lower yields, if every farmer practiced organic methods, there would not be a surplus for export, Patterson said.

In this light, there must be a compromise between what consumers are willing to accept and what they are not.

The use of environmentally safe, less harmful chemicals may lead to both a secure product and yield.

"It is possible to respect the environment fully when growing crops in the conventional way if (chemicals) are used wisely and judiciously. The problem occurs when the chemical is used in a nonjudicious manner," Patterson said.



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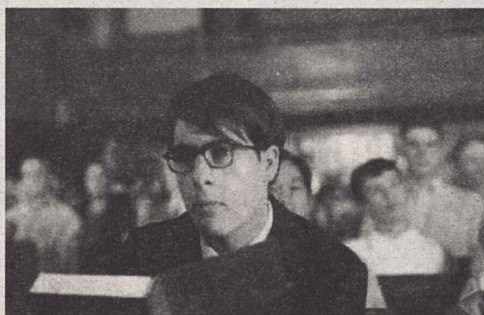
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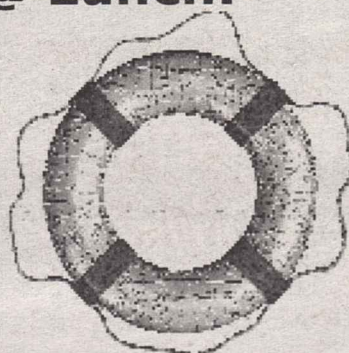
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## MLK: Public hearings invite students to gather to discuss feelings, share suggestions *from page A1*

this process and show them how we can all learn and how we can all grow."

Since discovering the pictures that were posted on the Facebook.com, several hearings are being held to determine what the next step will be for students and faculty to take.

"On Monday we met with students who posted comments on Facebook that were very upset about what was going on in order to work together with them," Richardson said. "We only expected about 25 to 50 students to show up; but we ended up with around 250 people present at the Alumni Center."

The first meeting gave students who were hurt an opportunity to share their thoughts, answers and suggestions with each other and the faculty.

On Jan. 30 another hearing was held, this time with the party organizers.

"We wanted to do the same thing with them by facilitating

dialogue," Richardson said. "These students have also been impacted, and we want to make sure that this is a learning process for them."

Although students who were involved with the MLK party have come forward to apologize, many feel that there is still a necessity for more than just words.

"More needs to be done," Barker said.

"Ours must be a community that is inclusive, values each individual student and embraces diversity for the value it adds to the educational experience. Each of us has a role to play, whether as educator, peer, parent or role model."

Enraged with anger and disappointed with the student's actions at the party, a Columbia woman submitted an e-mail to assistant director of student media, Patrick Neal.

Myra Davis-Branic feels like these students directly disrespected her.

"I know that certain 'south-

erners' hate the fact that MLK day is a national holiday and that the upstate was the last to recognize it in the state, but was it necessary for them to offend so many people?" Davis-Branic said. "The sight of that in 2007 made me want to cry."

Because the students' party has become national news, Clemson continues to stay focused on the issues that are internal and close to home.

One of the next steps in the process to solve the dispute is to determine what sort of punishment, if any, the party organizers should receive.

While many people think that these students should be punished for what they did, the only thing that the students can actually get in trouble for is underage drinking.

"On the surface, it seems as though having the party and the pictures might be nothing serious," Richardson said.

"But, since there was alcohol shown in the pictures on Facebook, anyone that

was underage and drinking could suffer possible consequences."

The party organizers are currently protected by the First Amendment.

As the dispute between the students is still being handled, Clemson faculty remains supportive and committed to their students.

"This can be an issue that divides us or unites us," Barker said.

"It can be a teachable moment that leads to positive discussions in and outside the classroom. If we make the right choices, Clemson will emerge as a stronger university."

Several different hearings have been held over the course of the week with students who are offended, students who attended the party and the combination of both groups of students.

At the most recent hearing on Jan. 31, party organizers had a chance to stand before-upset students and offer their apologies for their actions.

## Results from the recent MLK party hearing on Jan. 31

- ① The party was presented as "gangsta," so people dressed up both as African-Americans and as Latinos such as Jennifer Lopez.
- ① Many students expressed that they were most offended by the black body paint one man used as a costume, which seemed to them reminiscent of "Blackface," a style of theatrical make-up that was a caricature of African-Americans until the mid-20th century.
- ① Participants brainstormed positive solutions to the situation, including joining the Student Government Diversity Council, attending diversity workshops and making a "diversity class" mandatory for freshmen.
- ① On Feb. 12, students will hold a sit-in on President Barker's lawn demonstrating all races coming together as "one people." The sit-in will begin at 8 a.m.
- ① After two and a half hours, many offended persons had hugged and/or made statements of forgiveness to the students who hosted and attended the party.

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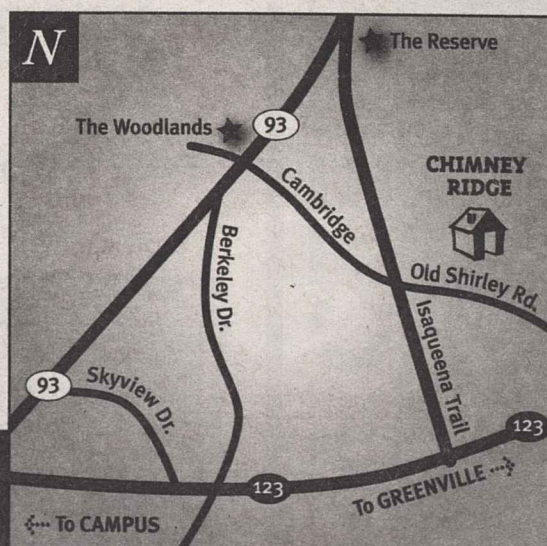
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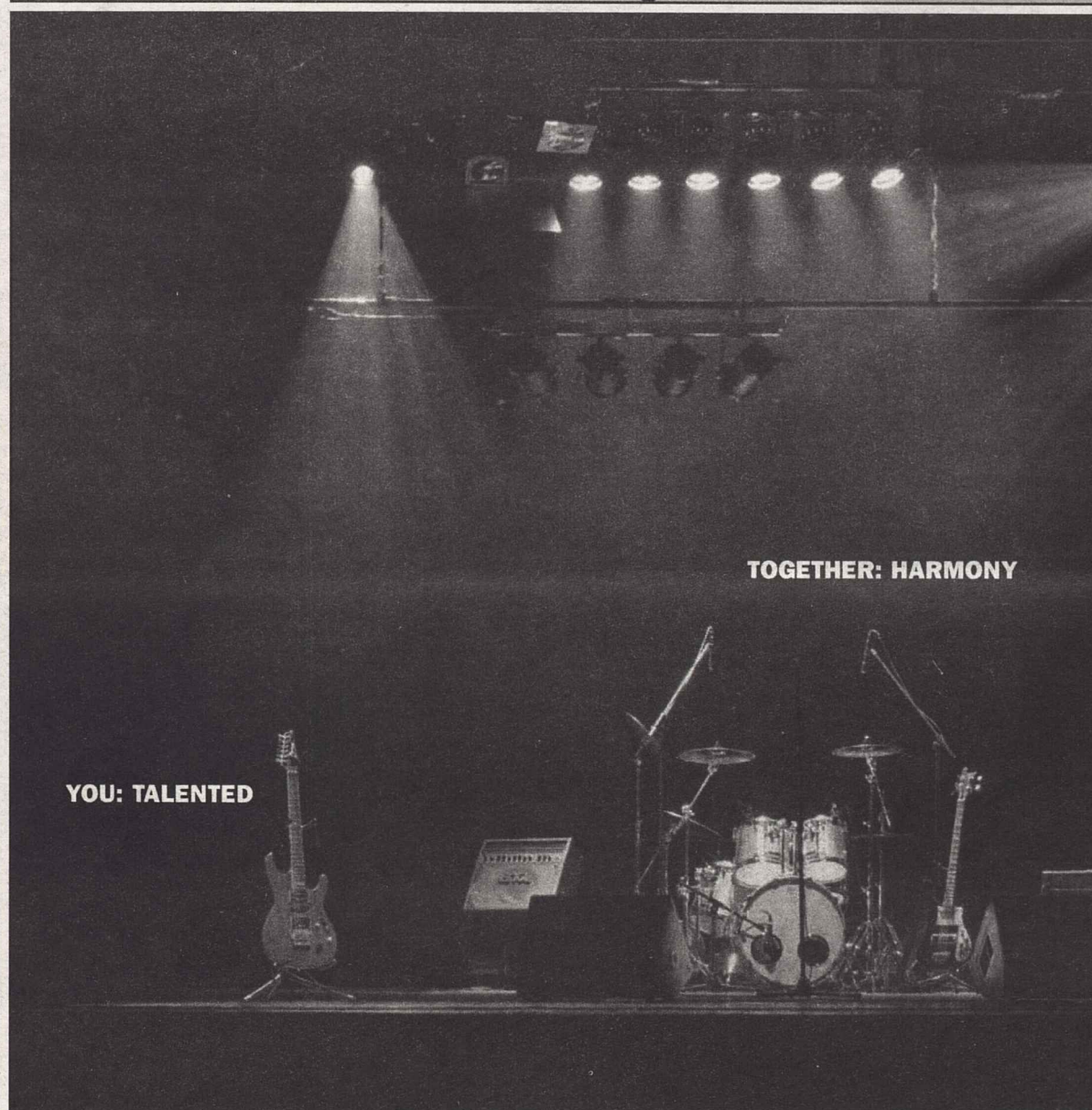
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# PERSPECTIVES

## Off campus party crossed the line

Few people involved with Clemson University do not regret the events that occurred over the Martin Luther King holiday weekend. A group held a "gangsta" themed party at an off-campus location that evolved — intentionally or not — into a situation that members of the Clemson community felt ridiculed and disparaged.

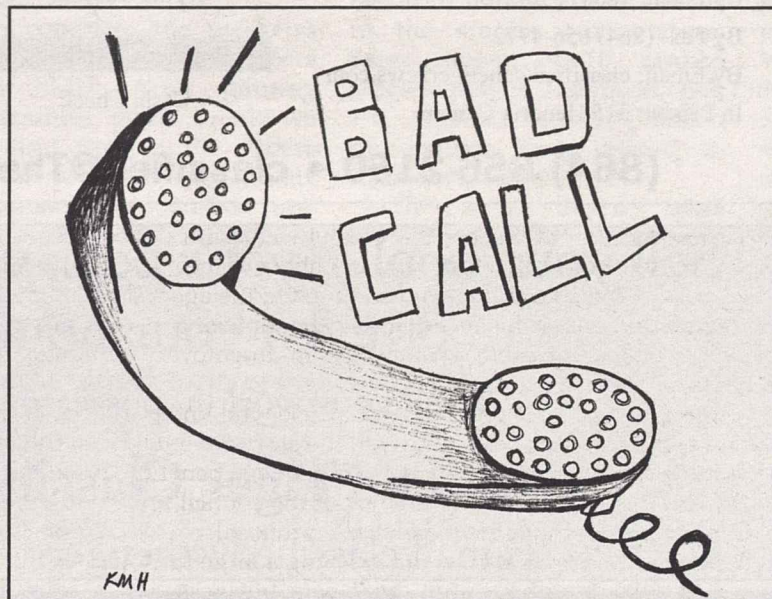
In the ensuing weeks, the University has been subjected to public scrutiny as the story broke in the national media. Images featuring Clemson students, pulled from the social networking site Facebook, have aired on several national networks as the University faces the undesirable task of trying to save face in light of a racially-charged controversy.

Coming only weeks before acceptance letters are to be mailed to prospective students and in the midst of faculty recruitment, the fiasco's timing could not be worse for the University. Without accepting blame for the situation, Clemson is necessarily doing its best to clarify that the actions of a single group in no way reflect the campus as a whole.

The University's relationship with its students is loosely analogous to a parent's relationship with his child. A parent cannot control what his child does, yet the child's actions unavoidably reflect on the parent. In the same way, the administration has no authority to prosecute the party attendees for anything more than underage drinking, yet still feels the full consequences of the students' decision to hold the party.

Beyond the politics of the situation, the fact of the matter is that members of the Clemson community have been deeply offended and are now expressing frustration about the racial divisions and enrollment inequalities that exist on campus.

Questions are being raised as to what the University administration's role is in resolving the issue. Some members of the



offended groups are pursuing punitive action for those involved with hosting the party, but other individuals and school officials

celebration and commemorating a holiday with some sort of party is hardly out of the ordinary.

Furthermore, college parties

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maintain that since the incident occurred off campus and no University rules were broken, the matter is simply out of their hands. The media misrepresented the event as a "frat party" and dwelled on the immaturity and destructiveness of college students. The information presented might have been correct, but the entire fiasco did nothing but cement the stereotype of irresponsible youths.

In terms of the party itself, few people would retrospectively judge the decision to hold a combination Martin Luther King-"gangsta" party as being prudent. The timing of the party was a no-brainer. Clemson students get so few days off during the semester that any long weekend is cause for

intelligent, forward-thinking actions? No. College is a time for young people to mature; a great deal of growing up is experiencing life, including making mistakes. Few socially-aware people are shocked at the knowledge that university students frequently throw wild parties and fail to use proper judgment. In no sense is the "kids will be kids" reasoning offered as an excuse for offensive behavior. Quite possibly, some

participants may not have realized the extent of pain their "fun" would cause until long after the fact. Undoubtedly, many regret posting evidence of the party on Facebook. Still, their actions are not justified.

"Gangsta"-themed parties are not entirely uncommon and generally feature thugged-out attire ridiculing members of many different races. While not particularly classy, such parties are generally devoid of the controversy following the MLK memorial weekend fiasco.

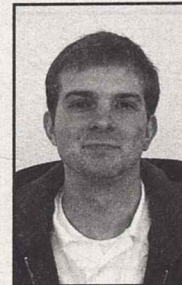
The line between humor and offensiveness is undeniably ambiguous, but it was definitely crossed when the "gangsta" theme was deliberately tied to the Civil Rights Movement, as embodied by Dr. Martin Luther King. The issue of at least one partygoer donning blackface is merely extraneous: The damage was done when what should have been a celebration of equality and brotherhood among races became a satire of a less-than-ideal stereotype of African Americans. King and other supporters of the Civil Rights Movement encouraged people to look beyond stereotypes as grounds for discrimination. Humor only goes so far: Playful jesting about different groups of people is a far cry from strengthening racial prejudices on a day intended to commemorate opposite behavior. The truth of the matter is that the party was thrown in poor taste with exceptionally bad timing.

That college students threw a classless theme party is not a shock. That the party crossed the line to offend members of the campus community and embarrass the University, however, is unfortunate and regrettable.

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## SPEAKING

Should the University seek to punish students involved with the "MLK" party?



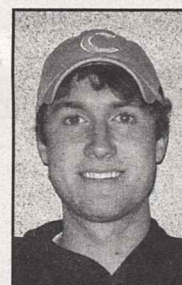
**Reid Chadwick**  
electrical engineering  
senior

"The pictures were offensive and out of line, but they might be just an example of college kids acting up."

"They should be punished. It will result in a bad reputation for our school."



**Karen Martin**  
nursing  
junior



**Cooper Shannon**  
graphic communications  
sophomore

"I think they should face some sort of charge, but only to a certain extent."

"They should be punished because it could cause conflicts."



**Bertha Goins**  
microbiology  
sophomore



**Spencer Arnold**  
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freshman

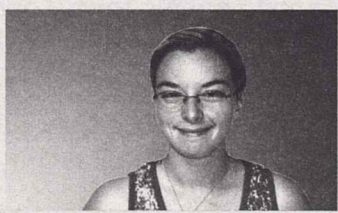
"No, because they didn't break any laws or policies. The manner in which they will be perceived by their peers is punishment enough."



**Janell Jensen**  
early childhood education  
senior

### COMMENTARY

## Reserve personal time to avoid funks



**DIA ZAFROPULOS**  
Photo Editor

How do we get into a funk? What causes us to wake up one day and just feel, oh, what's the word I'm looking for? "Blah" should do it. How do we start the day off feeling "blah"? No matter if a roommate wishes you a good day at class or a teacher applauds you on a job well done, there is this deep, aching feeling sinking deeper into the depths of your body. What is that?

Last Friday, I was in a funk. I know it started last Thursday for sure when all I wanted to do was curl up in my cozy pajamas with a movie, but how it began is unknown to me. I woke up feeling emotionally down, I went running to lift my spirits, trudged through my classes, and if it weren't for a sympathetic parent, I would have just gone right back to my covers. Instead, my mom suggested a little shopping would lift my spirits. I admit that the perk did help a little,

but by far it is not the only solution to a funky day.

The root of the problem is that a funky day begins in your mind, and the mind is the most difficult thing to control. If we dream of a disturbing experience or even sleep in an awkward position, it's bound to affect us the following day. What if those nightly occurrences didn't matter? What if we had a reset button on our brains for the mornings when we realize that it was the wrong side we slept on?

Well, we do. Okay, not literally, but what I mean is that we have the ability to reset our brains on a bad day. For some people, a little shopping does the trick. For others, some Pilates or Yoga works magic. Without a doubt, for all people, it's a little time to ourselves. One of the biggest problems that college students face is a lack of free time. Our lives consist of running around 24/7 without any consideration of sleep, only future success (whether that be in school or extracurricular activities). Sometimes we feel as though we can't make time for ourselves. We need that time because it's what prevents the funk epidemic.

How do we take steps to make time? Try canceling one engagement a week. Unfortunately, we are human and we can't do everything. Since everyone else around

us is human as well, if we say, "I'm sorry, I can't today..." they will understand. Don't feel pressured into being the "yes" man or woman to everyone else. Instead, say "yes" to yourself. Take the time that you would have spent with another person and spend it doing something you love. A nice bubble bath or some episodes of *Arrested Development* do it for me.

If you just can't deny someone else from spending time with you, try being a bit of an early bird. If you wake up half an hour earlier than usual, then instead of rushing yourself in the morning, you could take a leisurely walk or even spend some time breathing. A little trick to switching that mental reset button is to concentrate your breathing. Sit comfortably and envision every breath out containing all the little things that bother you. After each exhale, you'll be filled with cleaner, clearer thoughts that should help you glide, rather than gripe, through your day.

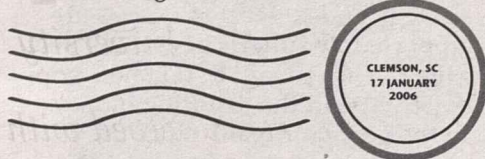
Though the thought of taking time for yourself may seem elementary, it's something that gets drowned out in the mighty college sea. I am certainly not the best person at getting over daily blips, but at least I try to find the fun in my funk.

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## Administrative investigation into off-campus party threatens personal freedoms

The e-mail President Barker sent the student body a few days ago gravely concerns me. Let it be known that I, in no way, condone the actions of my fellow students. The President of a university should not interfere with the lives of students when they are off campus; doing so is an infringement of the students' personal freedoms. The actions taken by the administration directly violate the personal freedoms of the students involved.

Freedom of speech is essential to the foundation of our country. An attempt to censure this freedom is an outright abuse of President Barker's position. If the president of Iran attempted to enforce Iranian law on an Iranian citizen living in the United States, diplomatic and public outrage would ensue. Similarly, if the administration continues to pursue action regarding the off campus party, public outrage will assuredly follow.

The students involved exercised their right to freedom of expression. This freedom was even exercised off campus. While the activities of these fellow students may be appalling, it should be of no concern to the University or its administration what students do in the privacy of their own homes.

I am disappointed that the leader of this acclaimed higher seminary of learning is intruding in the private lives of students. I do not understand how it is the responsibility of Clemson's president to police the off campus actions of students.

I ask that President Barker apologize to the Clemson community for irresponsibly involving himself in an issue independent of Clemson University. The

administration's policing of off campus activities and its attempt to censure free expression will assuredly be to Clemson's detriment in its pursuit of "Top 20."

Fletcher Dickert  
North Augusta, S.C.

## Student input on smoking ban greatly appreciated

Naylor, thanks for a thoughtful and well written column on the proposed smoking ban in Clemson. I had not heard the swimming pool quote, but I will certainly use it.

Good job.

Mayor Larry Abernathy  
Clemson, S.C.

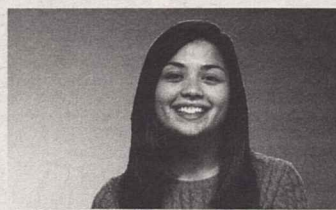
## Global warming debate not adequately presented

Regarding the recent commentary "Nature vs. nurture: Global warming," I believe the arguments presented are fairly dated. The columnist should read the news concerning the 2007 IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change) report, which is based on over 1,000 pages of current scientific data published in respected journals like Nature and Science. Better yet, read the journals. This report states with more than 99 percent certainty that humans are having a significant effect on global warming and our environment. Since the columnist is training to be a mechanical engineer, why not design a Hummer with integrated hybrid and turbo technology running much more efficiently on biodiesel or better yet, on hydrogen? As stated by Sheikh Yamani, the former Saudi oil minister and founding architect of Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), "The Stone Age came to an end not for lack of stones and the oil age will end not for lack of oil." The same could be said for other major non-renewable carbon sources such as coal. It's about time to finally leave 19th century technology behind and move into the 21st century by addressing these challenges with Clemson taking a leadership role through renewable energy research and development.

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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

## Students should actively contribute to local politics



JULIE LEDBETTER  
Editor in Chief

Earlier this week I went with some fellow staff members to the City Council meeting. On the agenda for this meeting was the topic of a possible smoking ban in downtown Clemson.

If you read our article, you know that I did not write the story. I went, instead, for my own personal benefit. I wanted to hear what the council's thoughts were on the proposal.

I also went expecting a large turnout — community members, business owners but mostly students.

I was very surprised when we arrived and discovered there was hardly anyone in attendance.

Only one student showed up to share his concerns about the proposal with the council. His speech was well prepared and well presented, and whether or not it swayed their decision, I think it made an impression on the council.

I was even more surprised when I found out that the council really had no idea what students' thoughts were on the ban. The council members seemed to have conflicting opinions on the student body's thoughts.

Many council members said that they had received multiple e-mails about the issue, but most of them seemed to be from community members.

They also all expressed concern about lack of students and community members in attendance at the public hearing held early last week.

In defense of students, I don't believe the hearing was well publicized. Our staff wasn't even aware of the event until afterwards. However, the announcement of Monday's council

meeting was on the front page of The Tiger.

I was shocked and slightly embarrassed that more students had not taken the time to express their thoughts and concerns to the council.

Students have no excuse for not getting involved in the politics of the city. The University and the city are so closely tied together. A decision made by one entity directly affects the other.

I know students care about this issue because I have heard people talking about it. I have discussed it with my friends. But what are your friends, or my friends, going to do about it?

The City Council is the group that makes decisions that directly affect you. The only way they will know what you are thinking is if you tell them.

Beyond just the smoking ban, every decision that is made by the council will affect you in some way. For example, the city and the University jointly started the Clemson Area Transit system (CAT). How many students rely on CAT every day?

At Monday's meeting the council also discussed an ordinance that exists that limits the height of buildings along Highway 123. The council decided to begin the process to increase the height restriction from 40 feet to 65 feet.

You may not think that matters to you, but it affects what kind of structures will be built in Clemson — structures that will contain businesses that you may or may not use.

I'm not saying students should go to every City Council meeting, but the agenda is posted online every week. Look at it. Pay attention to what is going on in our community because it affects your daily life at Clemson.

If you have an opinion on something, let the city know. Take five minutes and e-mail Mayor Abernathy or any other council member.

They want to hear your thoughts. They know their decisions affect students; students are a concern in every decision they make.

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## COMMENTARY

## Republicans produce strange, talented field



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Columnist

I do recognize that trying to analyze the presidential candidates two years in advance is like trying to put together a college football Top 25 poll before all of the recruits are committed. For example, one of the prospects, John Kerry, publicly said he would not run between the time of submission and publication of my column last week. However, I am not weak enough to let that discourage me.

The Republican contenders are a little bit more complicated than the Democrats because the major figures have to walk a fine line between toeing the party line and being an independent voice.

The trouble with a candidate being loyal to the party is that it aligns him or her with the president, who would have a hard time fielding a baseball team of

people who would give him a favorable rating.

A quick overview of the guys who want to live at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue with an R after their name will show a few names you will recognize, like John McCain and a few more that you might not, like Sam Brownback. The field is a little more crowded with Republicans, but many of them are unknowns. There are a few candidates I will not cover because they will be irrelevant. You'll just have to trust me because I don't have the space to explain why.

The candidates who have made it official that you will hear about are Brownback, Senator from Kansas and Duncan Hunter, a member of Congress from California. This is remarkable because neither of these candidates have any chance of actually winning. Brownback is the guy you think of when you think of an evangelical Republican. Hunter rode the Reagan wave, but has connections to the Duke Cunningham scandal.

Most of the big boys are still in exploratory committees. Rudy Giuliani, former mayor

of New York, McCain, Senator from Arizona, Mitt Romney, former governor of Massachusetts and Mike Huckabee, former governor of Arkansas have formed their committees while Chuck Hagel, Senator from Nebraska, Newt Gingrich, former Speaker of the House from Georgia and George Pataki, governor of New York are seriously considering doing something crazy like forming their own respective committees.

If I were an advisor to Pataki, Gingrich or Hagel, I would advise them not to form those committees. Gingrich was a serious player 10 years ago but was an extremely polarizing figure then. The polarization is fresher in the public's mind. Pataki is a Republican from New York, like Giuliani, except not really popular. Or interesting. Hagel just is not very recognizable right now and being from an obscure Plains state, he has a lot of ground to cover.

That leaves Giuliani, McCain, Romney and Huckabee. McCain is typically considered the favorite at this stage, because he's been around for so long and the public considers him beholden to no one.

If elected, he will be 72 years old, which would make him the oldest president. During the next two years, he will also have to moderate his maverick qualities in order to campaign for the nomination, weakening his overall appeal. He will probably not win, although he will be a factor.

Giuliani is going to be a major player, but he was not nominated to Secretary of Homeland Security because the nomination process would likely bring up his marital affairs and other potential skeletons in his closet which will certainly come out in a presidential campaign. He is socially moderate, taking stances in favor of gay marriage and abortion rights which would make his struggle with the Republican base a bit difficult. Mitt Romney offers similar socially moderate and fiscally conservative positions without the questionable personal blemishes that Giuliani has, but he is a Mormon. This will definitely be an issue, but how much is hard to gauge.

Mike Huckabee is an interesting character so far because he is low profile but a very well respected conservative governor.

He has served as pastor at a few Southern Baptist Churches in Arkansas, which will probably endear him to parts of the Republican base but be a liability during the general election. He also has a lot of ground to make up, but his upside is much greater than that of Thompson's.

The Republican field is a little stranger than the Democratic one, but there are talented people in it. It depends, really, on how well the top players can deal with their weaknesses. If Giuliani's history can be overcome by his performance at the end of his mayoral term, he looks like the candidate to beat. Otherwise it looks like the window would be opened to some of the lesser known candidates like Romney or someone who has not entered the fray yet. McCain will be right there, too, as long as he can continue to be McCain and not compromise for the sake of playing to the base. Remember, two years is a very long time in politics, but this is how things look right now.

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## COMMENTARY

# Government must curb spending, not increase debt

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Guest Columnist

As our country eases into another month of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, more troops will travel overseas and more soldiers will perish. For those of us left on earth and in the United States, we may want to start saving to pay for their funerals.

President Bush has generously managed to not increase taxes in order to fund the wars overseas. While most Americans appreciate this gesture, it is not possible that our government can fund these additional costs with money from thin air ... or is it?

First of all, let's figure out what we need to pay for. Among Bush's favorite terms in his unfortunate vocabulary is "war on terror;" however, many citizens confuse the actual meaning of this term. It is not synonymous with "Iraq," "Iraqi War" or "Gulf War." It is neither a literary battle nor a government battle between specific nations.

In fact, the term is fairly ambiguous and does not necessarily involve specific bloodshed goals but rather a goal to end all terrorism.

This hasty response to the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States has evolved into strategies that result in high spending and an excuse to evade specifics. I'm not trying to attack the efforts themselves but rather to discover a way in which one can understand how our military is being used and why it's hard to uncover particular recipients of the nation's money.

In the fiscal year 2006, the United States' total military budget was \$470.2 billion. Such a big number means nothing to us common folk; let's break

it down by comparison. The sum of \$470.2 billion is more than the amount that the next 14 countries spend combined. It is seven times that of China's military budget and it is a figure that does not include funding the actual wars in Iraq, Afghanistan or any of the lands housing those terrorists who we seek to destroy.

One may ask, if our budget accounts for projected spending, how might our national debt continue to increase? In other words, we are allotting the military a set amount (between 4 and 5 percent of our Gross Domestic Product recently), so we should have that money to spend. How is it that we are building so much debt? In fact, the national debt under President Bush has increased from \$5.95 trillion in 2001 to \$9.62 trillion in 2006 by cutting taxes. Thank you, George, for decreasing my taxes; now I can pay for this deficit for the rest of my life.

Or, one may ask, if the military does not spend its projected chunk of the national government's budget on current wars, how are we financing them?

The answer to both queries is that our government is masking the real costs of war by providing supplementary spending bills to the military, effectively neglecting to make changes in the national spending budget and instead pulling money out of thin air.

So, where does the budgeted money for the military go? Over one fourth of it is used for "operations and maintenance," nearly a quarter more goes to "military personnel," and the last 50 percent is distributed, from the largest amount to the least, among the categories "procurement," "research, development, testing and evaluation," "military construction" and "department of energy defense

activities." In other words, the money that the military receives from the government works to run things here at home; it finances bases, salaries, equipment maintenance and other miscellaneous activity in the United States while our soldiers overseas work with annually-borrowed money.

We have a tough situation as a more effective funding strategy cannot be suggested by members of any party. Democrats who accuse the administration for poor strategy and suggest tax raises are not likely to be supported by American citizens they will be judged as liberals who want to tax their populous and immediately spend the resulting money.

At this stage in the game (or really since the first declarations of war), if anyone were to suggest spending less money in Iraq or fight against requested supplements, he or she would appear unsupportive of our troops.

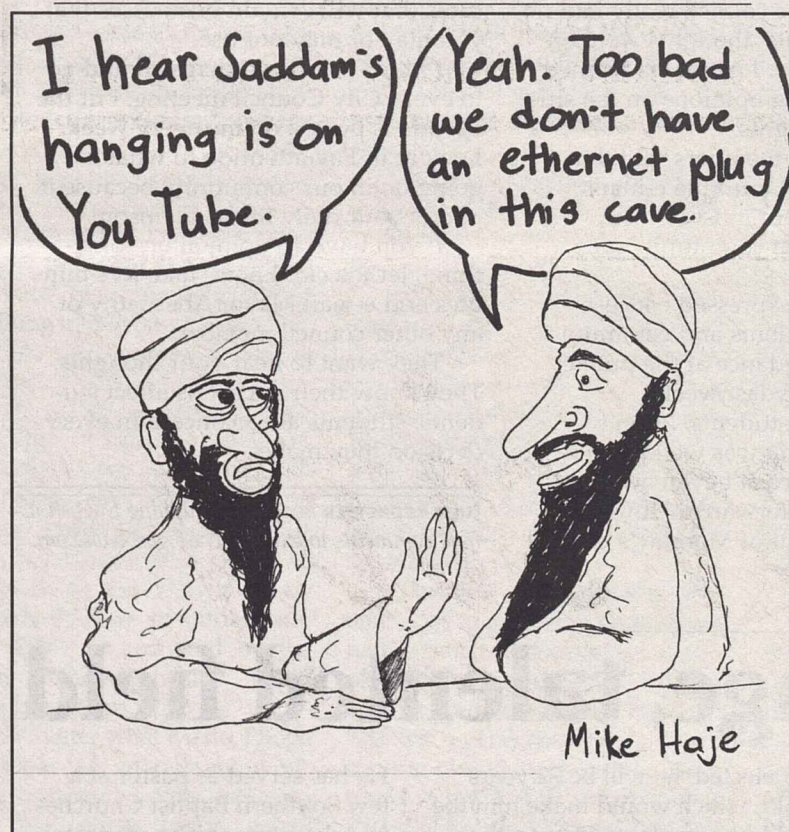
This predicament of spending strategy will be difficult, if not impossible, to overcome and by recognizing this, the government has gotten away with sweeping the issue under the table for future generations to uncover.

If you ask me, it's just one more reason to pull out of Iraq. If you ask the President's Cabinet, the Democratic party or the majority of this nation's citizens, I'm sure you can find more reasons not to send additional troops overseas.

Regardless of how you feel about the war, Bush's grand gesture of shipping away more men equates to spending more money on the ships, food, equipment, men and funerals of our military — money we don't have.

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## COMMENTARY

## Though helpful, technology can impair overly-dependent users

DONOVAN JONES  
Guest Columnist

When I was your age I walked to school, uphill, both ways! We have all heard this saying or some variation of it at least once in our lives.

In my case, I was a 10-year-old complaining to my mom about having to ride the bus to school when my grandfather informed me of how my situation could have been worse, like his.

Like many from older generations, he did not seem to realize that, simply put, the times have changed. From homes in caves to life in powered homes and from messages delivered by couriers to Instant Messages (IMs), technology has clearly made numerous aspects of our lives more convenient. And naturally, our generation takes full advantage of the luxuries offered. However, in the process of almost robotically flocking to these faster, less physically-demanding advances in technology, could we be inadvertently committing an error?

The answer? Yes. Believe it or not, technology has its shortcomings, which scientists are striving daily to eliminate. One minute you are on the highway getting directions via your cell phone. The next thing you know, the calls drops and you see that the phone screen has gone black. Maybe you accidentally pressed the power button during your conversation. You begin to power your phone back up only to see the screen fade again a few seconds later. Congratulations, your phone battery has just "died."

If you find it hard to relate to this instance of technological inconvenience, think back a week or two. After completing our classes on Tuesday, many of us returned home to our dorms and apartments to discover that the internet was down. Those of us who needed to electronically submit homework assignments due that day found ourselves in precarious situations while others who were dying to check on the status of their Fantasy sports teams were left frustrated.

Interestingly enough, even when technology is functioning properly, our dependence on it can still cause us to wind up in some serious binds. Take the fact that obesity among American adults has more than doubled since the 1970s as an example.

This widespread increase in obesity is due in part to the increased convenience of living that has been made possible by technology. Instead of having to "walk to school uphill, both ways," we have easy access to cars. Instead of strolling down the aisles of a mall to shop, we can satisfy nearly all of our needs online.

Technology has made it easier for us to be couch-potatoes. Ironically, at the same time it offers us revolutionary workout equipment that will help us earn the "beach bodies" we have always desired.

Taking into account the above-mentioned examples, it is clear that technology, while it is undeniably useful, also has the capacity to fail us and spark a number of problems. The problem is not that technology is imperfect or that our dependence on it is unfounded, but that we often find ourselves in bleak situ-

ations because of our habits and utter dependence on it.

Until technology evolves to the extent that cell phones will never "die," laptops will never crash and any opportunity for glitches is obsolete, these problems will persist. We must take control and make a commitment to temper our dependence on technology.

Be prepared and make sure to always have a back-up plan. Back-up your computer files, attempt to complete and submit assignments before 11:59:59 p.m. and print out hard-copies of information to avoid the possibility that technological malfunctions could inhibit your ability to be productive.

Even if we are lucky enough to have easy, unhampered access to technology we should still strive not to overindulge. Although technology offers a glimpse of life through various screens and devices, there is nothing like the experience in person. Technology is meant to serve as a supplement to our lives, not a replacement. Maintain your well-being as well as you maintain your fantasy sports team or keep up-to-date knowledge of the latest trends and gadgets.

Technology has clearly shown its capacity to better our lives on many levels. It can be unreliable at times, but the habits and attitudes we develop towards it along with our degree of dependence on it will be the true determining factors of whether or not we can integrate it into our lives effectively.

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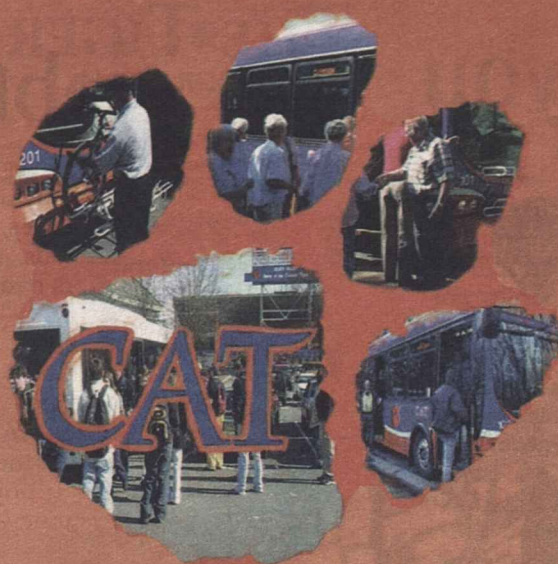
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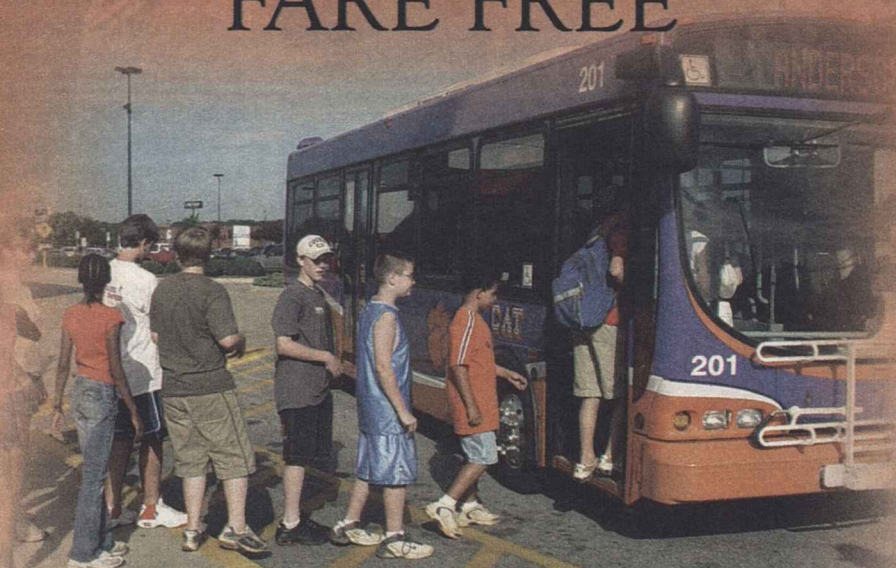
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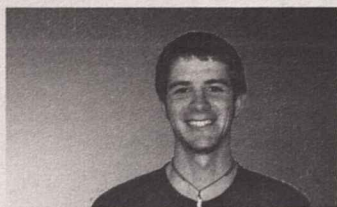


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## COMMENTARY

# Don't let the "expert opinions" fool you



**NAYLOR BROWNELL**  
Managing Editor

So as the political gears start grinding into motion for another election, I can already see them coming: the charlatans.

I'm one of those people who hates to be told what to do — it's probably my maddening superiority complex. The Myers-Briggs test I took recently just reinforced my condition, telling me that I'm "outspoken and direct," while I "like being in charge." Yup.

So it's all too fitting that probably one of my biggest pet peeves is the charlatan: someone who pretends to be an expert at something that they most certainly are not.

And so, as the political season approaches, we are assaulted on all sides by columnists who tell us why his candidate's health care plan will work, or how to end the war in Iraq. Being a scientist first and a journalist second, my favorite is when columnists try to tell us about global warming, stem cell research or other scientific issues.

We have to cut them a little break; some of them really do try. Journalists — columnists and newswriters alike — must become experts on a subject and then convey it to the lay person, all under extreme deadline pressures. Of course, personal bias, incomplete research and maybe even (gasp!) money can lead to a poor column or news story. Take, for instance, the recent reporting around the country on the MLK party incident: some news sources said that it was "frat party" (which it wasn't), others said no minorities were involved (there were) and come on, CNN couldn't even spell Stephen Gosnell's name correctly.

Maybe it's my fact-based scientific nature mixed with feelings of journalistic integrity, but I feel like it's a crime to misinform the public in such ways. That's why, over the last four years,

I've tried to keep my columns based in science or on my own personal experiences.

One scientific issue addressed constantly in the media is global warming. On one side, we have the President telling us for years that global warming doesn't exist. On the other, we have a former vice president telling us that not only does it exist, but it's a real problem.

Who do we trust in this situation? Well, Gore had been researching the issue for 30 years. President Bush himself sent memos to his climate scientists refusing to acknowledge their research, instead encouraging them not to mention global warming in public, and that they were only to refer to it as "global climate change."

Another issue about global warming that its opponents love to toss around is that the earth goes through natural warming and cooling cycles. It's nearly comical how obvious it is that these people have no idea what they're talking about, and then I remember that they're misinforming the public. Yes, the earth goes through natural warming and cooling Milankovich Cycles. Yes, they cause mini ice-ages and hot spells. The thing is, they happen over a long period of time. Not only has the rate of heating increased exponentially over the last hundred years, that rate itself is much faster than a normal cycling. This has only happened at five other points in history, as Margaret Ptacek of the biological sciences department will tell you in her evolution class — corresponding with huge spikes in atmospheric carbon dioxide and — guess what! — mass extinctions.

No, carbon dioxide is not a pollutant. On the first day of his physiology course, Ed Pivorun of the biosci department demonstrates how carbon dioxide is necessary for the planet to maintain its moderate temperature fluctuations. We don't have extreme temperatures like the moon, Mars or Mercury, thanks to the carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. Too much of it will hold too much heat in, causing the greenhouse effects we've heard about. And how does the carbon dioxide in the

atmosphere increase? Well, you can take away its removal system (plants) or you can produce large amounts of it and chemicals with similar effects (CFC's, carbon monoxide, etc.).

So I know that rambled into a little bit of scientific jargon, but it's needed to explain the point. It's all too easy to just say "global warming is happening!" without giving you any backup, but then I would be failing in my role as a journalist in providing you with the most accurate information possible.

Misinformation doesn't just come from lazy journalists or columnists with ulterior motives. Politicians like to throw issues around as if they know what they're talking about. One such issue is homosexuality. It scared the majority of the people in our state to recently pass a constitutional ban on anything aside from traditional marriage. People like to claim that homosexuality is unnatural; on the contrary, one species of lizard reproduces through lesbian stimulation, penguins form same-sex life pairs and bonobo males (our closest relatives after the chimpanzee) fondle each others' genitals after making friends and to solve arguments. In fact, girl-on-girl action (missionary style) is more common in bonobos than "straight" missionary intercourse. So yes, homosexual-

ity is pretty natural.

(On a side note, I love to watch what people like to call "natural" and the benefits they think they glean from something's natural properties. For instance, take shampoo with natural ingredients. Does it actually work better? I'm sure it does, ask all the animals that are using it. Yup, those ingredients are just as natural and effective as rape, murder, infanticide and more! Thanks, Dr. Tonkyn.)

So, with misinformation from all sides, what's a poor reader to do? Well, you can do a little research and see if the "expert" who's giving you the information is actually qualified. Also, vary your sources. Heck, don't take my word about global warming, find some more scientists (equally or more qualified, of course) and see what they have to say. And last, as Deep Throat said, follow the money. If someone's research is backed by a biased organization, then take it with a grain of salt.

And if you're wondering, no, none of the professors above talked to me about global warming or anything else. They don't know their names are in the paper. And they certainly didn't pay me.

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## Tigers travel to GT this weekend

After two tough losses, Tigers look to turn things around in Atlanta on Saturday.

**DANIEL TAYLOR**  
STAFF WRITER

Most athletics in Clemson have the distinction of receiving unparalleled support and devotion from students, fans and alumni. But for years, Clemson basketball has remained dormant. Shooting hoops has been the black eye of Tigertown since the departure of Rick Barnes, and most of the Clemson faithful hate to admit it.

Upon taking the head coaching job four years ago, Oliver Purnell referred to Clemson as a sleeping giant in the sport. The University obviously had an eager fan base, and many believed it had hired the coach it desperately needed. Now all that Clemson basketball needed was wins.

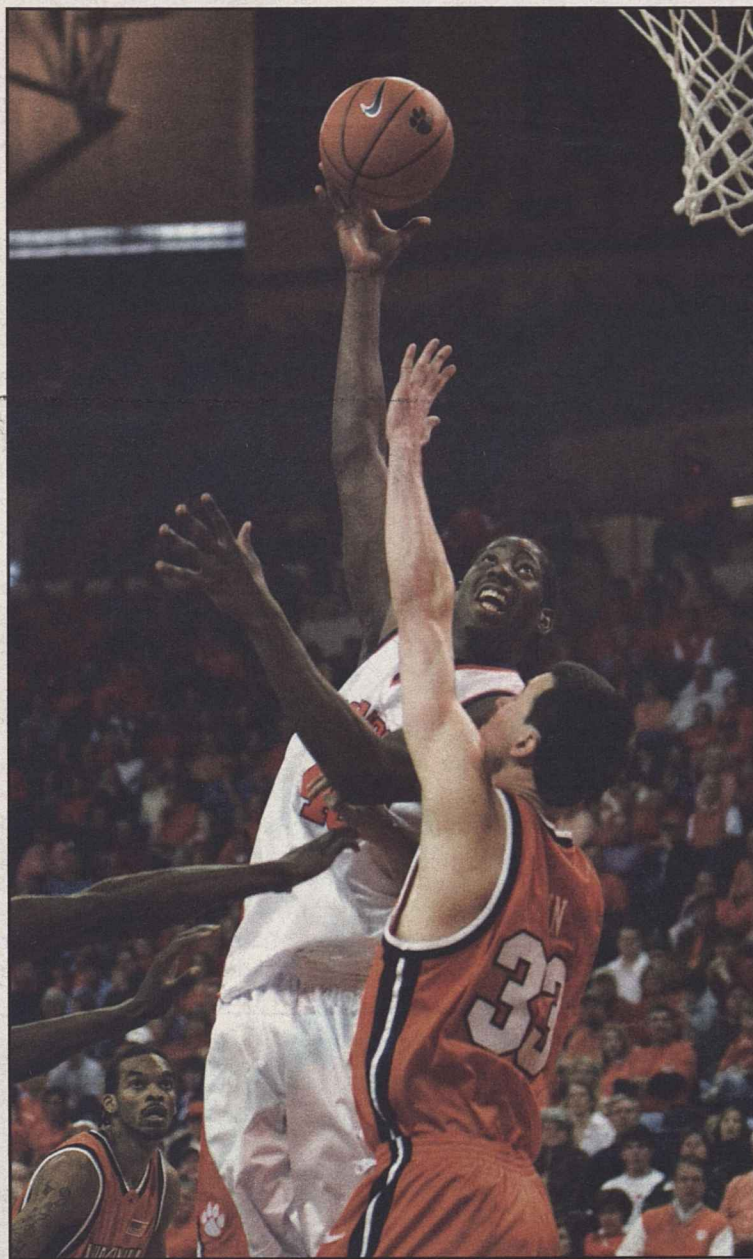
The year for the Tigers started off like a true Cinderella story winning its first 17 games including its first two games in conference play. The 17-game streak became the longest undefeated run in the country, and national media like ESPN jumped on the

buzz about Clemson basketball. The team's strong play was even rewarded with a No. 12 ranking, and fans in Tigertown responded with sellout crowds. However, a road loss to Maryland broke the Tigers' perfect crystal form and getting back on the winning track has since been difficult. Later, two ugly step sisters a two-point loss at Duke and a one-point loss to Virginia reared their hideous faces and threatened Clemson's chances at making the big dance.

Now at the midpoint of the ACC schedule, Clemson sits at 18-4 (4-4) and titters on the edge of great season. An appearance in March Madness seemed definite a month ago, but the Tigers need to stop the bleeding after dropping four of their last five games.

Their first chance will be tomorrow in Atlanta against Georgia Tech 13-8 (2-6). The Yellow Jackets dropped their ACC opener to the Tigers 75-74, but they quickly rebounded and raised eyebrows with a decisive 74-63 victory against then No. 11 Duke. Since the critical win, Tech has experienced a downward slide similar to Clemson's fall. Following a victory over Florida State, the Jackets dropped four

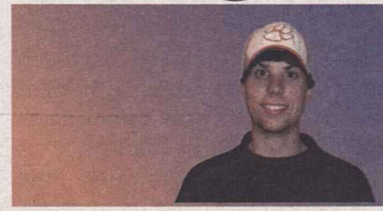
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**MAKING THE STRETCH:** James Mays out-jumps UVA's Jason Cain for an easy basket in last Sunday's game.

LIZ HUNTER/assistant photo editor

## Don't give up on Tigers



**ALAN SMITH**

Assistant sports editor

This past week has been one of the most difficult times for me as a Clemson sports fan. Twice, in a span of four days, the Tiger basketball team dropped broke hearts in the most improbable of ways.

First came the Duke game, where the Tigers made a furious comeback to tie the game in the final seconds, only to see the Blue Devils win on a buzzer-beater thanks to an inexcusable timing error by the officials.

It would be hard to imagine a more devastating way to lose a game, but that is exactly what happened just three days later at Littlejohn Coliseum. Clemson had seemingly overcome the Duke travesty, building a 16 point lead over Virginia with 8:47 remaining. But then came a stunning collapse that ended in a devastating 64-63 defeat for the Tigers.

Unfortunately, many Clemson fans are already starting to give up on the basketball team. Yes, the Tigers have dropped four out of five after a Division 1-best 17-0 start and have fallen to 4-4 in ACC play. In addition, they will probably need to finish at least 9-7 in the ACC to be assured of an NCAA Tournament berth.

But some of you are forgetting that this is a very good basketball team that is more than capable of accomplishing this task. The Tigers are led by a great coach in Oliver Purnell and a group of talented and mature players, including Vernon Hamilton, Cliff Hammonds and James Mays, among others.

Lost within the awful endings of the last two games are some positive signs. Now I'm not the kind of person who likes to make excuses for losing and attempt to cover up the negatives with the positives. I hate to see Clemson lose in anything, but this is ACC basketball for goodness' sake. There are going to be losses. A single loss in football can be devastating since only 12 games are played,

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## Football's biggest game on Sunday

Indianapolis and Chicago face off in Super Bowl XLI in Miami.

**ERIC SPROTT**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Last season, Super Bowl XL, naturally nick-named 'extra large,' came and went with the feel-good storyline of Pittsburgh's Jerome Bettis returning to his hometown of Detroit to play in football's biggest game, getting that elusive championship ring and retiring immediately after the game.

This year's contest between the Chicago Bears and the Indianapolis Colts is also rich with storylines. For the Colts, Peyton Manning finally gets his chance to secure his legacy with a championship. Then in a storyline of great historical significance, the first two African-American coaches to reach the Super Bowl in league history will be facing off in a game that marks significant progress in

the African-American coaching community.

For Manning, the opportunity to shine at this level has been a long time in the making. Since entering the league in 1998, he has been the model of consistency for the Colts. He has thrown for at least 3,700 yards and at least 26 touchdowns over his prominent nine-year career.

Until this year, Manning had also been the picture of consistency in that he couldn't win in the big games. The New England Patriots proved to be a constant thorn in Manning's side, as the Patriots knocked the Colts out of playoff contention in 2004 and 2005.

Manning was finally able to outdo the Patriots this season as the Colts prevailed on the road in week nine and mounted an impressive comeback behind victory in the AFC Championship game nearly two weeks ago in Indianapolis.

With a win, Manning will take his place among the greatest quarterbacks in NFL history. His statistics are already worthy of the NFL Hall of Fame, but history truly judges the great

ones by the number of championships they own.

A quarterback whose statistics can be, at times, the worst in the NFL, will be leading the Bears into battle on Sunday. Rex Grossman, a product of the University of Florida, will hope to manage the game and avoid mistakes as he hands the ball off to Thomas Jones and Cedric Benson for the duration of the game.

The Bears, who have sadly not produced a 2007 edition of the "Super Bowl Shuffle," have made their second Super Bowl thanks to their outstanding defense led by all-pro linebacker Brian Urlacher.

Chicago has also gotten plenty of help on special teams courtesy of rookie Devin Hester. The former Miami Hurricane has accounted for an NFL record six touchdown returns this year on his way to an all-Pro season.

The most compelling story line, however, lies with two men who will not even take the field on Sunday. Before this season, no African-American head coach has led his team to the

Super Bowl. The color barrier will be broken down in impressive fashion this year, as both of this year's coaches are African-American.

Lovie Smith of the Bears and his mentor, Tony Dungy of the Colts, will match up against each other in a contest that speaks to the thousands of African-American coaches across the country.

A particularly disappointing statistic that is often pointed out is that among the 32 coaches in the NFL entering the 2006 season, only seven are African-American, while between 60 and 70 percent of the players are black. If that wasn't bad enough, the percentages are much worse in Division I college football, where there are less than 10 black coaches amongst the 119 schools.

While the winner of the game will take its rightful place in history amongst the NFL's greatest teams, the impact left by these two coaches will resonate for all of time. The presence of the two black coaches

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## TIGER SCHEDULE

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

Saturday 2/3  
vs. Georgia Tech  
1 p.m. Atlanta, Ga

Wednesday 2/7  
vs. Florida State  
7:30 p.m.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Monday 2/5  
vs. Duke  
7 p.m. Durham, N.C.

Thursday 2/8  
vs. NC State  
7 p.m. Raleigh, N.C.

## MEN'S TRACK

Saturday 2/3  
Carolina  
Invitational  
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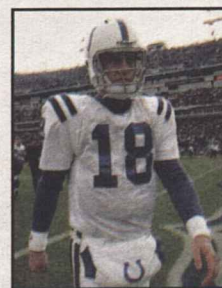
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Charleston  
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Citadel  
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## WOMEN'S TENNIS

Friday-Sunday  
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National  
Team Indoor  
Championship  
All day, Madison  
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## SWIMMING &amp; DIVING

Saturday 2/3  
vs. Duke  
1 p.m. Clemson, S.C.



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## HOOPS: Tigers look to recover

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in a row to No. 4 North Carolina, Maryland, No. 23 Virginia Tech and Wake Forest.

Although both teams are 1-4 in their last five games, the outcomes of the games have been far different. Clemson has experienced a couple of heartbreaking, last-possession defeats, whereas Georgia Tech has been beaten soundly in each of their last four match-ups by an average of more than 12 points.

The Tigers' signature play this season has been using players off the bench in order to stay fresh and implement a full court press for much of the game. The constant pressure and hustle of Oliver Purnell's squad has led to many forced turnovers. Purnell's style of play is particularly menacing to teams with little depth such as NC State, who regularly rotate about six players.

Georgia Tech, however, will not be worn down like an NC State team. Comparable to Clemson, the Yellow Jackets use about nine players consistently every game. They are extremely young like the Tigers. Only one senior sees significant playing time on either squad—Vernon Hamilton for Clemson and guard Mario West for Georgia Tech.

Both offenses can score a variety of ways, and do not depend on one man to carry the team like Sean Singletary for Virginia. The Jackets have six players that average nearly nine points a game, while the Tigers have five. Neither team is particularly good at free throws. The fans in orange will be relieved to know that Tech ranks 10th ACC in shooting from the stripe. Clemson, of course, is the basement dweller in that statistic.

While neither team depends solely upon one man to win games, two forwards will ultimately decide the outcome of this game. Clemson fans are familiar with the effect James Mays has on the Tigers. During the clutch, he is the player Clemson will turn to, and there would be no argument from Tech fans. Mays' buzzer beater in the previous match-up gave the Tigers the one-point win. But aside from his ability to make a clutch shot, Mays also creates momentum for the Tigers by throwing down dunks that are reminiscent of Super Nintendo's NBA Jam. The excitement generated by Mays' play fuels the entire Clemson team.

Mays' counterpart on Tech's side is Thaddeus Young. Like Mays, the 6'8" eight Jacket is at or near the top of his team in points, rebounds, blocks, and assists. He does not have the same repertoire of jaw-dropping plays that the Tiger forward does, he is only a freshman and should prove to be the feature player in Tech's attack for the next three years. His long range shooting adds another wrinkle to the Jacket's offense, as he has made 26 three-pointers this year (3rd best on the team).

While the depth of both squads is among the best in the ACC, neither team can afford their primary big man to get into foul trouble. The play of Mays and Young will likely decide the game.

## SUCCESS: Basketball team far from finished *from page C1*

but that is definitely not the case in basketball.

I can honestly say that I am no less confident in this team now than I was before the last two games and I really believe they will bounce back.

If you are still dogging the team, then take a moment to remember what happened in Durham on the night of Jan. 25. Clemson made a remarkable comeback on the road in arguably the toughest venue in the nation for opposing teams, but was absolutely robbed by the refs at the end.

I actually believed it was a typo by the scorekeeper when I first saw 4.4 seconds put back on the clock. There's no way that Hamilton, who had just made a lay-up with exactly five seconds remaining, could scoop up Duke's errant inbounds pass, set his feet, then shoot and connect on a game-tying three-pointer all in six tenths of a second, is there?

Well it is certainly possible if ACC referees and Duke are both involved. Nearly everyone who's not a Duke fan agrees that Clemson got hosed. Even ESPN determined that Duke should have been given 2.4 seconds at the very most. That is saying something when

ESPN, who seems to have a love affair with Duke, admits that the Blue Devils got a gift from the referees.

Of course, what happened can't be changed, but the point I am trying to make is that Duke's two-second (or more) gift that allowed them to win at the buzzer was out of Clemson's control. Who knows what would have happened if the game had gone into overtime, but the Tigers at least would have had a chance.

Clemson's meltdown against Virginia is still a mystery to me, but I don't believe the team will dwell on it. They actually responded well after the Duke loss. Clemson was the better team for about 32 minutes and led by as many as 16, so the loss certainly wasn't the result of a Duke hangover. Also, it is the only time this season that the Tigers have blown a large lead, so I wouldn't count on them making a habit out of it.

The Tigers are just three points away from being 6-2 in ACC play, and while their 4-4 record is a little disappointing, it is certainly nothing to be ashamed of. For those who disagree, name one other season this decade that Clemson has

won at least four of their first eight ACC games. If you can't think of any, it's because it hasn't happened since 1997.

The Tigers still have a lot going for them this year and should be able to bounce back. Purnell's teams tend to finish the season strong and this year's team has much more potential to do so than his previous teams.

Purnell has his team winning on the road and playing hard in close games which are two characteristics that can really benefit a team in the long run. The Tigers have a 4-2 road record so far this season, including a respectable 2-2 in ACC road games. Also, both of Clemson's out-of-conference road wins were by more than 20 points.

Although it might seem as if the Tigers can't close out games based on the results of the two previous finishes, don't forget that they opened ACC play with back-to-back wins in the final seconds against Florida State and Georgia Tech.

It really is a shame that the same bandwagon fans who suddenly became interested in the team after the strong start are now abandoning them. I've heard many "I can't wait

for baseball season" comments this past week in response to the basketball team's recent struggles. While everyone should be excited about what should be a fantastic Clemson baseball team, we should remain just as dedicated to the basketball team and appreciate their success.

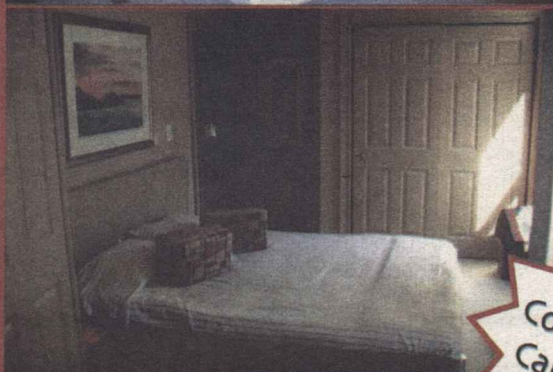
Don't forget that Clemson's first three losses came against opponents who were ranked at the time, including two top 10 teams, while Virginia is a red-hot team who is better than they are given credit for. The Tigers' next game at Georgia Tech will be very tough and you can bet the Jackets will be hungry for revenge, but I believe Purnell will have his team ready to play. The result of this game will not make or break the season for the Tigers, but a win would be huge for the team's confidence.

Despite the doubters, many of our fans continue to stand behind our basketball team no matter what. The team will need our support more than ever as they make a run towards the NCAA Tournament. And for those of you who don't believe in this team right now, you will wish that you had come March when the Tigers go dancing.



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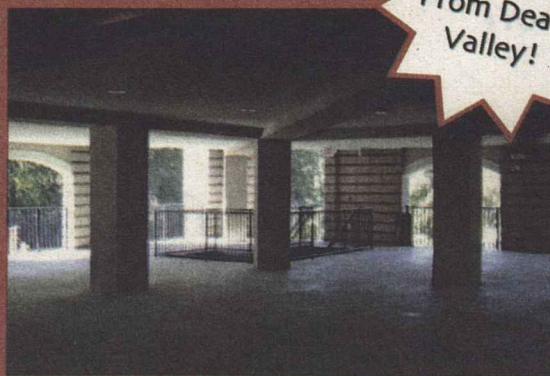


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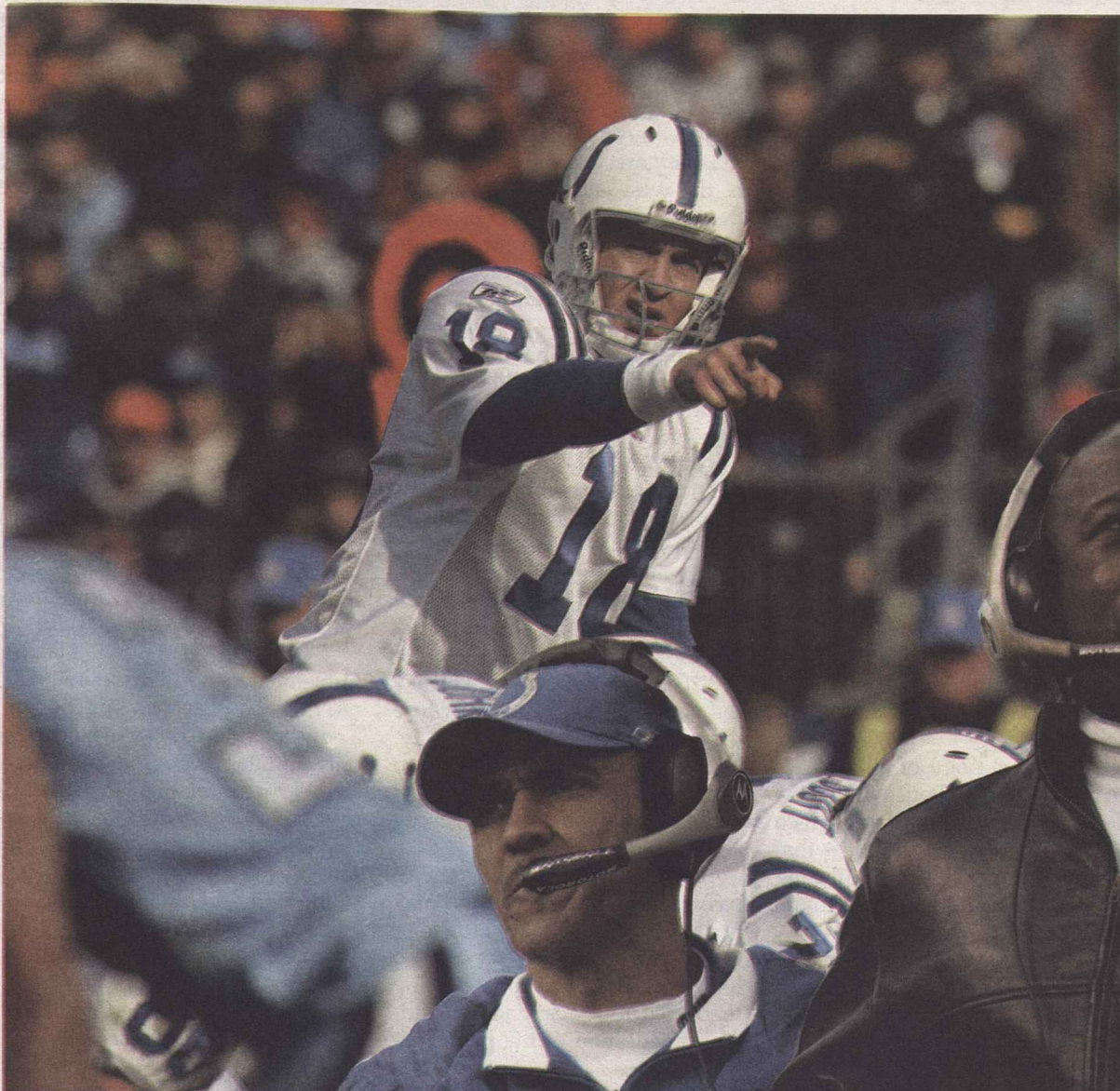
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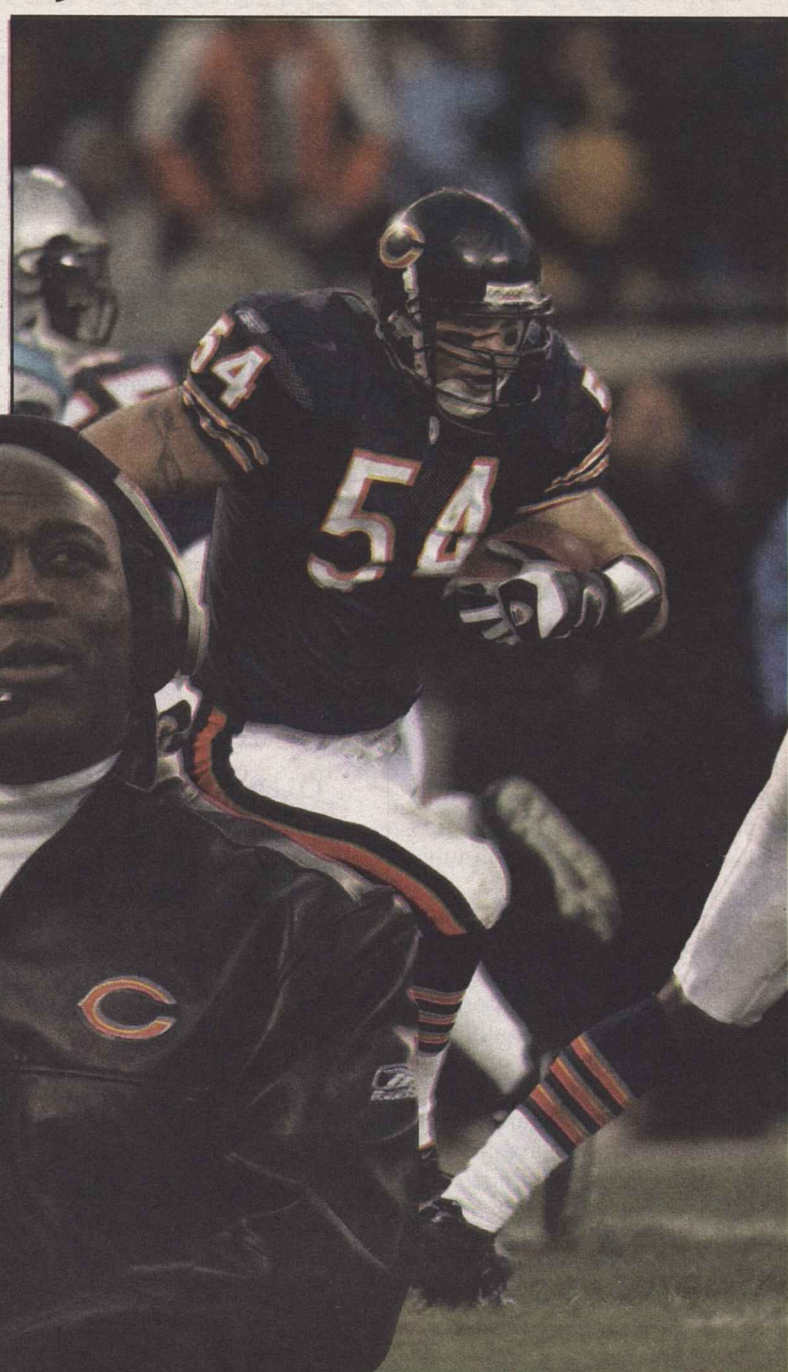


# SUPER BOWL XLI: BEARS, COLTS CLASH



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**MASTERMINDS:** After nine years in the league, Peyton Manning will be directing the offense in his first career Super Bowl appearance. This is also the premiere appearance for head coach Tony Dungy, who will be roaming the sidelines for the Colts on Super Sunday.



REX BROWN/contributing photographer

**TOUGH AS NAILS:** Bears linebacker Brian Urlacher is the heart and soul of head coach Lovie Smith's solid Chicago defense.

## THE CASE FOR THE COLTS

Indianapolis franchise heads to Super Bowl for first time since move from Baltimore.

**JOSH FORT**  
STAFF WRITER

Why will the Colts win Super Bowl XLI? Well I guess the obvious reason would be that Peyton Manning finally got the proverbial monkey off his back that has clung to him like a tick for the past five years. He finally beat the homelessly clad Bill Belichick and Mr. Perfect, Tom Brady.

But in addition to that, the Colts actually appear to be a pretty decent team. The beauty of it all is that Indianapolis finally began to develop into a better team as the season progressed instead of turning into the Raiders as soon as playoff time rolled around.

Half-way through the season, an analyst on ESPN said that he would take the University of Michigan's defense over Indianapolis and, at that point in the season, I'm not really sure that I disagreed. This is the same defense that allowed a Jake Plummer-led offense to accumulate 396 total yards en route to a 34-31 Colts

win in week eight. This is the same team that lost by a field goal to the Houston Texans in week 16. Yes, the Texans, who passed on Reggie Bush and actually still think that was a good move. But this is also the defense that held Larry Johnson to 32 yards in the first round of the playoffs, held off the derelict's offensive onslaught and forced pretty boy Brady into throwing an interception to seal the Colts' win in one of the best playoff games in recent memory.

And this is where Indianapolis holds the edge. Chicago's defense can definitely hold their own and are led by the ever-terrifying Brian Urlacher. But I am convinced that it is impossible for somebody as awful as Sexy Rexy Grossman to lead a team to the World Championship of football.

He might very well be the most inconsistent quarterback to ever make it to the Super Bowl. Against Arizona earlier this season, Grossman threw four picks and compiled a passer rating of 10.2. But the very next week, Grossman had a rating of 137.4 with three touchdowns and no interceptions. So he had one bad game in the desert, right? Wrong. The next week Sexy Rexy threw

three passes to the wrong team and watched his passer rating plummet to 36.8.

But the definition of inconsistency in professional football came against the Vikings when Grossman had a bottom-feeding passer rating of 1.3. So what does he do the next week but throw for 200 yards and two touchdowns. And get this; Grossman actually did not even get a rating (0.0) for his performance in the regular season finale against Green Bay. He was 2-12 with 33 yards and three interceptions against the 8-8 Packers.

He has fared pretty well in this year's playoffs, though. His passer rating (75.4) is actually higher than Manning's (66.8) in the playoffs. With all things considered, especially the track records of Manning and Grossman, I believe that Grossman is due for a meltdown in Miami and it's time for Peyton to show everyone that he can win the big one.

In order to win the Super Bowl, Indianapolis needs to play good, not great, on defense and special teams. Couple a half-decent performance out of laser armed Peyton with the self-destruction of Rex Grossman and the Colts will be giving the Lombardi trophy its first ever trip to Indianapolis.

## DA BEARS POISED FOR VICTORY

Chicago back in the Super Bowl after 21 year absence from big game.

**HOKE HILL**  
STAFF WRITER

In 1985, the Chicago Bears shuffled their way to victory in Super Bowl XX and an 18-1 season, relying on a stingy defense to shut their opponents down. Two decades later, the Bears are still using a smothering defense to win games. The 1985 Bears had one of the best running backs of all time in Walter Payton, but the current Bears rushing tandem of Thomas Jones and Cedric Benson have been extremely successful this year. Jones and Benson have combined for 1,857 yards this year, more than Payton had in his championship year and almost as many as Payton and his backup, Matt Suhey, had combined during their Super Bowl run. This year's Bears team has used the same blueprint for success that won a championship 20 years ago, with one exception: They've added a potent passing attack.

The Colts have been touted as one of the best passing teams in the NFL, but the Bears will win on Sunday because of a superior showing through the air. Chicago quarterback Rex Grossman has

been regarded all season as the weak link on the Bears team, but it will be his arm that carries the team to victory. Sure, Grossman played a big part in the three Chicago losses this season, but he has turned his game around in the playoffs. In the two Chicago playoff wins this season, Grossman has passed for 486 yards and, more importantly, has only thrown one interception. I believe that Grossman will go stride-for-stride with Peyton Manning, proving all of his doubters wrong.

Although the Chicago passing game has been underrated, the rest of the team has lived up to the massive hype surrounding them.

The Colts and Bears each averaged 26.7 points per game, but the Bears have been much more dominant on defense, allowing their opponents an average of only 16 points per game, a touchdown less than the 23 points per game allowed by the porous Indianapolis defense.

The Bears also have a valuable weapon on special teams in return specialist Devin Hester. Hester will be the most explosive player on the field on Sunday, and that will help to tip the game in favor of Chicago.

Overall, the Bears will win because the Colts cannot match the Bears on defense, and Chicago will easily hang with the "mighty" Indy offense.



# Facilities continue to benefit Clemson athletics

Clemson's facilities rank among the highest in the nation.

**BUCKY BERLIN**  
STAFF WRITER

When one first stumbles across Clemson University nestled on the shores of Lake Hartwell on the horizon of the Appalachian Mountains, it is easy to fall in love with the surrounding area and its small-town feel. "The selling factor for me was the family atmosphere," said former Clemson running back Reggie Merriweather. "It reminded me of my hometown."

Don't be deceived. Clemson has a big-time attitude. In the classroom and on the playing field, Clemson has established itself as a premiere university through the countless efforts and pride of students, athletes, faculty and alumni alike.

The growth of Clemson's athletic program has been exponential since its conception. Essential to this growth is the support of academics for student athletes through scholarships.

IPTAY, Clemson's unique athletic fundraising organization, coordinates the scholarships of 252 student-athletes. Founded in 1934, IPTAY was the nation's first scholarship-focused funding organization of its kind.

"IPTAY was really the first type of booster-club program," said former executive director of IPTAY, George Bennett. "People started hearing about that IPTAY program, and they didn't know what it meant, but word started getting out about how we were doing something a little bit different."

IPTAY is supported by an estimated 16,400 annual donors, as well as an additional 5,500 Collegiate Club members. Members receive benefits including season ticket priority and parking, but many donations are made by alumni who desire to give back to the University by enriching the lives of student-athletes. IPTAY is anchored by the slogan "Championships begin with scholarships."

"No matter what we do, I hope our people care enough about our young men and young ladies to know that what they're doing is changing lives," said current executive director of IPTAY, Bert Henderson. "Even the mighty Ohio State and Michigan, they did not have an IPTAY until realistically the late '80s, early '90s. They were selling season tickets trying to make all their money. Season tickets are a vital part of our budget, but the scholarship money comes from IPTAY."

The training at Clemson starts in the classroom, and for student-athletes, this is aided by the Student-Athlete Enrichment Program at Vickery Hall. The mission of the program is to monitor, guide and encourage student-athletes to fulfill their long-term goals and to achieve their academic and career potentials. The staff at Vickery Hall provides academic support and direction for developing the lives and futures of student-athletes at Clemson.

"IPTAY fully subsidizes Vickery Hall, because when a young person comes here we want them to have the best chance to graduate they possibly can and have the best chance to participate and excel," said Henderson. "I think graduation is so important

in belonging to Clemson; I call that going full-circle."

In the years since its birth, Clemson University has made a massive transformation from a small, agricultural-based military college to a nationally recognized academic and athletic powerhouse.

"We went from a very good military school to a great University, and we strive to be an even better University," said Bennett, who graduated from

**"We're trying to have the best facilities we can for every one of our sports."**

*Bert Henderson  
Executive Director of IPTAY*

Clemson in 1955. "The leadership that Jim Barker gives us now is outstanding and the quality of students that we are getting now is much better. There's just a whole new emphasis on quality and giving a quality education. We are a nationally recognized school now."

Much of Clemson's national recognition has come, ironically enough, from winning national athletic championships.

"You just can't buy the exposure you get out of a national championship," said Bennett. Clemson's national titles include a 1981 football championship, two championships by men's soccer in 1984 and 1987 and a golf championship in 2003. Winning does seem to carry a double-edged sword, however.

"The 1981 championship created a lot of problems because we had so much success but we didn't really have anything to offer a recent graduate," said Bennett. "We lost a generation of graduates coming out about that time. They couldn't get a seat and wouldn't join IPTAY since they couldn't come to a ball game."

Growth and success has brought about the necessity of constant upgrades and additions to Clemson's vast athletic facilities in order to maintain the level of competition associated with NCAA Division I athletics.

"We got kind of stagnant there in the '90s," said Bennett. "We thought we were keeping up, but we weren't. Honestly, we thought we didn't have to do anymore. But if you're not building, you're standing still; that's just the way it is."

High priority has been placed on facilities by athletic director Terry Don Phillips. "Terry Don has brought us a different perspective than any other athletic director that we've had by really upgrading facilities," said Bennett. "He wants this place to be a showplace."

"I truly believe that today facilities have to be top notch more than years ago because of where Clemson is located and our small student body, relatively speaking," agrees Henderson. "We've got to have some type of wow factor, and we've got to have good facili-

ties for them to train here. Now you're going to see success stories that you've seen other places that maybe they do not have the perfect utopian facilities, but for the long run, I believe we have to have those good, outstanding facilities to give the athletes that opportunity to train, whether it be in the weight room or on the track."

"We're trying to have the best facilities we can for every one of our sports," said Henderson, who also commented on how Clemson's location requires additional emphasis on fundraising for facilities. "Where we are located, we cannot have a marriage with a professional team or a city. You look at the RBC Center up in Raleigh, that's a marriage with a professional hockey team; and Wake Forest too: they've got a nice arena but they have a marriage with the city there. We don't get those opportunities because of our location."

The focal point of all athletics at Clemson is, without a doubt, the Jervy Athletic Center, which is a 67,000-square-foot complex that is home to coaches, staff, dressing rooms and training facilities for all 19 of Clemson's sports.

"Jervy athletic center came online roughly in 1972, and that's when we were able to bring in some very good recruits because Jervy was the finest athletic center in the nation at that point in time," said Henderson, also a former trainer at Clemson. "When it was built, they really only had eight sports at that point in time that were consuming that whole era. But then you starting seeing Clemson being able to recruit and there was nothing better in the nation."

Numerous expansions have been made at Jervy to accommodate additional sports, including the 14,000-square-foot strength training room that features an estimated 12 tons of weight equipment, allowing multiple teams to work out simultaneously. Jervy is also home to the Clemson Volleyball team who train and play in a 2,000-seat gym on the top level of the building.

The enormous structure across the street from Jervy is of course Memorial Stadium, home of Clemson's football team. The stadium originally opened with 20,000 seats in 1942, expanding in 1958 with 18,000 sideline seats and again in 1960 with 5,658 West End zone seats.

The upper decks were added consecutively in 1978 and 1983, increasing capacity to more than 80,000.

The most recent addition to the stadium has been in the area of the west end zone, known as the WestZone club. The initial phase, which was completed in 2006, featured club-level seating, new locker rooms and recruiting facilities.

"We've been behind, really, with our football facilities," said Henderson. "They were using the same lockers that were in there since 1972."

A second phase is in progress to move all football operations to the WestZone, including coaches' offices and a new state-of-the-art training facility. A third phase will feature a museum highlighting Clemson's entire history.

"The museum is kind of like the icing on the cake, because there we will be able to showcase all of the things that we want to showcase as far as Clemson is concerned where the public can see it," said Bennett.

Clemson's men's and women's basketball teams practice and play across the street at Littlejohn Coliseum, which seats over 10,000 fans. The facility was most recently renovated four years ago, including the addition of the Huckabee Annex.

"With us adding the annex over at Littlejohn, it meant that our basketball team could practice here every day at Clemson," said Henderson. "When we didn't have the annex over there and there were different events going on over in Littlejohn Coliseum, many times we may have been getting ready to play a no. 1, 2, or 3 team in the nation and we're practicing at one of the local high schools. But until that time, many people didn't realize that facility was a 1968 facility that had had very little change, if any."

Also adjacent to Jervy is Doug Kingsmore Stadium, home to the baseball team.

One of the top facilities in the country since its first season in 1970, the stadium has seen numerous renovations as well, allowing it to be selected as the site for several NCAA regional championships. Capable of holding more than 5,000 fans, the stadium features a green roof that covers much of the stands and beautiful brick around every entrance. Riggs Field, the historic home to Clemson's soc-

cer program, also expanded most recently in 1987 with a 6,500-seat grandstand.

Renovations have not been limited to the more common revenue sports, however.

Clemson's track and field program opened its new \$3.6 million indoor track facility in December of 2003, adjacent to the Rock Norman Outdoor Track Complex. The outdoor track has also been recently resurfaced, making the entire establishment one of the best in the nation.

The Clemson tennis teams enjoy the comforts of the Hoke A. Sloan Tennis Center, completed in February of 1993. The indoor/outdoor facility features 21 outdoor courts with a 700-seat stadium and four indoor courts that can host 250 spectators as well.

The Lady Tigers Rowing team, implemented at Clemson in 1998, recently completed construction of a new boathouse on Lake Hartwell only minutes away from campus.

Yet, maintaining an athletic program of Clemson's caliber requires a constant carousel of fundraising and renovations. The swimming and diving teams are in need of expanded facilities, as McHugh Natatorium is becoming outdated, and the Tigers' golf team is currently fundraising for expansions at their training facility.

Clemson prides itself on the support of its alumni to keep all Tiger and Lady Tiger teams at the forefront of athletics. "There are a lot of sports that are really on the edge here, and it's phenomenal to be able to do that here at Clemson," said Henderson. "It's because our people give generously and care."

"If I could win the lottery, that thing would start tomorrow," said Bennett in reference to the next phase of WestZone construction.

Thanks to people like George Bennett, who has been actively involved in fundraising for Clemson since his time as a student here, this University will never be short on support for academics and athletics alike.

Through it all, the focus remains the same in enriching the lives of individuals through education and athletics. All of the fundraising, facilities and championships are inconsequential to the impact of Clemson University on the people who spend their time here. The contributions of the Clemson family should not ever be taken for granted, because



**THE NOT SO DISTANT PAST:** Death Valley was still one of the largest stadiums in the Atlantic Coast Conference before the upper decks were added in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

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# Lady Tigers achieve victory after close losses

Clemson women's basketball 2-5 in ACC after win over Miami.

**ALAN SMITH**  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Clemson women's basketball team snapped a five game losing skid with a 79-69 victory over Miami last Sunday. Carrie Whitehurst led the Lady Tigers (10-12, 2-5 ACC) with 15 points in what was a much-needed victory heading into the Duke showdown on Monday.

The win over Miami was the breakthrough the Lady Tigers were looking for after several close losses. After defeating Wake Forest 73-57 in their ACC opener on Jan. 5, the Lady Tigers dropped five straight, three of which were by six points or less.

Clemson's home opener against Georgia Tech was a hard fought game, but the Lady Tigers came up just short. Clemson led 26-24 going into halftime, but the Lady Yellow Jackets started the second half with an 8-2 run and led the rest of the way.

Georgia Tech led by as many as nine before Clemson made one final rally. Lele Hardy, who led the Lady Tigers with 19 points, made a three-point play with 1:44 left to cut the deficit to 56-54, but that would be as close as it would get. The Lady Yellow Jackets hit their free throws the rest of the way and won the game 63-57.

The next game for the Lady Tigers turned into a blow-out loss at home against No. 2 North Carolina, who is still undefeated to this day. The overmatched Lady Tigers were actually down by just two points late in the first half before the Lady Tar Heels went on a big run and cruised to a 100-65 victory.

Clemson's third consecutive home game turned into a heart-breaking 61-60 loss to a very good Florida State team. Shante Williams hit two free throws for the Lady Seminoles with just seven seconds remaining to give them the win. The Lady Tigers had one final chance, but D'Lesha Lloyd's shot rolled out of the rim as time expired.

The Lady Tigers led most of the game, but were unable to finish off Florida State. Clemson led by 11 with 13:27 remaining, but the Lady Seminoles came back to take the lead. Clemson regained a 60-56 edge with just over a minute left, but Florida State connected on their first three-pointer of the game with just 46 seconds remaining.

Against Boston College the Lady Tigers made a furious comeback, but fell just short in another tough loss. Clemson

trailed by 17 at halftime, but rallied in the second half and tied the game at 58 on Christy Brown's shot with six minutes remaining.

The two teams were tied once again at 64 with just two minutes remaining, but Boston College proceeded to hit a three and connect on two free throws, giving them a 69-64 victory. Once again, the Lady Tigers had come up just short.

Nobody expected the Lady Tigers to put up much of a fight against No. 3 Maryland, but they rallied from 22 down in the second half to cut the lead down to 10 with 2:30 remaining. Clemson ended up losing 76-62, which is actually a somewhat respectable margin given the quality of competition.

Clemson's much-anticipated breakthrough came last weekend in Coral Gables, Fla., against the Lady Hurricanes. Whitehurst's career-high of five three pointers helped give the Lady Tigers a lead they would not surrender. Tasha Taylor added 14 points for the Lady Tigers as Moreemi Davis picked up her first career double-double, with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

The Lady Tigers out-slugged

Miami in the first half, jumping out to a 48-44 halftime lead.

The second half did not feature the same hot shooting that was seen in the first half, but instead, saw the Lady Tigers gradually wore down Miami and cruised to a big road victory.

Clemson hopes to build upon the Miami victory and finish the season strong.

Unfortunately, the Lady

Tigers' next game will be no small task. The team must pay a visit to Durham, N.C., on Monday to face top-ranked and unbeaten Duke.

While a victory over the Blue Devils is a little much to ask for, the schedule does become more favorable afterwards and gives the Lady Tigers more opportunities to win the same type of close games they were falling victim to earlier.

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should eliminate any remaining doubt about the capabilities of an African-American led team, opening even more doors that should have been broken down years ago.

The game will be played at Dolphins Stadium in Miami on Sunday. It will be televised by CBS with kickoff set for 6:25 p.m.

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3 a.m. - 5 a.m.							
5 a.m. - 7 a.m.							
7 a.m. - 9 a.m.			Erin Ryan "Jazz"		Erin Ryan "Jazz"		
9 a.m. - 11 a.m.		Katie Giuliani	Nichole Bennett		Jackie Beech		
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.		Chris Schott		Jill Wagner	Cam Taylor	Allan Babcock	
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.		Russ Hawkins	Daniel Ebner	Amanda Butler "Gospel"	Erin Ryan	Bobby Markle	
3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	Graham Fowler	Tracy Kracker	Brian Reburn	Ryan Wilson	Brian Reburn	DJ Stathgar "Electronische Musik"	
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.	Aaron Benko "Soft Jamz"	Andrew Park	Kevin Smith "Jock N' Roll"	Alex Drozd "Indie Music Sampler"	Adam "Rush" Kerechanin	Will Garrison	Alex Johnson
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Joe Della-Fera "The Protogressive Show"	Michael Sanders, Brendan Atkinson	Kyle Jensen "Americana Beauty"	Matt McCulloch "The Metalocalypse"	Scott Sheridan "God's Only Nose"	Wendy Owens "Electronic Frappe"	
9 p.m. - 11 p.m.	Kells, Patrick Brownson "The Trance Institute"	Aaron Benko	Cam Taylor "Cheap Shots, Youth Anthems"	Michael Simmons, Jackson Blalock	DJ Ranger	Neill The Demon Hunter "Rock For The King"	
11 p.m. - 1 a.m.	Brett Little	Claire Lacy	Adam Montjoy	Drew Norris "A Little Night Music"	Zach Ashton		



# Swimming and diving, tennis teams thrive

Men and women's squads continue success as seasons roll along.

**SARAH PORRI**  
STAFF WRITER

The Clemson men's tennis team traveled to Fort Worth and Dallas, Texas, to open up their spring season with two matches on Friday and Sunday. The Lady Tigers' tennis team started their season at home this weekend, facing College of Charleston and South Florida.

The Tigers first took on TCU on Friday. The Frogs took an early lead, winning the first two doubles matches. Clemson came back in the singles matches, though, winning all five. After losing in his doubles match, Tiger senior Clement Reix took down TCU's Cosmin Cotet in three sets, 7-6, 3-6, 6-3.

That same day, the Tigers played Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. This match was a little closer as the Tigers took a one point lead after the doubles flights was completed. But the Islanders caught up in the first singles match. Tiger senior Ryan Young fought back in the singles, defeating Mikhail Pavlov, 6-1, 6-3, and the Islanders would not catch back up.

On Sunday, the Tigers picked up their third win of the spring season, taking

down Texas-Dallas University, 7-0. The court was filled with orange as the Tigers took every match they played. Senior Jarmaine Jenkins played at the number one singles spot and defeated James Waterson, 6-1, 6-2.

To complete the weekend with four wins, the Tigers faced SMU. After gaining the doubles point thanks to Reix and Young, the Tigers went on to win five of the six singles matches. Jenkins took his match at the no. 2 position over Mustang Federico Murgier, 6-3, 6-3. All of the singles matches were won in two sets.

On the women's side of the court, the Lady Tigers stayed at home to start off their spring season. Ranked No. 17 in the polls, the Lady Tigers opened with two wins over the College of Charleston and South Florida.

On Saturday, the Lady Tigers started the season on the right track with a shutout over the College of Charleston. The duo of junior Carol Salge and Ina Hadziselimovic took the top doubles position with a win over the Lady Cougars, 8-3.

In singles action, Salge and teammate Ani Mijackia dominated their matches, never letting the Lady Cougars win a single game.

Sunday arrived and the Lady Tigers posted their second win of the season over South Florida. This win was not gained with ease, though. The Lady Bulls fought the

Lady Tigers hard for every point. South Florida took the doubles point with Shadisha Robinson and Gabriela Duch defeating Lady Tigers Salge and Freshman Estefania Balda. However, the Lady Tigers bounced back with wins in the singles competition. Salge upset No.10 ranked singles player Robinson, 6-3, 7-6. Mijackia won her match by coming from behind in three sets, 4-1, 6-1, 6-2.

The men's tennis team will compete in the Clemson Winter Shootout on Saturday at home with matches against Brevard, Charleston Southern and The Citadel.

The next competition for the Clemson women will come this Thursday as they travel to Madison, Wis., to take part in the United States Tennis Association/Intercollegiate Tennis Association National Team Indoor Championships.

Switching gears from the tennis court to the swimming pool, the Clemson men's and women's swimming and diving teams out-swam and out-dove the N.C. State Wolfpack in their Solid Orange meet on Saturday.

The Clemson men were out for a little payback after losing to N.C. State last year. In the first relay, the Tigers finished first and second. This set the pace for the rest of the meet for the Tigers.

Senior Brett MacLennon, sophomore Daniel Mengerling and senior Bryce Herrington rounded out the top three spots in the 200 yard freestyle.

Juniors Attila Ruzska and Andy Bergren placed first and second in the 100 yard breastroke.

The sprint events were the Tigers' specialty on Saturday as they took the top three positions in both the 50 and 100 yard freestyle. Juniors Mark Vahle, Matt Balderston and Stephen Russell sped to the wall for the Tigers. It was the same story in the 100 freestyle as freshman Stewe Fekete, senior Brian Regone and junior Adam Farnham claimed the top spots for that event.

Freshman Matt Angelini stepped up for the Tigers as he swam the 200 yard butterfly, the 500 yard freestyle and the 400 yard individual medley, placing second in all three events. Vahle and Farnham teamed up for the 100 yard butterfly, finishing first and second.

The Clemson women had a similar day as they took down the Lady Wolfpack, 168-131. The ladies started off the meet in the same fashion as the guys, with a one-two punch in the medley relay. Both relay teams were within two tenths of a second of each other.

Sophomore Summer O'Donnell won the 1650 yard freestyle and teammate Cassy LaRussa took the win for the Lady Tigers in the 200 yard freestyle, with Michelle Parkhurst scoring second place points.

Parkhurst came back a short while later and won the 100 backstroke, with sophomore Ashley Clay and senior Mary

Paulson taking the second and third place spots, respectively. In the 200 yard butterfly, the duo of senior Sarah Cefalu and sophomore Sarah Porri took the top two spots for the Lady Tigers.

In diving, senior Dani Kazilionis and freshman Stephinie Fura scored first and second place points. Sophomore Rachel Regone would go on to take both sprint freestyle events, with senior Kallie Deters placing second in the 50 freestyle and sophomore Lauren Sindall taking second in the 100 freestyle.

Freshman Katrina Obas had a long day of swimming with both breaststroke events and the 400 individual medley. Obas finished first in all three of her events scoring solid points for the Lady Tigers.

The Lady Tigers ended the meet on a high note with the relay of Regone, Parkhurst, Sindall and Deters breaking a pool record in the 200 yard freestyle relay with a time of 1:34.30.

Not to be outdone, the Clemson men relay of Vahle, Farnham, Herrington and Regone posted the second pool record of the day with their time of 1:22.48.

The next meet on the agenda for the Clemson swimming and diving team is Saturday against the Duke Blue Devils at 1 p.m. This will be the final meet of the season for the Clemson men and women, as they get closer to the ACC Championships in Chapel Hill, N.C.

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# TimeOut

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## Last Car in Alaska enters Epitaph Top 25

AMANDA GURGANUS  
TIMEOUT EDITOR

Clemson band The Last Car in Alaska has made it into the Top 25 Finalists of the MTVU/Epitaph Records Best Music on Campus competition. They need Clemson students to vote for them so they can win a label deal with top-notch indepen-

dent label Epitaph Records. "It's pretty stunning to get recognized by Epitaph Records and MTVU," said band member Dan Ubilla. "Epitaph has put out records by some killer bands: Motion City Soundtrack, The Matches, Hot Water Music, From First to Last." The other members of The Last Car in Alaska include Andy Campbell

and Jared Weinstein.

MTV's 24-hour college network, mtvU, is teaming up with Epitaph Records, a well-known and prestigious independent record company, to offer a label deal to the "Best Music on Campus." This musical contest offers unsigned college bands and solo acts unparalleled weekly, monthly and yearly opportunities to launch their careers.

The winner will receive a label contract with Epitaph records, perform with a top Epitaph artist on a tour date, have a featured performance at mtvU Spring Break '07 in Cancun, Mexico, and make a video that will premiere on mtvU and mtvU.com.

To begin the contest, bands from across the country submit their music. "We entered the contest last year and nothing came of it," Ubilla said. "This year they sent us word about it, and we made sure we signed right up. We've recorded our newest EP, "Comfort," since then, so we wanted to send around the newest stuff as far around as we could."

Each contestant is given a Web page to post music and biography details. Then students all over the country can vote for their favorites. The contest has been narrowed down to the top 25 best bands and The Last Car in Alaska is in the running. "The record deal would be ridiculous," Ubilla said. To be able to get back in the studio, and this time to be financed and backed with distribution from a label like Epitaph, would be amazing. It would mean a tremendous amount of exposure, and I don't know what else a band could ask for."

Voting online plays a key role in determining which acts will advance for the label, performance and video deal. The quarterfinalist voting round will last until Feb. 8. After that, only 10 contestants will remain. Semifinalist voting will occur from Feb. 12 until Feb. 17. The final five artists will be revealed Feb. 19 and the final voting round will then last until Feb. 23. The new addition to Epitaph will be announced soon after.

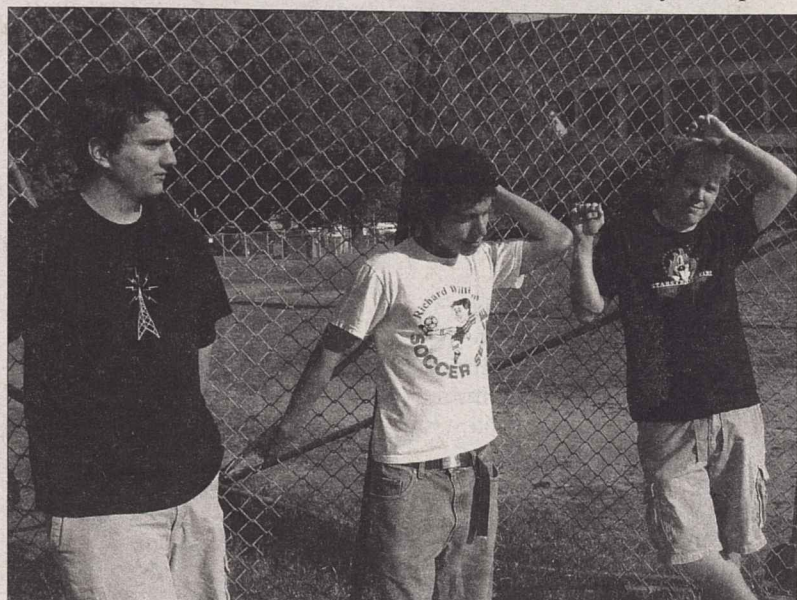
Simply being involved with mtvU's "Best Music on

Campus" allows college musicians and bands get to their name to the public and record companies by building profiles with songs, videos, pictures, blogs and more.

"The biggest part is getting our name out there, and this is such a great opportunity to spread the Last Car word further," Ubilla said. "Of course, it would be most excellent if we were able to win. It'd be especially great knowing that it came from both the fans and the label."

The Last Car in Alaska is playing around Clemson and Greenville throughout the rest of the spring. On Feb. 25 they will perform in the amphitheater. During the summer, The Last Car in Alaska will try to cover North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee and Florida.

Audio is available for The Last Car in Alaska by accessing [bestmusiconcampus.com](http://bestmusiconcampus.com). Voting is also conducted on the Web site. "You can reload the page and vote for us as many times as your little heart desires," Ubilla said.



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**AGAINST THE FENCE:** The Last Car in Alaska band members Dan Ubilla, Andy Campbell and Jared Weinstein relax in the top 25.

## Old, new Incubus music entertains

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On Tuesday Jan. 23, Incubus performed at Atlanta's own Tabernacle. The Tabernacle is a 100-year-old building that began as a church, was turned into House of Blues and now is simply a local concert venue for Atlanta. As it was when it was the House of Blues, the atmosphere is full of energy, but the Tabernacle is small enough so that the view from any place in the house is an amazing one.

Even though Incubus is generally a well-liked band whose music is enjoyed by people nationwide, they earn far more respect and admiration as artists after they perform for audiences live. The group entered the stage one by one with lead singer Brandon Boyd coming on last. Boyd was sporting tight blue jeans, a brown sweater and a khaki scarf. He often took time to sip from his glass of wine between songs so that he began the show as a preppy school boy and transformed into an emotional rock star by the end of the evening.

The group is on tour to promote the recent release of their new album "Light Grenades." Nevertheless, the songs played were a balance of both new and old. Incubus opened up with "A Kiss to Send Us Off" only to follow it with one of their earlier hits "Wish You Were Here."

Some of the most admirable features of the band's concert were the few, but amazing embellishments. The set design was very simple and did not distract from the performance. A number of songs consisted simply of Boyd next to acoustic guitar player Mike Einziger in

a white T-shirt with only two spotlights.

Boyd did surprise the audience with an unique prop. In the middle of one song, Boyd turned his back to the audience to put on black gloves that had tiny lights all over the palms. He then proceeded to move around guitar players Einziger and Ben Kenney as they soloed for a good 10 minutes with Boyd's hands directing their spotlights. Boyd slowly danced around the players, put his "spotlight hands" on the audience and moved to the microphone where he began to belt along with the song as his hands accented his own face and throat.

Clemson sophomores Jacob Smith and Cody Hill enjoyed the show and Boyd's charisma.

"It was awesome," said Smith. "I loved the song selection. The best part was the last song 'Megalomaniac.' Boyd was wearing light gloves and shining them on the guitar which was something I'd never seen before."

The audience consisted of a diverse crowd which was full of energy. Some members traveled a great distance to hear the band. Brothers Travis and Ethan Bowman traveled from Corbin, Ken. to see Incubus for the third time.

"They never miss a lick; they never mess up," said Travis while waiting in the cold for the doors to open. "They always play to their best ability."

Incubus brings a unique energy to the stage, which makes them a well-liked live band by audiences. "Incubus fans should definitely make a point to see them in concert," said Hill. "It was everything I expected and more."

## Karges mesmerizes students

CHRIS CANTRELL  
STAFF WRITER

The art of illusion is something that has been in practice for thousands of years. As far back in time as the ancient Egyptians, people have been mesmerized by the power and mystery of seemingly impossible feats. Last week Clemson students had the opportunity to see first hand the art of the illusion in an event coordinated by the student entertainment organization ClemsonLive. Tillman auditorium was nearly at full capacity last Wednesday when Clemson students welcomed illusionist and self-described "Mentalist," Craig Karges. Karges is a well-known entertainer that incorporates humor, psychology and the extraordinary into his performances. He has been a guest on several television programs such as "The Tonight Show" and "Larry King Live," and has appeared on many other cable networks as well.

Karges entered the packed auditorium to a restless and eager crowd. His charisma and ability as an entertainer

quickly came to light, as he was able to carry the crowd almost immediately. Karges has integrated much humor into his act and it really created a great atmosphere for the audience to thoroughly enjoy themselves.

The first illusion he had up his sleeve involved a volunteer that was chosen at random from the audience. Karges was then blindfolded as the participant wrote a random word of her choosing on a blank dry erase board, which of course he was able to guess afterwards. A series of illusions that showcased the entertainer's mind reading abilities followed.

The most entertaining part of the show was the mind reading portion, which grabbed the attention of the entire audience. After picking several random people out of the audience, Karges was effectively able to give intimate details about each person's life. These details ranged from such personal information as their names, birthdays, the types of cars they drive and even what they had been thinking about lately. Many of Karges' guesses had the audience in shock and



COURTESY Chris Cantrell

**IN THE AIR:** Karges floats a table astonishing audience.

laughter all at the same time.

For the remainder of the evening, the audience was asked to participate in the illusions. It was apparent that everyone had a great time in the process. The fact that Karges implements an audience member into almost every one of his illusions sets him apart from many other entertainers. Karges responds to skeptics of his use of audience members in his act by offering \$25,000 to charity if anybody can prove that he plants people into the audience.

At the end of the show, Karges graciously thanked his audience and bid farewell, but not without first giving a bit of advice to Clemson's student body. He explained how important and powerful he believed the human mind to be, and that each person should constantly try to learn as much as they possibly can. It was on this positive and uplifting message that Karges closed a fun and entertaining evening in Clemson.



COURTESY Chris Cantrell

**BLIND AND ALIVE:** Craig Karges perfects the art of illusion while blindfolded with the help of a member from the audience.



The omnipotent "They" say that any brute can be tamed and many women throw themselves head on into unstable relationships and positions in hopes of being that wide eyed heroine who is victorious over the snarling beast. While "Beauty and the Beast" is a wonderfully romantic fairy tale, that is all it is: a fairy tale. The chances of any woman finding a harsh, unwilling-to-love male and turning him into a prince charming are very slim.

I once fell for two guys who were impossible to change. The first was a cocky, 6'8" singer who had little regard for human emotion, mainly mine, and kept evading the subject of us dating. After nine months he told me "I'm sorry, I've been using you these past months because I didn't have the guts to tell you the truth. And I know this is kind of awkward but I started dating someone else today."

The second guy I fell for was a quirky, also tall, guy with an endless knowledge of films such as Cowboy Bebop, very little knowledge of how to deal with women and an inability to keep his word. After 10 months of broken promises, tomorrows and next months, we had an atrocious falling out which consisted of me attempting to talk things out and him making excuses.

As you can see, twice in a row, I made a mistake that many women make in their lives; refusing to see the truth and clinging to romantic dreams. Any outsider could have told me what the end result of my "involvements" would be

and that I was being an idiot. I told myself the same things that all women do; "he needs time," "he'll come around" or "he has his moments." I stuck with both guys for so long because I saw what they could become and what we could be. I clung to that vision with a wasted fierceness that left me with nothing but hot tears coursing down my face. I saw so much potential and had so much hope for a fairy tale love who finished my sentences and brought me roses "because it's Thursday." But it's not potential that makes a man, it's his actions.

Women, you have to ask yourself a few things when you come to this point. Do you want to change this man for him or for you? Is he almost the perfect man for you? A man could be six characteristics away from being perfect, but he's still not there yet. Perhaps you could change this man. But in doing so, you might

change what it is you love about him. So you have to decide if you love him enough to let him go or if you love the ideal of what you want him to be. It's not what you want for yourself or what you want for the guy; it's what he wants for himself. If he changes, is it because it makes you happy or

because it makes him happy?

What I failed to realize and refused to acknowledge, as many other women do, is a simple fact: you're not the one for him. While it may be fun, while you many enjoy your time together and have wonderful visions, sometimes people are not meant to be. You live and you learn and often you learn the hard way. This is not to say that challenging relationships are hopeless. Not so, for if we all gave up the minute things got rough, no one would ever learn to value true love when he or she found it. What I am saying, is know when to start questioning what it is you are doing. It's hard to broach the subject. Sex, dating, emotions; they're all scary subjects that make people get sweaty palms and butterflies in their stomachs. But sooner is better than later. However, later equals longer to suffer and then longer to get over it. I went months before I broached the subject of emotional attachment with my guys, and by that point I had already decided what I wanted from the situation.

In college, women are inspired and encouraged to throw emotions to the wind and to "get the most out of the best years of their lives;" sometimes it is at the expense of our own hearts. But that is the way life is; you live and you learn. I wish there had been a better way to learn what I have. But then I think that if I had not learned in such a harsh way, it would have taken more than twice before I figured things out. Perhaps one day Prince Charming will fall into my lap. Perhaps...



## ON THE PROWL

by IVANNA LASTRADA

## The Signpost



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One of the things that makes my relationship with my father so special is the fact that he likes hand-me-downs, and I like new things. Throughout my grammar school years, the man slowly inherited and still proudly carries a collection of brightly colored and monogrammed L.L. Bean book bags that would make any elementary school girl drool with jealousy. Our father-daughter symbiotic relationship afforded me many convenient perks growing up and has recently granted my father a free ticket into the wonderful world of MP3 technology.

He inherited my old iPod months ago, but this winter break, he finally decided to stop staring blankly at it and give it a go. So, there we sat, transferring his beloved '70s rock from his CDs to his iPod, when, in the middle of a Cream upload, he turned to me and said, "How does it feel to be a part of a generation with no music?"

While of course that statement is a matter of personal taste, it does bring up the point that it is quite a difficult task to attempt to defend the current state of things. After all, my dad's observation goes way beyond just music. What we're lacking, it seems, isn't just good music. It's intellect. It's growth. It's revolution. Well, I take that back. To be fair, I must admit that Fergie certainly is revolutionizing my views of things like "talent" and "credibility." But as T to the A to the S-T-E-Y, tastey as Fergie is, it's obvious that she does leave quite a bit to be desired.

One of the places that I find this sad lack is right here, under our noses. In the fast-paced, ever-changing and rapidly "shrinking" world we live in, one of the changes that hits closest to home for me is the transformation of the university. That is to say it is hard to get an education anymore in the way that education used to be known. Today's colleges are abandoning the poor, lackluster education business for the glitz and glam of the job-training business.

Gone, it seems, are the days of the university as an intellectual center where undergrads learn how to be students of the human experience, and in doing so, become life-long learners. Today, instead of

learning how to learn, and thus becoming empowered and capable of learning anything, students are learning facts that are necessary for a specific career cluster (and in many cases will almost assuredly become obsolete and require more training down the line). This used to be known as "job training."

Albert Einstein once said, "It is not so very important for a person to learn facts. For that he does not really need a college. He can learn them from books. The value of an education in a liberal arts college is not learning of many facts but the training of the mind to think something that cannot be learned from textbooks."

I know what you're thinking; Clemson isn't a liberal arts college. You would be right. But Clemson is still a university, and an ambitious one at that, with aspirations to reach the Top 20 ranks.

While the type of education that Clemson and most colleges are providing is very convenient, it seems to be leaving our generation with severely inadequate communication and critical thinking skills, not to mention that there is a tremendous amount of us who make it through college and life without ever really exploring the world to which we all belong.

Want proof? Look no further than the inarguable Mecca of college-ness and all its glory, Facebook.com. How many times have I sadly seen under the "Favorite Books" field on so many profiles some variation of, "Books? Who reads?" Here's a hint: an overwhelming majority of us do. Seriously? College students who don't read? Is there not something very wrong with this?

Perhaps we can blame it on over-saturation. We live in a world of iPods, TiVo and the Internet, which all quite literally put the world of knowledge at our fingertips. Most of us grew up with more opportunity than any generation before us; college for us was an expectation and an entitlement, not a privilege. Our options are limitless. We can see the world without leaving our beds, and yet, the world is precisely what we're ignoring.

My hope is that our generation learns to appreciate our education as a tool to learn about ourselves, our world, and our places in the world. But, then again, why learn anything about the world when we've got Facebook and Fergie to keep us occupied?

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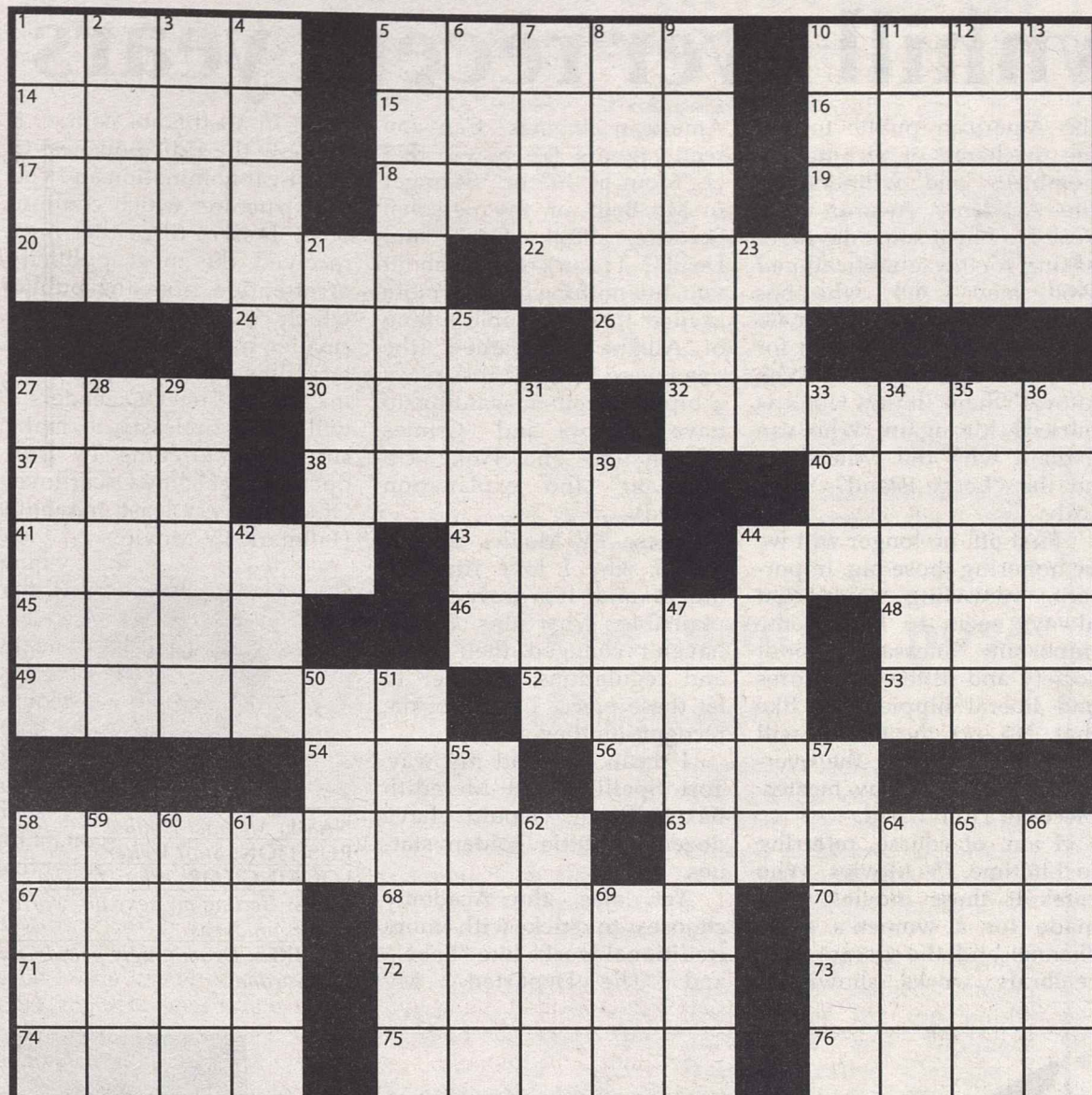


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# Crossword

## Clues

### ACROSS

- 1 Blemish
- 5 Princess Jasmine's tiger
- 10 Car rental agency
- 14 Neuron end
- 15 Talk
- 16 Female
- 17 Presentation
- 18 Mosey
- 19 Goodbye !
- 20 Speaks angrily
- 22 Rushing forth
- 24 Rodents
- 26 Body of water
- 27 Lingerie
- 30 Allot (with "out")
- 32 Generator
- 37 Rodent
- 38 Well done!
- 40 Hour
- 41 20th century black and white photographer
- 43 Precious stone
- 44 Breath mints
- 45 Metric weight unit
- 46 Knot
- 48 Foot extension
- 49 Absolve
- 52 Popular stadium
- 53 Artist's creation
- 54 Extremely high frequency (abbr.)
- 56 East
- 58 Jacques \_\_\_\_ (Marine explorer)
- 63 Emigrant
- 67 Gumbo
- 68 Warning whistle
- 70 Fight
- 71 Wise Man
- 72 Set in
- 73 Time periods
- 74 Looked at
- 75 Male deer
- 76 Norm

### DOWN

- 1 Note \_\_\_\_ (plr.)
- 2 Wagon pullers
- 3 Unconsciousness
- 4 Seasoner makers
- 5 Cooker
- 6 Extremity
- 7 Pokes
- 8 Reference book
- 9 Followed, like a dog
- 10 Agency (abbr.)
- 11 Roman eight
- 12 Asian nation
- 13 Hit hard
- 21 Baby sheep
- 23 Rest
- 25 Canned chili brand
- 27 Car stopper
- 28 Logarithm base
- 29 Dickens' "\_\_\_\_ of Two Cities" (2 wds.)
- 31 Levels
- 33 North northeast
- 34 Main artery
- 35 Engine
- 36 Beginning
- 39 City
- 42 Mamma
- 44 Ask for legally
- 47 Hates
- 50 Kitten
- 51 Dissertation
- 55 Swoon
- 57 Helper
- 58 Arrive
- 59 Yes
- 60 Suggest
- 61 Told
- 62 \_\_\_\_ Minor (Little Dipper)
- 64 Sage
- 65 Factual
- 66 Otherwise
- 69 Electroencephalograph (abbr.)

## THE TOP 5

CAMEOS  
IN FILMS

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Throughout the history of cinema, there has always been the cameo, a short yet memorable role played by someone well-known from the acting business. Sometimes these minor roles have been humorous or topical, while others have been more subtle, sort of an inside joke among the people working on a particular film. Here is a list of some of the best cameos in recent film history.

1) Kareem Abdul-Jabbar: "Airplane!"- This film is by far one of the best comedies ever made just on its own. However, when you add basketball star Kareem Abdul-Jabbar in the mix, the movie immediately becomes even better. Abdul-Jabbar plays himself pretending to be an airline pilot, which seemingly fools everyone on the plane except a small boy. He participates in some of the most comical dialogue of the movie, such as the 'Roger Roger' bit and complaining about the criticism of his effort on the court. This is a very memorable cameo in an already classic film.

2) Alfred Hitchcock: His Own Films- Regarded as one of the best filmmakers of all time, Alfred Hitchcock also made cameos in many of his own movies. He appeared in films such as "Strangers On A Train" and "Psycho." Afterwards, he encourages his audience to see if they can spot him onscreen. His cameos became so famous in fact that he had to start doing them at the beginning of each film in order to not draw atten-

tion away from a developing storyline. Some of his more humorous appearances can be seen in "North by Northwest" and "To Catch A Thief."

3) Jason Bateman: "Smokin' Aces"- This cameo comes from the recently released film about a mafia hit gone wrong. Jason Bateman plays a burnt out lawyer with a fetish for fuzzy animal costumes who attempts to connect with a few hit men. The awkwardness of Bateman's character as he tries to learn the lingo of a hit man and their 'hip' handshakes is absolutely hilarious. This five minute cameo provides more than enough reason to see this movie.

4) Quentin Tarantino: "Reservoir Dogs"- Acclaimed filmmaker Quentin Tarantino plays a minor role in this film that he both wrote and directed. Tarantino portrays Mr. Brown in this crime drama that follows the story of six strangers as they try to rob a diamond warehouse. The small role is played with a brutal carelessness that is a staple in most of his films. This seemingly small addition adds to the depth of the story.

5) Bob Barker: "Happy Gilmore"- The legendary host of the long running game show "The Price Is Right" plays himself in Adam Sandler's classic comedy about golf. When Sandler and Barker are paired up together to play in a celebrity golf tournament, a fight ensues that is one of the most memorable brawls in film history. The dialogue exchange between the two during the fight made for infamous quotes repeated in countless classrooms and frat houses throughout the nation.

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# Oscars head downhill over recent years

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Last week, the Oscar nominations were announced. I almost threw a little diva fit when I saw who was snubbed from the list.

First off, apparently "Children of Men" and "Pan's Labyrinth" weren't good enough to be included in the Best Picture list, resigning them solely to the Screenplay and Technical category. Not cool.

Secondly, the Academy completely ignored my performance in the hit independent film "Whaaaaaat?" It's the one where I play a young deaf-mute who overcomes the odds and wins the national spelling bee — please tell me what made Forest Whitaker, the so-called "last king of Scotland," better than me?

Of course, despite all my belly-aching, I am completely obsessed with the Academy Awards. All the glamorous drama and botoxed egos that

are packed into each Oscar season are hard to resist. Therefore, I crave it endlessly every year.

The oddest thing is, though, it's become pretty common knowledge that the Oscars have essentially stopped honoring the best in motion pictures, and instead, voters set their sights on what films will help them achieve the highest TV ratings or get the most commercial sponsors.

The Oscar voters are basically like the head clique in high school; you know, they were the ones who knew they were better than you and made you eat your packed lunch in the one empty stall in the boys' bathroom ... or was that just me?

Anyway, the fact that I'm even comparing the members of the Academy Awards to The Plastics from "Mean Girls" is not a good thing.

So, what is the point of this rant of mine? Well, I am veering toward asking

the American public to put me in charge of picking the nominees and winners for the Academy Awards each year. Do I hear some naysayer asking for my qualifications? Well, may I ask, who has been deemed the "ultimate movie buff" by his mother for 10 years running? Me. Who knows where Jimmy Hoffa is buried? Me again. Who can explain why the Others are on the "Lost" island? Yours truly.

First off, no longer will we be honoring those big, important, sprawling epics that always seem to have some important "message" about society and different cultures and liberal hippie crap like that. No, no, the Oscars will now be celebrating the overlooked treasures, nay, masterpieces of Hollywood.

I am, of course, referring to Lifetime TV Movies. Who cares if these movies were made for a women's cable channel and the Oscars only celebrate works shown in

American cinemas? Can you really ignore the power that is "Mom at 16" or "Stranger in My Bed" or, my personal favorite, "Tall, Dark and Dead"? I don't know about you, but nothing gets me more excited than a double billing of "All She Ever Wanted" (the one where Marcia Cross plays a bipolar woman wanting to have a baby) and "Crimes of Passion: She Woke Up Pregnant" (no explanation needed).

These TV Movies remind me of why I love films so much, and it's truly unexplainable why the Oscars haven't changed their rules and regulations in order to let these pieces of art get the recognition they deserve.

I mean, if I had my way, Tori Spelling and Meredith Baxter-Birney would have dozens of little golden statues.

Yet, alas, the Academy chooses to stick with more traditional works like "Babel" and "The Departed." My

point in all this, of course, is to show the ridiculousness of the Oscar nomination and voting structure, which continuously honors films that have received the most publicity or attention from the public, which is a shame for the smaller, more obscure (re: better) films out there. But mark my words, TimeOut readers: I will work tirelessly to make sure these Lifetime TV productions get some Oscar love. Or, at the very least, maybe a Hallmark TV Movie.



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# 'Aces' smoke up big screen

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Total and complete anarchy would be a good way to describe the latest film from director Joe Carnahan. "Smokin' Aces" is a gory, carnage-filled shootout that actually borderlines on comedy throughout many parts of the film.

The cast includes a long list of well-known faces such as Jeremy Piven, Ryan Reynolds, Ray Liotta, Andy Garcia, Ben Affleck and Alicia Keys.

The story begins as two FBI agents, played by Liotta and Reynolds, overhear that a \$1 million hit has been ordered on the famous Las Vegas magician, Buddy "Aces" Israel. Israel, played by Jeremy Piven, once had close ties to the Vegas mafia but then turned into a FBI informant in order to save his own skin. While hiding in the penthouse of a casino in Lake Tahoe, Israel lives in a world of cocaine and fear, among his bodyguards and several prostitutes.

Once the word is out that \$1 million is up for grabs, every established hit man in the world comes out of the woodwork to try to get a piece of it. Each assassin has a distinct

character and his or her own back story that the film tries to explain. The lineup of assassins includes a trio of heavily armed neo-Nazis, a master of disguise that specializes in exotic torture and a dim-witted bail bondsman. This film is very Tarantino-esque in that it does provide great action scenes and a distinct style, but "Smokin' Aces" is not quite as well executed.

Although the supporting roles in the film leave much to be desired, the performance of the leads really shine through in the film. Piven gives an absolutely spectacular performance as the egotistical doped up magician.

In addition, his character is in fact very similar to the one that he has perfected on HBO's "Entourage." Garcia and Liotta once again show their experience in mafia-style movies and provide a serious counterpoint to the ridiculousness of some of the other characters. All of these characters were very well played by their respective actors, and it does help pull the movie back up from a scattered storyline.

Even with all the veteran actors in the film, surprisingly the role that stands out the most is the one played by Ryan

Reynolds. Known more for his performances in lackluster teen comedies, Reynolds shows throughout the film the great range he possesses as an actor and displays the potential that he has to take on more serious roles. The only thing that holds Reynolds back is the ending, which is partly the fault of a seemingly thrown-together script and a poorly developed side plot. The bombardment of emotion and drama at the end of the film are ineffective due to the inability of the story to get the audience to invest into the characters.

Although "Smokin' Aces" is not quite up to par with other films of its genre, it is a film worth seeing. The trailer for the movie can be quite misleading, as it misrepresents what the tone of the movie actually is. This film leans more towards a comedy than it does a pure action movie, but it works.

Considering everything, "Smokin' Aces" provides a good time with a fast paced plot and great performances scattered about the film.

## Crossword Solution

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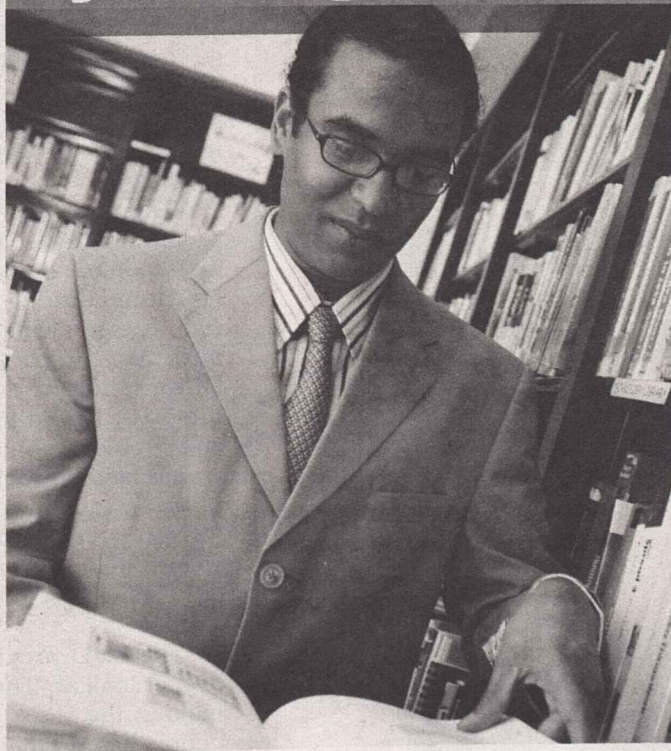
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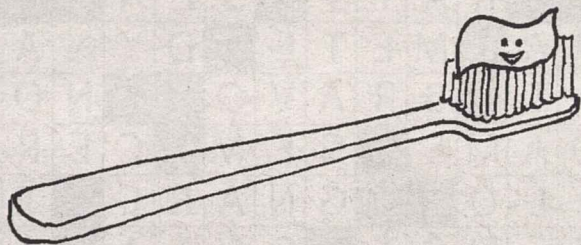
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By Kenny Herring

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## DVD sets "Guardian" free

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"The Guardian" crashes onto DVD Jan. 23 bringing with it waves of heartfelt action. Touchstone Home Entertainment presents an adventurous, pulse-pounding story of sacrifice and heroism.

Academy Award winner Kevin Costner ("Dances with Wolves") stars with Ashton Kutcher ("The Butterfly Effect") producing comical chemistry between the Coast Guard Veteran and rookie rescue swimmer. The Coast Guard rescue swimmers risk everything to jump in and save lives when a disaster strikes and no one else would dare go in the water. "When storms shut down the entire force, we go out. When hurricanes ground the United States Navy, we go out. And when the Holy Lord himself reaches down from heaven and destroys His good work with winds that rip houses off the ground, we go out," said Captain Frank Larson in "The Guardian."

Ben Randall (Costner) is



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**YOU LAUGH NOW:** Kutcher laughs with fellow U.S. Coast Guard rescue swimmer recruits in "The Guardian."

shaken up when his team dies in a horrific accident. As the only survivor, Randall takes a position as an instructor at the USCG training facility in Louisiana to teach new recruits by order of his commanding officer. Reluctant to the position, Randall meets his students.

One recruit, Jake Fischer (Kutcher), makes a lasting first impression on Randall by stat-

ing "That guy who holds all them records? I just thought you outta let him know I'm about to knock his name off that board." The Captain then informs Fischer that 'that guy' was in the back of the room.

Randall makes the already difficult program extremely rigid by exposing his recruits to unorthodox methods of instructions such as sitting in an ice pit to experience what hypothermia feels like.

In his individual quest to succeed as a rescue swimmer, Fischer breaks all of Randall's previous records; however, he fails the lesson about working as a team. Randall discovers that Fischer is not so different from himself.

The bonus features of the DVD add to the already epic tale of "The Guardian."

"Making Waves" is a behind the scenes featurette on the making of the film and its amazing rescue scenes. "The Guardian" aimed to honor the real people behind the film and show what the USCG is made of. To accomplish this goal, the producers integrated the USCG very early in the production process so it would be accurate and realistic. The actors became very involved in the process and tried to live up to Coast Guard standards. Coast Guard members as well as Olympic swimmers guest starred as recruits and instructors in the film.

The waves were created indoors in a giant tank surrounded by blue screen. By using this method, director Andrew Davis could control the waves and how they crashed into the boats and cave walls. "My biggest challenge [about the water tank] was keeping the real USCG members from playing in the six foot waves it created," director Andrew Davis said.

"Unsung Heroes" is a program about the real-life Coast Guard heroes and their Hurricane Katrina rescues. The film began production before hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans, but the event allowed the Coast Guard to shine. Men and women rescue swimmers would land on rooftops to help people escape the disaster. This disaster gave the Coast Guard a chance to be seen in the public eye, which is not a normal occurrence.

The DVD provides an even deeper look at "The Guardian," making the story and the real people behind the tale come to life. "The Guardian" makes for good all-around entertainment for action, comedy or romance lovers alike.



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# NEXT LEVEL

By Amanda Gurganus

Lines wrap around every Best Buy, Circuit City and Wal-Mart as the new wave of consoles are released from the rafters. These are the systems brought to us by Microsoft, Sony and Nintendo that will determine the future of video gaming for at least the next half a decade. Both the Playstation 3 and the Wii came out within two weeks of each other during winter break, so they are still the new "must have" consoles. This next generation of consoles brings gaming to a whole new level with better graphics, more options and improved games.

## XBox 360

On November 22, 2005, lines of students and adults waited in the freezing cold at Best Buy in Anderson to get their hands on an Xbox 360 with an option of 18 launch games. The release of the first next-generation console got gamers excited at the new possibilities and the new graphics that they would be able to enjoy.

The 360 features some high-tech, nerd-style system specifications that most people would not appreciate. It has three processing cores (think three computers) that work together to produce some amazing results. It also features a removable 20GB hard drive, wireless controllers designed specifically for the console, optional wireless internet connection devices, as well as support for the Microsoft Media Connect software. This software allows the user to stream music, movies and pictures off of his or her computer directly to the Xbox 360 so they can be viewed on a television instead of a monitor. The music can also be used inside any Xbox 360 game in place of the game's soundtrack, further allowing the user to customize his or her gaming experience however he or she sees fit.

Since the Xbox 360 was the first next-generation console released, gamers looked forward to its enhanced online gaming features. The Xbox Live network has reached amazing new heights for online gaming. While games like Halo 2 and Gears of War continue to dominate most live users' time, a myriad of other games support the online feature in unique ways. Some games use it for something simple like downloading top times and high scores from around the world for you to compete against in addition to yourself and your opponents.

The Xbox Marketplace, however, has become Microsoft's driving force behind the 360. Microsoft has made deals with major television production companies to release episodes of a lot of great shows on the Xbox Live Marketplace for users to download and view right on their Xbox 360s.

## Playstation 3

The PlayStation 3 faced its public audience on November 17, 2006, not quite one year after the Xbox 360. There was a huge crowd waiting for the new system. Sony expected a large turnout, but did not expect the flop the system took. The system and its release was so bad that Time Magazine called the PlayStation 3 one of the biggest flops of 2006.

Two versions of the PlayStation 3 were released: A 20GB selling for \$499 and a 60GB selling for \$599. The 60GB model also features a media card reader (CF, MS/Pro and SM cards) as well as a built-in wireless internet receiver.

Sony is contrasting the Xbox 360 in the design of the system including a stream line outer case instead of the bulky design of the 360. Also it features a curved outer case as compared to the 360's look of a white block with a DVD-tray sticking out of the front. The PlayStation 3 weighs in at 11 pounds versus the 7.7 pounds of the Xbox. The system will be able to stand vertically or lay horizontally and can be moved while running without worry of damage to games or movies.

The PlayStation 3 looks really cool; however, there are not enough consoles to go around, there are not enough games released to make it worth its \$600 price tag. Sales for this console were lower than expected, partly due to Sony's failure to release the total number of units it produced and the lack of exclusive, PlayStation-only titles available at launch. These systems were selling for an average of \$3,000 on Ebay within 24 hours of their release.

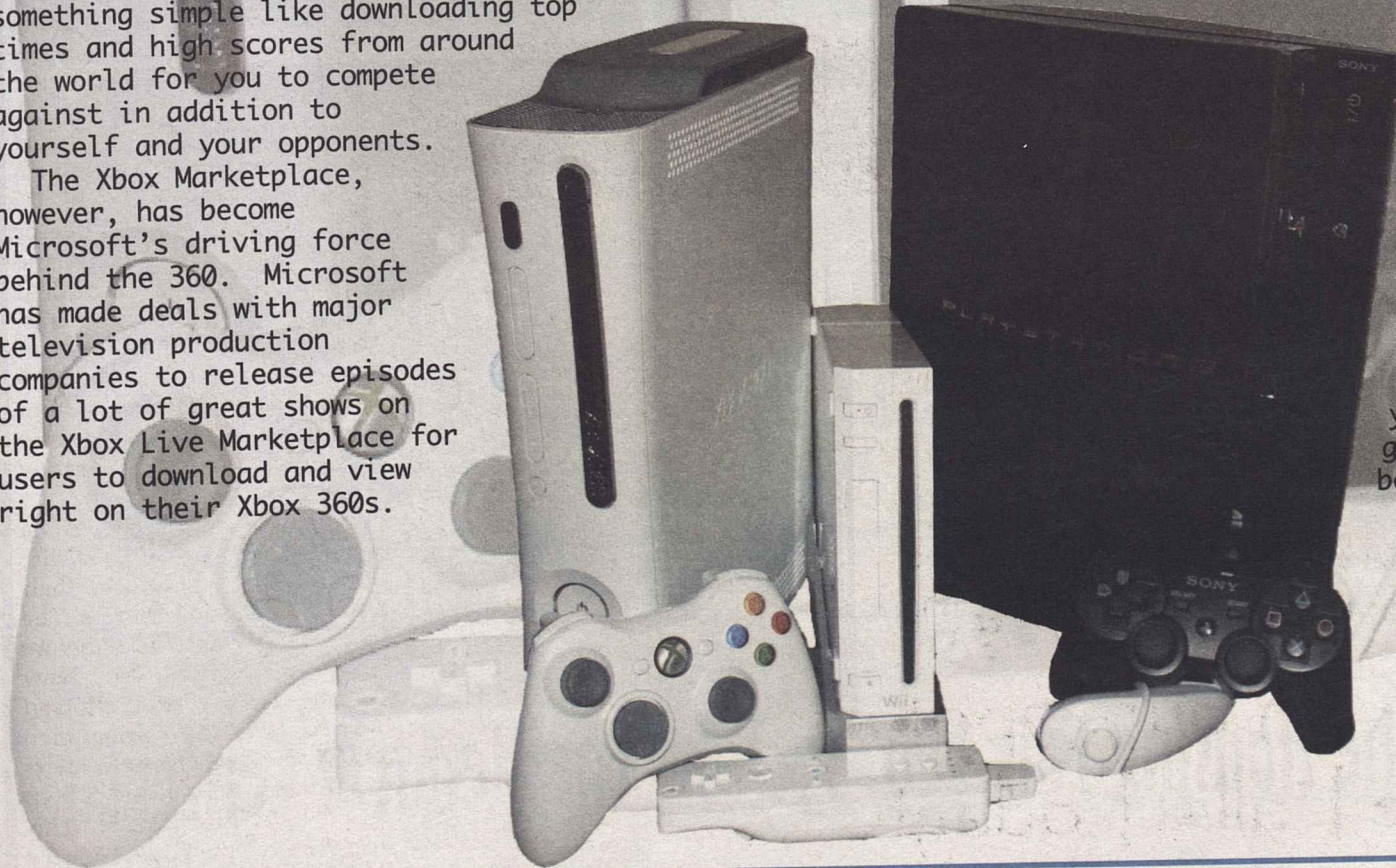
## Wii

Though the Wii was the last next-generation console to be released, it has definitely not been the last in the charts. Nintendo has been known as the manufacturer that thinks outside the box. "The Wii has sold a total of 3.19 million Wiis worldwide, 1.3 million to the Americas alone," said Emma Boyes of Gamespot.

To download these Virtual Console games (games that are not on a physical system) all users have to do is purchase prepaid "Wii Points" from a store, or buy online using a credit card. Nintendo Entertainment System can be purchased for 500 Wii Points or \$5, Super Nintendo Entertainment System and Sega Genesis for 800 Wii Points or \$8 and Nintendo 64 games are 1,000 Wii Points or \$10. Users can also play Gamecube games directly through the system by hooking up the Gamecube controllers.

The Wii's graphics are lacking overall. Nintendo has already stated that the intent for the Wii would be its unique style of game-play and not the "wow factor" of its graphics. To achieve this, they released the Wii with motion-based controls. With the Wii remote armed in one hand and the Nunchuk controller in the other, the user controls almost everything on the screen by moving the controllers. Whether it is something as simple as fishing or bowling or something more complex like pulling off combos in the new Dragonball Z fighting game, the controls make the Wii more of an experience and less of a game.

The Wii also has found a huge following (for a console) among women gamers worldwide. Some reports from Europe stated that nearly one in 10 people in line to buy a Wii console were women who intended to keep the console and play it regularly. As Electronic Arts could tell you from the success of their Sims franchise of games which boasts 40 to 50 percent of all sales coming from women consumers (one of the best-selling PC games of all times), if you can appeal to both sides of the gaming world, you're only going to be more successful in the end.



So whether you enjoy playing games for how cool they look or how cool it feels to play them, the gaming industry has you covered. These three new consoles raise the level of game-play, making gaming now very different from the Atari of the '70s. There is competition between Microsoft, Sony and Nintendo to determine which one will be ranked highest in the gaming industry. This competition is wonderful for gamers because it means there will always be the latest technologies in video game consoles that make it worthwhile to stay outside a storefront all night in freezing weather to be one of the first ones to play these top notch next-generation gaming systems.



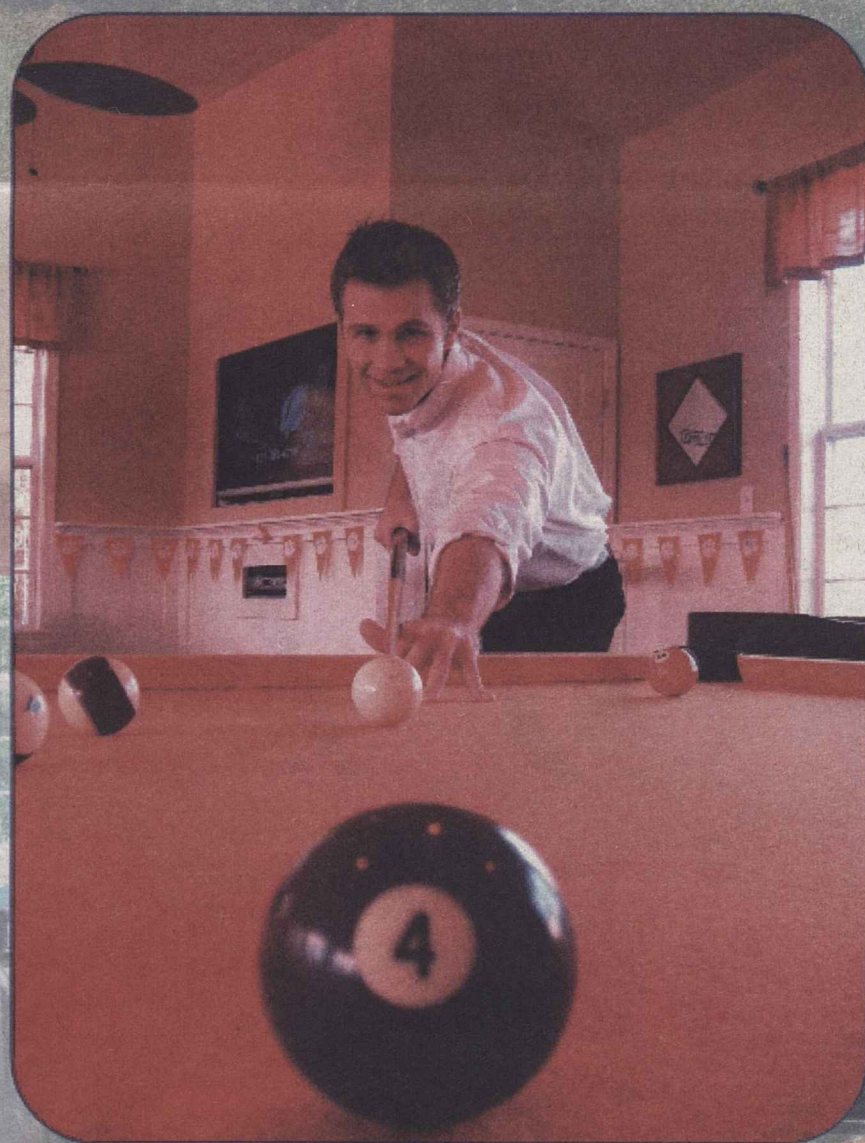
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