

"I Have A Dream"

Martin Luther King's Legacy

"Dr. King devoted his life to improving the lives of others," said Cassidy Fishman, a D.W. Daniel High School student and winner of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratorical Contest. Fishman read her winning essay at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Service on Tuesday night at the Brooks Center for the Performing Arts.

"This is that time of year that hopefully our focus is not on race," said Melissa Shivers, director of multicultural programs and services and chair of the MLK Enhancement Committee. "Martin Luther King, Jr. crossed all lines with his message," said Shivers. "His message of peace and civility and just even respect are things that we try to perpetuate through the celebration."

This week's theme was "A Vision of Freedom, A Voice of Determination." Clemson University students, faculty, staff and area residents all joined together to celebrate the life and unforgettable mark that Dr. King left on the world.

"Martin was a scholar, a preacher, a teacher, a crusader," said Rev. Joseph Lowery, the feature speaker for the Tuesday evening commemorative service. Lowery, a civil rights advocate and co-founder and president emeritus of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, gave a powerful and motivational speech at the service this past Tuesday.

The week's events began last Thursday with an oratorical contest for area high school students. Last Friday, Clemson University and USC Upstate students embarked upon the annual MLK Trip. This year the group traveled to Atlanta and Albany, Ga., to visit the black historical sites of the cities.

"He (Martin Luther King, Jr.) inspired the least of these to embrace hope, to exercise faith

and to stand on the promises of our Creator," said Lowery. "He gave hope to the hopeless and power to the powerless."

Lowery, the speaker for Tuesday evening, has been involved in the civil rights movement since the early 1950s when he headed the Alabama Civic Affairs Association, which led the movement for desegregation of buses and the hiring of black police officers. He worked closely with King to found the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in 1957 and served as president and chief executive officer from 1977 to 1998.

Lowery is also co-founder and president of the Black Leadership Forum, a assoc. of national black advocacy organizations. Ebony magazine named Lowery one of the top 15 black preachers, and the NAACP honored him with a lifetime achievement award in 1997.

Clemson's MLK Day of Service is a part of the annual MLK holiday celebration. On the Day of Service, Clemson students, faculty, staff and community members volunteered their time and energy at various community agencies ranging from Clemson Community Care, Clemson Child Development Center, Clemson Downs, Our Daily Bread, Rosa Clark

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Captain interims as chief

Captain Hendricks steps up to the plate as Major Perry decided to leave.

CAROLINE STONE
STAFF WRITER

Change has been the recent theme at the University's police department. Eric Hendricks will assume the duties of interim police chief on Jan. 27. Hendricks' move will follow the departure of current interim chief David Perry who recently agreed to serve as police chief at Florida State University.

Perry was named interim police chief in November after former Chief Gregory Harris' resignation. At the time, Perry said he had a "smooth transition" into the position and "significant support from Student Affairs." Perry has been with the department since June 2003 and formerly served as chief of police at his alma mater, Albany State University in Georgia.

Hendricks is currently the captain of the CUPD uniform patrol. Hendricks has been with CUPD since 1993. Before serving as captain, he worked as a patrol officer.

"I am very excited about the opportunity to serve as interim chief at Clemson University and look forward to working with the campus community toward our goals of providing a safe campus, conducive to education," said Hendricks.

Hendricks said he hopes to facilitate better communication between the different groups of officers, specifically the walking and the bicycle patrols in addition to the members of the Clemson community.

"I want to let the community know that we are approachable. They can come up and talk to us," he said. "The uniform can be a barrier, and I want to cross that barrier."

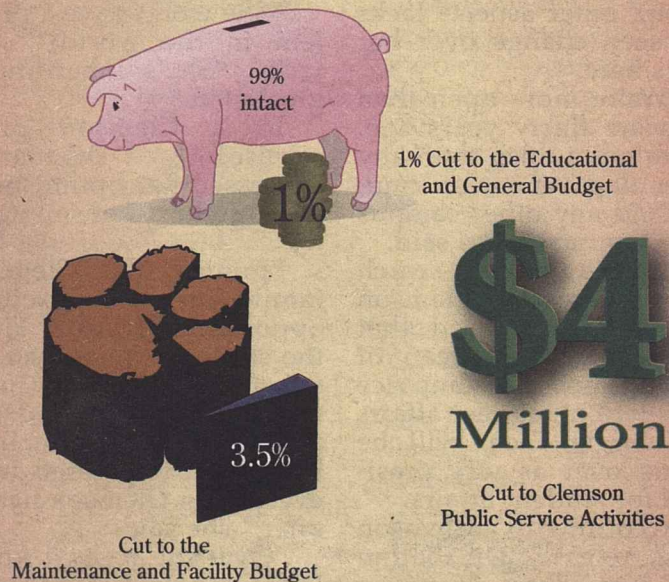
Hendricks is a native to the Clemson area. He grew up in Six Mile and attended Daniel High School.

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State budget cuts Clemson funding

Executive Budget Cuts

Governor Sanford's Newest Budget Cuts and how they affect us at Clemson



SOURCE: Gov. Sanford's 2006 Executive Budget

TYLER MILLS/art director

Sanford's new budget leaves state schools pinching their pennies.

LAURA EVANS
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Governor Mark Sanford released his executive budget for 2006-2007 on Jan. 4, which included several reductions in state funded assistance for higher education institutions. There are several budget cut recommendations that will affect Clemson University directly.

One such reduction is a \$ 4 million budget cut to Clemson Public Service Activities. There was also a 1 percent Educational and General budget cut to Clemson in order to promote

collaboration with other universities along with a 3.5 percent cut in maintenance and facility expenses for the state's research universities and four-year institutions.

"I am disappointed to see that the state government has not seen fit to maintain or increase its level of financial support for higher education," said political science professor Dr. Laura Olson. "I can only hope that we will fare better next year." Nevertheless Olson said that while she was disappointed about the budget cuts, she did think that collaboration with University of South Carolina and Medical University of South Carolina would be a good proposal. She added that Clemson and USC's joint Master of Public Administration program was a very successful

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TIMEOUT

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WEEKEND FORECAST

FRIDAY: Mostly Sunny

64°
48°

SATURDAY: Showers
64/43

SUNDAY: Showers
59/43

Weekly World Update

World Report

■ **U.S. Journalist held hostage:** An American journalist's kidnappers threatened to kill her unless the United States releases all female Iraqi prisoners within 72 hours, the Arabic-language TV network Al-Jazeera said after it aired a video showing her Tuesday. Journalist Jill Carroll, 28, a freelance writer on assignment for the Christian Science Monitor, was kidnapped Jan. 7 in western Baghdad. Her Iraqi interpreter was killed, but her Iraqi driver escaped unharmed. Al-Jazeera repeated Tuesday that it opposes and condemns all forms of violence against journalists and asked that Carroll be released. The U.S. State Department also has asked that she and other hostages be released unharmed. She has been reporting from the Middle East for three years.

■ **Peacekeepers Flee Ivory Coast:** U.N. peacekeepers battled attackers Wednesday before withdrawing from a western Ivory Coast town along with other U.N. staff, officials said. Capt. Gilles Combarieu, a U.N. military observer, said the Bangladeshi troops exchanged fire with attackers trying to enter their compound in the government-held town of Guiglo before evacuating all U.N. employees from the city. Approximately 300 U.N. peacekeepers and staff were headed north to a more heavily guarded buffer zone separating government and rebel fighters said Combarieu. Combarieu said he had no details on the number of dead or wounded. A doctor at Guiglo's main hospital said two bodies with bullet wounds lay at the morgue and there were reports of three more corpses in the streets.

National Report

■ **President encourages international study:** Jim Barker attended a U.S. University Presidents Summit on International Education that began on Thursday, Jan. 5 in Washington, D.C., with an afternoon address by President George W. Bush. Barker was one of 120 higher education leaders that were invited to participate in the summit, the goal of which was to strengthen international education and emphasize its importance to the national interest, according to a State Department release. U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, summit co-host along with Education Secretary Margaret Spellings, who delivered the keynote address Thursday night. The number of foreign students enrolled at American colleges and universities has declined since 9/11. Much of the drop has come at the graduate level in programs like business, engineering and science, academic areas where Clemson is particularly strong.

■ **Mine blast survivor awakes from coma:** Sago Mine survivor Randal McCloy Jr. appears to be awakening from his coma, and his improving condition may allow him to be transferred to a rehabilitation center within a few weeks, doctors said on Wednesday. McCloy, 26, has been able to breathe on his own for days and is also opening his eyes, said Dr. Julian Bailes of West Virginia University's Ruby Memorial Hospital, adding that he "has purposeful movement" and "is responding to his family in slight ways." Bailes said doctors now consider McCloy to be in a "light coma." McCloy is believed to have suffered brain damage from lack of oxygen, but the extent of the damage is not yet known.

News By Numbers

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number of women who earned more than \$1 million on the LPGA tour in 2004

31

number of assassination attempts at Charles de Gaulle

42

years ago the Beatles released their first album, "Meet the Beatles" in the U.S.

87

age of the world's oldest barefoot water skier.

1,643

number of cigarettes consumed by the Chinese in a year

30 seconds with...

Almeda Jacks
Vice President of Student Affairs

Jenny Mason: What will you miss most about Clemson?

Almeda Jacks: The people, definitely.

JM: If you could write a bumper sticker for your successor, what would be the mantra?

AJ: I am who I am.

JM: Where is your favorite place to eat on campus? How about off campus?

AJ: On campus would be Chili's Too. Off campus there's a tie: Pixie and Bills, Calhoun Corners and 113 Chophouse Grille.

JM: Fill in the blank. I believe in _____.

AJ: 1. God. 2. Family. 3. One Clemson.

JM: The word on the street is that you are a state constable. What does that mean?

AJ: I went through the training back in 1992 to learn more about law enforcement. I have to work a certain number of hours to keep it and I have a badge.

JM: So do you carry a gun?

AJ: I do, sometimes ... it usually stays in my car though.

Officials name successor for VP of student affairs

Almeda Jacks says she would change nothing if she could do it over.

JENNY MASON
NEWS EDITOR

After 31 years with Clemson University, Almeda Jacks is retiring. For the last 14 years, Jacks has been the vice president for student affairs — a position that oversees departments such as Student Development Services, housing, public safety, parking and vehicle registration, multicultural affairs and student affairs information technology.

During her tenure, Jacks has worked for seven University presidents. Many changes have shaped Clemson over the years, especially the University's capitol projects, said Jacks. The most impressive change for Jacks, however, has been in technology.

"The students' needs have changed, so our needs have changed and will continue to change. What is up and coming will blow us away," she said.

Jacks said, however, that the students themselves have stayed the same. "They really haven't changed. Careers have changed, forcing our teaching methods to change," she said. But overall, she said, they are still high school students transitioning to college students.

What has changed, though, is parental involvement. According to Jacks, parental involvement, has been cyclical in its trend. With a position that requires an intimate connection with the stu-

dent body, Jacks said she notices that some years parents are not as involved with the students' college lives. Jacks cites the popular use of cell phones as reason for a recent increase in parental involvement on campus.

"I always see students walking around with a cell phone in their hand," she said. "I think most students talk to someone at home at least once a day."

Other changes Jacks has been present for are socially related.

Attitudes towards taboo issues, such as sexual orientation and diversity issues on campus are among other aspects Jacks has seen change over her years here.

"We're more open than we were thirty years ago. We're more open than any other department on campus and any other campus in the country," she said.

After a national search for a successor, Clemson officially announced that Gail DiSabatino, dean of students and assistant vice president of student affairs at Georgia Tech, will be taking over as vice president for student affairs.

According to a Clemson press release, DiSabatino has more than 25 years of experience in student affairs.

At Georgia Tech, DiSabatino oversaw a number of departments including diversity programs and services, student clubs and organizations and student publications.

Jacks said the responsibility over of municipal services would be new to DiSabatino.

Jacks will officially take leave March 27, but DiSabatino will begin working for the University

part-time starting in February. Though Jacks will miss many aspects of Clemson, she knows her position is being left in good hands.

All of the candidates interviewed had strong skill sets, said Jacks. But she said DiSabatino will be able to take Clemson to the next level. "She is very qualified for the job," said Jacks of DiSabatino.

Jacks thinks the biggest challenge DiSabatino will face is being new to the Clemson scene. She said there is usually a six-month to a one-year learning process to become adjusted to the community.

"She won't have a problem in the world," said Jacks. "She's inheriting a great staff."

In a Clemson press release, DiSabatino expressed her optimism in joining the Clemson family.

"Joining the Clemson family is an exciting opportunity for me. From the student affairs staff, to the students, to the faculty, to the president and his administrative council, I have been impressed with everything Clemson has to offer," she said.

Over the past 31 years Jacks said she has collected many great memories.

Though she has seen many great accomplishments here, she considers her greatest accomplishment to be her successful balancing of being a good administrator, a good mom and a good wife.

"That was the biggest challenge, being successful in all three areas," she said.

If given the chance to do it all over, she said she would not change a thing.

TIGER BRIEFS

Clemson Named Top Educational Buy

Kiplinger magazine editors have picked Clemson University as one of the top public institutions in the country giving the best education for the dollar. Clemson ranks no. 24 in the financial magazine's yearly round-up of institutions providing a top quality education at reasonable prices. "This recognition strengthens our statement that Clemson remains an affordable option for students while providing a top-notch educational experience," said Cathy Sams, chief public information officer at Clemson. In-state students pay \$7,488 a semester for tuition, fees and room and board, while the price tag for out-of-state students stands at \$12,300 a semester. No in-state freshmen at Clemson this academic year are paying full tuition, according to associate director of financial aid Keith Reeves. This is a result of the creation of the university's Palmetto Pact, which aims to increase the pipeline of graduates who are qualified for a knowledge-based economy, encourage community service and enhance access to Clemson.

London Theater to bring "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" Play to Clemson

The Brooks Center for the Performing Arts will be the scene of a brutal murder and an unrelenting manhunt on Thursday, Feb. 8 when Clemson University hosts the London-based Aquila Theatre. The internationally acclaimed theatre company will present "The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" at 8 p.m. The macabre tale begins with a disturbing account of a small child being abruptly knocked down by a brutally ugly man, who disappears into the foggy back streets of London. Based in London and New York, the company has toured extensively throughout Europe and North America. Aquila has performed at the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington D.C., the Summer Shakespeare Festival in Philadelphia and the Bermuda Shakespeare Festival. Aquila is the company-in-residence at New York University's Center for Ancient Studies.

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the Clemson area. He grew up in Six Mile and attended Daniel High School. He earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice in 1988 from USC-Spartanburg and started his career working for the police force in Dallas, TX.

Mary Poore, associate vice president for municipal services appointed Hendricks and said he "has the full support of the University administration. CUPD is in good hands." Almeda Jacks, vice president for student affairs, said, "he will make a great chief."

He is a great captain and he will not miss a beat moving up in positions. I have the utmost confidence in him."

According to Poore, the University plans to conduct a national search for a chief and hopes to permanently fill the position by May.

Hendricks said that at this point in his career he is not interested in permanently serving as the chief.

"At this point in my career, I enjoy what I do (as captain) too much," he said.

CUPD faces more inquiry

Though SLED found no signs of criminal behavior, an external source will soon evaluate CUPD's efficiency.

CAROLINE STONE
STAFF WRITER

On Jan. 12, Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Bob Ariail, put to rest any questions surrounding criminal wrongdoing within the University's police department.

After reviewing the findings of an unofficial inquiry by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED), Ariail concluded that a full-fledged investigation was not merited. The inquiry began in the summer of 2005 at Ariail's request after he received "uncorroborated allegations made by a former employee."

According to Mary Poore, associate vice president for Clemson's municipal services, Ariail's findings confirm a similar investigation by the University last fall.

In November after the first two phases of the inquiry were completed, Ariail said, "The only thing I look for is evidence of criminal (behavior). I don't look for administrative or management problems."

Ariail did say that SLED's inquiry

turned up non-criminal issues within the department. He said the department suffered from too few checks and balances and unprofessional practices.

During the final stage of SLED's investigation, police chief Gregory Harris resigned, citing personal reasons for doing so.

Former major David Perry is currently serving as interim police chief and will be replaced on Jan. 27 by Eric Hendricks after Perry assumes the duties of police chief at Florida State University.

Almeda Jacks, vice president for student affairs, said the University plans to bring in a third party firm to conduct an "external review" of the police department at the end of January or the beginning February. She said the outside evaluation will help the department assess its strengths and weaknesses while the University searches for a permanent replacement for Harris.

"It'll tell us what we need to concentrate on," Jacks said.

Ariail said that he plans to discuss the findings of SLED's inquiry with the police department and the University.

In a Inside Clemson news release, Poore said, "We have improved operational procedures and implemented a better system of checks and balances. We look forward to talking with the solicitor and implementing any necessary improvements."

ONE ON ONE with Parking Services

All faculty, staff, and students are required by policy to have a current parking permit displayed in/on their vehicle.

Regulations for parking vehicles at Clemson University are enforced 24/7. Everyone is responsible for obeying Parking and Traffic regulations.

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Regulation 27-3001.3 states, "Vehicles parked in spaces reserved for individuals with disabilities are required to prominently display a valid disability access parking placard or license plate, issued by a State Highway Department. In addition to spaces specifically reserved for disability access, any vehicle displaying a valid disability access permit may park in an employee, student, or timed parking space. (MUST park in a marked space) **"A current University decal or parking permit is required in addition to a disability access parking placard when parked in accessible parking spaces for students, faculty, and staff."**

Reminder- parking citations turned over on November 11th.

Unpaid citations that turned over are due in the Bursar's Office.

All citations received since then are due in the Parking

Services Office. Also, not every citation that was written prior to November 11th turned over- those that didn't are payable in Parking Services and are now past due.



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In the Books

Campus Arrests

The following were arrests made by the Clemson University Police Department between Monday, Dec. 12, and Wednesday, Jan. 18.

Jan. 5

1:05 p.m., Fredrick Banks, driving under suspension, Hwy. 93, officer: Schutt

Jan. 9

11:54 p.m., Kevin Baxter, public disorderly drunk, fake ID, Hwy. 93, officer: Reidenbach

Jan. 10

11:44 p.m., Thomas Ahern, public disorderly drunk, Hwy. 93 officer: Reidenbach

2:49 a.m., Nevin Murkley, public disorderly drunk, Greek Quad, officer: Miller

Jan. 13

1:40 a.m., Bradley Walton, public disorderly drunk, fake ID, Lever, officer: Salisbury

1:40 a.m., Kathryn Morgan, public disorderly drunk, Lever, officer: Salisbury

Jan. 14

6:44 a.m., Sean Wilson, public disorderly drunk, Johnstone, officer: Schutt

Jan. 15

2:04 a.m., Patrick M. Jackson, public disorderly drunk, Hwy. 93, officer: Salisbury

Jan. 17

11:52 a.m., Kwam Williams, driving under suspension, Centennial Blvd., officer: Reidenbach

Crime Report

The following calls were among those that Clemson University police responded to from Monday, Dec. 12, and Wednesday, Jan. 18.

Dec. 11

9:56 a.m., threatening calls, Schilleter, officer: Moore

Dec. 13

11:03 a.m., motor vehicle accident, Clemson Downs, officer: CUFD

Dec. 14

7:10 p.m., damage to vehicle, Lightsey Bridge, officer: Salisbury

11:14 p.m., suspicious activity, McCabe, officer: Cassell

Dec. 15

6:05 a.m., fire alarm, Clemson Place, CUFD

Fire & Rescue

The following were among those that the Clemson University fire department responded to from Monday, Dec. 12 and Wednesday, Jan. 18.

Dec. 11

3:00 a.m., Bonfire, Earle St., CUFD

Dec. 12

1:23 p.m., elevator entrapment, Byrnes, CUFD

Dec. 15

6:05 a.m., fire alarm, Clemson Place, CUFD

Researchers receive NASA funding

Clemson researcher Ted Bateman is conducting research in bone loss.

JOHN LUPTON
STAFF WRITER

Clemson University researchers are studying bone loss in astronauts to help improve means of treating osteoporosis.

Clemson professor Ted Bateman will receive \$725,000 from the National Space Biomedical Research Institute to conduct this research.

Astronauts experience an increased rate of bone loss in space because of the lack of gravity. But while the rate at which their bone mass decreases speeds up, the rate at which the body replaces it stays the same. This is a hindrance for long space-missions.

"Microgravity causes changes in physiological systems that are both detrimental to human health and beneficial for biomedical research" said Bateman on his website.

Bateman also said, "Among these changes are a profound and rapid wasting of skeletal muscle, immune deficiency and declines in bone mass. Finding countermeasures to these and other biomedical problems associated with weightlessness is necessary before long-duration human space exploration can be possible."

Bateman offered a fur-

ther explanation: "Humans lose bone mass at a rate of 0.5 to 2.0 percent per month (in space). This is approximately five times the rate of women with postmenopausal osteoporosis." "Through a collaboration with the NASA sponsored Commercial Space Center BioServe Space Technologies at the University of Colorado, we examine this bone loss in pre-clinical mouse models to take advantage of this extreme environment to test potential therapies to treat the 28 million Americans at risk for osteoporotic fractures," he said.

Worse than what happens up in space is that it takes the astronauts' bodies much longer to recover their lost mass once back on the ground than it did to lose it on a mission, putting them at high risk for fractures.

Bateman is attempting to prevent bone loss while in space and help speed up recovery time upon landing by using the protein osteoprotegerin.

Bateman's most recent experiment in space was on NASA flight STS-108 in collaboration with Amgen Inc. — the company providing the protein — and the University of Colorado. On that mission the crew was joined by mice that had been treated with osteoprotegerin. This flight was in December, 2001.

The next flight Bateman's research will be a part of is STS-118, which is scheduled to take off in May, 2006.

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Family residents face forced move

Repair and costs are too much to keep family housing open.

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Douthit Hills, Clemson's only university-run family housing area, will close its doors to residents on June 30, forcing 98 families to seek new homes.

Douthit Hills has provided housing for 100 families, primarily composed of graduate students and new faculty members, on a sprawling lot behind Clemson House since 1950. Mounting need for repair and maintenance to Douthit Hills units has forced the University to decide between an extensive renovation project of the family housing community or closing it.

"Closing Douthit Hills was a very difficult decision," said university housing director, Verna Howell. "The cost of continued upkeep on the buildings in light of the critical maintenance needs required by many of them made keeping the community open unreasonable."

University housing has been aware of the aging state of the Douthit Hills but until recently had planned on keeping the community open for as long as possible. However, a recent Department of Health and Environmental Control act mandating the inspection of in-ground fuel tanks forced the University to make an immediate decision on the

Douthit Hills community.

In-ground fuel tanks are located below half of the Douthit Hills buildings and are used for heating. University inspection of the fuel tanks found two to be leaking. Excavation was performed to remove the tanks and contaminated dirt around the tanks from gas fuel leakage. Removal of this much dirt from below the buildings destabilized the foundation of the two buildings making them unsafe for living; both buildings were subsequently demolished.

Given the age of the properties in Douthit Hills, the university felt that leaking of fuel tanks beneath other buildings was inevitable. Substantial maintenance was also required to replace outdated electrical and plumbing systems in the Douthit Hills community.

Faced with the demolition of two units and deteriorating condition of other units, the university has decided to close the entire community. Renovations to the property were considered but would have resulted in considerable rent increases for residents as well as a substantial financial obligation by the university.

Residents of Douthit Hills were notified in mid-December and will be given until June 30, to find new housing. The university recognizes the difficulties inherent in relocating in six months and is actively trying to help Douthit Hills residents find new housing.

"Our top priority is to work with all Douthit Hills

individually residents to find housing that meets their needs as families," said Howell.

Measures being taken to aid Douthit Hills residents include compilation of a database of all Clemson rental properties based on features important to families including affordability, proximity to campus and lease flexibility.

Housing department officials also are prepared to work as "relocation counselors" guiding Douthit Hills residents through each step of finding new housing. Residents will be able to recoup \$500 from application fees, security deposit and their last month's rent. The housing department hopes that the \$500 will aid residents in moving fees and fees associated with new housing.

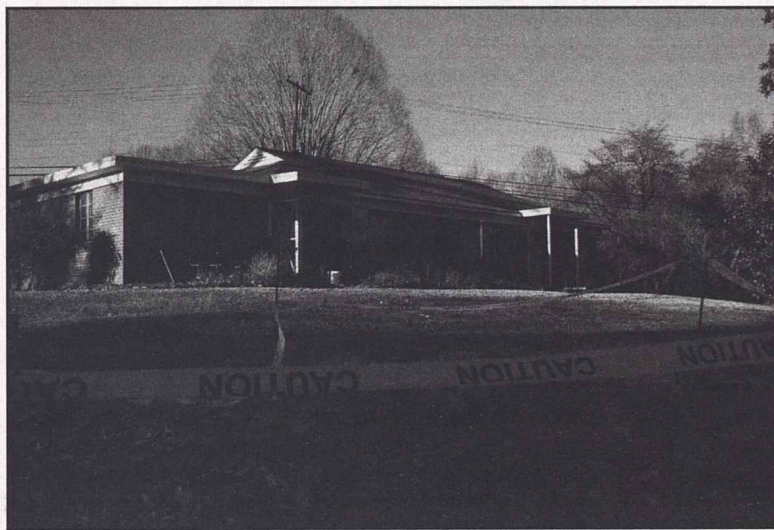
Some Clemson students are disappointed that the university-run family housing community will not be

available to incoming families.

"There's plenty of housing available other places, but I think that it is disappointing that the housing is no longer available through the University," said David Powell, a graduate student in civil engineering. "Family housing was particularly important to provide a community feeling to grad students moving to Clemson."

Development plans for the Douthit Hills site are currently being formed but preliminary call for new research and housing facilities possibly including a new family housing community.

"I think graduate and family housing is a vital part of campus housing," said Howell. "Grad students are an integral part of Clemson's ongoing quest to be a Top 20 university and we certainly want to accommodate them with housing either on the Douthit Hills



DOUTHIT HILLS: Clemson will close its family housing because of high expenditures on maintenance.

Katrina victims accepted

LOREN NEWMAN
U-WIRE
THE STANFORD DAILY

(U-WIRE) STANFORD, Calif. - In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, 38 students were offered admission to Stanford. All 38 - 12 graduates and 26 undergraduates - accepted the offer to study at Stanford during the 2005 fall quarter, including three freshmen, seven sophomores, eight juniors and eight seniors from eight states and Mexico. However, the university is not planning to offer an extended acceptance program. All students were obliged to return to their previous universities at the conclusion of the fall quarter regardless of their school's condition.

Initially, Stanford announced that it would not be accepting any Katrina transfers, but a few days later - possibly after witnessing the establishment of similar programs at rival schools - administrators decided to admit academically qualified students from affected universities along the Gulf Coast. After an accelerated admissions process, the admitted applicants came from the battered Gulf Coast schools of Tulane, Xavier, Dillard and Loyola, some even leaving the day after being admitted. Almost half of the guest students are from California, but five are from Louisiana. Stanford even offered to pay the tuition of admitted students and waived the mandatory New Student Orientation fee.

"Students admitted through the autumn quarter guest program were offered enrollment for one quarter so that they could continue their studies until their universities and colleges were functioning again," said Vice Provost for Student Affairs Greg Boardman. "All the universities that were affected by Hurricane Katrina have announced that they will reopen in January." The schools affected by the hurricane are in various states of readiness for students. "The school I'm returning to, Xavier University, is a work in progress," said sophomore Megan Minor. "It's definitely not the same place I left in August, but it will be better when it's finished."

At Loyola, classes began as scheduled on Jan. 9. However, at Dillard, students are still in the process of picking through flooded dormitories until Jan. 20. According to a recent press release, Tulane announced that as of Tuesday, the University was open to 86 percent of students who attended classes pre-Katrina - a figure that is admittedly impressive only a few months after the storm. But what of those 14 percent who are left out? Despite the limited offer of one quarter only, some students, like Minor, have been admitted through the standard transfer application process for the fall of 2006.

"Guest students are welcome to apply for transfer status through the usual admission process," Boardman said. "If admitted, students would be offered admission for fall 2006."



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TIFFANY VOSS
STAFF WRITER

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) financially supports Prasad Rangaraju, Ph.D., P.E., Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering at Clemson University, to research runway cracks occurring in various airports.

Within the last 10 to 15 years, airports have changed their de-icers, or chemicals used to keep snow and ice off runways. This means replacing the urea and glycol in the de-icers, which are detrimental to the environment. As a result, the concrete used in runways cracks more frequently than it used to. This is problematic for airports for both financial and safety reasons. Runways are about two miles of 18 to 20-inch deep concrete. It costs airports \$45 million to replace them.

Cracked runways and taxiways also create a safety hazard for the planes. Rangaraju said that even though it is very rare, "the loose chunks of concrete can get away from the pavement." These chunks, also known as Foreign Object Debris (FOD), get sucked into the engines. This problem gets worse when the powerful exhaust of the planes shoots out the FOD. The debris could then hit airport employees or equipment nearby.

Rangaraju's work concerns how the de-icers affect runways and what researchers and airports can do about it.

He is testing both the chemicals in the de-icers and mixtures of concretes. The FAA gives money to the Innovative Pavement Research Foundation (IPRF) to

responsibly distribute to worthy researchers. It was the IPRF who chose Rangaraju and his team of Clemson graduate students for the job.

Purdue University also helps since they are sub-contractors in this project. The team already developed a test method adopted by the FAA to evaluate materials before airports use them.

Rangaraju and his team of graduate students began their research in May of 2004. This May their work is scheduled to end, but Rangaraju is confident that the demand for more research is on the way. Rangaraju said, "We're scratching the surface now to find out what's going on ... because de-icers aren't something you can get rid of."

Rangaraju said the Colorado Springs Airport and Denver International Airport show some of the worst cracking of all the airports he visited.

Because de-icers get used more often in colder states, those airports generally have more problems with their runways. The Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport users need not worry too much, for it updated its runways fairly recently, according to Rangaraju.

Jack Scott, Civil Engineer for FAA, says Rangaraju's "research demonstrated the cause and gave us some direction in preserving airport pavements. The results of his research has the potential to save millions of dollars in the future by prolonging the life of some of the pavements."

Ketan Sompura is a graduate student here at Clemson working towards a Ph.D. in Civil Engineering. He is one of the students helping with this research. Sompura said that this is the first time someone has done research on this. "I've seen that these chemicals do affect the runways a lot," said Sompura. "They are not safe and cause cracks." He expects more research to come in the future but also says that they are on time with their current scheduled experiments.

CUTS: Budget places cap on in-state tuition *from page A1*

partnership. Not all responses to the budget cuts were the same, however.

"I'm all for it," said mathematical sciences professor, Adam Lynn. "If Sanford is trying to make education run more like a well oiled machine, rather than an inefficient bureaucracy, his efforts should be lauded."

Also built into Sanford's executive budget were no pay raises for university employees.

Lynn said that he thought the absence of pay raises were not necessarily bad, but acknowledged that there could be some adverse consequences to the plan.

He said that this would not affect employees that are paid a "solid or competitive wage," but that there are also highly skilled employees at Clemson that could be making more money at another institution that may choose to leave which would greatly harm the University's reputation.

"Clemson's goal should be to deliver a quality education to its students. The goal should not be to have as many employees making as much as possible," said Lynn.

There was a cap placed on in-state tuition increases in Sanford's budget plan, which affects South Carolina students.

"Obviously I'm excited about not having to pay a higher tuition in the coming year," said junior Aimee McLaughlin.

But not all students shared

McLaughlin's enthusiasm. Senior Josh Lee viewed the in-state tuition cap as a threat to the "social and economic growth" of Clemson.

"Due to the lack of state funding over the past few years, the tuition increases have been the main financial resource resulting in the hiring of new faculty, improved living quarters, technical support and other areas," said Lee. "In short, the state just isn't providing Clemson with enough backing to operate to its potential, that of a 'Top 20' university. The extra dollars from the tuition increase provide this capability."

Lee also brought up the point that Sanford only put a cap on in-state tuition, which could mean a significant increase in out-of-state tuition to make up for the financial loss.

"I think that the fiscal responsibility that Sanford is showing is good for the state, but I do not think that he is going about it in the proper way," said senior Ed Feazel.

"Putting a cap on in-state tuition while simultaneously cutting the overall budget forces the school to cut services, which is definitely to the detriment of the state. A thriving higher education system is necessary to bring new industries to the state and limiting the ability of Clemson, which is the best public university in the state, to recruit new faculty and provide adequate services outweighs any benefit that lower state spending would provide," Feazel said.

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In winning the 2005 EAsports NCAA Football Challenge brought about by ClemsonLIVE, Hawkins won \$10,000 and the opportunity to attend the Heisman Trophy presentation and dinner over an unforgettable weekend in NYC with his wife, Beth.

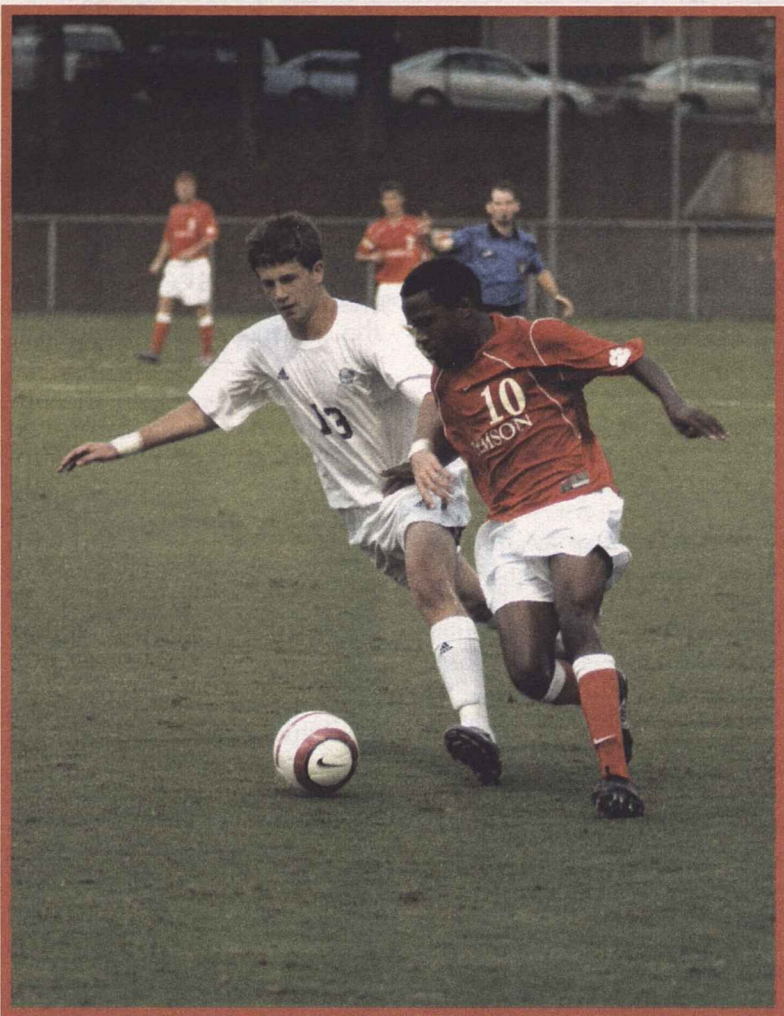
Hawkins reflected on his experience saying, "It was probably the greatest experience of my life so far. I had to come back to win in the championship game. I was down 12 in the forth quarter and came back to win in the last minute. I'm pretty sure I lost a few years off my life from that one game, but it was probably worth it!"

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2005: A YEAR IN REVIEW

There are few, if any, words that can adequately sum up a reflection of a year. For the nation and the University, 2005 was a year of rebuilding in the wake of devastation, of celebrating anniversaries and mourning those lost. It was a year of triumphs and a year of struggles. The following is a collection of some of those memories.

JENNY MASON
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50 Years of Co-education

1955 marked a revolutionary change at Clemson University. For the first time women could enroll as undergraduates, ending its all-male, military reputation and making Clemson a co-educational, civilian university. In 1963 the first women were allowed to live on campus, occupying Maudlin Hall first, then Barnett Hall. Fifty years later, approximately 45 percent of Clemson's student body is female. There are currently seven NCAA women's sports teams. Two of those teams, the Lady Tigers basketball and soccer teams have advanced to NCAA tournaments multiple times. Additionally, Female leadership continues to be a significant part of Clemson: Katy Bayless, a junior majoring in business management was elected student body president. Kathleen Richardson became the head of the School of Materials Science, and Engineering and Martine Laberge became the head of Bioengineering department.

Non-Discrimination Clause

In the summer of 2005 during a meeting of the Administrative Council, the quiet decision was made to amend the official non-discrimination clause. Besides standing against discrimination on the basis of age, color, disability, gender, national origin, race, religion and veteran's status, the clause now states that the University will not discriminate against sexual orientation. For the Clemson Gay-Straight Alliance and its supporters, this was a long awaited victory. CGSA and supporting administrators had been fighting to get sexual orientation added to the non-discrimination clause since 2001. The University of South Carolina has had sexual orientation a part of their official non-discrimination clause since 2003. Ahmed Mohiuddin, president of the student senate, sees this addition as reason to be proud of our University. "We, as Tigers, have done something that, although still rare, is happening more and more often at our University — we're making progress," he said.

U.S. News and World Report Ranking

As the quest to become a Top-20 public university continued, Clemson climbed to the 32nd spot in the U.S. News and World Report ranking of public doctoral-granting universities. The list had a total of 162 universities. The ranking is based on statistical criteria such as SAT scores, graduation rates, faculty salaries and the University's academic reputation. Last year, Clemson had the highest number of freshmen applicants. 12,470 students applied, which was an increase of 17 percent from the previous academic year. The average SAT score of the 2005-2006 freshman class was 1224, an increase from 1204 in the previous year. If this freshman class follows recent University trends, 40 percent will graduate in four years and 72 percent will graduate in six years. According to the U.S. News and World Report, Clemson was the only South Carolina school that ranked in the top 50.

Best Place to Work in Academia

Clemson University was given a distinct position among U.S. universities when it was awarded the no. one university to work in the Academia. This title was a result of "The Scientist" Magazine's annual survey. The survey is based on 40,000 surveys sent to readers of "The Scientist," which involved the ranking of 41 criteria in eight different areas.

Clemson Provost Dori Helms believes that Clemson is a great place to work, which is why such great instructors are here. Being awarded this title from an internationally recognized magazine allows for everyone else to know about Clemson. It also serves as initiative to continue the efforts of making Clemson University a top Public research University.

Rebuilding the Ridge

The year of 2005 started off with the reconstruction of the Ridge Condominiums, Clemson University's most convenient living quarters. In February 2004, the original Ridge apartments burnt to the ground, leaving 150 residents homeless. The four million dollar rebuilding project began on Jan. 14. The new Ridge apartments were constructed in the same location as the old, directly across from Bowman field, and neighbor to Clemson's downtown and the Visitor's Center. The new Ridge is made up of 51 condos, all installed with sprinkler systems to ensure safety. Not only did the reconstruction project bring the Clemson community together, but it displayed the strength and support Clemson lends in time of tragedy. Clemson's Ridge apartments overlook the campus, reconstructed better than before. And as senior resident Caitlin Haran said it was, "As a symbol of new life."

Final Four

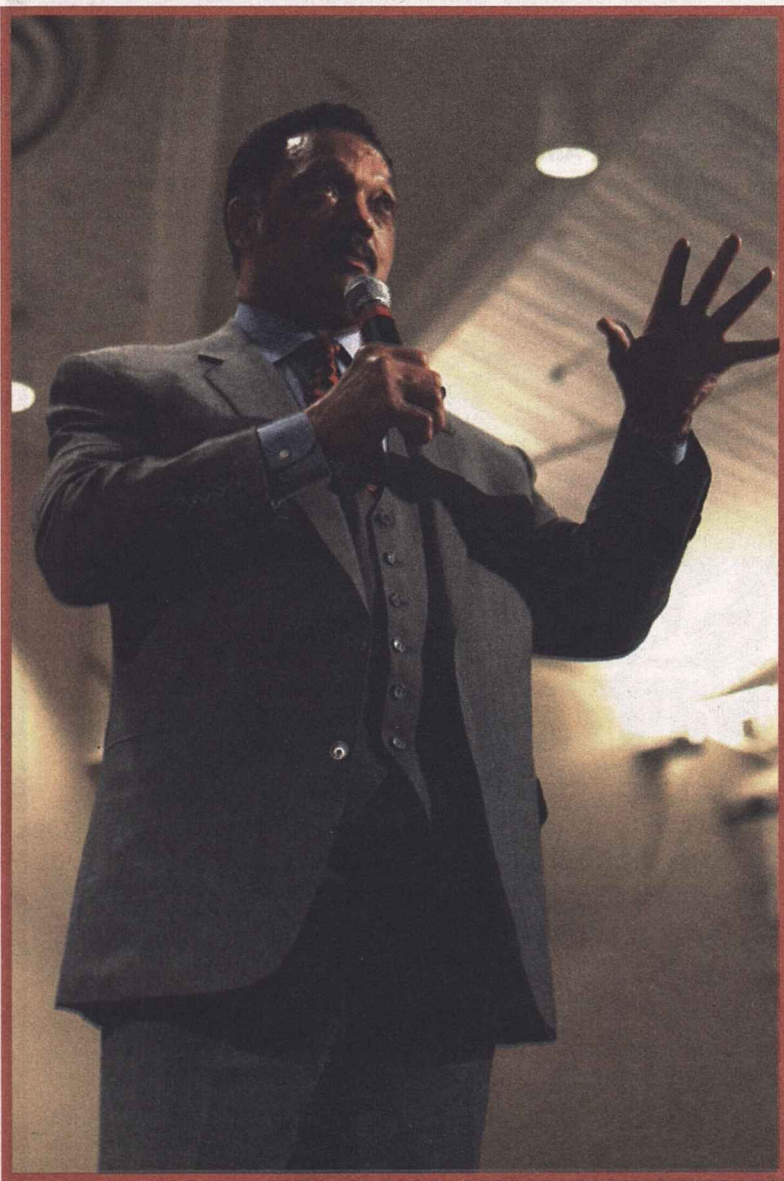
Clemson is characterized by their athletic talent, and the Clemson Men's Soccer team reaffirmed this tradition during the fall season of 2005. After a 1-0 victory over Notre Dame in the Sweet 16 finals, Clemson went on to defeat Creighton in another 1-0 victory. This victory gave the Tigers a Final Four position, sending them to the College Cup final in Cary, N.C. In December, they tied for third in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA). This is the highest the Tigers have finished in the NSCAA poll since the 1979 season, and the highest the Tiger soccer team has visited in any poll in seven years. The team's Head Coach Trevor Adair finishes his 11 years with seven Top 25 placements.

Jesse Jackson

This past year Clemson has hosted many guest speakers. The speakers have brought inspiring, stimulating and intellectual debate to campus. Among the prominent speakers of 2005, Jesse Jackson gave one of the most stimulating performances in Tillman's auditorium in February. Jackson, a renowned leader of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition (RCA) delivered a speech that renounced students for not understanding the historical significance of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. In addition, Jackson claimed that Voting Rights Act is not yet over, and that the United States must strive to reach a racial and economically sound economy. In response to the famed Jackson's speech, the audience answered in applause. As the audience exited the auditorium, the speech also proved to have inspired productive debate.



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Rail system gives upstate alternative transportation

Mass transit system plans to link D.C., Greenville and Atlanta.

HEATHER WHALEY
STAFF WRITER

With the rapid population growth of the United States, problems and questions arise regarding the dispersing of communities and how to adequately provide transportation to the newly forming ones.

Greenville County's population is estimated to be 441,393 by the year 2010, an increase of more than a third of the population of 1990 and more than a 10 percent increase since the year 2000.

As a quickly-growing community, Greenville is taking action to position itself as a stop on a newly forming high-speed rail system. The new rail system would link Washington D.C. to Atlanta; Greenville is actively seeking to be an interim stop between Charlotte and Atlanta.

Many major metropolitan areas are experiencing growth problems with transportation.

As a major city experiences accelerated economic growth it can lead also to sprawling of the community. This growth can cause stress on existing transportation in an effort to cater to

the quickly growing activity both in and around the area.

Greenville's proposed solution has the potential to develop a regional plan that focuses on TODs or Transit-Oriented Developments, which offer an alternative that provides housing, services and employment opportunities to a diverse community, all in a way that motivates pedestrian and transit access.

Such massive population growth of American cities forces investigation into alternate means of transportation. The focus is shifting to pedestrian-based mass transit instead of vehicular transportation, which is becoming more and more congested and unable to accommodate the growing needs.

A light rail system is an old concept that is able to be combined with new technology.

Compared to bus systems, rail systems are cheaper to operate for a given capacity, have lower whole-life costs, higher commercial speed, they reduce pollution and can be successful in attracting motorists to public transport.

In comparison with metro or urban railways, light rails are cheaper both to build and to operate, less disruptive, visible presence, offer better penetration to urban areas, allow for better security, are relatively quiet, are electrically propelled (no

fuel) and operate effectively along available railroad right-of-ways and street medians.

When contacted about the effects of the proposed light rail system Raymond Sauer, department chair in economics at Clemson University, said, "I don't have an opinion on this; it could be a boondoggle, in which the wasted expenditure could have gone to something much more valuable. Rail systems have been examples of this in the past (think Amtrak)."

Sauer continued to say, "Alternatively, it might be an incredibly valuable public expenditure."

The proposed railroad line connects Fountain Inn, Simpsonville, Mauldin, Verdae Woods, Haywood Road, Greenville Downtown Airport, Greenville Zoo, BILO center, downtown Greenville, Furman University and Travelers Rest. Existing railways can be used to create the suggested path.

"Having an alternate means of transportation to the BILO Center for concerts, the airport, and even downtown, provides a safe alternative to driving everywhere in Greenville which has grown noticeably even since I began school here," said senior Ashley Lentz.

"But without a stop to Clemson, the proposed light rail system may not be as effective for students here," she said.

Student wins gift for Redfern survey

Attaching monetary incentive has improved student response.

JENNY MASON
NEWS EDITOR

In the midst of going to class, homework, tests, work and social time, who has time to respond to an online survey? This is the problem Redfern Health Center has faced over the past six years while trying to get student responses to their survey. Then, they got smart.

In October Redfern sent out their annual survey, which has been online for the past three years, only this time they sent out an incentive as well. One student randomly chosen from the group who responded to the survey would receive a \$200 gift certificate to Barnes and Noble, which can also be used at the on-campus bookstore.

Amy Turner, a freshman

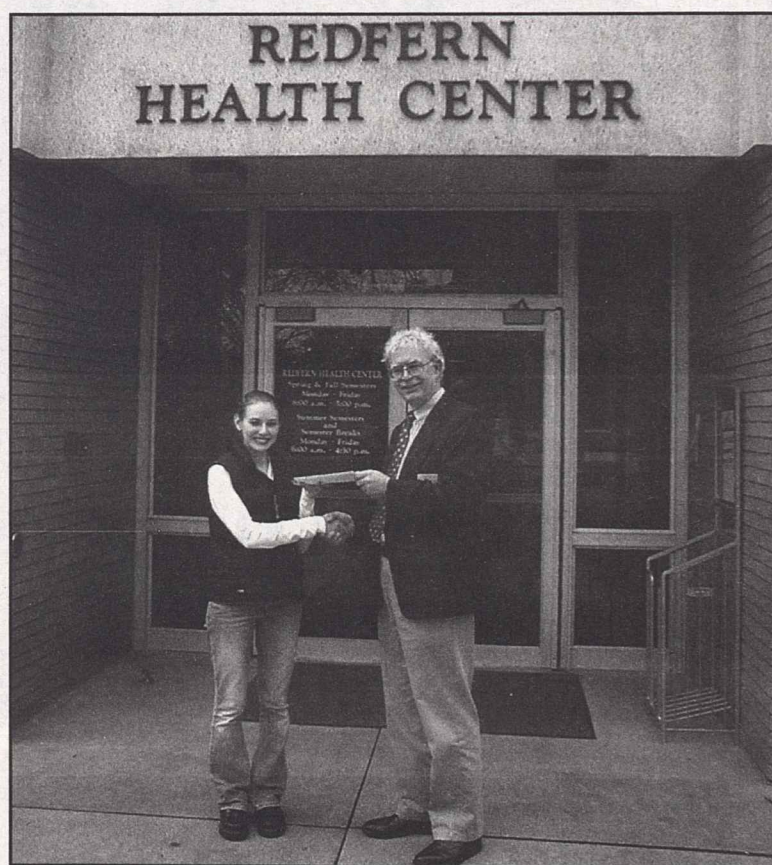
nursing major was the first recipient of the \$200, although she said that she did not notice the stipend when filling out the survey — it was just an added bonus.

George Clay, the academic program director at Redfern, looks at the surveys as they come in.

"We ask questions specific to each area at Redfern and look at the results on a regular basis over the year," said Clay. Hoping to get a better response, Clay thought it would be a good idea to give students a chance to win something by filling out the survey. According to Clay, it has worked well.

From the survey Clay said they are able to improve on problem areas students have encountered at Redfern. One of the recent issues Clay and his staff wanted a student response to was how to make the meet-and-greet process at Redfern more efficient.

"We found that people were satisfied with the reception and that showed we have been successful," said Clay.



SWEET PAYOFF: Amy Turner received a Barnes and Noble gift certificate from Redfern for completing their survey.

New Years Resolutions:

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- ☒ **Raise GPA**
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- ☒ **Eat less pizza**



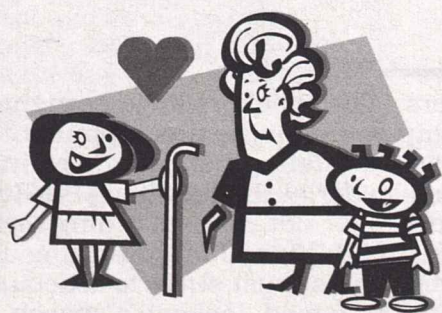
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DREAMS: Live on *from page A1*

Medical Clinic, Habitat for Humanity and the Salvation Army. A blood drive was held at the Hendrix Student Center and food and clothing can be donated at the Hendrix Student Center as well.

As part of the celebration day, Clemson will host the MLK Educational Olympics, featuring fun and educational activities for local elementary and middle school children at the Clemson-Central Indoor Recreation Center.

The commemorative march, held in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. was held on Tuesday in conjunction with a poster and essay contest presentation.

On Wednesday the Tri-ART Program was held for middle and high school students with Lowery at the Brooks Center Theatre. Wednesday evening a program entitled "An Evening of the Arts: Celebrating the Vision with Sights and Sounds of Freedom" was held at the Strom Thurmond Institute Auditorium.

In Jan. 1982, the first student-organized Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Service was held at Clemson University. The student Group Men Interested in Alpha (MIA) worked with the Greenville chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. to organize this commemorative observance at Tillman Hall. In 1983, MIA group members became the charter members of the Pi Alpha Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Throughout the years, the Pi Alpha Chapter has continued its involvement with Clemson's Martin Luther King Jr. observance.

In the fall of 1986, the Student Government Minority Council, Pi Alpha Chapter and the Clemson University Black History and Culture Committee organized the first commemorative march to

precede the service. The group received strong support from the former Office of Student Development. Originally, the march was held from the old band practice field to Tillman Hall auditorium. By the late, 1980's, the march and service were firmly established as dual events, which has continued until the present day.

The spring of 1998 marked a year of renewed commitment from the University with the formation of the MLK Enhancement Committee (composed of Pi Alpha Chapter, Student Government Minority Council, Clemson faculty and staff and community members) and funding from the President's office for the MLK celebration.

This funding and administrative support have helped expand the celebration to include a student trip, a poster essay, contest for local youth, a student play and a variety of other programs for the campus and community. The increased funding and support have also enabled the student groups to bring nationally recognized speakers to campus such as Myrtle Evers-Williams, Ozzie Davis, Susan Taylor, Ed Gordon and Ambassador Andrew Young.

"The MLK Celebration has become something that people can relate to," said Shivers. The events for the 2006 MLK Celebration at Clemson University were planned by the Pi Alpha Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the Student Government Minority Council and the Martin Luther King Jr. Enhancement Committee.

"We have begun to see a very racially diverse number of individuals that attend the celebration events, and that's what the MLK holiday is about," said Shivers. "It's about setting aside race and just coming together as a people."

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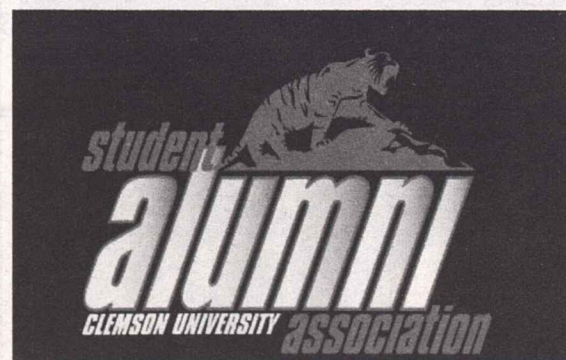
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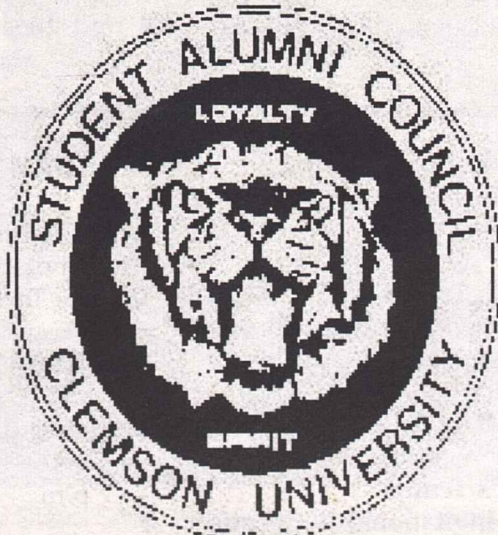
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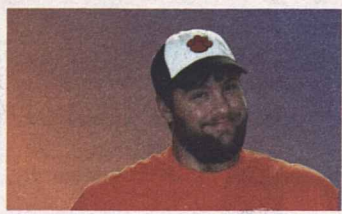
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SPORTS

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ZACK MAULDIN
sports layout editor

Be proud of Tigers

Are you proud to be a Clemson Tiger? I know I am.

It's not just because of our top-notch academics, beautiful location in the upstate of South Carolina and overwhelming support of the Clemson Family that I beam with pleasure anytime I am asked where I go to school, either.

I think you know what I'm getting at here, seeing as how this column is in the sports section of this wonderful newspaper.

Clemson athletics throughout time have provided boundless reasons for all members of the Clemson Family to be full of pride, but now more than ever we should bask in the accomplishments of our Clemson Tigers, from both past and present.

There are not many schools in the country who can claim to be the No. 2 team in the country preseason according to Baseball America, finish third in the country in men's soccer, stand toe-to-toe with the No. 1 team in the country in basketball and hold the Big XII North Champion to only 124 offensive yards in a football bowl victory.

These are all things that the Clemson Tigers have accomplished in only the last five weeks. Not to mention the Lady Tigers tennis team debuting at No. 16 nationally in the first ITA poll of 2006 or four Clemson athletes posting NCAA qualifying marks at the Virginia Tech Invitational Track Meet last weekend.

Clemson's athletic program is moving toward the future near the top of the heap nationally. Not only are our teams excelling, but we continue to upgrade our already stellar facilities.

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Clemson downs Buffaloes in Orlando

Davis takes MVP honors and defense dominates in Champs Bowl.

JOSH FORT
SPORTS EDITOR

On Dec. 27, the only things keeping the Citrus Bowl in Orlando, Fla., from turning into Death Valley were the absence of Howard's Rock and the Hill. The other components that make a Clemson gameday so special seemed to travel the 564 miles with Coach Tommy Bowden and his Tigers to take on the Big XII North Champion Colorado Buffaloes.

The stadium was covered in orange and white as the Tigers broke attendance records for the Champs Sports Bowl by selling nearly 10,000 tickets through the Clemson ticket office and more tickets being purchased through other outlets. Total attendance for the game was 31,470 which broke the record of 28,237 set by N.C. State in 2004.

The No. 23-ranked Clemson Tigers used their fans' impressive backing



BEN SHANNON/photo editor

SWEET BABY JAMES: James Davis scores a touchdown as he is pulled down by Florida State's Brodrick Bunkley. Davis led the Tigers in the Champs Sports Bowl victory over Colorado.

to come into Orlando and defeat Colorado 19-10 in the Champs Sports Bowl for their eighth win of the season and second against a Big XII opponent. The loss dropped Colorado to 7-6 on the season. It was their fourth straight loss.

The Tigers got on the board early as Jad Dean

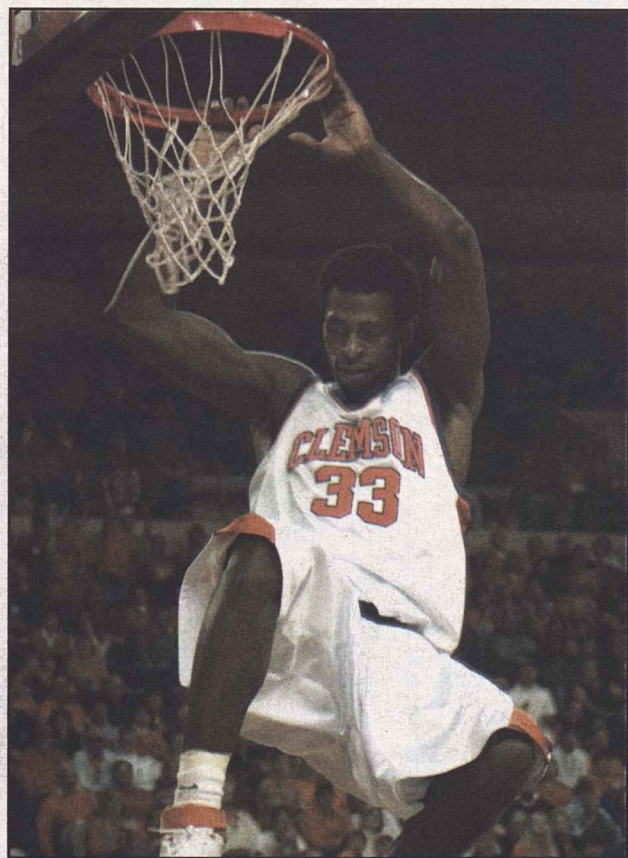
connected on a 26-yard field goal to make it 3-0 Clemson in the first quarter. The Buffaloes responded, tying the game at three, just four seconds into the second quarter. The Tigers retook the lead 6-3 midway through the second quarter on an 18-yard field goal from Dean.

After halftime, Clemson

senior signal-caller Charlie Whitehurst came out of the gates and scored on a five yard scramble making it a 16-6 Clemson lead. Colorado backup quarterback Brian White took the reigns from starter James Cox and connected with

see **BOWL**, page B3

Young Tigers turning heads in ACC play



BRIAN SCHNEIDER/staff

BA DUNK A DUNK: Tiger center Akin Akingbala hangs on the rim after a slam against Duke.

With Mays out for season, Hamilton becoming focus of Clemson offensive attack.

ERIC SPROTT
STAFF WRITER

A lot has changed in a month for Coach Oliver Purnell and his Clemson men's basketball team. After winning the San Juan Shootout in mid-December, Clemson's first regular season tournament championship since 1980, the Tigers were out to an 11-0 start. With their best start since the 1995-1996 season, all signs pointed to the Tigers maintaining a perfect record going into ACC play.

However, the Tigers dropped consecutive non-conference games to Georgia and Elon following the announcement that starting forward and leading rebounder James Mays was declared academically ineligible for the remainder of the season.

Calling upon reserve center Steve Allen and freshman center

Raymond Sikes to fill the void left by Mays, the Tigers pressed into ACC play on Jan. 4 against Florida State.

The lack of offensive presence inside led to Clemson attempting 31 three point shots (out of 53 totals shots). While this caused the team to shoot only 35.8 percent from the field, the Tigers were able to scrape out a win over the Seminoles by a score of 61-55. The Tigers did, however, thrive in the rebounding department, pulling down 42 rebounds to FSU's 28.

On Jan. 7, Clemson traveled to Charlottesville, Va., to face Virginia. The offense struggled in similar fashion to the FSU game but also lost the rebounding battle to a bigger Cavalier squad, with UVA nearly doubling the Tigers in rebounds 39-21. Despite a late surge that put Clemson up by one with 1:33 to play, Virginia took the game 64-58.

On the heels of the Virginia loss, the Tigers hosted Wake Forest on Jan. 11. In a game where the Tigers struggled inside yet again, the presence of the Clemson students helped

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TIGER SCHEDULE

FRIDAY 1/20

Swimming & Diving
vs. Gardner-Webb — Boiling Springs, N.C. — 4 p.m.

Women's Track
Clemson Invitational — Clemson, S.C. — 5 p.m.

Men's Track
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SATURDAY 1/21

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Men's Basketball
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Men's Tennis
Rice Invitational — Corpus Christi, Texas — All Day

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Men's Tennis
Rice Invitational — Corpus Christi, Texas — All Day

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Women's Basketball
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INSIDE



Tomorrow, Vernon Hamilton and the Clemson basketball team will travel to Atlanta to play Georgia Tech.

NFC and AFC championship games feature Panthers vs. Seahawks, Steelers vs. Broncos

Winners in Seattle and Denver will head to Motor City for Super Bowl XL.

MIKE GILL
STAFF WRITER

The NFL Divisional Playoffs were highlighted by fantastic individual performances and uncharacteristically poor officiating.

The first game of the weekend pitted the Washington Redskins against a Seattle Seahawks team that had ridden the backs of an outstanding offense featuring NFL Offensive Player of the Year Shaun Alexander to home field advantage in the NFC. Many felt going into the game that if any defense could hold Alexander and the Seahawks in check, it would be the Redskins' talented group.

The Redskins defense showed early on in the game that they wouldn't be intimidated by Seattle, and after Alexander was forced to leave the game with an early concussion, it looked as though it might have been the Redskins' day. However, the Washington offense, led by quarterback Mark Brunell, was forced into three and outs in each of their first five possessions, and that ended up

being all the time that Seattle needed to get their offense in gear.

Seattle led 17-0 before Washington could even put their first points on the board with a fourth quarter field goal. In the end, Seattle prevailed with a 20-10 victory. The Seahawks earned a spot in Sunday's NFC Championship. The victory is the organization's first conference championship since 1983.

Denver took advantage of five New England turnovers on Saturday night to earn a 28-17 win over the defending Super Bowl Champions. With his team trailing 10-6 in the third quarter and driving towards the end-zone, New England quarterback Tom Brady made an errant throw that was picked off by Denver's Champ Bailey and returned 100 yards to the New England one-yard line setting up a Mike Anderson touchdown run.

The play was unusual for Brady who entered Saturday's game with a perfect 6-0 record in the playoffs. Brady said after the game, "When you lose, you want to go down fighting ... you want to go down playing your best, and we didn't do that. We made it easy for them."

While Saturday's games may have belonged to the home team, Sunday was altogether a different story. The Steelers-Colts game will go down as one of the most improbable and wild games in playoff history.

The game began with 55 minutes of dominant Pittsburgh Steelers football ended with a crazy finish that left fans of both teams in shock and left one kicker feeling like he let an entire organization down.

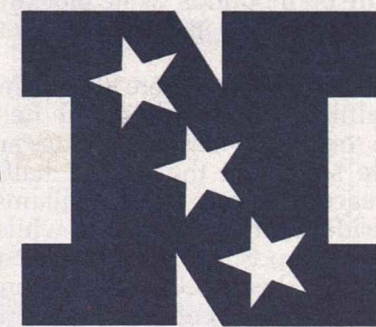
With Pittsburgh leading 21-10 with 5:26 left in the game, All-Pro Safety Troy Polamalu made

an outstanding interception on a Peyton Manning pass that would have all but sealed the victory for the Steelers. Instead, referee Paul Morelli somehow saw something that no one else did and ruled the pass incomplete, breathing life into an otherwise dead Colts offense.

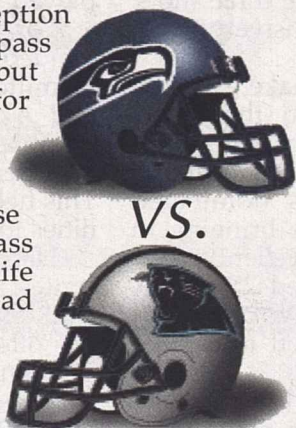
Manning and company took advantage and promptly marched down the field scoring on a 24-yard touchdown pass to Reggie Wayne. The two point conversion cut the Steelers lead to 21-18. After botching what seemed like their last possession of the game, the Colts turned the ball over on downs to Pittsburgh with 1:20 to go only to have the Steelers Jerome Bettis give the ball right back to Indy with an uncharacteristic fumble on the Colts goal line. A tackle by quarterback Ben Roethlisberger saved the game for Pittsburgh and put Manning and the Colts back on the field.

Two Indianapolis completions got the ball down to the Pittsburgh 27 and set up a 46-yard field goal attempt from Mike Vanderjagt that would have sent this one into overtime. The usually perfect Vanderjagt missed extremely wide to the right giving the Steelers the victory and a date in Denver next week for the AFC Championship. Pittsburgh wide receiver Hines Ward summed up the ending perfectly when he said, "It went from an all-time high to an all-time low back to an all-time high."

Carolina entered the Windy City on Sunday afternoon looking to exact revenge for a 13-3 defeat to the Bears in week 11, and they did just that. The Panthers used their high powered



VS.



offense led by wide receiver Steve Smith to tear apart a Chicago defense that had played outstandingly all season. Smith had 12 catches for a career high 218 yards in the 29-21 Panther victory, including a 58-yard touchdown on the second play of the game.

One setback for the Panthers was the loss of running back DeShaun Foster, who broke his ankle late in the game. Losing Foster hurts the Carolina offense and leaves the team with an extremely limited ground game.

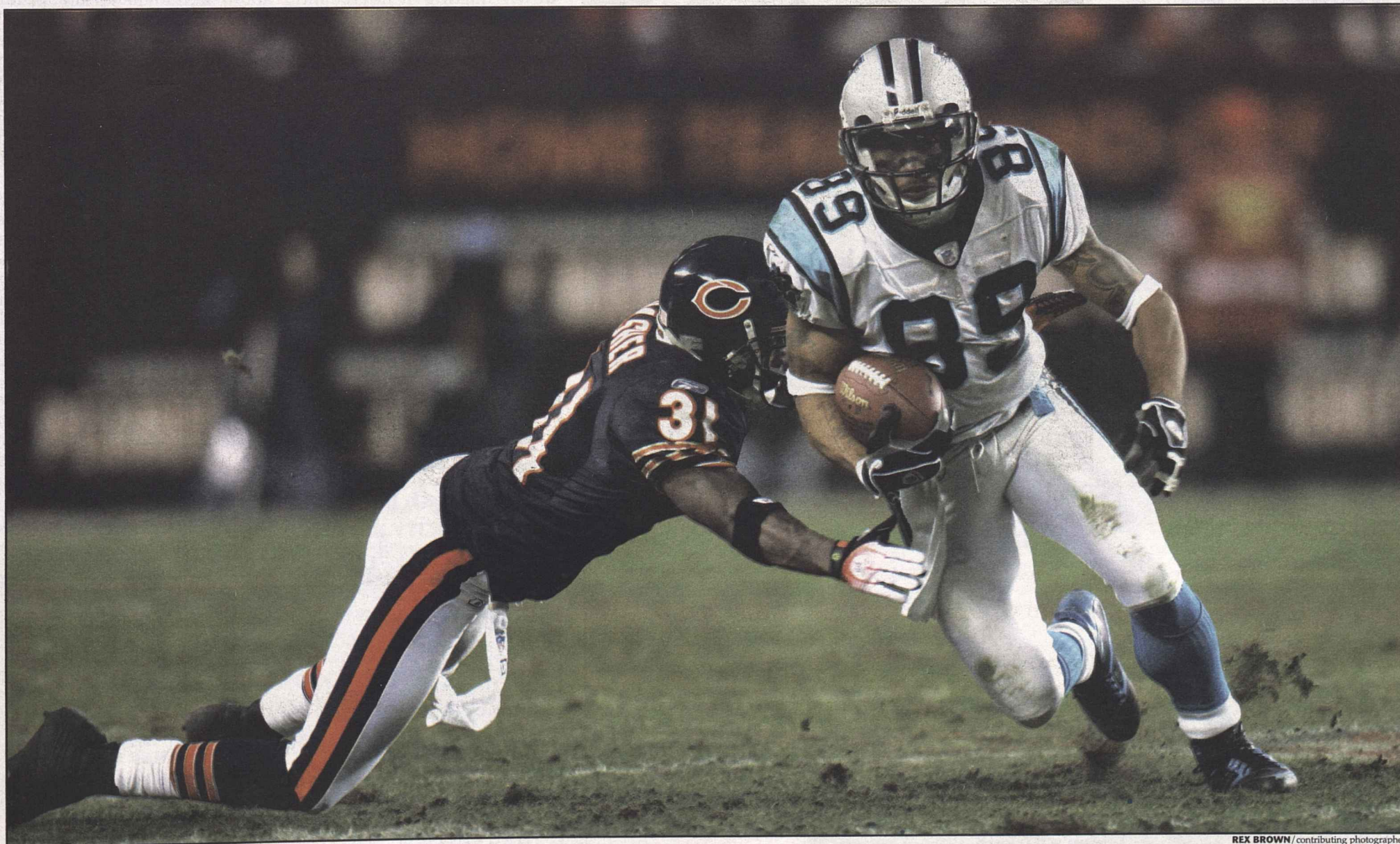
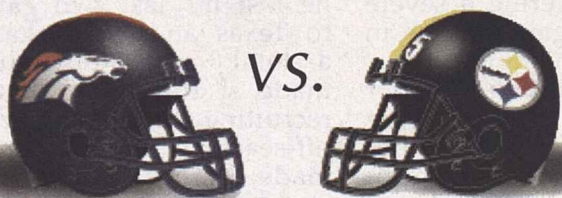
After watching Smith and Jake Delhomme hook up time and again Sunday, it appears that a limited running game may not be enough to slow down the Panther offense. The victory earned the Panthers a trip to Seattle for Sunday's NFC Championship. A win over the Seahawks would earn Carolina its second Super Bowl berth in three years.



THE ROAD TO FORTY



VS.



SMITH HAPPENS: Carolina Panthers wide receiver Steve Smith eludes the grasp of Chicago Bears defensive back Nathan Vasher in last Sunday's 29-21 Carolina win. This week Smith will lead the Panthers to the Pacific Northwest as they take on the Seattle Seahawks at Qwest Field.

REX BROWN/contributing photographer

HOOPS: Basketball falls to Duke *from page B1*

keep the players' spirits high all night.

Feeding off the energy generated by the students, Clemson played a solid first half of basketball that led to a 37-26 lead at halftime. Playing scrappy defense, with the help of Raymond Sikes who applied excellent pressure on inbounders while blocking three shots, the Tigers did just enough offensively to get by.

The Deacons were able to make excellent halftime adjustments and held the Tigers to only one basket during an eight minute stretch of the second half. Offensively, Deacons center Eric Williams dominated inside, scoring 22 points while bringing in 20 rebounds. Coupled with excellent guard play by Justin Gray, who scored 27 points, the Deacons were able to get a five point lead with a little over 30 seconds left in regulation.

With many fans heading towards the exits, the Tigers put together a memorable finish that evoked memories of the Virginia Tech game that closed the 2004-2005 season. Following an Akin Akingbala dunk that put the Tigers down three points, Cliff Hammonds forced a Demon Deacon turnover on the Wake Forest inbound. On the ensuing possession, Hammonds buried a three-pointer that tied the game at 64 with less than 30 seconds to play.

After squandered scoring opportunities by both Wake and Clemson, the game headed to overtime as the crowd standing in the concourse area filtered back into their seats. After Wake took an early lead, the Tigers were able to pull away thanks to some clutch shooting by guard Vernon Hamilton, who scored a career high 21 points in the game to help propel the Tigers to a 74-73 overtime victory over a quality Tobacco Road foe.

Hamilton, who was the MVP of the San Juan Shootout back in December, merely teased the fans with his numbers against Wake. With the game against top ranked Duke on Jan. 14, he showed Tiger fans, and a national television audience, that he is a force to be reckoned with along with the rest of the Tigers.

With thousands of students lined up overnight and into the morning to get seats, the energy and anticipation for the game was unlike any game at Littlejohn in recent memory. That energy level did not waver once that Saturday afternoon, as the Tigers played valiantly, for the most part.

For the first time since Mays was suspended, Clemson truly thrived inside. With Hamilton and Hammonds driving inside and Akingbala getting good looks against dominating Duke forward Shelden Williams, the offense played the best it has in a month. This helped to open up three point opportunities for the Tigers, who shot well all day.

Hamilton hit wild shots throughout the contest — leaners, fadeaways, improbable bank shots, buzzer beaters — he did it all. His offensive performance, a career high of 31 points, helped to neutralize the play of All-American Duke guard J.J. Redick, who scored 34.

Whenever Duke went on a scoring run, the Tigers had an answer, which is a lot more than most of Duke's opponents this season can say.

This game came down to free throws which is an area where Clemson perennially struggles. This game was no exception, as the Tigers shot a putrid 28.6 percent from the charity stripe (6 of 21.) Whenever a free throw was hit, a sarcastic cheer reigned down in Littlejohn.

The Tigers went on to drop the game by a final margin of 87-77. Even in defeat, many of the Tiger faithful stood and cheered for their Tigers. They gave Duke a run for their money and showed tremendous potential in the post-Mays era.

The Tigers scored more than half (42) of their points in the paint, and if that continues, the Tigers should find themselves in plenty of competitive ballgames down the stretch.

Clemson traveled to Miami to face the Hurricanes on Wednesday night, with results unavailable at press time. Tomorrow, the Tigers will face Georgia Tech in Atlanta at noon.

PRIDE: Tiger athletic programs on the rise *from page B1*

Athletic Director Terry Don Phillips has improved upon many things in his short tenure at Clemson and should be recognized as a sort of catalyst for change for the better in Tigertown.

Doug Kingsmore Stadium and Littlejohn Coliseum are two of the most recognizably improved facilities. Although they were already top of the line, now they are in the very upper echelon of baseball and basketball venues in the country. The WestZone Project has begun to near the end of its first phase and has added immeasurably to the picturesque and awe-inspiring Death Valley. A brand-new boathouse is being constructed for our Clemson rowing squad.

Clemson University's athlete graduation rate is among the best in the nation. Nine of 14 Clemson programs had a 100 percent graduation rate. The football squad was fourth best in Division I-A with a 94 percent rate. Just last week, junior defensive end Gaines Adams and linebacker Anthony Waters decided that they would pass up a chance at a very lucrative NFL career to play one more year for the Tigers and

pursue their degrees. This focus on academics is also pulling in some of the top recruits in the nation to our Clemson football program.

But alas, it is not only our current Tigers doing us proud. Two weeks ago, former Tiger golfer Lucas Glover aced the eighth hole at the PGA's Mercedes Championships at Kapalua to win a Mercedes-Benz worth \$83,375. A Clemson Tiger is guaranteed to have a piece of the Lombardi Trophy in Super Bowl XL in two weeks. All four teams in this weekend's Conference Championships have a Tiger in their starting lineup. Seattle's Leroy Hill, Carolina's Brentson Buckner, Pittsburgh's Chris Gardocki and Denver's Trevor Pryce all played their college ball here in Tigertown.

No matter who you cheer on this weekend in the AFC and NFC title games, remember that you will still be pulling for Clemson. That is the attitude that I always take, no matter the time and place, no matter the sport, no matter the teams competing. I always pull for Clemson. It's About Pride.

BOWL: Champs Bowl attendance record set *from page B1*

Quinn Sypniewski on a two-yard touchdown pass. The Buffaloes' usual starting quarterback Joel Klatt was out of the game as he was not cleared to play by doctors after suffering a severe concussion against Texas in the Big XII Championship.

Just minutes after Sypniewski's score, Tiger tailback James Davis rumbled six yards for a touchdown making it 19-10 and sealing the game. Davis, a true freshman from Atlanta, Ga., had a dominating day as he rushed 28 times for 150 yards and one touchdown. Davis took home the Champs Sports Bowl MVP hardware for his performance.

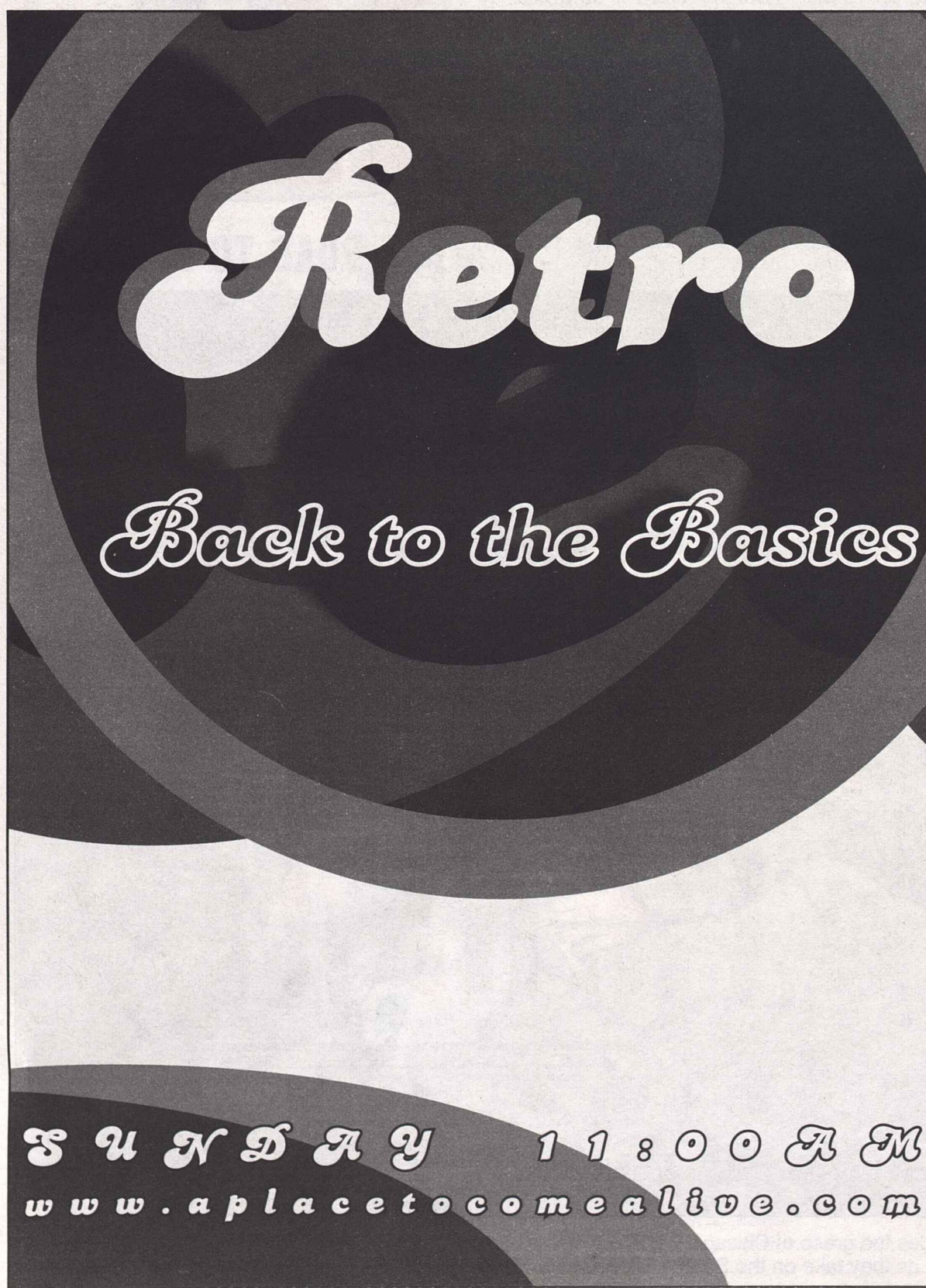
Whitehurst finished the day 19-27 with 196 yards and an interception and never showed any signs of pain in his shoulder, which was operated on in early December. Whitehurst, a second-team All-ACC selec-

tion this year, should go on the first day of this year's NFL Draft.

Colorado fired long-time head coach Gary Barnett just weeks before the game after he lost his last two games to Texas and Nebraska by a total of 100-6. Barnett made it through a horrid recruiting scandal and much off-season trouble after he made derogatory remarks about a female kicker who claimed she was raped. The Buffaloes started the season 7-2, but their last two losses are probably what forced his resignation.

Former Boise State head coach Dan Hawkins has been hired by Colorado to replace Barnett but did not coach in the bowl game. Offensive coordinator Mike Hankwitz took over as head coach for the bowl game.

The Tigers finished the season 8-4 overall and ranked 21st in both the AP and USA Today polls.



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Good news abounds for Clemson football program

Adams, Waters decide to return for senior seasons in Tigertown.

JOSH FORT
SPORTS EDITOR

After ending the season ranked 21st in the AP and USA Today Polls, Clemson continues to hear good news and receive positive publicity for its football program.

Last week junior line-backer Anthony Waters announced that he will return to Clemson and don the orange and white for one more year. Waters, a Lake View, S.C., native, was a big reason that the Tigers' defense ranked 11th in the country in overall scoring defense. Waters cited his desire to graduate and improve his draft status as the main reasons for his decision. On the year, Waters had 109 tackles, 13.5 tackles for loss and seven deflected passes. Waters 109 tackles was third in the ACC this season.

With the graduation of Maryland's D'Qwell Jackson and N.C. State's Stephen Tulloch leaving early for the NFL Draft, Waters will be the conference's leading returning tackler when the Tigers take the field for the 2006 season.

Another prized Clemson defender, bandit-end Gaines

Adams, has also decided to stay on board for what promises to be another successful season for the Tigers. Adams announced his decision last Saturday, just two days after Waters' announcement.

In his 12 starts this season, the Greenwood, S.C., native tallied 56 tackles, 15 tackles for loss, and nine and a half sacks. He will be the team and the conference's returning leader in both tackles for loss and sacks. Adams recorded nine pass break-ups and led the team in quarterback pressures (29).

His decision was also based on his desire to improve his draft status but mainly to earn a degree from Clemson. Both Waters and Adams are sport management majors who should graduate in August and December, respectively.

In other news, Clemson head coach Tommy Bowden was named the 2005 Grant Teaff Coach of the Year Award presented by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Bowden has been actively involved with the FCA since the beginning of his career in football.

Bowden led the Tigers to an 8-4 season, including a 19-10 victory over Big XII North Champion Colorado in the Champs Sports Bowl. This year's squad racked up three wins over Top 20 teams. This is the fourth

time that the Tigers have accomplished that feat in school history and the first time since 1989.

Two of the Tigers' senior NFL Draft prospects, Tye Hill and Charlie Whitehurst, have been chosen to participate in the 2006 Senior Bowl presented by Food World.

Hill, a native of Saint George, S.C., was one of three finalists for the Thorpe Award which is annually presented to the nation's top defensive back.

An All-American in several publications, Hill finished 2005 with three interceptions, seven pass break-ups and 10 passes defended.

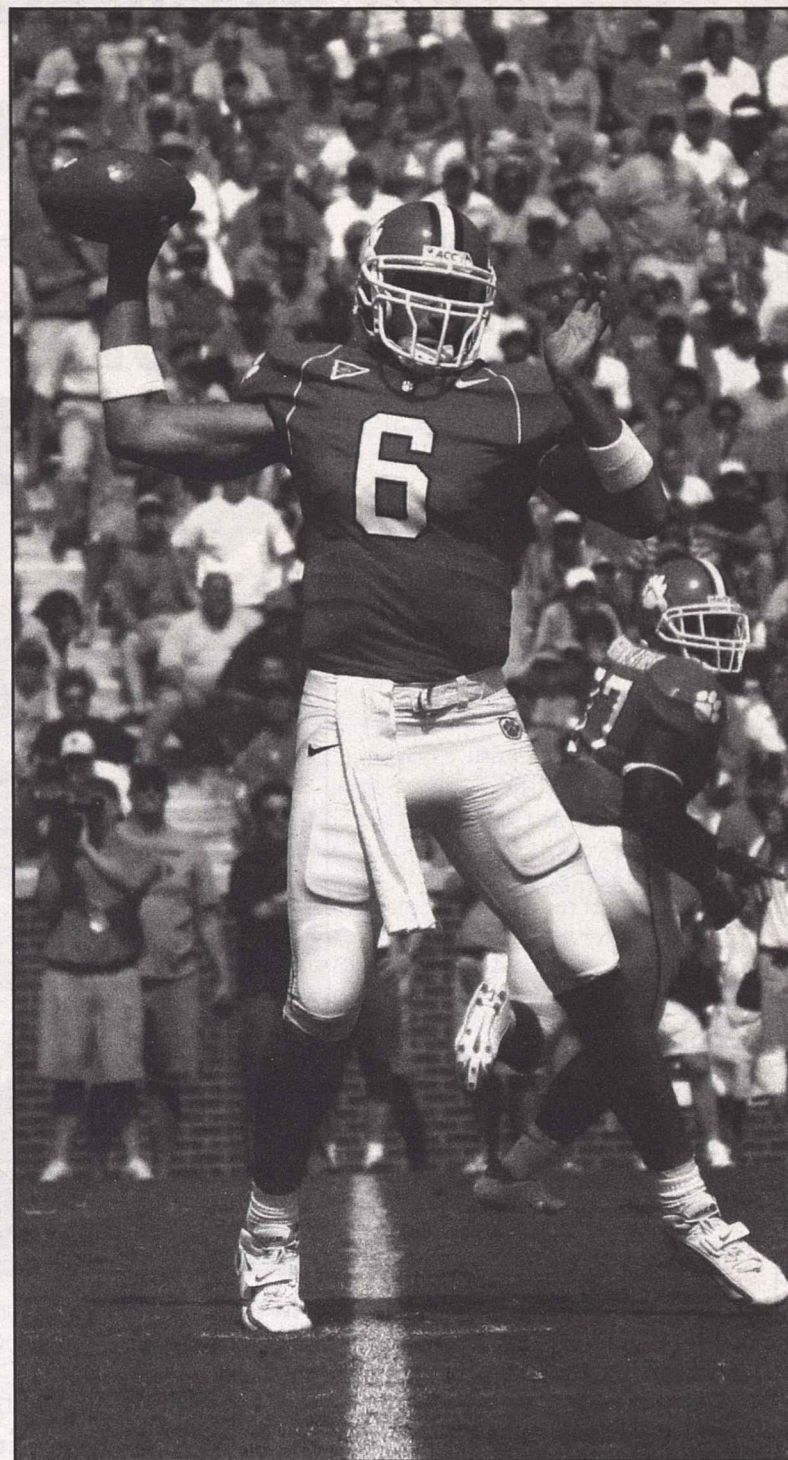
He has been forecasted to go in the first round of the Draft and is listed as one of the nation's top five cornerbacks by most analysts.

Whitehurst finished his career with 42 Clemson records and 25 wins as a starter (second all-time). He is the Clemson record holder in career passing yardage (9,656), completions (817) and touchdown passes (49).

Depending on his combine performance Whitehurst should go in the first day of the NFL Draft.

The Senior Bowl is generally seen as a place for draft prospects to showcase their talents.

The game, played in Mobile, Ala., will kickoff at 3 p.m. on Jan. 28 and will be televised by ESPN.



BEN SHANNON / photo editor

SENIOR BOWL-BOUND: Clemson quarterback Charlie Whitehurst will play in this season's Senior Bowl in Mobile, Ala.

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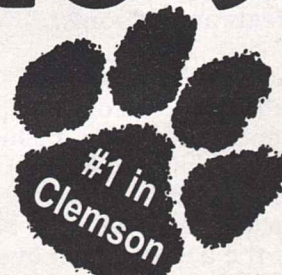
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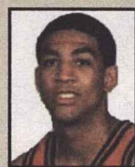
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IN the PAINT

Tomorrow, the Clemson Tigers will travel south to play the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets for the first time this season. The game will tip off at noon as both teams will be fighting for an ACC win.

KEY PLAYERS



Vernon Hamilton
Junior
Guard - 6'0"
13.6 PPG, 3.4 assists, 2.9 rebounds



Jeremis Smith
Sophomore
Forward - 6'6"
14.1 PPG, 1 assist, 8.7 rebounds

MATCHUPS

OFFENSE



Georgia Tech's O is consistent with three players averaging double digits.

DEFENSE



The Tiger defense is at the top of the conference in steals and blocks.

WHO'S HOT



Vernon Hamilton averaged 25 points per game against Duke and Wake.

WHO WILL WIN?



The Tigers will not let Tech win after being swept by the Jackets last season.

WILD CARD ♣ ♠ ♥ ♦

Clemson will need to improve their free throw percentage and inside game, or the big men from Tech may take the game over.

KEY S.T.A.T 18.9

Clemson is forcing 18.9 turnovers per game, second-best in the ACC and at a pace to rank fourth-best in Clemson history over a single season.

OVERTIME

Vernon Hamilton leads the ACC in steals with 2.59 per game. He has more steals than fouls this year with 44 steals and 40 fouls.

Georgia Tech has out-rebounded 12 of 14 opponents this season, including the last nine in a row. Over that stretch, the Yellow Jackets have won the battle of the boards by an average of 11.6 per game.

Georgia Tech has one of the youngest teams in the ACC with only one senior, five sophomores, and eight freshmen overall.

As a team, Clemson shot 54.1 percent from the field against Duke, the best percentage against Duke since 2003.

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Tip-off: Saturday, noon

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Tigers head to the Hive



BEN SHANNON/photo editor

SHIFTING SENTIMENTS: Monday night a panel discussion on same-sex marriage included topics such as the history of marriage and tolerance.

Tigers seek all-important conference victory in quest for a postseason berth for the second straight year.

CARRISSA DONGES

ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Clemson men's basketball team and head coach Oliver Purnell will be looking to settle the score when they meet up with the Yellow Jackets at the Alexander Memorial Coliseum in Atlanta, Ga., on Saturday. Currently, the Tigers are 2-2 in ACC and 13-4 overall while Tech is 2-1 in ACC and 9-5 overall.

Although this will be the first match-up of the season for both ACC teams, the Tigers will certainly have enough revenge stored up from last season when they were defeated twice by Georgia Tech. Both games came at the end of the season, the first one was at home in Littlejohn and the last game, unfortunately, was the season ending game in Atlanta. Not only did we lose both games by exactly eight points each time, but the second game loss blew our chances of going into the ACC tournament with four straight wins.

Fortunately for the Tigers, the Yellow Jackets have an extremely young team with only one remaining senior, no juniors and a whopping seven freshman. But don't be fooled by their age, this young team has had some clutch wins against Virginia, Vanderbilt and Boston College.

Tech's leading scorer, Andrew Morrow is currently tenth overall in scoring averaging 16.8 points per game. Morrow ranks second in the ACC with a 42.7 percent success rate from three-point range and is third in the conference in three-point field goals with 2.71 per game. He is one of four Tech players averaging in double digits, including Jeremis Smith with 14.1 points per game, while Ra'Sean Dickey has 10.9 and Zam Fredrick has 10.3 points per game.

Smith, one of Tech's most dangerous players, has transformed himself into a force in the paint since Tech's near miss at Michigan State, posting five double-doubles. Fully recovered from a dislocated kneecap that sidelined him for 17 games last season, Smith is the ACC's second-leading rebounder at 8.7 per game. He has scored 17.7 points per game and shot 54.3 percent from the floor in ACC games.

Don't worry too much though because Clemson continues to improve their scoring as the season progresses and will definitely be an even match-up for the Yellow Jackets. The top three scorers for the Tigers are Vernon Hamilton averaging 13.6 points per game, Shawan Robinson with 11.1 points per game and Akin Akingbala with 9.5 points per game.

Hamilton has had a phenomenal last few games with a then-career high 21 points against Wake Forest and a new career high 31 points in the loss against No. 1-ranked Duke. For the year, Hamilton is now shooting 50.3 percent from the field. Only one Clemson starting guard has shot 50 percent or better from the field since the 1987-88 season. Shawan Robinson added another 17 points against Duke and also made three three-point goals.

The Tigers are leading the ACC in offensive rebounds per game at 15.0. The leader in that area is 6'9" forward Akin Akingbala who ranks seventh in the ACC. Akingbala also leads the Tigers in rebounds with 7.1 per game. Clemson ranks in the top 25 in the nation and leads the ACC in both blocked shots and steals. Akingbala has 26 blocks for the season and Steve Allen has 21. Hamilton leads the team in steals with 44 steals while Cliff Hammonds has 30 for the season.

Overall, this Saturday's game will most likely be a high scoring game with big guys going head to head under the basket to win those rebounds. Height may become an issue this weekend as Tech's team is dominated by 6'6" and taller guys, and they are used to outrebounding their opponents. Hopefully, Akingbala and Allen will be able to shut them out.

Tip off is scheduled for noon. The game will be televised by Raycom Sports.



Standings

Team	Conf.	Overall
Duke	4-0	16-0
NC State	3-1	14-2
Ga. Tech	2-1	9-5
Miami	2-1	10-6
UNC	2-1	10-3
Florida St.	2-2	11-3
Maryland	2-2	12-4
Virginia	2-2	8-6
Clemson	2-2	13-4
B. College	1-3	13-4
Wake Forest	0-3	11-5
Virginia Tech	0-4	10-7

ACC Schedule

Saturday

Clemson at Ga. Tech, 12 p.m.
Duke at Georgetown, 1:30 p.m.
Wake at NC State, 4 p.m.
Va. Tech at Maryland, 8 p.m.
B. College at Miami, 8 p.m.

Sunday

UNC at Florida St., 6:30 p.m.
NCSU at G. Tech, 6 p.m.

Tuesday

Florida St. at Wake, 7 p.m.
Miami at Virginia, 9 p.m.

Wednesday

Maryland at Ga. Tech, 7 p.m.
Seton Hall at NC State, 7 p.m.

AP top 25

1. Duke (71)
2. Florida (1)
3. Connecticut
4. Memphis
5. Texas
6. Gonzaga
7. Illinois
8. Villanova
9. Pittsburgh
10. Washington
11. Michigan State
12. West Virginia
13. Indiana
14. N.C. State
15. Wisconsin
16. George Washington
17. Louisville
18. UCLA
19. Ohio State
20. Syracuse
21. Boston College
22. Maryland
23. Iowa
24. North Carolina
25. Oklahoma

The Numbers Game

3

Number of undefeated teams remaining in the NCAA. Pittsburgh, Florida and Duke have not yet lost a game.

21

Number of points scored in a span of only 75 seconds by Duke commitment Jon Scheyer in a game for Glenbrook (Ill.) North High against Proviso West. Scheyer scored 52 in the game, the only loss in 14 for Glenbrook. The senior is averaging 38 points per game and should help replace JJ Redick next season for the Blue Devils.

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Consecutive hours of basketball played between a team from Duke University and one from the University of North Carolina last weekend. The teams set a Guinness World Record for longest consecutive game. Duke won 3,688-3,444 in the game played at Fetzer Gymnasium in Chapel Hill; N.C.

Lady Tigers coming off tough Christmas break

Clemson women struggling to get to .500 as ACC schedule looms.

KRISTEN MCKENNA
STAFF WRITER

While the rest of the student body was relaxing over the holiday break, the Lady Tiger basketball team had a busy schedule, competing against numerous teams including rival South Carolina and a fifth-ranked North Carolina team.

Clemson started a stretch of home games in Littlejohn Coliseum with a 72-68 win against San Diego on Dec. 11. Next up, the Lady Tigers faced Wagner and had a huge victory, winning the game by a score of 94-66. Clemson's Maxienne White had a double-double on the night, scoring 23 points and 13 rebounds.

On Dec. 20, Clemson faced

Winthrop in a game that was decided in the final seconds as senior Julie Talley made two free-throw shots and freshman Susan Yenser hit a basket to give the Lady Tigers a 52-51 win over the Lady Eagles. Three days later Clemson had another huge win, this time over Savannah State, with six Lady Tigers scoring in double figures, including 19 by Yenser.

However Clemson's winning streak came to an end after the team traveled to Washington, D.C. to face Georgetown. In a game full of Clemson turnovers and fouls, the Lady Tigers suffered a 69-56 loss to the Hoyas after a four-game winning streak. The team then came home to Littlejohn for a much anticipated game against the rival South Carolina Gamecocks. It was the seventh straight win for South Carolina, and four Gamecock players scored in the double digits. USC scored 44 points in the second half and went on to beat the Lady Tigers 77-46. Clemson's

Amanda Frist led the Lady Tigers with a season-high 15 points, and Tarsha Phillips scored 11 points with six rebounds.

On Jan. 6, the team traveled to Chapel Hill for their ACC opener against a fifth-ranked North Carolina. While three Lady Tigers scored in the double digits, it wasn't enough to beat the Lady Tarheels, who were undefeated heading into the game. D'Leshia Lloyd led Clemson with 14 points, while Camille Little led UNC with 16 points. North Carolina went on to beat Clemson 102-61 for the Lady Tarheel's 14th straight win.

Back in Clemson, Maxienne White led the Lady Tigers with 17 points in the team's 72-63 win over ACC rival Georgia Tech in Littlejohn on Jan. 8. Clemson then hosted Miami on Jan. 12, and the Hurricanes' Melissa White led all scorers with 23 points for the game. While the game was tied on and off for the first half, Miami eventually went on to score 17 unanswered points in the second half and won the game 74-52.

This past Sunday Clemson again played in front of a home crowd, facing Wake Forest. The Lady Tigers shot 95.2 percent from the free throw line, and Maxienne White and Tasha Phillips had 19 and 18 points, respectively. Clemson went on to win the game 75-68 and improved the team's overall record to 8-10.

The Lady Tigers will face Duke at home at 7 p.m. on Jan. 26.

BCS Bowls give fans suspenseful entertainment

Paterno, Bowden put on three-overtime show in FedEx Orange Bowl.

HOKE HILL
STAFF WRITER

After several years of criticism, the Bowl Championship Series came through in a big way this year, offering four good controversy-free matchups that turned into four spectacular games to finish off the 2005-06 football season.

Fiesta Bowl: Ohio State vs. Notre Dame

In the first of the four games, Ohio State rolled over Notre Dame in the first half of the Fiesta Bowl behind quarterback Troy Smith and his pair of speedy targets, Santonio Holmes and Ted Ginn, Jr. Notre Dame went on the scoreboard first with a 20-yard touchdown run, but the Buckeyes then scored 21 unanswered points on three big plays.

Smith threw a 56-yard pass to Ginn in the first quarter to tie the score at seven.

Ginn then ran for 68 yards, and Holmes had an 85-yard catch in the second quarter, both for touchdowns.

The 85-yard catch by Holmes set a Fiesta Bowl record for yards on a touchdown reception.

The second half saw Notre Dame close the gap with one touchdown in each quarter, but a pair of Ohio State field goals by kicker Josh Huston. Another long touchdown run put the game out of reach and gave the Buckeyes the victory, 34-20.

Sugar Bowl: West Virginia vs. Georgia

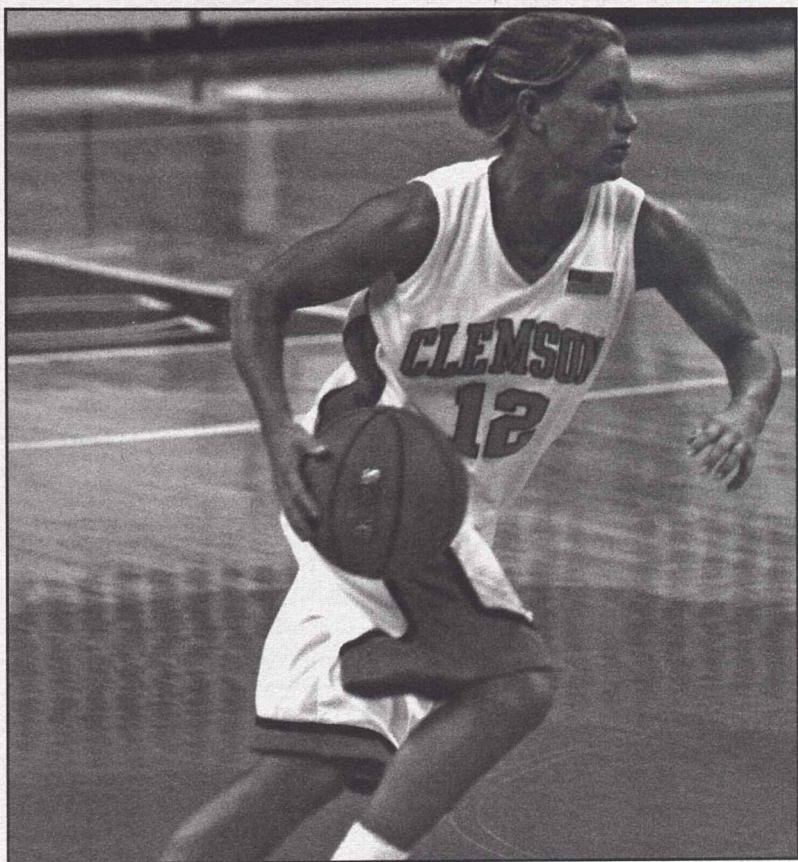
The Sugar Bowl, temporarily moved from New Orleans to the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, matched the supposedly under-matched Big East champion West Virginia against SEC champion and home state favorite Georgia.

The offense was fast-paced in this game as well, with both teams accumulating more than 500 yards of total offense. Despite being heavily favored, the Bulldogs could not stop the West Virginia rushing attack as the Mountaineers ran to a 28-0 score at the beginning of the second quarter.

Freshman running back Steve Slaton rushed for two touchdowns, and Darius Reynaud had one rushing touchdown and one receiving touchdown from freshman Pat White.

The remainder of the second quarter was owned by Georgia as the Bulldogs scored three touchdowns while holding West Virginia to only a field goal.

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DRIBBLIN' JULIE: Clemson senior guard Julie Talley heads down the court earlier this season.

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Men's soccer team finishes season in Final Four

Tigers fall to Lobos in College Cup; Marfuggi and Sturgis earn All-American honors.

DANIEL TAYLOR
STAFF WRITER

After being just one game above .500 over the last two seasons, the Clemson Tiger soccer team finished with a banner year in 2005 and reestablished themselves as a power in the world of collegiate soccer. The season kicked off at home with a thrilling 2-1 overtime victory over rival South Carolina which set the tone for the year. As the season went on, the Tigers tallied up wins with their outstanding defensive play. Only once during the regular season did the Tigers give up more than one goal in regulation. The exception came in the fifth game of the year with a 0-3 loss to the future National Champion Maryland Terrapins.

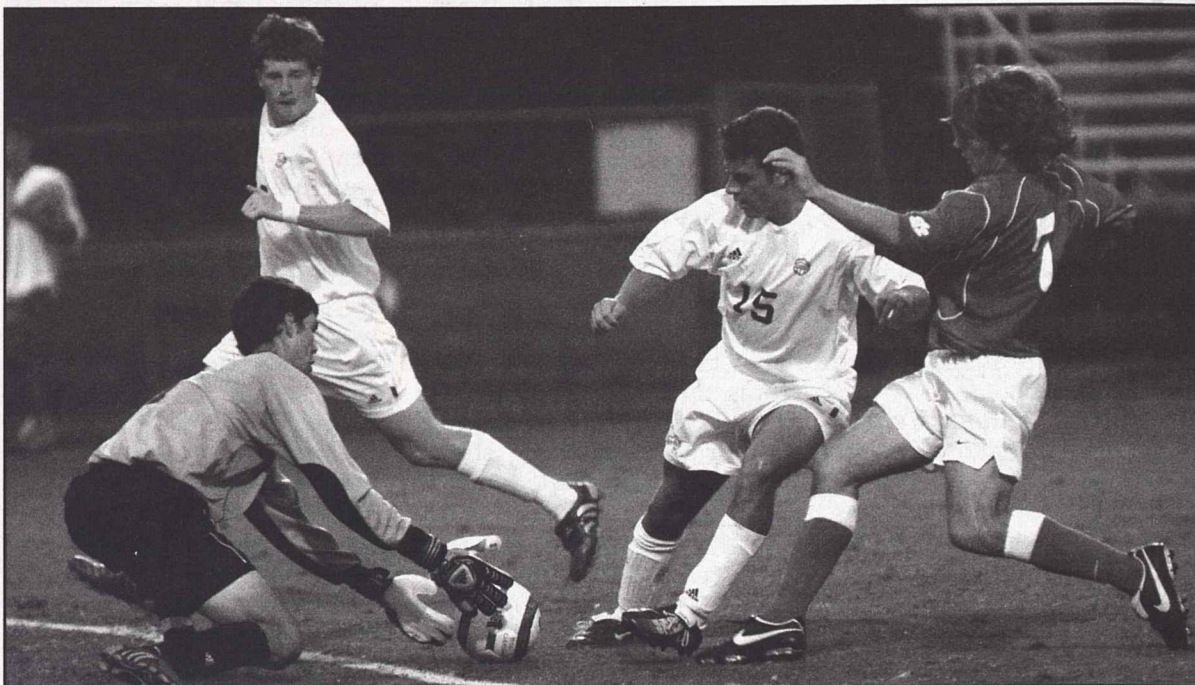
In the post-season, the Tigers shined in the NCAA tournament. Despite losing in the second round to North Carolina in the ACC tournament, the Tigers rolled off four shutout wins over tournament teams, outscoring their opponents 7-0 during that stretch.

Excitement peaked on campus when Clemson was fortunate enough to host a match-up in the elite eight versus Creighton. Many students tailgated prior to the game with every bit the passion they show on football Saturdays. The Tigers responded to the sudden buzz around campus, and they showed the home crowd of 6,680 a 1-0 victory. With the win, the Tigers clinched a berth in the Final Four but lost to New Mexico 2-1 in the semifinals. New Mexico was outplayed only twice last year, their second loss coming against Maryland in the championship game. Adair's squad finished with a record of 15-6-3 and ranked third in polls. Last season marks the seventh time in 11 years that the Tigers have finished ranked under Adair, and it was the highest final ranking since the 1998 season in which the Tigers ended up the number one team with a 22-2-0 record.

Post-season awards acknowledged two Tigers as

All-Americans, and both stars will be returning next year. Junior goalkeeper Phil Marfuggi averaged 0.85 goals allowed last year and recorded 89 saves. He was honored as a first-team All-ACC and first-team All-American by Soccer America. Marfuggi hopes to add to his save total next season as he ranks fifth all-time in Clemson history. Sophomore defender Nathan

Sturgis started every game this year. In those 24 games he tallied two goals and seven assists. Soccer America also named him first-team All-American with Marfuggi. Sturgis was also entitled the ACC's Defensive Player of the Year. With the honors of both Marfuggi and Sturgis, twelve players have been named All-Americans since Adair started at Clemson.



KICK IT ANYWAY: Clemson freshman Bryson Moore attempts to kick the ball away from South Carolina goalie Mike Gustavson while defender Stephen Sprague clears out.

BCS: Texas ends Southern Cal's 34-game win streak to take Sears Trophy *from page B6*

The three Georgia touchdowns were scored on two long runs from Gregg Lumpkin and Thomas Brown and a red-zone pass from quarterback D.J. Shockley to Leonard Pope.

The second half opened as a defensive struggle, with the only scoring in the third quarter coming off a 34-yard touchdown pass by Shockley in the final two minutes.

A third rushing touchdown for Slaton, this time for 52 yards, was the final score for the Mountaineers midway through the fourth quarter.

The Bulldogs answered with another touchdown pass from Shockley, then forcing West Virginia into a fourth down situation with just under two minutes left.

West Virginia decided to keep the ball and run out the clock, opting for a successful fake punt run of 10 yards by punter Phil Brady to seal the game at 38-35.

Orange Bowl: Penn State vs. Florida State

After an exciting first day, the second Orange Bowl was expected to be the lull before the huge National Championship game the next day.

Big Ten champion Penn State was heavily favored over ACC champion Florida State, who slid into the

bowl after winning the ACC Championship to break a three-game losing skid. While most expected a rout, that proved to be far from the case, as the game went to marathon status, going to three overtimes and lasting five hours.

Unlike the previous two games, this was quite the defensive struggle. Penn State scored in the first quarter on a 2-yard run from Austin Scott.

There was a slight break in offense by both teams until an 87-yard punt return sparked the Seminoles and put them on the board late in the second quarter.

Ninety seconds later, Florida State scored on a 57-yard pass from Drew Weatherford to Lorenzo Booker, and a failed extra point attempt made the score 13-7.

Penn State scored a touchdown on a 24-yard pass from quarterback Michael Robinson with six seconds remaining to end the first half at 14-13.

The third quarter opened with more offensive struggles as both teams struggled with getting first downs, and neither team could find the scoreboard.

Dominating defense continued in the fourth quarter, with Jim Shaw of the Nittany Lions recording a safety at the start of the fourth quarter.

A field goal by FSU kicker Gary Cismesia with four minutes remaining tied the game at 16 apiece, forcing overtime. Missed field goals plagued both teams throughout the game, but a Kevin Kelly field goal from 29 yards out in the third overtime made up for missing two game-winning chances. The Nittany Lions held on to defeat Florida State, 26-23.

Rose Bowl: Texas vs. Southern California

With the National Championship Rose Bowl

looking to be a showcase of the three Heisman finalists and the top three offensive players in the country, many expected a closely fought game with big plays from all three stars.

While the game was indeed close, the star of Texas, quarterback Vince Young outshined everyone else on the field.

The junior accounted for more than 80 percent of the Longhorns' 556 yards, with 267 yards passing, 200 yards rushing and three touchdowns on the ground. Vince Young came up big at every opportunity and carried Texas to victory.

USC scored first on a touchdown run from LenDale White, but the Longhorns answered with 16 unanswered points in the second quarter before a field goal with four minutes left put the score at 16-10 going into halftime.

The Trojans came out strong in the second half, outscoring Texas 28-7 in the first 20 minutes of the half.

A Texas field goal, followed by another USC touchdown, left the score at 38-26 with six and a half minutes remaining.

Young then stepped up another notch, leading his team down the field to score his second touchdown on a 17-yard run.

After a Texas defensive stop, including a critical performance on fourth and two to stop White inches from getting a first down to clinch the game for USC.

With the ball back in the hands of Young, the Longhorns worked down the field again, and Young rushed into the endzone from eight yards out on a fourth and five play with 19 seconds left. The touchdown put Texas on top 41-38, and another display of strong defense from the Longhorns sealed the game and the National Championship.

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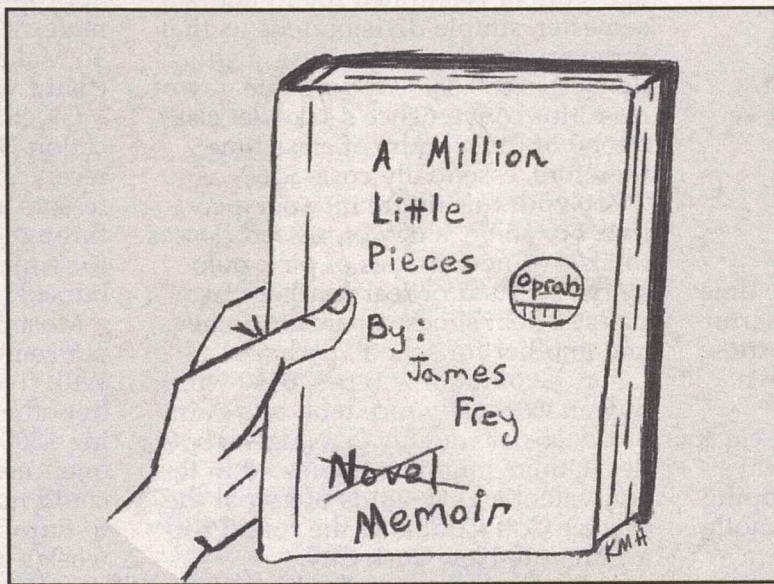
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Frey should disclose fiction in memoir

The integrity of journalists has been an important issue in recent years, with the pages of this paper being devoted to the topic on several occasions. Major national newspapers, such as the New York Times, have had their images tarnished by the suspicious dealings of their writers, and now it seems it is the publishing industry's turn to face public scrutiny. This attention comes amid revelations that many of the events in James Frey's best-selling memoir, "A Million Little Pieces," are altered, embellished and at times entirely made-up.

Frey's book about his lifelong battle with drugs and alcohol abuse has sold more than 3.5 million copies, many of which came after Oprah Winfrey recently selected the memoir for her book club. This book has inspired millions with its graphic account of how Frey ultimately overcame his addictions through sheer force of will. One aspect that makes Frey's story so compelling is its apparent frankness and honesty. In his book, Frey completely opens himself, creating a sense of vulnerability that draws in the reader.

It is quite disturbing, then, to realize that much of what Frey describes in such a personal manner is in the best case embellished and in the worst completely fabricated. Like a young child or a bar-room hero, Frey takes events that are not all that uncommon and twists them into wild tales of debauchery. In this world of elaborated stories and tall tales, a few hours spent awaiting bail payment becomes three months of hard time with a double-murderer for a cell-mate, and



a routine drunk-driving stop morphs into a crack-fueled rage where Frey hit a police officer with his car.

These and other embellishments in the book would not be a big deal if the readers were made aware of them. After all, fiction can be just as moving, if not more so, than real life. Instead, Frey and his publishers pushed the book as a memoir, which implies that it is a true account of his life. This decision came after Frey unsuccessfully pedaled his manuscript to publishers as a novel.

To make matters worse, Frey seems largely unconcerned about the implications of the gross embellishments his book contains. In fact, he has even defended himself by pointing out

that great writers such as Ernest Hemingway have published fictional books that were largely autobiographical. Frey's argument, though, points to the major reason difference between his work and Hemingway's: Hemingway and others knew that their novels, even though they were based in part on real events, were fiction and

labeled them as such. Frey seems to think that since parts of his book are true, he can market the entire work as non-fiction.

The problem with Frey's approach is obvious — he is blatantly lying to his readers by calling his work a memoir. In doing so, he undermines readers' faith in him as an author, memoirs as a genre and writers in gen-

eral. He shifts focus away from a very powerful message — one that would be just as moving if conveyed in a novel — and onto his ethics as a writer. He could have very simply added a disclaimer, like he has in his most recent book, informing the reader that parts of the story have been altered.

By trying to pass fantasy off as the truth, though, Frey has joined a growing number of writers who unnervingly seem to feel that the line between truth and fiction can be crossed at will in the name of self-promotion and entertainment.

This unfortunate lapse in ethical judgment harms more than just the bond between reader and author. Memoirs such as Frey's irresponsibly muddy the historical record. If anyone else had written such exaggerated stories about him, he may very well have sued for libel.

Frey's exaggerations even reach our campus. Last school year, Frey came to Clemson as a guest speaker. He certainly did not come for free, and Clemson thought it was bringing in someone who could speak to the student body about his horrific personal experiences with drug and alcohol addiction, not a spinster skilled at misleading his readers. Since our University spent its scarce funds on what turned out to be a liar, perhaps we should ask another question: "Mr. Frey, may we have our money back?"

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Should readers have been told that Frey embellished some of his memoir?



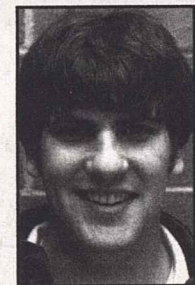
Colin Chalupa
construction science and management senior

"I think it would have been more fair if the readers would have known the truth."

"Yeah, I think they should have at least put in a disclaimer. It's kind of misleading to the readers."

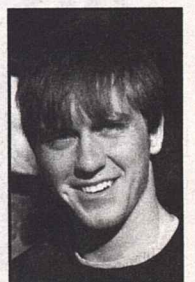


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"Readers should have been told that the memoir was not completely truthful because what he did was dishonest."



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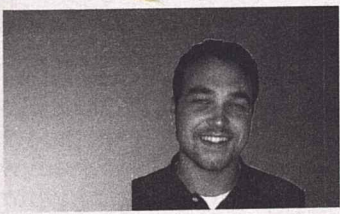
Danielle Lanfear
biochemistry freshman

"Yes, he should have had a disclaimer, but since he wasn't borrowing someone else's story, people shouldn't be so upset about it."



Sara Thomson
history senior

More lawsuits to shift blame for obesity



BRIAN EVINK
Opinions Editor

When the House passed the so-called "Cheeseburger Bill" last year — a bill that would prevent fast food restaurants from being named in obesity lawsuits — I hoped it would mark the end of this ridiculous debate about whether the food industry was responsible for child obesity.

Unfortunately, this cycle of blame has started up again as a group of plaintiffs are suing Nickelodeon and Kellogg to try to stop these and other companies from advertising junk food to children. Specifically, the plaintiffs want companies to stop marketing junk food on television when at least 15 percent of the audience is composed of children age eight or younger.

Childhood obesity, in fact, obesity in general, is a very serious problem facing our nation, and one that threatens us with higher health-care costs and lower

quality of life in the long term. However, this problem is not the food industry's fault, nor is it the fault of the television networks that carry advertisements for unhealthy food.

This lawsuit is yet another attempt to shift the blame for childhood obesity to a convenient scapegoat — the evil corporation supposedly hell-bent on ruining our lives in the shameless pursuit of profit — and away from the parents who are ultimately responsible for the welfare of their young children.

This lawsuit is aimed at preventing advertising to very young children, which is also the age-group where many obesity problems begin. The arguments blaming the food industry break down, though, when one considers how young children actually get their food.

No matter how many commercials an eight-year-old child sees for an unhealthy food during Saturday morning cartoons, two crucial intermediate steps, both involving a parent, separate that child from the advertised treats. The unhealthy food must be purchased and then made available to the child. The parents are in complete control of both steps and shoulder all the blame or praise or these decisions.

First, the parent buys any food a child eats, so no matter how much a child

wants the latest sweet treat advertised on television, the parent has to agree to buy it. No purchase means no unhealthy food.

Second, the parent must either bring the food home to the child or take the child to the food. A simple way to keep your eight-year-old child from eating junk food is to not have it in the house (or keep it on the top shelf if you want it for yourself) and to not take your child to a fast food restaurant. It's that simple.

No amount of advertising in the world can get junk food into a child's hands without parental consent at some point.

Even in situations where the parents seem removed from the process, such as when a child goes to a friend's house, responsibility ultimately falls on the parent. If you know Joey's parents let him eat all sorts of junk food, don't let your child go over to Joey's.

Childhood obesity is a serious problem, and poor eating habits are certainly to blame. The companies that offer unhealthy foods, however, are not. In fact, if parents really want their children to be healthy, they'll turn off the cartoons to begin with and send their children outside to play.

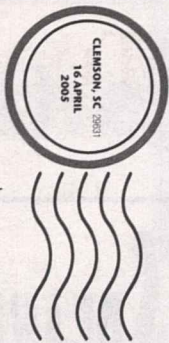
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Sex advice column alright in theory, but this one oversteps its bounds

"On the Prowl" is a very controversial column, and though I enjoyed it when Alanna Jones was writing back in 2003 and 2004, I think it has overstepped its boundaries. I say to you Mr. Ellis, being a progressive college does not mean being a perverse one. And if I would have to guess, I would say you are from above the Mason Dixon Line, and your liberal, non-individualistic, postmodern friends accept your views without criticism. But this is the South, and guess what? We still take a little pride in not being so open with our sexual excursions; modesty is not such a bad thing. I do not think "On the Prowl" should stop being written by any means, but it could take a simple step back in how forward it is.

Eric Tuttle
junior

COMMENTARY

When you break it down, skipping those morning classes just does not add up



COLLEEN GLEESON

Columnist

Everyone has heard it at one time or another. It starts as a disgruntled mumble around dinnertime, eventually growing to a full blown whine before bed.

Your roommate has an eight-o'clock the next day. The question is always present: To go, or not to go? Skipping class would certainly allow for another hour of sleep, at least, but it is a well known fact that the professors with the strictest attendance policies all sign up for the morning time slots.

Chances are, groaning the whole way, your roommate will be up and going at the crack of dawn regardless of any contrary intentions the night before.

In all seriousness, however, it is amazing that the prospect of skipping class even crosses students' minds. We are all paying to be here, one way or another. True, the grand state of South Carolina sponsors some, and well-intentioned parents and communities pay the tuition of others. But many students have to take out loans and put themselves through college. Attending class is a privilege we pay dearly for and should not be the chore we see it as.

Just to break it down, here is a little math. Let's just assume the typical out-of-state student pays about \$12,000 a semester in tuition and various matriculation and convenience fees — excluding room, board and books. Divided by the roughly 15

weeks spent in class, this works out to \$800 per week. Assuming the average student is enrolled for 15 hours a semester, simple division tells us that for every hour spent in class, a student pays \$53.33. Skipping one day of class (for convenience's sake, let's say a total of three hours of class time), therefore, essentially costs \$160.

Let's put this figure into perspective. For some, a day of missed classes totals two new shades of pink polo shirts, a strand of real pearls or two pairs of boat shoes; a pair for home and another for school, perhaps.

For the outdoorsy types, \$160 will buy an extremely nice tent, two pairs of Chacos or roughly 22 Nalgene bottles. Others might be interested in the equivalent eight rounds of golf at the Walker Golf Course or the round trip airfare into New York City.

A day of classes equals about 10 legal CDs or dozens of burnt copies of "borrowed" music. Perhaps more impressive to some is the concept of perhaps 10 cases of beer — or in the case of Pabst Blue Ribbon, closer to 15 30-packs (a whopping 450 beers), or eight bottles of Smirnoff. Twenty gallons of ice cream from Bi-Lo is worth \$160 and somewhere in the vicinity of 80 scoops of Clemson's own.

A day of classes could purchase 160 vinyl records at the Jockey Lot Flea Market or 25 meals at Harcombe. On a more pragmatic note, the same amount could buy five and a half tanks of gasoline, 320 rolls of Charmin toilet paper or one used textbook.

Given the value of our education, it is hard to imagine many people would entertain the idea of skipping class. A quick search of Facebook, however, soon reveals over 15 "anti-class" groups, with more than 600 members at Clemson alone. These clubs have names such as "Class? My Mrs. Degree is Hard Enough," "Classes Interfere With My College Career,"

"Classes make me want to die — I'm gonna drop out..." and perhaps most appropriately for the whining roommate, "Again I Have No Motivation To Make it To My Eight O'clock Class (that I've Missed about Ten Times)."

Given the value of the college education we are fortunate enough to receive, it is quite saddening that professors almost expect several absences throughout the semesters — absences for which we will never be reimbursed.

Most classes allow three absences per semester before penalties apply. With five classes, a student could hypothetically miss 15 periods totaling \$800 without any adverse consequences. An effective bargain shopper could not only find a round trip ticket to Europe with this money but also a week's stay in hostels while there.

Sadly, they actually let us get away with wasting that much money. So why skip class and throw away significant amounts of money? Perhaps more important than that question is why we want to miss out on an amazing opportunity to learn.

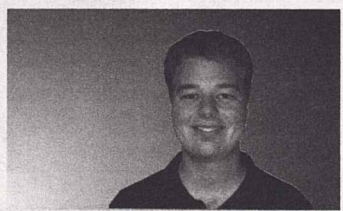
A generation ago, college was not as commonplace or accessible; those who attended made use of the vibrant intellectual community they joined. Today, it seems as though we go through our career here at Clemson quietly checking the boxes until graduation. So while everyone oversleeps once in a while or simply cannot resist an afternoon at the lake, skipping class is a sad waste of an incredible resource we are all so fortunate to have.

Besides, with all that money at stake, why not save up your skip days and just cut a semester — and buy yourself a car.

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COMMENTARY

Spy policy part of the problem, not the solution



BRANDON HATHAWAY
Columnist

Over break, there was a lot of talk about President Bush and his ability to wiretap Americans who may be involved with terrorism. This alarms me because I also found out that Osama bin Laden's niece, Wafah Dufour (she changed her name because it is a little unpopular), decided to pose for GQ; poses that were described by third parties as "racy." As a journalist, I was naturally curious. It did make me wonder, though, as I was doing a search for "Bin Laden" on Google, will that mark my IP address as one to be monitored by the NSA, FBI or some other investigative agency? Will there be some analyst or government functionary sorting through the hours I spend online reading through newspaper web sites, ESPN articles about the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and my bank statements? I hope not, but luckily there isn't much money in my bank account so if the government mishandles my bank information, I'd be out like 60 bucks.

I also took the precaution of using my brother's computer, so it'll be his college dorm that gets stormed by the FBI, looking for the terrorist to be rendered. Rendition, in case you have not heard one of the latest buzzwords to sweep the lips of talking heads on cable news, is when suspects are taken into custody and transported to a friendly country, like Jordan or Afghanistan, and interrogated. This is mostly done because those countries do not have to play nice.

This is kind of a big deal — not just because Wafah turns out to be a pretty serious babe or my brother might disappear. It is a problem because the President has essentially sidestepped the other two branches of government. He wants the executive branch to be able to be able to execute more quickly without the pesky need to have a judge sign a warrant to verify that the methods used in those investigations are legal. Anyone who has seen an episode of Law and Order knows that sometimes the judges say "no," and who wants that?

Well, as we also learned from Law and Order, sometimes the police get the wrong guy. There have been more than a few improper arrests so far in the War on Terror, most notably Khaled El-Masri. He is a Lebanese born German who is suing George Tenet, the former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, after

claiming that he was mistakenly captured and tortured, or "rendered," after being sent to a prison in Kabul, Afghanistan. The current story is that he had the same name as a wanted terrorist and was unlucky enough to get picked up while on vacation.

This is unacceptable for a couple of reasons. Assuming this man is not just some trickster trying to get attention, which is unlikely since the lawsuit is only filed for \$75,000, this shows the intelligence apparatus does not work. There is sufficient circumstantial evidence to suggest that the U.S. government probably did carry this out (Other people have similar stories; countries along the way have identified American aircraft by their marking, but the CIA and FBI will neither confirm nor deny that they practice rendition). So, at the moment, Khaled has a bit more credibility than our government agents. The CIA either picked up the wrong man or let the right one go, and neither one goes very far in making me feel safer. If the CIA got the right guy every time, it might make the sour moral questions go down easier.

But they don't. Not even when it is something as big as kidnapping and rendering a man on vacation. Think about what would happen if you were vacationing in Toronto (or as they say, "on holiday"), and you were picked up by the RCMP for the British, because you had the same

name as a member of the IRA. They held you for a month and beat you, and once they got their story sorted out, they simply put you back on the street with a nice brush off and a "cheerio?" If it were me, I would probably sue somebody for more than \$75,000.

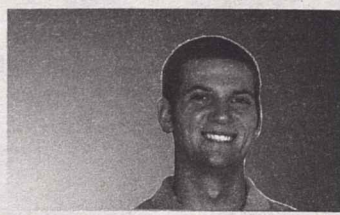
At this point it is cliché and naive to say so, but having Americans torturing folks really defeats the whole point of this War on Terror anyway. America doesn't get safer by humiliating people in airports and train stations or by eavesdropping on their phones and e-mail; in fact, humiliation is really how we got into this situation in the first place. America gets safer by continuing to make travel, commerce and communication easier for everybody.

I remember being taught in history class that, at the end of World War II when German soldiers were looking to surrender, they stayed away from the Russian and even British fronts and surrendered to American units. They did this because they knew that the Americans would treat them the best. There is a reason why Osama bin Laden's niece is posing for GQ, an American magazine for American audiences. There may be some good that can come of this after all; maybe by eavesdropping on us, the govern-

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COMMENTARY

Celebrity status is not worth the name



DAMON ANDREWS

Columnist

Brad Pitt is a stud. Angelina Jolie is a bombshell. But what will their new baby look like?

Critics are already saying that theirs will be the most beautiful baby ever born. With parents like those two Hollywood stars, how could it not be, right? But what if their baby isn't the poster-child of perfection as anticipated? What if it has a funny nose or something? What if it's just plain ugly? Think about the mounting pressure that puts on an unborn baby. The poor thing hasn't even opened its eyes, screamed or sucked its thumb, and it's already in the limelight with high expectations as the most beautiful baby on earth, the child of two of the most gorgeous people on the planet.

It's no wonder the poor baby will go through diapers twice as fast as any other child — it's going to be a nervous wreck around the clock wondering if it is living up to everything it was supposed to be. Sure, the buzz of the baby will simmer down some in the news and tabloids once it is born, but for the rest of its life, it will live in the shadows of its parents' beauty and accomplishments.

Aside from its physical appearance, I just hope that the name that Brad and Angie pick out for their child isn't outlandish. Chris Martin (lead singer of Coldplay) and wife Gweneth Paltrow named their child Apple, as in the fruit. Children get their cheeks pulled on enough and get called names like "Muffin," "Cupcake," or "Pumpkin" repeatedly when they are young.

The last thing a child needs is to have a name that even sounds crazy-delicious! What was Gweneth thinking to name a child after something that grows on a tree? I can only imagine the future names that that will be chosen — "Hello there! I'd like to introduce you to my two children. Their names are Peach Cobbler and Strawberry Shortcake." Get a grip, celebrities!

But don't give Chris Martin and Gweneth Paltrow

all the credit for pioneering such an odd name as Apple. Among other notable names celebrities have given to their children are Blue Angel (daughter of U2's Dave Evans), Banjo (son of Patrick and Rachel Griffiths), Betty Kitten (daughter of Jane Goldman and Jonathan Ross), and Dixie Dot and Bibi Belle (children of Anna Ryder Richardson). My personal favorite, though, comes from Bono, who named his son Elijah Bob Patricus Guggi Q (I really hope this is a family name).

So let's say as the child of a celebrity you luck out and get parents who give you a normal name, not the last thing your mom was craving before she went into labor. By the age of two, you already know how to spell the word "paparazzi," you can use it in a sentence and you know its word origin. I can only imagine that life would be a literal re-enactment of what Jim Carrey endured in the movie The Truman Show — you would seemingly live in a glass fish-bowl, being watched all the time.

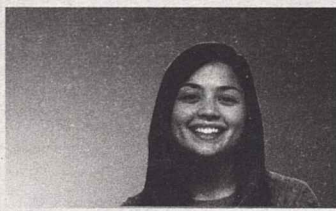
Sure it would be cool to be the child of a celebrity — you would have all the coolest birthday parties growing up, virtually anything you wanted, and chances are you'd probably have quite a few friends at the ritzy private school you attend. But what happens when mom or dad screws up and fame turns to shame? As stressful as it is on celebrities when they receive negative press, I'm sure it is nearly just as stressful on their children. Can you imagine being the child of someone like Terrell Owens, the former Philadelphia Eagles receiver who was kicked off the team this past fall for poor conduct? I can imagine that in a classroom full of Eagles fans in Philadelphia, as the child of someone who trash-talked his own organization, you sure wouldn't be receiving any "brotherly love."

We know that in the case of a celebrity's child, all that glitters is really gold. But a large bank account doesn't necessarily mean that the grass is greener on the other side. Your house might never make MTV's Cries, but that doesn't mean that you won't find happiness out of the limelight ... and with a normal name.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

New year, new Tiger



JULIE LEDBETTER

Editor in Chief (interim)

If you are reading this you have noticed a few changes in the paper this week. Actually, it's completely different. Almost every element of the newspaper has been changed.

Besides having a whole new layout, The Tiger has a new editor: Me.

Before Naylor set forth on his exciting semester abroad, he left Justin and me with an unfinished redesigned newspaper. Thanks Naylor.

I decided if we were going to go ahead with the redesign, it should happen in the first issue of this semester since a redesign has been a topic of discussion for about a year. So my Martin Luther King holiday was spent alongside Justin changing fonts, choosing graphics, examining other newspapers' designs, placing articles, changing the fonts again and, at times, staring at the screen wondering what in the world to do to just make it look better.

After countless hours of work, we have, for the most part, finished the redesign of The Tiger. The new look comes from the input of many of the staff members and a lot of trial and error.

The idea of doing a redesign came when we noticed that certain elements were starting to look dated. The previous paper was an eclectic mix of elements from whoever happened to be working at The Tiger at the time and felt like changing something. In order to create a sleeker, more uniform paper we decided to overhaul everything.

There are still a few kinks that need to be worked out. Certain elements of the paper may change throughout the

semester, and we would love to hear feedback about how you think the new design looks. In addition to the new design of the paper, I am looking forward to changing some content elements of the paper as well.

While the redesign has taken up a lot of time, it has been worth it. Just like everyone else I have been getting adjusted to a new semester of classes, but I have also been getting adjusted to this new position. Despite Naylor's sage advice, I decided to take 18 hours this semester. That lasted about three days; I am back down to 15 hours and still incredibly busy.

I have spent most of the past week working on the redesign. I am happy to have it completed so that I may regain some small portion of my life, although a great part of it will still revolve around the newspaper. I eat, sleep and breathe The Tiger, as do most of the senior staff members, and like them, I love every minute of it.

Most people, my friends excluded since they rarely see me until Thursday, don't realize how much work goes into every issue. We work every day of the week. So many people contribute to making this newspaper what it is. We have an amazing and hardworking senior staff, and we are proud of the students who take time to write articles every week.

I am excited to be taking over as Editor-in-Chief, and I expect that our great paper will only continue to improve.

As always, The Tiger is open to criticism from readers. We would love to get your input on the redesign or hear any new article ideas. And if you would like to join our amazing and hardworking staff, we can always use some help. I am looking forward to a great spring semester for The Tiger and the University!

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PAWS UP, PAWS DOWN

The basketball team played with heart against Duke, but shooting 28.6 percent from the free-throw line will not win many games.



An over-zealous high school journalism student snuck into Baghdad to get a story. He gets an 'A' for effort, but an 'F' for smarts.



Italian scientists recently found that couples with a television in their bedroom have half as much sex as couple who do not.



Duke may have won, but Vernon Hamilton elevated his game to a personal scoring best, and Sam Perry elevated, well, himself.



A prisoner in Australia lost 30 pounds so that he could fit through a hole that he chiseled in the wall of his cell.



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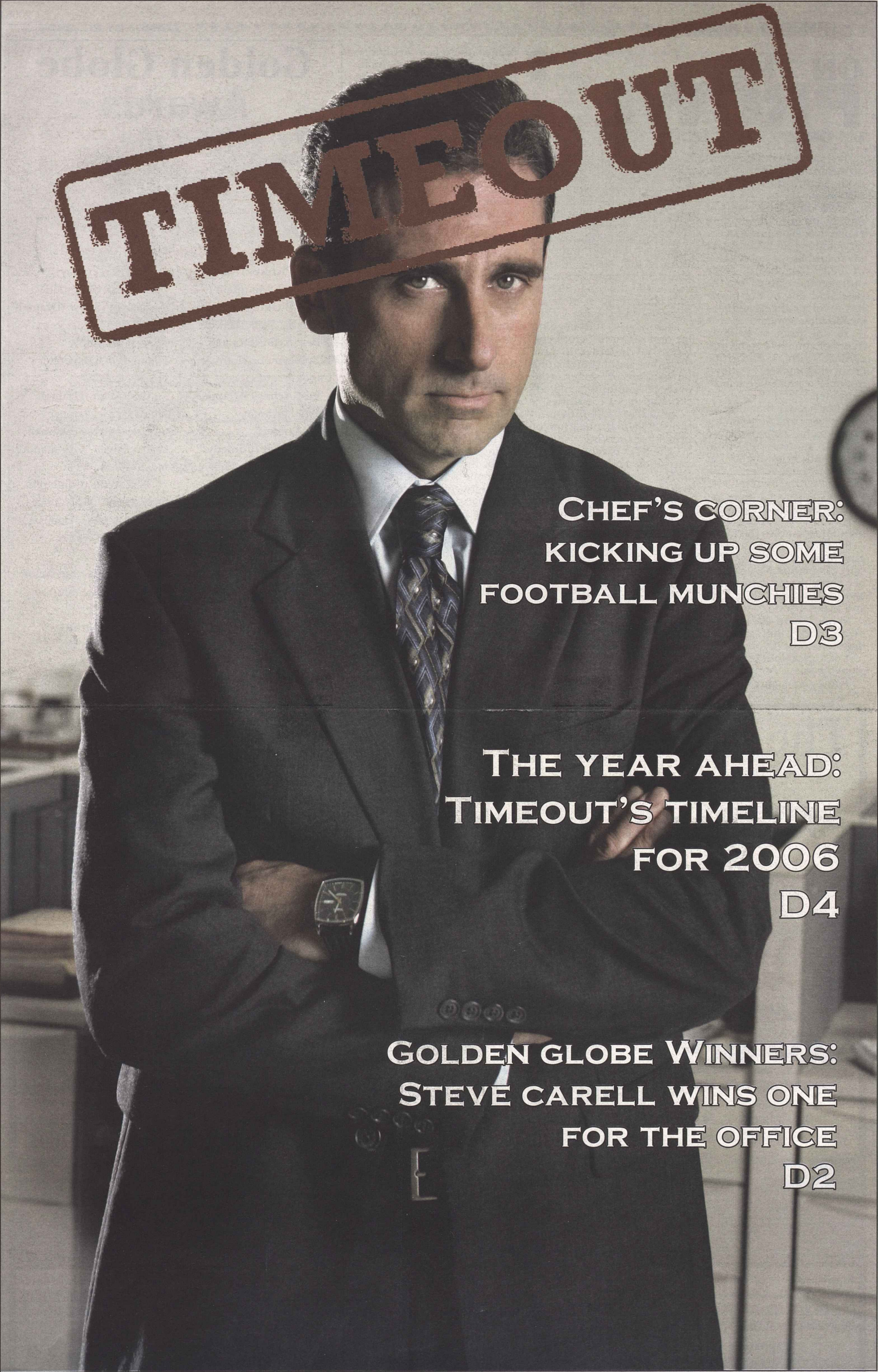
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TIMEOUT

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We're kind of a big deal

ON THE PROWL

BY ORSON SWELLES

It's confirmed. Guys will do nearly anything as long as the end result is sexually related.

We'll drop large sums of money on nice dates, buy expensive cologne, wear nice clothing and even make up absurd lies to get women in bed. I've heard some outrageous claims in the past, and one of my favorites involves the benefits of swallowing semen.

In one form or another, many of you have come into contact with a ludicrous claim that makes swallowing sperm seem like a brilliant idea.

I've heard that sperm will clear up a woman's complexion, help her lose weight, protect her from STDs and even make her more attracted to you. Wrong, wrong, wrong and possibly correct.

First of all, the complexion issue is based on nothing that resembles the truth.

Here, it is obvious that a guy found a girl with low self esteem and promised her some magic serum that would cure her skin tone and make it soft.

While there are a few medications that can be ingested, most involve some sort of topical lotion to complete the job.

And no, guys, that

doesn't mean that you get a two-for-one deal with the same lie.

Also, girls, I hate to break it to you, but the only way you are losing weight by performing the tube steak pipe cleaner is if that is the only thing you eat.

We all know that semen contains sperm, but the truth is that semen is only about 10 percent spermatozoa, while the other 90 percent is made up of proteins, vitamins and sugars.

Before guys start begging for oral sex right before you work out in order to give you some extra protein, one tablespoon of semen (the average amount ejaculated) contains about 15 calories.

So odds are that there is probably a max of a gram of protein per serving.

The STD prevention prevarication allows a woman to feel safer with her man, which in turn could lead to oral sex.

Stupid, stupid, stupid and did I mention stupid?

Oral sex safety is a rampant problem with younger kids, because they hear about abstinence, and most don't know the dangers of oral sex.

People sometimes say that swallowing prevents this.

Maybe if you are able to swallow everything before the semen can come in contact with mucous mem-

branes, there is a possibility of stopping the onslaught, but it is most likely that this is a farce.

One myth that has actually been proven true by research is that swallowing before pregnancy helps the wife's immune system.

She becomes used to the man's semen, and this helps keep her blood pressure lower, among other things, while pregnant.

Recently, a study was published that swallowing leads to a reduction in breast cancer rates.

This study was backed by extensive research from N.C. State. Unfortunately, the creator of the discovery came out and admitted it was all a big hoax.

This was strategically timed to come out after many women already admitted to sucking the cure-for-breast-cancer stick at least once a day.

In most cases, women are more ingenious and conniving than men, so I don't doubt the day that a bunch of female scientists find the link between males giving back massages and increasing the amount of sex they have.

I personally don't need a scientist to tell me that a good massage leads to a good night in bed, so take note men.

The next time your woman asks you for a massage after a long day, give it to her. You'll be surprised at how few excuses you have to make the next day when eagerly anticipating a massage of your own.

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The Almond: WSBF cancels show due to good music

CHARLIE FAIRWEATHER
AND
JENNIFER NICHOLS
Staff Writers

On Tuesday, Jan. 16, at approximately 5:19 p.m., Greg Sanderson's radio show was cancelled from WSBF's programming schedule after he played a song of "mediocre-to-good" quality.

WSBF, the Clemson campus's independent radio station, has long made it its goal to play only terrible music.

"It's nothing personal," said a representative for the station. "The music he was playing just didn't fit our format. Horrible music, great. Bad music, fine. Even mediocre results only in a verbal warning. But we can't risk having this mistake made again."

Sanderson, a freshman in the Architecture program, was heartbroken.

"I was really excited about having my own radio show here on WSBF," Sanderson said. "I guess I didn't realize just how bad the music had to be."

The station's online forums, once a haven for discussions about obscure concerts and the latest goings-on of European metal bands, received multiple posts from all four regular contributors about the topic. All were too explicit to quote.

Sanderson stated that he was surprised at the stern reaction from WSBF staff,

considering how much he has helped out around the station and at concerts in the past.

"After a semester of working every concert, my efforts have probably helped bring independent music to the ears of 10 or 15 people at live events," Sanderson said. "Even if I did break policy, I wouldn't expect them to cancel my show."

A few students have questioned whether Sanderson's show may have received unusually harsh treatment simply because Sanderson was not well-liked among the station's senior staff.

When questioned about the practice of playing favorites and lessened punishments for some DJs, a WSBF senior staff member commented, "Well, maybe if he wore his Death Cab shirt a little less, we'd have considered keeping the show."

In their defense, the staff at WSBF did the best they could to explain to Sanderson how he had violated station policy.

"Taste is a selective thing, as is quality," explained station president Daniel Wrigley. "What the majority of people like can never be in good taste. If everyone likes a certain type of music, it cannot be unique or original because it appeals to the lowest common denominator of listeners. Exceptional people have exceptional taste. This is why only obscure music can be considered good."

Wrigley continued by

saying, "Of course, if WSBF ever achieved this educational goal, we would have to change our format -- because once everyone likes obscure music, it won't be obscure anymore, which means it won't be good. You see how it goes. Thus, we must prevent the student body from listening to the station for their own good, to keep obscure songs in good taste. That is why we've made it our policy to only play horrible obscure music. This prevents us from completely educating the student body because only people involved in the station will want to listen to it. We set up our programs in two-hour slots so our DJs will come to like the music by hearing it for hours on end. The feeling of superiority they get from knowing only they have truly good taste helps them like it as well."

Sanderson has said the he will pursue other venues for getting his scandalously mediocre music to the public, such as an internet radio station.

As long as WSBF stays on the airwaves and not the just the Web, the station should have a fighting chance to keep obscurity alive without any threats from dissenters like him.

(This article has been provided by the Almond, Clemson's most punctilious news source.

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Chef's Corner: Kickin' Chicken

AMANDA GURGANUS
Assistant TimeOut
Editor (Interim)

This week I have in store a couple appetizers that you can prepare yourself instead of purchasing expensive snacks to serve.

Let us start with Buffalo wings. You will need: 12 chicken wings, two tablespoons of butter (melted), one-half of a cup of all-purpose flour, one-half of a teaspoon of salt, one-fourth of a teaspoon of pepper, one cup of barbecue sauce, one teaspoon of red pepper sauce, one-half of a teaspoon of Cajun seasoning and one-fourth of a teaspoon of ground cumin.

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees.

Make sure the chicken wings are thawed out if you purchased frozen ones. Next, cut each chicken wing at the joint to make three pieces. Discard tip. Cut off and throw away any excess skin. Pour melted butter into a rectangular pan (approximately 13 by 9.2 inches).

Mix flour, salt and pepper in a large heavy-duty resealable bag. Add chicken into the bag (either all together or three or four at a time) and seal it securely. Shake the bag until chicken is completely covered. Place the chicken into the pan. Bake uncovered for 20 minutes.

While that is baking, mix the barbecue sauce, pepper sauce, Cajun seasoning and cumin in a mixing bowl. After 20 minutes has

passed, turn the chicken and then pour the sauce mixture over it. Make sure the chicken is evenly coated with sauce.

Bake uncovered for 10 to 12 more minutes until the outside of the chicken is a light golden brown and the juice of the chicken is no longer pink.

Serve with Ranch or Blue Cheese dressing in a small bowl and add carrots or celery to the plate for an extra snack.

Now, we move onto potato skins. You will need four large potatoes (about two pounds), two tablespoons of butter (melted), one cup of shredded Colby-Monterey Jack cheese, one-half of a cup of sour cream and eight medium green onions (sliced) or one and a half tablespoons of chives.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Wash potatoes by scrubbing to remove any dirt. Wrap each potato in aluminum foil and bake for one hour to one hour and 15 minutes. After potatoes are tender, remove them from oven and let them stand until they are cool enough to handle.

Cut potatoes lengthwise into fourths. Carefully scoop out part of the insides with a spoon, but leave a thick layer in shells.

Bake the shells for another five to 10 minutes or until crisp and brown.

Then sprinkle cheese over potato shells and bake for another 30 seconds to one minute or until cheese is melted. Serve with sour cream and green onions.



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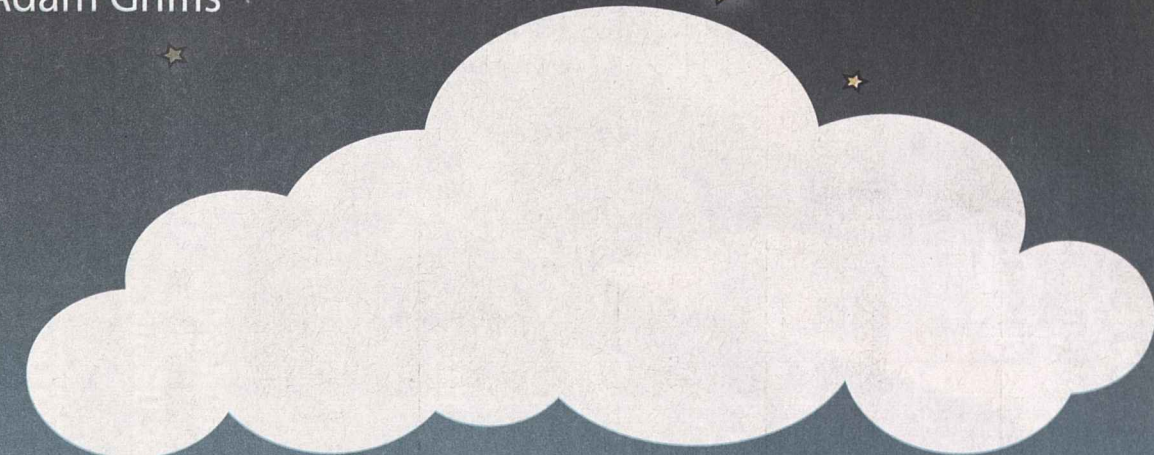
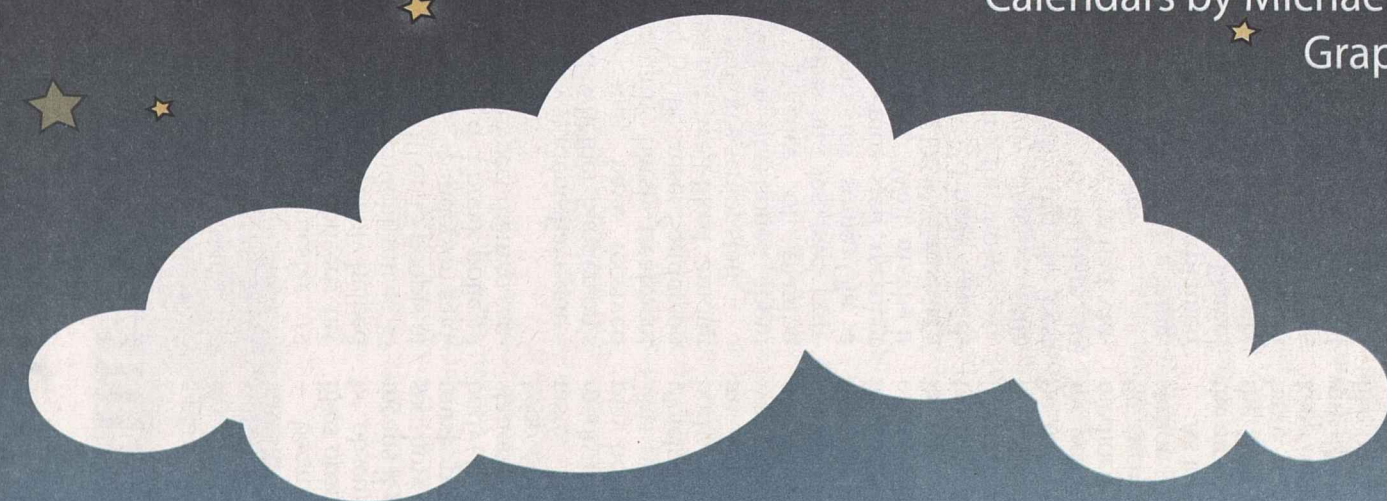
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"Munich" creates suspense



TYLER MILLS
Graphics Editor

Steven Spielberg has always been held in high standing as one of the top American directors in the history of cinema, but he is never really given credit as an artist. His resume is amazing, containing a laundry list of some America's best films.

He is most well-known for his science fiction and action-adventure works, but he's often overlooked for his diversity as a filmmaker. Spielberg has also

given us works as varied as "Schindler's List," "Saving Private Ryan" and "The Color Purple."

Now, with his newest film "Munich," he takes yet another new direction.

Staged around the events of the 1972 massacre in Munich where 11 Israeli athletes were taken hostage and eventually killed by a group of Palestinians known as Black September, the film follows a team of Mossad agents as they hunt down all of the suspected participants associated with the killings.

Owing much to Coppola's "The Conversation," Spielberg creates an atmosphere of tension that sustains itself for nearly the entire length of the picture, an impressive feat considering that the film spans nearly three

hours in length.

Eric Bana gives one of the great dramatic performances of 2005 as Avner, the leader of the team of Mossad agents.

His is a complex role that requires the viewer to be able to identify with his inner thought process, and Bana pulls it off beautifully.

The hostage scenes are shown through flashbacks, and Spielberg pulls no punches as he violently depicts the massacre that occurs.

He also refuses to pick sides. The Mossad are as ruthless as their enemies, and both sides want nothing more than the demise of the other, an unfortunate hatred that continues even to this day.

The movie does not really have a resolution, but that's the point.

By ending the film with a shot of the New York City skyline, the World Trade Centers still intact, that point is driven home even further.

It takes us beyond the deep-seated abhorrence between Palestine and Israel, and connects with a more universal message about the futility of the emotion of hate. It is a bold move, but Spielberg takes it with courage.

New animated film amuses all



JAY KYSER
Staff Writer

"Hoodwinked" is a computer-generated cartoon that puts a new, somewhat humorous spin on the tale of Little Red Riding Hood and the Big Bad Wolf.

Now, I would assume that the majority of people are familiar with some form of the story of Little Red Riding Hood, and "Hoodwinked" manages to put an interesting modern twist on the story.

The film centers on the investigation of a domestic disturbance at Granny's house.

Various forest critters comprise the police team that is trying to assign blame to the four characters involved: Granny, Red, the Woodsman (who is actually an actor attempting to learn his craft) and the Wolf (who is actually a journalist).

Mr. Flippers (a frog detective) arrives and proceeds to hear the individual stories of each character, which are relived as they are told.

A few musical numbers are employed throughout the retellings and gradually the puzzle comes together.

Oh, and if you find yourself wondering what on Earth a "hoodwink" is, have no worries.

I was ignorant from the time I walked into the theater until I Googled the definition.

According to Answers.com, hoodwink means "to cause to accept what is false, especially by trickery or misrepresentation."

This was a pretty enjoyable film. It is not up to par with "Shrek," but it gives a good effort.

The majority of laughs are attributed to Twitchy, a hyperactive rodent photographer that accompanies the Wolf.

The rest of the cast gets a few chuckles here and there.

The best part about this film was that it could be enjoyed by all members of a family.

It is a cartoon with cute characters, so the wee ones will approve, and it has enough humor to keep the adults and teenagers chuckling.

"Hoodwinked" is a good movie to rent on family night, but don't bother catching it in the theater.

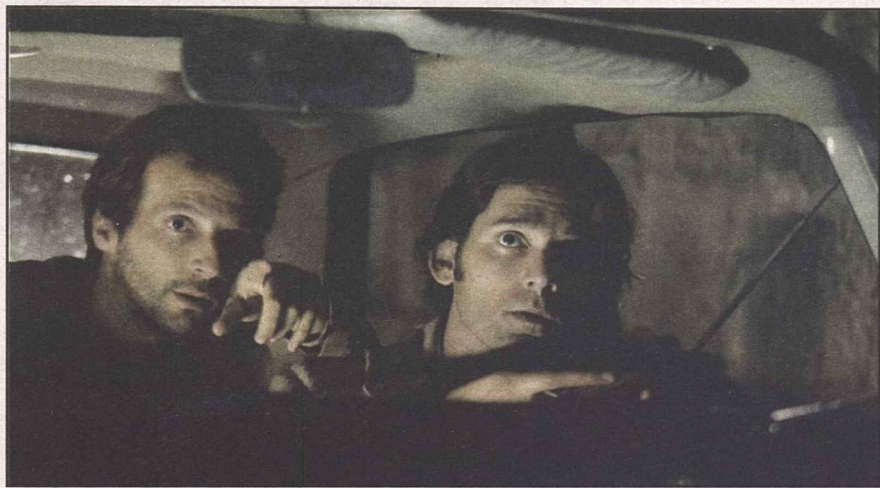
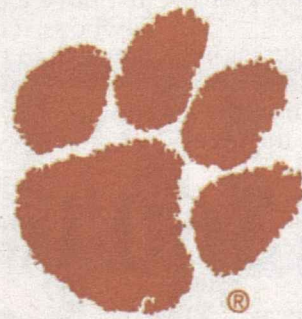
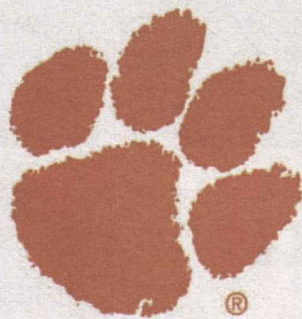


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"What are those cowboys doing?": Erica Bana spies for the sake of Israel in Steven Spielberg's film "Munich."



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Film gracefully handles romance

BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN
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KATIE SHOLLER
News Layout Editor

"Brokeback Mountain," a.k.a. The Infamous Gay Cowboy Movie, seems to conjure images of guys with assless chaps, singing show tunes, riding bareback and sitting around a fire eating pudding.

This is the reputation that "Brokeback" seems to have earned, and with a title like that, who can blame it?

But whether you like it or not, this movie is more of an old-fashioned love story than an old-fashioned western or "special interest" film.

The story portrays universal love through the uncommon medium of two men that happen to be gay cowboys in the 1960s.

Ennis Del Mar (Heath Ledger) and Jack Twist (Jake Gyllenhaal) arrive at the same Wyoming ranch in the summer of 1963 looking for work.

The arrangement dictated is for one of them to spend the night at camp and one of them to keep watch over the sheep.

One cold night towards the end of the summer when Ennis is supposed to guard the sheep, he stays with Jack instead, and a night of hot, gay cowboy action ensues.

One night; yes, it is pretty damn gay.

Yes, Heath Ledger stops to drawl, "I ain't queer" out of the corner of his mouth.

This will raise the eye-

brows of the conservative-minded.

But one night does not warrant the publicity it is receiving, although the publicity may cause more people to want to see the film, and cause it to be the source of the multitudinous requests the theatres are receiving that aren't playing it.

However, this isn't determined by the theatre, but by the production company to decide which states will "welcome" the film. I digress.

As Jack and Ennis depart from the ranch and each other, embarking on double-lives with wives and children, it powerfully displays how much pain living a lie can create and how it affects everyone involved.

When Ennis "goes fishing" with his old buddy Jack and never brings home any fish, the anguish on his wife's face silently intensifies upon each return until she finally confronts him, chaotically exploding in the kitchen one day, admitting to both of them the suspicion that she had for so long.

The film concludes in the same vein as a classic love story, and only the heartless would be able to hold reservations about homosexuality or infidelity.

It handles a taboo subject unapologetically, and handles a powerful romance with eloquence and passion, without being far-fetched.

If you're looking for a western, a romance or you just have a penchant for gay cowboys, it doesn't get much better than this film.

Be sure to check the movie out this weekend when it opens in Greenville.

Strokes branch out, crash



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David Fricke, music critic for Rolling Stone Magazine (and fellow alumni of my high school), said in 2003 upon the release of The Strokes' second album that "Room on Fire" was essentially a replica of The Strokes' first album "Is This It."

Fricke was not the only one who thought that the two albums sounded almost identical.

A number of other critics from Spin Magazine, Pitchfork, NME and the like all had nearly the same impression.

While the band Television may be a more apt comparison for the band than The Ramones (listen to "See No Evil" and tell me you cannot hear The Strokes cranking this one out), there is no doubt that Fricke and Company hit the nail on the head.

Both Strokes' albums offered relatively nothing new from the other, but they managed to capture a lot of attention in the music industry and spark the post-punk revival, opening the door for similar bands like The Futureheads and Maximo Park.

Now a little more than two years have passed, and the band seems to have gotten the message as well.

The third album, "First Impressions of Earth," departs from many of the tried-and-true routines of the previous two outings.

It boasts their longest track list yet at 14 songs, clocks in at nearly double the length of the previous albums and reaches out in all directions for new ideas.

And as if to get even further away from "Is This It" and "Room on Fire," The Strokes also retreated from the abstract cover art of the aforementioned discs for a more futuristic style, perhaps indicating their desire to move forward with their music.

What results from this new direction is a collision of some of their best and worst material.

It is disheartening to have to wade through some of these failed experiments

to get to the good stuff.

"You Only Live Once" serves as a fantastic opener with its punchy, yet playful attitude and driving guitar line.

"Heart in a Cage" and "Razorblade" are vintage Strokes pieces, giving us some of the band's best hooks yet. "Juicebox," the band's first single, begins along the same line as The Clash's "Brand New Cadillac" before kicking into overdrive.

This song, it should be noted, rocks harder than anything The Strokes or The Clash have done before.

And despite what many critics may say, "Ask Me Anything" is actually a welcome departure for the band, a synth-string ballad that unfortunately drags on for too long.

It is near the end where "First Impressions of Earth" begins to falter.

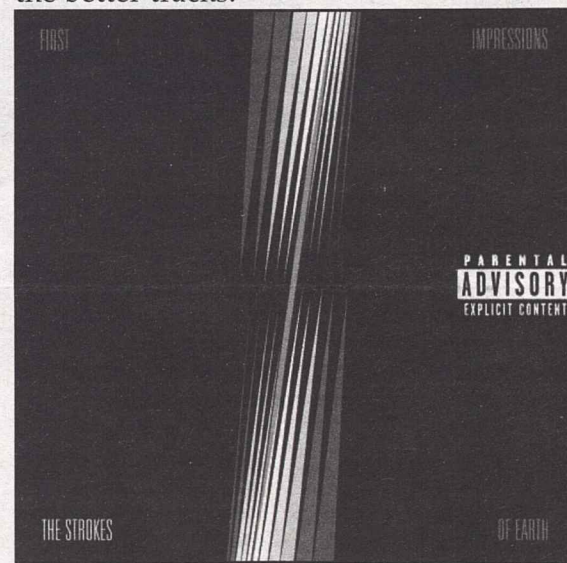
The weaker tracks, like "Electricityscape" and the slapdash "Ize of the World," seem to be cluttered together.

Standing out from the slop are "Evening Sun," which harkens back to the title track from their debut, and "Fear of Sleep," a mixed blessing of a track that has potential before falling into a wash of U2-ish arena rock.

Though commendable that The Strokes want to grow as artists, it is unfortunate that diversity and quality do not go hand in hand.

"First Impressions of Earth" is a car crash of an album.

Instead of stopping to survey the damage, it would probably serve the buyer better to just rubberneck and download the better tracks.



XBox 360 improves upon original

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It is fitting that TimeOut was not able to publish a review of the Xbox 360 until January, as before now, getting one would take an undue amount of time and effort. Systems had been going for more than a thousand dollars on eBay and people were waiting outside of Best Buy for eight hours a month after launch. It is still too early to endorse the 360, but the strong online elements and impressive graphical abilities make it a promising system.

The selling point of this generation is the addition of High Definition (HD), and the PS3 and the Xbox 360 (X360) will both support HD. The difference this makes is hard to describe. If you have ever seen HDTV, you will have an idea about the level of difference.

If you do not already own an HD-capable monitor, it is not worth the purchase. The difference on a standard television is noticeable, but does not justify a \$400 purchase. You would be much better off to save your money and purchase a competent HD set capable of decoding 720p and

1080i (with an eye towards 1080p for the PS3). The good news, however, is that you may already have an HD capable monitor and not know it. Microsoft has released a VGA cable that can hook up to a normal pc monitor and allow you to play in resolution much sharper than on your standard TV (provided your monitor has a native resolution of at least 1024 by 768.) I have tried my games on both solutions and am happy to say that for the most part the VGA cable worked like a charm.

The revolution of the X360 is its robust online component. Community aspects of service have improved dramatically; every gamertag now has a reputation and gamer score associated with it. The former is a reflection of the feedback you receive from fellow players and the latter is a record of your achievements in games.

The gamer score of disruptive players is generally lower, and the player matching system tends to group these people together. The scores, however, are not comparable. For example, I spent about 10 hours beating "Kameo," which was not difficult at all. I spent 15 hours beating "Call of Duty 2" on the normal dif-

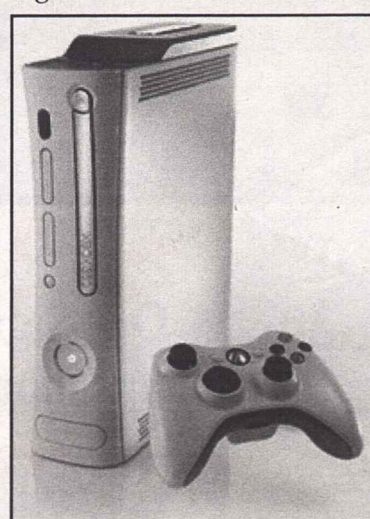
ficulty setting, with the last levels taking several retries. I was awarded 650 points on "Kameo" and just 200 for "Call of Duty." This problem is offset, however, by the fact that you can view a player's games and achievements at any time, both on the Xbox 360 or online at Xbox.com. Also, I can track my friends' progress, or compare games with a person I have met online.

Another remarkable online component for the Xbox 360 is the Xbox Live Marketplace. Some of the great early games, such as the old classics "Gauntlet," "Smash TV" and "Joust" are available over Xbox Live. It has shown that it can be a new and cheap method of content delivery. A couple of small developers have announced that they are going to make content for the Xbox Live Arcade, so it seems like it might be the first inroads for small, risky indie games to move into the console realm. The best part about all this online content is that, save for online multiplayer matches, it is all available to silver (non-paying) members of Xbox Live.

I have not mentioned the launch lineup of games for the 360 for the simple reason

that, while very graphically impressive, they are crude imitations of what the 360 has in store for us in the coming years. They should bear little weight, then, when considering the purchase of the Xbox.

A score has not been assigned given the special nature of this product. Since competition has failed to materialize, it makes it inappropriate to do a normal review. View this instead as an early report on the next generation of console gaming. I can say this with certainty: While still in its infancy, the broad and impressive feature set of this robust platform looks promising.



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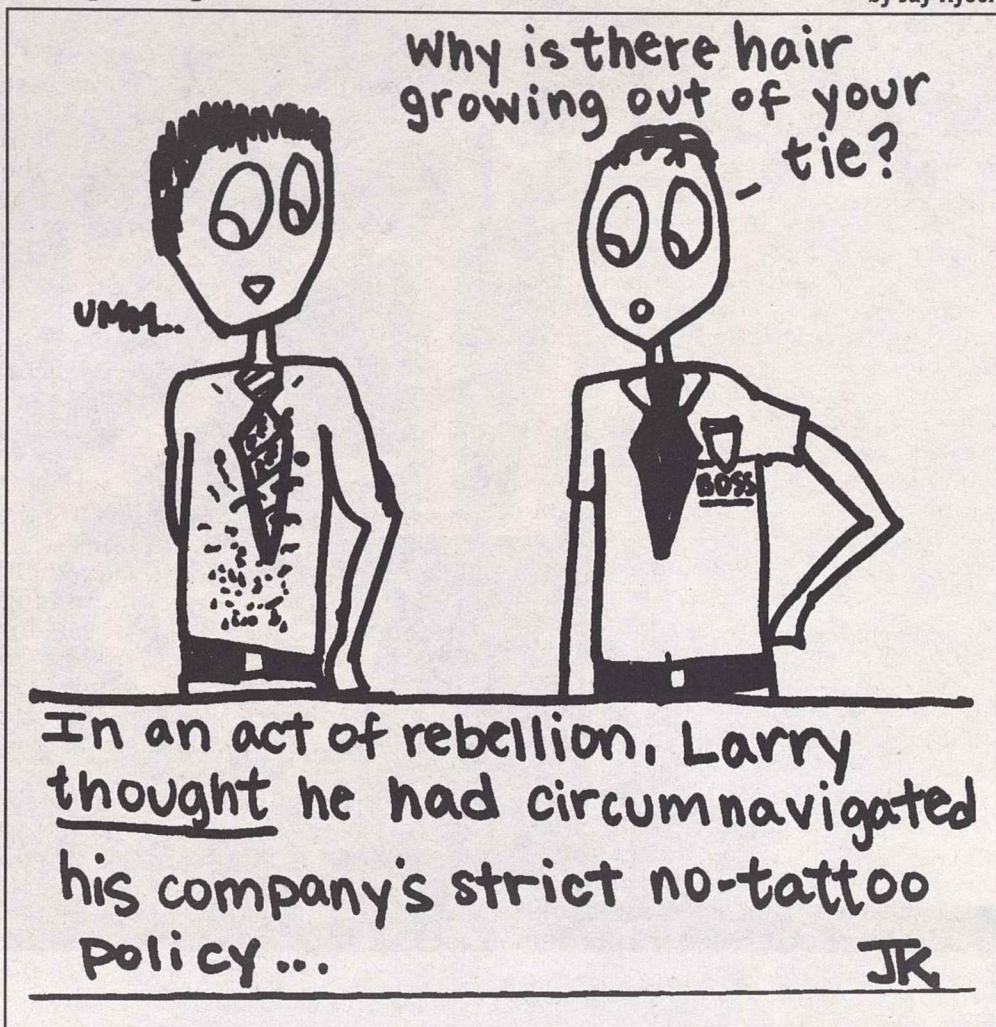
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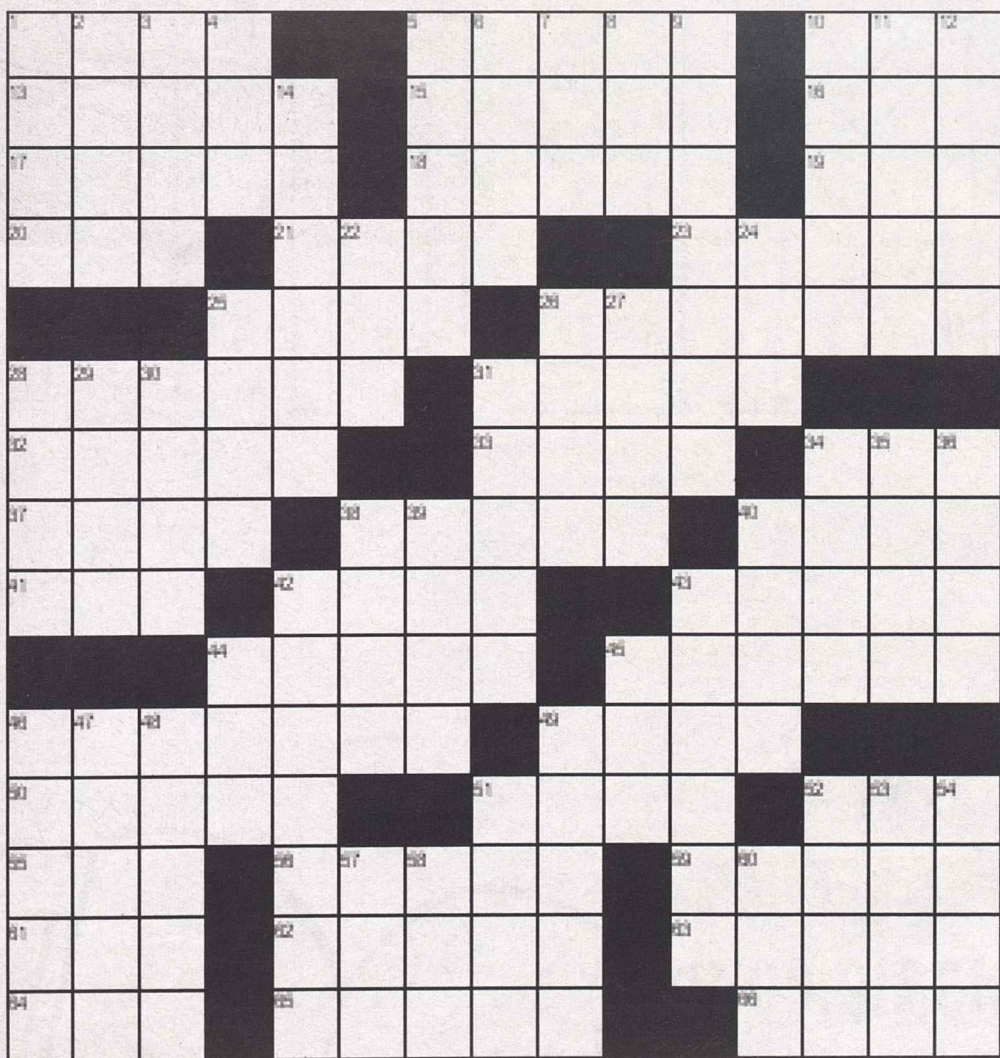
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- 5 Rodeo bull
- 10 Swish
- 13 Person who has made a pilgrimage to Mecca
- 15 Jewish religious leader
- 16 Street abbr.
- 17 Mid-Eastern dwellers
- 18 Colder
- 19 Seafood
- 20 Danish krone (abbr.)
- 21 Saturate
- 23 Polite
- 25 Happy cat sound
- 26 Brings in from the

car

- 28 Evening gathering
- 31 Unripened
- 32 Singing parts
- 33 Gets older
- 34 Huge
- 37 Dregs
- 38 Ill-fed
- 40 Extinct bird
- 41 Male cat
- 42 U.S. Air Force
- 43 Hi
- 44 Cadet
- 45 Choice other than unleaded
- 46 Those who die for the cause
- 49 Plow
- 50 Thoughts
- 51 Excuse me!
- 52 Abdominal muscles (abbr.)
- 55 Facial twitch
- 56 Scorch
- 59 Master of ceremonies
- 61 Beverage
- 62 Doldrums
- 63 Island nation
- 64 Eat
- 65 Fleer

66 Prime

DOWN

- 1 African nation
- 2 Escapade
- 3 Open
- 4 Coffee brand
- 5 Thorn
- 6 ___ and ruin
- 7 Kimono sash
- 8 Compass point
- 9 Cycles
- 10 Worm-like stage
- 11 Avert
- 12 Takes the skin off (as in fruit)
- 14 Distributes
- 22 Miner's goal
- 24 Charged particle
- 25 Buffs
- 26 Advise
- 27 Want
- 28 Dinner table seasoning
- 29 Fake butter
- 30 Detail
- 31 Slip
- 34 Audacious
- 35 Loaf
- 36 Kind
- 38 Consumer
- 39 Nails
- 40 Plural
- 42 Odyssey Traveler
- 43 Head armor
- 44 School group
- 45 Palter
- 46 Baseball gloves
- 47 Adios
- 48 Summary
- 49 Possessive pronoun
- 51 Malaria
- 52 Teen skin ailment
- 53 Prays
- 54 Place to rest
- 57 Lodge
- 58 Compass point
- 60 Pack



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