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## Campus programs work to become 'green'

*Organizations such as Lighten Your Load promote eco-friendly practices around campus intended to save students money and energy.*

**SEAN McCAMBRIDGE**  
Staff Writer

What does it mean to be green? Take a walk around Clemson's campus and find out. Bask in the shade under one of Clemson's ancient trees. Head up to Kite Hill, where Recycling Services has managed to keep more than 5,400 tons of waste out of landfills since 1994.

Take the CAT bus back onto campus and hang out in the new fraternity quad, where the old barracks have been renovated to LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standards.

Watch students commuting to school by bike. There is a real environmental consciousness in this corner of the Upstate.

Currently, an exhibit on the second floor of the Hendrix Center showcases some new ideas in sustainability. Lime-green boards and touch-screen computers from the EPA provide an abundance of information.

Some of the boards present what firms in the region are doing to emphasize sustainability. One board outside the study room reads, "Sustainability means creating the good life in ways that don't compromise the ability of future generations to do the same."

One highlight of companies' efforts was Interface Flooring Systems, which demonstrates a commitment to reducing waste in manufacturing. Their board reads, "Interface's goal is to eliminate waste, not just reduce it."

Clemson is doing a lot to work towards a greener campus. Recycling is a major effort towards this goal. The 5,400 tons of recycled material saved the University \$208,542.50 in disposal fees from 1994 to 2003, according to Recycling Services.

But it is not just about money. Landfills are consequently 5,400 tons lighter, and 5,400 tons of new material did not have to be manufactured. Clemson has recycled more than 633 tons of paper, equivalent to more than 10,000 trees in just the last three years, saving almost 2,000 cubic feet of local landfill space.

The Recycling Services Web site lists a table of what can be recycled and how to recycle each material — everything from aluminum cans and newspaper to aerosol cans and used batteries.



**CLEAN CAMPUS:** Clemson was recently recognized for its efforts encouraging fans at home football games to recycle as part of a continuing effort towards environmental accountability and sustainability.

Recycling bins from three to 95 gallons are provided at no charge to employees for use on campus.

The bins are then collected by recycling staff. They also recycle used cereal boxes as notebooks available for purchase by request.

The Lighten Your Load Program couples Recycling Services with University Housing to collect clothing, household supplies

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## Fraternities research options

*Clemson's IFC tries to find alternatives to running shuttles for fraternity functions.*

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Beginning in the next year, Clemson organizations will no longer be able to use 15-passenger vans to shuttle people to functions. This is a result of a state-wide legislation man-



**A NEW WAY HOME:** Off-campus fraternities will have to find different modes of transportation for events.

dating that all drivers of 15 or more passenger vans have a commercial driver's license (CDL).

The legislation, passed in 2000, is called Jacob's Law. The law was created after six-year old Jacob Strebler was killed when a truck hit the van in which he was traveling. Investigations have shown that had Strebler been in a federally-regulated vehicle, like a small school bus, he might have survived. Similar accidents have happened in states all over the country, forcing officials to take a look at the safety of the 15 passenger vans.

The National Transportation Safety Board reported that vans overturn 50 percent of the time when involved in single vehicle crashes, compared to 33 percent of the time for other vehicles.

Also, the Fatality Analysis Reporting System reported that 15-passenger vans were involved in 376 fatal roll-over crashes from 1982 to 1999. Of those crashes, more than one-half occurred between 1993 and 1999, leading officials to believe that the number of crashes and fatalities is increasing.

For the past six months Clemson's Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) has been trying to come up with new options for shuttling people to fraternity functions. Martin Martin, IFC president, says the challenge has been coming up with a solution that is cost-wise and more safe than the vans currently being used, which are cheap, but not safe.

"The potential for 15-passenger vans to flip when taking a turn is much higher than that of the 12-passenger vans or other options," said Randall Lindstrom, fifth-year senior and President of Sigma Pi fraternity. "Basically, without an individual who is licensed to drive this vehicle, South Carolina feels that there is too much of a risk to operate the 15-passenger vans."

According to the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles Web site, the application process to get a CDL costs \$15 and can be obtained by anyone over the age of 18. However, the driver must take additional classes to be certified to drive the 15-passenger vans, which can end up being costly, especially if fraternities plan on having more

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## Senate confirms new chief justice

*John Roberts as chief justice means a victory for Bush Administration.*

**LAURA EVANS**  
Staff Writer

The confirmation of John Roberts, the youngest Chief Justice in two centuries since John Marshall, was history in the making when the Senate confirmed the 17th United States chief justice on Sept. 29.

Former Chief Justice William Hubbs Rehnquist will be remembered for further enhancing conservative ideology through his leadership position on the Supreme Court, reported CNN. The late chief justice passed away in his suburban home in Virginia on Sept. 4, from his ever-worsening condition of thyroid cancer, a constant battle that began October of last year.

The justice who will replace Sandra Day O'Connor, whether it is Harriet Miers or someone else, will determine the future direction of the Court.

"O'Connor was a balancing voice of moderation on the Court, and her absence will be felt more deeply than that of Rehnquist in the years ahead," said political science professor Dr. Laura Olson.

The Senate confirmed Roberts as the new chief justice in a 78-22 decision, a solid victory for the Bush Administration, who had been facing low approval ratings in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, reported The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

The fact that Roberts did not have much of a judicial track record and had not presided over cases that were of a controversial subject matter allowed his confirmation process to proceed quite smoothly. "This lack of a judicial track record made it very difficult for the Senate to pigeonhole Roberts as a staunch conservative," said Dr. Olson.

During Roberts' confirmation hearing, he strategically declined to take positions on specific issues that could possibly be brought before the Supreme Court, reported The Atlanta Journal-Constitution. For example, when asked about his views regarding the Roe v. Wade decision, Roberts continually reassured the Senate of his firm belief in upholding legal precedence. In addition, the White House declined to circulate legal writings done by Roberts when he presided as deputy solicitor general for former President George H. W. Bush.

In regard to John Roberts' future performance as Chief Justice, Dr.

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### SPORTS



Clemson Tigers lost to Wake Forest Demon Deacons Saturday when the Deacons made a winning touchdown in the final minute of the game, **B1**

### WEATHER

**FRIDAY:** Thunderstorms



**SATURDAY:** Showers

Hi **77** Lo **56**

**SUNDAY:** Partly Cloudy

Hi **78** Lo **54**

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# NationalView

## Tropical storm hits Florida

Tropical Storm Tammy came ashore just south of the Georgia-Florida border Wednesday evening, hours after popping up off the Florida coast, according to the National Hurricane Center. With sustained winds of near 50 mph (80 kph) and even higher gusts, the storm was anticipated to move inland into southeastern Georgia. Forecasters said Tammy could bring three to five inches of rain to parts of Georgia and the Carolinas, with isolated amounts of up to 10 inches. People in Florida, Georgia and the Carolinas were also warned to keep a watchful eye out for tornadoes spinning off the storm. As of 8 p.m. Eastern time, radar and ground sightings indicated Tammy's center had moved inland near Mayport, Florida, north of Jacksonville. Tammy, which formed Wednesday morning, is the 19th named storm of the 2005 Atlantic hurricane season and the third tropical storm to hit the U.S. coast. With nearly two months left in the hurricane season, some records for hurricane activity could be ready to fall. The largest number of tropical storms recorded in a single year was 21 in 1933; the record for hurricanes was 12 in 1969. Ten hurricanes have already formed in this Atlantic season.

## GlobalPerspective

### Nigerian police clash with soldiers

Three people were killed in a dispute between Nigerian soldiers and police in Lagos according to the Red Cross. The altercation on Tuesday was sparked by a minor disagreement between a soldier and a policeman but escalated into a confrontation when dozens of troops from nearby barracks went to assist their comrade and burned down a police station. "Three people died: two male and one female," said Abiodun Orebiyi, Secretary General of the Nigerian Red Cross Society. Armed with guns, matches, knives and sticks, dozens of troops set fire to the Ojuelegba police station parked outside and part of the police barracks, witnesses said. An army spokesperson said the dispute began when a soldier on a motorcycle taxi refused to pay a 20-naira (15 cent) bribe to pass a police checkpoint. The police beat the soldier who then sought reinforcements from the barracks. Another version, as reported by some local media, was that the soldier, and policeman disagreed over who should get a free ride in a bus. Inspector General of Police Sunday Ehindero said the mayhem began because of a minor disagreement but gave no details of the dispute. It was the latest in a series of confrontations between the feared Nigerian military, which ruled the oil-exporting country for decade, and the police, a poorly-paid force better known for extortion than solving crimes.

## NewsByNumbers

7

maximum number of times a piece of paper can be folded

437

average number of questions a 4-year-old child asks in one day

976

current death toll of Hurricane Katrina

1,942

Americans killed in war in Iraq as of Oct. 5

27,000

number of tastebuds that a Catfish has

30 seconds with...

**Marcia Barker**  
 First Lady of Clemson University

**Jenny Mason:** What is your favorite Clemson sport?

**Marcia Barker:** Whatever sport I happen to be watching at the time; I think they're all great.

**JM:** What is your most embarrassing fashion faux-pas?

**MB:** Both Jim and I were hippies. He had long hair and mine was really short, and we both wore really big glasses.

**JM:** Big glasses are back in style now, though.

**MB:** Not this big.

**JM:** Does President Barker have any embarrassing fears?

**MB:** He is really afraid of someone jumping out of the dark at him.

**JM:** Did he ever use a really good or really bad pick-up line on you?

**MB:** It was really good. He said, "I could easily be crazy about you."

## Charges force DeLay to resign as majority leader

*Tom DeLay faces court date later this month for alleged money-laundering.*

**JENNY MASON**  
 News Editor (Interim)

Republican Tom DeLay stepped down from his position as House majority leader last week, following an indictment charge by a Travis County, Texas, grand jury. The grand jury accused DeLay of conspiring with two fellow politicians to support state legislation candidates in the 2002 Texas election with corporate donations, which constitutes a felony in Texas.

DeLay has been ordered to appear in court on Oct. 21 and, if convicted, will face up to a \$10,000 fine and up to two years in a state jail.

The conspiracy charge stems from DeLay and two other Republican congressmen, John Colyandro and Jim Ellis, allegedly sending the national Republican Party \$190,000, received from corporate donations to Texans for a Republican Majority Political Action Committee. In turn, the Republican National Committee allegedly sent back the same amount of money to fund Texas legislative nominees.

Though DeLay was forced to leave his role as House majority leader, a position he has held since 2002, he will be able to keep his seat in the House.

Said DeLay in a CNN report, "I'm still a member of Congress. I'm going to be working on the agenda and doing everything I can to make good things happen."

DeLay has served Congress for the past 20 years, representing Travis County.

GOP rules require that anyone facing an indictment must step down from a House leadership position. A group of Republicans reversed this mandate last year so that an indictment would not require resignation. However, in response to a wave of criticism, the rule was reinstated.

According to Dave Woodward, professor of political science, the rule was originally reversed because it is not hard to get an indictment. "It's an accusation," he said before adding, "You get sensational value from an indictment, but it really just starts the

process." Following an indictment, charges must be proven to be true, and the person must be convicted in court.

Monday, a different Travis County grand jury brought a new indictment charge on DeLay for conspiracy to commit money-laundering and for violating Texas money-laundering laws. On unrelated charges, DeLay received three reprimands by the House Ethics Committee three years ago. However, Bruce Ransom, professor of Political Science, said the Ethics Committee may make additional inquiries following this most recent indictment.

In a CNN report, Dick DeGuerin, DeLay's lawyer, said these charges will be dismissed by a judge. DeGuerin said last week that the donations to the Texas committee went to states where corporate money could be donated legally. The report said that individual, not corporate, donations sponsored the state candidates.

According to the CNN report, DeLay believes the charges brought against him by Travis

County District Attorney Ronnie Earl, a Democrat, are a result of a "personal vendetta" against DeLay and the Republicans. Republicans got control of the Texas House of Representatives and angered Democrats over the reorganization of Texas districts. Then, in 2004, Republicans gained the majority of Texas' 32 states in Congress.

DeLay told reporters that the most recent indictment charge was brought on because Earl "knows very well that the charges he brought against me last week are totally manufactured and illegitimate." DeLay called the charges brought against him by Earl an "abomination of justice."

Ransom said that the ethics setbacks and recent criminal charges the "powerful national Republican leader" is facing are occurring at the worst time for Republican congressmen and national Republican leaders. He said, however, "Republicans may indeed weather the storm, but they are going into the 2006 congressional elections with chinks in their armor."

## Was Your Child Born In The Year 1999?

If your child was born in the year 1999 and you and your child speak English well, please call toll free 1-877-212-7216 now to register to participate in the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study field test taking place in Fall 2005. The US Department of Education contracted RTI, a North Carolina research company, to conduct this important study.

If you are chosen to participate in this field test, our trained interviewer will visit with you and your child in your home for about an hour and a half, scheduling flexible. The visit consists of having your child look at pictures and answer some questions and asking you some questions. We will give you \$50 for your participation.

For general information about this study, call toll-free 1-877-834-7065.

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and loft lumber left behind as students move out of university housing each spring.

The program has contributed more than 6,500 pounds of clothing and household goods to the local Salvation Army branch, more than 3,500 pounds of nonperishable foods to Clemson Community Care and several truckloads of lumber to the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

Instead of hauling out unwanted goods, students can deposit them in bins collected by Recycling Services. Recycling Services director, Charlie Butts thinks students can learn a lot from the program.

"I think they realize in contributing how much they help the local community," he said. "They're just getting rid of something ... By contributing, they help others."

Students for Environmental Awareness (SEA) has been contributing to Clemson's environmental consciousness over the past two decades. The organization is recognized along with Lighten Your Load in the April 2005 issue of "Organic Style" magazine for their efforts to promote recycling at football games.

SEA and Clemson share the spotlight with Yale, Carnegie-Mellon and Colorado State Universities in the magazine. With as many as 80,000 fans in attendance, recycling at football games could potentially cut down on tons of waste each year.

"We pass out flyers, but people really don't recycle," said Stacy Brogan, co-president of SEA. "We pass out bags, and people put trash in it."

However, Brogan said there is hope. "It's looking better. It's improved tenfold since my freshman year."

While there are recycling bins located on campus, there are no bins by the Daniel Hall drink machines and no bins in the study room in Hendrix alongside the EPA exhibit.

"We have the stuff in place," said Brogan. "We just need to fine-tune."

Recycling is not the only way to promote sustainability on campus. This year the Fraternity Quads reopened as LEED-certified buildings.

The Housing Department's brochure states the new philosophy. In the future, all new construction on campus will reflect Clemson's commitment to the program, organized by the U.S. Green Building Council.

With sinks that cut down water use by an average of 87.5 percent, high-efficiency toilets and ENERGY-STAR-rated appliances, conservation is a priority in the Quad. Recycling is too, according to the brochure, and each building has a "designated area for the collection, separation and storage of recyclables."

While the Quad brochure says that "green is in!" that might not be so clear to the students. David Mitchell, a junior from Memphis, Tenn., and Nick Hassig, a junior from Charleston, S.C., live in the Quad. The modern features are hard to get used to they said.

"[The toilets] flush like crazy," said Hassig. "You have to run out of the bathroom."

But the sinks are the bigger nuisance. "They have zero water pressure," he said.

He said they barely rinse soap off his hands, and toothpaste always collects in the bottom of the sink. Meanwhile, the two students say they throw away their recyclables.

"It's always a good idea to recycle," said Hassig. "It's lazy, I guess. It's not really easy access."

Dr. Stephen Satris, who teaches ethics in the philosophy department, thinks that though being environmentally friendly may be tough, all the effort really does add up. He said the University should be a model to the entire community.

"Just that Clemson is there shows that efforts are serious," he said.

He also said that peoples' views are changing as people learn more about the changing reality. The ethical responsibility to keep a green campus, he said, means university leaders must set up the infrastructure, but individuals have to do their part.

"All resources we have are only finite — the pretence of the past that we have unlimited amounts of anything is gone," Satris said. "There are only finite amounts. So if individuals are wasting it, they're actually taking it from others."

Satris also said that energy-saving transportation modes should also be utilized, like bicycling to campus and riding the CAT bus. But he said the infrastructure is not in place for biking, since there are no bike lanes on the streets, and campus sidewalks are meant for pedestrians only. He said the University and the city should do more to provide bike lanes to cyclists.

Clemson political science professor Dr. J. David Woodard said that environmental responsibility lies with the individual, and administrators should not force it on people. He said that people have a responsibility to protect the natural world and that natural resources are also there for our consumption. But he said consumption should be sustainable, like when a forest is harvested, it should be reseeded.

He added, there are "neo-fascist environmentalists" who want humans to leave nature alone entirely. He said that it is great if people want to ride bikes on campus, but cars are not going away.

Brogan said SEA's current project is

to bring bio-diesel to campus. "That's our big goal — to do that in the next year. It's fuel made of soybeans and French fry oil."

Ryan Carroll, a mechanical engineering student, emphasized the importance of new ideas. He suggested that parking services switch from pick-up trucks to electric vehicles.

"I think that's one application where electric vehicles would be advantageous," said Carroll. "They run the trucks all the time. They constantly run them at low speeds, and that's where you get the worst efficiency."

He also said that recycle bins can be hard to find, and the University wastes power on heating and cooling.

"One concern I have is the constant running of the A/C," said Carroll. "The library is always too cold."

He was skeptical of Clemson's efforts on the whole. "It really comes down to a money issue. Our country has the technology, but until we have to, we probably won't," he said. "That's probably what it comes down to with the University. If it saves us money, we'll do it. The future generations on this earth are going to have our problems with our waste. But as long as we save a few bucks now, we don't care."

A sign at the Hendrix Center reads, "To achieve progress, we must be ruthless in assessing our current condition, astute in understanding how we arrived at this place, and unwavering in finding ways each of us can contribute to the solution."

The natural beauty of Thomas Green Clemson's old Fort Hill plantation is hard to miss. "Greenery is good for people," Dr. Satris said. "This is what we like. It has a ripple effect that causes people to feel good about the place — and bring in new students."

He said the beauty of Clemson's campus is one of our best recruiting tools. Brogan admits it was one of the reasons that brought her to Clemson.

"There are all these different great trees — huge old trees," she said. "It's like you go on a hike every day."

## Rapes not reported

*Results of recent University survey show that many sexual crimes go unreported.*

**CAROLINE STONE**  
Staff Writer

In the spring of 2004, the University surveyed 498 female students about sexual abuse, rape and domestic violence. The results were not encouraging, according to Kimberly Poole, Redfern Health Center's coordinator of CU CARES (Counseling, Advocacy, Referral, Education and Support).

Among other trends, the survey showed that one in five of the women had been sexually victimized between August 2003 and April 2004. Among these women, only 46 percent were victimized once, and most of the women were sexually victimized by an acquaintance. Out of the 136 women who reported being sexually victimized, only two said they reported the incidents to the police. The University's annual campus safety report evidences the discrepancy between the survey's results and previously reported sexual victimizations.

The 2005 campus safety report, available on the University Police Department's homepage, includes University Police Department, City Police Department and local recorded crimes from 2002, 2003 and 2004.

During these years, University police recorded seven "forcible" sexual offenses, the city reported eight of these types of offenses and the Pickens County Rape Crisis Center reported nine incidents.

According to Poole, after reviewing the results of the survey and realizing the need for change, the University established a task force to work towards a safer, more educated campus.

As part of this process, Poole joined Redfern's staff, and CU CARES was established to offer relationship and sexual violence

counseling, education and prevention services to students.

Poole said she hope students will feel more comfortable "coming forward" if they are victimized. "We don't want these students to feel alone. Often students don't tell anyone or just tell a friend," she said.

Although Poole emphasized the confidentiality and "non-judgmental" treatment students will receive if they come to talk to her, the statistics, numbers of sexual assaults will be reported to the police department for inclusion in future campus safety reports.

She said that other universities have experienced an increase in their reported crime statistics through programs that encourage students to receive sexual assault counseling. Poole said that it is important to keep in mind the fact that an increase in reported crime does not necessarily reflect an increase in actual crime.

As part of her position, Poole counsels students works to publicize the places, in addition to Redfern, that students can go to receive counseling and report incidents.

Poole distributes educational literature to the campus, holds informational sessions with organizations such as the Housing Department and is working to potentially offer self-defense classes to students.

Currently the Pickens Rape Crisis Center offers RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) courses to interested female students. According to RAD's Web site, "this course has its foundations in education and awareness."

Courses can last anywhere from nine to twelve hours. Instructors first lecture participants in the principles of self-defense. Students then learn self-defense techniques.

October is national domestic violence awareness month. Poole said she hopes to hold an educational event sometime later this month.

"I want to let students know that help and support is available," Poole said.

## ONE with Parking Services



### Do You Have a Motorcycle or Moped?

Please be advised that all two-wheeled motor vehicles, i.e. motorcycles and mopeds, are NOT legal to drive on sidewalks or grass.

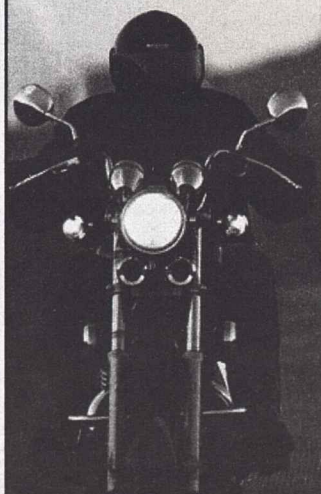
Motorcycles/mopeds can only legally be driven on a street or roadway.

Motorcycles and mopeds can only be parked in designated motorcycle spaces.

Section 27-3002.8 states that "Motorcycle parking areas are marked by sign(s) and/or pavement markings. Motorcycles may not park in any area except those areas specifically designated for their use."

## Avoid Tickets, Park Stress Free.

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Buy tickets at these locations until Thursday, Oct 20:

Rogers Stereo (Gville & Anderson) Rabbit Box Feed Store (Central)  
Flat Rock Farm & Garden (Liberty) Pistol Creek (I-85, Exit 39) or new location on  
Woodruff Road, Bergens Dept. Store-Downtown Seneca  
Tickets available at T. Ed Garrison Box Office at noon on day of performances

## WEEKLY BARKERism...

"We have often said if we do the right things, the ratings will take care of themselves." August 20, 2005



# DOWNTOWN 101

**CAROLINE STONE**  
Staff Writer

As of Jan. 1 legally-drinking members of Clemson community will have the chance to walk into their favorite downtown bars and order these establishments' first free-poured drinks. According to Mike Gilliland, bartender at Keith Street Pub and Grille, the businesses will have a period of time after Jan. 1 during which they can still use the mini-bottles alongside free pour. However, he said, when the individual bars renew their liquor licenses, they will have to discontinue the use of mini-bottles.

Gilliland, who has tended bar at Keith Street for five-and-a-half years, also offered some tips for the average, of-age student, to make trips downtown before and after the mini-bottle change, more enjoyable and fun.

"First off, tipping is important," he said.

According to Gilliland, customers should tip 20 percent if they run a bar tab or one dollar per drink if they pay with cash.

If the space in front of the bar is crowded, Gilliland suggests that customers hold their credit card or money in clear view of the bartender.

"If you just stand there, it's not obvious that you want something," he said.

He said it is important that bar patrons try to be polite to other customers and their bartenders.

"There are little things you can do that are no hassle but a big help," he said.

Gilliland explained that when customers come up to the bar to order additional pitchers or more individual drinks for their tables, they should try to bring empty glasses and pitchers back to the bar. He said that when bars get especially busy (on football Saturdays, for instance) bartenders sometimes find themselves hard-pressed for glassware. If the bartenders do not have an adequate supply of these necessities behind the bar, it "slows up the process for everyone" he said.

"One table might have multiple empty pitchers just sitting there; it's easy enough for (the customers) to return them to the bar," he said. "Things like that make the experience smoother for the customer and the bartender."

Gilliland also said customers should "be ready to order" when they approach the bar and said they should not "back-order," place an order and then add onto it when the drink arrives.

Even if the bar is busy, Gilliland said patrons should wait rather than call out to the bartender.

"Saying, 'Hey, bartender' is like you just got skipped," he said.

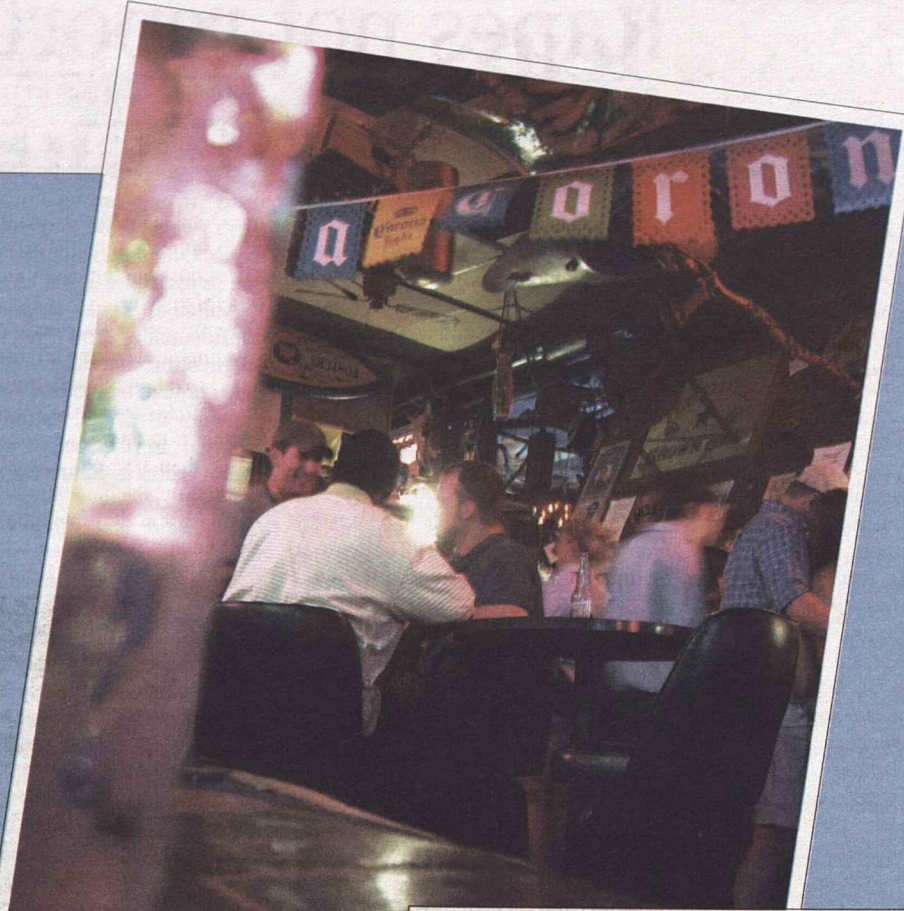
Gilliland also said that customers cannot sleep in the bar or be noticeably intoxicated. Bartenders have to stop serving customers who they feel have had too many drinks. Continuing to serve these customers is referred to as "over-serving."

"All (intoxicated) customers are to me is a liability. The only thing that could happen is a problem," he said.

Gilliland says he really enjoys tending bar at Keith Street because of the pay, his seniority and the flexibility of his work schedule.

He offered some final advice for students from his own experience.

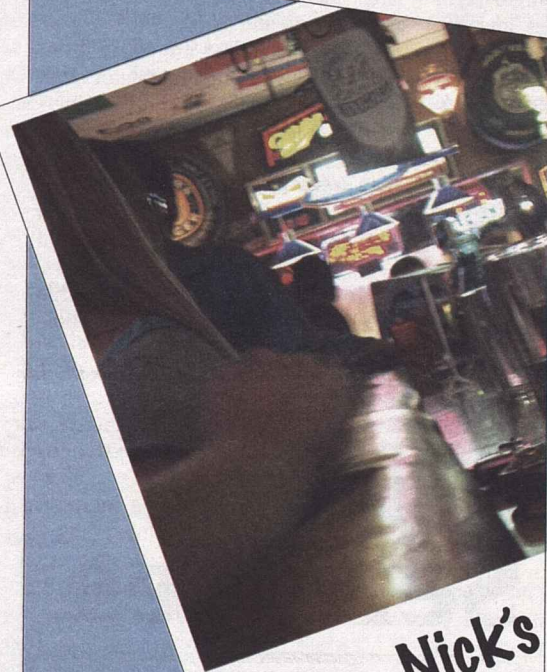
"Oh, and don't whistle ... at any bartender. We're not animals," he said.



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Nightlife at TV's

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# IN THE BOOKS



## Campus Arrests



The following are arrests that were made by the Clemson University Police Department from Thursday, Sept. 29 to Wednesday, Oct. 5.

### Sept. 30

5:03 a.m., Brittany Johnson, Brandon Spewelk, Robert Missant, minors in possession, Johnstone, officer: Hughes

### Oct. 3

1:33 a.m., Dale Hitchcock, minor in possession, Simpson Hall, officer: Hughey

### Oct. 5

4:30 a.m., Zachary Stoltz, minor in possession, Benet Hall, officer: Howard

## Crime Report



The following calls were among those that Clemson University police responded to from Wednesday, Sept. 29 to Wednesday, Oct. 5.

### Sept. 29

12:43 a.m., Steven Cantrell, simple larceny, parking, officer: Demaio

12:45 a.m., Shelia Roberts, damage to vehicle, Hendrix Center, officer: McGill

7:17 p.m., Jeffrey Willey, suspicious activity, Sirrine, officer: Schutt

3:28 a.m., Megan Beasley, public disorderly conduct, Norris, officer: Sallsbury

11:22 p.m., John Livingston, damage to vehicle, Parkway Dr., officer: Young

### Sept. 30

6:15 p.m., Joseph Burton, simple larceny, Brynes Hall, officer: Marzolf

## Fire & Rescue



The following calls were among those that the Clemson University fire department responded to from Wednesday, Sept. 29 to Wednesday, Oct. 5.

### Sept. 28

7:31 p.m., wood fire, Hwy. 93, CUFD

### Sept. 29

2:47 p.m., elevator entrapment, Fike, CUFD

### Oct. 2

4:09 a.m., structure fire, Sunset Rd., CUFD

6:08 a.m., smell of gas, Pendelton Rd., CUFD

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# Students learn from new eco-friendly apartment

LEED-designed buildings hope to improve environmental sustainability.

**JULIE LEDBETTER**  
Associate Editor (Interim)

Clemson University is working towards a more environmentally sustainable campus with the Eco-plex at Thornhill Village and the buildings in the Greek Community on the Quad.

The Eco-plex, unit No. 23 in Thornhill Village, was featured Saturday on the American Solar Energy Society's National Solar Tour. The tour showcased four solar installations in the upstate.

Manmadh Rebba, a graduate student in construction science and management, has been working on the Eco-plex and was at the tour on Saturday. About 25 people attended the event.

"It was more than what we expected," he said.

"Planning for the project began about two years ago, and construction began this year in June," said Rebba. By August construction was finished and students were living in the apartment.

The apartment was renovated to have a higher level of sustainability. The whole concept for the Eco-plex was to create a living and learning environment, where the residents of the building could reduce negative impacts on the environment and learn eco-friendly behaviors, said Housing project manager Gary Gaulin.

The roof is the most noticeable change made to the apartment, said Gaulin. The shingles are reflective so that they reduce the amount of heat build-up within the attic. Also located on the roof is a solar water heater that reduces natural gas consumption.

"To me, hot water is probably one of the most significant things people waste," said Gaulin.

Two solar fans were also installed to reduce the temperature in the apartment, and two tubular sky lights allow more natural light in during the day to save energy.

Gaulin said the project got started after he heard of a similar project at Furman University called an eco-cottage. Gaulin and some of his English

314 students went to Furman to study the building and find a way to apply similar features to an apartment in Thornhill.

Housing Residential Facilities Projects and Sustainable Universities Initiative helped fund the project, and several private companies made donations including bedroom furniture and windows.

From the Eco-plex project, Gaulin said that housing was able to determine what changes would be most effective. Gaulin said adding more insulation

the Quad. The Quad was built to meet the requirement of the silver level certification, which is still in the process of applying for.

Some of the environmentally sustainable features in the Quad are low-flow faucets and motors that run at variable speeds to deliver air at a desirable temperature without running faster than needed. The housekeepers use chemicals that are environmentally friendly, and the maintenance workers for that zone drive an electric golf cart.

Overall though, Gaulin said the



**ENERGY-FRIENDLY:** The shingles on the roof reduce heat build-up in the attic.

in the attic was the most significant improvement they could make in other apartments, because it does the most for the least amount of money. Insulated metal doors are likely to be installed as well, he said.

However, Gaulin said installing new windows are not feasible, despite the need. "It's so costly that it would be difficult to justify," he said.

While not all these features can be implemented across campus, President Barker made the decision that all new buildings and major renovations on campus will be made to meet the silver level certification of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program.

Gaulin said this will create buildings that will save money and be more environmentally friendly.

Results of that decision can be seen throughout the Greek Community on

buildings' features are something for students to study. Four students currently live in the Eco-plex, but next year, Gaulin said he hopes to find students who are environmentally conscious and want to live in more environmentally sustainable housing.

One way Gaulin said they are studying the environmental sustainability of the apartment is by reading the usage of utilities every month and comparing those results to another apartment in the complex. This study he said will not only benefit the residents of the Eco-plex but other Thornhill residents.

Gaulin said it is important for all students to learn how to save resources for the future.

"If people start living a more sustainable lifestyle, they're going to make a significant impact, and that's something I hope every student that comes to Clemson learns," he said.

## JUSTICE

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Olson said, "Roberts performed impeccably in his Senate confirmation hearings, and there is every reason to believe that he will make a competent chief."

On Monday, Oct. 3, President Bush announced White House counsel, Harriet Miers as his nominee to replace Sandra Day O'Connor on the Supreme Court.

"The immediate response to Harriet Miers has not been very strong by many, but I think she will grow as the weeks go by," said political science professor Dr. J. David Woodard. "She is a friend of the president, and I think she will be confirmed."

He believes that Miers' nomination is the result of heated debate that has taken place in both the 4th and 9th Circuit over "God" being in the pledge of allegiance. The 4th Circuit ruling that God should in fact be in the pledge, and the 9th Circuit affirming that God should be taken out of the pledge. This case will inevitably be decided by the Supreme Court, and President Bush chose his nominee accordingly.

"Another factor in her nomination is that [Miers] is a soft pitch to the Christian Right, who have been very upset with the number of Catholics on the Court (Scalia and Roberts)," said Dr. Woodard. "So, I think if Bush ever wanted a moderate, he would not have picked Miers."

The GOP is predicting that the confirmation of Harriet Miers will be a much more difficult battle than that of Judge John Roberts, and they are asking Republicans to contact their Senators to urge them to vote in favor of Miers confirmation.

Democrats are worried that if the political beliefs of former Justice O'Connor's replacement turn out to be of a conservative orientation, the balance of the Court will swing to the right.

This is why many democratic groups said they would do anything in their power to see that Miers is not confirmed before President Bush even announced her as his nominee.

It is not known how long it will take to confirm or even if Harriet Miers will be confirmed as Sandra Day O'Connor's replacement on the high court, but the debate is surely going to be a struggle for both sides of the political spectrum.

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# Beyond the Landmark "A Civil Action" Trial... What the Judge, Jury, and John Travolta Didn't Know

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*Department of Geological Sciences  
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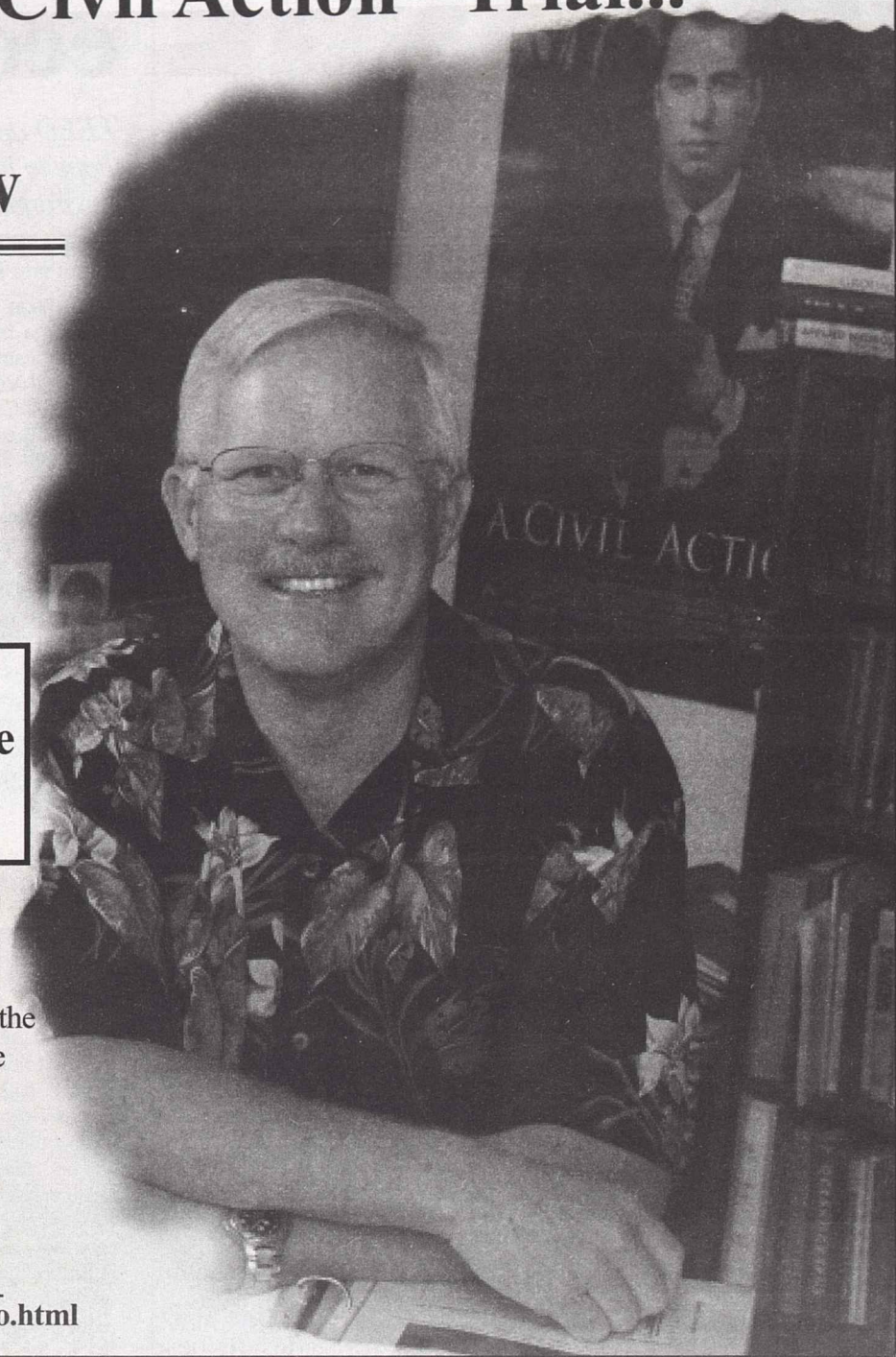
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To help you make your own food choices, nutrition information is available at each of the

dining halls and on the dining services web page at [www.clemson.edu/dining](http://www.clemson.edu/dining) under the menu page for each location. This information can help you plan your meals before going to the dining halls so you know what will be available, and its nutrient content. Of course the salad bar and fresh fruit are always offered, which are obvious healthy choices that some students think are the only healthy options available. There is, however, at least one menu item offered at each meal for those watching their waistline. Some general guidelines to remember when making your choices are to watch your portion sizes. You can ask the server for a smaller portion especially if you are choosing an item that maybe higher in fat or calories. Eat a piece of fruit and/or a salad with each meal; they are high in essential vitamins, minerals and fiber. Choose complex carbohydrates, which include whole grain or whole wheat breads, rice and pastas to help give



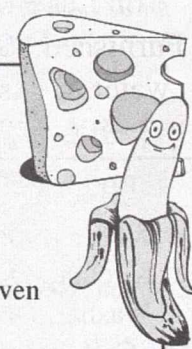
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the energy your body needs. Select lean meats, which are roasted, sautéed or grilled. Following these guidelines can help you to develop a healthier lifestyle. Additionally, I would like to help even further by pointing out some of the lunch and dinner menu items that will be served during the week of October 10-14, which are nutritious foods

that pack in a lot of nutrients, are low calorie and/or fat and full of flavor. Let this be a start to a healthier, happier you!

**By: Kimberly Rapp  
MS, RD, LDN  
Campus Dining Services  
Registered Dietitian**



### Harcombe

Monday	Lunch: Chapche (Korean Beef and Vegetable Stew) Dinner: Lime Chipotle Pork Loin, Cumin Roast Green Beans, Spanish Rice
Tuesday	Lunch: Honey Glazed Ham, Yellow Squash, Rice Pilaf Dinner: BBQ Rubbed Rotisserie Chicken, Succotash, Oven Roasted Red Potatoes
Wednesday	Lunch: Pineapple Chicken, White Rice Dinner: Pork Chops with Sundried Tomatoes and Rosemary, Asparagus, Garlic Smashed Potatoes
Thursday	Lunch: Curry Potato, Onion and Chickpeas Dinner: Chicken Kiev, Broccoli Tomato and Caramelized Onions, Citrus Ginger Risotto
Friday	Lunch: Scallops & Shrimp Oriental, White Rice Dinner: Adobo Pork, Mexicorn, Ancho Rice and Beans

### Schilletter

Monday	Lunch: Spicy Vegetable Lo Mein, Primavera Salad Dinner: Shrimp Risotto with Baby Spinach
Tuesday	Lunch: Marinated Tuna Skewers, Hoisin Noodles, Spring Blend Vegetables Dinner: Maple Glazed Pork Loin, Broccoli with Water Chest nuts, Mashed Sweet Potatoes
Wednesday	Lunch: Carne Asada Steak, Tomato Zucchini Tian, Mexican Rice Dinner: Veggie Fajitas
Thursday	Lunch: Lemon Pepper Trout, Baby Vegetable Blend, Steak house Potatoes Dinner: Apple Gorgonzola Salad
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than one shuttle driver.

Costs aside, the number one reason the IFC wants to avoid making fraternity members obtain CDLs is liability.

"We want to remove any liability from any member of a fraternity," Martin said. "Our preferred method would be hiring a professional driver with their own vehicle and their own insurance policy."

Another option the IFC is considering is hiring a charter bus. They have also been working with Clemson Area Transit to add new or alternative CAT bus routes. The IFC and CAT have been considering adding a Seneca route that would go by some off-campus fraternity houses.

"Keith Moody and the rest of Clemson Area Transit have been extremely cooperative and eager to find solutions," said Martin.

But according to Martin, CAT faces stringent federal standards and regulations, which have made the

process more difficult.

A concern for many students is that, without shuttles, drunk driving will increase. Katie Bigalke, an undeclared first-year student, thinks the shuttles cut down on drunk driving. "When there is a steady cycle of safe drivers picking people up and taking them back, it eliminates [drunk] driving," she said. "I also feel that it is safer because we do not have to walk anywhere ... it is never safe for a small group of girls to be walking around the campus alone at night."

Martin does not think that an increase in drunk driving is necessarily going to result, though. According to Martin, individual fraternities already have good designated driver programs and the CAT bus runs through downtown and to both Central and Anderson. If the IFC cannot reach a conclusive solution by January, Martin says they will probably start renting mini-vans so that drunk driving is less of a concern.

**Happy fall break! We are taking a two-week hiatus, but e-mail Jenny at [news@thetigernews.com](mailto:news@thetigernews.com) if you are interested in writing.**

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# Tigers fall to Wolfpack at Riggs Field

*N.C. State shuts out Clemson with a score of 2-0. Virginia comes to Riggs tonight.*

**DANIEL BLACKMON**  
Staff Writer

Last Friday, the Clemson University men's soccer team hosted the 16th ranked North Carolina State Wolfpack at Historic Riggs Field.

Despite taking six more shots and nine more corner kicks than N.C. State, the then 22nd-ranked Tigers lost 2-0.

Two unassisted first-half goals by seniors Aaron King and John Queeley gave the visiting Wolfpack all the scoring they would need.

Queeley struck first in the 28th minute of play after taking control of a free ball which deflected off of a Clemson defender just inside the six-yard box.

He was able to gain control and convert it for his second goal of the year.

King, the leading scorer in the nation, netted the second and final goal of the game in the 35th minute of action.

Wolfpack senior Bryant Salter stole a Clemson pass and advanced it to junior Santiago Fulsilier.

His pass sailed over the head of a teammate, only to be recovered by King at the back post for his 11th goal of the year.

For the second consecutive week, King was named National

Player of the Week by College Soccer News. He scored three goals in one week's time, including two against Charlotte prior to Friday's game.

The loss dropped the Tigers to 4-3-1 overall, 0-3 in ACC play. N.C. State improved to 7-3-1 and 2-1-1 in the conference.

In other stats of interest, Clemson outshot the Wolfpack 17 to 11. Clemson goalie Phil Marfuggi recorded two saves in the contest.

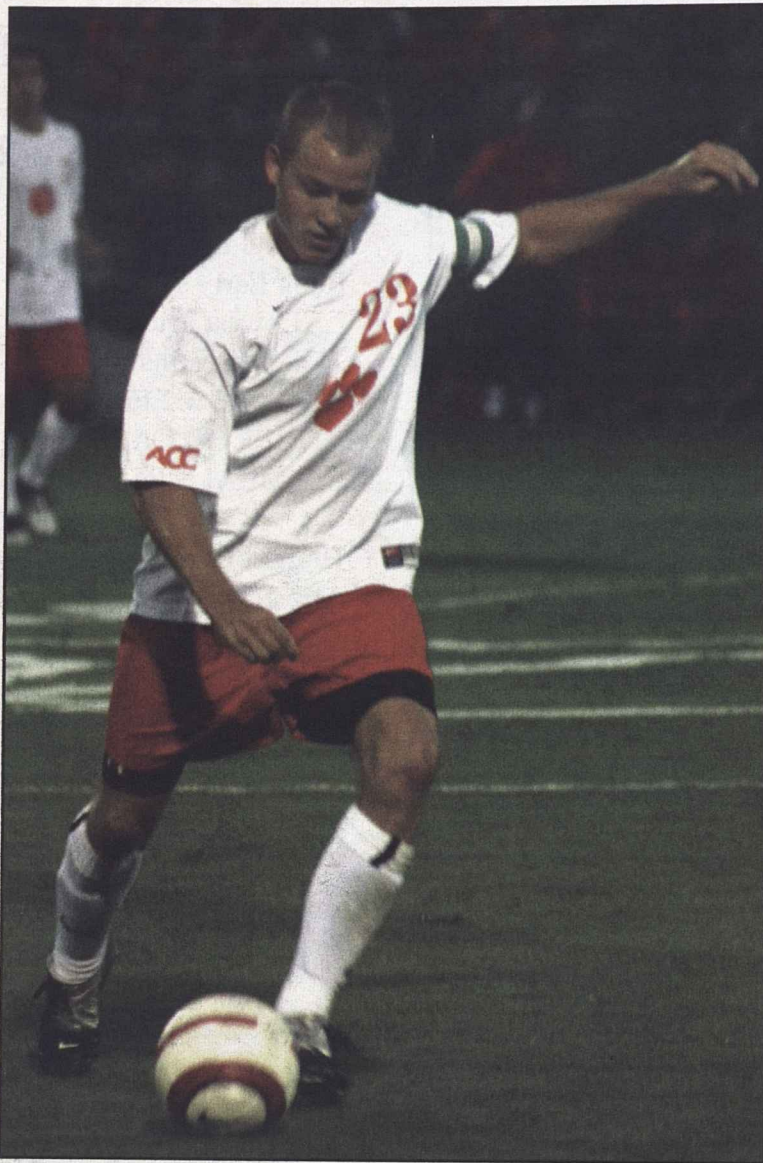
Mark Buchholz attempted five shots on goal, while Jeff Routh attempted four shots on goal for Clemson.

Routh, a freshman, has scored three goals and six points and is tied for the team lead in goals and second in points scored. Junior Dane Richards has also scored three goals and leads the team in points scored with eight.

There are currently six teams from the Atlantic Coast Conference in the latest College Soccer News Top-30 poll.

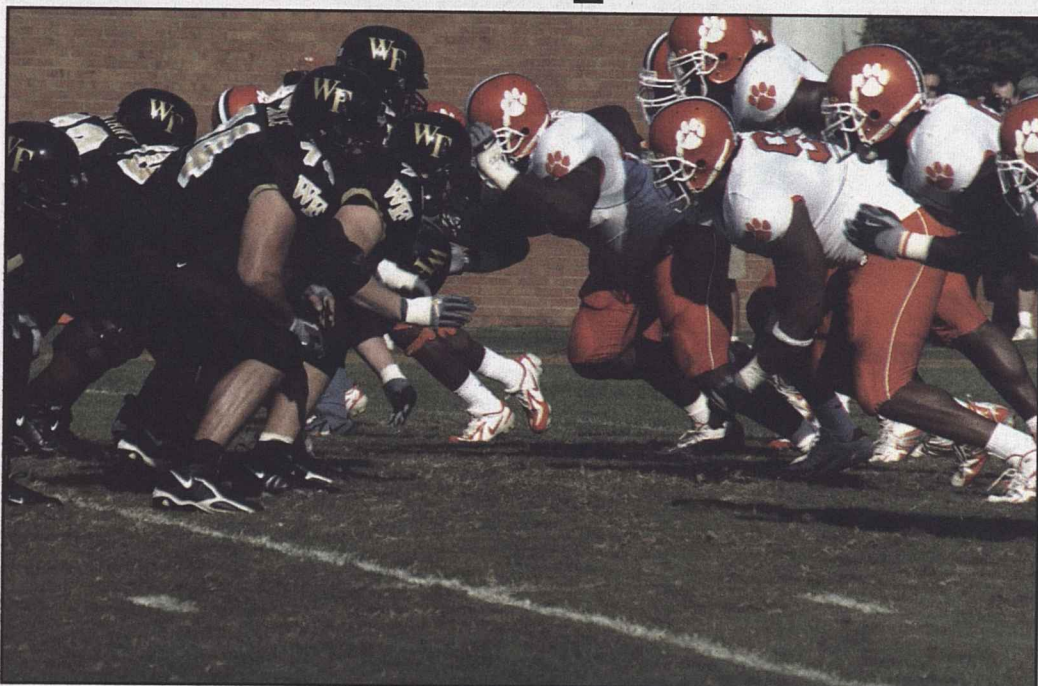
Duke is fourth, followed by Virginia and North Carolina at sixth and seventh, respectively. Maryland is 11th, followed by Wake Forest at 16th and N.C. State at 21st.

The Tigers played out-of-conference opponent Jacksonville Tuesday, winning 7-1 and are jumping back into ACC play tonight against Virginia in Clemson at 7 p.m. They will then travel to Winston-Salem, N.C., to play ACC rival Wake Forest on Wednesday.



**KICKBALL:** Clemson senior Justin Moore prepares to boot the ball in a game played at Historic Riggs Field earlier this season.

# Wake Forest beats Clemson with touchdown pass in final minute



**DEFENSIVE PUSH:** The Clemson defensive line prepares to try to get in the Wake Forest backfield in last week's loss at Groves Stadium. The Tigers came up three yards short on the game's final play.

*Tiger receiver Curtis Baham is tackled at Demon Deacon three yard line on final play of the game.*

**KRISTEN MCKENNA**  
Staff Writer

It was another weekend of football, another down-to-the-wire game for Clemson, and what has recently become the trend — another heart-breaking loss that could have meant the difference between a winning and losing record for the Tigers.

This past Saturday the Tigers headed into Winston-Salem with a 2-2 record to face a 1-3 Wake Forest team in what many hoped would be different from the previous games — that Clemson would secure a win prior to the final minutes of the fourth quarter.

But as halftime approached, the Tigers had

their work cut out for them. Although Clemson answered Wake's first touchdown with one of their own, the Demon Deacons had help in the form of their quarterback Cory Randolph, who replaced Ben Mauk for this past week's game. Randolph threw for two touchdowns and ran for another, all in the first half to give Wake a 21-7 lead with just under eight minutes remaining in the half.

However, in true Clemson fashion, the Tigers made a huge comeback to bring themselves back into the game. Reggie Merriweather ran the ball for 14 yards to bring the score to 21-14. After a failed attempt to move the ball out of their own territory, Wake Forest punted and the Tigers answered with pass after pass by Charlie Whitehurst until freshman James Davis was handed the ball and ran for eleven yards to score his first career touchdown. Both teams headed into the locker rooms tied 21-21.

Early in the third quarter things were finally looking up for Clemson as the Tigers took the lead with a 21-yard field goal by reliable and consistent

kicker Jad Dean. Just a few minutes later, Dean delivered again with a clutch 47-yard field goal to give Clemson a 27-21 lead over Wake.

But that is where Clemson would score for the last time. The Demon Deacons were able to make it a three point game thanks to a 33-yard field goal by Sam Swank early in the fourth quarter.

With less than four minutes to play, Clemson's Nick Watkins intercepted a pass by Randolph and the game was looking like a win for the Tigers. After Watkins' interception, Tommy Bowden even had to call some of his players off the field because he didn't want any premature celebrating.

After going stale in their next offensive series, Dean came onto the field to attempt a field goal that, if successful, would put the Tigers up by six points.

But in a surprise move, Clemson faked the field goal. Holder Cole Chason handed the ball off to Dean, but Wake Forest was ready. Before Dean could move the ball forward the Deacons had read the play, and Clemson lost six yards giving possession to Wake Forest.

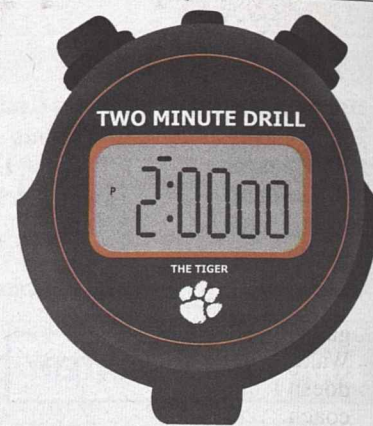
After a number of complete passes by Randolph, the Demon Deacons were within the reach of a touchdown, much to the astonishment of Tiger fans and the players on the sidelines. With only thirty seconds left in the game, Randolph completed a seven yard pass to Kevin Marion to put Wake Forest up 31-27.

Clemson made an all-out attempt with 33 seconds left on the clock and came within three yards of the end zone before time was called and the game was officially declared a Wake Forest win. Whitehurst finished the day 28-for-42 for 304 yards.

James Davis scored two touchdowns on the day and rushed 13 times for 51 yards. He also had five catches for 25 yards. Leading the Tiger rushing attack was Merriweather who rushed 17 times for 92 yards and one touchdown.

Chansi Stuckey led the Tiger receiving corps with seven catches for 74 yards. Curtis Baham reeled in three catches for 82 yards. Kelvin Grant and Bobby Williamson also each had three catches for 36 and 31 yards respectively.

The Tigers will have this weekend off to prepare for a Thursday night game against N.C. State on Thursday. The game will be nationally televised by ESPN. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:45 p.m.



## TIGER SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY 10/7

Swimming & Diving vs. Virginia Tech — Blacksburg, Va. — 3 p.m.

Women's Volleyball vs. Boston College — Clemson, S.C. — 7 p.m.

Men's Soccer vs. Virginia — Clemson, S.C. — 7 p.m.

Women's Tennis at USTA Women's Invitational — New York, N.Y. — All Day

Men's Tennis at Georgia Tech Invitational — Atlanta, Ga. — All Day

Men's Tennis at ITA All American Regional — Tulsa, Okla. — All Day

### SATURDAY 10/8

Women's Track at Furman Invitational — Greenville, S.C. — 8 a.m.

Women's Volleyball vs. Maryland — Clemson, S.C. — 6 p.m.

Women's Rowing at Chattanooga Head Race — Chattanooga, Tenn. — TBA

Men's Tennis at Georgia Tech Invitational — Atlanta, Ga. — All day

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## SPORTS SHORTS

• All 30 teams in the NHL kicked off the 2005-2006 season on Wednesday, a little less than a year after the rinks were emptied due to a lockout.

• The NBA is in talks to put in place a new dress code for players. The dress code would consist of business casual clothes such as a sport coat and slacks for all team functions. Philadelphia 76er Allen Iverson and Atlanta Hawk Josh Childress, among others, are opposed to the idea.

• Stockcar driver Michael Waltrip's penalties for allegedly making an inappropriate gesture during a race last month were overturned on Wednesday. NASCAR had accused Waltrip of gesturing during the Sept. 18 race at New Hampshire after Robbie Gordon threw his helmet at Waltrip's car following an accident between the two. TV footage was found to be inconclusive and the commission voted to rescind the penalties.



## From the PRESSBOX

**C**lemson fans, we must stay behind our football coaching staff.

I know it may be hard, but I still think Tommy Bowden is the man for the job in Tigertown.

Just because he has lost a game yearly to either Duke or Wake Forest the last few years doesn't mean he is not a good coach.

I think we are right on the cusp of being a program that never loses those games, and with a season or two under their belts, our new coordinators will make that happen.

I think right now that Rob Spence is still accustomed to his team playing every week in the MAC and hasn't gotten used to coaching in the new ACC.

Right now he is coaching to keep the games close it seems, because when we need to score when we're behind, it always happens.

We just don't have the killer instinct yet offensively that it takes to make a team championship-caliber.

If we played every series as if we were down by three touchdowns, I thoroughly believe that we would be 5-0 with blowout wins over Maryland and Wake and possibly Boston College.

I think we have the ability to be an excellent team, depending on the development of our coordinators.

Defensively, Vic Koenning is still trying to get up to speed in the ACC as well.

His teams at Troy were outstanding defensively, but that was playing against teams like North Texas, Arkansas State and Middle Tennessee. (Of course, Middle Tennessee just beat Vandy on Saturday, who beat Wake Forest, who just beat us. But that's neither here nor there.)

Koenning's scheme may have worked against a Sun Belt schedule, but the ACC is a bigger, faster and stronger conference.

His defense will need to evolve in order to be able to stop offenses like Miami's,

Florida State's and yes, even Wake Forest's.

But I have faith in our defensive coordinator's ability to adapt.

Tommy Bowden is a good head coach.

He has brought our team from a 3-8 season in Tommy West's last year to bowl eligible in each of his first six seasons.

He has also done remarkable things for the character of our players.

I'll be the first to admit, right after the loss last week, I was a leader in the "Fire Tommy" bandwagon.

My away message as I went to bed on Saturday night was "Better get to bed early. I'll probably be getting up bright and early in the morning to help move my old friends Tommy and Linda out of Clemson."

But after a good night's sleep, I realized that I had been foolish.

Tommy is not a bad coach; he just needs a little something to help him out.

The thing that Bowden needs to be an outstanding head coach is a strong supporting staff.

I believe that he has the pieces in place of what has the potential to be a strong one, as long as they begin to adapt to the way the game is played in the Atlantic Coast Conference, rather than the Mid-American Conference and the Sun Belt Conference.

If our coaches will adapt to the style of play in the ACC, then Clemson can undoubtedly once again become a team that strikes fear in the hearts of football teams around the nation.

I think this is definitely possible.

I believe that this moment in Clemson football is a make-or-break point, and it all depends on the evolution of a coaching staff.

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Sports Layout  
Editor

# Running Rampant

with Reggie Merriweather

**CARISSA DONGES**

Assistant Sports Editor

**How is the team dealing with the last three losses?**

The team morale is ok. I mean, we're still not the team we were last year. We had a couple close losses where we know we should have won the game on a couple plays, and that's what we've got to fix. There is nothing we can't overcome because we're a better team. It definitely hurts a little bit, but you got to forget about all that and go out every weekend and play your heart out.

**What do you feel is the biggest threat presented by N.C. State defensively?**

I mean, they were like top-10 in the country last year, and they have a great defensive line. Their linebackers are pretty good, and their secondary is good. They're a pretty important team. I mean, they've played with the best, but so have we. It's just like any game. You've got to give respect where respect is due.



**Out of every stadium you've ever played in, which one do you think is the loudest and most exciting?**

Honestly, it would have to be Clemson. Everywhere else doesn't even compare. I mean, we've got the double-decker stadium and the Hill. No other school has that. The only other school that could possibly come close would have to be Florida State, but other than that, we have the biggest stadium and the best fans so it would definitely be Death Valley.

**How do you feel about James Davis, and do you see any of yourself in him?**

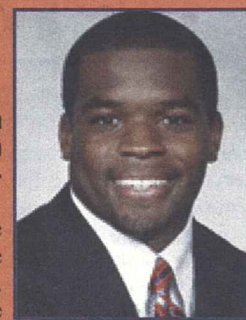
No. I mean, no two running backs are the same. He's good, and he's got great vision, but I bring another dimension to the game. I'm shorter, more compact and stronger. I've got a little bit better vision than him, and I know the offense. I know how it is to be down in the game and come back, so I don't really compare myself to him. He's a great running back, and he'll be here for years to come. He may do what I have done for this team and double it, but no two backs are the same.

**What is the team improving on in these two weeks to get ready for next Thursday?**

Everybody has been recovering, trying to get their bodies back. I mean, we really haven't had a break since before the season started. We're trying to relax and work on the finer points of the game, like going back to the basics, working on the fundamentals and reviewing the plays. Like Coach always says, we've got to get the fundamentals down. You know, dot your I's and cross your T's, and that's what we're trying to do this week.

**Is there anything you would like to say to the fans?**

The fans are great. They have done a great job these past games. I would definitely say not to jump off the bandwagon because we've got a lot more games this season. Hopefully next home game when people start cheering my name, I can actually do something (laughing). We have one of the best fan bases in college football. It's unlike any other school. The kids run on the field at the end of the game asking for autographs, and this is the only place I can think of that's like that. I mean, that is greatly appreciated, and it feels good.

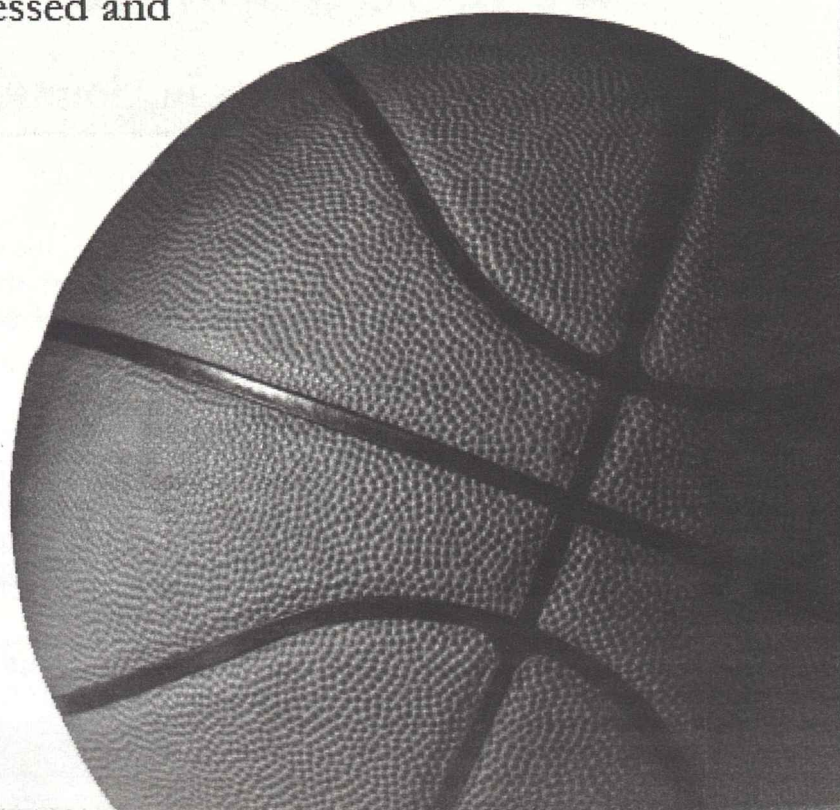


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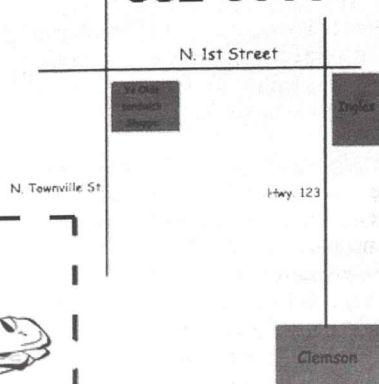
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## Friday Fantasy Football Roundup

I've gotten a couple of complaints over the last couple weeks about the abundance of pro-Giant material in the Roundup. So, I'm going to do everyone a favor and listen to my readers. I will not mention anything about Eli, Plaxico and the Giants dominating the Rams on Sunday. Nor will I boast about the Giants scoring an NFL-leading 136 points through four games. Lastly, if you want to read about Eli Manning steadily inching towards elite-status, please look elsewhere.

Anybody else tired of robotic programmed ESPN talking heads unconditionally agreeing and eating up the words of the almighty Messiah, Bill Belichick? Would Mike Martz be labeled a tactical genius if he stuck a 12-year veteran wide receiver in pass coverage like Belichick did last season? I don't think so.

Belichick can spin his team's loss any way he wants, but his team looked overmatched. Belichick's Golden Boy, Tom Brady, failed to put any points on the board in the second half of their blowout loss to San Diego.

The ineptitude of the AFC East will mask some of their problems, but you will not be seeing the Patriots playing deep into the playoffs this season. However, we won't be lucky enough to escape the Visa and Diet Pepsi commercials starring Brady and his offensive line.

On a sad note, it looks as if Mike Mularkey and the Buffalo Bills coaching staff are hopping off the J.P. Losman bandwagon. The days of watching J.P. Losman and his hair at starting quarterback seem to be numbered.

A quarter of the season has gone by, so it seems like a good time to take a look at and celebrate the underachievers of 2005.

Andre Johnson has been invisible in his first three games, but he can't take total blame. It must be difficult for David Carr to find his favorite target when he's on his back every play. Michael Clayton had a monster rookie year and looked poised to break out for a huge sophomore season. It hasn't been the case. Joey Galloway has become Brian Griese's favorite receiver, and Clayton seems to be relegated to decoy duty.

What do Steve Heiden, Daniel Wilcox, David Martin and Kris Mangum have in common? They're

all tight ends who have scored more fantasy points than all-world tight end Tony Gonzalez over the first four weeks of the season. Enough said.

### Endzone celebration of the week:

Not too many choices, but the nod this week goes to L.J. Smith's "Robin Hood Bow and Arrow Launch."

### On to the picks:

**QB Jake Plummer (DEN)** — Washington's tough run defense will force Denver to throw. Expect a couple of Jake's patented cheap one-yard bootleg touchdown passes.

### RB Domanick Davis (HOU)

— This week is as good a chance as Houston will get to put up some points. New offensive coordinator Joe Pendry has stated that the key to the new scheme is to focus around Davis' talents.

**WR Darrell Jackson (SEA)** — The St. Louis-Seattle rivalry has consistently produced shootouts over the last couple years, and Jackson is Matt Hasselbeck's favorite target.

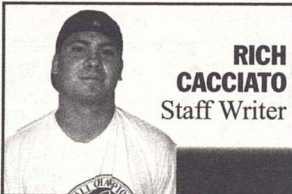
**WR Brandon Lloyd (SF)** — Lloyd, an aspiring gangster rapper, is basically the Niners only threat. If anyone can score a couple meaningless touchdowns on the wrong side of a Colts rout, it's him.

**TE Dallas Clark (IND)** — Manning hasn't found his tight end consistently over the first four games, but San Francisco's porous pass defense is the perfect remedy.

### Waiver Pickup of the Week:

**WR Kevin Curtis (STL)** — Curtis continues to see more playing time with Isaac Bruce out with a toe injury. Curtis faces favorable matchups in the upcoming weeks against the weak NFC West secondaries.

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**RICH CACCIATO**  
Staff Writer

## Volleyball team splits in Florida

*Lady Tigers lose match at Miami but come back to beat Florida State.*

**HOKE HILL**  
Staff Writer

The Clemson Volleyball team returned home Sunday from a grueling two-game Florida road trip to Miami and Tallahassee for matches against the Hurricanes and Seminoles. The Tigers played two exciting matches with a five-game loss to Miami and a five-game victory over Florida State.

"It was a long weekend and a tough trip with the conference expansion to have to play those two in the same weekend. You play one on Friday night and one on Sunday, and you leave Thursday and come home Sunday late, so it's one of the tougher road trips, which plays into Florida State and Miami's advantage," said head volleyball coach Jolene Jordan Hoover. Clemson's record sits at 8-4 overall and 3-1 in the ACC.

In the loss to Miami (7-5 overall, 2-2 ACC), Courtney Lawrence and Danielle Hepburn led the team defensively with seven total blocks apiece. Brittany Ross added two solo blocks in the effort. Offensively, freshman Jeannette Abbott had 24 kills in the match. Laura Boozer had 12 kills and a .474 hitting percentage.

Against Florida State (3-9 overall, 1-3 ACC), Abbott again led the team in kills with 23, and fellow freshman Hepburn contributed 14 kills and five block assists. Ross also had 14 kills. Anna Vallinch led the Tigers in digs on defense, accumulating 23 in the match, and Abbott also tallied 14 defensive saves.

"Florida State is a very talented and physical team, so it was a big road win for us," Hoover said. "We lost a tough one Friday night to Miami in five games and then turned around

and were in the same situation on Sunday, and we won that one. I was really proud of how they responded."

The conference schedule is different this season from years past, with all teams playing 22 conference matches and deciding the conference champion with a round-robin regular season format instead of a postseason tournament.

"It's tough," said Hoover. "In volleyball, the NCAA allows 28 dates, and with the conference expansion 22 are in-conference. So you only get six out of conference dates, and it makes it tough because you don't get a lot of matches in before you have to go right away."

The Tigers have been helped tremendously by the play of two stellar freshmen who have given the team a boost on the court.

"Two freshmen that have been doing really well for us are Danielle Hepburn, from the Miami area and Jeannette Abbott, from the Chicago area. Both don't play like freshmen; they've got a calm demeanor about them, and they're really stable. It's been really good for us to be able to add them to the returning starters from last year," said Hoover.

Abbott has made 205 total kills so far this season, and Hepburn has been a force on both offense and defense.

The Tigers will remain at home for their next two matches, welcoming the Eagles of Boston College tonight at 7 p.m. and playing host to the Maryland Terrapins tomorrow at 6 p.m.

The home environment has been a big factor in some crucial victories this season, and the Tigers are looking for more of the same this weekend.

"It's been awesome. Our environment has been great; we've packed the gym, and it's definitely helped us win against Duke, Wake Forest and South Carolina when we had over 2,000 people there," said Hoover. All games will be in Jervy Gymnasium and are free to students.

## Lady Tigers drop match to Heels

*Tar Heels score three goals in final 13 minutes of the match to take 5-1 victory.*

**DANIEL TAYLOR**  
Staff Writer

Last Friday night, the Lady Tigers faced off against a legendary team in the realm of women's soccer — the North Carolina Tarheels. UNC has established a dynasty in women's soccer that rivals that of any school in any sport.

Although the final score seemed like a blowout, Clemson was nipping at the heels of the best team in the land for 77 minutes—down by only one goal (2-1). Needing a goal in the second half to force a tie, Clemson had to go for an all-out on offense and hope to pull off a miracle.

Unfortunately, the Tarheels unleashed a fury of goals in the final 13 minutes of the game to clinch the victory 5-1. UNC remains perfect on the year after 11 games and is 3-0 in ACC play. After winning four and tying two of their first eight games, the ACC schedule has hit Clemson hard. The loss to UNC now puts them at 5-4-2 (0-2-1 in the conference), and they now have scored only three times in their last five games.

UNC never trailed in the game and was able to score their first goal within two minutes with a 30-yard shot from Yale Averbuch. Clemson junior Courtney Foster then scored at the 13:24 mark to tie the game 1-1. With the goal, Clemson became the fourth team this year to score on the Tarheels. No team has scored

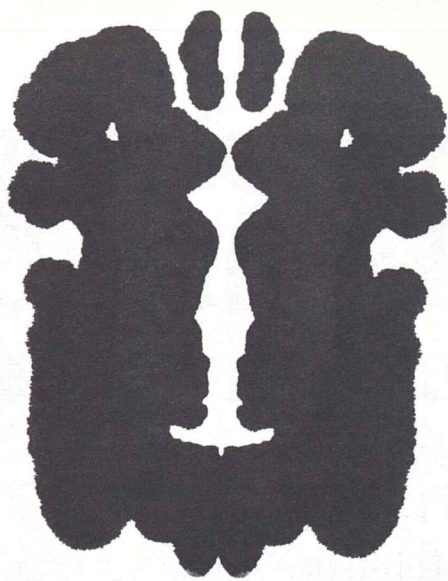
twice this year. The two teams then remained deadlocked until late into the first half. The tie was finally broken when Tarheel Lori Chalupny received a pass from Kendall Fletcher and shot a 15-yarder into the bottom right corner of the goal. Heavily favored North Carolina went into halftime up 2-1.

"I thought we gave good effort, especially our four backs and our goalkeeper (Ashley Phillips)," said head coach Todd Bramble. "The score may not indicate how well they played, but they kept us in the match until the final 14 minutes. We are still working hard, and we will have to prepare for Virginia Tech who comes to Clemson next Thursday."

The sophomore goalkeeper Phillips finished the game with seven saves, but the true story of the game was UNC's shots on goal. The Tarheels attempted 28 shots on goal to Clemson's four. Clemson just could not get into position to tie the game consistently. And in the final 13 minutes, UNC added insurance goals from Katie Brooks, Kacey White and Lindsay Tarpley.

The schedule will not get any easier for the Lady Tigers. Clemson next goes on the road to Charlottesville to play the Virginia Lady Cavaliers this Sunday at 2 p.m. The Lady Cavs are ranked seventh in the country with an overall record of 9-2-1.

For the first time in their history, they are 4-0 in the ACC. Freshman forward Jess Rostedt was named ACC player of the week for her goal in a 1-0 victory over No. 10 Florida State. The Lady Tigers are 1-1 on the road this year, their first win being a 1-0 victory in Spartanburg, S.C., against Wofford.



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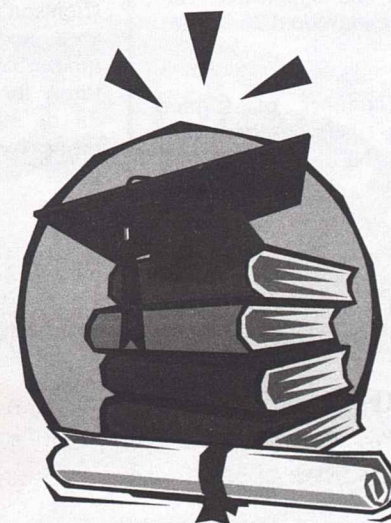
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12. Notre Dame
13. Florida
14. Wisconsin
15. Texas Tech
16. Penn State
17. Arizona State
18. Boston College
19. Michigan State
20. UCLA
21. Michigan
22. Auburn
23. Louisville
24. Georgia Tech
25. Oregon



### Standings

School Conference Overall

#### Atlantic Division

Florida State	2-0	4-0
Maryland	2-1	3-2
Boston Col.	1-1	4-1
Wake Forest	1-1	2-3
Clemson	1-3	2-3
NC State	0-2	1-2

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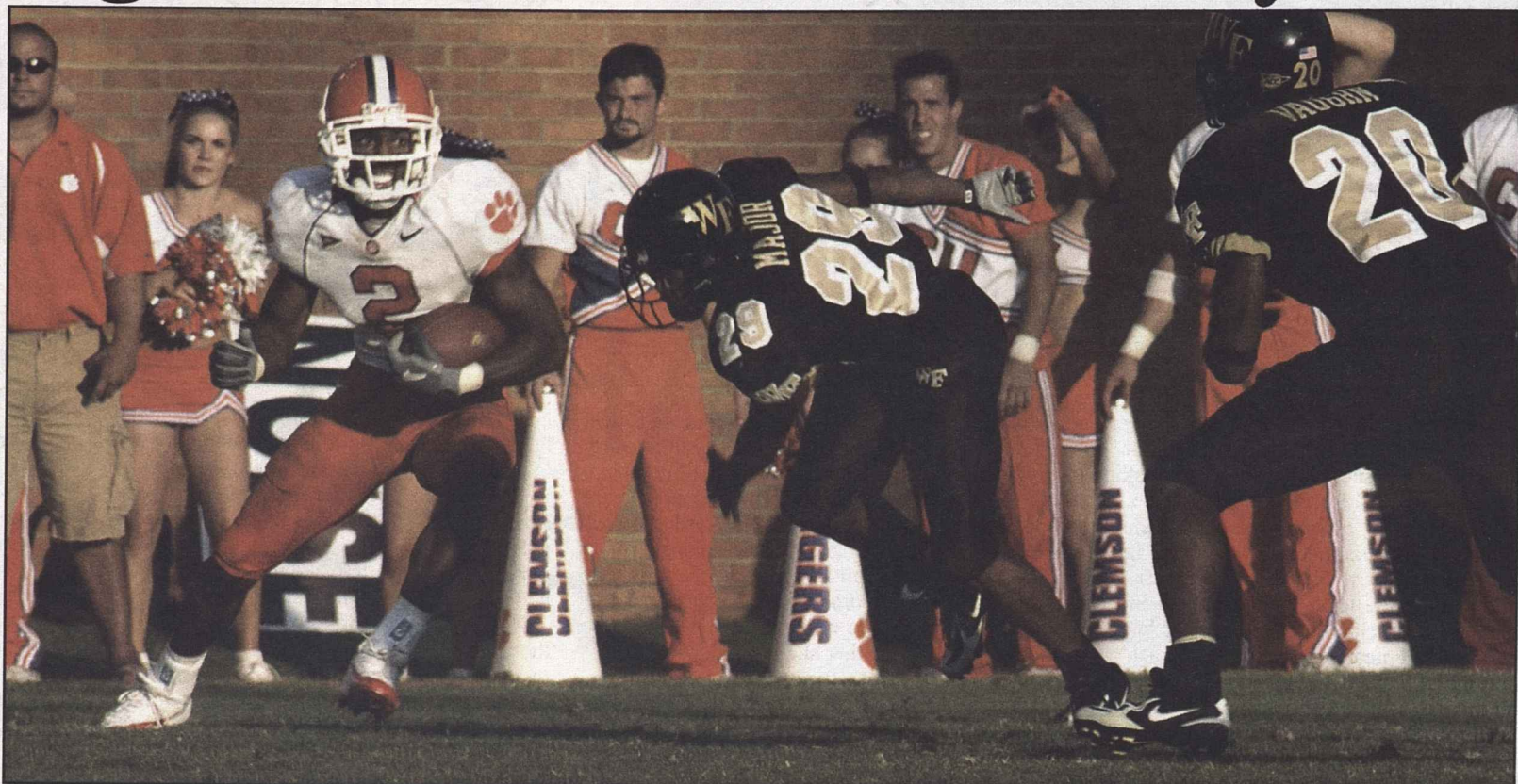
Virginia Tech	3-0	5-0
Georgia Tech	1-2	3-1
Miami	1-1	3-1
Virginia	1-1	3-1
UNC	1-1	2-2
Duke	0-2	1-4

### Numbers game

**1.6** Point per game differential this season between Clemson and opponents. The Tigers are outscored 26.2-24.6.

**19** Number of former Clemson Tigers on active rosters in the NFL.

## Tigers look for first Thursday win



SARA BIVIN/Old Gold and Black

**SLIPPERY:** Clemson wide receiver Chansi Stuckey makes two Wake Forest defenders miss on a punt return in last Saturday's 31-27 loss in Winston-Salem, N.C. Next Thursday, the Tigers will once again head to North Carolina when they take on the N.C. State Wolfpack in Raleigh.

*Clemson travels to Carter-Finley Stadium to take on N.C. State Wolfpack.*

**ROY WELSH**  
Staff Writer

After losing 31-27 last weekend to Wake Forest, Clemson is coming off three straight heartbreaking losses heading into Thursday's game against N.C. State in Raleigh. The Tigers started the year at 2-0 but have lost three conference games and need a win against the Wolfpack to salvage a season that started with so much promise.

While the loss in Winston-Salem has been hard for Clemson faithful to swallow, there were a few bright spots for the Tigers last weekend. Clemson's offense racked up 454 yards and 28 first downs. Clemson quarterback Charlie Whitehurst threw for 304 yards and completed 28 of 42 passes. Whitehurst did throw two interceptions, but both picks were balls deflected by

Clemson receivers that should have been caught.

Clemson was able to establish a fairly effective running game as well. Junior tailback Reggie Merriweather grinded out 92 yards on 17 carries, and freshman James Davis had 51 yards on 13 carries. While Clemson had success on the ground against the Deacons, the Tigers could have difficulty running the ball against the Wolfpack. State held Virginia Tech to 124 yards rushing in their first game of the season, and held North Carolina to 144 yards rushing. If Clemson can establish a running game against what looks to be a strong defensive line, it could bode well for the Tigers.

The N.C. State defense is anchored by linebacker Stephen Tulloch, who earned ACC Player of the Week honors from Collegefootballnews.com after his effort against the Tar Heels. Tulloch recorded 19 tackles and six tackles for loss against the Tar Heels. The junior linebacker ranks fifth in the nation in tackles per game, with

an average of 10.5. Heading into Thursday night's game in Atlanta, Tulloch had been the 'Pack's leading tackler in all three games.

Clemson head coach Tommy Bowden stresses that the offense simply has to break it open.

"It will eventually happen," Bowden said in his weekly press conference. "We are eventually going to break a long play — whether [we] break a long catch and run by a receiver or a long run. It just hasn't happened yet."

Clemson's main concern heading into Thursday could be defending the passing game. Teams have killed Clemson on 15-20 yard routes all year, and N.C. State could look to spread Vic Koenning's zone defense from the get go. N.C. State's Jay Davis threw for 257 yards against North Carolina and hooked up with receiver T.J. Williams six times for 77 yards and a touchdown. Davis and the Wolfpack receivers could test Clemson's secondary early and often. Koenning announced this week that Michael Hamlin will start at safety against the Wolfpack in place

of C.J. Gaddis. More changes could be seen on the defense heading into next week, as the Tigers have gotten strong performances from younger players.

While Wake Forest had success moving the ball through the air, Bowden seemed confident in his defensive unit heading into the bye week. "I think fundamentally we are playing good," Bowden said. "Like I said, you look at Boston College and holding them to 10 points — I think that is pretty good."

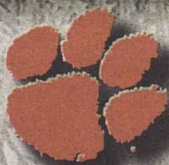
Thursday's game is huge for both teams. With Clemson at 2-3 on the year and N.C. State at 1-2 heading into yesterday night's game against Georgia Tech, both teams are looking to get their seasons back on track.

While it may be mere coincidence, Clemson has fared poorly in Thursday night games in recent years. Clemson's last two Thursday night games have both been losses against N.C. State. In 2003, the Tigers lost 17-15 to the Wolfpack in Raleigh, and in 2002, N.C. State embarrassed Clemson 38-6 at Death Valley.

## ON THE FIELD

### OFFENSE

LT Barry Richardson  
LG Roman Fry  
C Dustin Fry  
RG Nathan Bennett  
RT Marion Dukes  
TE Bobby Williamson  
WR Curtis Baham  
QB Charlie Whitehurst  
RB Reggie Merriweather  
FB Steven Jackson  
WR Chansi Stuckey



### KEY MATCHUP

*This week's key matchup pits Tiger running back Reggie Merriweather against N.C. State*



Reggie Merriweather

*linebacker Stephen Tulloch. Tulloch is averaging over 10 tackles a game and has 8.5 tackles for loss. Opponents are averaging just 105.3 rushing yards/game against the Tulloch-led Wolfpack defense. Merriweather will look to tarnish that average this week when the Tigers head into Carter-Finley Stadium. He averages five yards per carry and has three rushing touchdowns on the year. If Merriweather can break free against an N.C. State defense that finished last season ranked first in the nation in yards given up per game, Clemson may be headed to victory.*



Stephen Tulloch

### DEFENSE

LDE Mario Williams  
DT John McCargo  
DT DeMario Pressley  
RDE Manny Lawson  
SLB LeRue Rumph  
MLB Oliver Hoyte  
WLB Stephen Tulloch  
LCB A.J. Davis  
ROV Garland Heath  
SAF Miguel Scott  
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[STAFF EDITORIAL]

# Holcombe's slur inexcusable, justifies dismissal

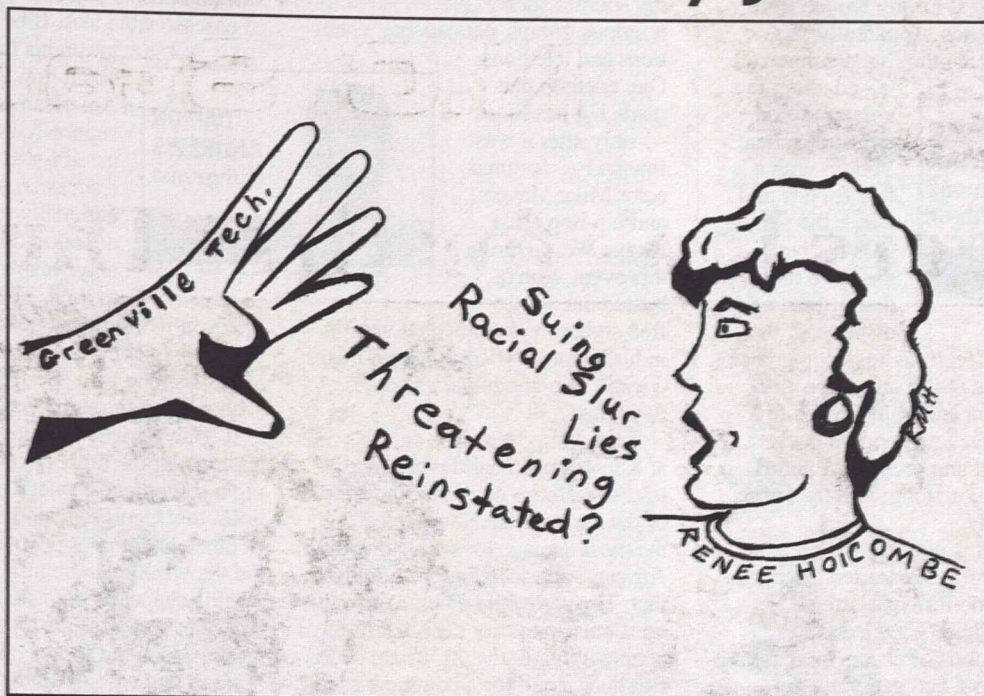
Colleges and universities across the nation opened their doors to students displaced by Hurricane Katrina. On the whole, evacuees were readily accepted and host universities and student bodies provided a shining example of the American spirit of camaraderie and generosity. Sheltering, and in some cases admitting, these evacuees was certainly an inconvenience and probably strained the financial and logistical resources of the host colleges, but overall, colleges stepped up to the challenge in a remarkably selfless and considerate manner. It's unfortunate, then, that a glaring exception to this acceptance occurred in our own backyard.

At a series of meetings on how to deal with Hurricane Katrina refugees, Greenville Technical College Associate Vice President Renee Holcombe repeatedly referred to Katrina evacuees as "yard apes." Holcombe called a meeting the very next day to apologize for the racial slur, claiming she did not realize its meaning when she said it. That wasn't enough, though. Early the next morning the administration asked her to sign a prepared letter of resignation, which she did.

This incident probably would have passed quietly enough by the wayside, but now Holcombe has sued Greenville Tech, asking to be reinstated and for the school to issue her an official letter of apology and pay compensatory damages. She claims that being asked to leave was excessive and that the school coerced her into signing the letter of resignation. She also reasserted her claim that she did not know the phrase's full meaning until after the fact.

It may be tempting to take Holcombe's side on this issue. She has worked with Greenville Tech for 19 years and apparently had a spotless record until this incident.

Unfortunately for Holcombe, none of that



matters. She was an associate vice president of a college, and she used a racially derogatory term during a meeting. No amount of good history will be able to offset that. To make sure everyone is on the same page, "yard ape" has a couple uses, both of them derogatory; it can refer to young, rowdy children or to African Americans. Holcombe's statements make it seem as though she was using the phrase in the first manner and that she did not know it was also a slur against African Americans.

Just for a moment, though, let's give Holcombe the benefit of the doubt. Let's take her at her word and assume that she had no idea she was making a racial slur and that she sin-

cerely apologized for it. In this case, she would have used the phrase to condescendingly refer to the children of hurricane evacuees — children who had had their entire lives uprooted and in some cases lost loved ones in the disaster. This is Holcombe's best case scenario: She used the phrase "yard apes" to make fun of children who had survived Hurricane Katrina.

However, Holcombe probably knew that the phrase "yard apes" referred to more than just unruly children. After all, she has lived in South Carolina for at least 19 years. While we may not be proud of it, racial tensions clearly still exist and she had to have been exposed to other uses of the phrase. After all, she had

to have gotten the phrase from somewhere. If she had heard that phrase often enough to use it in board meetings, she was probably familiar enough with it to understand that it had other meanings.

Two more questions remain that seriously question Holcombe's professionalism. First, why was she speaking condescendingly about the hurricane victims in the first place? These people had their lives torn apart and she sat in a meeting and mocked them. Maybe they were an inconvenience and maybe she had other projects that she would have rather been focusing on, but when a disaster like this strikes, we all must pitch in.

Second, Holcombe maintains she didn't realize the phrase was a racial slur. Even if we choose to believe her, why in the world is she using language she doesn't fully understand? This question is especially poignant given the situation. Holcombe was in an official college meeting about the somber task of providing shelter for the evacuees. Does this seem like the place for slang and loose language?

Given the situation, Greenville Tech was right to ask Holcombe to resign. In fact, Greenville Tech President Tom Barton was apparently prepared to fire Holcombe if she did not resign. Resignation at least allowed her to save face and to make amends for what she did, but now her lawsuit has thrown that out the window.

Holcombe was a leader in a public college who displayed a tremendous lapse in judgment by making a racial slur. For that, she should not be reinstated.

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## COMMENTARY

### Amphitheater shows wide range of college experiences

I sat in the front of the amphitheater close to the stage on day last week to just observe those who were there and those who passed by, to put my own life on hold for an hour and take in the breadth and diversity of the human experience around me. The amphitheatre became a microcosm of the college experience. Awkward advances, nervous studying and the entire social stratum of the University lay spread out before me.

To my right sat Desperate Backwards Hat Boy and his study partner Not-So-Interested Sunglasses. It was obvious that they were studying together, with the books and papers scattered around them, yet Desperate seemed as if he desired Not-So-Interested in an intimate way. And Not-So, no, she was clearly very uninterested in this boy sitting with her. You could tell this in all parts of her body language. Her legs were crossed, and there was a lot of space between the two of them. She also wore the sunglasses, despite that fact that it was cloudy, probably to hide every roll of her eyes, or the slightest signal of annoyance with or disinterest in Desperate. To make matters worse for Desperate, he was wearing a shirt saying "She's So Lucky" with an arrow pointing to who was next to him, in this case being Not-So. But she didn't feel lucky, no. Clearly this relationship, or lack thereof, was going nowhere in the romance division.

To my left was Grandpa Undergraduate with a receding hairline — far, far receded — and a college book, along with some type of folder. Now, I really wondered about him. What was he doing here? He could have been continuing his education, and I respect him for that, but why? He was of retirement age, and yet he chose to spend his time in the pursuit of knowledge.

Sneaky Prep Kid was at the top of the amphitheater; he was almost directly in front of me. He kept glancing around him

in a sketchy manner. Left, right, then left again, his eyes wandered constantly. I couldn't see his one hand. He may have been texting someone on a cell phone. Or maybe he was a stalker and he knew some girl's exact schedule of classes to where he was sure she would walk by this very spot at this very time. Yep, he had a crush, and he was just trying to get a peak at her.

Pink Shirt Girl bit her nails, clearly struggling with whatever she was studying. Maybe it was biology, since she looked a lot like me as I read up on my biology.

So Desperate had then turned his hat around forwards, and he was struggling to create his sexy pose. Yeah he was, lying back with his knees in the air, flexing his ab muscles underneath his "lucky" tee-shirt. And Not-So, ha, she lies back too, but so that her knees are in between the path of her eyesight and Desperate. No, definitely not interested. Comedy was at its finest right there in front of me, in the amphitheater of all places!

Frat Boy then walked by. His yellow and blue striped tie and black coat signaled his status. And don't you know he was thinking about the weekend, about all of the parties, all of the girls. Or maybe he wasn't in a fraternity. Maybe he was just dressing like one who would be.

Then there was the girl in the Mae sweatshirt. She was deep in her health book, intent on learning the material. Then she stopped to think; her hand traveled to her chin. She was really into it. I thought, She's going to go far in her health career.

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## “speaking out”

### Should Holcombe get her old job back?



"No, I don't think she should be reinstated."

**April Dorsey**  
marketing  
junior



"If she wants the job back she should be reinstated, but she should face further disciplinary action."

**Heather Brown**  
animal and veterinary  
sciences  
senior



"Oh my gosh, that's just wrong. No, she should not be reinstated."

**Josh Smith**  
management  
junior



"No, I do not think so. Someone in that great of a leadership role should be more considerate, especially of hurricane victims."

**Shellery Cunningham**  
microbiology  
junior



"No. Her comments were unprofessional and out of line."

**Nick Menchyk**  
turfgrass management  
sophomore



"She shouldn't be reinstated. Everybody makes mistakes, but it appears that her attitude about the Katrina victims remains unchanged. For someone to be in a position like this, it seems they should be more concerned with people."

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management  
junior



## COMMENTARY

## It's time to take school spirit to the next level

Imagine, for a moment, that you're a recent high school graduate all over again. A tremor of nervousness mixed with a tinge of excitement runs through your body as you show up for your summer orientation session. The days of meetings and speeches go well enough; you've signed up for your courses and know the route from your dorm to the cafeteria. You've met a few new people — they may even become friends in the fall — but you're ready to head back home and enjoy the rest of your summer. There's just one more session left that night, but for some reason it's in Littlejohn Coliseum. Just as you and your new acquaintances settle into your seats, the lights go off, fog fills the air and "Eye of the Tiger" starts playing over the loudspeakers. When the lights come back on and you can see again, the cheerleaders, Central Spirit and, to your surprise, many athletes and coaches are on the floor and begin leading you in cheers. Afterwards, instead of shunting you out the doors, the orientation ambassadors lead you onto the floor to mix with the athletes and coaches.

You leave orientation thinking it was a neat experience, but surely it was forced. Clemson has school spirit, but no one could possibly get that into it. After all, your uncle went to school here, and school spirit wasn't that organized. When you move into your dorm, though, you find a little booklet with all of Clemson's cheers, the history behind those and our other traditions and words to the Alma Mater.

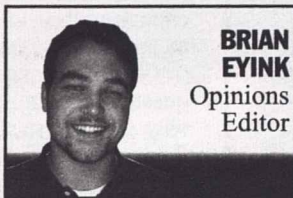
"Well," you think, "maybe school spirit really does mean something here."

Then, as the first home game draws near, you begin to hear buzz about the First Friday Parade from all your friends. Apparently, the upperclassmen they've met have all

talked about the great tradition and atmosphere. You go with a few friends and watch the parade pass by, but then you notice that instead of dispersing, the students all seem to be heading back into campus in the same direction. Curious, you and your friends follow them back and end up packed into the Hill and sections A and B of the stadium along with the entire student body.

The band is playing and the football team, cheerleaders, Central Spirit and the Rallycats are all out on the field. They lead the students in tons of cheers, play all sorts of music and generally get everyone fired up. In fact, it feels more like a party than a pep rally. After singing the Alma Mater, you leave more energized and excited about your university than you ever thought possible. The next day, the stadium is a united, thunderous sea of orange. You, along with 86,000 other fans, are cheering on the Tigers as one, making Death Valley the best college football venue in the nation.

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Evolution less strongly founded, less widely accepted than many think

Last week Mr. Brownell and Mr. Eyink argued that evolution is a theory that has been repeatedly tested and backed up with concrete facts. I would like to take issue with this statement. One of the reasons why the evolution controversy is so confusing and so polarized is that the terminology is misused. The term evolution is usually used to mean one of two concepts: First, the change that happens to descendants of an organism based upon genetic variations and natural selection, i.e., "descent with modification." Second, all living organisms in existence today descend, via purely natural causes, from a single-celled organism, and, prior to that, from non-living matter. I call these lateral evolution and upward evolution, respectively.

There is indeed such overwhelming supporting evidence for lateral evolution that it can legitimately be considered a theory, alongside the theory of gravity, et cetera. Lateral evolution, however, presupposes self-reproducing organisms with genetic material. A theory that requires genetic material for its operation cannot, even in principle, explain how the genetic material got there in the first place, because nothing can be the cause of itself. A careful review of the evolutionary literature will reveal that no one has ever proposed a mechanism for the natural creation of genetic material.

Thus, the debate over whether upward evolution is a "theory" or a "fact" is misguided. Upward evolution is neither. It is rather a wild conjecture — a hypothesis — that is neither supported by the available scientific evidence nor consistent with the existing known laws of science. Space limitations do not permit a detailed analysis here, but anyone interested in the

subject can find excellent books and articles written by professors at respected universities on the topic.

It is often thought that Darwin's idea was rapidly adopted by the scientific community and has achieved steady progress over the years as more evidence has become available. Nothing could be further from the truth. Darwin's strongest critics were scientists, and scientific opposition has continued in one form or another throughout its history.

For example, the well-known British atheist Anthony Flew just last year rejected the Darwinian explanation: "It has become inordinately difficult even to begin to think about constructing a naturalistic theory of the evolution of that first reproducing organism." We, too, should do the same.

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## COMMENTARY

## Coming in 2008: Kanye for president

The news and media was bombarded with stories about attempts being made to restore New Orleans to a dry city after Hurricane Katrina pounded the gulf coast. Such a tragedy brought millions of dollars in donations from across the country from varying sources such as private donors, religious groups, educational institutions and telethons.

One telethon that made big headlines — only after it was finished — featured actor Mike Meyers and hip-hop artist Kanye West. During this event, Kanye busted out a little free-styling with a line that wasn't in his scripted lyrics: "George Bush doesn't care about black people." Say what?

Even Mike Meyers is aghast at Kanye's personal flavor in the telethon. Here's one fact: The area of the country that Katrina dealt the most damage to is a historically African-American region. Another fact: The per capita income of southern Louisiana is not near that of the people living in the 90210 zip code. But does it call for a comment such as that?

I have never seen George Bush walk off Air Force One wearing a white pointed dunce hat or give any other remote indication of a racial prejudice. Now yes, it's true the federal government was abnormally slow to respond to the disaster, which President Bush admitted on national television. But c'mon, let's not make this a race issue that might stir up the Reverend Jesse Jackson and open a whole new can of worms that will give the media an absolute field day for weeks to come.

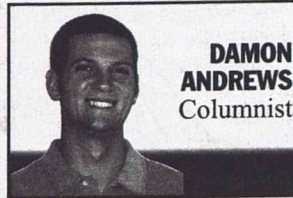
I cannot applaud Mike Meyers and Kanye enough for their efforts

to raise money as hosts of the telethon, but Kanye should have realized his purpose for being on television — it's all the about the Benjamins, baby! He was there to encourage donations as a celebrity face that people recognize, not to act as a political thorn in George Bush's side and push a personal agenda of unreasonable bias. If he wanted to run his mouth about how African-American people are suppressed and not cared for as well as Caucasian people, a nationally televised donation drive probably wasn't the place to do it. Think about

it, if you're a supporter of Bush, your money will make its way to Louisiana one way or another but probably not through his foundation.

If Kanye wanted to make an argument, preferably not while trying to encourage monetary donations, that George Bush didn't care as much about poor people as he did the wealthy, there might be an outside chance I could stomach that. President Bush is no blue-collar president, but he's certainly not burning any crosses on the lawn of in front of the White House on Pennsylvania Avenue or pushing Congress to pass any Jim Crow laws either. The notion that he responded slowly to Katrina because he is a racist is absurd.

Too often celebrities use their air time to voice something political or make some grand statement to create a buzz around the media, only then to get more air time. Kanye's statement is a classic case where I'd love to say to his face, "Please, don't be 'that' guy." John Rucker of the Atlanta Braves was "that" guy when he opened his mouth about how morally dirty New Yorkers are.



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Columnist

Bad move. Russell Crowe was "that" guy when he threw his cell phone at a desk worker at a New York Hotel just before the release of his movie Cinderella Man. The only thing that stunt accomplished for him was imprisonment. What exactly were you trying to accomplish with this statement, Kanye? Are you looking to get your name on a ballot for governor and establish yourself as a politician? Hey I got it — maybe someday you can run against Arnold Schwarzenegger for a seat in the Oval Office! Seriously, stick to the James Bond theme remixes and leave unnecessary and outlandish remarks for people who have already ruined their careers. I'd hate to see yours go down the drain too.

The missing person in this drama is Mike Meyers. The poor guy was just reading from a prompter when Kanye went 8 Mile-style and started doing his own thing. Kanye did mention one thing that was true, however — the fact that many people who could help the situation are already at war abroad. But, he threw Mike Meyers for another loop by saying that the armed forces that were stationed in the affected areas had "permission to go down and shoot 'us,'" meaning African-Americans. Are you trying to commit political and professional suicide? Here's an idea, next time try a little thing called tact.

In a time when our nation needed to unite itself most in the wake of natural disaster, Kanye only poured salt in the gaping wound of the gulf coast by stirring up phantom racial issues. If he is so unhappy with the way the government is run, instead of making counter-productive remarks, he should've been working on a campaign — Kanye 2008.

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## COMMENTARY

## Bad dating habits are amusing for onlookers, not for couples

Bad habits are easy to come by and hard to shake loose. Smokers, binge-drinkers, sex fiends and stress-eaters all find great pleasure while consuming the vice they crave. One vice that most people seek is companionship in the form of a relationship. Who wouldn't want a significant other to care for them while they're sick, lift their spirits

while down, or like Bobby Brown to Whitney Houston, loosen their bowels while constipated? The point is, our life often seems insignificant when we don't have someone to share our highs and lows with. Unfortunately, dating can become a bad habit when you don't know when to let go. With my running theme of anal-retentiveness, relationships in transition leave my stomach more unsettled than watching a Clemson football game. Guys and girls alike are often too blind and high on dating to realize: When it's done, it's done!

Whatever the outcome, the end result is generally disappointing. The most common end result, in my opinion, is when the relationship becomes less valued in the eye of one of the beholders. When one of the participants in the game of dating isn't ready to move on, certain violations occur. A word to the wise and the many broken hearts out there: Stalking is never and will never be an enchanting form of reconciliation! All too often have I heard of girlfriends who refuse to take subtle hints, like unanswered and ignored phone calls, as an omen of the end. Also, quite possibly the most annoying action is when one of the parties demands to meet with the ultimate hopes of "closure." Never, and I'm serious when I deny any possibility, has anyone demanding closure ever truly just wanted that. There is always the slim hope of rekindling the sparks. You don't dress your best to show them what they'll be missing; you dress that way because you need them to want you. That's right, you reek of extreme desperation!

Another possible outcome that seems to entertain the masses and has provoked many a gambling pots is when volatile couples are on-and-off again. How many times have you had a friend who just couldn't say goodbye? These "couples" abuse the phrase "if we can make it through this, we can make it through anything!" The only thing you will ever ultimately find is that you will never find happiness and satisfaction. Anytime I've ever found myself supporting this form of dating is merely for pure entertainment (as if my life wasn't dramatic enough already). On

a more serious note, though, I can understand where being optimistic in a relationship could be beneficial. However, I cannot fathom being so inherently blind that I could become addicted to the growing climax these dating patterns result in. The only silver lining with this type is that there is a small possibility both parties could end in a friendly fashion.

However, more often than not, some ultimate act of deviance will force you to dissolve the relationship and seek comfort in making a voodoo-doll in your ex's likeness!

The last form of dating in transition that really gets my blood boiling is when both parties reunite under the power of intoxication or merely, for old times sake.

Everyone knows that no good will come out of these circumstances. The person initiating the temptation will certainly wake up the next morning satisfied, but the other confused individual will wake up annoyed with his or her actions. Angrier by the actions will be the friends who have to hear about these reoccurrences on a weekly basis. How about, for a change of pace, you don't go to your ex-boyfriend's frat house for a party on a Friday night, drink heavily on an empty stomach and stumble past your seemingly attractive ex-boyfriend? How about once, just once, you don't act like an immature frosh experiencing alcohol for the first time? What I'm trying to get at, is that unless you're under the control of a rufie, you really can control your actions. So please have more respect for yourself and don't be put in these compromising situations; you never know what future relationship you're sabotaging by staging these adolescent conquests.

The transition period after a relationship can prove to be a tumultuous time, but comfort should be sought in those close to you and not in the person who just broke your heart for the umpteenth time. Everyone wants to be Dorothy Boyd when Jerry Maguire pronounces, "You complete me!" A random hook-up doesn't fix a wounded soul; neither does a revolving-door relationship or being Stalker McGee. In the words of Deep Blue Something in their pop-hit "Breakfast at Tiffany's:" "So what now? It's plain to see we're over, I hate when things are over — when so much is left undone."

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## COMMENTARY

## On route to Top 20: Let paths dwarf milestones

Ever get the feeling that you're being followed? Actually, quite often I do. It's because I am. Yes, I'm sure.

Since I was about 13 years old I have been followed, pursued, even hunted down at times, by a number no less. It's the number 22. I swear (on The Tiger; hey it's pretty sacred to me).

I'm not really sure when it started. I can only tell you when I started noticing, and that was the seventh grade.

Then, it was everywhere. Whether it was an intense game of Scrabble, a weekend mountain vacation, driving down the highway, a million different times, everywhere I went it was there.

Well into the first week of October, it still seems unreal that in 10 days I will finally be 22. While everyone I know was pining for 21, yeah, you get the picture.

It's been a long wait.

But, like so many other things that once stood out as "outstanding" in life, the choices and experiences that were omnipresent and previously unexperienced because of veneration, fear, loathing, curiosity or what have you, I can safely say that when the big 2-2 comes and passes, it will feel pretty much like every other birthday thus far.

The feelings that will be associated with my big day have already culminated over the past nine years. The mini-moments of surprise, when a number entered into my realm of perception, and I began to subconsciously direct my attention toward something extra — they made it worthwhile. It's been more than enough. The best parts of things are in the making of them.

Over half the fun of baked macaroni and cheese is cooking it with a friend over mugs of wine. Over half the fun of Christmas, for sure, is in searching for presents online and other random places in the months preceding Santa's arrival. It takes tailgating and a series of memories with friends to "make" the football game experience.

It's the little things in between that add up to create greatness.

When we talk about goals and discuss future plans, sometimes the plans or the goals receive so much attention that I worry we forget to focus on the value of the journey.

This year, a record number of students, 12,470 to be exact, applied to Clemson University. The freshman class had an average SAT score of 1224. Forty-five percent of these students were in the top 10 percent of their graduating class. We recently received \$26.6 million from the S.C. Research University Infrastructure Bond Act. Our programs in and

outside of the classroom, our faculty and our students consistently receive national recognition. The list goes on.

Granted, Top 20 will be wonderful, but when we reach it (like my 22nd, I have no doubt it will happen eventually), the thing that will make it worthwhile will be the culmination of a series of accomplishments that have made us a better, stronger institution.

The University cites its "Marks of Excellence" as the ways in which it's "turning this vision (of Top 20) into reality." To me, the value lies in the "turning." If we place our value in the transition, in the process, then the experience doesn't end with the reaching of the goal — valuing the process allows for continuation of the progress.

Like the progress toward each of our degrees, like the planning and working toward a "life" after college, we should appreciate the moments in between the here and eventual.

I'm sure we can all think of things in our respective lives, crazy number obsessions aside, which seemed like such a big deal from afar, but upon reaching or achieving them, we were left asking "where's the beef?"

The experience of an education, of a close-read of a text, of a sunny afternoon drive, is created by the attention we choose to pay to the space in-between.

Writing now, there's a picture on my floor. It's of my uncle. But, you can't tell it's him because he's covered in layers of green fur and wearing a metal lid on his head.

Every year, as Halloween approaches, I think back on the day he called and needed help assembling an Oscar the Grouch costume. I was 15 at the time and definitely didn't attend the evening festivities.

It didn't matter. The joy for me was in the making of a ridiculous, garbage-encrusted get-up.

My hope for all of us as we strive toward personal goals and work together in this small, tightly-knit community is that we pay close attention to our shared moments in-between.

Through this kind of thorough attention we will, no doubt, reach many goals, but maybe, more importantly, we will make the best possible decisions in each situation because we realize that we are constantly changed and enriched by the process.

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## COMMENTARY

## Entertainment is TiVolving

So we got TiVo this semester, and it's pretty much, like, totally the best thing ever. When I say the best thing ever, I mean it ranks above a clean water supply and puppies. I've seriously considered naming my first born son Thomas Vo Salter just so people will call him T. Vo. The only reason I won't follow through with that is because I honestly doubt my offspring can live up to such a cool nickname.

For those who still believe in "Television Design" and are unfamiliar with TiVolution, TiVo is a cute little box that happily records TV shows that you are too busy to watch. You may say, "Hey! My Betamax can do that just fine," but that's rubbish.

With TiVo, you don't need those bulky cassettes; shows record directly onto a hard drive that holds around 150 hours of enjoyment (that's more time than the entire Seinfeld series, back-to-back). Compare that to the fuzzy six-hour VHS your mom uses to tape Days of Our Lives or The View, which is fuzzy anyway.

Also, can your VCR pause live TV? How about rewind the broadcast while still recording it? Or did we just blow your mind?

Possibly, nay, probably better than TiVo is the TiVo Plus! service. With TiVo Plus!, you can find shows to record by name, category, actor, director, genus and species. Regular TiVo requires that you know the timeslot and channel — with Plus!, typing in a simple "S" will get us Simpsons, Seinfeld, Scrubs, Southpark, Shield and Saturday Night Live (and if you get Cinemax, it's Saturday Night Love).

Thanks to TiVo, we've finally been able to see those shows we had always read about but never managed to watch. For example, Mondays are now planned around Arrested Development, which, in the past, aired on an unknown time and channel. And the best part is we don't even have to plan our Mondays around it, because TiVo will have it ready to watch whenever the spirit moves us. The time that would be spent watching today's garbage is spent watching yesterday's genius.

It doesn't just stop with TV shows. Hundreds of movies air each week (at all hours of the night) that no one really knows about. After seeing a commercial for Transporter 2, our roommate commented that we should rent the first one. Rent? Why pay money or even get up from the

couch, when TiVo will record it on Thursday at 3 a.m. on FX?

TiVo's remote control comes equipped with a friendly green thumbs-up button, and a savage red thumbs-down button. While channel surfing, you can rate the shows you're watching: The Real World? Two down. Pete and Pete! Three big green thumbs up! This information gets sent to TiVo Central's hive mind to advise networks on popularity. When all is said and done, we'll see more quality shows tailored to our tastes than the unenlightened souls who trust in cable companies.

TiVo Plus! will also use this information to eagerly choose similar shows that it thinks we will enjoy. Seeing that we TiVoed (it's a verb) Family Guy, TiVo decided we might also like Justice League. Now, we have a season pass. A season pass tells TiVo to record each new episode of a show for the duration of the season. There's something satisfying about getting home from class, making a PB&J and kicking back with a double episode of Power Puff Girls that we would never have remembered to record. Our roommate can also get a season pass to record anything with the words "soccer" or "Red Sox" or "Barbara Streisand" in it.

In the next few years, be on the lookout for TiVo DoublePlus!! We imagine it to be something

like this:

"Good morning, Naylor."  
"Ah! Oh, hey Ti. Is breakfast ready?"

"Of course, Naylor. I cooked you French toast."

"Aw, not again. Two thumbs down."

"Duly noted. Don't forget to turn in your lab report — I fixed your typos, and you forgot to label the axes on your graphs."

"Well done. Here's a TiVo treat."

On a serious note, some side-effects should be mentioned. We have noticed that the DVDs we were once so proud to own are now collecting dust. Why look through a season's worth of discs for a single episode when TiVo has it ready at the touch of a button?

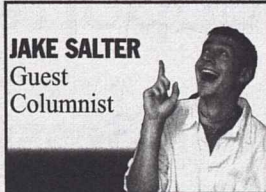
Ah, the American Dream at work.

In the meantime, while we're waiting for TiVo DoublePlus!! to come out, we've got to go take care of some lab reports that aren't writing themselves. They'd probably be done already if it weren't for that James Bond marathon that TiVo picked up for us back in August...

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## BRIEF PAWS

A 73-year-old Alabama man crashed his airplane into Lake Hartwell in Georgia. Not to be deterred, he simply swam away, hitched a ride on a jet ski and left with a few scrapes.

MIT researchers are developing a \$100 laptop for students, especially those in impoverished countries. The machine will be extra durable and can be powered by a hand crank.

FEMA spent \$100 million after Katrina to buy and ship ice to the disaster area. Most of the ice never got there, though, and some even ended up in government storage in Maine.

When a man tried to abduct a young boy from a Florida park, observant parkgoers not only separated the two but also cornered the man in a restaurant until police arrived.

Those crafty Germans have done it again. This time they've created a beer coaster with a sensor in it that tells the bartender when a patron's mug needs a refill.

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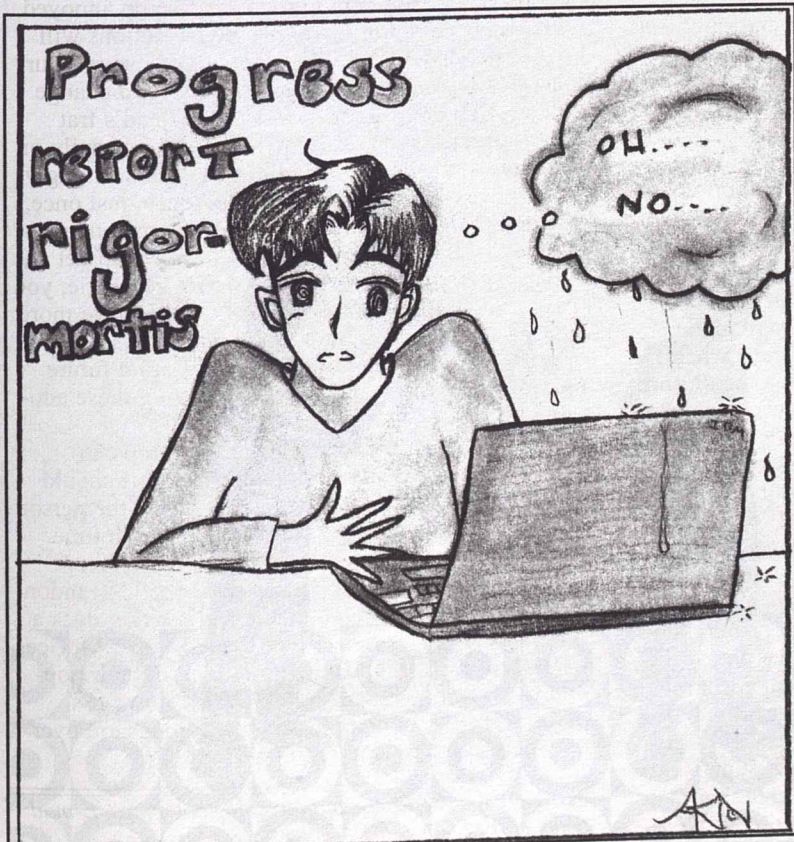
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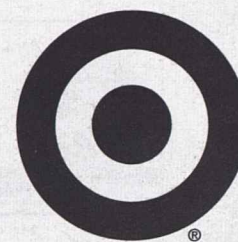
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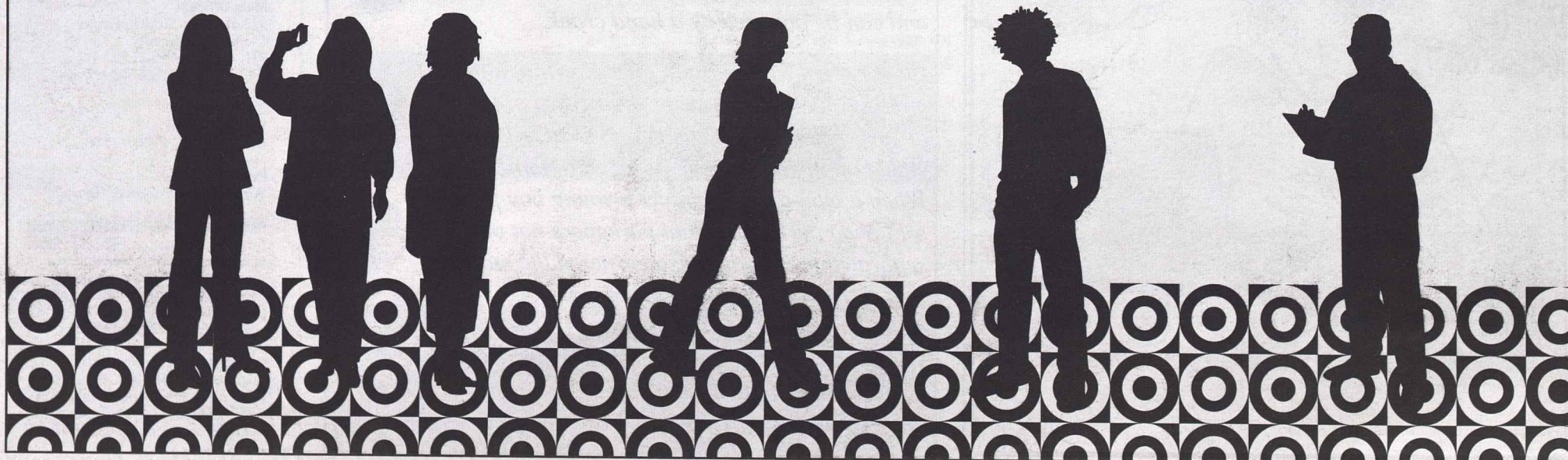
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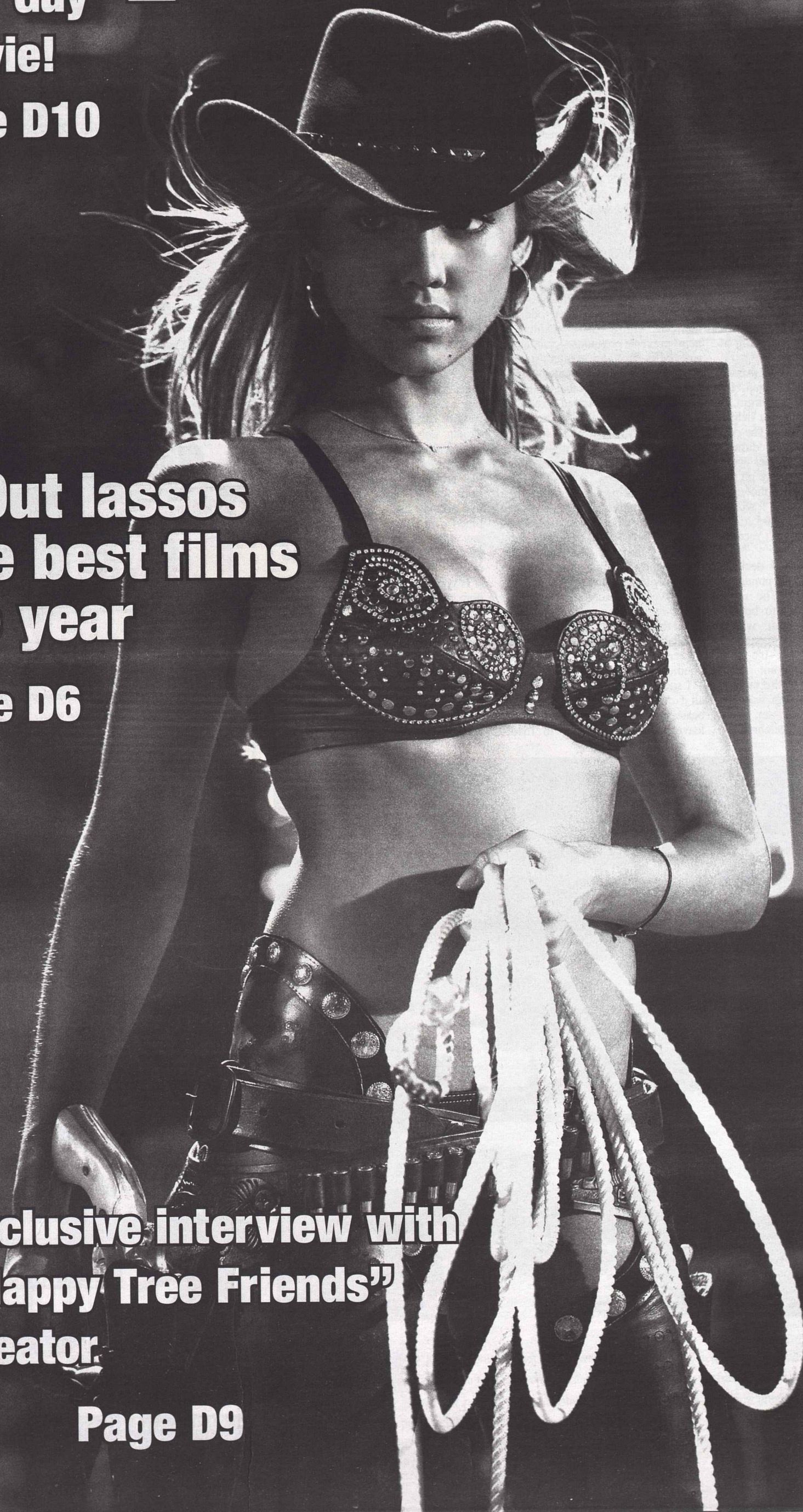
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# ON THE PROWL

BY ORSON SWELLES

As a kid, picking out cereal was a daunting task. My mom would take me to the cereal aisle and tell me that I had one choice for the week. "Only oone?" I would whine endlessly to no avail. I mean, I could always stick with the standard Frosted Flakes, but the marshmallow eruption that is Lucky Charms also begged to be eaten — not to mention there were six new cereals that I had seen advertised on Nickelodeon that I wanted to try. Unfortunately, I feared that they would be bad, and I would have to wait until next week for a new pick.

Shopping for condoms poses quite the same conundrum. I mean, you could just stick with the standard fare Trojan, but the Warming Pleasure style sounds so nice for the cool of fall weather. Put your concerns and lack of condom knowledge aside, young ones, for I have tested most of the major types, and I have chosen a winner for the first annual King of Condoms Award.

The first condom that ever graced my pleasure zone was a Trojan Her Pleasure. Since I was a virgin, I decided that I needed all the help I could get to please my lady. The ribs and other such fancy three dimensional add-ons worked rather well, while not being too restrictive on the male side. Overall, it was a nice, yet unremarkable condom that I would certainly pick over a standard lubricated Trojan, but I wouldn't recommend it for a wild time.

Because I was cheap, I decided to sample some of the free condoms available from Redfern. The most interesting one happened to be the Lifestyles Tuxedo condom, which was a normal lubricated condom, except it was completely black. I have no idea what the point of an all-black condom is, but the tagline for it said that the condom was for special occasions. To me, sex is as good a time as any for celebration,

so I took off my casual attire and donned my Tux.

Guys, I know you are all thinking that Tuxedo is the best choice because of its color, but I hate to say it doesn't work quite that way. Any girl can tell you that they love black dresses because black is a slimming color. I hate to be a bearer of bad news, but most of us probably can't afford to wear anything that makes our beef stick into a Slim Jim. For this reason, I won't endorse the Tuxedo to anyone who has a couple bucks to spend on a better style.

Besides looking longer, the one other thing that most guys desire is lasting longer. Of course, Trojan released the Extended Pleasure condom that includes a "clear odorless lubricant with a special additive to help prevent premature ejaculation and help provide greater staying power." What a magical-sounding substance that is! After that tagline on the back of the box I read, visions of all-nighters danced through my head. Unfortunately, what was supposed to be as joyous as the night before Christmas turned out to be more of a nightmare.

Without help, I was already a decently lengthy lover, so I just assumed this would make me last forever. The problem is that the special additive is basically a local anesthetic that slightly numbs your chum to give you less feeling. For some reason, I was extremely affected by the nether-region Novocaine, and after about three minutes, I lost all feeling. It felt like I had no manhood whatsoever, which boiled my spaghetti noodle and killed my sex drive.

I spent the next 40 minutes trying all I could to wake the slumbering beast, and I then decided that I'll leave the anesthesiology to medi-

cal professionals and the pregnancy prevention to non-numbing condoms.

On a whim I bought the green-packaged Twisted Pleasure Trojans. The condom is an odd shape because the sides are essentially twisted, and the top has a little twist at the end. This appeared to be more of a marketing ploy than anything else, but I'm a sucker for advertising, so I bought a pack.

Upon completion of our session, I rolled over with a huge grin on my face only to see my girlfriend at the time with the same expression. Was it true?

Had we found a condom that could bring a smile to both our faces? Almost simultaneously we declared that to be our favorite thus far and then promptly fell asleep.

Two more times since then Trojan has released new condoms that seemed exciting. Warming Pleasures sounded wild, but I was a little weary of non-standard lubricants after the Extended Pleasure incident. The warm feeling is nice at first, but the lubricant wears off too quickly (about five minutes) and then just becomes an everyday affair — not to mention it seemed much tighter than their other styles.

I recently dabbled in the Mint Tingle, the newest release from Trojan, only to have mixed reviews. My girlfriend enjoyed the tingle but felt the mint was just weird. I thought that brushing your teeth was enough mint for one night, not to mention that nothing tastes good when combined with Latex. The same goes for any other flavored condoms (most of which taste even worse than this one).

If you want the best sex that a condom can provide, and you don't have a problem with being too sensitive or not sensitive enough, then stick with the Twisted Pleasure condoms. Feel free to try any of the others mentioned above though, but don't send me any letters when sex feels like a trip to the dentist: tiresome, numbing and leaving you with a slight minty aftertaste.

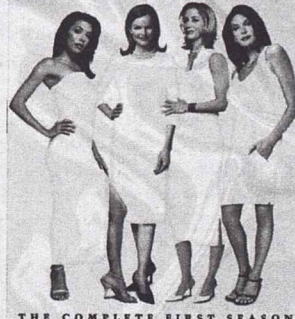


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## TV Channel loses laughs, goes "Mad"

Remember back to the past, back to a little over two years ago. You're sitting at home, and you just want to relax by watching a little television.

You're flipping through the channels, and there is nothing on. You're just about to give up hope when, eureka, Comedy Central comes to the rescue.

The station is playing reruns of "Saturday Night Live," and they are the good years: the days of Farley, Sandler, Myers, Rock, Hartman and Carvey.

You can barely contain the laughter at Deep Thought's words of wisdom or Coffee Talk's moment to discuss. ("I'll give you a topic — the Franco-Prussian war was neither Franco nor Prussian. Discuss.")

Fast-forward to today. You find yourself with some spare time in the afternoon, completely drained from all the homework (aka partying) you did all weekend, and you just want to chill with your favorite cast members of "SNL."

You excitedly turn the channel only to find utter disappointment that "SNL" is not on. How could this be?

Then you remember — Last year, Comedy Central decided to stop airing reruns of "SNL."

Now you remember it all. "SNL" was pulled to play reruns of "Mad TV."

Your afternoon of relaxation has just turned into you sitting on the couch pissed off and confused as to why Comedy Central would stop airing some of the funniest episodes of "Saturday Night Live" to play "Mad TV."

"Mad TV" is like the scary uncle you have in your family that everyone knows about, but you keep him locked in the attic because no one wants to deal with his nonsense.

So you decide that maybe you will try to watch one of these episodes, hoping it will be good, even though every other time you have tried this experiment, it has ended with you wanting to shoot yourself in the foot.

The show begins and they are doing an impression of someone ... you think.

It gets about halfway into the skit, and finally they say the name of the person they are trying to impersonate.

Up until this point you had no idea who they were trying to be, and now that you know who the character is, you are even more confused as to how they thought this was a good impersonation.

OK, so they're not good at impersonations. Maybe the original skits will be good.

The skit starts and they are just talking. Then Debra Wilson gets down on all fours and starts barking like a dog.

Why is she doing this? It makes no sense, and while you're trying to figure it out, the skit ends.

"Mad TV" is, for lack of a better word, a complete failure.

The impersonations are less than brilliant, the skits often make no sense whatsoever, and for the most part, it is just not funny. Every once and a while it will have a funny skit, but this is over-shadowed by the other 57 minutes of pure rubbish.

Now, I realize that in the most recent years of "Saturday Night Live" the quality of the program has drastically gone downhill. But the worst season of "SNL" doesn't even come close to the utter absurdity that calls itself "Mad TV."

I realize that Comedy Central made this change in line-up over a year ago. But I'm still pissed.

So, if you are like me are pissed that these reruns were pulled, do yourself a favor and just tune into E! because they are now airing "SNL" reruns around the same time of day.

This way you can still enjoy those great seasons of "SNL" and hopefully show Comedy Central, through the ratings, that they made a horrible mistake.

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## The Almond: Activists want dirty words cleaned

**JIM HARRIS**  
Staff Writer

With the apparent outspoken nature of the current presidential administration on the topic of religion, it is not surprising to see the opposing side speaking out as well.

The legality of God in the Pledge of Allegiance and the 10 Commandments in public schools have become major issues of the times.

Now, even Clemson has been asked to take drastic measures to keep religion out of its doors.

Local activist group AmeriCa's Right Of No Youth Ministers (ACRONYM) has confronted Clemson Middle School with the issue of young children using the word "God" in their foul language.

"I just want my children to be able to curse in the name of whom-ever they want," said Bob Springer, a member of ACRONYM.

When contacted Saturday for a statement, the school did not answer and was apparently not ready to reply.

ACRONYM was formed in 1996 to combat the growing num-

ber of children attending church youth groups.

"We formed picket lines of tolerance around local churches to keep our children's minds open to all voices and opinions," said Kathryn Sullivan, president of

ACRONYM. "Living in the Bible Belt can be tough, especially when people only surround themselves with others who believe similar things. ACRONYM is just a group of people who agree that this is wrong."

These activists not only blame the local church but also the media.

"We have seen the continuous collaboration between the church and conservative media for decades," said Springer. "I know my son didn't learn to curse in the name of God from me! Shows that are secretly funded by the Republican Party, like 'South Park' and 'The Osbournes,' are teaching my children ludicrous conservative values when they instruct my children that 'GD' is a 'hip' way to cuss. With this growing epidemic of religious cursing, fearful parents should be offering their children healthy, helpful secular alternatives."

ACRONYM's main legal argument is based on Thomas Jefferson's famous speech in which he quoted the Constitutional phrase describing America's "separation of church and state."

Researchers are currently still searching for this line in Constitution.

"We know we are right to not let people force their beliefs on everyone else, but I just wish we could make everyone understand that!" said vice-president John Young.

Until the reluctant school is contacted to see what they are willing to do about the situation, it seems that these activists will just have to wait.

ACRONYM has apparently committed itself to calling Clemson Middle School every Saturday until their phone calls are answered.

"They can't ignore us forever! Those Dalai-Lama-darn people will listen to open-mindedness whether they want to or not," said Young.

A rally to gain Clemson University student support is being held at the local Ben and Jerry's this Friday at 1 p.m.

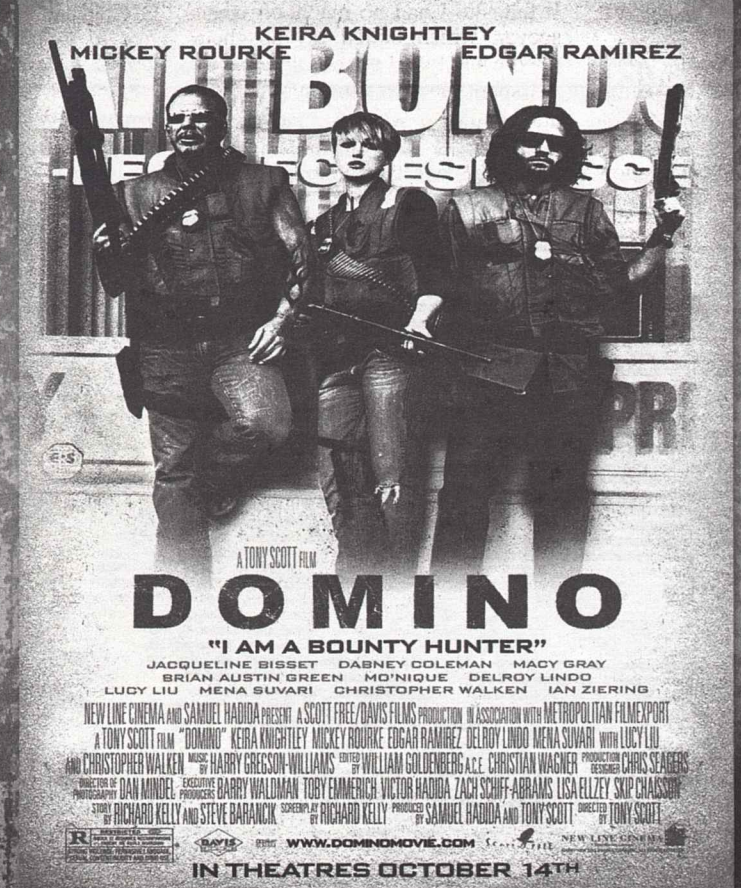
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# The Jot: Avoid the green-eyed monster in love, war

DIANE IRVING  
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When the hot days of the summer hit, the layers of clothes peel off and outdoor activities become a must. These hot days also seem to bring passion and new relationships into people's lives.

I don't know why, but it seems like during the warm months, people's hormones seem to awaken from a winter slumber.

As we come to the end of our warm days, people scramble to find someone to hibernate with over the cold winter nights.

Some people might disagree with me, but dating is really kind of a game.

Now, I am not saying hurting people's feelings is cool because it's not, but most of us have led at least someone on in our lives or done something to someone that we wouldn't want done to ourselves.

We all make mistakes and do things we should not, so in the dating game, people's feelings are bound to get hurt.

So, if you do not want to get hurt, you shouldn't enter into the dating game, which is impossible. There are people who maliciously

try to hurt other people, and those people were just born in the bellows of a heartless hell. But the majority of people are those who don't mean to be hurtful.

Even if we don't want to hurt someone on purpose, we still receive bad karma in one way or another.

Life can be so confusing and most of us don't know what we want — that is why we make mistakes.

I am not a fan of leading people on. People should not do it, but since mistakes are inevitable, the person being led on should recognize it and move on.

If you are not sure how to tell if you are being led on, here is how to know: If your crush says one thing and does another, most of the time that means he or she is confused and do not know what they want.

Get out while you still can if you are in this situation ... most of the time you will only get hurt.

One of the only ways to make the person who is leading you on realize what he or she wants is to leave them alone.

Some might call this playing hard to get, but that is exactly what he or she has been doing to you, so go for it.

If the person who led you on goes about his or her business and stops bothering you, it's time for you to move on.

Or the string-puller might realize what he or she wants comes after you.

Or, simply, the person who is leading you on might come back to you and then leave you again.

These people are still confused, and you should tell them to take

a hike and make them chase you a little.

This is the reason dating is called a game or race, because someone will finish first. It's only a matter of time, so enjoy it while it lasts because you're only young once.

If you and your friend see a cute guy or girl and you both want a go at him or her, don't bring out the green-eyed monster.

Get on your mark, and may the best girl or guy win.

Of course, there are some unwritten rules.

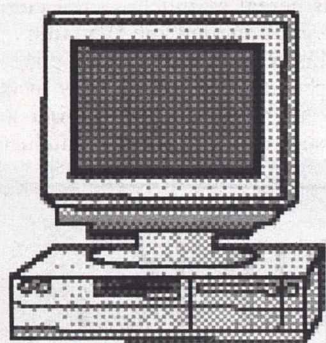
For example, if your friend still has feelings for a guy or girl, you definitely don't go for it 'til she or he is over it, depending on the situation, or if they say it's OK.

Jealousy does nasty things to people, but no one should let it get in the way of friendship — unless your friend has a habit of going after all your leftovers, because that's just gross.

Any dating faux pas is tricky, and different advice should be given based on individual instances. Everyone should be cautious when it comes to other people's feelings, but just remember that everyone makes mistakes.

So, buckle up and hold on, because it will be a bumpy ride.

TimeOut is taking  
a fall break.  
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... The Jot ...

## Chef's Corner: Zesty

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Staff Writer

If you want to spice up your life with a distinctive, yet easy meal, this is a recipe for you. Zesty Grilled Chicken is a simple mix of various ingredients that make a scrumptious dinner for casual times or special events.

This recipe makes two servings. So if you are cooking for yourself and a friend or significant other, use these exact measurements. If you are cooking for four, double the recipe; for six people, triple it evenly.

For the sauce, you will need one-quarter cup and two tablespoons of chunky salsa. Keep these two measurements separated. You will also need a total measurement of four tablespoons of zesty Italian salad dressing. This should be divided into half, keeping two tablespoons of each on hand.

Most importantly, you will need two boneless, skinless chicken breast halves, approximately four ounces each. The weight really is not that important — as long as it is of a medium size, about the palm of your hand, then it will work fine.

The last requirement is two slices of mozzarella cheese. Provolone cheese will also work well. However, I would advise staying away from American cheese; it spoils the desired taste for the meal.

You also have the option of cooking rice to enhance the meal. I prefer white rice for this meal, but you could also get away with long-grained rice or brown rice.

The prep time is only about 10 minutes, but it must marinate in the refrigerator for at least two hours.

The best way I have found to complete this task is to get the chicken ready and start marinating in the morning before classes or other engagements. Then you can cook it when you get the time later that day.

I also like getting the value bag of

frozen chicken at the grocery store. It is approximately eight dollars, but you get about 10 pieces of chicken that can last for several meals. Once you thaw the chicken out, it really does not taste that different.

Alright, now that you have all of your ingredients ready, it is time to start marinating the chicken.

First, combine two tablespoons of the salsa and two tablespoons of the salad dressing into a resealable plastic bag, and then add the chicken.

Seal the bag and turn it over to coat the chicken well and refrigerate for at least two hours. The trick with multiplying the ingredients in this part is to make sure you put the same amount of each in the bag.

Cooking time is only about 15 minutes, so this is an easy recipe that can be done in a short amount of time.

Combine the remaining fourth of a cup of salsa and two tablespoons of salad dressing into a small sauce pan. Cook this over low heat until it is warmed but not quite boiling. Make sure you stir often or the sauce will stick to the bottom of the pan. As this finishes, set aside, but keep it warm.

If you choose to grill the chicken, that is the preferred way to cook it. Coat the grill rack with a non-stick cooking spray.

Take the chicken out and discard the leftover marinade. Grill the chicken, covered, for about six to eight minutes on each side, making sure it is cooked through before consuming.

No matter which way you cook it, immediately after it is done, put a piece of cheese over it.

It will take a minute or so, but it will melt to the chicken.

Now add your rice. For two people, boil two cups of water, then take it and pour two cups of dry rice into the water and wait five minutes.

You can pop open a can of biscuits to bake, add vegetables or make a salad to go with this meal.



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## THE TOP 5

### Obnoxious Things People do in Cars

**STACY BROGAN**  
Staff Writer

While sitting inside one of the many sandwich shops here in Clemson, I munched on my delicately toasted sub, watching a large group of cars slowly cruise by.

Halfway through my hoagie, I noticed a startling trend, and I have come up with the top five most obnoxious things you see people doing in their cars.

**1. Honking/Hollering/Whistling/Harassing at strangers.** This takes the cake. Everyone who has been a victim of random harassments from motor vehicles knows how truly demeaning and annoying these random acts of screaming are.

While running or simply strolling to class, no lady wants anything to do with a van full of men shouting "Hola chica, tu eres caliente!" Translation: "Hey girl, you are hot!"

Really, guys, do you think this lady you are shouting obscenities to is going to want to have anything to do with you?

Trust me, you are not getting her phone number or a date.

**2. Sexual relations.** If you are not actively engaged in this

endeavor, you more than likely do not want to see any part of it.

Yes, it may be difficult to get some while having a study-aholic, introverted roommate, but you, your car and your lascivious acts in a public place are not thought of highly by the deeply religious South. If you are having these relations purely to up the excitement and add variety to your sex life, that is fine.

But please, take extra precautions to find a super-secluded parking area where relation-less people do not have to share in your exciting car activities.

**3. Booty bass or just plain bad loud music.** Jamming in your car is great. It is even cathartic, as everyone loves a good car karaoke session.

But when your windows are rolled down, and the rest of the world has to hear what you feel are the best tunes in your rock star voice, we all suffer.

Along these same lines are the huge gas-guzzling SUVs with enough booty bass to jolt California into the Pacific Ocean.

Yes, you have a huge car with more amps than a club, but when the music is indistinguishable and the bass thumps, rattles and rolls, it

is not fun for innocent bystanders.

**4. Shirtless folks or yellow-stained-wife-beater-shirt drivers.** It may be hot in the South, but that does not give anyone the right to pimp around in their ride shirtless.

This goes along with the harassing strangers up above, as no female in her right mind is going to be attracted to a shirtless driver.

On the flip side, you hardly see females going around shirtless for good reason. Females have the sensibility to cover themselves up while driving a vehicle to prevent staring and consequently save males from getting in a wreck.

**5. Makeup and Cell Phones.** These were both too annoying and unsafe not to be mentioned.

Ladies, I know we all want to look lovely upon arrival, but piling on loads of makeup while driving is not safe or attractive. Get up five minutes early apply make up at home.

Lastly, the cell phones level of annoyance is twofold. First, the driver ignores the passenger. Second, cell phone use takes driving safety down a few notches, as dialing the tiny digits on the phone brings the eyes away from the road.

## Jay is for "Just can't get to sleep"

**JAY KYSER**  
Staff Writer

So it's about 7 p.m., and I don't feel any need to study or accomplish any of the numerous items on my to-do list. After failing at my attempt to take a nap, I decide to log a few hours on the good old Sega Genesis. I am a huge fan of simple, easily maneuvered controls that only involve directions and jumping. Could it be any more basic and awesome?

Two hours later, my eyes hurt from squinting at the bright sonic colors on my ridiculously small television. I find myself in a bizarre mood. Then it hits me; I'm feeling carnivorous.

One car ride, \$45 and a Wal-Mart visit later, I've returned to my apartment with two boxes of Special K cereal and \$38 worth of meat. Yes, \$38, and no, I wasn't getting ready for a tailgate.

It is nearly midnight when I throw a ground beef patty on my George Foreman. This is the smaller version that only cooks one decent-sized patty at a time. In the seven minutes or so it takes to cook my hamburger, I feel an overwhelming urge to cook enough food to last me through the week.

I begin mixing bits of ground beef with random ingredients (salsa, mint, grill seasoning, you name it). Over the next six hours, I cook roughly six pounds of

ground beef, patty by patty, on my George Foreman.

In between patties, I attempt to watch TV. I end up having an epiphany; there is absolutely nothing worth watching at 3 a.m. Infomercials for "extendable, fantastic, sturdy ladders in the world" and Chuck Norris-endorsed workouts litter the airways.

Seeing as there are no Steak 'n' Shakes in Clemson, and I'm not into Waffle House, there is absolutely nothing to do in the wee hours of the morning on a weeknight. But at least the infomercial has different colors on it. Also, what is with the Burger King commercials? If I cut down a tree or opened my window to find "the burger king" standing there, I'd be a bit freaked out, regardless of whether or not he handed me a meat-packed omelet sandwich.

So now that it's 6 a.m., I have a short-term memory full of pure, unadulterated commercial waste, a huge plate full of hamburgers and a stomach full of Special K cereal. I forgot to mention before that I never ended up eating a hamburger; I instead consumed three quarters of a box of Special K-Red Berries. I love this cereal so much — if I could have it liquefied and I'd into my veins, I would. As 8 a.m. classes approach, my roommates wake up slightly confused to find me obsessively cleaning the kitchen.

## Musical Muse: Old singer captivates

**EMILY MIXON**  
Staff Writer

Simply put, Nina Simone kicks some serious booty. She has to be one of the most influential songwriter/musician/singer ever. Her music transcends every genre, including jazz, blues and soul, and her lyrics have an immediate purpose that cannot be ignored.

Simone has a deep voice full of flavor, both rich and powerful. Every time she sings a song, she puts her heart and soul into it. She is by far one of the most underappreciated singers of her time.

Born February 21, 1933, in Tryon, N.C., she was one of eight children and was originally named Eunice Kathleen Waymon. She got her start singing in her local church and playing piano. When she was 17, Simone moved to Philadelphia where she worked as a pianist and backup singer. Later, she had the opportunity to study at Julliard School of Music but was unable to stay due to lack of funds.

She then interviewed for the Curtis Institute but was rejected. She was later told that her rejection was not because she lacked the talent, but it was instead because she was black.

Her career started when she began singing at an Atlantic City club under the name Nina Simone in 1954. She attained national success five years later with her rendition of George Gershwin's "I Loves You Porgy," which was her only Top-40 hit in the

United States. This single was followed by "My Baby Just Cares For Me" (which became a hit in the 1980s in the United Kingdom).

In the 1960s, Simone signed with a major label and began to play at prestigious venues such as Carnegie Hall. She married Andy Stroud, a New York police detective, and had a daughter in 1962. However, her marriage was quite volatile and did not last; they got divorced in 1970.

In the '70s, after having a hard time with her record labels and tax authorities, Simone moved to Europe. She refused to pay taxes during the years of the Vietnam War as a protest. When she returned to the United States in 1978, she was arrested for tax evasion. She eventually moved to Europe where she was more appreciated as an artist.

She wandered around in countries like Switzerland, Belgium, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands, but she eventually settled in France. Simone died on April 21, 2003. Her ashes were later spread throughout countries in Africa as she had wished.

There are many albums out that include songs by her. I recommend that you get all you can.

While she had many powerful songs, two of my favorites are the love song "I Want A Little In My Bowl" and the political "Mississippi Goddam."

Nina Simone is extraordinary. She spent most of her life fighting against racism and making great music. She is incredibly influential, and her music deserves a listen from all people.

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# The TimeOut Movie Awards

## The most important movie awards ... maybe ever.

Articles by Mick Hunley. Graphics by Tyler Mills.

We at the TimeOut section of The Tiger feel that we are really important. Not only do we report on cutting-edge films, music and all other components of entertainment, but we do it every week ... in a cutting-edge manner. So, we feel that, because of our significance, we deserve to have our own set of awards, which we have deemed the TimeOut Movie Awards, which had its first ceremony last year. Also, we got impatient waiting for the movie year to end. So, without further adieu, The Second (hopefully annual) TimeOut Movie Award nominees and winners are:

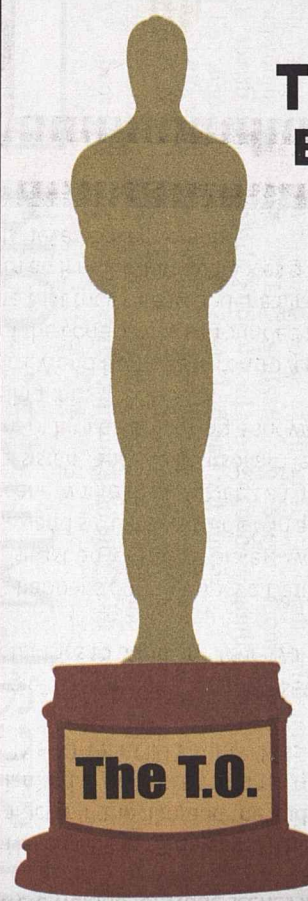


### "Sin City" Best Picture

"Sin City" is easily the Best Film of the year so far -- it was so cool and looked so great that it made movie nerds everywhere weep with joy. For those of you not "with it," "Sin City," based on Frank Miller's underground graphic novels, focused on its brutal and complex citizens, who get caught up in a world of evil, ugly pedophiles, dangerous tar pits and that girl from "Gilmore Girls" as a hooker! So check it out on DVD and revel in its brilliance--tell 'em TimeOut sent ya.

Rounding out the Best Picture nominees are a fine mixture of comic book action involving bats; British sci-fi silliness with depressed robots; a complex exploration of racial prejudice set around a car crash; and a bunch of randy bachelors crashing weddings.

This summer's "Batman Begins" can be summed up in four words: Best Batman Movie Ever. Another summer favorite, "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy," was the long overdue adaptation of Douglas Adams's beloved novel, which finds a perplexed British simpleton forced to try and save the world. The critical hit of the summer, "Crash," is also included on this list, if just for the fact that Sandra Bullock, Tony Danza and Ludacris star in it together! Completing the list is "Wedding Crashers," easily the funniest film of the summer, thanks to the great comedic team of Vince Vaughn and Owen Wilson.



### The End of Star Wars: Episode III Best Most Overly-Dramatic Scene

The movies over the past year seemed to have scenes more melodramatic than a high school production of "Are You There God, It's Me, Margaret," but we just couldn't enough of them.

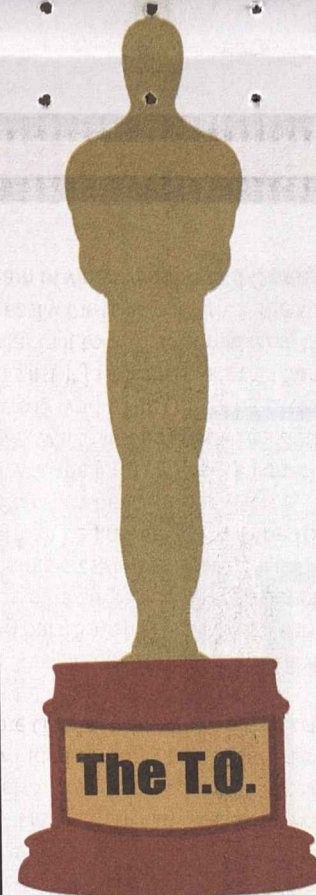
Our favorite had to be **the ending of "Star Wars: Episode Three - Revenge of the Sith."** Don't get us wrong, we totally dug the film and thought it was a greater improvement over the past two yawn-inducing "Star Wars" films. But despite all the money it takes to make these films, they still can't seem to get Hayden Christensen an acting coach. His flat, over-the-top performance made the ending laughably theatrical, though it should have been very emotional and stimulating.

Coming in a close second to "Star Wars" was the ending of "War of the Worlds." Without giving it away, let's just say that it sucked, big time.

Other nominees included the ridiculous ending of "Mr. and Mrs. Smith" (yes, we realize the whole point film wasn't about the plot, but more about seeing Brangelina on screen together, but come on); the nauseatingly emotional scene in "Roll Bounce" where the artist formerly known as Lil Bow Wow lets out his frustration and angst by, uh, beating up a car; and "Alexander"--it's hard to pick a particular scene that really stood, so we're just going with the entire 175 minutes (yes, it was that bad).



## "Sideways" Best Nude Scene



Come on, admit it, this is the one category you were waiting for. Nude scenes in films are like naps - they're brief, but oh-so-good.

Our favorite nude scene had to be the Ugly, Fat Naked Guy in **"Sideways."** This particular ugly, fat naked guy was also really pissed off at Paul Giamatti's character in the film, and the audience was lucky enough to get a full monty shot of the guy chasing after Giamatti. A great scene from a great movie.

Our other favorite nude scenes are courtesy of "The 40-Year-Old Virgin," "Kinsey" and "Team America: World Police."

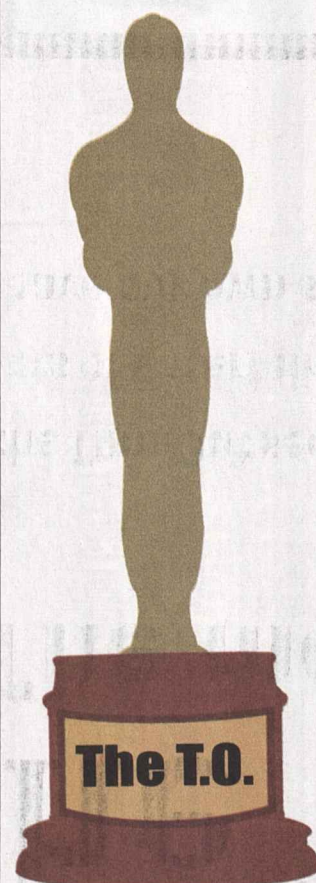
Two particular scenes from "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" earned nominations. First, there is the now classic chest-waxing incident, where Steve Carell's character tries to tame his "Teen Wolf"-ish chest hair. And can we say, a topless Steve Carrel deserves a "Hollah!"

Another classic "40-Year-Old Virgin" nude scene happens during a Speed Dating event, when an overly excitable woman's, uh, well ... there is a "pop-out" situation for this, er, braless wonder, if you get my drift.

In "Kinsey," the motivation and theory behind sex and sexuality is studied in a very up-front, sophisticated manner. But everyone still remembers the scene where they just let it all hang out, so to say. Peter Sarsgaard plays Liam Neeson's bisexual research assistant, and, well, Sarsgaard lets Neeson know that he's interested in him by nonchalantly stripping in front of him before taking a shower. We would describe the rest of the scene, but there might be children reading this.

Rounding out the nominees list is "Team America: World Police," the controversial marionette-driven comedy from the creators of "South Park." Much of the controversy surrounded a sex scene between two puppets, which the MPAA felt was so inappropriate that they threatened the film with an NC-17 rating if it wasn't trimmed down. The film was released with an R rating, but audiences got the full puppet-lovin' experience with the Unrated DVD edition. Puppets never looked so good.

## Penguin #8 (from "March of the Penguins") Best Supporting Animal



Abbott had Costello. Sherlock Holmes had Watson. Harry Potter had Hermione and Ron. Every main character needs somebody to support them throughout the story, and that is why we are here to celebrate the five Best Supporting Animals.

The clear winner was **Penguin #8 in "March of the Penguins."** You remember Penguin #8, right? He was the really cute one. But he was, by far, the best penguin in the movie and put all of the other ones to shame.

Rounding out the list are supporting characters from "Madagascar," "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," "Star Wars: Episode Three - Revenge of the Sith" and "Racing Stripes."

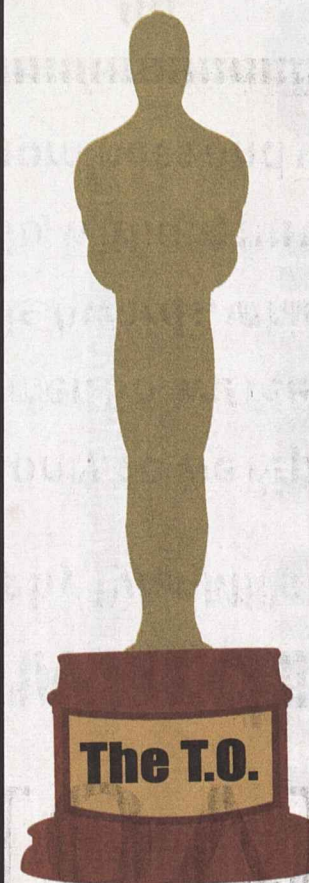
Yes, the penguins marched in "Madagascar," but let us not forget that they were also deranged and somewhat evil, stopping at nothing in order to get to Antarctica. But they sure did look cute and fluffy in the process.

Well, we're not sure if the Oompa Loompas in "Chocolate Factory" are animals, but they were pretty freaky-deaky nonetheless, particularly when you realize that they are all played by the same actor, Deep Roy (no, we did not make that name up).

In "Star Wars," one of the questions left unanswered for us at TimeOut was, What exactly is Yoda? A really old man? A hobbit? A computer-animated being, though he was sometimes a puppet in the old films? Though I'm sure some of you "Star Wars" fanatics can answer the question, not sure what to make of him we are ... though butt he does kick.

Finally, our favorite rapper-cum-actor-that would be Snoop Dogg-made quite an ingenious appearance in the film "Racing Stripes." Mr. Dogg himself voiced a dog named Lightning-okay, so none of us have seen the movie, but, well, what can be say, we just love us some D-O double-G, baby.

## Tom Cruise (as himself) Best Character



So who's your favorite character from a movie? Andy from "The Shawshank Redemption"? Frodo from "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy? Thelma? Louise?

Well, we had our own choices for Best Character, with the nominees including Mickey Rourke's Marv in "Sin City," who is on the trail for the killer of Goldie the prostitute; Vince Vaughn's endearingly sleazy Jeremy Grey in "Wedding Crashers;" Albert, played by Kevin James, in "Hitch," whose dance moves, including "making the pizza" and "the Q-tip," were classic; and Marvin, the Depressed Android from "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy," so brilliantly and drolly voiced by Alan Rickman.

But TimeOut's choice for Best Character wasn't from a movie-it was **Tom Cruise** appearing on any talk show this summer. Tom, seriously man, what the hell? Who, this summer, did not know that Tom hearts Katie Holmes? We found out through endless publicity of the couple together but also from Tom's now infamous appearance on "Oprah," where he declared his love for Katie by jumping up and down on the couch and pounding his fists on the ground. Even Oprah was scared, and it takes a lot to scare Oprah, you guys.

It got better, though. You see, Mr. Cruise fancies himself to be an expert in the field of Psychology, as he pointed out to Matt Lauer on the "Today" Show. Cruise, a devoted Scientologist, spoke out against Brooke Shields' use of post-partum depression medication and defended his views on the show. He refused to listen to Lauer's side of the argument, telling him that he didn't know what he was talking about, followed by several very persuasive wags of his finger. But, yeah, everybody wants to get psychological advice from a dyslexic high school dropout, right?

Um, yeah Katie, after watching his performances this summer (including the bland-tastic one in "War of the Worlds"), you can have him.



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# New "Oliver" is bland, with no twist



**STACY BROGAN**  
Staff Writer

Another book has been transferred from text to the big screen, and once more, the movie fails to live up to its literary standard.

It is a shame with our current technologies and capabilities in moviemaking that a classic story such as Charles Dickens' "Oliver Twist" can be so insipid.

"Twist," a classic Dickens tale, is a traditional story of a young orphaned London boy who gets involved with the wrong crowd. Oliver, played by Barney Clark, is mandated at a young age to work hard warehouse labor managed by the tyrant Mr. Bumble, who cheats his several meek orphan workers out of their wages.

Oliver luckily escapes the warehouse, only to face a worse crowd who are involved in a pick-pocketing scheme. The rest of the story continues in a see-saw tale of how a little boy with a giant heart and tremendous hope continually falls into the most unfortunate situations.

The director, Roman Polanski, was a great choice to lead the film, but even with Polanski's personal childhood similarities with Oliver and his past Oscar-winning film, "The Pianist," "Oliver" reels flat. Somehow, the film never managed to capture the essence of hope and goodness triumphing over hoodlums that the book does.

Also odd is the fact that Polanski

would tackle such a played-out, yet respectable story such as "Oliver Twist." His treatment of the story is amiable, but, unfortunately, his translation gets lost in the traditional tale we have all seen or read before.

The movie was not terrible, but if one has read "Oliver Twist" and is familiar with how the story should feel and be presented, then the movie will disappoint. However, if this movie is to be watched without prior knowledge to Dickens' classic, the movie is then upgraded to a more pleasant experience.

If you are seeking a Cliff's Notes movie version, this movie is for you. Most of the major themes are touched on, yet as most book-to-screen adaptations go, the movie doggedly bounces around out-of-synch with the book.

Delving deeper into the cast, Ben Kingsley superbly portrays Fagin, the nasty old Londoner who makes his meager fortune off orphaned boys he has trained to pickpocket. Kingsley adequately saves the Fagin character from the stereotypical Jewish character, but other than his impressive performance, "Oliver" still lacks pizzazz.

Overall, the film is impressive in its sets and some character portrayals, and it is a good Sunday afternoon educational break from the standard mind-numbing movies. One should note its rating is PG-13 for some dark, disturbing images; thus, it is not appropriate for younger viewers.

"Oliver" was a pretty lame adaptation, failing to pay homage to the great Charles Dickens, and, unfortunately, this story has been told all too many times for it to come across as the best movie this year.



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# Cartoon carnage amuses



**CHRIS JAYNES**  
Staff Writer

"Happy Tree Friends" is an internet-based show that has cute and cuddly animals with bright cheerful colors and names like Cuddles and Lumpy.

Instead of the typical, wholesome cartoon adventures that one would expect, "Happy Tree Friends" features arms that are ripped off, heads which are severed and enough bloodshed to make Quentin Tarantino think he didn't go far enough in "Kill Bill."

Until last week, I thought that "Itchy and Scratchy" was just a broad generalization of cartoon violence.

Every time Scratchy lost his head, I would join Bart and Lisa Simpson and laugh at the humorous outcome. The typical plot of an "HTF" episode is straight from one of the infamous Itchy and Scratchy cartoons.

Even though the show does have "some" gore and violence, it is still proves to be a sidesplittingly good time.

You may think that this is one of the most vile and disgusting things that you have heard of.

But before you light the torches, gather some of your friends and a computer. Go to [www.happytreefriends.com](http://www.happytreefriends.com) and watch one of the many episodes.

After the initial shock of seeing a cartoon skunk being dismembered, you will start to see that it is rather funny to see these animals get hurt.

How many of you wanted to take a bat to Barney when you were younger? It's the same idea here.

Be warned though that it might be a little weird if you sit alone and watch these shorts.

The more people you watch it with, the funnier it gets.

If nothing else, you will be laughing at the theme song, which is a chirpy melody of LaLas.

If you have a dial-up internet connection or live at the Reserve, don't worry. On October 4, "Happy Tree Friends" will be releasing a three DVD set, fittingly named "Overkill." The DVD will be packed full of episodes and commentary.

Kenn Navarro is one of the creators and animation director of "Happy Tree Friends."

I was privileged to conduct an interview with him. Despite some of the sick things that happen in his show, he is pretty down-to-earth.

**CJ:** Where did the idea come from for "Happy Tree Friends?"

**KN:** Well, it started out as a joke between Rhode Montijo and I.

We were just trying to make each other laugh, and it just snowballed from there.

We then got to pitch it one day to our company, and they loved it because it had endless possibilities.

**CJ:** What do you think about all the violence in each episode?

**KN:** There is violence in the cartoon?! Well, the violence is part of the gag — you turn on what looks like this kids' show, then when the characters started losing limbs ... it's like BAM! Where did that come from? I

t's the juxtaposition that is the real humor — like a person slipping on a banana, to the extreme.

**CJ:** How much hate mail do you get?

**KN:** Tons! But I love it. Fan mail is great, but hate mail is the best. It gives us ideas sometimes,

but the best part is how terribly they are written. Especially spelling; I am a terrible speller, but these people are even worse.

I just don't understand how you can hate something so much that it moves you to write a letter. I've never felt that way, good or bad, towards something.

One lady wrote us that she would rather put her kids in an intersection than let them watch "HTF" ... and we are the violent ones?

**CJ:** What was your college experience?

**KN:** I went to San Francisco State and studied animation.

**CJ:** So, I would imagine that your office environment is pretty relaxed?

**KN:** Oh, yeah, we have to be. I work with a great bunch of people, and even though it is work, we still have fun. We have Nerf fights all the time.

**CJ:** What program do you use to animate the shorts?

**KN:** We use Flash.

**CJ:** Since you started out distributing your episodes on the Internet, how do you feel about the Internet's use to share media with viewers and as a tool in general?

**KN:** I love the Internet. We were having an argument the other day about how tall John Malkovich was — I don't know how we could have figured that out 10 years ago.

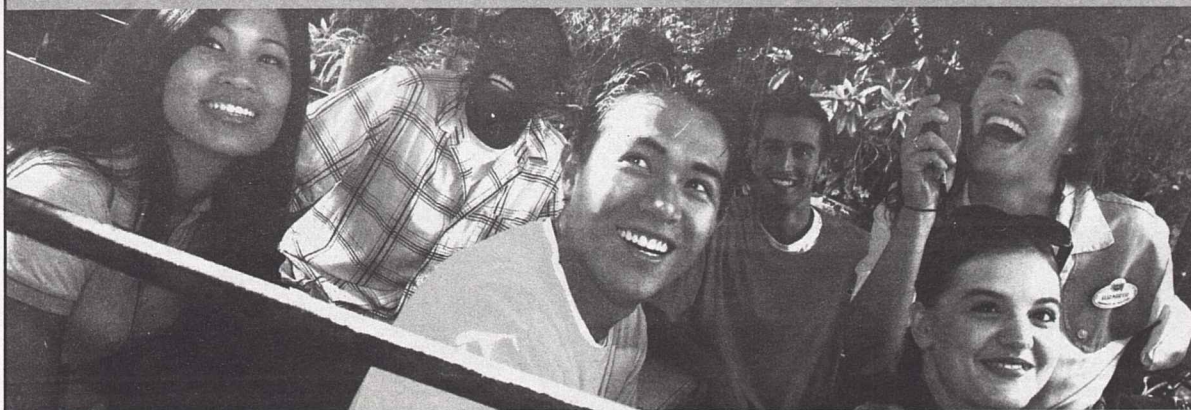
I don't know where I would be without Google.

It just makes so much information available that we think it is a great way to show our episodes; once we put it out there, you can get to it instantly. I really can't wait to see where it goes from here — there is so much potential for the Internet.

**CJ:** If you could be an animal for a day, what would it be?

**KN:** A monkey. A monkey or any circus animal is a recipe for comedy.

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# "Robots" DVD exhibits no flaws in production



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**CHRIS JAYNES**  
Staff Writer

"Welcome to the big city. If you can make it here, you can make it anywhere. And if you can't make it here ... welcome to the club." Fender (voiced by Robin Williams) tells this to Rodney Cooperbottom (Ewan McGregor) during his first visit to Robot City in "Robots."

The film was created by Blue

Sky, responsible for "Ice Age."

"Robots" is unlike the other numerous computer-animated movies that recently have plagued the cinemas.

The characters, visual quality and story can almost hold their own against a Pixar movie — almost.

In case you didn't gather it from the title, "Robots" is a tale about a world of — wait for it — robots.

You wouldn't think that a world made entirely out of metal would be something you'd want to look at, but the world created by Blue Sky is spectacular.

I watched almost half of the movie with the sound off, just tak-

ing in all the details.

Most companies would have just stopped at making the movie look good. Blue Sky decided to actually develop a plot. It's not the most original one ever, but it makes for a good story.

Rodney is the son of a dishwasher. He doesn't get the best "upgrades" upon getting older, and he has to settle every year with hand-me-downs from his older cousins.

One year, he unfortunately gets a part from one of his more popular female cousins.

The villain in the movie, Ratchet, takes over Bigweld industries and cancels their spare-parts line.

Apparently, spare parts are rath-

er important to the everyday robot who cannot afford the expensive, shiny upgrades.

Rodney joins a misfit group of robots. Together, they take on Ratchet and stand up for the out-mode robots.

The moral of the story comes down to one line that is repeated over and over.

Bigweld (Mel Brooks), who is the greatest robot ever (in the movie), tells the faithful viewers at the end of his show that "You can shine no matter what you are made of."

The movie can get really emotional at points, thanks to a wonderful music score. Thankfully, "Robots" does not cross into the

realm of sappy.

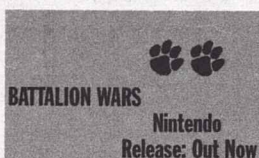
The special features on this DVD are not that great. The commentary I did listen to was interesting and informative but not spectacular.

The other behind-the-scenes featurettes show how "Robots" came about and how the story was created and refined.

"Robots" is a roller coaster ride of high and low emotional points, sprinkled with many funny one-liners.

Even though "Robots" doesn't break any new ground and provides an almost cliché moral lesson, it is an enjoyable movie that makes you feel good at the end and provides entertainment along the way.

## "Battalion" fails



**ADAM GRIFFIS**  
Staff Writer

The Nintendo Gamecube has long since turned into the console on which you can play the terrific Gamecube exclusive titles but little else. It was a fact I gladly accepted when purchasing the Gamecube, and I'll gladly accept the same when Nintendo releases the Revolution. The usual high quality of Nintendo-published games was why I went out and bought "Battalion Wars" the day it came out, and unfortunately, I was disappointed by Nintendo for the first time since "Mario Sunshine."

The problem with "Battalion Wars" is that it's a rehash of a genre that is several years old and wasn't terribly fun when it was popular. It's essentially "Battlezone" sans the building/resource collection; it's a cross between a first-person shooter and a tactical strategy game.

The story is not worth mentioning other than to say that it's so irritatingly cheesy that you'll feel absolutely no comradery or attachment to your fellow officers or troops. The controls are a reasonably solid attempt considering the limited nature of the Gamecube's controller — you lock onto enemies with the left trigger and run with the left analog stick — but they simply don't work for a first-person shooter because you really do need the second analog stick at this point.

The control system feels clunky,

and you're always struggling to select the correct enemy or to avoid firing on your own troops because the system always wants to select the wrong target for some reason.

Another problem is that the designers never figured out how to let you command your troops effectively. The unit types all compliment each other in terms of strengths and weaknesses, but the artificial intelligence isn't good enough to know which units to take care of first.

The missions have generic objectives like capturing point "x" or defending units "y-z," but there are a fair amount of them — 10 to 15 hours worth. The problem is that there is no multiplayer play at all, so you can't add to the life of the game.

The graphics are pretty good, and the cartoon style helps soften the edge of the war subject matter and connect the title with its "Advance Wars" heritage in terms of graphics, if not gameplay. Save that, there's not much else positive to say about "Battalion Wars" other than to mention that it has a wide range of vehicles to play with, and they all have a distinct feel to them.

It's unfortunate that "Battalion Wars" is so awful. With "Zelda" delayed until 2006 and "Mario Baseball" and "Soccer" looking to be little more than exploits of Nintendo's great license assets, the only Gamecube exclusive this season with any promise left is "Fire Emblem." We're used to seeing Nintendo swing for the fences with their exclusive titles, and when they connect, it lets us forgive them their foibles, like no online play or a goofy controller. But when they fail to make contact, these flaws become glaringly obvious.

## Stewie finally achieves victory



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Before I begin, I have to admit that this review may be slightly biased since I am a huge "Family Guy" fan. I have to say, though, "Family Guy Presents Stewie Griffin: The Untold Story" has got to be some of Seth MacFarlane's best work yet.

I don't want to spoil the movie for all the readers, but I'll frost the cake a bit with a taste of the plot. If you don't want to spoil any of the storyline before viewing the film, I suggest skipping ahead seven paragraphs.

First, I have to say that Stewie's unrelenting quest for world domination never ceases to amuse me. Stewie takes a break from his dream in this movie after finding his faith during a near-death experience.

This turn-for-the-better is abandoned quickly, as is typical with Stewie, and he goes back to his evil ways.

Stewie's adventure starts out when he sees a man on TV in San Francisco, Calif., who looks identical to him. Believing that this man is his real father, he sets out on a trip to California with Brian (the dog) to find this mysterious character.

Coincidentally, at about the same time that Stewie decides to undertake this journey, Quagmire has just bought a Winnebago that he intends to travel across the nation in and do "what he does best" in every state. Giggidy giggidy!

Brian and Stewie decide that carpooling with Quagmire will be the

most economical route to take, and they set out.

After a rather awkward journey with Quagmire, Stewie winds up stealing the Winnebago.

After overdosing on energy pills that a trucker recommended to him, he crashes the RV in the desert. Eventually, the duo arrives in California where Stewie continues his trip. Once Stewie finds this elusive character he has been pursuing, he discovers that the man is actually himself from the future. Unfortunately, the guy is a total loser.

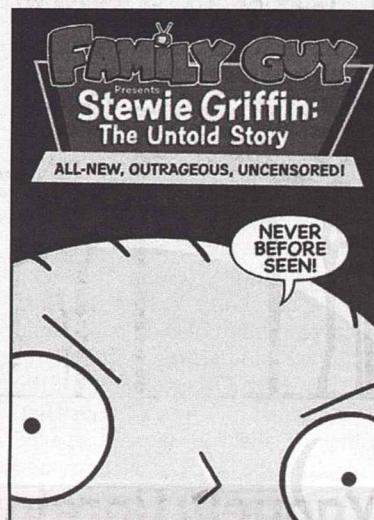
Disgusted, Stewie realizes that he must act immediately to change his future for the better. I'll shut up before I ruin any more of the film's plot, as you can see where this is going.

As is typical with "Family Guy," there are plenty of shots taken at celebrities and the media in this film. Also, since this is a movie feature and doesn't have to follow decency guidelines for television, some of

the jokes really will knock you out of your seat.

This piece represents some of the finest pop-culture bashing the show has offered to date.

This film is some of the finest work that the "Family Guy" posse has turned out to date, and no true fan should miss it.



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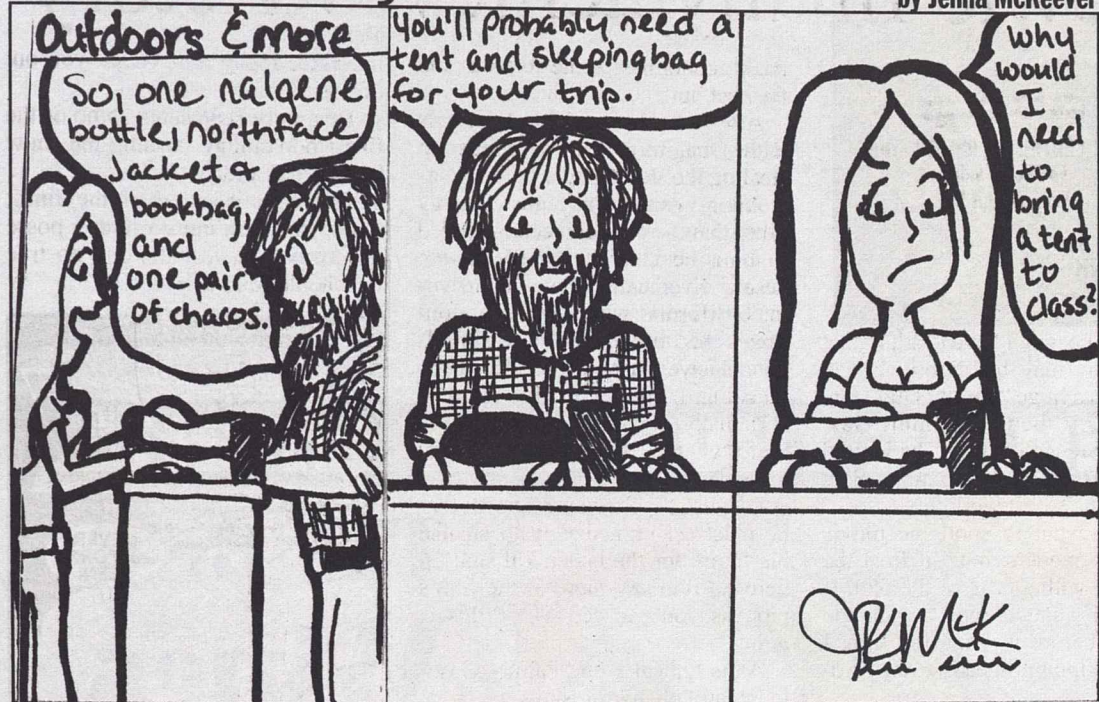
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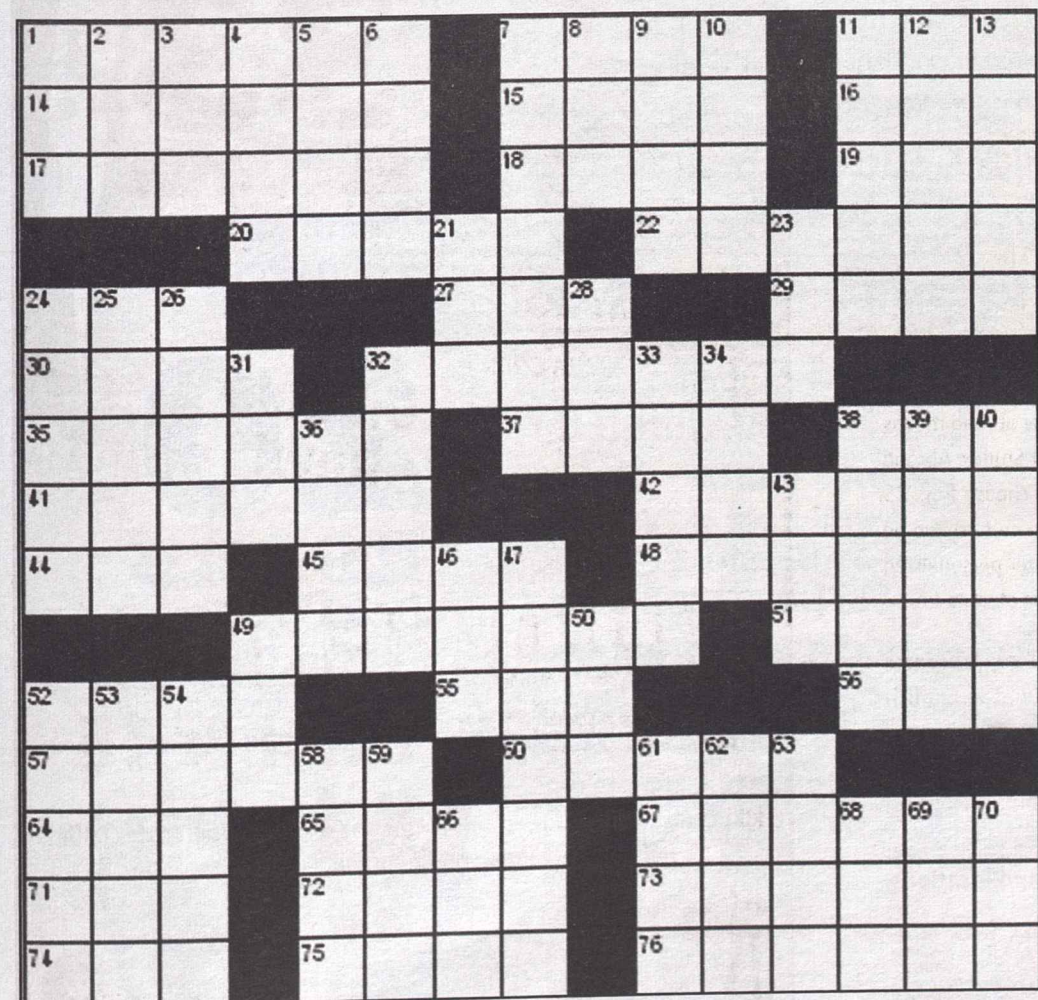
## Social Commentary



## Vaguely Unrelated



## Crossword



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- 7 In \_\_\_ of (instead of)
- 11 Short-term memory
- 14 Pineapple \_\_\_ down
- 15 cake
- 16 Put on \_\_\_
- 17 Not against
- 18 Large
- 19 Fades
- 19 Rowing device
- 20 Wanderer
- 22 Medicine from a plant
- 24 Sleeping place
- 27 Abdominal muscles (abbr.)
- 29 Alcoholic
- 30 Fencing sword
- 32 Seriously
- 35 Lurk
- 37 Greek sandwich
- 38 Bullfight cheer
- 41 Type of gasoline
- 42 Spoiled
- 44 Reporter's question
- 45 Wet
- 48 Showed emotions
- 49 Wrote
- 51 South American nation
- 52 Popular stadium
- 55 Weep
- 56 Seed bread
- 57 Shade of green
- 60 Fable writer
- 64 Time period
- 65 Ray of sunshine
- 67 Remove by surgery
- 71 And so forth
- 72 Indonesian island
- 73 Latherer
- 74 Pacific Standard Time
- 75 Hurried
- 76 Couch

### Down

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- 2 Rainy mo.
- 3 America
- 4 Make music vocally
- 5 Whirl
- 6 Thought-provoking
- 7 Lucky insect (2 wds.)
- 8 Three
- 9 Writer Bombeck
- 10 Soviet Union
- 11 Loot
- 12 Lane
- 13 Eel
- 21 Pouch
- 23 Congressional vote
- 24 Underneath
- 25 Time period
- 26 Spiritual being
- 28 Pigpen
- 31 Estimated time of arrival
- 32 Regions
- 33 Goofed
- 34 Tower
- 36 Ceases
- 38 Swimming mammal
- 39 Doubting
- 40 Empower
- 43 Go beyond
- 46 McDonald's "Big \_\_\_"
- 47 Flat-faced cone
- 49 Nosh
- 50 Leer
- 52 Lamb
- 53 Pains
- 54 Represent
- 58 Tides
- 59 Pick
- 61 Talk back
- 62 Double-reed instrument
- 63 Small ground plot
- 66 Lager
- 68 Clever
- 69 Ball holder
- 70 Bard's before



# "Shoes" fit for audience

IN HER SHOES  
Twentieth Century Fox  
RELEASE: Today

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TimeOut Editor

First off, it should be said that I do not believe in the term "Chick Flick." I try to see as many movies as I can, and I just do not see how being a female would make me appreciate a film like "Thelma and Louise" or "Bridget Jones's Diary" any better.

As long as the film doesn't, you know ... suck, I'll be happy.

Now, I know some guys who will just blanch at the idea of seeing the new film "In Her Shoes," thinking, "Aahh, dude, I can't see that, it's a chick flick, yo. There's, you know, a lot of chicks in the movie and a lot of, like, estrogen happening up in there too, man."

Well, you guys just need to simmer down now because I found "In Her Shoes" to be quite a good film.

Also, it's directed by Curtis Hanson, the guy who made "8 Mile," that Eminem movie — yeah, bet you didn't see that coming, huh? And it's produced by Ridley Scott, who made the wicked blood-and-guts movie "Gladiator." Intrigued now? It can't be completely girly now, can it?

Based on the best-selling novel by Jennifer Weiner, "In Her Shoes" tells the story of two sisters, Maggie and Rose.

The former, played by Cameron Diaz, is spoiled, lazy and immature. She constantly mooches off Rose, played by Toni Collette, who is a successful, judgmental control freak.

Though they are polar opposites and annoy one another to death, the two couldn't think of their lives without each other.

To paraphrase the immortal line from "Jerry Maguire," they complete each other.

Well, that is until (Spoiler Alert, you guys) Maggie sleeps with Rose's boyfriend, spurring Rose to kick her out of the apartment. Now homeless, Maggie stumbles across some hidden letters from her grandmother, who she didn't know existed.

So, guess who travels to Florida and shacks up with Grandma Ella (Shirley MacLaine) in her retirement home?

In order not to give away anymore of the soap opera-ish plot developments, let's just say that the rest of "In Her Shoes" involves a lot of female bonding, some tears, some good laughs, Cameron Diaz in a bikini, a bunch of old ladies who look like they were extras in "Cocoon" and the much expected happy, bittersweet ending.

Sure, things get a little Lifetime-TV-Movie-esque at times, which, to me, is so not kosher, but director Hanson and the three superb lead actresses do a great job of

leveling out the sentimentality with a raw freshness rarely seen in female-driven films.

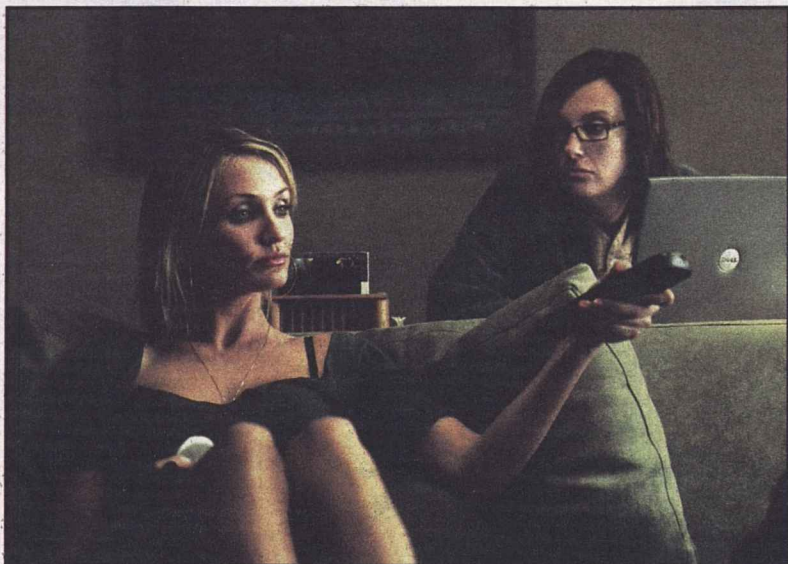
There's a real complex center to the film, and it explores the difficulties involved with families and family bonds superbly.

Enough praise cannot be heaped upon the main actresses, particularly Collette.

This Australian chameleon constantly astounds in each role, and she brings a down-to-earth quality to Rose, making her real and vibrant.

MacLaine also does a great job, giving one of her best performances in years, following dozens of crap-tacular films where she played over-the-top divas. She's finally able to show the subtle restraint she brought to her best work in "The Apartment" and "Terms of Endearment."

So, I know some of you will still not be convinced to see this movie, but if you ever see it on TV late at night, give it a chance. Whether you define it as a "Chick Flick" or not, it's a very entertaining film.



TWO SISTERS, ONE PAIR OF SHOES: Cameron Diaz and Toni Collette star in the sibling comedy "In Her Shoes."

# "Girl's Guide" to fun

THE GIRLS' GLOBAL GUIDE TO GUYS  
Theresa Alan  
RELEASE: Out Now

AMANDA GURGANUS  
Staff Writer

Have you ever wanted to travel the world, maybe even meeting a nice person along the way? Well, then "The Girls' Global Guide To Guys" is the book for you.

Theresa Alan did a superb job on this witty romantic comedy. Protagonist Jadie Peregrine is sick and tired of sitting behind the desk of her monotonous life, and she convinces her friend Tate to go abroad with her on the adventure of a lifetime. They begin their venture in London and continue to make their way around Europe.

Jadie is an aspiring travel writer, though she has had little luck in making a go of it. She researches natives in each of the cities she visits. To make some money while doing this, she writes a book about the differences of dating, relationships and marriage customs throughout western civilization.

Of course, in any type of book, movie or other fictitious art, every time two girls go on an exploration they find romance. This is no different for Jadie and Tate.

Jadie meets a handsome man from Iowa, and Tate later finds a special someone named Kiwi. However, the two must question whether these men are relationship-worthy or just flings.

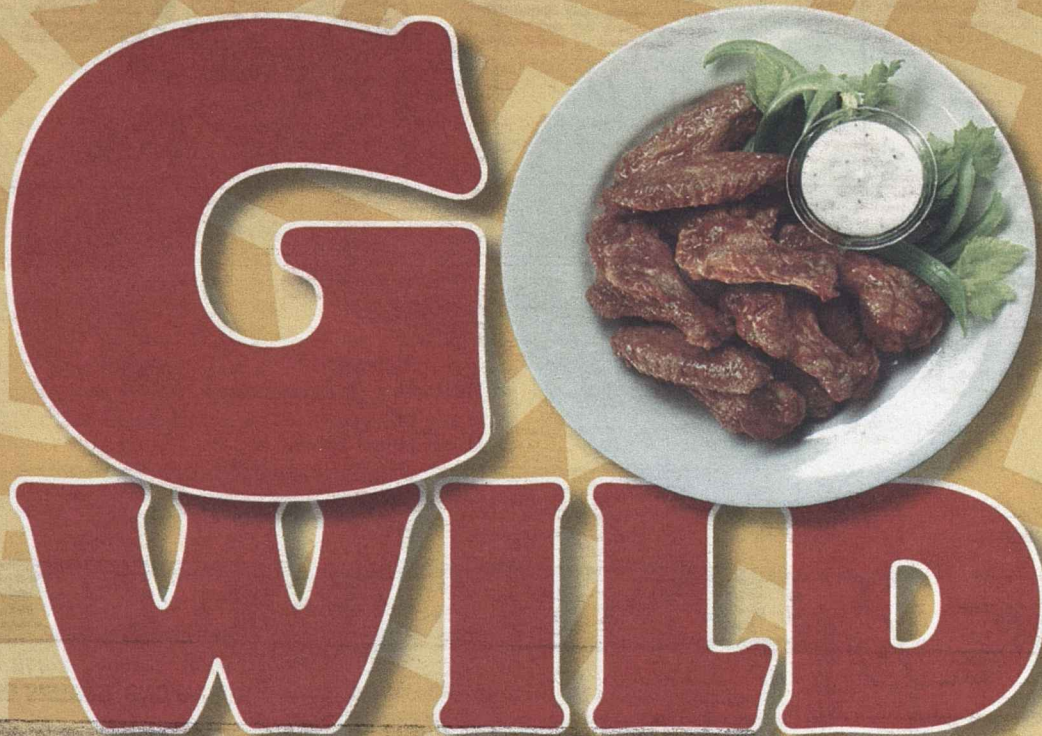
The descriptions of the places, such as London, Paris and Rome, and the people they encounter are elaborate and superbly detailed. The romance of the cities provides a nice setting for the atmosphere of new love.

The thing I liked the most about this novel is that even though it is a romantic comedy, it also weaves culture into the story. The book that Jadie is writing gives an anthropological view throughout her trip through Europe. This helps in giving a deeper meaning to the lives of the characters instead of a simple, straightforward account of what each of them does.

"The Girls' Global Guide To Guys" gives an optimistic lesson about relationships with friends, lovers and parents. Why do relationships not last, and why do some survive? What do you have to do to be happy in your job? How far do you need to be away from home to figure out what you want? All of these are questions this book discusses.

"The Girls' Global Guide To Guys" is a simple, yet pleasant read that will give you enough optimism to get through the day.

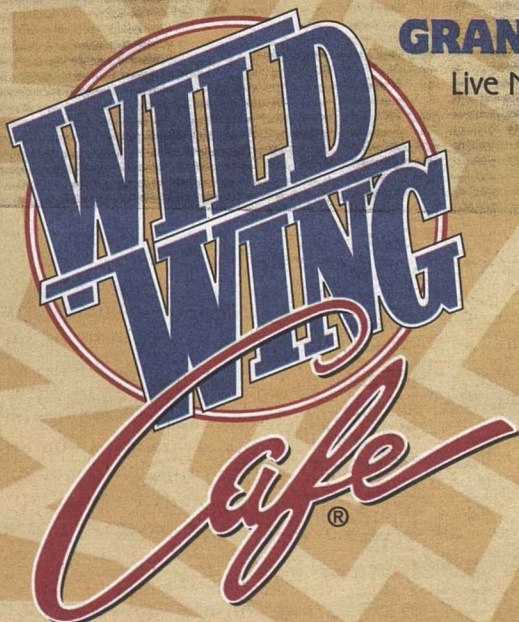
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